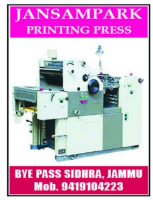




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## Two 'hybrid' terrorists arrested in Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, AUG 2

Security forces on Wednesday arrested two "hybrid terrorists" of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) outfit from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Acting on a tip off, security forces established a mobile vehicle check point at Azadgunj in Baramulla town.

The two suspects tried to flee after noticing the checkpoint, a police official said.

"The suspects were apprehended tactfully. During their personal search, one pistol, one pistol magazine, four pistol rounds and one grenade were recovered from them and were taken into custody."

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## Amarnath Yatra: Small batch of 984 pilgrims leave for Jammu base camp

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, AUG 2

A small batch of 984 pilgrims, amidst the chaos of 'Bam Bam Bhole, Left Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp here on Wednesday for Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in the South Kashmir Himalayas.

An official said that 984 pilgrims left the base camp in a convoy of

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## Who can recommend revocation of Art 370 when no constituent assembly exists in J&K, asks SC

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, AUG 2

Who can recommend the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir when no constituent assembly exists there? The Supreme Court Wednesday put this question to the petitioners who have challenged the abrogation of the constitutional provision that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state.

A five-judge constitutional bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud today commenced hearing a batch of pleas challenging the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370, a move that had come in for vicious attack by some major opposition parties but earned fulsome praise from those supporting the BJP.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant asked senior advocate Kapil Sibal, the lead counsel for the petitioners, as to how can a provision (Article 370), which was specifically mentioned as a temporary provision in the Constitution, become permanent after tenure of the Jammu and

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## J&K political leaders welcome SC hearing pleas challenging Article 370 abrogation, say expect 'Justice'

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU/SRINAGAR, AUG 2

Leaders of many political parties on Tuesday welcomed the commencement of the Supreme Court's day-to-day hearing on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and said they expected justice would be finally served to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

PDP chief Mehbooba



Mufti said the Supreme Court was the only institution left in India that can ensure that the country is governed as per the Constitution, while National Conference vice

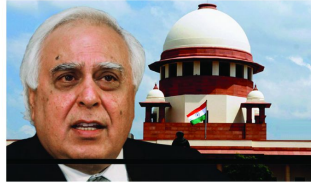
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## Integration of J&K in India will always remain unquestionable, says Kapil Sibal in SC

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, AUG 2

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal on Wednesday submitted before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court that integration of Jammu & Kashmir in India "is unquestionable and will always remain unquestionable."

"Before I start, I want to state that the integration of Jammu & Kashmir in India is unquestionable,



was unquestionable and will always

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## India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers: Lt Governor

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, AUGUST 2

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the students of the joining batch of 2023 of IIT Jammu at the inaugural session of the Foundation Program at Jagti Campus, today.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the students embarking on a new journey. The world-class faculty here at IIT Jammu will nurture your talents to transform your dreams into reality, he added.

"India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers. As the nation continues to invest in research and development, infrastructure and technological advancement, a plethora of opportunities await engineers," the Lt Governor said.

He said, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is on the move and is emerging as a technology and services hub powered by knowledge economy.

"The 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' initiatives coupled with a burgeoning startup ecosystem, presents a fertile ground for young minds to

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## Lt Governor inaugurates Affordable Rental Housing Complex at Sunjwan



JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, AUGUST 2

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the Affordable Rental Housing Complex, under PMAY (Urban) Mission, at Sunjwan.

He dedicated the facility to the labour, work force & weaker section of Jammu Kashmir and handed over the keys of the accommodation units to the beneficiaries.

"Workers are the main drivers of J&K's growth and improving their quality of life is our

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## FIR registered over 'Anti-National' slogans in Poonch

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, AUG 2

Police have registered an FIR against several unidentified persons for allegedly raising "anti-national" slogans during a rally in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

The slogans were incidentally raised at a rally by Gujjars and Bakerwals gained momentum after the introduction of the bill that proposed including the Pahari ethnic group, Gadda Brahmin, Koli and Paddari in the list of Scheduled Tribes by amending the constitution

"An FIR under section 153-A (promoting enmity

between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) of Indian Penal Code was registered at police station Poonch for raising anti-national slogans during the rally," a police officer said.

Protests by Gujjars and Bakerwals gained momentum after the introduction of the bill that proposed including the Pahari ethnic group, Gadda Brahmin, Koli and Paddari in the list of Scheduled Tribes by amending the constitution

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## Joint intelligence meeting held in Rajouri to ensure peaceful Independence Day celebrations

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, AUG 2

The Army on Wednesday held a joint intelligence and security coordination meeting in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district to formulate strategies for peaceful conduct of upcoming events, including Independence Day celebrations, a defence spokesman said.

All the stakeholders of Rajouri and nearby Poonch district, including senior officials from the Army, local police and intelligence agencies,



attended the meeting, which took place at the Army's Palma Garrison to assess the existing intelligence and security situation in the region, he said. During the meeting, the spokesman, said the attendees discussed several key issues related to intelligence gathering, threat assessment and security arrangements.

They also reviewed the security measures implemented in the aftermath of the abrogation

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## Peace prevailed in J&K amid planned conspiracy by Pak: J&K Top Cop

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, AUG 2

Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said that peace prevailed in Jammu and Kashmir amid planned conspiracy by Pakistan.

"In Jammu and Kashmir peace has been hunted for a long time with a planned conspiracy of Pakistan due to which large number of lives of people, Police and Security forces have been lost due to terrorism," DGP said during the flagging off the Police Station teams at Commando Training Center (CTC) Lethpora, Awantipora on Wednesday.



He said it is our duty to protect the prevailing peace which has been achieved after great sacrifices.

He said that people are living better lives in the changing scenario, adding that boys and girls are focusing on their careers and that protecting and securing their lives is our priority. He hoped that in near future the youth of

J&K will perform diligently in every sphere.

DGP said that Pakistan and its agencies are still hatching conspiracies to lure our youth in hybrid form and radicalizing them to kill innocent people.

He said that it is our mission to put an end to their conspiracies and uproot all anti national elements from J&K adding that only then Jammu and Kashmir will reunite with its past glory.

Prime minister authorities including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are all praises for

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## Overground worker of terror outfits detained in Rajouri, fifth such detention in 2 months

JNEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI/JAMMU, AUG 2

Another overground worker of terror outfits has been detained under the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, police said on Wednesday.

Mohd Altaf is the fifth overground worker to be detained in the border district in the past two months under the stringent administrative law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases, a police official said. Altaf, a resident of Gadyog village

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## 880 flats constructed in last 3 years for Kashmiri Migrant employees: Govt

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, AUG 2

A total of 880 flats have been constructed in the Kashmir valley in the past three years for Kashmiri migrant employees who wish to return, Union Minister Nityanand Rai told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Rai also said 5,248 two-room tenements were constructed in Jammu region - Purkhu, Muthi, Nagrota and Jagti - to accommodate the people who had migrated due to terrorism in 1989-1990 from their ancestral places of residence in Kashmir. These tenements were constructed in two phases till 2011. "No new tenements for above purpose have been built in the last three years. However, due to improved security scenario in the Kashmir valley, the government has taken up the project of construction of 6,000



transit accommodation for the Kashmiri migrant employees returning to Kashmir valley. 880 flats have been constructed in the last three years," he said in a written reply. (Agencies)

## Govt employee attached for 'obnoxious' social media post in Bandipora

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, AUG 2

A Data Entry Operator at the zonal education office, Sumbal has been attached to Tehsildar's office in Bandipora with immediate effect. The action comes after a report from field agencies regarding an alleged offensive social media post made by the official, potentially impacting communal harmony.

Quoting officials, that the post-in-question is said to be in violation of Article 19(2) of the Indian Constitution, and the Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971. Meanwhile, a committee, headed by

the Tehsildar Sumbal, has been formed to investigate the matter and asked to submit its recommendations within a week.

Moreover, the attachment & subsequent inquiry order issued by Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sumbal, Aamir Choudhary, vide no. SDM/S/2023-24/864-69, a copy of which lies with GNS reads, "Consequent upon the report from the field agencies regarding obnoxious social media post allegedly by one Mohammad Saleem Bhat Data Entry Operator, Zonal Education Office Sumbal having detrimental effect on prevalent brotherhood and peaceful situation at present which could result

in animosity between sections of society."

"That such unpleasant social media posts are in contravention to Article 19 (2) of Constitution of India which deals with the Freedom of Speech and also imposes reasonable restrictions as well."

"Moreover, it is violation of Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971 which clearly lists out the activities that are not to be carried out by the employees and are violation of the Conduct Rules and can be punished under Rule 30 of the Jammu And Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1956

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## Deaf-Mute man found roaming near LoC in Poonch

JNEWS SERVICE  
POONCH/JAMMU, AUG 2

An Army patrol party found a deaf and mute man roaming near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said on Wednesday.

Prima facie, the man also appears to be mentally challenged. He was found in an injured condition near Batharpull in Gulpur sector and was handed over to police personnel who took him to a hospital, they said.

According to the officials, the man had apparently injured himself while trying to cross the border fence. He was admitted to the district hospital and is undergoing treatment, they said. (Agencies)



# Congress day dreaming of regaining of people's trust: Sat Sharma

Sat holds public grievance camp at BJP headquarter



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JAMMU, AUG 02: Sat Sharma, former minister and former President, J&K BJP, accompanied by Secretary Anju Dogra and Incharge Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyan Department Ankush Gupta, listened to the grievance of a large number of people from different areas of Jammu province.

The BJP leaders were attending to the grievances of public at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Former MLC Charanjit Singh Khalsa and Grievance

Cell Coordinator Danish Mishra were also present on the occasion.

A deputation from Choura Panchayat, led by Sarpanch Meena Devi, expressed their resentment over delay in widening of Kaali Murti to Salori road where forest department has raised objection over 1200 meters stretch and has hampered the completion of the work for last two years thus creating problems for 2000 families. Their matter was taken up with CE, PWD by Sat Sharma for early disposal. Similarly, various other deputations

had issues related to PM package for PoK DPs, land acquisition compensation from PWD, OBC certificate, non-issuance of driving licenses, excessive electricity bills, construction of lanes, drains, destiling of Nallahs, promotions of anganwadi workers, matter concerning cluster university. Every problem was heard with patience and take up with the senior officials for proper redressal. Sat Sharma, while speaking with the people, said that the party is always at the back and call of the masses and accords top pri-

ority towards welfare, progress and prosperity of every citizen. He said that the BJP graph in the public has reached to new heights and it has become the first choice everyone.

Sat Sharma said that the Congress leaders are still day dreaming to regain the public trust, which is, in fact, totally impossible as this party stands exposed for nepotism, scams and corruption.

The people had very bad taste of the Congress rule and will teach it lesson in coming elections of ULBs and Panchayats, he said.

Anju Dogra and Ankush Gupta coordinated the grievances camp proceedings and diazried the issues presented in the camp.

Anju Dogra said that the party has initiated the process with a vision to increase the availability of the senior party leaders to the masses to solve their issues. Ankush Gupta said that while many of the issues were resolved on the spot, telephonic and written correspondences are ensured for the other matters of the public.

# Kapoor highlights shortcomings of Smart Meters being installed by PDD

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JAMMU, AUG 02: Hindustan ShivSena J&K Unit under the leadership of UT President Vikrant Kapoor addressed the Print & electronic media and highlighted the shortcomings of Smart Meters being installed by the PDD.

Mr. Kapoor said that Smart Meters are producing seemingly high bills as compared to the earlier meters and this is being complained by every common user.

Amount of the electric bills have swollen many folds to the consumers and hence it's being hard for the general public as a whole to pay such high bills. Mr. Kapoor stated that a large number of people are complaining that the amount of their electric bills have increased to a considerable figure but the consumption is same as earlier. UT President reminded that it



was promised by the PDD while installing Smart Meters that there will be no such increase in the amount of the bills but now the billing amounts have increased.

Mr. Vikrant Kapoor said that our party workers and leaders were on the roads against these bills on the 16th of July as well but till now, LG Government has not taken any step to roll

back these Smart Meters and hence decrease the burden of the general public. General public is not able enough to pay these swollen bills.

On behalf of the general public of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Mr. Kapoor urged the Government to take necessary steps so as to provide relief to the public from such high bills and at the same time he threatened

the LG Government that if these bills are not rolled back, Hindustan ShivSena will have to launch a massive protest against these Smart Meters and PDD.

Present on the occasion included UT Vice President Rakesh Bhardwaj, General Sec. Sunil, City president Apurav Gupta, City Vice President Rohan Malwal and others.

# Mahamandleshwar inaugurates 12th J&K UT Shooting Championship

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATRA, AUG 2: J&K Union Territory Shooting Championship got off to a glittering start today at SMVD Sports Complex in Katra scheduled from 2nd to 5th August, 2023. Mahamandleshwar, Shri Swami Vishveshwaranand Giri Maharaj, Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board inaugurated the tournament in the presence of Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB and S. S. Sodhi, President Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA).

The Championship is being organized by Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board under the aegis of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

In all, 150 participants from different parts of JK-UT are participating in four days long various categories of shooting events. The main objective of the tournament aims to foster the spirit of healthy competition and promote shooting sports in the region.

The Chief Guest, Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshwaranand Giri Maharaj who was invited to JK-UT to receive Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Puraskar for his immense contributions towards promotion of Sanskrit and spiritual institutions while speaking on the occasion said that it is a matter of pride that players nurtured at SMVD Sports Complex is putting Jammu &

Kashmir UT on the world map. He added that sports not only relieve stress but also create a better society and contribute to enriching nation building. He exhorted that the Shrine Board, under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT has been encouraging the youth and providing them a platform to showcase their talents by establishing such complexes.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB in his address dwelt on the aims and objectives of setting up of the Sports Complex, while adding that SMVDSB Sports Complex established in the year 2016 with an aim to identify the talent in the region so that they can train and groomed in the identified key sports to excel and bring laurels in sports events held at various levels.

While appreciating the decision of Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association for conducting shooting championship in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex at Katra, CEO urged them to provide an experienced coach in shooting at SMVD Sports Complex so that the performance level of the sportspersons in shooting being nurtured at SMVDSB Sports Complex be enhanced.

CEO on the occasion underscored the Para Archers of Sports Complex who created new world records at Pilsen Para World Archery Championship - 2023 and won five medals in the recently concluded Para Archery World Ranking Tournament held at Czech Republic.

He exuded confidence that given the excellent facilities, expert coaching, hard work and dedication, the sportspersons being trained at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex in the key sports will also win medals in the forthcoming events at the national as well as international levels.

CEO also exhorted about upgradation in Khelo India Talent Development in the Archery (Boys & Girls) Discipline at the Sports Complex from the Non-Residential Category to the Residential category and grant of scholarship to the sports persons with an aim to create an ecosystem and promotion of excellence in SMVDSB Sports Complex.

S. S. Sodhi, President Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association appreciated the support extended by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for the conduct of tournament at their premises for promotion of shooting sports in the region.

On the occasion, the three Para Archers, Rakesh Kumar, Sarita and Sheetal Devi who created new world records and booked their slots for the Paris 2024 Paralympics were honoured alongwith their coaches from SMVD Sports Complex.

Among those present on the occasion were Chairman, CEO and other officials of Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association, senior officers and officials from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, besides, prominent citizens, media persons, teachers and school children to grace the occasion.

# Modi Govt ensured justice to people of all shades: Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU, AUG 02: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, commended the Modi Government for its unwavering commitment to providing justice and equal rights to people of all shades in Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks while interacting with a deputation of Pahari speaking people at his residence today. The deputation expressed their gratitude to the Modi Government for addressing their long-pending demands by providing

full support to the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kavinder emphasized that after over 70 years, Pahari-speaking people have finally received the attention and justice they deserve. He acknowledged that there are several communities residing in Jammu and Kashmir who have been deprived of their rightful rights for far too long. However, the Modi Government's decisive action in abrogating Article 370 from the erstwhile state has ensured equal rights to all communities in the

region. Kavinder said, "The Modi Government has taken historic steps to bring about positive change and inclusivity in Jammu and Kashmir. The abrogation of Article 370 has paved the way for justice and equal opportunities for all the people residing in the region, including the Pahari-speaking community."

He further stated that the Modi Government has shown exceptional dedication in addressing the long-standing grievances and aspirations of various communities, fostering an environment of trust and development. He expressed his confidence that the Modi Government's policies would continue to bring about positive change and inclusivity in Jammu and Kashmir. He also mentioned that he would be interacting with a deputation of Pahari speaking people at his residence today. The deputation expressed their gratitude to the Modi Government for addressing their long-pending demands by providing full support to the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

opment. By ensuring equal rights, the government has enabled every citizen to actively participate in the growth and progress of Jammu and Kashmir.

The deputation comprised of Mumtaz Ahmed Khosla, Zulfiqar Ali, Sardar Kafeel Khan, Mandal President Kalaban, Sanjeev Sharma Mandal President Mendhar, Younis Dar Mandal President Mankote, Farooq Magraw Mandal President Balakote, Asif Azad, District Secretary Poonch and Sarpanch Mazed Bhat. Meanwhile, a deputation of retired officers from the Coal Mines of Mogla and Kalakote met with the senior BJP leader to discuss their concerns. The retired officers expressed that despite dedicating their entire working lives to the department, they are not receiving pension benefits. Kavinder Gupta immediately took action and telephonically contacted the Director of the Mining Department. He asked the Director to promptly address the issues raised by the retired officers and ensure that their pension benefits are settled without any further delay.

# Baru asks party workers to gear up for the upcoming ULB elections

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JAMMU, AUG 02: Sanjay Kumar Baru, BJP senior leader and Ward 41 JMC Councillor accompanied by BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra addressed a meeting of BJP workers at Talab Tillo Bohri.

Sanjay Baru, while addressing the meeting, asked the party workers to

review the ongoing development works in the ward. He said that they must visit every area of the ward, where development works have been undertaken and assess the work for the quality. He asked them to inquire with the locals whether they are satisfied with the present work and to assess their aspirations. He also

prompted the BJP activists already completed works and party's vision to the masses to gain their absolute support in the upcoming elections. He asked the party workers to gear up for the upcoming ULB elections. "The BJP activists must work on a mission mode now. You must devote

yourself to the welfare of the people and to serve the nation, adopting the role of hero by securing election victory for the BJP", said Sanjay Baru.

Keshav Chopra, while speaking on the occasion, stressed that the BJP is committed for the welfare of the people. He said that every party worker is in touch with the masses on the ground. He said that the party worker must also act as two way passage in between the masses and the party seniors.

BJP leader Jatin Sethi, Ward Incharge Ashok Wazir, Shakti Kendra Prakash Rakesh Sharma and Bhubhesh Thappa, Jatinder Khajuria, KI Sharma, Babu Ram, Ashish Mangotra, Bachan Kumar, Lokesh Bhagat, Kewal Sharma, Nana ji Raina, Bhanu Sambhal and others were present in the meeting.

# Revamp developmental activities in Dhayansar: Manjit Singh

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JAMMU, AUG 02: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister, S Manjit Singh has revamp of developmental activities in Dhayansar area in Samba district.

The Former Minister was addressing a meeting cum joining programme that was organized by OBC President Bhagat Ram.

On this occasion, prominent youth leader Balbir Kumar along with hundreds of supporters from various political parties joined Apni Party. While welcoming them into the party fold, the former minister hoped that their joining would strengthen the party. Addressing the meeting, he said that the Dhayansar area is neglected by the

authorities regarding the developmental activities as it lacks proper sanitation, and drainage systems that often flood the area and rainwater gushes into the nearby houses and fields. "The authorities have not taken any step for the improving drainage system, development of lanes, cleanliness, and no nallah cleaning efforts taken by the concerned department," he said. He also expressed anguish over the unprecedented electricity cuts in Jammu region including Dhayansar that has adversely affected the normal life of the people.

"The electricity cuts have affected the agricultural activities, and the water supply system with long hours of electricity together is unjustified," he added. He

people that if the Apni Party forms the next Govt in J&K, equitable development will be ensured in all the areas, and regions without discrimination.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion include SP President, Saleem Choudhry, SC President Boddh Raj Bhagat, OBC State President, Bhagat Ram, Provincial President Jammu Youth Wing, Vipul Balli, District President Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Kulvinder Singh, former Chairman, Municipal Corporation, Pushap Raj, former Corporator Raj Shekha, Shivani and others.

# FRA: DC Bandipora chairs meeting of DLC; approves 36 cases

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday chaired a meeting of members of District Level Committee (DLC) to discuss cases and issues related to progress/disposal of claims under Forest Rights Act. After three-hour discussions and scrutiny of files, the committee approved 36 FRA cases for the grant of Community Rights. The DC, while stressing on the coordinated approach for effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, said that all the FRA cases were disposed-off timely for the welfare of tribal communities.



# Delegation of DPS of 1947 call on Comm-cum-Secy Revenue JKUT

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUG 02: An seven member delegation of displaced persons (DPS) of 1947 from POK led by Gurdev Singh President Jammu Kashmir Sharmarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) called upon Sh. Piyush Singla, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Revenue Deptt.) UT of J&K. He was apprised about the plight of thousands of DP's families having their allotted land under the illegal possession of locals since the date of allotment. He was urged upon to issue directions to all the revenue officials to hand over the possession of their lands as and when they are approached under the provisions of Agrarian Reform Act 1976 and many judgments passed by Hon'ble High Courts and tribunals.

He was further apprised that Tehsildar and Patwaris are frequently in habit of deleting the Girdwaris and are entered in the names of anti-social elements/land mafias with out following the legal procedures laid down under law and apprehensions are there that such records has been digitized. In this regard the Commissioner was told that anti-social elements/land mafia are active in most of areas of Jammu region and are



residence, which made them incapable to till their lands. He was shown many such orders/judgments in this regard passed by Collectors with Agrarian powers, Director land settlement and even Court judgments which have not been implemented till date by the Tehsildars.

He was further apprised that Tehsildar and Patwaris are frequently in habit of deleting the Girdwaris and are entered in the names of anti-social elements/land mafias with out following the legal procedures laid down under law and apprehensions are there that such records has been digitized. In this regard the Commissioner was told that anti-social elements/land mafia are active in most of areas of Jammu region and are

forcibly grabbing the land of poor DP's with the connivance of revenue officials.

He was further apprised that after dispersal of DP's from the camps they were resettled by govt. at different locations in Jammu region and were provided evacuee lands/govt. space as shelter and hundreds of DP's families were allowed to settle on abandoned railway/patri line running from Suctehgarh to Jammu prior to 1947. With the passage of time DP's raised Pacca houses as per their needs and till today they have not being provided legal rights over the lands under their dwelling in different colonies across Jammu.

They are facing many difficulties in absence of legal rights and they cannot sell the land/mortgage their lands to obtain loans from banks and other financial institutions. JKASAC is raising this issue with all the govt. from the last several decades to grant legal rights to DP's over the land under their houses. In this regard Hon'ble Lt. Governor has also assured in a statement on 9th Oct. 2022 and again on 6th March but till date no exercise has been initiated in this regard by the govt.

Sh. Singla heard the delegation very patiently and assured them that he will leave no stone unturned to deliver the justice to the DP's families having victimized by the Revenue officials in this regard.

# DGP flags off Peace & Stability Teams under OCAPS for 21 Police Stations

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SRINAGAR, AUG 02: Parade-Cum-Flagging off ceremony of 'Peace & Stability' Teams established under Operational Capabilities Augmentation of Police Stations (OCAPS) was held at Commando Training Centre (CTC) Lethpora, Awanitpora today. Director General of Police J&K, Shri Dilbag Singh flagged off the PS Teams in 21 Bunker Vehicles to Police Station consisting of 290 officers & officials for their deployment with 21 Police Stations across Kashmir valley besides 05 Marksmen vehicles to CRPF.

DGP J&K took the salute at an impressive parade presented by the contingents on the occasion. Spl. DSG Shri R. Swain, Shri A. K. Choudhary, ADG CRPF J&K Shri Nalin Prabhakar, AD&GP Shri Deepak Kumar, Shri SJM Gillani, Shri M.K. Sinha, Shri Sunil Kumar and Shri Vijay Kumar, IGP Shri BS Tute, D&J J&K Police Shri Sujit Kumar, Shri Vivek Gupta, Shri Imtiaz Ismail Paray, Shri Ruyes Mohammad Bhat, Shri Shahid Mehra, and Shri Abdul Qayyum, D&J CRPF Shri Sanjay Yadav, Shri Kulbir Singh Deswal and Shri Alok Awasthi, DIG ITBP Shri Ranbir Singh Chohan, Principal CTC Lethpora Shri Tanveer Jeelani, AsG of PHQ, officers from Army, CRPF, ITBP and Police attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion the DGP J&K while welcoming the senior officers of CAPFS, Army expressed gratitude to them for being the utmost important part of team J&K Police who desires to improve the changing situation of Jammu and Kashmir. He congratulates Principal CTC Lethpora Shri Tanveer Jeelani and his team for their hard work put in preparing the special teams. He said that these Peace & Stability Teams are dedicated to 21 Police Stations in Kashmir Valley for augmenting them in ensuring peace and stability of their jurisdictional

areas. He said that today is the first phase of the initiative to augment the Police Stations with manpower, modern logistics & Communications, drone support and enhanced training in order to fill the security gaps adding that in the next phase other Police Stations will be augmented likewise.

Stating that the Police Station is the first place for the People to contact DGP said that all the possible facilities are being provided through Policing to the public at Police Stations. He said that any matter whether it is Crime, Verification, Law & Order, Security, Civic Action and in good or bad times Police Stations are the first responder for the people. He said that the personnel in Peace & Stability teams have received intensive induction training besides one week joint orientation training was organised for fostering discipline and jointness among them. DGP J&K on behalf of all forces wished PS Teams good luck and success for their future endeavours.

In Jammu and Kashmir peace has been hunted for a long time with a planned conspiracy of Pakistan DGP said that a large number of lives of people, Police and Security forces have been lost due to terrorism. It is our duty to protect the prevailing peace which has been achieved after great sacrifices, he added. He said that people are living better lives in the changing scenario, adding that boys & girls are focusing on their careers and that protecting and securing their lives is our priority, he added. He hoped that in near future the youth of J&K will perform diligently in every sphere.

From 8th Aug to 20th Aug events with the motto 'Meri Matri Mera Desh, Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ko Vandan' will be organised in the country, DGP said that lets us together remember & pay tributes to all martyrs who gave supreme sacrifices of their lives for the people and for the integrity & sovereignty of our nation.

eighty of the Country and dedicate ourselves to face any challenge with firm hands.

DGP said that Pakistan & its agencies are still basking in complacency to lure our youth in hybrid form and radicalizing them to kill innocent people. He said that it is our mission to put an end to their conspiracies and uproot all anti national elements from J&K adding that only then Jammu and Kashmir will reunite with its past glory. He said higher authorities including Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah are all praises for the good work of Police & Security Forces in restoring peace in J&K. He lauded the role of people and said that without their support and cooperation it was not possible to bring normalcy here.

DGP said that it doesn't bring any happiness for forces to kill any terrorist adding that terrorists also have families and their parents have dream of educating their children and seeing them prosper adding that we also hope that leaving the path of violence youth of today would lead a better life. He appealed to all those youths who are still lured by fake narratives of Pakistan to shun the path of violence. He said that Pakistan is gifting drugs to the youth of J&K as they did in Punjab. He said that the challenge is big and called for strong response from all stakeholders to join hands with forces in stopping the poison from spreading.

Earlier, the Principal CTC Lethpora Shri Tanveer Jeelani in his welcome address gave a detailed resume of the training activities conducted for the PS Teams.

Pertinent to mention that in the Phase 1 'Peace & Stability' Teams/ under Operational Capabilities Augmentation of Police Stations (OCAPS), 21 Police Stations have been identified that include 05 Police Stations of District Srinagar, 07 of South Kashmir, 04 of Budgam and Ganderbal, and 5 PS in North Kashmir. The overall stress being laid in the OCAPS is Prevention-Detection-Prosecution.

On the occasion Cyclist Ms Asha Malviya, a national athlete & mountaineer who is on her mission across India to spread awareness on Women's safety and empowerment called on the Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh. He appreciated the dedication and commitment of Asha Malviya. On behalf of J&K Police Shri Singh welcomed the cyclists and wished her success in her future endeavours.

# Dr Andrabi visits hill shrines in Poonch, attends Annual Day of Jamia Moin-u- Sunnah

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, AUG 02: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today attended Annual Day Function of Jamia Moin-u-Sunna & Miran Public School as chief guest at Poonch. She was received by Molvi Basharat Saqafi, the head of this prestigious educational institution. Cultural programme was presented by the students of the Madrasa in which patriotic songs were the highlight of the event. Hailing the efforts of the management, Dr Andrabi said that religious education blended with modern education is the plus point of this madrasa. "Prime Minister Modiji's vision of the Quran in one hand & Computer in another for students has been practically implemented by Saqafi



Sahib here at this Madrasa. We need to spread this sentiment in the whole of India," said Dr Darakhshan. Later on, the Waqf Chairperson took a complete tour of shrines in the district. She attended special programmes at sathra in

of the district. Dr Darakhshan later chaired a meeting of district officers from various departments and took up issues of local population with the officers.

She emphasized on the need to resolve the public issues on priority.

# Indian Army Conducts Joint Intelligence and Security Coordination meet 2023



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, AUG 02: A joint intelligence and security coordination meeting was conducted by Indian Army in the presence of all the stakeholders of Poonch & Rajouri (J&K) at Palma Garrison. The conference was attended by senior officials from the Indian Army, local police, intelligence agencies, and other relevant stakeholders. The primary objective of the meeting was

to assess the existing intelligence and security situation in the region and formulate strategies to ensure the successful and peaceful conduct of upcoming events.

During the meeting, the attendees discussed several key issues related to intelligence gathering, threat assessment, and security arrangements. They also reviewed the security measures implemented in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370, which granted

special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and analyzed any potential threats that could arise during the anniversary of this event. Additionally, the participants addressed the security concerns surrounding the upcoming Independence Day celebration and the Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra, an annual pilgrimage to the holy shrine of Budha Amarnath.

civil unrest, and devised strategies to mitigate these risks.

The meeting served as a platform for sharing intelligence inputs, discussing security protocols, and coordinating efforts among different security agencies. The participants emphasized the need for seamless coordination, intelligence sharing, and proactive measures to ensure the safety and security of the region during these important events. Overall, the joint intelligence and security coordination meeting aimed to enhance the preparedness and effectiveness of security arrangements in Rajouri and its surrounding areas. By pooling their resources and expertise, the stakeholders aimed to create a robust security framework that would deter potential threats and maintain peace and stability in the region.

# Priya Sethi serves Langar among Amarnath Yatris

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUG 02: The Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society organized a Langar where Priya Sethi, Former Minister of Education, served Langar among the devotees. The event was graced by Raj Kumar Goyal, National Working President of the Society.

Impressed by the arrangements and scale of the Langar, Priya Sethi expressed her appreciation for the best-quality food and facilities provided to the devotees. The langar operators and sevadars were lauded for their devoted service. She remarked that the people of the state are always prepared to welcome the Shri Amarnath Yatris, and honest individuals like Rajkumar Goyal and BJP Hinduist leader Raju Chandel are always ready to serve the pilgrims. During the occasion, Rajkumar Goyal emphasized their duty to offer good hospitality to devotees coming from all over the country for the Shri Amarnath Yatra. Serving the devotees at Langar Bhole Baba has been their privilege for the past 26 years and will



continue to be so in the future. Chandel acknowledged the dedication of former education ministers Smt. Priya Sethi and Yudhvir Sethi, considering them true devotees of Lord Shiva. He praised their consistent support to the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society and their unwavering commitment to serving the devotees of Lord Shiva. The event was attended by several dignitaries,

including Langar Director Sardar Sacha Singh (Councillor) Bhagwati Nagar, Matrishakti Meena Kak, TK Nag, Paramjit Singh, Shubb Manthan Goyal, Youth leader Sardar Charan Singh, District President Jammu Akshit Mahajan, State Vice President Vikram Sridhar Singh, Hindu Vahini Matrishakti Pooja Devi, Pt. Pirtambara Sharma (District Vice President), Chhota Yogi, and Majid Bhat.

# Police organises Cyber Crime awareness programmes

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUG 02: In order to make the general public aware about Cybercrimes, Police in Pulwama have organized Cyber Crime Awareness Programmes at Police Station Pulwama, PS Rajpora, PS Litter and Middle School Kakapora.

These programmes were hosted by concerned supervisors police officers and were attended by respectable citizens, youth and students of these areas. The main motive behind conducting such programmes is to provide



awareness of cyber frauds among the general public particularly in youth & students. During these programmes, chairing officers briefed the participants

the participants to adopt safe browsing habits, to avoid suspicious websites while surfing the Internet. They also appealed to the participants to not share OTPs or Bank Account Details and Passwords with anyone. The participants were also cautioned against accepting friend requests from unknown persons or chatting with unauthenticated persons on social media. The participants appreciated the efforts of Police for organising Cyber awareness programmes and spreading awareness about various cybercrimes among the common masses.



## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## Who can recommend...

Kashmir constituent assembly came to an end in 1957. The top court referred to proviso 3 of Article 370 which says, "Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this article, the President may, by public notification, declare that this article shall cease to be operative or shall be operative only with such exceptions and modifications and from such date as he may specify. Provided that the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly to the State referred to in clause (2) shall be necessary before the President issues such a notification."

The CJ asked Sibal, "What happens when the tenure of constituent assembly comes to an end? No constituent assembly can have an indefinite life. The proviso to clause (3) of Article 370 refers to the recommendation of the constituent assembly of the state, and it says before President issues notification the recommendation of constituent assembly is required. But the question is what would happen when the constituent assembly ceases to exist?"

Sibal responded, saying it was precisely their point and their whole case is about that the president cannot issue any notification revoking the Article 370 without the recommendation of the constituent assembly.

Justice Gavi interjected and asked the senior lawyer whether the argument being made is that nothing could have been done about Article 370 after 1957, when the tenure of the Jammu and Kashmir constituent assembly came to an end.

Sibal said the court is currently interpreting a constitutional provision and it is not here to legitimise the process which is unknown to the Constitution.

"Through a political act Article 370 was tossed out of the window. This was not a constitutional act. Parliament took upon itself the role of constituent assembly and revoked Article 370 saying it is exercising the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Can such a power be exercised?" said Sibal contesting the way Article 370 was repealed.

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Kashmiri Pandit leader Arvind Kaul said the Article 370 issue has become a "political phobia" in Jammu and Kashmir. "It is a phobia. Political parties have exploited the issue since the past 75 years. Some say we want bring it back and others say it has been done away with once for all. Now that the SC is hearing it, its judgement will be final," Kaul said.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre came out with a notification repealing Article 370 and it also stripped the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and bifurcated it into Union Territories.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019. (Agencies)

## Integration of J&amp;K...

"remain unquestionable," said Sibal, appearing on behalf of the petitioners challenging the 2019 Presidential Order taking away the special status accorded to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into two Union Territories.

"The state of Jammu & Kashmir continues to be a part of India. Nobody disputes it, nobody ever disputed it. Jammu & Kashmir is a unit of the Indian Union," he said during the hearing.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal described the proceedings as "historic" and questioned the validity of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 splitting the erstwhile state into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

"This is a historical moment in many ways. This court will be analysing why history was tossed out on August 6, 2019 and whether procedure adopted by Parliament was consistent with what democracy stands for? Whether the will of J&K people could be silenced in this fashion?" he said.

He argued that people of J&K cannot be denied a representative form of government through a "diktar" of the Union government which is "inconsistent with our constitution".

"It is historic because it has taken 5 years for this court to hear this case and for 5 years there has been no representative government in the state of J&K," he added.

Sibal questioned the imposition of emergency in Jammu and Kashmir and said that the Constitution Bench will have to interpret Article 356 of the Constitution, which seeks to "restore democracy" and how through that Article "democracy (in J&K) has been decimated."

A 5-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Wednesday commenced hearing on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

The Constitution Bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjay Khanna, B.R. Gavi, and Surya Kant, would hear the matter consecutively starting from August 2, except for Mondays and Fridays.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramaniam, Rajeev Dhavan, Dushyant Dave, among others will advance arguments on behalf of the petitioners and intervenors in the case.

The proceedings before the Constitution Bench are being live-streamed by the Supreme Court on its YouTube channel and transcripts of the proceedings will be released on its official website.

A large number of petitions have been filed by political parties, private individuals, lawyers, activists, etc., challenging the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which downgraded and split Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories.

Earlier, another Constitution Bench ruled against the necessity of referring the matter to a seven-judge bench.

In a fresh affidavit before the top court, the Central government has defended the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir saying that its decision to dilute Article 370 has brought unprecedented development, progress, security, and stability in the region.

The Union Home Ministry said that the street violence, engineered and orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks has now become a thing of the past and the "organised stone pelting incidences connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in 2018 has come down to zero in 2023 till date."

The Centre stressed that it has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and after constitutional changes, the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved significantly. In the pending matter, intervention applications have also been filed by Kashmiri Pandits supporting Centre's move stripping special status accorded to the erstwhile state of J&K. (Agencies)

## India's future offers...

make their mark and carve a successful career in engineering. He advised the students to explore new paths and keep reinventing themselves to keep pace with the change happening around the world.

"We need engineers who will not be confined to the mundane, but who will think beyond textbooks and question the status quo and embrace challenges as opportunities. The expertise of the young engineers' expertise will be instrumental in driving the mission of Make in India and Start Up India," the Lt Governor said.

Citing examples of Japan and USA, the Lt Governor said the Engineering prowess of these countries has contributed to the growth and elevated their status in the world. He said that the world's greatest powers are witness to the fact that great engineers have been instrumental in propelling those nations to unparalleled heights.

"India needs engineers who can address the challenges of urbanization, infrastructure and access to quality healthcare and education for all. Young engineers' ideas and solutions can pave the way for a more inclusive and equitable society," the Lt Governor said.

"India needs engineers who can collaborate globally, foster partnership with other countries and institutions to address complex global challenges. I strongly believe young engineers have the potential to not only make India self-reliant but also position it as a global leader," he said.

The Lt Governor impressed on the educational institutions to create an environment, an education system that reflects today's reality.

Universities, as the cradle of innovation, need to become the backbone of progress. By collaborating with Industries and addressing real-world challenges, Universities can produce graduates equipped with skills to solve complex problems, he said.

"Let us harness the power of innovation and engineering to build a better tomorrow. The opportunities that lie ahead in India's journey are immense, and I have no doubt that young engineers' brilliance and determination will drive our nation

to new heights," the Lt Governor added.

He asked the students to be aspiring and start their new journey with an aim to leverage technology, knowledge and wisdom to transform our great nation.

Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu presented a detailed overview of the Five-day Long Foundation Programme.

Padma Shri Dr Janak Palta McGiligan; Prof Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMDU; Prof RS Sahay, Director IIT Jammu; Dr Shakil Gupta, Director of Education, Jammu; Sh S.P. Mahi, CA, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL); senior officers, prominent citizens, faculty members and students were present.

## Lt Governor inaugurates...

ultimate aim. Today marks the beginning of a new era for the entire working community of Union Territory," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Affordable Rental Housing Complex will provide dignified living to urban poor, migrant workers and weaker sections of society near their workplace.

Such initiatives will create a sustainable housing ecosystem for the underprivileged, bring qualitative change in the lives of a family, prevent the growth of future slums and address the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', he added.

The Lt Governor acknowledged the significant role of workforce in India's economy. He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to creating vibrant, sustainable and inclusive affordable rental housing avenues for urban migrants, poor and working community.

"Labour force and Workers are backbone of our trade, business, industries and making valuable contribution in building strong and Aatmanirbhar J&K. Besides, skill and opportunities to workers it is our responsibility to protect their interests and ensure quality living for the family," he said.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor also shared the interventions made by the UT Administration to provide means of livelihood and raising the living standards of the workforce.

In less than 3 years, a huge number of self-employment opportunities have been created and we continue to focus on skilling of workers to meet the needs of economy and better quality employment, he said.

Sh Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department gave a detailed brief on the Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC) and other similar projects of the department to provide affordable housing to the people of J&K UT.

Today, 192 flats out of total 336 flats at Sunjwan on an affordable rental of Rs 2200 per month were handed over to the beneficiaries at ARHC, Sunjwan. The remaining flats will be handed over by the month of October this year, it was informed.

The initiative of "Affordable Rental Housing Complex" has been envisioned for providing rental housing for EWS/LIG urban migrants including labour, urban poor (street vendors, rickshaw pullers, other service providers etc.), industrial workers, and migrants working with market/trade associations, educational health institutions, hospitality sector, long term tourists / visitors, students or any other persons of such category.

Sh Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, JMC; Sh Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Council, Jammu; Sh Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; ULB representatives; senior officials and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

## FIR registered over...

(Jammu and Kashmir Scheduled Tribes order, 1989). A video of the protest rally, purportedly showing some participants raising "pro-freedom" slogans, was circulated on social media.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch, Vinay Sharma in the wake of the incident on Tuesday said "We are analysing the video through forensic experts as to whether it is real or fake and legal action shall follow accordingly... So far, we could see tricolours raised high throughout the protest demonstration."

Earlier, six prominent Gujjar leaders requested the centre to hold "participative decisions on sensitive issues" that have the potential of disturbing intercommunity relations in the Union Territory.

The plaint stated on Monday was issued by former ministers Mian Altaf Ahmad Larvi (National Conference), Choudhary Zulfikar Ali, Huzaid Alami Khan and former legislator Choudhary Qamar Hussain (Apni party), former deputy chairman J&K Legislative Assembly Choudhary Javed Ahmad Rana (NC), and former MLA Choudhary Mohammad Akram Lassani who resigned from Congress last year.

"The widespread protests by the Gujjar-Bakewal tribe and unrest in the community across the Union Territory of J&K are grave developments. Protests by the Gujjar-Bakewal tribe against the Union government and UT administration is an aberration and a deeply concerning and utterly bewildering by the prevailing situation," they had said.

The J&K unit of BJP called the statement "ridiculous, untimely and misleading" and asked the protesters what they had been objecting to when the government had already made it clear that it was not reducing the 10 per cent quota of scheduled tribes in any way.

The BJP statement from Gujjar leaders affiliated with the party said the government is taking concrete steps for the improvement and welfare of all deserving backward areas and classes.

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## Joint intelligence...

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## Peace prevailed in...

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A Parade-Cum-Flagging off ceremony of "Peace & Stability" Teams established under Operational Capabilities Augmentation of Police Stations (OCAPS) was held at CTC and DGP flagged off the PS Teams in 21 Bunker Vehicles to Police Station consisting of 290 officers and officials for their deployment with 21 Police Stations across Kashmir valley besides 5 Marksmen vehicles to CRPP.

DGP also took the salute at an impressive parade presented by the contingents on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the DGP J&K while welcoming the senior officers of CAPFs, Army expressed gratitude to them for being the utmost important part of team J&K Police who desires to improve the changing situation of Jammu and Kashmir.

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## Overground worker...

In Khawas, was detained on the orders of the Rajouri district magistrate after the police prepared a written dossier on him, he said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Rajouri) Amritpal Singh said the preventive detention of five notorious overground workers in the past two months have been made with the aim to check their unlawful acts of working for terror outfits.

In a separate case, a suspected criminal was arrested and booked under the Public Safety Act in Jammu.

Tajinder Singh alias Jinda, a resident of Simbal camp in RS Pura, was wanted in multiple cases registered under sections of the Indian Penal Code, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Arms Act, the police said.

He was arrested on the basis of specific information from Miran Sahib and shifted to Central Jail Jammu, Kothbhalwal, under the Public Safety Act, the police said. (Agencies)

## Govt employee attached...

and the Rule 30 states punishments namely: i) Censure ii) fine not exceeding one month's pay; iii) withholding of increments and/or promotion; iv) reduction to a lower post and/or a lower time scale and/or to a lower stage in time-scale v) recovery from pay of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government by negligence or breach of orders;

vi) Premature retirement on proportionate pension other than that viii) Specified in rule 226 (2) of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations," the order read.

"Moreover Gad Circular No-JK (GAD) of 2023 dated 24-03-2023 makes it amply clear that the Government Servant shall not engage themselves with social media in a manner which is in contravention to these rules and also vehemently makes it clear that the clear the Govt employees shall not post on social media any such content or comments about co-worker or individuals that are vulgar, obscene, threatening, intimidating or that violate the conduct rules and shall refrain from indulging in unwarranted debates/discussions and sharing/commenting/posting inappropriate post/content from social media platforms and any violation of these guidelines/rules shall tantamount to misconduct and invite disciplinary action against the delinquent official under relevant rules."

"Therefore keeping in view the sensitivity of the matter the above mentioned official namely Mohammad Saleem Bahad Data Entry Operator ZEO Sumbal is hereby attached in the office of Tehsil Sumbal with immediate effect. Moreover a committee of three members is constituted under the chairmanship of Tehsil Sumbal comprising: 1. Zonal Education Officer Sumbal 2. Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Sumbal. The committee shall make an inquiry and submit its report along with recommendations in the office of undersigned within a weeks' time," added the order issued by the SDM.

## Two 'hybrid' terrorists...

immediately," the official said.

He said the two were identified as Faisal Majeed Ganie and Nurul Kamran Ganie, both residents of Baramulla.

"Preliminary investigations have revealed that the individuals are hybrid terrorists and are affiliated with banned terrorist organisation L.T. They had collected the arms and ammunition for carrying out terrorist activities in Baramulla town ahead of Independence Day," the official said.

Hybrid terrorists are those who carry out attacks and then slip back into their routine lives.

## Small batch of 984...

54 vehicles.

A group of 498 pilgrims (424 males, 69 females, and five Sadhus) left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 21 vehicles.

For Baital, 448 pilgrims, comprising 353 males and 128 females, left in a convoy of 33 vehicles amid tight security arrangements. The yatra, which started on July 1, will conclude on August 31.



# BJP will ensure equitable development and justice to every person: Raina



Prominent educationists from Bhandarwah join BJP

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** Two retired principals Ramesh Chander Khajuria and Krishan Kumar Kotwal from Bhandarwah joined BJP along with Bhubaneswar Sharma, Varun, Arun, and dozens others from Bhandarwah in a programme held at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP President welcomed these prominent educationists and others into the party in the presence of former

MLA Dalip Parihar, District General Secretary Sanjay Saral, Mandal President Bihari Lal Sharma, District General Secretary SC Morcha Santosh Kumar, Dr. Parnesh Mahajan, Er. Anil Bhagat and other party leaders.

Ravinder Raina, while welcoming the new entrants, said that the policies of BJP are being endorsed and accepted by everyone in the society.

He said that everybody, irrespective of religion and region is joining the BJP. He said that all the

ensured rights to the WPRs, Gorkhas, Gujar Bakarwals, women, OBCs, Paharis, Jats which will be fought against every segment that was neglected over the decades together.

'BJP will ensure equitable development and justice to every person without any prejudice and will ensure a prosperous Jammu & Kashmir', said Ravinder Raina.

Dalip Parihar said that BJP's policies have ensured the development to reach the far flung areas.

He said that the local people from hilly areas have themselves witnessed the development reaching their doorsteps under the strong leadership of PM Modi. Ramesh Chander Khajuria and Krishan Kumar Kotwal praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government for meeting out the aspirations of masses and especially for the extended reach of public welfare schemes of Modi government that have reached the intended population without any leakage in the middle.

# Power of Storytelling emphasizes during online panel discussion by PRSI Jammu

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** The Public Relations Society of India, Jammu Chapter, organised an enriching panel discussion on the theme 'Power of Storytelling in Public Relations: Crafting Narratives for Strong Relationships'.

The event, conducted in a virtual format under the guidance of Prof Anil Sauntra, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, Chairperson PRSI, J&K Chapter and Dr Archana Kumari, Associate Professor, JNU, Secretary PRSI Jammu, garnered participation from various parts of the country to explore the pivotal role of storytelling in the field of Public Relations.

The distinguished panel comprised Prof. Simrat Gulati, Visiting Faculty and Advisor at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi, and Ms Deepna Mehta, former Additional General Manager, Corporate Communication, National Thermal Power Corporation.

Emphasizing the evolution of storytelling in brand building over the years, Prof. Simrat underscored how a compelling narrative can forge a deep connection between a brand/product

and its audience, effectively driving product sales and brand/product loyalty.

Ms Deepna shed light on her experiences and challenges while spearheading communications efforts at NTPC, elaborating on how effective storytelling fostered a sense of pride and trust within the NTPC community and beyond.

Chairing the event, Dr. Garima Gupta, HoD, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, highlighted that by acknowledging emotions and extending empathy through storytelling, we can foster a sense of togetherness and strengthen the fabric of our communities.

During the interactive Q&A segment, the attendees expressed their delight in participating in the event, and shared insightful opinions.

Veteran journalist from Jammu, OP Sharma, underscored that storytelling is deeply ingrained in India's cultural heritage, drawing inspiration from literary luminaries such as Munshi Premchand and Mulk Raj Anand.

Dr. Ravia Gupta, Asst Prof, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu,

Executive Member, PRSI Jammu Chapter, asserted, "The power of a good word needs to be spread," underscoring the transformative impact of impactful narratives.

Dr. Ajit Parthak, National President, PRSI, conveyed his warm wishes to the PRSI team, panelists and attendees. He encouraged them to stay connected and continue collaborating in the pursuit of excellence in the field of public relations.

Dr. Monisha Qadri from Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, Joint Secretary, PRSI Jammu, gave an introduction to PRSI and its Jammu Chapter. Ms Harry Walia, Journalist, Media Professional, Member, PRSI Jammu, presented vote of thanks, while Ms Ambika Rashmi, Convener of the Nalanda Student Forum of PRSI, moderated the discussion, and Ms Komal Shango, student of Central University of Jammu, introduced the guests. The attendees included Dr Pardeep Singh Ball, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, Treasurer, PRSI Jammu; Manish, Central University of Jammu, Lifetime Member, PRSI Jammu, media students from JU and IIMC.

# Gujjar Bakarwal reservation intact: Chandel

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** Hindustani BJP leader Raju Chandel clarified that the claims made by the team of Mahathag Bandhan Alibaba Chalis Chor in Jammu and Kashmir are misleading and the patriotic Gujjar Bakarwal community. He stated that there has been no reduction or alteration in the reservation provided to the Kashmiri society. The hill

people have been granted a separate reservation, and the existing reservation for the Gujjar community remains intact.

Chandel emphasized that the Gujjar Bakarwal community of Jammu and Kashmir holds significant importance as one of the main pillars of the region. The Modi government is deeply committed to the welfare of this community, as evident from the representation of Gujjar community members in Parliament and the allocation of a considerable number of assembly tickets to them, a first in the history of any government.

Chandel emphasized that the peaceful nature of the Gujjar Bakarwal community, Chandel urged them not to resort to violence or attack BJP leaders. He emphasized that their reservation is secure and assured that the Modi government will continue to work in their best interests.

Chandel appealed to the Gujjar Bakarwal community of J&K to disregard any baseless rumors and focus on preparing for the upcoming assembly elections. He urged them to strengthen the hands of the Modi government and resist falling prey to the misleading claims of the Mahathag Bandhan Alibaba Chalis Chor.

# Free Orthopaedic Camp organised at Ranjit Global School



**JAMMU, AUG 02:** A Free Orthopaedic Camp was organized today at Ranjit Global School.

Bandhu, Rakhwala, Kunjwani, Jammu. The camp was organized by the Departments of Orthopaedics, ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu in collaboration with Jammu

Orthopaedic Association. The camp was inaugurated by, Sh. D.K. Batra, JI Secretary, ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta, Prof & Head, Orthopaedics ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Ranjit Global School. This Free

Orthopaedic Camp is part of Bone & Joint Day activities. The Bone & Joint Day is celebrated all over India on 4th of August every year. To celebrate this day, Indian Orthopaedic Association and Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedic Association have planned number of activities all over the State for the benefit of poor and needy people.

Around 100 patients were examined in the camp by a team of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the Department of Orthopaedics namely Dr. Anitpal Singh Raina, Asst. Prof., ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Senior Resident headed by Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta. Free medicines were also distributed to the needy patients. The patients were also screened for free surgeries which will be conducted at ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra lauded the efforts of Dr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Ranjit Global School for getting the Camp organized in their school for the benefit of people of the area. Sh. D.K. Batra appreciated the efforts of Dr. Rajesh Gupta for conducting this camp in a smooth and efficient manner and desired that such campus should also be held in future in other areas.

# People's sufferings increased manifold in absence of popular Govt: RL Gupta

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Mr Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province Constituted 21 members committee of District Reasi, 14 members committee District Udhampur Urban and 21 members committee District Udhampur Rural for upcoming local bodies elections headed by District Presidents Mr Jagjeevan Lal Reasi, Sunil Verma Udhampur Urban, Ram Parshotam Udhampur Rural.

Gupta said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are fed-up with lies, riddle

policies and misrule of BJP. He said that by not allowing the upcoming elections to take place in J&K were the most blatant violation Constitution of India by the incumbent Government at the centre.

Gupta asserted that in J&K, the people continue to suffer badly in absence of the popular government. The bureaucratic rule has failed to address the burning issues of the people and the Govt must ensure that elections are held in the J&K at the earliest, he added.

The following members committees have been constituted.

District Reasi, Jagjeevan Lal as Chairman.

Mr Tariq Butt, Mr Sher

Singh, Mr Raj Kumar Sharma, Mr Ashok Mehta, Mr Anil Kumar Sharma, Mr Rattan Lal Bhagat, Mr Charan Dass Dogra, Mr Bili Ram, Mrs Asha Devi, Haji Mohd Javed, Mr Dev Raj Khajuria, Mr Ved Parkash Pujari, Mr Ram Parkash Suri, Mr Ashwani Kumar, Mr Banarsi Dass, Mrs Kanta Devi, Mr Pawan Kumar, Mr Yashpal, Mohd Ayub and Mr Deepak Atri Adv as members.

District Udhampur Urban Mr Sunil Verma as Chairman, Mr Moti Ram Sharma, Mr Gurmeet Singh, Mr Akash Verma, Mr Bansil Lal, Mrs Savitri Devi, Mrs Sunita Mehra, Mrs Radhey Rani, Mr Sanjay Pandita, Mr

Shahwaz Chandel, Mr Sajad Ahmad, Mr Karan Singh, Mr Rajinder Singh and Mr Mohan Lal Sharma as members.

District Udhampur Rural, Ram Parshotam as Chairman, Naresh Anthal, Adv. Ch. Mohd Shaffi, Mr Lal Chand Musaffir, Mr Vijay Khajuria, Mr Rajesh Gupta, Mr Subash Kudyar, Mr. K.D Sharma, Mr Jagdish Bhardwaj, Mr Prem Nath Nammi, Ch. Saraj Din, Mr Mohan Lal Bhardwaj, Mr Hukam Chand, Mrs V.S. Rishma, Mr Vikrant Sharma, Mrs Rama Gupta, Mr Trilok Chand, Mr Gurubachan Singh, Mr Ameer Chand, Mr Sait Ali and Mr Halim Khan as members.

# When will Manipur be converted into two or more UTs? Questions Harsh Dev

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** Expressing concern over the raging fires in Manipur spread by repeated cycles of violence, bloodshed, arson, and mayhem for the last over a month and a half, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh, Former Minister and State President of JKNPP has accused the centre and state government of complete failure in handling the situation resulting in unprecedented death, destruction and devastation in the troubled state.

A combustible mix of faith, ideology and politics has kept the pot of conflict boiling in the state with the present regime having miserably floundered in tiding

over the crisis, said Mr. Singh.

As per certain reports in the media over 150 have been killed, 50,000 displaced, around 80,000 relocated due to raging violence and several thousand injured, divulged Singh. He said that it was shocking to note the statement of the Archbishop of Manipur who had revealed that 249 churches had been burnt merely in 36 hours.

The humiliation of womenfolk in Manipur merits not only condemnation but nationwide mourning. It will be remembered as the darkest chapter in the history of Manipur. And still the centre seems to have abdicated its responsibility under the constitution for

reasons best known.

Should the present government be allowed to continue in the state merely for the reason that it is the BJP which rules it? And should the state of Manipur not be divested of its state status, as was done in case of J&K and it also be divided into Union Territories? Questioned Mr. Singh.

Harsh Dev Singh pointed out that J&K state was demoted and bifurcated into two Union Territories with the BJP government justifying the action on the pretext of violence and insurgency.

Applying the same yardstick, Manipur has definitely qualified to be bifurcated into Union Territories in conformity with the policies

of the BJP led NDA government.

Singh added that the BJP government has most vociferously taken the stand that there can't be two sets of laws in the same country. It is further insisting on uniform civil code (UCC) in the country even if it has to downplay the aspirations of a particular community or inspirational group.

Having said so, it needs to prove that action taken against J&K was not out of hostility, malice or ill will but genuine decision based on a well conceptualised policy that would be applicable to any other state of the country facing insurgency and bloodshed including BJP ruled states like Manipur.

# Cultural Academy organises Multilingual Poetry Meet with AdbiKunj J&K

**JAMMU, AUG 02:** Jammu & Kashmir academy of Art Culture and Languages have organised a Poetry Meet with the collaboration of an Old Multilingual literary organisation 'AdbiKunj J&K', Jammu in the K.L. Sehgal Hall Jammu. The Secretary of the academy Janab Bharat Singh Manas Sahib presided over the Function.

Whenever B. Sham Talib the president of AdbiKunj was also in the second presiding personality in the function.

Jb Rashpal Singh Commissioner Revenue was the Chief Guest and Jb. Balkrishan Dy, Commissioner and Sh. Romesh Chander Gupta was Sohail Kazmi was the chief Guest and Sh. R.C. Gupta Retd. Chief Engineer were the special Guest in the Programme.

The Chairman Aarsh Dalnora and President Sham Talib presented the flower vases to the stashed personalities. Jb. Pyaasa Anjum conducted the Process of Mushaira.

Rashpal Singh encouraged the Poets and the heads of AdbiKunj their literary efforts. He praised their multilingual poetry specially the Dogri as a

his mother tongue. The respected Poets who participated in this poetry-meet were



Singh Manas disclosed his good feelings for this multilingual literary organisation. He said that the multilingual programmes just like this organisation are heartily likable for everyone, Mr Balkrishan the D.C. state Taxes also praised this Multilingual poetry meet specially a beautiful poetry in Kashmiri Language Smt. Santosh Shah Nadan.

Om 'Aarsh' Dalnora. Santosh Shah 'Nadaan', B.S. Jamwal, M.S. 'Kaamra', Pyaasa 'Anjum', Sathi 'R.K. Salgotra, Rahul 'Armaan', Bishan Dass 'Khaak' Raj 'Kamal', 'Neelam' Mahotra, Rakesh 'Tripti' Jitender 'Jolly', Qader Kunderia Uttam Singh 'Rahi' and Sham Talib. Secy JKAACL presented the vote of thanks in the last.

# SP Reasi conducts SMAC meet at Reasi

**REASI, AUG 02:** In view of present security scenario, independence day and with the aim to share information between different agencies operating in district Reasi, today Sh. Amit Gupta-JKPS, Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi conducted a Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre (SMAC) meeting in the office chamber at District Police Office Reasi.

The meeting was attended by the CO IR 1st Bn Sh. R. C. Kotwal SSP, ASP Reasi

Master Popsy, SP Katra Vipin Chandran, DySP HQ Reasi Neeraj Padyar, SDPO mahore Chabbil Singh, SDPO Armas Pritpal Singh, SDPO Bhawan Bisham Dubey, Lt Col Mohit Bakshi 14 sector, 2 I/C 126 BN CRPF, 2 I/C 6th BN CRPF, Major MI Reasi Military Station, Manish Kumar Sinha DCO/IB Reasi, IB Reasi, Insp. Abdul Qayoom CID CI, Insp. Altaf Hussain DI CID SB Reasi & Insp. Sunil Kumar DSB Reasi. At the outset of the meeting SSP Reasi welcomed all the officers and

put forth the agenda of the meeting. In the meeting threadbare discussion was held on present security scenario independence day, Shri Buddha Amarnath Yatra and Kousnar Nag Yatra, law & order situation, under currents, movement/ presence of militants, present dynamics and revival of militancy, surveillance under OGWs, surrendered militants, missing youths and their presence in POK & keep check on radicalization of youth in society.

A brainstorming session

was also held on the above the mentioned agenda points for district Reasi, in which all the officers put forth their fact and information based view points.

Sp. Superintendent of Police Reasi stressed upon timely sharing of actionable information among the entire sister agencies operating in the district, for surveillance on all anti-national and anti-social elements in the district.

Meeting ended with a note of better coordination and cooperation among all the agencies.



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"An eye for and eye will only make the whole world blind." - Mahatma Gandhi

## JINDRAH IMAGES

## Dearth of manpower in AIIMS

The setting up of 22 new AIIMS in the country was approved by the Union Cabinet under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSY) way back in 2015. Jammu and Kashmir was given two prestigious AIIMS-like institutes by the Union Government in February 2015 when the then Union Finance Minister late Arun Jaitley made a formal announcement in the Parliament during this Budget speech. Thereafter, the then Union Health Minister, in June 2015, announced two AIIMS for J&K— One each at Vijaypur in Samba district and another at Awantipora in Pulwama district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally laid the foundation stone of AIIMS during his J&K visit on February 3, 2019. Since then, more than four years have lapsed but these institutes are yet to be made fully functional, thanks to the administrative indifference and technical hurdles. Construction work on a majority of other institutes has already been completed. In case of AIIMS Vijaypur, the Union Health Ministry has claimed that nearly 82 per cent construction work of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Vijaypur has been completed while the work on AIIMS Awantipora is moving at snail's pace with the executing agency completing just little over 32 per cent construction. However, AIIMS Vijaypur where the classes have commenced is still craving for faculty and non-faculty members. The official document reveals that over 60 per cent posts of faculty and 67 per cent positions of non-faculty members are still vacant. Against the total sanctioned strength of 183 faculty members, only 72 are in-position while 111 posts are still vacant. As far as non-faculty posts are concerned, at least 634 positions against the sanctioned strength of 951 are vacant while the number of in-position members in non-faculty category is 317, notwithstanding the fact that MBBS classes have been commenced from academic year 2020-21 from a temporary campus. With regard to AIIMS Awantipora, only 32 per cent construction has been completed while the MBBS classes are yet to be made functional there. The irony is that AIIMS Awantipora is yet to start MBBS classes and its construction is also progressing quite slowly. The AIIMS Vijaypur was decided to be set up at a cost of Rs 1,661 crore while AIIMS Awantipora, at a cost of Rs 1,828 crore. An area of 231 acres was identified at Samba and 222 acres at Awantipora for setting up the respective AIIMS'. The poor healthcare facilities always remained a cause of concern for the people but the UT administration supported by the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre has now started the overhauling of the healthcare sector. The new hospitals with modern medical equipments are coming up at district level while rural health institutes are also being improved. It is expected that J&K will soon have better healthcare facilities at district and sub-district level.

## Peace continues to elude ethnically divided Manipur

The state's complicity in the ongoing bloodshed has emboldened a large section of the civilians to persist with assaults.

RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

MANIPUR is awash with blood and violence ever since the spark of an ethno-religious conflict was lit three months ago. The Centre refuses to acknowledge the existence of carnage, while Chief Minister N Biren Singh, sitting pretty, has claimed that normalcy has 'returned' to the state, citing over 90 per cent attendance in schools as 'evidence'. On July 29, a huge rally was organised in Imphal by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity. Led by women from the dominant Meitei community, the rallyists raised slogans calling for a genocide of the Kuki-Zo tribals, the target of the conflict, branding them as poppy cultivators and drug abusers — a running theme in the Meitei discourse to validate the attacks on the Kuki-Zo. While it is true that poppy plants abound in the hills, home to the Kuki-Zo, the nature and complexities of the drug trade defied the involvement of powerful vested interests which are not geography/community-specific.

Will the Central and state governments allow the situation to fester without an intervention? It's not as though the northeastern region has not experienced serious, long-lasting disorders whose solutions were not found ultimately. In the miasma of destruction, the contours of an answer were glimpsed when Kuki-Zo legislators asked for a separate administrative arrangement in the hills. This was not a panchayat-like template. It was akin to a self-governance model along the lines of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution which empowered the tribes to govern and develop the areas under their control, which might not be feasible when a non-tribal majority dominated the state's political and administrative structures and called the shots. But a whiff of a suggestion for a separate administration recalled for the Meiteis the notion of a separate 'Kukiland', which was raised in the late 1980s by the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), the largest Kuki-Zo insurgent outfit. It was like a red rag to a bull, despite the idea being articulated tentatively enough to not sound aggressive.

In a recent article on why a separate administration for Kuki-Zo could pose a threat to India's sovereignty, RK Sanayama Singh, former adviser to Delhi's Manipur Students' Association, pointed out



that it was "intertwined with geopolitical dynamic and the echoes of trans-boundary pan-nationalism", an overstatement defying credibility.

The writer harked back to the Kuki-Zo's romanticised aspiration for the Zale'n-gam or the land of freedom, which for the dreamers embraced parts of Myanmar, Nagaland, Assam, Tripura and even the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. When the British redraw boundaries under the 1834 Kabaw Valley Agreement, they handed over a large portion of this land to erstwhile Burma to appease the Ava or Burmese King. Although the apprehension was that a separate administration might germinate the Mizo National Front's (MNF) purported goal for a 'unification' of the areas inhabited by the Chin-Kuki-Mizo ethnic tribes, the fact is that over the years, the imaginary Kukiland has been scaled down to the hills of Manipur but includes the parts inhabited by the Naga tribes, who have no love lost for the Kuki-Zo. The MNF rules Mizoram and is an ally of the BJP. But that did not stop Mizoram CM Zoramthanga from recently addressing a solidarity march for Manipur's victims, signifying that the fault-lines criss-crossing the North-East transcended geographical boundaries and political allegiances. Conversely, the arguments stacked up in favour of extending the Sixth Schedule to the hills

emanated from the limited representation that the tribes have in the Manipur legislature (out of 60 seats, only 19 were reserved for the STs), which marginalised their voices and diminished their influence in policymaking.

The uneven presence allowed the Meitei-majority government to introduce Bills that impacted tribes' rights and interests, the most recent act of which was to declare tribal areas as reserved forests and protected lands without proper statutory compliance. Therefore, the articulate voices from the Kuki-Zo community sought political autonomy for the tribes under Article 244A of the Constitution, which asks for an elected body to function as a legislature within a state, or in other words, as a state within a state.

In a scenario where the battle-lines have become irredeemably accentuated, it is hard to envisage the Kuki-Zo getting a fraction of what they sought in better times. However, it is edifying to recall that other states in a conflict-contagious zone eventually found workable solutions, which might not have entirely satisfied the dissatisfied, but in the circumstances allowed for a degree of give-and-take and some degree of coexistence with their adversaries.

In Assam, in the 1980s, the National Democratic Front of Bodoland sought the creation of an independent home for the Bodos, the largest ethnic grouping among

the state's plains tribes. The Bodos had reasons to feel browbeaten by the erstwhile Assam Gana Parishad dispensation, which pandered largely to the Hindu Assamese.

The Bodos were engaged in a long-drawn strife with the Assam Government to press home their demand for a 50-50 division of the state, which no government was willing to concede. The issue was flagged by the relatively peaceful All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU). Soon, two insurgent groups, the Bodo Liberation Tigers and the National Democratic Front of Bodoland, got into the act and clashed with the police and non-Bodos living in the area, inflicting serious casualties.

Eventually, a tripartite agreement between the Centre, the state government and the ABSU birthed the Bodoland Territorial Council, which endorsed the idea of a state within a state and administered a territory created by restructuring seven contiguous districts.

The Tribes laid down arms, while the front split into three factions, one of which exists as a throwback to a bloody past. But the council restored a veneer of normalcy to a once-troubled region.

Peace might be more elusive in Manipur, given the state's complicity in the ongoing bloodshed which has emboldened a large section of the civilians to persist with assaults and rapes. The flashpoint is long gone.

## Efforts to create chips ecosystem must persist

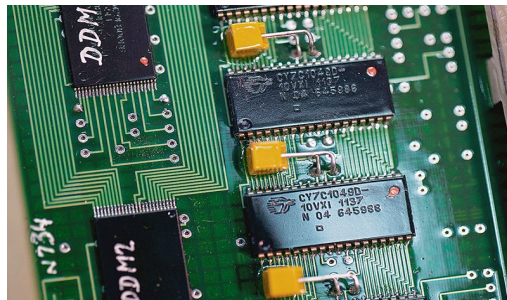
The path to India's goal of establishing a chip-producing ecosystem is rocky right now, with few offers of investment.

SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN

SEMICONDUCTORS came into the limelight when the world began recovering from the Covid lockdowns. Till then, the role of this tiny electronic component in the modern technological society was hazy for the general public. It turned out that the production of automobiles and a host of consumer electronics was being held up merely for want of a product known as a 'chip'. It also turned out that most of these chips were being produced in Taiwan, South Korea and China, where manufacturing had stalled due to the pandemic. It would take a while before output came back to normal and only then could the production of technologically advanced goods return to normal.

For the layman, a useful definition of semiconductors is that they allow electronic devices to process, store and receive information. The level of technology in them nowadays can be gauged by the US Semiconductor Industry Association's statement that a single chip has as many transistors as all of the stores in the Great Pyramid of Giza. And these are getting smaller, faster and cheaper every year.

The shortage of these tiny electronic parts was manifest in India initially by the slow pace of passenger car production just as demand was getting back to normal in 2021. Waiting periods for popular brands stretched for over six months for lack of chips. The disruption of global supply chains owing to the worldwide economic slowdown was a major reason for the chips output not reverting rapidly to the pre-pandemic levels.



Developed and developing countries alike soon recognised that the heavy dependence on just a few countries for producing chips endangered economic growth. India took its first step towards developing a new global supply chain in 2021 during the Quad summit when the Semiconductor Initiative was launched by member countries: India, the US, Japan and Australia. The aim was to utilise the strengths of each of them to forge a productive collaboration, leading to easier availability of semiconductors.

The US role was apparent as it is a significant player in semiconductors, with major integrated design manufacturers located in that country. Japan has its own strength in semiconduc-

tor manufacturing materials and chemicals while Australia has mineral resources critical for this industry. The value that India brought to the table was also considerable and comprised trained human capital. Experts say as much as 25 per cent of the world's design talent for semiconductors is already located in this country, largely in Bengaluru.

The next steps indicated that the government was determined to create a global hub for chips in this country. The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) was launched in December 2021 with incentives up to \$10 billion, though this number is not considered large for this capital-intensive industry. The drive to attract chips manufacturers was pushed further during

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent US visit when a memorandum of understanding was concluded for collaboration to create a supply chain for semiconductors.

The path to the goal of creating a chip-producing ecosystem, however, is looking rocky right now, with few firm offers to invest in this sector. The much-awaited \$19.5-billion joint venture project between Foxconn of Taiwan and Vedanta has been called off. Two other consortia have also shelved their plans for the time being. On the positive side, Micron Technologies has announced an investment of \$825 million to set up an assembly and packaging unit in Gujarat. And US chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices will invest \$400 million to set up its largest design centre in India.

But the real big players have not yet made any firm commitments, though a lot of enthusiasm was shown at the recently concluded Semicon India conference. The fact is that India may now be showing commitment to becoming a semiconductor hub, but it has made several costly mistakes in the past. Offers were made by chip major Intel as far back as 1969, when the company's co-founder visited this country to explore investment opportunities. The government was not prepared for a large production unit. Intel made another attempt, reportedly in 2005, to set up a multi-billion dollar chip manufacturing facility, but apparently, there was too much delay in the response to the proposal. Now India may be ready, but Intel is not in a hurry.

It would not be fair, however, to imply that the previous governments lacked the vision to invest in cutting-edge technology like semicon-

ductors. It was the Indira Gandhi government in 1976 that approved the establishment of Semiconductor Complex Limited in the public sector. It was launched in Mohali in 1984, much before Taiwan, South Korea or China had entered this sector. By all accounts, the venture came to a premature end with a 'mysterious' fire destroying the plant in 1989. It took eight long years for it to reopen and become the Semiconductor Lab, producing components for the country's space programme. It is now proposed to be revamped as a brownfield chips project as part of the ISM.

It is clear that urgent attention was not paid earlier to India's enough need to develop sophisticated technological manufacturing skills.

The mistakes of the past, no doubt, haunt experts in this sector as any initiative taken now will take a while to come to fruition. Countries like Taiwan and South Korea, for instance, took decades to develop their chips ecosystem. It must also be recognised that most of the leading chip-making countries today were given massive financial and policy support by their governments. Clearly, Indian policymakers are trying to follow a similar pattern in terms of providing incentives and subsidies to both foreign and domestic companies in this sector. So far, the progress is slow, though there are reports of several proposals in the pipeline. Even so, these efforts need to be continued as creating a semiconductor ecosystem will lead to faster economic development in the long run. India needs to leverage its strengths in high technology and make this happen.



# The Kerala Story's Adah Sharma hospitalised, diagnosed with diarrhoea and food allergy

Actor Adah Sharma, best known for her leading turn in The Kerala Story, has been hospitalised on Wednesday. The actor was diagnosed with severe diarrhoea and food allergy, according to a statement by a source close to the actor. Adah is awaiting the release of Commando, the spin-off series of the action film franchise, this month.

Adah Sharma hospitalised  
Adah was rushed to a hospital on Wednesday morning as her health deteriorated considerably. The actor, who is currently gearing up to begin promotions for Commando, started to vomit in the morning. She has been diagnosed with severe diarrhoea and food allergy, and is currently under observation.

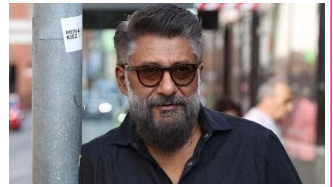
Statement on her health  
As per a statement given by a source close to the actor, "She came down with a severe burst of stress hives and diarrhoea today morning. Currently, she is under observation." In Commando, Adah will be seen reprising the role of Bhavana Reddy. She will be the connecting factor between the film and the series. In the series, she will be starting with debutant Prem. Speaking about the series that will release on August 11, Adah said, "I've played Bhavana Reddy in Commando 2 and 3. Wherever there is a Commando being made in the world Bhavana Reddy will be there even if it's for a few seconds but she will make sure she's there! Bhavana is the connecting factor between



the OTT commando and the film." Apart from Prem and Adah, it also stars Amit Sial, Tigmathu Dhulia, Shreya Chaudhary, and Manini Chaddha. Adah was last seen in Sudipto Sen's The

Kerala Story. Made on a budget of 40 crore, The Kerala Story amassed over 300 crore in domestic and overseas collections and recently completed 50 days in theatres.

## Vivek Agnihotri talks about 'lonely deaths' in films after Nitin Desai's death by suicide: 'Addiction to fame, money'



Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri penned a long note on Twitter and opened up about Bollywood. Titled 'Lonely death of Bollywood', the note said one can get away with anything - murder, terrorism, rape or drunk driving. However, it all comes crashing down with time when one becomes irrelevant. He called it a 'dark tunnel' by hinting at those who decide to end their lives.

Vivek Agnihotri on Bollywood  
Vivek wrote, "It's a world where however successful you become, in the end, you are only a loser. In the end, everything is around you but nothing with you. For you, by you. Everything comes fast... fame, glory, money, fans, sycophants... covers, ribbons, women, affairs... everything you can associate with success, you get here. Also, Bollywood frees you from any kind of moral or ethical pressures. You can get away with murder, terrorism, rape or drunk driving."

"Once money comes, it pours. You have always been a middle class. You don't know what to do with this money. You invest big. Because people you trust, advise you to do so. What nobody tells is that in this bad world, never ever trust anyone."

Slowly, new generation comes. You start becoming irrelevant. But your addiction to fame, money and relevance is so acute that you start demanding it. More you demand, more you become isolated. It's a dark tunnel in which you just keep falling alone," Vivek continued.

# Jailer Showcase: Rajinikanth stuns in an action avatar, takes down goons with a menacing smile

The official trailer of Superstar Rajinikanth's Jailer is here. Titled Jailer Showcase, the makers released the highly awaited trailer of Nelson Dillipkumar's Jailer on Wednesday evening. Marking his first film in two years, the trailer gave a glimpse of the return of Rajinikanth, who promises a full action-packed entertainer.

Jailer Showcase  
The trailer begins with a shot of a bunch of cars being blown apart by a number of men aiming from afar. The scene then cuts to introduce Rajinikanth's character, who is named 'Tiger'



Muthavel Pandian. He presents himself as a humble, soft-spoken guy who has a separate personality that is kept hidden from his family and the people around him. But when needed, he can

take down the bad guys in a matter of seconds with his sword. As he flashes his smile after slashing the goons, the title card introduces him as Superstar Rajni.

A brief glimpse of Jackie Shroff The Showcase then gives a glimpse of a terrifying Jackie Shroff as he threatens Rajinikanth on a phone call. As Rajinikanth prepares to take down the goons by slashing them mercilessly. The trailer ends with him armed with a bunch of men guarding him as he walks ahead in slow motion and adjusts his sunglasses. Jailer also stars Ramya Krishnan, Tamannaah and Vinayakan in

supporting roles.  
Fan reactions

Fans reacted to the trailer and added to the comments. One said, "Repeat mode (fire emotions) can't wait for August 10." Another said, "Three Things Are Goosebumps In The Trailer, 1. Super Star Rajinikanth Action 2. Rajinikanth Look 3. Cinematography & BGM." A comment read, "47 years industry. Man is still pulling crowds to theaters, MAGNETIC power. One and Only THALAIVAR." Another comment read, "That transformation moment with the smile (red heart emotions) Goosebumps!"

## Sobhita Dhulipala on prejudice against actors from modelling background They're called glam dolls

Actor Sobhita Dhulipala says she always had a deep respect for performing arts, which is why she wants to debunk the notion in the film industry that actors with modelling background are just 'glam dolls'.

The actor, who has featured in varied projects such as 'Made in Heaven' series and Mani Ratnam's two-part magnum opus 'Ponniyin Selvan', said her aim has always been to look for complex parts.

"When I started out... I was aware that people know that I come from a modelling background, I was a Miss India. And there is a prejudice against them, that they are glam dolls and they can't perform."

"So, I was mindful that I should pick parts that allowed me scope for performance. A lot of my initial decisions were driven by that. I have a deep respect for performing arts and I want to do a good job, and be better every day," the 31-year-old actor told PTI in an interview.

Born in Tenali, Andhra Pradesh, Dhulipala was the first runner-up at the Femina Miss India 2013 beauty pageant. She later represented India at Miss Earth 2013 in the Philippines.

The actor made her acting debut with Anurag Kashyap's 'Raman Raghav 2.0' in 2016 and later followed it up with movies 'Chef' and 'Kaalakaandi'. She found critical acclaim for her performance in Prime Video series 'Made in Heaven', in which she played the role of Tara Khanna, a wedding planner.

Besides her work in Hindi movies and shows, Dhulipala also ventured in the South film market where she featured in 'Goodachari' (Telugu), 'Moothan' (Malayalam) and bilingual movie 'Major'.

"I did not find mainstream opportunities in the very beginning so I was doing work that was coming my way and picking what was best from the lot. But I felt belonging to a variety of canvas was an opportunity to be visible to larger junta and build stories."

# Kalki Koechlin says ex-husband Anurag Kashyap taught her Hindi swear words

Kalki Koechlin will be next seen in Made In Heaven Season 2. In a new interview with Mashable India, the actor opened up about how she learnt about Hindi swear words from director Anurag Kashyap. The actor made her feature film debut with Anurag Kashyap's Dev D and was also married to him.

About Made in Heaven 2

Kalki Koechlin got married to Anurag in 2011, but the couple got divorced in 2015, after announcing their separation in 2013. Kalki is now gearing up for the release of the highly-awaited Made in Heaven Season 2. The Zoya Akhtar show stars an ensemble cast of Sobhita Dhulipala, Arjun Mathur, Jim Sarbh, Shashank Arora and Shivani Raghuvanshi.

Made In Heaven 2 will premiere on August 10. Kalki says Anurag taught her Hindi swear



words

In a new interview with Mashable India, Kalki was asked if she uses swear words and which one is her favourite. She laughed at the question and then went on to share an anecdote.

She said, "I remember when I first bonded with Anurag, we were drinking a few whiskeys together, and he taught

me swear words." Kalki then gave a few examples of some of the swear words she had learnt.

She also added, "I am not sure if Anurag taught me that or Ranbir Kapoor. Somebody taught me this one which was quite nasty."

Kalki then clarified that these are 'basics' when one learns a new language. She said, "This is

fun for entertainment, but I do not use it for actual conversation."

Upcoming projects  
Kalki is currently shooting in Portugal. The actor took to Instagram to share a couple of pictures from her day and wrote in the caption: "Shooting in Portugal. Missing my daughter like crazy. Loving the sun here. Missing out on MIH promotions. Happy to be working on a film set after ages. Counting the days till I go home."

The actor and her Israeli boyfriend Guy Hershey welcomed daughter Sappho in February 2020. Apart from Made in Heaven 2, Kalki also has the film Goldfish lined for release later this month. Also starring Deepthi Naval, Goldfish has both the actors play a mother and daughter duo. It is directed by Pushan Kripalani and presented by Anurag Kashyap. It will be released on August 25.

## Guns & Gulaabs trailer: Dulquer Salmaan, Rajkumar Rao, Gulshan Devaiah populate Raj & DK's quirky world



Director duo Raj & DK are back with their second series of this year. After Prime Video India's Farzi, The Family Man directors are coming up with Netflix India's Guns & Gulaabs, yet another signature crime comedy series. The trailer unveiled on Wednesday paints a typical quirky world by Raj & DK.

What's Guns & Gulaabs?  
Guns & Gulaabs is set in the early '90s in the unpredictable and precarious town called Gulaabganj. The series is an ode to Bollywood in the '90s, bringing back the charms of the decade. The genre-blending series intertwines romance, comedy, action, pulp, thrill, and twists, with young adult themes, unlike anything you've witnessed before. The trailer was launched at a packed media event in New Delhi today by the stellar cast and dynamic director duo.

Guns & Gulaabs paints a wild, wild world in cinematic scope where a high stakes deal unfolds. Against the backdrop of comedic power struggles and revenge plots, the Netflix series blends genres as it follows a lovestruck mechanic, a reluctant heir to a ruling gang and an honest officer-turned-agent-of-chaos. Adding to this, a trio of schoolmates experience the sweet innocence that comes with growing up in a small town, replete with heartbreaks, betrayal, and a world of firsts.

Who is in Guns & Gulaabs?  
Created by the ingenious duo Raj & DK, Guns & Gulaabs bears their original comedy signature throughout. The series boasts a dynamic cast, including Rajkumar Rao, Dulquer Salmaan, Adarsh Gaur, T.J. Bharu, Gulshan Devaiah and the late Satish Kaushik. The ensemble brings to life the creators' vision in fun, new avatars.

# Ayushmann Khurana on delivering three box office duds: 'The timing was not right'

Ayushmann Khurana has three consecutive box office duds to his name as he gears up for the release of his new film Dream Girl 2. Asked about any pressure he may be feeling, Ayushmann has told News18 in an interview that the timing of the previous films was not right. He also cited the example of Lamhe.

Ayushmann's past films  
Ayushmann has had last four releases - Anek, Doctor G, and an Action Hero - which did not perform well at the box office

## AYUSHMANN KHURANA TALKS ABOUT THE BOX OFFICE FAILURES OF HIS PREVIOUS FILMS - HE HAS DELIVERED THREE BACK-TO-BACK DUDS WITH ANEK, DOCTOR G AND AN ACTION HERO.

and failed to rake in profits for the producers. While Anek and Doctor G talked about social issues, an Action Hero was a typical Bollywood entertainer that also garnered good reviews.  
Right time for films  
Asked if he felt any pressure for box office performance, Ayushmann told the news channel, "It is all about being at the right time and the right

place. It's like a jigsaw puzzle and you need to fit in. I feel the timing (of these films) was not right."  
At the same time, I believe all these films have been well received and it is also about longevity. All these films will get their due. For example, when Lamhe was released, it didn't work but it is one of our favourite films."  
Asked about his setup in the

upcoming film, Ayushmann joked, "Ekta is a smart producer and she got the work of hero and heroine from one person and this time it is my aspiration to be nominated in the Best Actress category (laughs)."  
He then added that on a serious note, the get was not too difficult as all he had to do was lose a bit of weight. He also said that losing weight was easy thanks to his metabolism.

Ayushmann's respect for women and his female co-actors went 'really high' after he worked on the movie.  
Dream Girl 2  
The upcoming film Dream Girl 2 is a sequel to Ayushmann's 2019 film Dream Girl. He essayed the role of a man who impersonates a woman and earns money by talking to men in his female voice.



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## Fitness apps for your home workouts



Sitting at home for months has made people shift everyday fitness to virtual or online programmes. Here's a list of a few digital fitness platforms to help you reach your fitness goal from the comfort of your home.

### TREAD

Is an online fitness start-up that connects the country's top trainers and fitness experts with fitness enthusiasts and individuals free of cost. It covers Yoga to Zumba and Running to HIIT, allowing users to create their own schedules and ensure uninterrupted fitness training at home or on the road with the app. It organises interactive group workout sessions with live trainers, leading to trainer empowerment and incorporating the concept of working out 'Anytime, Anywhere'.

### GOQI

GOQI's smart health ecosystem

integration tools for real-time personalised coaching, a health e-commerce store, scheduling doctor appointments, and a unique 'GOQI Cash' programme where healthy behaviour is rewarded with cash discounts and insurance discounts. The smart-tech-enabled startup already had a pre-existing platform of live videos (GOQI Play), e-commerce (GOQI store), and doctor consultations.

### Curefit

At curefit, one makes group workouts fun, daily food healthy & tasty, mental fitness easy with yoga and meditation, and medical and lifestyle care hassle-free. These guided workouts at curefit includes bodyweight exercises that will strengthen the midsection, burn belly fat, and help improve your overall fitness.

### Daily Yoga

Daily Yoga inspires yogis worldwide with the largest yoga pose base. It helps one practice yoga on all mobile devices and multi-platforms. It has more than 100 yoga and meditation classes to help people from all levels. A whole series of beginner-friendly tutorials to help you find a different and better self in only 2 weeks. Most of them are between three to sixty minutes, and it's designed for both beginners and professionals.

If you are looking to incorporate yoga into your weight loss or staying fit program, the programs are designed for exactly that.

### Twelless App

Based in Bologna, Italy, Technogym's new fitness app TV, (Twelless), helps users access specialised sessions conducted by master trainers at Technogym, across the globe. Technogym also offers a complete range of products for home fitness based on the space available, training needs, sport passions, or home interior style.

### 30 Day Fitness

The name of this app is quite relevant as this fitness app has the personalised 30-day challenges to help you achieve your goals of being more active, lose weight, or gain muscle. This app has 400-odd individual fitness workouts that are designed to be done at home or pretty much anywhere. These workouts are named after different cities of the world and under each city, there's a particular set of workouts to be completed.

## Research: Good diet, glucose uptake in brain lead to longer life in fruit flies

Researchers from Tokyo Metropolitan University have discovered that fruit flies with genetic modifications to enhance glucose uptake have significantly longer lifespans.

Looking at the brain cells of ageing flies, they found that better glucose uptake compensates for age-related deterioration in motor functions, and led to a longer life. The effect was more pronounced when coupled with dietary restrictions. This suggests healthier eating plus improved glucose uptake in the brain might lead to enhanced lifespans.

The brain is a particularly power-hungry part of our bodies, consuming 20% of the oxygen we take in and 25% of the glucose. That's why it's so important that it can stay powered, using the glucose to produce adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the "energy courier" of the body.



This chemical process, known as glycolysis, happens in both the intracellular fluid and a part of cells known as the mitochondria. But as we get older, our brain cells become less adept at making ATP, something that broadly correlates with less glucose availability. That might suggest that more food for more glucose might actually be a good thing. On the other hand, it is known that a healthier diet actually leads to a longer life. Unravelling the mystery surrounding these two contradictory pieces of

hGut3. Amazingly, this increase in glucose uptake was all that was required to significantly improve the amount of ATP in cells.

More specifically, they found that more hGut3 led to less decrease in the production of the enzymes, counteracting the decline with age. Though this did not lead to an improvement in age-related damage to mitochondria, they also suffered less deterioration in locomotor functions. But that's not all. In a further twist, the team put the flies with enhanced glucose uptake under dietary restrictions, to see how the effects interact. Now, the flies had even longer lifespans.

Curiously, the increased glucose uptake did not actually improve the levels of glucose in brain cells. The results point to the importance of not just how much glucose there is, but how efficiently it is used once taken into cells to make the energy the brain needs.

## BIRD FLU SCARE: LUCKNOWITES LOOK FOR VEG OPTIONS!

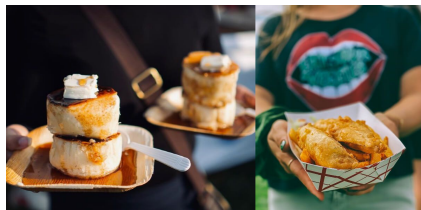
As we continue to battle corona virus outbreak, the recent bird flu scare is adding to the woes of non-vegetarian food lovers in Lucknow. Cases reported in Kanpur zoo and some other parts of India have made chicken and egg lovers wary and this is resulting on the sale of non-vegetarian food products. Despite message issued by doctors, veterinary scientists and concerned department about consumption of 'fully-cooked' chicken-egg is safe, people are still going for vegetarian options which are available in winters in abundance.

Protein options for fitness freaks National-level body builder Ravish Ahmed says taking care of safety measure he is consuming eggs and chicken but lot of his gym buddies are abstaining from poultry products. "There are a lot of options for fitness freaks and body builders to fulfil their requirement of protein diet. Stuff like isolated protein, whey, milk, soya, paneer and pulses are good enough for those who want to avoid eggs and chicken.

### Vegetarian options

Lucknow-based nutritionist Uzma Afsar, who herself has turned vegetarian since a few months now said, "It's winter and it's the best season to savour veggies which are available in abundance. As far as protein is concerned one can have soya, panner, pulses, grams and other milk products. When you eat these they act as a multiplier to protein."

Shunning non-veg for now Chef Shaam Qureshi reports that since last three days orders of chicken dishes have completely dried.



"Barring one order of chicken biryani yesterday all my orders have been for mutton products. Earlier, consumption of chicken was manifold. I have also added some more varieties of mutton dishes but I feel are avoiding non-vegetarian dishes largely." Chef M Rehman who runs a non-vegetarian restaurant in Indira Nagar says it's a double whammy for them after coronavirus. He adds that sale has come down by 40%.

Corporate chef Saurabh Sinha says that at their restaurants, patrons are opting for mutton and fish cuisines. "In our banquet books those who have pre-booked parties have come up with new menu requests. While some have gone for complete vegetarian menu other have tweaked their line-up and opted for fish and mutton delicacies instead of chicken ones. Though we procure our poultry from standardized suppliers but due to the scare we are going by what customers are asking."

This too will pass! Tanveer Ahmed who runs a prominent food joint on Rana

Pratap Marg says people are avoiding non-vegetarian items for the time-being. "We saw the scare when we opened after lockdown but gradually it picked up. Bird flu scare is not new and it's natural for people to feel anxious. This is definitely reflecting in our sales which have gone down by 40-60%. It's not only for chicken but I feel people are avoiding non-veg food for the time being. Like before, I'm sure, this too shall pass and everyone will relish poultry products like before," he said.

Cook at right temperatures More than consuming cooked poultry products it's important to follow proper safety measures while procuring and preparing chicken. "Bacteria and viruses cannot resist the temperature above 70 degree celsius. And chicken or egg is generally cooked at much higher temperature that means there is no chance of the survival of the H5N1 virus that is known for transmitting bird flu," said Mahesh Chandra, joint director extension education and co-ordinator communication centre, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly.

## Ayurvedic solutions for personal care

A new solution-based personal care range, 'Clovia Botanica', was launched, especially for mothers. The products are based on Ayurvedic formulation comprising of oils, body butters, face washes, face masks, shampoos, conditioners, and serums that offer solutions for problems faced during and post-pregnancy such as hair-fall, tired/dull skin, stretch marks, dryness, acne as well as stress. Suited to all skin types, the products are pH-controlled plant-based remedies, making it safe to be around babies and therefore, apt for new mothers and pregnant women, said



a spokesperson for the company. The products are toxins, paraben or sulphate free and enriched with active ingredients derived from Moringa, Argan, Patouchali, Aloe Vera, Jasmine oil, Lavender, Jobabai, Olive Saffron,

we aim to extend Clovia's problem solving expertise to our user's skin and hair as well. Over the years, we have received a great response from our customers across categories including lingerie, activewear, or nightwear and we are hoping to delight our customers with our new personal care range as well. The entire range is made with natural ingredients and uses Ayurvedic formulations. It is result-oriented targeting their key issues. We have taken utmost care to keep it safe for new mothers." The products are available at [www.clovia.com](http://www.clovia.com) and Clovia's retail outlets starting from Rs 399.

## Easy Mocktails to try at home

Winters call for some warm exotic dishes, but what about the drinks?

Not settle for your usual soft drinks when you can prep-up for something fancy in little to no time!

As we enter the new year, why not add some lip-smacking healthy mocktails to the list?

Yes, with a pinch of the fruity element, your mocktails can be safe and healthy! The key is to use high-quality ingredients and fresh fruit pulp. Most of these mocktails require similar ingredients like lime juice, mint leaves, ice cubes, soda, or sparkling water. And trust us; it's as easy as you could think of! So, make a toast, with these easy-peasy mock-

tails, shared by Kimaay Health, DNI Farms.

Here's how to go about it in 4 simple steps:

- Muddle the fruit and lime juice with a few mint leaves

- Pour the mixture in a glass with 2-3 ice cubes, and honey if needed

- Add soda or sparkling water to the brim and mix

- Garnish them with a fruit slice and mint leaves to make them festive ready!

Some of the fruits that go well are:

Peppy Pomegranate Goes perfectly with the winter vibe as the blend of mango with soda looks splendid for a celebration drink. Along with pomegranate juice, you can also throw in a few seeds to

garnish and add sweetness to your mocktails.

The best part is that you don't need any added sugar as the natural flavour of pomegranate makes it a wonderful delight!

Tangy Orange

In this citrusy mocktail, you can mix up multiple citrus fruits to flavour up

the taste. Oranges are abundant during winter, so make full use of this tangy winter fruit! The fresh orange pulp is a healthier escape from your regular soft drinks or alcohol. A thin slice of orange on the brim will surely make it an insta-worthy click!

Blissful Blueberry

Go all blue with your winter theme! The deli-

cious blueberries have always been a sweet delight. Crush and blend them into a smooth mixture. This is something new that you can easily try for your next family get-together. Pair it up with blueberry cheesecake and get into the celebration mode!

Cucumber lemonade

While cucumbers are most adored in summers for their cooling effect and they also make a refreshing drink during the winters.

The freshness of cucumbers with lime soda is surely something you wouldn't want to miss. Don't just slide them into your salads, instead turn them into a sweet fresh mocktail!

## Fast food restaurant proximity likely doesn't affect children's weight: Study

A new paper in Q Open finds that the availability of fast-food restaurants on the route between children's houses and their schools does not affect children's weight.

Reducing the rate of childhood obesity is a top public health priority in the United States where obesity rates are 18.4% for these ages 6-11 and 20.6% for those ages 12-19. Childhood obesity is a documented risk-factor for negative physical and mental health outcomes. Obese children are also more likely to become obese adults and suffer associated health problems.

Researchers have proposed that the accessibility of affordable healthy food options may be an important determinant of childhood weight. Many public health figures are concerned about the role of fast-

food restaurants on food consumption and resulting in obesity in children.

Local governments in the United States have the power to influence children's food options through the zoning process. Several cities, including Austin, Texas, and New York, have considered banning fast-food restaurants near schools.

This article investigates the effect of fast-food availability on childhood weight outcomes by gender, race, and location. The researchers used a novel identification strategy based on changes in fast food exposure along the route between home and school that occur as students progress through the public school system and transition to different types of schools, e.g., from elementary schools to intermediate schools or from intermediate



schools to high schools. The location of student residences. The researchers identified fast-food restaurants on the route between children's houses and their schools. Fast food restaurants included the major hamburger chains and drive-in restaurants (e.g.

McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's), dairy stores with large fast-food menus (e.g., Dairy Queen), take-out pizza establishments, quick-service taco places (e.g., Taco Bell), Sandwich delicatessens (e.g., Subway, Quiznos), and fried chicken restaurants (e.g., KFC, Chick-Fil-A). The researchers excluded specialty stores such as ice-cream parlours not selling other fast foods (e.g., Baskin-Robbins), coffee shops (e.g., Starbucks), and doughnut shops (e.g., Krispy Kream).

Using a radius of a one-half mile to define exposure near home and school, the mean total exposure level is 3.34 restaurants. The majority of children in the sample had zero exposure within 0.5 miles of home (69.6%). In contrast, 45.2% of children have at least one fast-food restaurant located within 0.5 miles

of their school.

Researchers then measured changes in fast-food exposure as students changed schools as a result of a natural progression through the school system over time, for example, the change from elementary school to junior high school, and thus had different exposure to fast-food restaurants.

The researchers found that changes in exposure have no effect on BMI z-score.

For example, increasing fast-food exposure by three restaurants moving from 4th to 10th grade increased the mean change in BMI by .003, less than one per cent (0.7%) of the standard deviation.

Ultimately the researchers found no meaningful association between fast-food exposure along the route to school and BMI.



# Secy Revenue interacts with newly posted Tehsildars

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JAMMU, AUGUST 02: Secretary, Revenue, Dr. Piyush Singla today held an interaction with newly posted Tehsildars through video conferencing at Civil Secretariat here.

During the interaction, Dr. Singla gave a brief outline of the online services of the department to the Tehsildars, a major initiative towards good governance and ease of convenience to the citizens.

He informed the Tehsildars that the department is providing 29 online services including Fard, Mutation, Land Pass Book, CLU, Property Card, Extract of



Jamabandi/Girdawri, Domicile Certificate, registration of documents etc through <https://web.umang.gov.in/> and <https://insangamjk.gov.in/> and <https://krevenue.nic.in/> portals and most of these services are covered under PSGA, 2011. The Secretary highlighted that

Revenue department has switched over to delivery of online services to the public which has resulted into less public interface and speedy disposal of the services viz-a-viz decline to corrupt practices. He further said that there is a monitoring mechanism to check

the disposal via a viz pendancy. Therefore, the chair exhorted the officers to acquaint with the system, the process of disposal of service on the portal, track on each service/ application as per the timelines.

Regarding PSGA, Dr. Singla said that all the services provided by the Revenue department have been notified under Public Services Guarantee Act and there are timelines fixed for disposal of services covered under PSGA. He asked them to ensure all the services are displayed in Tehsil Officers/Niabats/Patwar Khana along with name of service, competent authority and timelines for disposal of such services.

Dr. Singla further apprised the officers to hold regular revenue courts, file the objections/response in the court cases wherever pending, hold grievance redressal camps in the field and attest the pending mutation as well.

He exhorted upon Tehsildars who are at the cutting edge of the administration, to dispose off all the applications within the PSGA Timelines and also extend hand-holding to the citizens by organizing camps in villages/ Panchayats/Khidmat Centres to encourage them to avail all services through online mode without any physical interface with revenue offices.

# Girdawar placed under suspension at Jammu

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JAMMU, AUGUST 02: In a resolute display towards zero tolerance on corruption in the delivery of public services, Girdawar, Vijay Kumar, has been placed under suspension for issuing fraudulent revenue extracts.

Following a revelation that mother-son duo in collusion with revenue officials, deceitfully not only sold a property to two different individuals in the Bakshi Nagar area of Jammu city but also raised bank loan against this sold out property, Anti-Corruption Bureau took note of this act.

After thorough investigation conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, it was found that the then Patwari nor Girdawar, was issuing fards in collusion with the private beneficiaries.

This act also resulted in financial losses for both the buyers and the institutions involved in the transaction. An FIR has been lodged under relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Sanvat 2006, as well as sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468, and 471 of the IPC. The Anti-Corruption Bureau's inquiry has also prompted the initiation of a departmental action against the accused.

# School Education Department Organizes Distribution cum Fitment Camp for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in Poonch

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POONCH, AUGUST 02: In a heartening and inclusive effort, the Department of School Education, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) based in Kanpur, under the aegis of SAMAGRA Shiksha organized a Distribution cum Fitment Camp for children with special needs (CWSN) in the Auditorium of Degree College Poonch here today.

The camp was organised to empower 202 identified Children With Special Needs studying in government schools in Poonch district. The event was graced by the presence of Mohd Ashraf Choudhary, the Joint Director of School Education for Poonch and Rajouri, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Choudhary expressed his delight and highlighted the significance of inclusive education. He emphasized



that every child, regardless of their abilities, deserves an equal opportunity to receive quality education and be an active participant in society.

In Poonch district 202 children with diverse abilities have been identified to receive assistive devices that cater to their specific needs. In today's camp Over 35 students received assistive devices and essential equipment such as wheelchairs, hearing Aids, Tricycles, Walkers, Braille Kits, KAFO (Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis), MR (Mental Retardation) kits, CP (Cerebral Palsy) chairs, and cane sticks. These devices

not just a concept but a commitment for creating an environment where every child, regardless of their abilities, is embraced and empowered to learn and grow together. He added

N. M. Suri, The District Education and Planning Officer Poonch (DEPO), emphasized the importance of early intervention and timely support for children with special needs and this Distribution cum Fitment Camp marks the beginning of a series of such camps planned for Poonch district. With a total of six camps scheduled, many more children with special needs are set to benefit from the distribution of essential assistive devices. The camp was coordinated by Mushtaq Khan, District Co-ordinator Inclusive Education Poonch, Sauda Begum Resource Person, Darshan Kumar, (DRG) District Resource Person and Tehsil Ali, DEO.

Bishamber Dass, Chief Education Officer Poonch, speaking on the occasion underscored the significance of inclusivity in the education system. Dass reiterated the commitment of the Education Department to ensuring that every student, including those with special needs, receives adequate resources and support to achieve their academic and personal goals. Inclusive Education is

# ADC Doda Reviews Arrangements for Youth Conclave/Lal Draman Summer Festival

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DODA, AUGUST 02: The district administration Doda, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, is working diligently to ensure the success of the upcoming Youth Conclave/ Lal Draman summer festival. Today, Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, paid a visit to Lal Draman Doda to oversee the final preparations for the event scheduled for August 5 and 6.

During his visit, the Additional Deputy Commissioner met with various officers and officials from different departments to assess the arrangements for the two-day summer festival.

He emphasized the need for swift action and directed all concerned departments to expedite their work without any delays. The Public Health Engineering (PHE) department was particularly directed to ensure complete arrangements for water supply and safe drinking water for the public and visitors attending the festival.

ADC Doda also oversaw the arrangements for tents and lighting, ensuring a comfortable and well-lit environment for festival-goers. Furthermore, he inspected the newly constructed link road leading to Lal Draman and urged the responsible officers to speed up the road's completion to ensure hassle-free connectivity to the festival venue. The Power Development Department (PDD) was also directed to ensure the proper functioning of the lighting system during the festival.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC Doda, ACP Doda, and General Manager DIC Doda during his visit. With these dedicated efforts and meticulous planning, the district administration is gearing up to make the Lal Draman summer festival a memorable and successful event for all attendees.

# DC Ramban inspects vulnerable spots at NH-44, directs concerned to ensure free flow of traffic movement



RAMBAN, AUGUST 02: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today inspected progress on prestigious National Highway-44 projects from Ramban to Nashri being executed by the National Highway Authority of India, besides reviewing the status of existing roads especially at critical spots.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Traffic, National Highway, Ramban, Rohit Baskotra, Project Director, NHAI PIU, Ramban, Parshotam Kumar, Project Director, NHAI PIU, Udhampur, Anuj Kumar, Chief Education Officer, Devanand, Tehsildar Batote, Vijay Sharma, Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed and various concerned officers and representatives of the concessionaire companies.

Discussing the issues hindering the speed of traffic at Dhalwas and suggestions given by the SSP Traffic, the DC directed the executing agency to maintain the road at critical and other identified spots as discussed to avoid traffic congestion and for free flow of vehicular movement on NH-44 especially during ensuing fruit season.

After inspecting the spot position, the DC directed the construction companies to accelerate the pace of work on construction of cut and cover tunnel project, besides maintaining existing road for smooth plying of traffic at Mehar stretch. Resolving all the issues hindering the pace of progress highlighted by the PD, NHAI, the DC assured that District Administration shall extend full cooperation for timely completion of the National Project to meet the deadline.

Earlier, the DC also inspected progress on restoration work of culvert at Tringla Nallah in Batote and fixed a deadline for completion of construction work. He also impressed upon the PD, NHAI, PIU Udhampur to maintain the road from Patniot to Nashri for smooth traffic movement.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the functioning of Government High School, Dhalwas and directed CEO Ramban to depute adequate teaching staff to provide quality education to students in the school.

# DC Kathua presides over public outreach programme at Barnoti

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, AUGUST 02: Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas today presided over a Block Diwas at Kalla Palace, Barnoti as part of a public outreach programme of the district administration.

BDC Chairman Barnoti, Brijeshwar Singh, Chief Planning Officer, ACD, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Mineral Officer, Chief Education Officer, DSWO, XEN Jal Shakti, BDO and other officers and officials of line departments were also present. On the occasion, PRIs and



local populace projected the issues of public importance and sought immediate redress of the same. The major issues highlighted by the number of deputations including PRI representative was

provision of protection walls alongside river which caused devastation during recent incessant rain and flash floods. People of peripheral areas also highlighted the problems viz

scarcity of water, rejuvenation of Ponds, repair of handpump, provision of electric poles, pending MGNREGA payments, removal of encroachments etc.

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said the issues highlighted by PRIs and others will be addressed on priority. He further directed officers to submit action taken reports to headquarters. He assured full cooperation of the administration in resolution of all the highlighted issues.

Referring to the problem of drinking water scarcity highlighted by the inhabitants, the DC assured that the repair of

over 100 defunct handpumps has already been taken up by the administration which will improve the drinking water scenario in the affected areas.

Earlier, ACD Kathua while addressing the locals assured that the department of Rural Development will take up rejuvenation of water bodies with the active participation of locals.

Chief Agriculture Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, XEN Jal Shakti and representatives of other departments briefed people about their ongoing flagship schemes and programmes.

# DC Kishtwar inaugurates Amritsarovar at Panchayat Kuchhal B during Block Diwas Programme

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 02: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today visited Block Mughal maidan district Kishtwar, where he presided over the Block Diwas Programme to address the grievances of the people promptly. The highlight of the visit was the inauguration of the Amritsarovar at Panchayat Kuchhal B, constructed by RDD Block Mughal Maidan at a cost of 2 lakhs. Accompanying him were Vice-Chairperson DDC Kishtwar, Saima Shabir Lone, SDC Chatroo, Shokat Hayat Mattoo, ACD Kishtwar, Manoj Kumar, Tehsildar Mughal Maidan, Nayiem Iqbal Sheikh, DSWO Kishtwar, Zubair Ahmed Lone, BDO Mughal Maidan, Dherraj Bahadur, CEO Kishtwar Pehlad Bhagat, CAO Anjad

Hussain Malik, CHO, Sajid Mustafa, Panchayat Mentor, Dr. Nasir Ahmed, Principal HSS Kuchhal, C.R. Parihar, along with the field functionaries of RDD and other line departments and PRIs.

During the Block Diwas Programme held at HS Kuchhal, scores of people and PRIs from Panchayats Kuchhal A, B, and C actively participated and highlighted various grievances related to the upgradation of local infrastructure in the Health, Education, Power, Water, and Rural Development sectors.

The main demands included the establishment of NITPC in Kuchhal area, addressing staff shortages in HSS Kuchhal and the health sector, establishment of an Animal Husbandry Centre at Kuchhal, coverage of left-out beneficiaries under Awas Plus, sanctioning of a Solar Plant in

far-off areas of Kuchhal, timely payment under Material & MGNREGA Wages, provision of playfields in panchayats, construction of link roads to unconnected habitations, and the development of the tourism sector in the area. Deputy Commissioner patiently listened to the grievances and assured the PRIs that their concerns would be redressed in a time-bound manner. Several grievances were promptly addressed on the spot, in consultation with the concerned officers and officials of the respective departments. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of accountability and transparency in rural infrastructure development.

He urged the people to use the designated portal to access information about the works dedicated to their panchayats under dif-

ferent schemes. Additionally, he informed the masses about tourism capacity-building, training programs organized by the District administration in collaboration with KDA and the tourism department. The programs aim to enhance capacities and entrepreneurship skills among the youth in the area, offering opportunities for apprenticeship programs in the hospitality sector.

Addressing the shortage of staff in Health Centres and schools, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar directed the CMO and CEO Kishtwar to look into the matter and ensure proper rationalization of staff as per the need. He also assured the installation of a Solar Power Plant in areas facing electricity supply issues.

Furthermore, SDM Chatroo was instructed to prioritize the resolution of compensation

issues for the people. The CAO and CHO were directed to disseminate awareness about the schemes related to their departments through mass-mode awareness, educating farmers and orchardists about crop and fruit diseases.

ACD Kishtwar received instructions to prioritize the repair of canals under the MGNREGA and conduct engaging programs to raise awareness among the youth about self-employment opportunities.

As part of his visit, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar inaugurated the Amritsarovar constructed under MGNREGA at Panchayat Kuchhal B, symbolizing progress and development in the region. The administration is committed to addressing the concerns of the people and ensuring inclusive growth and development across Kishtwar district.

# V.C DDC Kupwara reviews progress of projects under SAMAGRA Shiksha



JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, AUG 2: The Vice Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir Wednesday convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of projects under SAMAGRA Shiksha in territorial DDC constituency Wavoor.

The Vice Chairman took work wise review of projects under SAMGRA Shiksha (2022-23 and 2023-24). He asked the concerned officers and Engineers to speed up the work on Allama Anwar Shah Stadium Kullgam so that this important project is completed well in time.

On the occasion, the Vice Chairman directed the concerned engineers to ensure completion of all ongoing projects within the stipulated time frame.

Vice Chairman directed concerned Tehsildars and BDOs to resolve the land disputes and other issues so that different projects under SAMAGRA A are executed well in time. ACD Kupwara, DY. CEO Kupwara, District Youth Service & Sports Officer and concerned ZEOs were present in the meeting.



# Preparations for 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign reviewed at Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, AUGUST 2: The Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori today chaired a meeting of DDC Members and BDC Chairpersons, here to review the preparations for conduct of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the district.

Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat were also present in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman impressed upon all the Council members to ensure



utmost coordination with the concerned departments in the district to make the Campaign successful.

Earlier, the ADC Kupwara gave a detailed PowerPoint

Presentation regarding the conduct of the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign in the district. He said every Panchayat will join in offering collective tribute to the Mitti of the motherland which

envisages remembering of brave hearts. Veer by erecting Memorial Plaque, taking the Panch Pran Pledge promising to nation building, renewing and replenishing Mother Earth by planting 75 saplings of long-lasting trees in each village, honouring Defense Personnel/CAPIs and state Police Personnel/Freeam Fighters and hoisting of National Flag, besides, singing of Rashttra Gaan.

The campaign website link [https://yuva.gov.in/meri\\_maati\\_mera\\_desh](https://yuva.gov.in/meri_maati_mera_desh) was also shared with the PRIs for keeping them selves updated.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, ADC Kupwara convened

a separate meeting of District/Sectoral Officers to review the progress of preparations made by the departments for conduct of the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign in the district.

On the occasion, the ADC got detailed feedback from various officers regarding their Plan of activities for smooth conduct of the Campaign. He asked the officers to make a Nodal Officer in each department for uploading work including updation of selfies on the website with proper specifications.

ADC, SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, District Officers, Principals GDCs and other concerned attended the meeting.

# Block Diwas: Public Outreach Camps held across Kulgam

Weekly outreach programme strengthens public-administration bond



JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, AUGUST 02: The District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in three blocks of the district at Devsar, Kulgam and D.H.Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

All the concerned officers of different departments remained available for people and listened to issues and grievances for early redressal during these grievances redressal camps.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat presided over the Outreach Camp at Kulgam and listened to the issues and grievances of people. People from Malvan, Nanibug, Matibug, Srandoo, Aamnoo, Qainoo and other areas participated in the camp and apprised the DC about their issues and grievances.

Delegations from various other areas also participated in the grievance redressal camp and apprised the chair about developmental requirements of their areas.

On the occasion, Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments. Earlier, ADC Mohammad Imran gave a detailed brief on action taken on grievances and issues raised during previous block diwas.

The weekly grievance redressal programme has gained popularity among the masses and has strengthened the grievances redressal mechanism and enhanced public-administration bond, said DC on the occasion.

# Pr Secy APD assesses performance of banks implementing CLS across J&K



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 02: Banks operating in Jammu and Kashmir need to work in tandem with Agriculture and Horticulture departments to achieve the targets set in various Credit Linked Schemes (CLS) of Agriculture Production Department (APD).

This was stated by Principal Secretary, APD, Shailendra Kumar while chairing the meeting to assess the performance of Banks operating in J&K regarding implementation of credit linked schemes of APD.

The meeting was attend-

ed by HODs of various departments, representatives from various banks and senior officials from line departments.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Secretary stressed upon the participants to develop synergy for effective implementation of the credit related schemes of APD to ensure that all the eligible farmers across the UT are benefited. "When we develop agricultural infrastructure in the UT or anywhere else, we are directly contributing to nation-building. Agriculture forms the fulcrum of our economy which makes it

very important for the line departments and banks to formulate a joint mechanism for implementation of credit-linked schemes related to agriculture production," Shailendra Kumar said. He highlighted that need of hour is to ensure that all 12 lac eligible farmers in the UT are covered under Kisan Credit Card Scheme through joint efforts of all stakeholders. Pitching for a simple and hassle-free system, the Principal Secretary said that from applying to sanctioning and subsequent disbursement, process has to be simple. He added that rejections need to be mini-

mized and hand-holding of aspiring borrowers need to be done so that benefits of all the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME), Agri Infrastructure Fund, High Density Plantation Scheme, among others reach to the eligible farmers.

He impressed upon Banks and line departments for disposal of pending on urgent basis besides calling for viable and quality Detailed Projects Reports (DPRs) by availing services of technically qualified resources. He also directed the line departments to ensure that pending mutations don't act as hindrance to processing of loan facilities.

On the occasion, the bank representatives and line departments assured the Principal Secretary that all the directions will be complied with besides putting in more and more efforts towards achieving the targets.

# DC kick-starts Wular Cup Cricket Tournament at Bandipora

Weekly outreach programme strengthens public-administration bond



JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad Wednesday inaugurated the Wular Cup Cricket Tournament at SK Sports Stadium Bandipora.

The event is being organised by Nishat Cricket Club in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

Dr. Owais, on the occasion, said that such events provide a platform for young cricketers to showcase their skills and nurture their passion for the sport. He encouraged the participants to imbibe the values of sportsmanship and fair play throughout the tournament. As many as 64 teams across the district are participating in the knockout basis event. Organisers on the occasion said that the event will be a grand celebration of cricket, attracting sports enthusiasts, supporters, and well-wishers from all walks of life.

The DC, on the occasion, addressed the youth about 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'. He informed that the campaign aims at creating a drug-free India.

He urged youth to actively participate in the movement, emphasizing that collective efforts are essential to build a healthier and drug-free Bandipora.

# DC reviews arrangements for conduct of two day Veshow Literary festival at Kulgam



JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, AUGUST 02: In order to discuss the necessary arrangements related to the conduct of two-day Veshow literary festival to be held on 7th and 8th of August 2023, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting of the concerned officers at DC Office, here.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various aspects of the arrangements related to the successful conduct of the two day festival besides various decisions were taken in the meeting and responsibilities were assigned to different departments.

The DC directed the concerned departments to work in right earnest to make timely arrangements. He also instructed the concerned officers to ensure adequate measures are taken for smooth conduct of literary programmes.

Dr. Bilal impressed upon all concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in time to ensure smooth and hassle free conduct of the festival and to work in close coordination to make this literary event a grand success.

ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, ACR, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, JDP Zahid Sajjad, SDM Noorabad, ACD, ACP, Principals from Degree Colleges, CEO, Executive Engineers from Jal Shakti, R&B, Tehsiladars, EOs and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

# DDC Kupwara reviews preparation for conduct of JJM Fortnight campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, AUGUST 02: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the preparations for conduct of 'Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Fortnight' campaign in the district.

It was informed in the meeting that the JJM campaign is aimed at building capacities of different stakeholders, especially local communities, to own, manage, operate and maintain water supply systems in villages.



On the occasion, the DDC stressed upon all the concerned officers to ensure utmost coordi-

nation for smooth and successful conduct of the JJM campaign across the district.

She directed the ACD Kupwara to ensure maximum coordination in conducting Special Gram Sabhas in all Panchayats so that awareness about JJM reaches to the grass-roots level.

Reviewing the progress of JJM in the district, the DDC stressed upon the concerned to prioritize the installation of tap water connection in Schools and Anganwadis Centres. The Dy. CEO was asked to share a list of schools which are yet to be connected.

During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held regard-

ing the smooth conduct of JJM IEC campaign in the district.

The DDC took a detailed review of the preparations to be made by the concerned officers which include inspection of JJM works by visiting officers, reporting of 100% FHC villages, certification of Har Ghar Jal reported villages through Special Gram Sabhas, installation of signages on all water supply schemes, identification of JJM Nodal Person from each village, making Field Testing Kit available in each village and conducting Special Gram Sabhas for discussing JJM.

# DC Pulwama chairs Public Outreach programme under Block Diwas at Sambora panchayat of block Pampore

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, AUGUST 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a public outreach camp as part of weekly Block Diwas programme at Sambora Panchayat of Block Pampore.

A large number of delegations from different Panchayats, besides scores of individuals attended the outreach programme and apprised the DC about the issues, grievances and demands including augmentation of power scenario, macadamization of rural roads, completion of pending development works, water shortage, strengthening medical infrastructure, settlement of revenue records, etc. During the Public hearing, deputation from Panchayat sambora apprised

the DC about the issue of land requirements for upgrading the school building at sambora. The locals said that the school building is in dilapidated conditions and there is urgent need for transferring adjacent land for construction of a fresh school building. Further DC was also apprised that due to wrong entries in revenue records people are facing difficulties in getting proper revenue extracts and records. Visiting delegations also raised issues regarding the provision of various services like revenue extracts, domicile certificates, caste certificates, dependency certificates, registration for various individual benefit schemes including social Security schemes before the DC.

After giving patient hearing, the DC issued instant directions to CEO Pulwama to project the demand for school building in next year's Plan and in the meantime Tehsildar concerned will process the preparation of land transfer for the same.

Regarding wrong revenue entries, Tehsildar was directed to submit a factual report through ADC Awantipora within weeks time. He also directed ADC Awantipora to sit with the elders of the village and ensure the land identification in time bound manner for various projects.

On the issue of construction of the marriage Hall, DC asked Tehsildar to identify suitable pieces of land and urged PRI, BDC & DDC members to pool funds from Area Dev. grants for its construction under Convergence with MGNREGA resources. Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized the importance of creating a mass

movement against drug abuse. He said that people should be made aware of the hazards of drug abuse and elaborate efforts are required to identify drug peddlers and their continuities along with reporting of drug abuse cases to make the region drug free. Dr. Basharat also inspected the stalls installed by different departments and enquired about the benefits/schemes being provided by these

departments to the general masses. On the occasion, the DC handed over Golden Cards to various beneficiaries. He also handed over the keys of one Tractor and one Hi-Tech Poly House in favour of Gh. Mohidin Bhat S/o Gh. Nabi Bhat R/o Tirsch & Hamid Ullah Mir S/o Gh. Hassan Mir R/o Kakapora respectively with a subsidy amount of Rs. 2.00 Lacs each for its purchase under Capex 2023-24.

Former Minister, GOC 16 Corps call on Lt Governor

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 02: Sh Surjit Singh Slathia, Former Minister called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

The Former Minister discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of development and welfare of the people. Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, GOC 16 Corps also called on the Lt Governor and apprised him on the prevailing security scenario.

# KVK-Anantnag, SKUAST-K hold Mega Equine Clinical Camp for Ponywalas at Chandanwari Pahalgal

JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 02: The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Anantnag, SKUAST-Kashmir today jointly organised a Mega Equine Health Camp at Chandanwari Pahalgal for the ponywalas who are associated with the smooth passage of Shri Amarathji Yatri.

This programme/camp is part of SKUAST-Kashmir's outreach initiative under the leadership of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazim Ahmad Ganai and under the guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Md Mohammed Makkdoomi and Head KVK-Anantnag, Dr. Ishfaq A. Khan.

The camp was held at Chandanwari-Pahalgal en-route to holy Amarnath Cave.

Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana who is on a three days visit to Kashmir was the special guest on the occasion. During the programme hundreds of equines were examined with sophisticated diagnostic machinery by the scientists of Kendra. A team of experts from FV Sc. & AH Shuhama, SKUAST-K & Animal Husbandry Department Anantnag for general health check-up. On spot treatment to the ailing animals were provided besides a kit of medicines was provided to each ponywala present.



## DC Srinagar visits Bakshi Stadium to take on-site review of arrangements for Independence Day celebrations

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar August 02: In connection with celebration of upcoming Independence Day-2023, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday visited Bakshi Stadium to take on site review of the arrangements/preparatory activities to be put in place by the respective Departments, DIG, Police Central Srinagar, Sujit Kumar reviewed the security arrangements during the visit. SSP Srinagar, Raksh Balwal, SSP Traffic Muzafar Ahmad Shah, SSP Security, Sheikh Fasal, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria, Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and other senior Officers of Police and Civil Administration were present on the occasion.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner along with Officers went around the



Stadium pavilions and VIP Gallery to have first-hand appraisal of the preparatory activities. He took onsite review of the arrangements to be put in place for smooth conduct of Independence Day. While chairing a meeting on the occasion, the DC directed the Officers of all concerned Departments to ensure all preparations regarding various facilities including seating arrangements, cultural programmes, march past parade, transport & parking facilities, power supply, deployment of medical & first aid and fire and emergency teams, installation of PAS. Besides media management, security related matters and entry of VVIPs, VIPs and other participants were also discussed.

The DC also stressed on making fool-proof security arrangements in and around the stadium to ensure hassle-free celebrations of the function. He also enjoined upon the officers to maintain close coordination with each other for holding the function smoothly.

The DC asked the R&B Department to make all necessary arrangements for seating arrangements particularly at Central Pavilion, Northern Pavilion and Central pavilion of the Bakshi Stadium. The Department was also asked to install shamiyas at designated spots at the venue.

Regarding parking for

vehicles, the DC asked the officers of the Traffic Department to assess the capacity of the parking slots identified for the event and formulate an action plan so that the maximum number of vehicles of the dignitaries and other participants coming to attend the function are accommodated.

While SMC authorities were asked to ensure that all washrooms are functioning properly, besides establishing mobile toilets at the venue on August 15. They were also asked to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness in and around the venue.

The DC also stressed on making elaborate arrangements to tackle water logging, if any caused due to rainfall on the occasion of Full dress rehearsal proceedings and the mega event on 15th August.

The DC also asked for making adequate transport arrangements for ferrying of participant school students, cultural artists, NCC cadets, contingents and other persons on August 15, in addition to their Boarding and lodging facilities.

## DC Budgam inspects developmental works at Bairam Cave site of Shri Abhinav Gupta in Beerwah

**SAYS BAIRAM CAVE TO BE DEVELOPED AS HERITAGE & PILGRIMAGE TOURISM SITE IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, AUGUST 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today visited the Bairam Cave site of Shri Abhinav Gupta at Beerwah and inspected ongoing development works there.

During visit, the DC inspected work progress on projects including access to the Cave, (Staircase) up to Cave, development of approach road, tile work on concrete park, lawn development and beautification of Park, installation of benches, grass cutting, functioning of street lights and Park development near the stream side, functioning



of lavatory Block and illumination of viewpoint. DC emphasised that work process be expedited on all projects and all works be completed in the shortest possible time. He said that Bairam Cave site has huge tourism potential and same shall be developed for heritage as well as pilgrimage tourism site.

DC said that the District Administration is committed to ensure development of the Bairam Cave and facilitate all facilities for the hassle-free arrival of

tourists to the spot for its heritage as well as pilgrimage significance.

He said locals of Beerwah area shall be largely benefited once tourists start visiting this place.

He said that people from all communities are very supportive and contribute immensely in the developmental process across Budgam.

The DC was accompanied by ADDC, Dr Akramullah Tak, Jd Planning, SDM Beerwah, ACD, CMO, Executive Engineers of various engineering wings, Tehsildar, BDO and other concerned.

Mirwaz Central Kashmir, President Municipal Council Beerwah and other respected locals also called upon the DC during the tour.

## DC Bandipora reviews preparations for Independence Day- 2023 celebrations

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Bandipora, August 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad on Wednesday convened a meeting of the concerned officers to review the preparations for I-Day, 2023 celebrations and to review the status of the campaign 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' in the district.

The meeting discussed various preparations and arrangements to be put in place for the celebration of Independence Day-2023.

It was given out that the main function of Independence Day will be held at SK Stadium Bandipora while similar functions will be held at sub divisional level and blocks level as well as at all schools, colleges, Government Institutions, Panchayats etc.

The DC directed the concerned to keep ready all the necessary arrangements including seating arrangements, PA system, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water, Medicine



facilities, cleanliness and sanitation and other required arrangements well in time for the smooth celebrations of Independence Day.

Dr. Owais urged all to participate proactively with zeal and vigour in the 'Har Ghar Tringa' campaign. He strictly directed all the sectoral and district officers for flag hoisting at their respective offices, besides illuminating their offices and buildings besides illumination of major bridges across

the district. Later, the DC reviewed the status of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' and 'JIM Fortnight' campaigns under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the district.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that the campaign has commenced in the district and different activities and preparations have been started across the district.

The DC asked all departments for impactful celebrations of Independence Day under the national theme

'Meri Maati Mera Desh' across the district as per guidelines issued by the government. It was informed that the local level programmes shall also be held to pay homage to the 'Veers' who have sacrificed their lives for the nation.

The concerned were directed to make all necessary arrangements for 'Mittivrat' in all the Panchayats of the district and wards of the town. The DC enjoined upon all the officers to take part in all the events in-person besides encouraging others for the same and stressed upon all departments to ensure utmost coordination among themselves to make the campaign successful.

Meanwhile, the DC stressed on the officers to make the JIM fortnight campaign a success.

He directed all the BDOs to ensure special Gram Sabhas in all the panchayats across all the three subdivisions of the district. He said the campaign aims to assess the progress made under JIM.

## DC Shopian conducts marathon tour of panchayats, inspects RDD Works

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Stresses on expediting SBM works; calls for proper waste segregation, conduct of social audits

Shopian, August 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today conducted a marathon visit to various panchayats of the district including Keegam, Turkawangam, Zainapora, Safanagri and inspected a number of RDD works. The DC particularly inspected under construction works under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) meant for providing durable assets to panchayats for safe disposal of household waste. In order to scale up efforts



towards achieving complete saturation in rural hygiene and cleanliness, DC took appraisal of different projects being executed under the scheme and took inspection of the land patches at various locations of Turkawangam that have been identified for the construction of the Plastic Waste Management Units besides inspecting Solid Waste Management Unit.

Similarly, the DC inspected several Community Sanitary Complexes (CSC), Segregation Units, compost pits, soak pits, being constructed at various locations of the district where-

in he emphasized upon accelerating the pace of work so that such projects are completed well within the stipulated time frame.

Later, the DC also inspected SDH, Zainapora, where he interacted with doctors and emphasized for proper care of patients besides he also stressed for cleanliness in and around the hospital.

The DC instructed for ensuring the durability of the assets and instructed ACD and BDOs to regularly inspect works and ensure quality and efficiency. The DC asked the concerned officers to give priority to community works to benefit the maximum number of people. He further directed to resolve the pending public issues and bottlenecks if any on priority. During the inspection, various local deputations met the DC and raised their demands of public importance particularly issues regarding RDD, Health and Animal Husbandry etc. The DC gave them a patient hearing and directed concerned to redress their genuine grievances promptly. The DC also interacted with the PRI members, prominent citizens and advised them to keep a close eye on the developmental activities being carried out in their areas to ensure that quality is maintained while executing the work on developmental projects.

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 87 of 2023-24 Dated 01.08.2023 (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in laes)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1.	Laying of interlocking tile & repair drain Anandpur Ashram onwards W. No. 14 Udhampur.	0.52	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	14 <sup>th</sup> F.C
2.	Interlocking tile in lane from H/o Anju Devi Trikuta West W. No. 11 Udhampur.	0.82	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	14 <sup>th</sup> F.C
3.	Const. of entry gate of Adarsh Colony W. No. 4 Udhampur.	1.44	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	14 <sup>th</sup> F.C
4.	Renovation of lane drain from house of Govind Ram to house of Tiak Raj W. No. 19 near DC Residence.	0.66	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	14 <sup>th</sup> F.C
5.	Lane with interlocking tiles & repair of drain from H/o Shakti Devi to H/o Manohar Lal W. No. 5 Udhampur	0.91	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	14 <sup>th</sup> F.C
6.	Renovation of lane drain from main road CEO Office to house of Gagan Gupta to house of Dutta Ram W. No. 17 Udhampur.	2.93	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	District Plan
7.	Const. of road from Rannagar road to Kasher Pyt. Kuh.	19.36	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"B/C"	District Plan
8.	Repair/ renovation of Patyari Bowli at W. No. 10 Rannagar.	8.00	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"C/D"	District Plan Municipality
9.	Const./renovation of Shamsan Ghat path at W. No. 1 Rannagar	2.96	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	District Plan Municipality
10.	Const. of welcome entry gate at W. No. 6 Rannagar.	1.20	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	IDMT

Position of AAA:- Recorded  
Position of T.S:- Recorded  
Position of Funds:- Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-08-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 01-08-2023 to 07-08-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	-
4	Bid submission Start Date	01-08-2023 from 900 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	07-08-2023 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	08-08-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur as mentioned in the bid documents. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per sever time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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# Weekly Block Diwas: Mega outreach camps held at 6 locations in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE

DODA, AUGUST 02: The District Administration Doda today organized Mega Block Diwas programmes at Six (6) locations covering Five (5) Blocks in the district, to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

The Block Diwas locations where administration listened to the public grievances and aspirations include Panchayat Ghar Diggi, Block and Sub District Bhaderwah; Panchayat Porā Pain, Block Changa, Sub Division Gandoh; Panchayat Ghar Bulandpur, Sub Division Assar; Tehsil Headquarter (Sewa Chiralla), Sub Division Tharai; Panchayat Beoli; and Panchayat Bijarni Lower A in Bhagwah Block.

To take first hand appraisal of



public grievances and demands, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bhatti along with other district officers took extensive tour of Bhagwah Block and met public and PRIs at Beoli, and Bijarni Lower A.

Public and PRIs applauded the efforts of District Administration Doda under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan in its endeavour of

the tour in Bhagwah Block include removal of rock boulder from Beoli road, early completion of Beer Bagh Sports Stadium, repair of Government Middle School Beoli, construction of defence road from Bhagwah to Dal Draman, shortage of staff in H&W BC Bijarni, Building for H&W BC Bijarni, early completion of JIM Schemes, Repair of old pipeline and reservoir in Bijarni, week mobile network and demand of new towers, Protection wall for High School Bijarni, Physical Education Teacher at High school Bijarni, upgradation and augmentation of roads and electricity in the area, besides other local individual demands. Officers and heads of departments also responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments and intimated people

# JERC to hold public hearing on tariff petition of JKPDCL at Jammu on 3rd August

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 02: On the Tariff petition of Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation Ltd. (JKPDCL), Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) is holding public hearing tomorrow on 3rd August, 2023 from 11:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M in a Conference Hall of JERC, Panama Chowk, Railway Road Jammu.

In this connection, general public/organizations interested in presenting their views on the matter before the commission are invited to participate in the public hearing as per the schedule.

# Cleanliness drive conducted at BhimGarh Fort to maintain pristine sheen of heritage site

J1 NEWS SERVICE

REASI, AUGUST 02: To maintain the clean surroundings at the Historical monument, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi today organized a 2 hours cleanliness drive at Bhim Garh Fort.

Over 30 NSS volunteers participated along with NSS Programme Officer, Prof. Ajay Kumar and the team collected waste material, removed bushes and cleaned the path from the entry gate to the main area of the fort.

Pertinently, for conducting daily cleanliness operations in the fort, the Deputy Commissioner Reasi had issued a monthly schedule involving all the departments. As per the roster, one department is required to clean the Fort on a particular day and date which is clearly specified in the roster.

# DC Reasi visits Panchayat Dera Baba, presides over Public Outreach Prog

J1 NEWS SERVICE

REASI, AUGUST 02: As part of weekly Block Diwas, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Babila Rakwal today presided over a public outreach programme at Panchayat Dera Baba. During the tour, DC visited different spots and houses which were damaged during the recent rains and assured victims and the general public of every possible relief.

DC gave directions to the concerned departments on the spot for immediate restoration of roads and other protective measures so that the public may return to their normal life.

While highlighting the objective of Block Diwas, the DC said that the programme aims to listen to public demands and issues at their doorsteps for their redressal.

DC also interacted with the general public at Darbar in Dera Baba and listened to the grievances of the general public. Executive Engineer I&EC was directed to prepare a detailed project report so as to prevent any further damage to agricultural lands of the people in the area. Executive Engineer PMGSY/PWD were directed to clear Slide & debris from blocked drains.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all the demands and grievances and assured that all issues shall be taken with the concerned authorities for their timely redressal.

Assistant Commissioner Development Reasi, ACP Reasi, CIO Reasi, Chief Horticulture Officer Reasi, Chief Animal Husbandry officer, CAO, XEN PWD, XEN JPDCL Reasi and other concerned officers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

# Geology & Mining Dept seizes 05 vehicles involved in illegal mining in Kathua

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, AUGUST 02: A team of Geology and Mining department led by District Mineral Officer Kathua Rajinder Singh paid a surprise visit at different locations here today. During the visit, a total of one loaded dumper and 04 tractor trolleys involved in illegal mining and illegal transportation were seized at Bharwal, Kathera, Taraf Tajwal and Basant Pur areas of the district.

District Mineral Officer informed that routine check ups and raids are being laid down in Khads and river beds during day and night hours to check illegal mining activities in ongoing monsoon season and strict action is initiated against illegal miners. The DMO said the department is adhering to the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas for remaining alert during the rainy season and taking strong action against habitual violators who resort to illegal excavation and illegal transportation of minerals. All the vehicles after seizure were handed over to Police till the realization of penalty by the geology and mining department as per the procedure in vogue.

# Weekly Block Diwas: DC Ghordi public meeting at CFC Ghordi

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 02: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Sachin Kumar Vaisnava today visited Block Ghordi and listened to scores of public issues and demands during weekly Block Diwas held at CFC building Ghordi Jagir of Sub Division Ramnagar.

PRIs members projected several issues and demands which include Repairing of High School Upper Rasain, Maintenance of Ghordi to Udhampur and other link roads, Shortage of staff in schools of the block, PHC, Ghordi, Repair of foot bridge over Neeli Nallah, shortage of staff in Animal Husbandry, Installation of ATM machine, Establishment of Degree College and KV school for Ghordi, Mobile network problem in Nallah Malian, Opening of JK Bank branch at Barmaan etc.

The Deputy Commissioner after patiently hearing the public issues and demands passed on-spot directions to the concerned officers for redressal of public grievances in a time bound manner.

# SDM Gool reviews I-Day arrangements

J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, AUGUST 02: Sub Divisional Magistrate, Gool, Tanveer Ul Majid today convened a meeting of Sub Divisional and Tehsil level officers of different department to review the arrangements for the smooth celebration of forthcoming Independence Day 2023 at Sub Division Headquarter Gool.

Tehsildar, Rakesh Kumar, AEs of different Engineering wings and other officers from civil, Police and Army attended the meeting.

It was decided in the meeting that the main function would be held in Government Higher Secondary School, Gool where the VIP would unfurl the National Flag.

Detailed deliberations were held on seating arrangement, barricading, security, water and power supply, sanitation, first aid and fire tenders etc. The SDM directed the AEE, PWD, PHE, PDD for barricading and drinking water arrangements, besides uninterrupted power supply at the venue. Regarding First aid arrangements, the Block Medical Officer was directed to ensure the deployment of one ambulance along with a team of Doctors and necessary medicines till the conclusion of event. A colorful cultural program would also be presented by the educational institutions on the occasion of Independence Day, 2023.

Different committees were also constituted for ensuring successful celebrations of the National function.

# Inter school zonal level tournament U-19 Boys/Girls concluded successfully at Govt Girls Hr Secy School Bhaderwah

J1 NEWS SERVICE

BHADERWAH, AUGUST 02: Inter school zonal level tournament U-19 Boys/ Girls concluded successfully here today at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Bhaderwah.

The event was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Bhaderwah under the patronage of Director Youth services and sports J&K, Subash Chander Chibber. Various events were held in the disciplines including Volleyball, Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Badminton, Tug of War, Chess, Carrom Volleyball, Athletic for U-19 age group Boys and Girls. The principal GHSS Bhaderwah along with staff members formally declared open the tournament. While speaking on the occasion, Principal GHSS Shaifayat Ali appreciated the efforts of the Department and stressed on participation of more and more students in sports activities to achieve all-round development of their personality.

He also threw light on the ill effects of drugs and advised the participants to stay away from drugs.

ZPEO Bhaderwah and field staff sports members of Zone Bhaderwah and a large number of participants were present on the occasion.

Today's result in Kho Kho GHSS Girls Bhaderwah beat HSS Bhalara by 10 points. In Chess Ayera Sundas defeated Menisha Koul while in Kabaddi GHSS Bhaderwah beat HSS Chinta by 17 points, whereas in carrom HSS Chinta Beat GHSS Bhaderwah and in Badminton GHSS Bhaderwah beat HSS Chinta.

The matches were officiated by the technical committee i.e. PELS, PEMs, PETs and REKS of sports Department.

# DLSA Kathua organises sensitization programme for child related offenses, welfare measures

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, AUGUST 02: As per the directions of JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) District Legal Services Authority Kathua, today organised a one-day Sensitization Programme for the Police functionaries of District Kathua, Legal Aid Lawyers, Members of Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee Kathua at Conference hall of ADR Centre, District Court Complex Kathua. Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kathua (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Kathua) Ashok Kumar Shayan was the chief guest. Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kathua Puneet Kumari and Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua Saurav Mahajan were the resource persons in the program. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest stressed upon all the public officials of District Kathua to perform their duties and responsibilities while dealing with MACT Cases, NDPS Cases, POCSO Cases and also in view of the latest guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The resource person Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua Saurav Mahajan, delib-



erated upon the Child rights with special reference to POCSO Victims and their Rehabilitation. While addressing the participants, the resource person Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kathua Puneet Kumari, spoke on the Legal Procedure regarding role of the Investigating Officer (IOs) in the investigation of NDPS Cases and Basic Principles of Arrest of a Person under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc) in view of the landmark Judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court like Priyanka Srivastava & Ors Vs State of UP, 2015 Crimes(SC) 179, Armesh Kumar Vs State of Bihar and Anr, 2014, 8 SCC 273 and Lalita Kumari Vs State of UP, (2014) 2 SCC 1 and Asfak Alam Vs State of Jharkhand & Anr. Criminal Appeal No (S). 2207 of 2023 decided on 31.07.2023. Secretary, DLSA Kathua

# DDC Rajouri conducts public outreach camp under Block Diwas at Manjakote; Listens to local concerns & assures timely action

J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, AUGUST 02: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, Vikas Kandal, conducted a public outreach camp at Manjakote under the weekly Block Diwas program. The event provided a platform for members of the public and their representatives to raise various local issues and concerns related to power and water supply, healthcare facilities, roads, education, and other areas of public welfare.

During the event, specific issues were raised regarding the inclusion of leftover beneficiaries under PMAY-G, shortage of staff in schools, payment under SBM, road connectivity improvement, speedy implementation of JIM schemes, completion of work on the road from Dhar to Kesar Gali and

ing the problems raised during the public outreach program. He assured the public that all householders in the block would be provided with functional tapped water connections. The DDC also informed the public that work on border bunkers was in full swing, emphasizing the district administration's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the border residents. He also said that the proper development of border areas is the priority of the Government and all possible measures are being taken in this regard.

The DDC also highlighted the importance of the participation of youth in the development process and encouraged them to come forward and avail themselves of the various schemes and programs launched by the government for their welfare.

Furthermore, the DDC exhorted officers to take immediate measures to mit-



# DPO Poshan Udhampur visits Anganwari centres to review implementation of ongoing schemes

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 02: To take review of various ongoing schemes being implemented in Poshan Sector (Social Welfare Department) in District Udhampur, District Programme Officer, Poshan, Subhash Chander Dogra, today conducted a day long extensive tour of various Anganwadi centres including AWC Sira Thanger, AWC Kotla,



AWC Upper Sool C, AWC Barta B, AWC Khandak, AWC Panthal, AWC Barta W.No. 01 of Panthal and its adjoining area.

During the tour, he reviewed all the schemes (viz. Poshan Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantra Matru Vandana Yojna) being implemented at grass root level.

He directed the CPCs to keep regular check/visit to the AWCs in order to make effective implementation of Poshan Schemes and also ensure no beneficiary is left out to avail the benefit of the schemes. While visiting Anganwadi centres, the District

Programme Officer, Poshan emphasized upon the Supervisors/ Anganwadi Workers/ Helpers to gear up the process for distribution of Supplementary Nutrition as per guideline in vogue with in stipulated time framed by the Higher Authorities. He also stressed upon the AWWs to visit door to door and inform the beneficiaries oriented schemes being implemented by this sector.