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## LeT/TRF module busted in Handwara

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KUPWARA, NOV 30

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday said to have busted a LeT/TRF module at Tutigund Handwara forests in north Kashmir's Kupwara district in a joint operation with Army and CRPF. In a statement issued to the news agency a police spokesman said that Handwara Police along with teams of Army and CRPF busted a terror module of LeT/TRF and recovered arms from Tutigund forest on the disclosure of terror associates Pervaiz Ahmad Dar, son of Mohammad Rustam Dar and Showkat Ahmad Shergujri son of Ghulam Mohammad Shergujri both residents of Tutigund Handwara. In this regard, police said that a case under FIR number 264/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Handwara and an investigation taken up. More arrests and recoveries are expected in the case, the statement further reads. **KNO**

## CBI files chargesheet against former J&K special secretary, 2 others in Bribery Case

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, NOV 30

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet against former Jammu and Kashmir's Special Secretary of Agriculture & Production Department; former Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu and a person before the Special CBI Judge in connection with a bribery case of Rs 10 lakhs. The CBI said that the case was registered on April 6 against Sarbjit Singh, former Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu and unknown others on complaint. It is alleged that Singh demanded a bribe of Rs 10 lakh from the **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## JMC, SMC commissioners appointed as their administrators

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 30

In a significant move, the administration of Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday appointed commissioners of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Jammu Municipal Corporation as their administrators. The Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) today appointed Commissioners of SMC and JMC as administrators of the respective corporations for a term of two years or until the establishment of the Corporation, whichever is earlier. The move was necessitated as the five-year term of elected representatives came to end on November 05 and November 14, respectively. **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## JK to receive additional 293 MW power from December 1

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 30

Jammu and Kashmir is all set to receive 293 Megawatt (MW) of power supply from the centre from tomorrow (December 1). Talking to the news agency Principal Secretary Power Development Department H. Ramesh Prasad said, "Central government has allocated 293 MW more power to Jammu and Kashmir government." He said the supply will be sufficient now and our focus shall be on revenue collection," Prasad said. Meanwhile, a JKPDD spokesman in a statement said that the Government of India (GoI) has increased power allocation to J&K by about 293 MW, round the clock, by transferring power from distant power houses in West Bengal, Bihar and even Bhutan. The spokesman, while highlighting the concerns raised in recent news items being published, reiterated that a persistent issue contributing to these interruptions is the non-disclosure of actual electric load by consumers. Regarding the hours of power supply to consumers, the official said that smart metering is under implementation in a mission mode and the focus is on ensuring uninterrupted and regular power supply in areas saturated with smart meters, while also curbing losses. "In areas without smart metering, the department is sustaining the same number of power supply hours as maintained during the previous year," it reads. The JKPDD statement further said that there is a curtailment schedule in effect which is diligently being published to prevent any inconvenience to the public. According to the JKPDD official, numerous crude heaters which have been banned by the department were recovered by the enforcement squads of KPDCL in the recently conducted inspection drives. "In the last seven days, inspection teams of KPDCL have conducted 7585 number of inspections in different districts of Kashmir region and imposed a fine of Rs.68 Lakhs on the defaulters," it reads. Regarding new power allocations made on Nov-30 by GoI to J&K, it was informed that Jammu and Kashmir, being primarily dependent on hydroelectric power, faces significant fall in generation during winters due to low water level in rivers. "Consequently, around 85 percent of power supply during winters is sourced from Thermal Plants to compensate for the deficit during winters," it reads. It however further said that the UT was making every effort **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## Posting Social Media content that promotes disharmony will soon be criminalised: DGP

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 30

In a major breakthrough, police cracked the murder case of a teenager and arrested a person here. Police on Thursday said that on Wednesday, one Parhal Singh lodged a complaint with Police Control Room that his 19-year-old son Raghav Jamwal alias Raghav, resident of Nardani Raipur in Bantalab, has been kidnapped by unknown person when he had gone to attend regular computer training classes in Janipur area. Acting swiftly, police said that a team from Police Post Chinore and **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**



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## The divine land of J&K in a true sense has been transformed as a 'Paradise on Earth': LG Sinha

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the 'Rising Jammu Kashmir' Conclave organized by Amar Ujala Group at Jammu on Thursday. The Lt Governor highlighted the impressive strides in different sectors and the emergence **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**



## Murder case solved by PS Domana Jammu. One accused arrested

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night and the mobile phone was recovered from his possession which he was using to make ransom calls," said police. They said that the accused has been identified as Satinder Kumar, 23, resident of Main Bazar Kishtwar. Police added that the body of the deceased Raghav Jamwal was recovered on the disclosure of Kumar from a forest area adjoining Raipur Khari-Jagti link road. "The accused confessed the crime and admitted that he hit the deceased with a stone on his head leaving him dead," **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## Kashmir parts receive fresh snowfall, rains lash plains

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 30

The famous ski-resort, Gulmarg and several other places of Kashmir experienced fresh snowfall while the rains lashed plains on Thursday. However, the weatherman here has predicted improvement in weather conditions from tomorrow. According to the news agency scores of places including Sonamarg, Machil, **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## Lt Governor launches new portal of DIPR



JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the new portal of Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) on Thursday. The Lt Governor commended the endeavour of Information Department to disseminate information to media on administration's policies, programmes and new initiatives. Several new features for different modes of communication including press releases, fact sheet, photographs and infographics will **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## LG inaugurates 2-day National-Level Intellectual Property Rights conclave 'IP Yatra' at Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the two-day National-Level Intellectual Property Rights conclave 'IP Yatra' at Jammu on Thursday. In his address, the Lt Governor applauded the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry for their collective effort to create awareness about Intellectual Property Rights and its critical role in fostering innovation and economic growth. "IP Yatra conclave will lead the way for MSMEs, innovators and Startups to effectively use the various instruments of Intellectual Property Rights such as GI tags, patents, trademarks, **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## LG's Mulaqaat: Sinha interacts with citizens, addresses grievances filed on JK-IGRAMS



JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with the citizens through virtual mode during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing, at Civil Secretariat. The Lt Governor took note of the complaints filed by the citizens on JK-IGRAMS and directed for time-bound resolution of their grievances and necessary steps for improving implementation. He said the speedier execution of programmes is providing tremendous boost to the economy of J&K UT and playing an important role in maintaining standards of transparency and accountability for effective and efficient public delivery system. "The rapid development and performance of various sectors show the limitless potential of Union Territory and we are determined to transform this potential into **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

reality to change the destiny of J&K in Amrit Kaal," the Lt Governor said. Responding to the complaint of Sh Pralad Singh, a resident of Attina, Budgam pertaining to the poor condition of a road in his locality, the Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner Budgam to take appropriate measures to address the issue at the earliest. On the grievance regarding the completion of the water **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

## Centre to reserve 33 % seats for women in J&K Assembly

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 30

The Government of India is bringing a bill in the upcoming winter session of the Parliament to reserve 33 percent seats for women in the Legislative Assembly of J&K. The Centre is mulling to come up with "The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill-2023" to grant reservation for women in the J&K Legislative Assembly. The bill is likely to come up for introduction, consideration and passage in the winter session of the parliament commencing from December 04, as per tentative list of government business sent to the Lok Sabha secretariat. The bill is being **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

brought as "The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Amendment) Bill-2023, cleared by the Parliament in the special session convened in September this year for granting reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies, was not applicable to Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry Union Territories. Cutting across party lines, the women leaders from National Conference, Peoples Conference and Peoples Democratic Party have hailed the move. Talking to the news agency National Conference (NC) Women's wing President, Shamima Firdous welcomed the move. "It is a welcome move as it would help in dealing with the issues and concerns of womenfolk in a better way," she said. Former minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader, Syed Asiya Naqash said that her party was always in favour of the women reservation. "The decision to grant 33 percent reservation for women is a welcome move, but such decisions should be taken only by the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir," she said. Peoples Conference (PC) leader Kaneez Fatima said that political reservation is a big step towards empowerment of women in J&K. "We welcome the move," she said. **KNO**



## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Ramban Administration mobilises IEC Van to promote flagship central schemes

J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 30

To ensure seamless reach of Central Government schemes to the farthest corners of the District, Ramban administration today flagged off an IEC van here from Panchayat Maitra-A as the part of the ongoing "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra." The outreach campaign being held under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, is being conducted across the district.

Chairperson District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamsad Shan, DDC Member, Renuka Katoch, Sarpanch Panchayat Maitra-A, Mohinder Singh, PRIs and numerous other prominent people were present.

The programme started with the National Anthem followed by Viksit Bharat



Sankalp (pledge) administered ADC Harbans Lal to participants.

The Chairperson, and Deputy Commissioner along with other participants took part in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp rally to sensitize the people about the benefits of welfare and developmental schemes launched for their welfare.

It was informed that the IEC Van will traverse through the district according to a pre-defined schedule. A combo of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, the van aims to create public awareness about a myriad of Central Government schemes.

With a sound system and digital LED screen on board, the van will showcase videos of Prime Minister's addresses, testimonials from beneficiaries and informative clips to further enhance understanding.

The Yatra focuses on both urban and rural areas, spotlighting key schemes such as PM Svanidhi, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PM Mudra Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Start up India, stand up India, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana, SBM, AMRUT, PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana, Ujjala Yojana, Digital Payment infrastructure, Khelo India, RCS:UDAN, and rural areas schemes like Ayushman Bharat

PMJAY, PMGKAY, DAY-NRLM, PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM KISAN Saman, KCC, PM Poshan Abhiyan, JJM and SVAMITVA.

Similar programme was also held in Panchayat Doligam Upper B, Chamalwas Lower A, Chamalwas Upper, Chaknerwah, Bankoot, Gundadalkoot B, Chawalwas Lower B and Thachi Wagan in block Banihal

The officers expressed the significance of this initiative, saying that the primary objectives of the yatra include disseminating information, fostering awareness, and establishing direct interaction with beneficiaries.

They highlighted the role of the VBSY in achieving saturation of all schemes and enhancing awareness among the populace. This proactive approach signifies the dedication of the administration to ensuring comprehensive awareness, leaving no eligible individual uninformed about transformative government schemes.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra stands as a testament to the commitment of the Government to inclusive development, ensuring that the benefits of its schemes reach every individual, contributing to the overall socio-economic landscape of the district.

Among the others, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, ADC Harbans Lal Sharma, ACD Ashok Katoch, GM DIC, Xen PWD and other officers, officials, PRIs and the public attended the event.

## DOCTORS APKE DWAR-Phase 2 kick starts in district Kishtwar



J1 NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 30

The Health Department, in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar today Kick started the second phase of pioneering initiative called "DOCTORS APKE DWAR" by organising a free medical camp at Keshwan Kishtwar. The initiative aims at providing comprehensive medi-

cal screening services to remote villages in District Kishtwar. During the Medical camp, 550 patients were examined, while 26 Ultrasound screenings were done by Specialists including Gynaecologist, Physician, Surgeon, Ophthalmologist and Dental Surgeon.

The primary objective of this initiative is to bridge the healthcare gap between urban and

rural areas, with a particular emphasis on reaching the most vulnerable populations who face limited access to medical resources. Meanwhile, the public of Keshwan thanked Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS) Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. M.Y.Mir CMO Kishtwar and Dr Sat Lal Manhas BMO Kishtwar for fulfilling the aspirations of the public.

## JKSSB Exam: Training imparted to supervisory staff in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE

DODA, NOVEMBER 30

In anticipation of the JKSSB exam for the recruitment of Panchayat Secretary (VLW) scheduled on December 10, 2023, the District Administration in Doda, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, conducted a comprehensive training program for supervisory staff.

The training, held in the conference hall in the DC Office Complex, aimed to ensure the seamless and transparent execution of the upcoming examination.

District Coordinators JKSSB, Pritam Lal Thapa (Member JKSSB), and Abhay Indu Sharma (Under Secretary JKSSB) played a crucial role in briefing the 400 participating invigilators, including Centre Superintendents, Exam Coordinators, and Observers. The training covered all aspects of the OMR-based objective-type written exam, enlightening the



staff about their roles and responsibilities during the examination process.

ADC Doda, Ravi Kumar Bharti, addressing the trainees, emphasized the importance of adhering to procedures to ensure the smooth and transparent conduct of the examination in their respective centers. The commitment to following protocols was underscored as essential for the success of the examination.

Additionally, it was

announced that the examination is scheduled for December 10, 2023, from 12 noon to 2 pm, at various identified centres across the district. The logistical arrangements include engaging invigilators as per the requirement of one invigilator for every 24 students has been put in place. Magistrates will also be appointed at all examination centers to oversee and maintain the decorum of the examination process.

## Big respite for power consumers as GoI allocates additional 293 MW of power to meet winter demand

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 30

In yet another respite given to power consumers during peak winters, the Government of India (GoI) has increased power allocation to J&K by about 293 MW, by transferring power from distant power houses in West Bengal, Bihar and even Bhutan.

According to the spokesperson for the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Department (JKPDD), in today's digital era, modern tools and software enable power transfer and management in an automated manner without requiring any human intervention, depending upon the demand, availability, and of course the network feasibility.

Regarding new power allocations made today by Govt. Of India to J&K,

the spokesman said that Jammu & Kashmir, being primarily dependent on hydroelectric power, faces significant fall in generation during winters due to low water level in rivers and therefore, around 85% of power supply during winters is sourced from thermal plants to compensate for the deficit during winters.

The spokesman reiterated that the UT is making every effort to ensure sustainable and firm power availability throughout the year. In this direction, during the current financial year, the UT has entered into historic Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for 1600 MW of Solar power, 900 MW from Hydro, and an additional 500 MW from thermal plants, currently in progress following the decision of the UT Administrative Council

under the Shakti policy. This will not only lead towards resource adequacy for the region, but will also provide an optimal mix of Hydro, Thermal, Solar generation, while the efforts are underway to harness wind power as well so that the strength behind renewable energy is utilized to the maximum.

Addressing concerns raised in a recent news item published in one of the local news dailies on November 30, 2023, highlighting a surge in interruptions in J&K, the spokesman reiterated that a persistent issue contributing to these interruptions is the non-disclosure of actual electric load by consumers.

Regarding the hours of power supply to consumers, the spokesman conveyed that smart metering is under imple-

mentation in mission mode and focus is on ensuring uninterrupted and regular power supply in areas saturated with smart meters, while also curbing losses.

In areas without smart metering, the department is sustaining the same number of power supply hours as maintained during the previous year. Moreover, there is a curtailment schedule in effect which is diligently being published to prevent any inconvenience to the public. The spokesman further emphasized that contrary to the mention of Hammams in the news item, electricity remains the primary and preferred source for heating, with people using crude nichrome wires or non-thermostat fitted heaters which remain operational throughout the day.

Recognizing the urgency, the spokesman emphasized on discontinuing the use of obsolete and environmentally unfriendly electric heating systems. The spokesman also mentioned that numerous crude heaters which have been banned by the department were recovered by the enforcement squads of KPDCL in the recently conducted inspection drives.

In addition to maintaining reliable power supply amidst extreme weather conditions, the Power Development Department (PDD) is proactively engaged in eradicating instances of illegal hooking. In the last seven days itself, inspection teams of KPDCL have conducted 7585 number of inspections in different districts of Kashmir region and imposed a fine of Rs.68 Lakhs on the defaulters.

## Two-Day Capacity Building Programme on GST for STOs commences at Jammu, Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 30

A Two-Day Capacity Building Programme on Goods and Service Tax (GST) for State Tax Officers, jointly organized by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and State Taxes Department, J&K, commenced here at Jammu and Srinagar simultaneously.

In Jammu, the programme was inaugurated by Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra, while in Srinagar the session was inaugurated by Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Administration & Enforcement, Kashmir Shakeel Maqbool.

In the first session, ICAI's resource persons Achal Jain and Vineet Kohli educated the officers of Jammu division while similar exercise was conducted in Srinagar by resource person Kapileshwar Bhalala.

The resource persons



cleared the doubts of STOs through question and answer session, wherein basic concepts of accounting to advance and technical issues were discussed in detail.

The resources persons covered several topics like scope and methods of accounting, double entry system, debit and credit note, classification of accounts, capital and revenue receipts and expenditure, accounting of GST, accounting for depreciation, ledger posting and preparation of Trial Balance.

In the second session of the day, ICAI's resource person Numit Verma delivered the lecture on prepa-

ration of Financial Statements while Umer Bashir covered similar topic for officers of Kashmir division in Srinagar.

The Capacity Building programme also deliberated on issues like GST law pertaining to real estate, hospitality and tourism sector, banking and insurance industry, work contracts as well as analysis of financial statements of banking and insurance companies with GST perspective.

Types of Red Flag reports, investigation experiences - interesting cases with practical insights, system overview of scrutiny and audit and return and E-invoicing

under GST were also deliberated during the session.

Speaking on the occasion, Namrita Dogra said that the Capacity Building Programme has been initiated under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes Department, Dr Rashmi Singh, and is result of recent MoU signed by the department with ICAI in presence of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha. She said that this strategic move not only enhances the productivity of tax officers of the department but also promotes significant partnership between the Chartered Accountant community for larger economic growth of the nation.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra reaches Dinga-Amb, Baggan, Mahanpur Panchayats in District Kathua

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, NOVEMBER 30

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) activities commenced today in different Panchayats of block Dinga Amb, Baggan, Mahanpur and Hiranagar of district Kathua.

The Yatra commenced at Panchayat Dhalli, Sallan and Chialkh-East of Block Dinga-Amb, Panchayat Baggan-Lower, Baggan-Uppar and Baggan-Uppar-A of Block Baggan and Panchayat Kehleri, Sabar and Poonda of Block Mahanpur.

The Yatra was accorded a warm welcome by PRIs, Senior Citizens, Officials and local residents and were engaged with knowledge enriching audio-video material screened on Special IEC Vans. They listened attentively to a recorded video message from the Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance of the campaign. Participants took the Viksit Sankalp Bharat pledge, affirming their commit-



ment to holistic national development.

The locals in these Panchayats were provided information about different government schemes and initiatives. Besides engaging and immersing them in scheduled activities including pledge taking, medical camps were organized to provide health services to the local people at their doorsteps.

During the day long events, students also showcased their artistic

talents through mesmerizing cultural performances wherein local Dance and Musical folklore exhibiting the diverse cultural heritage, fostering a sense of unity and celebration among the spectators.

Beneficiaries also expressed their successful journey of transition in the special segment "Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani" where they speak about the positive impact of flagship programmes of the government on their lives.

Special Drone demonstration besides interactions with progressive farmers was held wherein adoption of organic Farming was advocated by the field functionaries of the Agriculture department.

The Yatra has been rolled out with the intention to reach out to the unreached population and making the general masses aware of the multitude of government schemes, including the Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana and Urea Subsidy Scheme and the process to avail benefits.

### NOTICE

My Father name has been wrongly written as Ram Parkash instead of Parkash in my PnB Metlife Insurance Policy bearing no 20662794. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days.

**Shankar Dass**  
S/o Parkash

## State Venereologist accorded warm farewell

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Dr. Bhanu Pathania, State Venereologist Health Services Jammu

was accorded a warm send off on her superannuation by the staff of Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

She rendered 34 years of ser-

vice in the Department. To bid her farewell, a function was organized in the premises of the Directorate. Dr. Bhanu Pathania started her career as Assistant Surgeon in

District Kathua. She was a Sincere and Hardworking officer throughout her service. The staff wished the retiring officer good health and prosperous post retirement life.



## Viksit Bharat Yatra reaches Darhal Block

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 30

The nationwide campaign the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' reached Darhal Block here as the Prime Minister of India launched the 72-day outreach and awareness campaign in the Country. The campaign aims to promote government schemes and ensure the saturation of flagship programs, and is designed to bring the benefits of these schemes to all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

The panchayats of the block Darhal including Chowkian-A, Sagrawat, Nadian, Ujhan-D and others engaged in the live telecast of the program and participated with great enthusiasm in the event.

The live telecast of the event ensured that the entire community could actively engage in the proceedings and understand the significance of the schemes of the Government. Through this initiative, the government intends to disseminate crucial information and foster awareness about



these schemes, ensuring that no deserving individual or community is left behind.

One of the key aspects of the Yatra is the establishment of direct interaction between the government and beneficiaries. By sharing personal stories and experiences, the program creates a platform for individuals to voice their needs, concerns, and aspirations. This two-way communication not only deepens the understand-

ing of the Government of the ground realities but also allows for the identification and enrollment of potential beneficiaries based on the information ascertained during the Yatra. The Viksit Bharat Yatra places specific focus on saturation of different Government schemes aimed at development of both urban and rural areas.

The 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' is a testament to the determination of

the Government to build a prosperous and equitable India. By promoting government schemes, fostering awareness, and engaging directly with beneficiaries, the Yatra seeks to bring about positive change at the grassroots level. It represents a significant step towards realizing the vision of an inclusive and developed nation.

As the Yatra progresses across the country, it is expected to touch the lives of millions of people, ensuring their access to essential services, financial assistance, healthcare, housing, and much more. The government remains steadfast in its commitment to leaving no one behind, and through initiatives like the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, it aims to create a brighter and more prosperous future for all.

Among the others, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; Block Development Officer Darhal, Aqil Nuvaid; Sarpanches, Panches and public in large numbers attended the event.

## Union Joint Secretary visits Bandipora

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 30

Union Joint Secretary and Additional Financial Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Amitabh Ranjan Sinha who is Central Nodal officer for District Bandipora today visited Bandipora district and chaired a meeting to review the progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan and also took stock of various ongoing works in the district.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed; ADDC Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; JD Planning and other concerned officers from PHE, Forest, RDD and other concerned departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Joint Secretary said that this visit was aimed to review the progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan which is launched to ensure water sustainability in effective and coordinated manner. He said lot of efforts are utilized to



implement Jal Shakti Abhiyaan successfully.

The Joint Secretary added that the District administration is working very hard to implement the scheme on the ground level. He also appreciated the efforts of the District Administration for achieving 82 percent of the target for Amrit Sarovar works.

Meanwhile, Union Joint Secretary also reviewed the status of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora informed the

chair that the Yatra continues across the district with much enthusiasm and fervor amid huge public participation.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the Joint Secretary about various activities carried out under Jal Shakti Abhiyan. He apprised the Joint Secretary that out of total 47358 rural households in Bandipora, 37890 households has been provided tap connections, and the rest shall also be connected through JJM soon.

Dr. Owais said that, under JJM 222, works

stand sanctioned, out of which work has already commenced on 212 works, while as 32 works have already been completed so far. He said that work on rest of the schemes is at full pace, and most of them are near completion.

Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the activities carried out in district by various departments under Jal Shakti Abhiyaan.

The DC informed that an area of 4.35 square kilometres of critically silted up areas of Wular Lake was restored successfully thereby restoring ecosystem and fishing activities as a source of livelihood for the locals living on banks of the lake.

Earlier, Amitabh Ranjan Sinha also took an extensive field tour of Bandipora district to inspect various ongoing and completed works. During the field tour, he visited various sites, including JJM works at Shivat and Wular Conservation works at Wular Vintage Park Bandipora.

## Safina Beigh addresses 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) 2023 at Dehradun

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 30

Safina Beigh, Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla Thursday laid emphasis on 'Community Participation' vis-à-vis dealing with the natural disasters to minimize the loss of lives and property while addressing 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) 2023 at Dehradun.

The 6th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) 2023 is being held at Dehradun from 28 November to 01 December, 2023 jointly by Government of Uttarakhand, Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA), Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS), and Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST).

Addressing participants, Safina Beigh said that disasters have ravaging effects like destroying life and property, displacing humanity, etc. specifically to 'Mountain Ecosystems & Communities.' Governments have been doing their part by allocating sufficient bud-



gets, training disaster responsive forces to mitigate any calamity and yet it becomes very difficult to prevent losses.

She stressed that the need of an hour is that we should summon all our human, technical and material resources and chalk out a policy of climate management and Environmental Protection. "We should summon all our moral, environmental, technical and management resources to ensure that in this respect our

future does not repeat our past", Safina Beigh added.

The Chairperson DDC Baramulla said 'Community Participation' can play a vital role in curbing the impact of natural disasters which involves taking on board vulnerable people directly in planning and implementation of mitigation, preparedness response and recovery measures to deal with natural disasters.

Through community-based disaster preparedness, we can utilize collab-

orative efforts to innovate and implement community-based disaster preparedness strategies, considering the vulnerability of mountainous regions to natural disasters. Crisis Management Plan and Crisis Management team should always be prepared to tackle such situations.

She said that the role of panchayati raj institutions in both post risk disaster and post disaster management is very important. "We must integrate disaster preparedness into its core system starting from ground level," added Safina Beigh.

Safina Beigh said today's discourse has to be on the powerful trio of innovation, collaboration and communication. "We must understand the challenges and possibilities of the ecosystem of mountains and valleys and ensure that catastrophe of the past, in a similar environment, does not occur," She added. She said that our nation has all the required resources and technologies, moral and political, and the will to redeem ourselves, and set a standing example for today, tomorrow and for all times to come.

## 3-day orientation training course on Fertilizer Quality Control concludes at Kissan Kendra Jammu

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

The three day orientation training course on Fertilizer Quality Control concluded today here at Kissan Kendra, Jammu. The Training was conducted for skill upgradation of 50 field functionaries of Enforcement Wing of both divisions of J&K UT regarding Fertilizer Quality Control as per instructions of Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Govt., Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department.

Dr. Ravindra Yadav, Deputy Director, Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute, N.H.I.V, Faridabad, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India was the main resource person. He educated the trainees about all aspects of Fertilizer



Quality Control including Legal Procedures to be adopted in context of Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985. Dr. Ravindra Yadav appreciated the level of knowledge & response of trainees during training course and expressed gratitude to the Director Agriculture Jammu for providing him opportunity & support during training at Jammu

RamSavak, Director Agriculture Jammu, in his address, thanked the Resource Person for providing informative & quality training to the

participants. He said that such training needs to be conducted at district level for capacity building of field functionaries. He also impressed upon trainees to implement their knowledge & skill acquired through training at field level for welfare of farmers. An interactive session cum feedback session was also held in which participants expressed satisfaction over the quality of training & relevance of Lectures delivered.

At the end of the programme, certificates were issued to the trainees on

successful completion of the training course by the Director Agriculture Jammu.

Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu conducted proceedings of programme.

R.K.Hitaishi Joint Director of Agriculture (Extension) Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen Joint Director of Agriculture Inputs Jammu Mahesh Verma Joint Director of Agriculture SLUB/ Farms Jammu, Jagdish Raina, Agronomist Jammu, Alok Pandotra, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trgs.) Jammu, Amanyoti, Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Suresh Khajuria DSSO Jammu, Tilak Raj, Assistant Director Law Enforcement & other senior officers of department were present on the concluding day of training Course.

## VBSY Programme at Dradhu Doda marks resounding success in Community Empowerment, Welfare

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 30

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Programme, an initiative aimed at holistic development and community welfare, recently made its mark in the Block Bhaderwah, of the Doda District. The programme witnessed an overwhelming response from residents, marking a significant step towards uplifting and empowering local communities.

The Yatra Rath (Mobile Van) rolled into Block Bhaderwah amidst a warm welcome by the local residents, setting the tone for a momentous occasion. The Prime Minister's message and live address were relayed, resonating with the attendees, emphasizing the significance of community participation and collective progress.

One of the highlights of the event was "Aap ki Kahani Aap Ki zubani" (Your Story in Your Words), beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) shared their inspiring stories, reflecting on their journeys and the transformative impact of the scheme on their lives. Their narratives resonated deeply, serving as a testament to the tangible benefits and positive changes brought about by such initiatives.

Students who excelled in a quiz competition were felicitated, applauding their academic prowess and dedication towards learning. Additionally, the distribution of essential documents such as birth certificates, death certificates, revenue extracts, and sanction letters took place, ensuring easier access to vital paperwork for the residents.

The event was presided over by prominent officials, including Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) of Doda, Pran Singh, DDC Counselor of Badherwah West, Thakur Yudhvir Singh, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dil Mir. Their presence added an aura of guidance and support, reaffirming the government's commitment to grassroots development. ACD



Phulail Singh, BDO Anoop Kumar, BMO, and various other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Speaking about the event, Pran Singh, ADDC Doda, expressed his gratitude towards the active

participation of the community and reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to inclusive growth and development.

The DDC Counselor of Badherwah West, Thakur Yudhvir Singh said Viksit

Bharat Sankalp Yatra Programme is a government initiative focused on community development, welfare, and empowerment. It aims to reach the grassroots level, engaging with citizens to address their needs and facilitate access to essential services and resources for comprehensive development. Similar programmes were reported from eleven other panchayats spreading in 11 Blocks across the district. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Programme stands as a testament to the collective efforts aimed at fostering prosperity, empowerment, and holistic progress within the local communities.

**75th Anniversary** **TEMPORARY CANCELLATION/PARTIALLY CANCELLATION/ REGULATION/RESCHEDULING/ CHANGE OF ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC BLOCK**

In order to upgrade the existing infrastructure and enhanced the safety standards, Railways will undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work in connection with Rishikesh Yard Electronic Interlocking work. To execute this work, Railways will take traffic blocks from 05.12.23 to 12.12.23. During this period the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Train Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
04361/04362 Haridwar-Rishikesh-Haridwar Special	06.12.2023 to 12.12.2023
04363 Haridwar-Rishikesh Special	05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023
04364 Rishikesh-Haridwar Special	05.12.2023 to 11.12.2023

SHORT TERMINATION/ORIGINATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Train to Short Terminate/ Originate at/from station	Train to Partially cancelled between Stations	Date of Cancellation (From Originating Station)
04359 Chandausi-Rishikesh Exp. Spl.	at Haridwar	Chandausi-Haridwar	05.12.23 to 11.12.23
04360 Rishikesh-Chandausi Exp. Spl.	From Haridwar	Haridwar-Chandausi	05.12.23 to 12.12.23

REGULATION OF TRAIN	
Train No. & Name	Regulation of Train (from originating station)
04359 Chandausi-Rishikesh Exp.Spl.	Train will be Regulated for 120 min. enroute on 12.12.23

RESCHEDULING OF TRAIN	
Train No.	Rescheduling Details
04364	Rishikesh-Haridwar Special will be rescheduled at 18.55 hrs instead of 18.25 hrs from Rishikesh on 12.12.2023

CHANGE OF ORIGIN FROM RISHIKESH TO YOG NAGRI RISHIKESH	
Train No. & Train Name	Date of originating station
14816 Rishikesh-Shri Ganganagar Express	05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023
14609 Rishikesh-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Hemkunt Exp.	05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023
14887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023

CHANGE OF DESTINATION FROM RISHIKESH TO YOG NAGRI RISHIKESH	
Train No. & Train Name	Date of destination station
14610 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Rishikesh Hemkunt Exp.	04.12.2023 to 11.12.2023
14888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	04.12.2023 to 11.12.2023
14815 Shri Ganganagar - Rishikesh Express	05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023

For any kind of information, passengers are advised to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## JK to receive additional...

to ensure sustainable and firm power availability throughout the year.

"In this direction, during the current financial year, the UT has entered into historic Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for 1600 MW of Solar power, 900 MW from Hydro, and an additional 500 MW from thermal plants, currently in progress following the decision of the UT Administrative Council under the Shakti Policy," it reads. KNO

## Lt Governor launches...

streamline existing mechanism and reduce the time taken for dissemination of accurate and correct information, he added.

The Lt Governor also bid farewell to the outgoing Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and applauded his sincerity, dedication and commitment to discharge his responsibilities without fear or favour.

"I wish him a long, happy and healthy life ahead," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to Haryana Government for its support and cooperation in developing the new Portal.

Ms Purna Puri, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Information Department highlighted the key features of the portal. She informed that the new "Subscribe to Press Release" feature also enables the general public to subscribe to press releases and get notified on their mobile phones. She said the integration of the Rebuttal Mechanism will help to counter fake/false news on real time basis.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Additional Chief Secretaries, Administrative Secretaries and senior officials of Civil and Police Administration were present.

Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Citizen Resources Information Department, Government of Haryana also joined through video conference. KNO

## LG inaugurates 2-day...

copyrights for protection and development of their trade and businesses," the Lt Governor said.

At the inaugural session, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the J&K Administration to foster innovation and promote intangible assets like Intellectual Properties and Geographical Indications for unique products of the Union Territory.

He said as many as 10 products of handloom & handicraft and five products of Agriculture & Allied Sector have received GI tag and it will benefit community as well as boost the economic growth of Jammu Kashmir.

"I consider Intellectual Properties as a catalyst for the progress of J&K and we are developing a robust Research & Development and legal framework for its protection and IP facilitation centre of the UT will provide hand-holding to entrepreneurs, MSMEs, Startups in filing IPRs and assist innovators in registration process," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor impressed upon all stakeholders and young entrepreneurs to pay special attention for commercialization of intellectual property.

We must nurture the growth of IPs to fully realize the potential and achieve the goal of Creative India, Innovative India, he said.

He also shared the key initiatives of the Universities and Higher Educational Institutions of the UT to promote innovation and startup culture in Jammu Kashmir.

Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce Department; Rahul Sahai, Chair PHDCCI Jammu; DP Goel, Co-Chair MSME Committee, PHDCCI, Gaurav Gogia, Principal Associate, United & United; representatives from Industries, MSMEs and Startups; entrepreneurs researchers, and students were present. KNO

## Posting Social Media...

said police. After necessary legal formalities, the body was shifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu for post-mortem while investigation into the case is in progress.

The case was solved under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar.

## LG's Mulaqaat: Sinha interacts...

supply project (Reservoir) in the Chandraseer Tilgam to Wanigam Payeen area, the Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department briefed the Lt Governor that the work on the said water supply project will be completed by the end of December this year.

A complainant namely Vidyut Vats, a resident of Dhar Road, Udhampur drew the attention of the authorities towards the blocked drain at Goal Mela near Jaganath Temple. The Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur to ensure the clearance of the drain within 10 days.

The Lt Governor also addressed the grievance of Payar Singh of Ganote Chakka Bhartund, District Ramban regarding the issuance of BPL Ration Card in his favour.

Rehana Batul, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; R.R Swain, DGP; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present, in person and through virtual mode. KNO

## The divine land of J&amp;K...

of J&K as a model Union Territory. He said the UT is growing at an unprecedented rate with steadfast resolve and commitment to ensure welfare of the common man.

"Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we are witnessing the rise of a developed Union Territory. This divine land in a true sense has been transformed as a 'Paradise on Earth,'" the Lt Governor said.

At the conclave, the Lt Governor shared the key initiatives of the UT Administration to ensure ease of living for citizens.

He said the acceleration of J&K's all-round development and the empowerment of the common man are benefitting all sections of society.

Our focus is not just faster but also inclusive and sustainable growth. We are laying the foundation of industrialization and modern agriculture & allied sectors to create new opportunities for youth, farmers and women, he added.

The Lt Governor said the UT administration is determined to create fear-free and terrorism-free J&K. He said the administration has been successful in dismantling the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists, and terrorism is now breathing its last breath.

"I am confident this decade will be the golden decade for J&K," he said.

Senior officers of Civil and Police Administration, senior journalists, prominent personalities from different walks of life, and people in large numbers were present. KNO

## Murder case solved by...

deceased with a stone on his head leaving him dead," said police.

After necessary legal formalities, the body was shifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu for post-mortem while investigation into the case is in progress.

The case was solved under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar.

## Kashmir parts receive...

Bhaderwah, Chowkibal Tangdhar, Keran, Gulmarg, Doodhpathri and other areas experienced fresh snowfall.

Nonetheless, the rains lashed the plains of Kashmir since the wee hours of this morning and continued intermittently throughout the day.

Moreover, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the weather is expected to improve from tomorrow.

The weather conditions are expected to remain cloudy till December 09, he said, adding that there is no forecast of any major activity during the period. He added the cloudy weather is expected during the period, but no major activity is predicted till December 09, 2023.

Meanwhile, the night temperature improved across Kashmir with Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir recording a minimum temperature of 5.3 degree Celsius.

The mercury in Qazigund settled at 5.0 degree Celsius while in Pahalgam it settled at 1.5 degree Celsius.

According to data, Konibal and Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.0 degree Celsius each.

The prevailing weather conditions have forced the closure of several roads today. The Srinagar-Jammu National Highway remained open for the traffic despite the inclement weather conditions. However, Srinagar-Sonamarg-GumrRoad was closed for nearly one hour today, but was thrown open for traffic immediately after the road clearance work was done.

Officials said that after fresh snowfall was witnessed at several places including 'Pir Ki Gali', the authorities decided to close the road for vehicular movement.

Also, the fresh snowfall in northern districts also led to the closure of several roads.

"As a precautionary measure, the roads leading to Karnah sector, Keran sector, and Machil sector were closed this morning due to snowfall," they said.

The official further said that the snow clearance operation shall begin only after the improvement in weather conditions. KNO

## CBI files chargesheet...

complainant, for his posting and to resolve his departmental issues including promotion.

"During a trap, Singh and a middle man, Gohar Ahmed Dar, were arrested while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10 lakh from the complainant allegedly on behalf of Mohd. Farooq Dar, the then Special Secretary, Agriculture & Production Department," said a senior CBI official.

He said that the searches were also conducted at the premises of both the accused and at the residence of said Special Secretary which led to recovery of cash of Rs 3.5 lakh (approx) and other documents related to property.

He said that Gohar Ahmed Dar (supplier/contractor of Agriculture and Production Department) allegedly acted as a middleman for the collection of bribe.

It was also alleged that official information pertaining to the transfer of the complainant was being passed on by the Special Secretary to the middleman who further passed on the same to the Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu.

"It was further alleged that the Special Secretary initiated the proposal for transfer of the complainant and allegedly recommended his name initially for CHO, Doda and later for CHO, Rajouri in gross disregard of the recommendation of inquiry officer according to which, the complainant could not be posted to any sensitive post," said the official.

## JMC, SMC commissioners...

In a notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency the H&UDD ordered that the commissioners shall exercise the functions and duties of the Corporation(s) as provided under the Municipal Corporation Act-2000.

The government had to issue the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Corporation (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2023 to remove difficulties arising in giving effect to the provisions of the Municipal Corporation Act for the purpose of smooth administration and providing better services to public at large after the expiry of five-year term of the elected representatives of the Corporations.

Under section 427 of the Municipal Corporation Act, the government is empowered to issue such orders if any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Act or by reasons of anything contained in this Act to any other enactment for the time being in force.

On Wednesday, the government appointed deputy commissioners and additional district development commissioners as administrators of municipal councils and committees respectively. KNO

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra unveils transformative initiatives in Kanjali Panchayat



J I NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, NOVEMBER 30

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra activities commenced in Kanjali Panchayats of district Reasi, today.

The Yatra was accorded a warm welcome by PRIs, Senior Citizens, Officials and local residents and were engaged with knowledge enriching audio-video material screened on Special IEC Vans.

They listened attentively to a recorded video message from the Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance of the campaign. Participants took the Viksit Sankalp Bharat pledge, affirming their commitment to holistic national development.

The locals were provided information about different government schemes and initiatives, besides engaging and immersing them in scheduled activities including pledge taking. Medical camps were organized to provide health services to the local people at their

doorsteps. During the day long events, students also showcased their artistic talents through mesmerizing cultural performances. Local Dance and Musical folklore exhibited the diverse cultural heritage, fostering a sense of unity and celebration among the spectators.

Beneficiaries also narrated their successful journey of transition in a special segment "Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani" where they spoke about the positive impact of flagship programmes of the government on their lives.

The Yatra has been rolled out with the intention to reach out to the unreached population and making the general masses aware of the multitude of government schemes, including the Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana and Urea Subsidy Scheme and the process to avail benefits.

## AO Fire Services accorded farewell

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Administrative Officer Haji Ajaz Ahmed retired on superannuation today from the Fire and Emergency Services Department. Though he served the department at the tail end of his service, the staff accorded the officer a grand Farewell.

Earlier, he served in various capacities in the department of youth services and sports up to the rank of Section officer and finally got promoted as Administrative officer last year in 2022 and was posted in Fire and Emergency Services against an

available vacancy. Initially he was appointed in the year 1985 in the education department.

Alok Kumar, Director Fire and Emergency Services lauded the meritorious services of Haji Ajaz and appreciated his unblemished service records, he also wished him happy and healthy post retirement.

A Grand Farewell was accorded to Retiree while senior officers including Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Services Command Jammu Raj Kumar Raina and Kanwal Peshin DFO City extended warm wishes to the officer on attaining superannuation.

## Arrangements for JKSSB exam reviewed in Samba

J I NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 30

Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma today evaluated the preparations for J&K Service Selection Board's ORM based Panchayat Secretary written exam here at a meeting attended by functionaries of stakeholder departments.

In attendance were SSP, Benam Tosh, ADC, Suresh Chander Sharma, PO ICDS Dr. Subash Chander, ACR Samba Dr. Kusum Chib and representatives of JKSSB.

Deliberations focused on strategic deployment plans for Magistrates, supervisory staff, examination observers, and meticulous arrangements for exam videography.

DC Sharma under-

scored the paramount importance of staff training and the meticulous provision of necessary facilities to ensure a seamlessly conducted examination. Commencing tomorrow, JKSSB teams are set to initiate comprehensive training programs. Officers received explicit directives to ensure adequate staffing at examination centers, complete with contingency plans for any unforeseen circumstances.

The meeting delved into comprehensive discussions concerning transportation logistics for examination materials, efficient traffic management, provision of ample parking facilities, and meticulous attention to sanitation measures at the examination centers.

## Day-6: VBSY held in 10 Panchayats of Block Pahloo &amp; Kund of Kulgam



J I NEWS SERVICE  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continued on Sixth day today in the district, as the IEC campaign was held in 10 more panchayats of Kund and Pahloo blocks of the district.

People thronged the venues of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (campaign) in Panchayat Halqas catering Arigatnoo, Chamba-gund, Chitapur, Gudder, Laisoo and other villages witnessing enthusiastic and vibrant participation of stakeholders.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a nationwide outreach initiative aimed at informing and empowering citizens about the Government's flagship schemes began in the district on 25 November from D.K.Marg block.

The Yatra is showcasing the positive impact with beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM PRANAM, Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Aushadhi, Khelo India, sharing their first-hand experiences in various panchayats in district Kulgam.

During the yatra, drone

demos are also being conducted in various places as part of the yatra showcasing the effective use of technology to enhance agricultural productivity.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has emerged as a powerful tool for bridging the gap between the Government and its citizens, ensuring that the benefits of various schemes reach those who need them most.

During the yatra, Officers and officials continued to aware people about government schemes and interact and motivate them to register for schemes and get benefits under various employment and welfare based schemes besides ensuring saturation of flagship schemes of the government.

Welfare, employment, insurance, social security and income generation based schemes were highlighted by all departments who had installed stalls. IEC Vans were pressed into service also.

Block officers and officials from line departments, PRIs, students and locals participated in large numbers in Viksit Bharat Yatra programmes in aforesaid panchayats.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra triumphs in Block Keller of Shopian



J I NEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 30

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a transformative initiative today celebrated the successful culmination of its journey in the far-off block Keller in Shopian.

The events across the block, which were held from 26 to 29 November, garnered an overwhelming response witnessing a total of 40, 847 enthusiastic participation of people from diverse walks of life across 22 panchayats.

More than 4000 people shared feedback on government flagship schemes through Meri Kahani, Meri Zubaani. Health Camps took center stage during the Yatra, with an impressive number of individuals undergoing screenings for prevalent health concerns including NCD and TB. A total of 4,622 people were screened for Tuberculosis, while 3,713 individuals were tested for sickle cell anemia, reflecting the commitment to holistic healthcare in the region.

In a bid to usher in advancements in agriculture, the events across the block showcased a remarkable drone demonstration for agricultural

operations, emphasizing the transition towards smart and sustainable farming practices. This demonstration garnered significant attention, highlighting the potential for technology to revolutionize the agricultural landscape in Block Keller. 22 drone demonstrations were conducted.

Besides, 21 Abhinandan Parta of Har Ghar Jal (HGJ) were distributed during the Yatra in the block along with a saturation of 22 GPs with Ayushman Card saturation.

Similarly, recognizing the contributions of individuals and groups towards community development, Viksit Bharat Yatra honored local champions through awards in various categories. The Swachhta hi Seva award applauded efforts in promoting cleanliness and hygiene, while recognition for local entrepreneurship by women celebrated the spirit of women driving economic progress.

Additionally, school children were acknowledged for their achievements in essay and quiz competitions, nurturing a culture of education and intellectual growth.



## Social Impact Report

# World Bank's Sidhra- Surinsar Road project sparks economic boom and tourism flourish

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SURINSAR, (JAMMU)  
NOVEMBER 30

The Sidhra-Surinsar road upgradation project, funded by the World Bank, has not only enhanced the picturesque region but also sparked joy, prosperity, and a surge in tourism. Commuters and tourists alike are expressing their satisfaction with the much-needed improvements to the roadway.

A team led by Technical Assistance and Quality Audit Control (TAQC) experts of the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) carried out a detailed survey to assess commuter satisfaction with the roadway to spot "pain and delight areas" and to identify areas where improvement in service was required. However, the majority of the people of the areas have expressed satisfaction with their overall

experience.

Locals expressed their satisfaction, saying despite several bottlenecks the project was completed as people of the area have started to reap the benefits in abundance.

Rashmi Choudhary, a school teacher in Surinsar area, said that there were many bottlenecks which have been cleared by the concerned departments and many promising developmental projects have been taken up. She said that the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project has been able to complete the much-awaited road project from Sidra to Surinsar, which has not only benefited the locals, but also generated a huge tourism potential for the locals.

Previously, she said, there were obstacles, hindering the fair allocation of the project. Grateful for the government's shift



towards rural areas, she added.

An elderly man, Thodu Ram of Aithem village in Surinsar area, said that it was so pleasing to see beautiful roads connecting their villages to the city nerve centre.

"This has eased our life. This has provided employment to scores of our men in the village. They take public transport from their village, go to the city and come back in the evening,"

joyous Ram said.

Notably, in what could be seen as a major achievement by the current dispensation led by Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha.

The World Bank has maintained that its Rs 1500 crore project in J&K has largely achieved its objective and, in some cases, surpassed the agreed targets. Rs 1500 crore project funded by the World Bank was a non-starter earlier,

but the completion of the project saw the light of the day when Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah took the reins.

Pertinently, Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, had inaugurated Rs 16.70 Cr. Sidhra- Surinsar road upgradation project completed by Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA). The LG in his speech on the day of inaugura-

tion lauded the executing agency and the role of officials, saying that the Rs 16.70 Cr road project executed by JKERA was very vital as it provides road connectivity to the various pilgrimage and tourist destinations in and around the Jammu district.

Chief Executive Officer, JKERA, who is also Secretary Tourism, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, said that the vital road project will facilitate the socio-economic development of areas including Bajalta, ChakChilah, Badgah, Aithem and Surinsar, benefiting around five lakh souls in the region.

"The road will give a boost to the tourism sector in Jammu and adjoining areas as it completes the pilgrimage, tourist circuit from Pumandal. Mansar, Devkand, connecting with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and Sudhmahadev in Reasi and Udhampur district," he said.

## Power shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Thather, upper Thather, Puja colony, Nardhini, Raipur, Keran and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 01 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Roop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Chinor, Durga Nagar, Buta Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 01 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Lakad Mandi, Patoli, Janipur Colony, Pamposh colony, Ambredhar Nagar, High Court, Daily Excelsior, Statistical Office, Mohinder Nagar, Rajinder Nagar Bhagwati Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Canal Road, Krishna Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 02 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Keerian Local, Keerian Industry and other adjoining areas will remain affected on December 01, 02

and 03 from 8 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Jib, Chak and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 01 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jagti Town, Nagrota, Chibba, Sanik School and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 03 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Talabtillo, Trilokpur, Bohri, Udheywala, Machelian, Marh, Gajansoo, Gho Manhasan, Ares fed from 33 kV Medical, Satwari, Toph, Shakti Nagar and Company Bagh and canal and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 02 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Nannan, Budhi, Bakhta, Barnoti, IID Centre, MES Janglote, Industrial areas Ghatti and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 03 from 8 am to 6 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Mahanpur, Billawar, Bani, Basholi, Machedi and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 03 from 8 am to 2 pm.

## KVK Kulgam organizes day long Awareness programme



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kulgam, today organized one day awareness programme on "Agri-Business consultancy for employment of Rural Youth and Services to the Farmers" under HADP Project-Innovative Extension Approaches for Promoting Agriculture in Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme witnessed the active participation of Farmers/Rural youth, students and entrepreneurs from different corners of District Kulgam. Chief Guest of the Programme, Prof. D. M. Makhdoomi, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, encouraged the participants to avail the opportunities under HADP, emphasizing its potential to render farming not only lucrative but also attractive to the youth and progressive farmers.

He underscored the role of various technologies in bridging the gap between scientists and farmers and stressed on the importance of Agri-business in enhancing agricultural income. Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADDC Kulgam under-

scored the significance of exchange of knowledge and ideas among farmers, rural youth and entrepreneurs, highlighting the profound and positive influence it holds for the agricultural landscape of the district.

A healthy discussion about various schemes was there between the farmers and the officials.

Senior Scientist and Head, Dr. Manzoor A Ganai in his inaugural address highlighted that the programme serves as a significant milestone in the collective efforts towards advancing agricultural practices of J&K. He also highlighted the role of FPO's in increasing the income of the farming community in general and country in particular.

Resource Person, Dr. Ab Shakoor (SMS Soil Science) delivered the informative and detailed powerpoint presentation on scope and importance of agri-business entrepreneurship. Dr. Shahid Ahmad (SMS AS) carried the practical demonstration of various farm demo units available at KVK Kulgam and the role of the IFS system in agri-entrepreneurship development.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Van reaches Galhar Panchayat of block Nagseni

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 30

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) reached several far flung Panchayats of district Kishtwar, here today. The Yatra took central stage in the panchayat Galhar of block Nagseni, panchayat Horna of Mughal Maidan, panchayat Matta A of Kishtwar, Palmar Lower A and Palmar Lower B of Palmar, Qaderna A Panchayat of Marwah, Jawalapur and Binoo Panchayats of Bonjwah.

Live telecast of PM's interaction under the aegis of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was arranged at all the venues. Besides, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra film was also screened at these locations empowering the community engagement and fostering the vision for progress.

The People thronged the Viksit Bharat Sankalp



Yatra IEC Van at Galhar area of Nagseni Block and enthusiastically participated in the activities organized as well as availed on-spot services provided by different departments.

Attendees took the Sankalp (pledge) in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat, aiming to foster India's development. In the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" activity, successful beneficiaries of vari-

ous schemes shared their experiences.

Officials and nodal officers organized a session on the agricultural activities and interacted with progressive farmers to discuss organic Farming.

Cultural performances, including 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke', Swachata songs, etc., were presented by women SHG Members, school students and local artists.

## Arrangements for Panchayat Secretary Exams finalised

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 30

A meeting to finalise the arrangements for upcoming Panchayat Secretary Examinations being conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) was today convened at Dak Banglow Sopore.

The meeting, presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, S.A. Raina who serves as the Nodal Officer for District Baramulla, along with Additional Secretary of JKSSB, Pirzada Zahoor

played a pivotal role in providing important instructions to the appointed Superintendents.

During the meeting, Addl Secretary JKSSB conveyed vital instructions, acquainting the Superintendents with the prescribed procedures and Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.Ps) to be strictly adhered to during the examinations scheduled for December 10, 2023. Emphasis was laid on maintaining appropriate seating arrangements, imposing a ban on the use of electronic gadgets, and

ensuring candidates possess their Admit Cards and ID proofs.

Nodal Officer for District Baramulla, S.A. Raina urged the Superintendents to communicate effectively with the administration, highlighting any essential requirements for examination centers to facilitate the smooth and efficient conduct of the exams.

This collaborative effort aims to uphold the integrity and transparency of the Panchayat Secretary Examinations, ensuring a fair and secure environment for all candidates.

## DC, MD review progress under Jal Jeevan Mission in Udhampur District

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 30

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, and MD Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr. G N Itoo, today conducted a comprehensive review of progress made under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

The meeting, held in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex was attended by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department Jammu, Himesh Manchand, Technical Advisor of JJM, Gurcharan Singh, Superintendent Engineer R K Mahajan, DFO Rushal Garg and other key officers.

At the outset, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Ashok Kumar Sharma, provided an overview of the progress of work under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in the district.

Detailed discussions were held on different aspects, including the status of works under JJM, procurement of machinery, shortage of technical staff and identified bottlenecks.

While reviewing the sub-division wise progress, the emphasis was laid on the need for concerted efforts to achieve the goal of providing tap water to all households within the projected timeline. The mission aims to deliver safe drinking water through individual household tap connections.

The executing department was asked to accelerate the pace of work to meet the stipulated time frame and ensure strict monitoring of quality and progress. A deadline of December 31, 2023, was set for the completion of all JJM works, with a focus on timely benefits reaching the targeted populace.

The officers were asked to coordinate with other departments to facilitate removal of bottlenecks caused by a delay in securing different clearances.

## CS office bids farewell to the outgoing Chief Secretary



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

The office of the Chief Secretary, J&K today bade farewell to the outgoing Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on his superannuation at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Mehta recalled his tenure as the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed his appreciation to the contribution and support provided by the staff of the office.

Dr. Mehta also acknowledged the contribution of the General Administration Department in

promoting coordination within the administrative team of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged upon all officers and support staff to feel proud on the success of their efforts in promoting transparency and efficiency in J&K.

On this occasion, the staff extended warm wishes on retirement filled with health and happiness. The event was attended by the Special Secretary, Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Private Secretaries besides other gazetted and non-gazetted staff of the twin sections of the Civil Secretariat here.

## Doda Girls Shine in Divisional Level Cricket Tournament

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA NOVEMBER 30

In an outstanding display of skill and teamwork, Doda girls showcased their cricket prowess in the inter-district Divisional level tournament organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports in Udhampur.

The journey began with a resounding victory in the first match, where Doda girls defeated Samba by an impressive margin of 73 runs, setting the stage for their remarkable run in the tournament.

In the semi-final, Doda won the toss, elected to bat first, and set a challenging target of 160 for the opposing team. The star performers of the match were Maica, who scored 71 runs, and Shaweta Singh, contributing with a solid 54. The Doda bowlers, putting up a stellar performance, restricted Jammu to a mere 14 runs, securing a convincing victory by 145 runs and securing a spot in the final. In the final match against Udhampur, Doda faced a target of 69 runs. The team showcased resilience and determination, chasing down the target in the last over with a winning boundary by Sharuti. The thrilling victory marked the culmination of the dedication of all team members, strategic decisions by coach Mr. Vinod Kumar and Satya Devi, and the guidance provided by Jaffer Haider Sheikh, DYSSO Doda. The success of the Doda girls' cricket team in this tournament is a testament to the collective effort, skill, and strategic decisions made by both the players and the coaching staff. The commitment and guidance provided by Jaffer Haider Sheikh, DYSSO Doda, played a pivotal role in steering the team to victory.

## DC reviews implementation of PM Vishwakarma Scheme

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 30

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex to assess the implementation of the PM Vishwakarma scheme in the district.

The meeting was attended by BDC Chairman Jeevan Sharma, GM DIC Pankaj Anand, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr Ranjeet Singh



Kotwal, SDMs, and other officers.

At the onset, GM DIC Pankaj Anand provided a

comprehensive overview of the scheme, outlining its objectives and detailing the progress in the district. He

informed out of 500 registered cases, 39 cases have been approved at the district level Committee after

second-level verification.

Emphasizing the need for concerted efforts, the DC urged officers to identify and register targeted beneficiaries promptly. Stressing the significance of PM Vishwakarma scheme in uplifting traditional artisans/crafts people, the DC instructed the officers to conduct an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign with the support of PRIs to raise awareness about the scheme among the people.



## EDITORIAL

## Empowering women!

It is quite encouraging and heartening to hear that the BJP-led Central government is expected to bring legislation in the upcoming winter session of the Parliament, beginning December 4, granting 33 percent reservation to women in the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir. The same formula is to be adopted in Puducherry as well. If all goes smooth and as per the plans of the BJP, at least 33 percent seats will be reserved in the 90-seat Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for women. It indicates that nearly 29 or 30 seats in the UT Assembly will be reserved for women from 2029 when provisions of the legislation will come into effect. Within 33 percent reservation to women, there will be reservation to SC and ST women. Already, seven seats have been reserved for SCs and nine for STs in the J&K Assembly. With 33 percent reservation for women, nearly 50 percent seats in the UT Assembly will be reserved. The move is a welcome step as women folk has always been discriminated against in different sectors of life in Jammu and Kashmir. In September this year, the new Parliament House began its proceedings with the entry of MPs. The opening of the new Parliament House also coincided with the introduction of an important Bill for 33% reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies that made the event more historic. It was 27 years after it was first tabled, the women's reservation bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha as the very first agenda of the New Parliament after Prime Minister Narendra Modi led MPs to the new House following a farewell to the old in an hour-long event at the central hall of old Parliament. The government's decision to introduce Nari Shakti Vandan Bill for 33 percent reservation for women in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and state assemblies triggered a debate in political circles, with the opposition parties particularly Congress trying to stake claim over the introduction of this important Bill in the Parliament for the first time. The government claims the bill would strengthen its resolve on women-led development. The previous bill was passed by Rajya Sabha on March 9, 2010. The Rajya Sabha reported it to Lok Sabha and the bill became property of the Lok Sabha. It eventually lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha on May 18, 2014. Now, when the provisions of women reservation are made applicable to the Lok Sabha, one or two out of five LS seats in Jammu and Kashmir will also be reserved for the women. The BJP is also on a mission to empower different sections and communities of the society. For this, it has already moved different bills in the Parliament. One of the bills pertained to nomination of two Kashmiri migrants including one woman and a Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) refugee in Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir by the Lieutenant Governor while the other is about grant of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Pahari Ethnic Tribe, Paddari Tribe, Gadda Brahmans and Kolis. Third bill proposed to change nomenclature of Other Social Castes (OSCs) to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for grant of reservation while fourth bill will include Valmikis in the list of Scheduled Castes. Whatever be the arguments of the opposition parties, the political parties must bring a consensus on these important legislations while they also ensure women empowerment by reserving 33 percent political seats in both the Houses of Parliament and in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Enhance minimum wages for 'Sabka Vikas'

KATHIYAYINI CHAMARAJ

The travails of the trapped workers in the Silkyara tunnel project and the laudable work of the rat-hole miners who saved them have evoked new respect for the labourers in our country and the risks they endure. However, are we ensuring their right to a dignified life while enjoying the conveniences created by their labour?

This question has been brought to the fore coincidentally through an order of the High Court of Karnataka, which has recently quashed 34 notifications on minimum wages passed in 2022 by the Karnataka Labour Department. The notifications have been quashed for not calculating minimum wages as per the Reptakos Brett judgement of the SC and that the rates fixed/revised "are unsustainable in law". The HC has directed the state government to recalculate the minimum wage within three months.

This is a welcome order that holds much promise for the more than 1.7 crore wage workers of the state who have been waiting for decades for the proper

implementation of several SC judgements in their favour. The SC had upheld in U Unichoyi & others vs the State of Kerala in 1962 itself the norms fixed by the 15th Indian Labour Conference in 1975 that minimum wages for a worker should cover food, clothing, housing, and light and fuel needs of a standard family. The Fair Wage Committee had recommended in 1948 that "the minimum wage must provide, not merely for the bare sustenance of life, but also for the "preservation of the efficiency of the worker." These are costs that are to be borne by all employers at all times.

Additionally, the SC, in the Reptakos Brett case in 1992, declared that "children's education, medical requirements, minimum recreation, including festivals/ceremonies and provision for old age, marriages, etc., should further constitute 25 per cent of the total minimum wage" and that "each category of the wage structure has to be tested at the anvil of social justice."

Despite these SC pronouncements respecting workers' rights to dignified living, the current mini-

mum wages announced by Karnataka, ranging from Rs 12,846.80 in Zone 4 areas to Rs 14,424.63 in Zone 1 for unskilled work, fall short of the Supreme Court norms and are insufficient for ensuring workers' basic needs. This situation persists, as the National Commission on Labour, headed by Justice P B Gajendragadkar, reported in 1968 that "the minimum wage fixing authorities have generally accepted the formula in principle and departed from it in actual practice." The Central Seventh Pay Commission calculated the minimum wage at the lowest level for government employees, based on 15th ILC guidelines, at Rs 18,000 at 2016 prices. Should this rate, recalculated at 2023 prices, be the floor-level minimum wage for all?

Employers, claiming inability to pay higher amounts, have urged the Labour Department to appeal against the HC judgement. However, surveys show a sharp decline in the share of wages in value added, from 30 per cent in the 1980s to 9.5 per cent in 2009, while the share of enterprise prof-

its has risen from around 15 per cent to 55 per cent. Studies since 2014 indicate a reduction in the growth of wage rates. This suggests a case for employers, at least those owning 'macro-enterprises,' to give a higher share of profits to their employees. Hence, their appeals, if any, for the withdrawal of higher minimum wages may lack a sound evidence base.

Employers argue that if minimum wages in neighbouring states are lower, small units and MSMEs would go out of business, unable to compete with units in other states, leave alone in the global market. But if the neighbouring state of Kerala can continue to have the highest wage rates in the country and has thus practically eliminated poverty, this is something for governments to think about. If there is a genuine cause among MSMEs, governments need to consider how they can be helped so that workers are not deprived of their basic entitlements.

When minimum wages are set below workers' basic needs, it is in effect a subsidy being given to

employers, as this necessitates the government fulfilling the basic needs of the workers by announcing various so-called 'freebies' or benefits with taxpayers' money, such as the highly subsidised public distribution, housing and transportation systems, etc.

The India Wage Report of the ILO points out that "low pay and wage inequality remain a serious challenge to India's path to achieving decent working conditions and inclusive growth." This is also the reason why there is growing inequality in India. A recent United Nations Development Programme report found India's economic inequalities in wealth and income to be among the highest in the world, showing an unequal distribution of the benefits of growth.

What use is racing towards a \$5 trillion economy that will make us the third largest economy in the world if our per capita income stagnates at a low of \$2,400 and we rank 149 among 194 countries? There needs to be a realisation that when more money is put in the hands of lower-income groups,

there will be greater aggregate demand for goods and services, and the whole economy will thrive.

If the whole of society, including the private sector, shared the burden of removing poverty by paying just wages to workers, there would not be the prevailing clamour by every section to be declared 'backward' in order to claim the minuscule government jobs through reservation. If all jobs assured the poor proper wages, this clamour for reservations would end.

One hopes that the poor working and safety conditions under which most workers work, highlighted by the Silkyara tunnel episode, will evoke greater respect for the rights of workers. Society needs to willingly provide them with their rights and share the burden of evolving into a compassionate society that cares for all. Shouldn't that be the goal of the much-publicised slogans Achhe Din and Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas?

(The writer is the Executive Trustee of CIVIC-Bangalore)

## The Sam Altman imbroglio is a blessing in disguise

SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN

The uproar over the sacking of Sam Altman as CEO of OpenAI and his subsequent return to the same role has raised many questions about the future of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Now that the dust has settled, and Altman is not only back but well and truly in charge with a newly anointed board of his choice, one must wonder if the race to develop AI by Big Tech needs to take a pause. To take a step back as it were, and look more carefully at the potential of a scientific development that may well change the course of human history.

One must first recap the Altman episode. It seems the non-profit board of OpenAI suddenly decided to remove the CEO on grounds of lack of adequate communication. Initially, this seemed a puzzling reason, but reports later emanating from the San Francisco-based company indicated that some developments in the field

of artificial general intelligence (AGI) may have been of concern to the board members.

Even so, it was an abrupt and arbitrary move especially as key investors such as Microsoft had no inkling of the plan. It must be noted that OpenAI has a unique governance model with the board of the original non-profit venture having control of the profit arm that has nearly 50 per cent shareholding by Microsoft. The outcome of the sudden decision to remove the CEO was Microsoft offering to bring Altman on board and create a new AI research team while OpenAI went ahead to appoint two CEOs in succession. The final incumbent was co-founder of Twitch, Emmett Shear who vowed to investigate the reasons for Altman's sacking. Developments then moved rapidly as most of the company's 770 employees declared their intent to depart en masse to Microsoft. At the end of the five-day drama, Altman was reinstated as CEO and three new board members were

brought in including former Federal Reserve chief, Larry Summers.

The back story of this bizarre incident seems to be the development of a new AI model called - in proper science fiction style - Q\* (Q star). One of its startling capabilities has reportedly been to solve basic mathematical problems, a feat so far not achieved by any other AI model. There is no official confirmation of this development from OpenAI, barring many stories circulating on the Internet. Yet it is clear from some of the technical explanations in online tech magazines that there has been previous research on what is known as 'Q learning'.

For the layman, the new capabilities of the Q\* can be envisaged as the difference between systems that rely only on data from human sources and the ability to think in a more creative fashion. For instance, one publication has described existing algorithms as being like a robot in a maze

that relies on directions from humans to move left or right. But Q\* is like a robot that would try different routes to move towards the exit. This is indeed a huge leap for AI though many technical experts would still argue that it has little scope to harm humanity in the future.

Yet from a layman's point of view, the capability of an AI model to make decisions without being guided at every step is a scary scenario. Adding to it is Altman's reported comments that AGI could be described as a "median human who could be hired as a co-worker" alongside humans. This seems an excessively casual approach to an issue that raises many ethical dilemmas. It is surely time for Big Tech to take a pause in the breakneck speed at which AI research is being carried out in a competitive manner. A more nuanced approach to the development of such pathbreaking systems now needs to be taken.

In India too, a country which has one of the largest pools of AI engineers, discussions need

to be carried out on ways to regulate and monitor this cutting-edge technology. Significantly, the Google representative here has recently highlighted the need for "guardrails" around a technology that needs all companies to be responsible players, not just one or two.

The Sam Altman imbroglio has been a blessing in disguise. It has put the spotlight on the fact that AI research needs to ease up so that ethical concerns about the impact on humanity are addressed fully. For the time being, the public is only aware of the progress made in the Q\* model but it is conceivably possible that other tech companies are moving in the same direction. Such developments need to be considered holistically keeping ethical guidelines in mind. Science needs to be harnessed for the benefit of humanity rather than allowing it to grow in a manner that could potentially be harmful to the world.

(Sushma Ramachandran is a senior journalist)

## The Ancient Art of Mudras

SWAMI CHARANASHRIT

Mudras, a Sanskrit word that translates to "gesture," are ancient hand positions that have been practised for thousands of years in various cultures, particularly in the realms of yoga, meditation, and traditional dance. These symbolic gestures are believed to channel energy within the body and connect the practitioner to higher spiritual realms. The philosophy behind mudras lies in the idea that different parts of the hands represent different elements and energies, and by bringing them together in specific ways, one can harmonise and channel these energies for various purposes.

**Major Mudras and Their Significance:**

**Anjali Mudra (Prayer Gesture):**

How to perform: Bring the palms of your hands together in front of your chest, fingers pointing upward.

Anjali Mudra is a gesture of reverence and gratitude. It is commonly used as a greeting and is often performed at the beginning and end of yoga classes. This mudra symbolises the connection between the individual self and the universal consciousness.



**Gyan Mudra (Knowledge Gesture):**

How to perform: Touch the tip of the thumb and the index finger, forming a circle, while keeping the other fingers extended.

Gyan Mudra is associated with knowledge, wisdom, and concentration. It is believed to enhance memory and improve concentration during meditation. This mudra is commonly used in various meditation practices to quiet the mind and promote inner peace.

**Chin Mudra (Consciousness Gesture):**

How to perform: Touch the tip of the thumb and the index finger, forming a circle, and let the other three fingers remain extended.

Chin Mudra is a gesture of consciousness and is often used during meditation.

**Prana Mudra (Life Force Gesture):**

How to perform: Join the tips of the ring finger and the little finger to the tip of the thumb, while keeping the other fingers extended.

Prana Mudra is believed to increase the vital life force energy within the body. It is

associated with improving vitality, reducing fatigue, and boosting the immune system.

**Apana Mudra (Digestive Gesture):**

How to perform: Touch the tips of the thumb, middle finger, and ring finger together, while keeping the index finger and little finger extended.

Apana Mudra is said to balance the Apana Vayu, one of the five vital forces in the body related to elimination and downward movement. This mudra is believed to support digestive health, assist in detoxification, and promote a sense of ground-

edness.

**Huni Mudra (Seal of Patience):**

How to perform: Join the tip of the middle finger with the tip of the thumb, while keeping the other fingers extended.

Huni Mudra is associated with patience, discernment, and discipline. It is believed to help cultivate a sense of patience and focus. Practising this mudra is thought to bring balance to the air element within the body and mind, promoting a calm and reflective state. Shuni Mudra is often used to enhance one's ability to make wise decisions.

Incorporating mudras into your meditation or yoga routine can provide a deeper dimension to your spiritual journey, promoting physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Mudras are powerful tools that bridge the physical and spiritual aspects of our being. Incorporating these symbolic hand gestures into your daily life or meditation practise can deepen your connection with yourself and the universe. As with any ancient practice, it's essential to approach mudras with respect and an open mind, allowing yourself to explore their potential benefits on a personal level.

(The writer is a spiritual guide, views are personal)







## MoS Cooperation & DONER B.L. Verma attends Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Nimmo

JI NEWS SERVICE

LEH, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was organised today at Gram Panchayat, Nimoo.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Cooperation & DONER, GoI, B.L. Verma attended the program as chief guest.

Member Parliament of Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Nominated Councillor Dr. Yangchen Dolma; ADDC, Leh Sonam Norbo; BDO, Nimoo; Sarpanch, Nimoo; Panches, Nimoo; Nambardar, Nimoo; Goba, district officers and officials of different departments were present at the camp.

MoS, B.L. Verma was received by DC Leh and local representatives in the presence of locals of Nimoo with traditional welcome with khathak.

MoS, B.L. Verma inspected the stalls set up by various departments like, J&K Bank, Health, Social and Tribal Welfare, Education Department, Revenue, Self Help Groups, and other line departments.

Ayushman Card Generation counter was also set up and Ayushman Bharat Cards were also issued to beneficiaries. Aadhar Camp was also set up. On spot services were, Health Camps (TB Screening, sickle cell anemia screening), PM Ujjwala new enrolment and biometric authentication, MY Bharat volunteer enrolment.

Live message by Hon'ble Prime Minister was screened. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi interacted with beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra via video conferencing. He interacted with beneficiaries from Deoghar in Jharkhand, Raigarha



in Odisha, Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh, Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh, and Arnia in Jammu and Kashmir.

DC, Leh presented the welcome address. He spoke about overview of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and action plan in Leh district. He mentioned that the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being organised in every Panchayat Halqa of Leh district. He added that 25 Panchayat Halqa has been covered out of

95 Panchayat Halqa in Leh district. He said that the aim of this Yatra is saturation of government schemes. He also spoke about various schemes of government including Ayushman Bharat Yojana, insurance schemes and PM Vishvakarma. He also said it takes forward the vision of Prime Minister of India to make the country developed by 2047.

On this occasion people took pledge to make India Viksit by 2047.

Mos, B.L. Verma spoke of about various schemes of centre government including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, Ujjwala Yojna, Jal Jivan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Kisan Samman Niddhi Yojana, Gar Gar Bijli Jan Aushidi, Jan Dhan Yojana.

He said Modi led government is committed to benefit poor and needy people across the country through various schemes. Further, added that the people have got maximum benefit from those schemes. He said that in the past nine and half years India has developed immensely under Modi government. He also said Under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program, beneficiaries are given services and benefits of government schemes on the spot.

MP Ladakh also briefed about the Viksit

Bharat Sankalp Yatra and appealed the people to take the benefits of different welfare schemes of the government. He said the schemes of government have now reached to doorstep of every household under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp and every one must take maximum benefits of it.

Cultural program was also presented by the students of Government Middle School Nimoo.

Besides, ODF Plus certificate was given to Panchayat, Nimoo by the chief guest. 4 Years of UT Ladakh Magazine presented to Panchayat, Panch and Goba of Nimoo.

Furthermore, Property certificates were presented to beneficiaries.

The students of Government Middle school, Nimoo; Student of Government Middle School, Basgo; village representatives; people of Nimoo village enthusiastically joins the program

## Police organises Blood Donation Camp in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, NOV 30

On the directions of SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS, police organized Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with District Hospital Ganderbal at District Police Lines Ganderbal.

The Blood Donation Camp was organised under the supervision of DySP DAR Shri Nazir Ahmad in which Police officers, officials & SPOs participated with great enthusiasm & donated blood.

Medical Superintendent District Hospital Ganderbal Dr. Nighat Yasmeen deputed the panel of Doctors & Nurses to DPL Ganderbal & appreciated the efforts of Police for their contribution, donating blood for the noble cause. It was stressed that a single drop of blood can save precious human lives



and we should participate in such programmes for safeguarding humanity by donating our blood. Everyone should come forward and donate their blood & to increase the blood capacity in our health system.

On the occasion, a large number of blood units donated by Police were contributed to District Hospital for the emergency patients.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Sapi Panchayat

JI NEWS SERVICE

KARGIL, NOV 30

To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at Sapi Panchayat, Block Kargil.

BDO Kargil/Day Nodal Officer, Samina Khatoun, Sarpanch, Panches, officials from different departments, including Agriculture, RD&PRD, Health, Handloom, Horticulture, ICDS, along with representatives from various other line departments, actively participated in the event.

At the event, the villagers were comprehensively briefed on an array of beneficiary-oriented schemes meticulously crafted to uplift and improve the quality of their lives.

One of the aspects of the event was the provision of direct beneficiary-oriented benefits to the villagers on the spot.

Besides others, the



other departments also informed the people about beneficiary-oriented schemes. This included the distribution of various benefits and resources designed to uplift the community and improve their quality of life.

The IEC Van is equipped with multimedia resources, expert speakers, and interactive sessions to engage and educate people about the benefits

and application procedures of these schemes.

Experts from different departments and institutions including agriculture, horticulture, health, handloom etc, held interactive sessions with the locals wherein they were informed about the procedures to avail these welfare schemes. During the program, officials of the Health Department briefed the general public

about the goal of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and underlined its mission. They were also briefed about healthcare schemes. The camp witnessed huge participation of the people. The Day Nodal Officer expressed gratitude to the participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The Viksit Bharat pledge was also taken by the officials and participants at the event.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camps organized in Raghunath Bazar, Kunjwani Chowk in Jammu City

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is progressing smoothly in Jammu city. On Day Three of the yatra today, the specially designed IEC (Information, Education, Communication) van arrived in the famous Raghunath Bazar to create awareness among general public about various initiatives taken by the Government of India for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the last few years to improve people's lives, especially in the Valley. During the event, a health camp was organized where people got themselves tested for several diseases and ailments free of cost. Another camp provided the facility to people to get new Aadhaar cards issued and the existing ones updated.

As part of the yatra, a pledge - Viksit Bharat



Sankalp - to make India a developed and self-reliant nation by the year 2047 - was administered to the participants.

In the afternoon, the IEC van reached Kunjwani Chowk to create awareness about Central Government's welfare schemes like PM SVANidhi, Mudra Loans, Stand Up India and Start Up India, Digital Payments revolution, PM eBus Sewa,

Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas (Urban) PM Ujjwala Yojana among others. As part of the campaign, on spot services like PM Svanidhi Camp, Health Camp and, Aadhar updation camp was organized.

Launched by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra aimsto reach out to people, create awareness and provide benefits

of welfare schemes on sanitation, essential financial services, electricity, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc. The Viksit Bharat Campaign aims to cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by January 25, 2024, touching every district of the country.

## Will address concerns of transporters in J&K: Altaf Bukhari

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Demanding revival of the declining transport sector, the Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari today said that his Party will address the concerns of the transporters in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The transport sector and other business establishments have suffered huge losses in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the concerns of the business community members were not given heed by the Govt," said Altaf Bukhari, addressing a joining program here at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The program was organized by President Schedule Caste Wing, Bodh Raj Bhagat and Provincial President of Women Wing, Jammu, Pavneet Kour.

On this occasion, Balbir Singh Baba (owner of Baba Tour and Travels) and his supporters Amarjeet Singh, Devinder Singh, Ramneek Singh, Gurveer Singh, Rajinder Singh, and others joined the Apni Party in presence of Altaf Bukhari.

Welcoming the new entrants into the Party fold, Altaf Bukhari hoped that their joining would strengthen the Party at the ground level and assured the transporters that his Party would safeguard their interest and continue



to work for the welfare of the people.

In his speech, he said that, "The transport sector and business establishments have suffered losses in Jammu especially after the Darbar Move practice was stopped. The Darbar Move practice had promoted cultural exchange, better understanding between two regions, and improved trade related activities.

With the stopping of the Darbar Move, he said that there is anguish among the people in Jammu and they

demand revival of Darbar Move practice.

Therefore, holding of assembly elections is a must in Jammu and Kashmir, he said and added that "If we form the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir, we will revive the Darbar Move practice."

Meanwhile, he took on the traditional political parties for divisive politics that has created a wedge between Jammu and Kashmir Regions. However, the Apni Party is working to bridge the gap to bring the communities and two

Regions together.

He further said that "We do not believe in divisive politics that trigger misunderstanding between communities and Regions. Our Party believes in unity, brotherhood, and mutual understanding that would bring much needed peace, and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir."

He further said that his Party came into being when there was no hope among the people because the traditional political parties were not ready to come forward and represent the people after August 5, 2019.

He said that his Party believes in telling the truth to the people without triggering any controversy.

"The future of Jammu and Kashmir lies with India that can never be changed," he said, criticizing the traditional political parties for divisive politics.

Prominent among those who were present in the joining program include Vice President, Usman Majid, General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, Provincial President Jammu, Manjit Singh, Provincial Senior Vice President, Faqir Nath, Provincial Vice President, Nirmal Kotwal, Provincial Vice President Sheikh Shafi, J&K Trade Union President, Ajaz Kazmi, OBC President, Bhagat Ram, Youth Wing Vice President Jammu, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, General Secretary, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Jammu of Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Legal Cell, Vikram Rathore, Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Pavneet Kour, Provincial President Jammu, Trade Union, Raj Kumar Sharma, Ritu Pandita, Shivam Choudhry, Anirudh Khajuria, Sandeep Vaid, Joginder Sangam, Vishal Jotshi, Devinder Singh Gill, Vishal Jotshi, Vishal Narania, Yash Choudhry and others.

## Familial parties run on hatred, self profiteering; can't digest development: Sanjay Baru



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JAMMU, NOV 30

Family based parties like NC, PDP, Congress can't digest the politics of development as they are run only on the principles of hatred and self profiteering, said J&K BJP leader and former JMC Councillor, Sanjay Baru while he toured the Ward No. 41 area of Jammu West assembly Constituency and interacted with the different groups of local residents.

While interacting with the masses, Sanjay Baru said that the whole of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented development under the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Attacking the opposition parties like National Conference, People Democratic Party and Indian National Congress, Sanjay Baru said that their establishments were based on the principles of hatred

and nati-national sentiments. These parties came into existence with the particular purpose of profiteering and hatred for the other communities and stressed that people are now very well aware of the hypocrisy of their pseudo-leaders.

Highlighting the major development works in the Jammu region, he said that the Jammu city has been developed on the line of most marvelous architectural and engineering updates. He said that whereas enormous funds were allocated under the Smart city projects, Jammu Municipal Corporation has done excellent work through these five years.

Baru stressed that thousands of streetlights were allocated to each ward, accumulating to over more than 90 thousands in the whole JMC. The door-to-door garbage collection has given a hygienic and aesthetic look to the whole of the city, getting rid of many garbage points and thus communicable diseases. The work on the Tawi River Front will add charm to the city while the lanes and drains in the city were repaired like never before. Major electricity reforms were ensured adding more transformers and other required infrastructure. Roads were widened and new flyovers and raised roads being constructed. Laying importance on diversion of major traffic through circular roads costing more than 2000 crore rupees, he said that uncountable public welfare works are being pursued in the city of temples.

BJP leaders Ashok Singh Wazir, Jatinder Khajuria, Shakti Kendra pramukh Rakesh Sharma, BJYM Mandal President Sanchit Sharma, Bachan Lal Bhagat, Kewal Sharma, Dindayal Sharma and Girish Sharma accompanied Sanjay Baru during the tour.



## Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan: J&K transformed post Art 370 repeal: Rana

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ARNIA NOVEMBER 30

Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said that during the past four years, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed huge and remarkable transformation and turnaround in the overall situation, infrastructural development and implementation of the various welfare schemes.

"In the wake of unwavering dedication and strategic initiatives, the Union Territory has ushered in an era of stability, development, and unity", Mr Rana said while addressing the District office bearers DDCs & BDCs during Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan review meeting of Jammu border District of the party. Ex- MLAs Ashwani Sharma and Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat were

also present.

He said the BJP's commitment to inclusive governance as per Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas has fostered a sense of belonging with renewed spirit of confidence among people. He said in the last 9 years of Modi Government many challenges have been overcome, paving way for holistic development, economic growth and social harmony and treading the path of making the Nation a Vishvaguru.

Rana urged the party functionaries of Jammu border District to reach out to each booth and engage in Samvad in each booth and explain to the people the schemes and historic initiatives taken by the Prime Minister Modi led BJP Government in the last nine years with an objec-



tion to benefit and uplift the poor and downtrodden in the society by empowering them and equitably developing them.

He also made a mention of path breaking initiatives taken across Jammu and Kashmir with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He said

the investments will manifest in industrialization on a mega scale thus opening vistas of opportunities for economic empowerment and generation of jobs for professionals, technocrats, educated unemployed besides skilled and unskilled workforce. He said J&K is at the threshold of a new era of peace and progress as per Naya J&K vision of the Prime Minister.

Devender Rana said that

cal agenda for decades. But, seeing the peoples' preference for peace over stone-pelting and economic activity over shut-down syndrome, a new era of hope and promise is discernible across the Union Territory. He said the Prime Minister's mission of Naya Jammu and Kashmir is to be carried forward by consolidating the gains of peace to bring about economic emancipation to the people. The influx of over 1.8 crore pilgrim, nature and adventure tourists last year, which is likely to hugely surpass this year, has brought cheer in the lives of lakhs of stakeholders engaged in tourism trade. He said the tourism being the major mainstay of Jammu and Kashmir is hugely dependent on peace and this realisation among the people has made all the difference.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held at Domkhar Dho High School



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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was organised at Domkhar Dho High School today.

The event began by welcoming the IEC (Information, Education and communication) Van followed by the opening movie and Viksit Bharat pledge was taken by participants.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra brought together locals, leaders, and enthusiastic individuals committed to the cause of national development.

Eminent personalities and community leaders

addressed the gathering, sharing their insights and motivating participants to actively contribute to the nation's progress.

The event also featured a cultural extravaganza showcasing the rich heritage and diversity of the region. Various government departments provided 'on spot services' of various government schemes showcasing their flagship schemes at stalls to the beneficiaries.

The team was welcomed by the PRI members including Nambardars, Women Alliance, SHG and the general public.

## People's miseries increased manifold amidst Governance void: Rattan Lal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, (TIKRI) NOV 30

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu has reiterated that the common people of J&K are leading a miserable life due to the absence of a popular government. He emphasized upon the dire need to hold Assembly elections in J&K at the earliest in order to do away with the miseries thrust upon the people by the proxy Govt of BJP in J&K.

He expressed this while interacting with the prominent party functionaries of Udhampur- Reasi Zone at Tikri where One Day Delegate Convention is scheduled to be held on 3rd December, 2023 which will be addressed by Party Vice President and former Chief Minister Jammu and Kashmir Jenab Omar Abdullah. Mr Gupta visited Tikri to take stock of the preparations.

Prominent functionaries who were present on



the occasion, Provincial Secretary Sheikh Bashir Sb, Zonal President Udhampur-Reasi Zone Jb Abdul Gani Malik Sb, District President Reasi Babu Jagjeevan Lal, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, District President Udhampur Urban Sunil Verma, Ram Parshotam Sharma District President Udhampur Rural, Additional Spokesperson Th Yashu Vardhan Singh, VP Rakesh Singh Raka, District Secretary Pavitar Singh, Akash Verma, Manmohan

Verma, Capt Balbir Singh, Channa Ram Sethi, Sajad Ahmed, Sanjay Verma and Mir Qasim were present.

The party functionaries led by Zonal President and former minister Abdul Gani Malik, apprised to the Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta about the problems being faced by the people of the remote areas of District Udhampur and Reasi like Dudu, Basantgarh, Latti, Pancheri, Reasi's Gulab Garh, Mahore and several others areas in the region.

He asserted that in absence of the popular government, the authorities in different departments had adopted a non serious approach with nobody ready to listen to the woes of the people. He informed the Provincial President that with the onset of winter the Administration has failed to put in place adequate stocks of essentials in advance.

Rattan Lal Gupta, after giving a keen and patient hearing to the party functionaries castigated the

Govt for not making pre-winter arrangements in the region. He said that it is the duty of the J&K Administration to ensure that adequate stock of essential commodities in the far flung areas of the region which remain cut off from the rest of the nation after winter snowfall in the region. He said that if the administration still fails to do so it could prove fatal for the people of these remote areas. He asked the authorities concerned in the Udhampur Administration to shun their lackadaisical attitude and initiate appropriate measures for making available the essential commodities to the people in the areas prone to cut-off in winter season before it is too late.

Meanwhile, the senior NC leader asked the party functionaries to further strengthen the party by remaining present among the people at the grass roots level to address their genuine concerns.

## VC BGSBU concludes Annual Culture function on "9 years of Governance", "Mission Life", "EBSB", "Swachhta" at Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

On Day-2 annual function on 9 Years of Seva Sushasan aur Garib Kalyan, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Mission LIFE, " Swachhta and other allied themes being organized by Central Bureau of Communication, Rajouri(J&K), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU, Rajouri attended the function as Chief Guest. Dr. Ali Asghar Shah Dean Academic Affairs, BGSBU was Guest and Sh. Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director CBC and PIB J&K presided over the function along with faculty BGSBU, Staff of CBC J&K and representatives of Health, Jal Shakti, and Agriculture departments Rajouri.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU



Rajouri appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communication, J&K for organizing the event at Rajouri. He said that CBC's programmes serve as a bridge for Information between Government and Common Masses - Vice Chancellor, BGSBU Rajouri. The valuable information disseminated through displays and Expert Lectures will help locals think about availing the benefits of various centrally sponsored schemes and becoming entrepreneurs. He highlighted the role of teacher in students' life, Unity in diversity and role of responsible and aware citizens.

Sh. Ghulam Abbas, JD, CBC & PIB, J&K in his address said that CBC has the mandate of disseminating information and awareness among common masses in rural as well as urban areas. CBC uses Exhibition, Cultural programmes, Seminars, Expert Lectures, Competitions etc. to aware/engage the masses about various schemes. He advised the students to avail benefits of Govt. schemes and earn besides studies to become Atamnirbhar (self reliant). He urged the audience to spread the message about benefits of various CSS among common masses.

## Drug abuse destroying younger generation: Ganesh

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Shiv Sena Hindustan Youth Wing J&K President Ganesh Choudhary on Thursday said that drug peddlers bring destruction to society and drugs peddlers should not be granted bail easily as they do heinous crime of drug peddling. Addressing protesters, Ganesh said drug abuse and its trafficking had created havoc in the society particularly damaging and destroying the young generation from whom lot of expectations of the not only from the parents but also from the general masses. But for this drug abuse future of hundreds of young people have been dashed to ground and the peddlers are the instruments for bringing such destruction in the society which needs to be dealt with strong iron hands at each level," Ganesh said.

"Police, executive and judiciary and even the general public owe a duty towards the society to at



least come forward and join hands to destroy the nexus and the people involved in such like nefarious activities destroying the future of the young generation for the petty gains should be taken to task," Ganesh said. Ganesh said J&K is caught in this vicious circle of drug abuse, and the numbers of drug addicts are increasing day by day. The bane of drug abuse in J&K has acquired the proportions of a pestilence that has shaken the entire society in the state. In J&K "drug abuse" is a raging epidemic, especially among the young. The problem of drug abuse in youth is

a matter of serious concern as every third person is hooked to drugs other than alcohol and tobacco. The other striking issue is high prevalence of heroin and intravenous drug abuse. Ganesh lashed out at Pakistan for pumping in drugs through drug mafia with sinister designs to exploit our youth. He said, " Pakistan is playing the dirty game of exploiting our youth not only by handing over guns to them but also by pumping in drugs through its mafia and make them addicts," he alleged and said that Pakistan is a coward nation and by indulging into such acts, it has proved it.

"Police undoubtedly doing a great job by seizing contrabands of drugs worth multi-crore being smuggled outside the state but the sad affair is that the big fishes, who are running the trade are still at large and succeeding in their nefarious designs," pointed out Ganesh. Ganesh also welcomed some of the social and political organizations, who are blowing bugle against drug abuse, have finally woken and joined hands in united fight led by J&K Police for the cause in the interest and welfare of the society.

Prominent among those present during protest included Bharat Bhushan, Shankar Singh, Yashpal ,Prabhu Dayal, Mohan Lal, Ajay Kumar, Nek Ram Raj Kumar Rahul Kumar, Premchand, Bhushan Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Kamal Kumar, Madhu Bala, Neelam Kumari, Sonia Chaudhary, Reena Devi, Sunita Devi ,Asha Devi, Suman Devi, Tripta Devi ,Rajni Devi ,Santosh Devi, Rimpi Devi, Pola, Prem Kumar.

## Colorful evening marks the end of KASHPEX 2023

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KASHPEX 2023 came to an end today with colorful and enlightening cultural performances and award distribution amongst the winners of various events of KASHPEX.

The cultural event was marked by performances of Shafi Sopori, a renowned Sufi singer of Kashmir. Besides this mesmerizing musical performances and dance performances from artists depicting rich culture and folk dances of Jammu and Kashmir thrilled the audience.

A special cover on the Thiksey Monastery, Leh was released by Col Vinod Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, J&K Circle along with Prof (Dr). Ruby Zutshi, Principal, Institute of Music and Fine Arts, University of Kashmir. Prof. Iftikhar Jaffar, Sr. Instructor Music and Fine Arts was also present at the event. The event KASHPEX 2023 was marked by release of special covers



on places of prominence and significant importance from Srinagar, Jammu and Leh. Today winners of Quiz competition which was held on 29.11.2023 for students from 09 schools were awarded by Chief Postmaster General, J&K Circle. Moein-udin-Naqash, Mohammad Said and Ajmal from Kashmir Harvard Educational Institute were awarded trophy for first position while Adeeba Bilal, Zainab Ruqaya and Muhammad Haziq Jan from St Paul's International Academy and Hadiya binti Altaf, Ambreena Khurshed and Afreen Bhat from Caset Experimental School were awarded trophy for second and third position.

Also, winners of Painting competition were awarded by Col Vinod Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, J&K Circle. The students competed in two categories viz. Category I students from Class V to Class VII and Category II for students from Class VIII to Class X. In respect of Category I, Areeba Masoodi from GD Goenka Public School was adjudged first while Safa Zeeshan from same school finished second. Mutaharun Eshal from Birla Open Minds International School was adjudged third. In Category II, Aleeza Gulzar from Birla Open Minds International School was adjudged first while Budeer Yousuf

from Kashmir Harvard Educational Institute was adjudged second and Mehreen Iqbal from Legends School of Education was adjudged third.

A national level jury comprising of Shri Sahadeva Sahoo, Shri Shakil Ahmed and Shri Kishor Chandak evaluated the exhibits on display in the said exhibition and different medals and prizes were awarded to winners. A total of 17 which included 3 Vermeil, 4 Large Silver, 4 Silver Medals and 6 Bronze were awarded. Governor's Trophy and CPMG Trophy was also awarded. The members of the Jury were amazed at the awe-inspiring efforts of the Organizing Committee of the KASHPEX 2023 in putting up this State Level Exhibition in a short of span of time in spite of the inclement weather conditions. Prof Dr. Ruby Zutshi while speaking in the event appreciated the efforts of the Department of Posts in organizing KASHPEX-2023 for the awareness of the general public and school

## IGNOU's Term End Examinations December 2023 commences

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SRINAGAR, NOV 30

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is set to conduct the Term End Examinations from December 1st, 2023, until January 9th, 2024, for various Academic Programmes.

IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar has arranged 35 examination centres across the

Kashmir valley & the UT of Ladakh, expecting 34,072 learners to take part in 1,62,855 sittings. Additional centres have been set up in Uri, Sogam, Qazigund, Dooru, Thindim Kreeri, Langate, Handwara, and Gurez for the benefit of the students.

Hall Tickets for the Examinations December 2023 are accessible on the university website www.ignou.ac.in Students with expiring Decem-

ber 2023 registrations can seek guidance at the Regional Centre Srinagar for examination form submission.

Students must carry their Hall Tickets and a valid University-issued Identity Card for admission. Electronic devices, including mobile phones, are strictly prohibited in the examination halls. Detailed instructions for candidates are available on the IGNOU Regional Centre

Srinagar website. For queries or assistance, students can contact the IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar at 0194-3102403 or via email at examinationrcsrinagar@ignou.ac.in between 09:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Dr. Shah Nawaz Ahmad Dar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar, stressed on the importance of following examination guidelines for a smooth examination experience.



## Model Exhibition Competition held at GDC Ramnagar



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RAMNAGAR NOVEMBER 30

A Model Exhibition Competition on the theme "Know Your Body and Your Environment" was organized by Science club in collaboration with Department of Zoology of Government Degree College Ramnagar for the first year NEP students at Zoology laboratory as a part of extra curriculum under the guidance of Dr. Bhavnai Chand, Principal of the College and convener of Ms. Sumita Rao HOD Zoology.

Students were given an opportunity to build models on the said theme. The students used array of materials, mostly waste and abandoned household material to make the models. Almost 30 students participated in this competition.

Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra from Department of Physics, Dr. Kewal Kumar from Department of Botany and Prof. Sonia Raj from Department of Zoology, acted as jury members and adjudged the whole competition. The evaluation criteria included relevance to the topic, type of material used and presentation/creativity.

This exhibition culminated with the Prize distribution ceremony in which Principal Dr. Bhavnai Chand acted as guest of honour and Colonel N. Salathia Adm. Officer, J&K Boys Bn. NCC Jammu, acted as Chief Guest. Ms. Sumita Rao, convener Science club welcomed the guests and introduced the gathering about the event. She thanked the panel of judges for taking the time out and judging the event with patience and grace.

Colonel N. Salathia in his address emphasized upon the importance of science in our daily lives

and expressed his belief that it is the reason for our existence in today's day and age. He extolled the efforts of all those who worked tirelessly to give a tough competition to the others albeit learning a lot from their competitors. The young participant were thrilled with the presence of Colonel Salathia who filled the students with great enthusiasm by narrating Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's life story.

Meanwhile Dr. Bhavnai Chand Principal of the College congratulated and appreciated the efforts of organizing committee and Participants. He also added that such activities go hand in hand with NEP 2020 in which the student learns different skills, develops divergent and creative thinking. He further added that such competition strives to balance work with play and make academics fun and interesting for students.

The first prize was bagged by Group comprising Vidyut Modi, Vansh Modi & Rahul Dev for the working model on Heart Structure, the second prize was bagged by Group comprising Deepanjali Bandral & Malvika Sathe for the working model on Digestive system, and Group comprising Rama Devi & Asifa Akhter bagged Third Prize for working model on Excretory System. All winners were presented the Mementos as per their position secured. All the students were given certificates of appreciation and light refreshment. Formal Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Ritika Mahajan. The organizing committee consisting of, Dr. Divya Puri, Prof. Naveed Hassan Chowdhry besides assisting the program technically, also witnessed the event along with Prof. Aditya Sharma ANO.

## Inter state thieves gang busted, stolen gold and silver ornaments worth Rs 5 lakhs recovered



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A complaint was lodged at PS Kanachak regarding theft where 1 golden chain, 2 golden rings and cash Rs. 25000/- were stolen from a house in the area under the jurisdiction of PS Kanachak.

On this case FIR No. 192/2023 U/S 454/380/IPC was registered at PS Kanachak and investigation started.

On this special police teams of PS Kanachak led by SDPO Domana Vishal Shoor assisted by SHO PS Kanachak Inspr Tribhuvan Khajuria did strenuous efforts and finally rounded a suspected person namely 1) Love-deep Singh S/o Devinder Singh R/o Khichian Tehsil Mukerian. On questioning he disclosed that he and his associates namely 2) Pankaj S/o Kartar Chand R/o Fattwal Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur, 3) Jimmy Kumar S/o Joginder Singh R/o Muerian Distt. Hoshiarpur and one local namely 4) Manjeet Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o Vill. Bopor Teshsil Khour Distt. were involved in the said theft case. On this all the accused were arrested.

During questioning they disclosed that they have committed several thefts including one in village Karloop of Tehsil Marh.

Furthermore, they also disclosed that they have sold the stolen ornaments to a goldsmith namely 5) Prince Khanna S/o Pritam Lal Khanna R/o Raja Bazar Akhnoor Jammu. The said goldsmith was also

arrested and the stolen 8 tollas of gold items and 10 tollas of silver items, total worth Rs 5 lakhs were recovered from his possession. Details of the recovered items are as under: 1 golden chain, 2 golden rings in instant case as well as 1 golden chain, 1 golden Haar Set, 1 golden pair ear ring, 2 pairs of silver anklet and 1 set of silver kada

Also in this regard another case FIR No. 70/2023 U/S 457/380/IPC has also been registered at PS Kana Chak Jammu and the said goldsmith has also been arrested. It is pertinent to mention that accused were professional thieves and worked as an interstate gang in Jammu Kashmir & Punjab etc. Details of the cases registered against them in Punjab are as under:-

1. FIR No. 143/2016 U/S 454/380/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
2. FIR No. 71/2018 U/S 379/411/482/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
3. FIR No. 104/2021 U/S 454/380/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
4. FIR No. 10/2023 U/S 457/380/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
5. FIR No. 110/2023 U/S 457/380/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
6. FIR No. 118/2023 U/S 454/380/IPC PS MUKERIAN PUNJAB
7. FIR No. 34/2023 U/S 454/380/IPC PS TALWARA PUNJAB

The overall arrests and recoveries were made under the supervision of SP Rural Rahul Charak.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

## Police observes "Thana Diwas" in various police establishments across valley



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As a part of public outreach programme and an initiative by Government of J&K, Police organized 'Thana Diwas' at various Police establishments across the Kashmir valley including Anantnag, Budgam, Kulgam and Pulwama.

These programmes were chaired by the respective jurisdictional police heads/officers and were attended by respectable citizens, representatives of Traders Federation, Auqaf Committees, Panchs, Traders Federation and Transporters and Sarpanches. Besides, police officers and officials were also present on these occasions.

In these events, the participants highlighted various issues of public importance and they were assured by the chairing officers that their genuine grievances pertaining to police will be resolved on priority and that of civil administration will be taken up with the concerned departments

for their early redressal. Besides, the grievances were heard patiently and were segregated on the basis of area of action and jurisdiction. While speaking on these occasions, the chairing officers reiterated that the main aim of organising 'Thana Divas, is to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability in policing at grass-root level and to develop confidence among the people. The participants were impressed upon to co-operate with Police in maintaining Law & Order and crime free atmosphere in their respective areas. The participants were also stressed upon to co-operate with Police in curbing the drug menace and in identifying anti-national and anti-social elements who always try to disrupt the peaceful environment.

The participants appreciated the role of police for conducting such interaction meetings and assured their full support & cooperation in curbing the menace of social evils of the society

## Two different Hit and Run cases solved by Jammu Police

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Two different hit and run cases solved by Jammu Police in the areas under the jurisdictions of PS Gharota and PS Khour and accused persons got arrested. On 27-11-2023 an information was received at PS Gharota regarding an accident which occurred at Kanger Morh in which a person namely Nandan Singh got injured. The locals took him to nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. In this regard, a case FIR No. 95/2023 U/S 279/304-A IPC got registered at Police Station Gharota and investigation started.

After this police teams of PS Gharota led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Sharma assisted by SHO PS Gharota Inspr Joginder Singh Chib did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance finally arrested the accused driver of matador bearing Registration No JK02AN-3985 namely Rashpal Chand S/o Kikar Dass.

## ADGP Law & Order J&K chairs joint security meeting at PCR Kashmir



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In order to review the prevailing situation, ADGP Law & Order J&K Shri Vijay Kumar chaired a meeting of Police, CAPF's & Intelligence wings in PCR Kashmir today. ADGP was briefed by the officers about the chronology of events happened during past couple of days vis-a-vis handling of these issues as per the merits and Law by J&K Police.

ADGP Shri Vijay Kumar not only appreciated Law enforcing agencies for their timely action but also praised the society for showing maturity while reacting to the issue. He asked them to take full control of situation & not allow nefari-

ous designs to exploit the situation. ADGP stressed upon all the enforcement agencies to identify real miscreants who have been spreading rumours and take appropriate preventive legal actions so that the sanctity of law is fully maintained. He also asked the intelligence agencies to keep a hawk's eye on the situation and identify the people with nefarious designs who are hell bent to pollute atmosphere of peace & tranquillity.

The meeting was attended by IG CRPF SOS/KOS, JD IB, IGP Kashmir, IG BSF, DIG SSB, DDIB, DIG CKR, DIG CID, DIG Armed, COL GS, DC SB besides, DisG NKR/SKR along with their counterpart CRPF DisG attended the meeting virtually

## GKPD hails JK UT Govt for extending Ayushmann facility to Displaced Kashmiri Community living outside J&K

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The Ayushman Bharat PMJAY-SEHAT scheme announced a few years back by Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narinder Modi for Residents of jammu and Kashmir was not being extended to Kashmiri Hindus who have migrated to different parts of the country outside Jammu and Kashmir.

GKPD discussed this issue many times with Relief and Rehabilitation commissioner jammu and raised this issue on several occasions through media deliberations and

press notes. GKPD is very happy to note that due to its constant efforts and constant persuel of the Relief and Rehabilitation commissioner, this facility has been extended to all the Kashmiri displaced people who have migrated to other parts of the country.

To extend the facility of Ayushmann Bharat PMJAY-SEHAT, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner along with his team is holding camps at different places in Delhi NCR so that the Ayushmann Cards will be issued to the JK UT domicile Holders on the spot.

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT PHEJ/MS/111 of 2023-24 Dated 28-11-2023

Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5
Replacement of components to LT Control panel of Pumping Station at HSS Channi, Sunjwan Procurement and Nakrein under Non Plan	PHE Mech. Division South Jammu	Rs. 200.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <a href="http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html">http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html</a>	@ 2% of estimated cost/ tender value in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- 1) Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-11-2023 (10:00 AM) and uploaded from 30-11-2023 (10:00 AM) to 07-12-2023 (03:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- 2) Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- 3) The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.
- 4) The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu on 08-12-2023 at 3:00 P.M or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu.
- 5) The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu during office hours and shall be communicated separately.
- 6) Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>
- 7) The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu within 05 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder within 05 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- 8) Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: PHEJ/MS/3243-47  
Dated:-28-11-2023

Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti Department  
PHE Mech. Division South  
Jammu

DIP/J-11914/23  
Date: 30-11-23

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION Jammu,

J & K SPORTS COUNCIL, Jammu

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender Notice: E-NIT No: 63 of 2023-24 DATED: 28.11.2023

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from the registered contractor with PWD(R&B), CPWD, railways, MES, MSME exemption of CDR/ Tender cost document not allowed. class of which is mention below for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money (Rs in lacs)	Class of contract	Cost of Tender documents	Time of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Repair of Basket ball Court at Subash Stadium Uhpampur.	Rs. 1.43 lacs	2%/-	D	200/-	1months

Position of AAA:- Accorded Position of TS Accorded

Major Head of Accounts:- M&R Head under Revenue budget 2023-24

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) w.e.f. 28.11.2023 to 04.12.2023 upto 5:00 PM.

DIP/J-4245-P/23  
Date: 30-11-23

No.:-SC/CDJI 3304-06  
Dated:-28.11.2023

Executive Engineer,  
Construction Division Jammu,  
J&K Sports Council.



## People in Bengal - "Didi, your time's up!": Amit Shah



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Union Home and Cooperation Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah while addressing the protest meeting held in Kolkata affirmed, "The people of Bengal have given their unanimous verdict- Mamata Didi's time is over. In the 2026 elections, the BJP Govt is going to be formed in West Bengal under the leadership of PM Modi."

Mamata Banerjee rose to power based on slogans like Sonar Bangla and Maa, Mati and Manush, and removed the communists, but there was no change visible. Echoing the feelings of the Bengalis he said, "Seeing the rate of development across the country, the people of Bengal have come to know that the TMC syndicate does not allow the lakhs and crores of rupees sent by the Modi Govt from the Centre to reach the poor. Till date, infiltration, appeasement, political violence, and corruption are at their peak in Bengal."

The whole country is aware that the Mamata Banerjee Govt ensured

voter cards and Aadhaar cards to be openly distributed to infiltrators in Bengal. That is why Mamata didi is opposing CAA. Perhaps Didi is not able to understand that CAA is a law of this country and if Shah has decided, it will be implemented.

To stop illegal migration, bring CAA to the fore, uplift the poor in Bengal, and bring back Bengal's identity, the people have decided to overthrow the corrupt TMC Govt.

"In order to form a BJP government in Bengal in 2026, the public has to lay the foundations for it by ensuring Modi victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," said Shah.

The people of Bengal understand that regression has set in Bengal under Mamata Banerjee's rule, which was once the frontrunner in the country in every field, like literature, science, art, spirituality, freedom movement, industry, and agriculture.

"In Bengal, where Rabindra Sangeet was once heard early in the morning, today under Didi's government, the sound of bomb blasts echoes through the state," pointed out Shah.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Namsuru, Khawous Panchayats



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KARGIL, NOV 30

To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at Namsuru and Khawous Panchayats.

BDO Taisuru/Day Nodal Officer, Rukhsar Ahmad Shah, Sarpanches, Panches, officials from diverse departments, including Agriculture, RD&PRD, PDD, Health, Handloom, PHE, Horticulture, Social Welfare, ICDS, along with representatives from various other line departments, actively participated in the event.

On the occasion, locals enthusiastically watched the recorded message of the Prime Minister of India regarding the campaign. The Prime Minister's speech was telecasted live at Khwous.

At the event, the villagers were comprehensively briefed on an array of beneficiary-oriented schemes meticulously crafted to uplift and improve the quality of their lives.

The camp also focused on Jal Jeevan Mission initiatives, offering guidance and support to mitigate water-related challenges in the region. One of the aspects of the event was the provision of direct beneficiary-oriented benefits to the villagers on the spot. Besides others, the other departments also informed the people about beneficiary-

oriented schemes. This included the distribution of various benefits and resources designed to uplift the community and improve their quality of life.

The IEC Van equipped with multimedia resources, educated people about the benefits and application procedures of these schemes.

Experts from different departments and institutions including agriculture, horticulture, health, handloom etc. held interactive sessions with the locals wherein they were informed about the procedures to avail these welfare schemes.

At Namsuru, 10 Aadhaar cards were updated, 33 cards were seen in general OPD, and 27 PMJAY Cards were generated.

At Khawous, 03 Aadhaar cards were updated, 35 individuals were seen in general OPD, and 22 PMJAY cards were generated at Khawous.

During the program, officials of the Health Department briefed the general public about the goal of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and underlined its mission. They were also briefed about healthcare schemes. The camp witnessed huge participation of the people.

The Day Nodal Officer expressed gratitude to the participants for their participation. The Viksit Bharat pledge was also taken by the officials and participants at both the Panchayats.

## Shiv Sena accuses Centre for step-motherly treatment with J&K Ladakh's demands considered, J&K ignored: Sahni

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit welcomed the positive attitude of the Centre towards all the demands including statehood, reservation in jobs for Leh-Ladakh and the beginning of the round of talks by the Home Ministry. Along with this they have been demanded to fulfill the promises made to Jammu and Kashmir and to put a complete stop to the step-motherly and negative attitude towards the demands of the people.

While addressing in press conference organised at party centre office Jammu, state president Manish Sahni said that the Central Government had promised the country and the people of Jammu and Kashmir a united(Akhand), terrorism-free Jammu and Kashmir with the withdrawal of PoJK.

The second term of the BJP government at the Center is about to end. PoJK still remains under



the control of Pakistan, those claiming united Jammu and Kashmir, four and a half years ago on 5 August 2019, separated Leh-Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir and divided it into two union territories. Conspiracies are being hatched to destroy our cultural identity, participation of non-local people in local business, employment and educational institutions is increasing day by day.

Despite a long gap, statehood is not being restored to Jammu and Kashmir, the democrat-

ic process is not being restored. For the last 35 years we have been facing the brunt of terrorism, for almost the same number of years Kashmiri Pandits have been living the life of displaced people in their own country and state.

Sahni has demanded from the Modi government at the Center to give Jammu and Kashmir protection of its cultural identity under Article 371, privileges of local reservation in jobs and educational institutions and early democratic process and restoration of statehood.

## DGP sanctions retirement gift of rupees 53 lakh in favour of 53 police personnel

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

As a token of appreciation to their services to the Department, the Director General of Police, J&K, Shri R. R. Swain has sanctioned retirement gift of rupees 53 lakh in favour of 53 Police personnel of J&K Police who are retiring from services today after attaining superannuation or voluntary retirement.

Sanction has been issued vide PHQ J&K order No.3311 of 2023 in favour of two gazetted officers, thirty-eight non-gazetted officers, ten lower subordinates & three followers. These personnel belong to different units and wings of the department. Retirement gift of rupees one lakh each is sanctioned to police personnel from the Contributory Police Welfare Fund at the time of his/her retirement. The gift serves as a token of appreciation for his/her services rendered to the department.

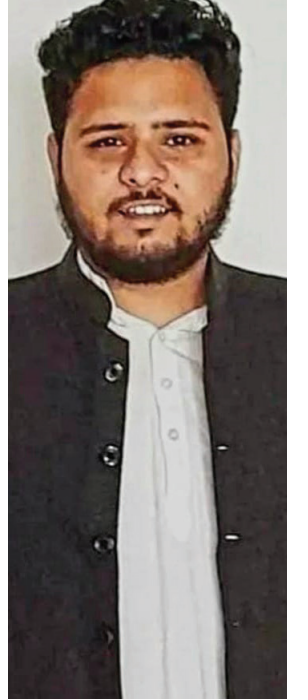
## Azad fought for rights of people of J&K in Parliament: Manik Sharma

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Manik Sharma, Vice President of Democratic Azad Students' Union said that the only leader who fought for the rights of people of J&K in the Parliament was Ghulam Nabi Azad. There were other opposition MP's from J&K also but none of them stood against the injustice done with the J&K. Our Dogra Princely state was demolished into 2 UT's but none of them even spoke a word in the Parliament.

He said, 'Whether It was the abrogation of Article 370 or demolition of our Dogra Princely state into 2 UT's, Ghulam Nabi Azad was continuously speaking about this in the parliament.'

He added, "The contribution of Ghulam Nabi Azad in the development & betterment of Jammu and Kashmir can never be forgotten. People of J&K trust Ghulam Nabi Azad and want him to be the next Chief Minister of J&K because they have seen his work during his tenure as Chief Minister of J&K. The time when



Ghulam Nabi Azad was CM of J&K was the golden era in J&K. Many developmental works were done at that time including new districts in J&K, medical colleges in J&K and many more."

Sharma also added, "Elections should be announced in J&K so that there will be an elected govt in J&K which can work for the betterment of the people of J&K."

## The dream of self-reliant India will be fulfilled through PM Vishwakarma Yojana: Sunil Prajapati

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

BJP OBC Morcha Udhampur organized registration camp to register beneficiaries under PM Vishwakarma Yojna at Panchayat Ghar Panjgrain, Chowki Mandal, Ramnagar.

Sunil Prajapati (State President BJP OBC Morcha), Sagar verma (District President OBC Morcha Udhampur), Ashok Kumar Bandhral (Vice president OBC Morcha Udhampur), Kuldeep Pathania (District General Secretary OBC Morcha Udhampur), kewal kumar (President OBC Morcha Chowki Mandal) and Sushil kumar (district Executive Member OBC Morcha Udhampur) were Present in the Program.

While Speaking on the occasion Sunil Prajapati said, the scheme aims to provide financial support, skill training, skill upgradation and marketing assistance to small artisans and craftsmen



across the country. The Scheme has the goal to enhance their well-being and promote India's culture, tradition, and craftsmanship, and is directed towards benefitting the artisans and the craftspeople in the rural and urban areas across India.

He explained following features of the scheme :

1. Scheme has been fully funded by the Centre with an outlay of Rs 13,000 crore;
2. Under the scheme, the Vishwakarmas (traditional artisans) will be registered free of charge through Common Services Centers using biometric-based PM Vishwa-

karma portal.

3. The Vishwakarmas will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card;

4. Will be provided skill upgradation, involving basic and advanced training;

5. Will be provided a toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000;

6. Will be provided Collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%;

7. Will be provided Incentive for digital transactions and market-

ing support. Under the Scheme, the government will focus on providing special training to the Vishwakarma partners and will provide them Rs 500 while the training is underway. They will also get a Toolkit voucher worth Rs 1,5000 & the government will also help them in branding, packaging, and marketing their products. The primary objective of the Scheme is to enhance the quality and reach of the products and services crafted by the artisans and the craftspeople ensuring their integration into both domestic and global value chains.

## All India JK Bank Officers' Federation holds meeting at Jammu

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Today Meeting of The All India JK Bank Officers' Federation was held today at Jammu with President Federation, Comrade Kapil Nanda in chair. The office bearers from all over India participated in the meeting and discussed the deteriorating working environment in The bank due to adopted practices. The discussion highlighted The impact of this environment on diminishing morale of the employees and failure of The Management to address this issue. One of the reasons emerging in the discussion being the lack of effective communication which has resulted in misinterpretation and misunderstandings causing frustration among employees and leading to decline of overall productivity of The Individuals. Federation while expressing its anguish and deep concerns regarding rampant indifferent attitude to genuine problems/aspirations of staff which has led to feelings of harassment in the workplace. The failure on the part of the management to recognize the need for a respectful and inclusive working environment not only damages employee trust and morale but also tarnishes the bank's image.

It was resolved that the whole federation stands united leading members in urging the Management of The Bank to prioritize transparency in commu-



nication and professional development opportunities for all staff members without any bias. Addressing the concerns expressed by The Federation will not only benefit the dedicated workforce but also bring renewed confidence to all stakeholders including the dedicated customers. The Meeting unanimously Passed a resolution presented by Gen secretary Federation Comrade Riyaz Ahmed Bhat resolving therein taking

forward its ongoing agitation programme devised by the Federation office. The decision to intensify the programme will start by holding of centralized demonstrations at Jammu and Srinagar to highlight the concerns besides notifying all the stakeholders regarding ongoing developments in the bank which is likely to bring industrial unrest for which The Federation cannot be held responsible afterwards.

## Modi govt is pro-poor, pro-needy: BJP



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 30

Highlighting the significance of the continuing free ration to 80 crore people for five more years, Sham Lal Sharma, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir termed it as a poor friendly decision by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government.

"Continuation of free food grains under PMGKAY for next five years will strengthen accessibility, affordability and availability of food grains for the poor and the vulnerable", said Sham Lal Sharma and added that Modi government has remained steadfast to strengthen and empower the poor and needy sections of the nation.

Sham Lal Sharma shared that the Modi government has also taken a nationwide campaign to raise awareness for the public welfare schemes under the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", which will ensure more reach of such schemes to the needy.

Former Minister & J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K BJP Vice-President Chander Mohan Gupta accompanied by Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan BJP Incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to a number of grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir like Samba, Billaar, Hiranagar, Jandrah, Dansal, Manwal, Sunjwan,

Bhatindi, Akhnoor Pangyadi, R.S. Pura, Udhampur, Talab Tillo, Kalakote Rajouri, Bhandarwah Moh Katha, Ganderi Nagar, Pardha Kalan Akhnoor, Old Rehari, Baba Kailakh Nath Bantalab, New Plot had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances.

Issues related to the repair of hand pumps, repair of Tube well, repair of lanes & drains, old age pension case, scarcity of water supply, installation of 250 KVA transformer, repairing & installation of new street lights, fixing of rent in place of HRA (coal mining), black topping of link road, fixing of electric poles, laying of water pipe at Baba Kailakh etc. were presented before the senior party leaders.

Senior BJP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, which were immediately taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Chander Mohan Gupta said that the BJP leaders make sincere efforts to sort out the issues presented by the people by taking them up at the appropriate platforms. He added that the public grievances camp is proving to be of major help in solving the day-to-day issues of people of the UT. Dil Bahadur Jamwal conducted the camp proceedings and said that people in large numbers visit the BJP office to present their issues with a strong belief in the party's commitment to end the woes of the public.



## Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 66th BoDs meet of JKHPMC

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chaired the 66th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Produce and Marketing Corporation (JKHPMC) at Civil Secretariat here.

The BoDs meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Secretary Planning, Piyush Singla; Secretary in Agriculture Production department, Shabnam Kamili; MD JKHPMC, Imamuddin; Director Horticulture Jammu, Director Horticulture Production and Marketing and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the BoDs held detailed deliberation on various development projects of the Corporation both under



incubation centre for processing of fish and marine products at Achabal, common incubation centre for processing of dairy and bakery products at Narwal and similar other projects.

Speaking during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the management of the Corporation to optimise its operations and use of assets besides exploring new areas to maximize its potential. He also delved on them to bring technological diversification in the Corporation so that it can compete with present industries of food sector.

The Advisor further emphasized on the importance of fostering innovation, enhancing market outreach, and ensuring the welfare of the agricultural community in the region by promoting hi-tech horticulture activities.

## Sham-e Ghazal organised by JKAACL in memory of Dr O.P Sharma –Sarathi



JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

To pay tributes to the legendary artist Dr. O.P Sharma-Sarathi, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today organised "Sham-E- Ghazal" here in K.L. Saigal Hall.

Dr. O.P Sharma Sarathi a multidimensional personality was born on April 1 at Mattan, Kashmir. Master of all trades an embodiment of writer, poet, painter, cartoonist, Ayurvedacharya, photographer, music composer and above all human with all traits of love, brother-

hood and sacrifice for the fellow beings.

S. Pritpal Singh Betab, renowned writer of the Jammu and Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Anil Sehgal Presided over the program. At the very outset Sh. Bharat Singh, secretary JKAACL, welcomed the artists and guests. He said that these programs are aimed to give a platform to the young budding artists

The program began with Dr O.P.Sharma Sarathi's Ghazal sung by the young upcoming artist Aditya Langleh. This

was followed by the singing of another Ghazal by Vanshika Jaral. Both the singers enthralled the audience with their melodious voices. The singers were equally supported by musicians like Rakesh Jasotra on flute, Sunil Sharma on Synth, Shivinder on guitar and Neeraj Verma on tabla. The Ghazals were composed by the famous writer, artists, musician of Jammu and Kashmir Prithvi Raj Sharma. The program was ably conducted by Ms. Bindiya Raina Tikku. Dr. Shah Nawaz presented the vote of thanks.

## Webcast of Viksit Bharat Yatra organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba



JNEWS SERVICE  
SAMBHA, NOVEMBER 30

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Samba under the leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu and under the supervision of Prof. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension successfully organized a webcast of Viksit Bharat Yatra in the premises of KVK.

The VBY commenced on 26th Nov. 2023 in the district. More than 100 farmers and farm women from different blocks of the district participated in the programme. At the onset, Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head has

joined the programme through online mode and welcomed the participants and apprised them about the activities of the KVK Samba. He elaborated upon the role of the Viksit Bharat Yatra to create awareness on different initiatives of the GOI. He gave an insight into the importance of natural farming. Further, he emphasized upon the advantages of natural farming and soil health and their suitability in rainfed areas of the district. He apprised the farming community about the health benefits of these crops grown and their demand thereof.

Today is the 5th day of the Yatra in the district. All the scientific staff of

the KVK is enthusiastically participating in this yatra as per the directions received from ICAR-ATARI, Zone-1, Ludhiana. Different panchayats covered today include Kehli Mandi, Abtal, Chani Fatwal, Palli, Kartholi lower, in which thousands of farmers participated.

A team of scientists Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Abhay K Sinha, Dr. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Vijay K Sharma delivered expert lectures on different topics like vegetable farming, farm mechanization, beekeeping, animal husbandry, soil health and natural farming. Dr. Amit Mahajan, Dr. Shalini Khajuria, S. Tajinder Singh also participated in the Yatra.

## Two day UT Level Kala Utsav concludes at Jammu

# SED providing platform to children for showcasing their talent in different fields: Alok Kumar

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30

Amid blistering performances, the two day UT level Kala Utsav 2023 concluded today at Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar here.

Principal Secretary, Education department, Alok Kumar was the Chief Guest on the valedictory session of the two day event.

Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tasaduq Hussain; Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma and other officers besides large number of teachers and students were also present on the occasion.

During the two day event, students from various schools showcased extraordinary cultural performances.

Addressing the huge gathering, Alok Kumar highlighted the need of promoting art in education at all levels. He said that efforts have been made to improve the potential of the students participating in cultural events. He reiterated that there is need to recognise importance of aesthetics and artistic experiences for our students which play major role in creating awareness of rich cultural heritage

and vibrant diversity of our UT and the country. Emphasising on the need of organising such programmes on regular basis at school level, the Principal Secretary shared that the aim of Education is not only to preserve and transmit our diverse cultural integrities to coming generation but its transformation is far more significant. He maintained that school education department (SED) is providing better platforms to children for showcasing their talent in different fields.

He expressed his gratitude to all the participating students for displaying their scintillating performances. He also informed that under the prestigious scheme PM SHRI Schools, Art Studios shall be established to give boost to the



Cultural activities. "Such programmes provide platform for our budding youth to judge their aptitude in comparison with the students of other parts of country", he added.

While highlighting the significance of art in the present era, Kumar also praised the efforts of Teachers for their tireless work and Samagra Shiksha team, for making Kala Utsav-2023 a grand success.

Addressing the gathering, Project Director Samagra Shiksha said that efforts are being made to encourage students to participate in different co-curricular activities in addition to their regular class work so that they may popularize the names of their parents, areas and regions and may become

a source of inspiration for others. While talking about the programme, the project director intimated around 4100 students from more than 1900 schools participated in Kala-Utsav competitions across the UT and out of which 40 Students were selected at UT level. He added that out of them, 20 have been selected for National level, today by a team of judges.

Speaking on the occasion, Director School Education Kashmir stressed on the need to up-bring the potential of students in the field of art and culture at institutional level. He stressed on the need of bringing awareness among masses especially the parents, so that no child remains un-educated and unattended.

In his address, Director School Education Jammu, extended his gratitude to all the students who participated in this year's Kala-Utsav at different levels. He also thanked the teachers, CEOs, cultural wings at District and Divisional level for their relentless efforts in making this year's event a grand success.

At the end of the programme, awards were distributed among runners and winning students under various categories. Aaradhya Sharma, DPS Udhampur, Sahil Mehra, BHSS Udhampur, Amaan Ullah, G. D. Goenka, Daneesha Devi, GHSS BASANTGARH, Abber DPS Athwajan, Rubby, GGHS, Kathua, Ali Shabir, DPS Athwajan, Anshika Sharma, APS Janglot, Pragati Mishra APS Kathua, Janveer Aryan, HSS Boys Kishtwar, SOHIL JAVID GBHS Poonch, Anshika Sardalia, Brahmurshi Bawra, Udhampur, Hyya Mallinson School, MOHD IMRAN GBHS Poonch Poonch, Simran Verma GHSS Akhnoor, NUTAN SYAL, Himalayan Education Mission, HSS RAJOURI, GMHSS Billawar, Narinder, GHS Khairi, Syed Qabbad, BHSS Zaidibal, Falak Naaz GHSS Magam got First positions in 20 categories.

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## MOSQUITO BREEDING

### PREVENT MALARIA, DENGUE, CHIKUNGUNYA AND STAY HEALTHY

- Do not allow water to stagnate in and around your surroundings.
- Keep water tanks and other water containers tightly covered with lids.
- Get your Blood tested from Govt. Hospital/Health Worker in case of Fever with chills, rigors and headache.
- Empty water coolers once in a week.

- Discard/destroy Junk items like old tyres etc.
- Empty air coolers, drums, flower pots and birds bath weekly.
- Use Mosquito repellent creams and Bed nets while sleeping.
- Wear full body clothes to prevent mosquito bites.
- Improve basic sanitation.

**In case of positive result get free treatment from the nearest Health Institution**

**PROGRAMME OFFICER,  
NATIONAL VECTOR BORNE DISEASES CONTROL PROGRAMME [NVBDCP] J&K  
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES JAMMU**

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