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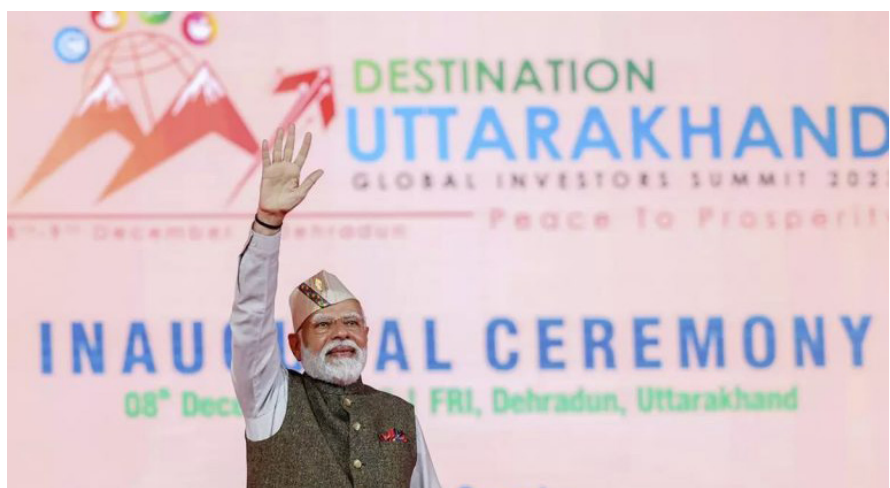
## Modi's guarantee that every penny 'Looted' from people will have to be returned: PM Modi

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, DEC 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday took a swipe at the opposition on the issue of corruption, asserting it is "Modi's guarantee" that they will have to return every penny "looted" from people.

In a post on X, Modi tagged a news report of the Income Tax department recovering Rs 200 crore in cash from

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## Union Power Minister assures adequate power for J&K during winter, lauds UT govt's initiatives toward energy conservation

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh and Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha co-chaired a high level meeting to review power sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad, presented a detailed overview of department's recent achievements.

It was informed that J&K has taken several proac-



active steps to ensure sufficient availability of power as a part of both short term and medium term measures. In this direction, PPAs for 2500 MW have been signed during the current year, aiming to double the existing power availability in the UT in coming years.

The Union Minister, while addressing the meeting, said that a

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## IGP Jammu Zone visits District Ramban, review Law & Order, Security/ Crime scenario



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain, IPS visited District Ramban and reviewed Law/ Order, Security, Crime position of the District with all super-

visory officers including SHOs, IC PPs in a meeting chaired in DPO Ramban.

The disposal of cases registered during the current year and previous pendency was reviewed, discussed and instructions issued. IGP Jammu Zone Shri. Anand Jain, IPS was accompanied by DIG Doda- Kishtwar-Ramban Range, Dr. Sunil Gupta, IPS and received by SSP Ramban Ms. Mohita Sharma, IPS and her team of officers and was given a guard of honour at DPO Ramban, on his arrival.

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## SFs recover Pistol, Rounds suspected to be Drone Dropped in Rajouri



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Security Forces on Friday said that war like stores suspected to be drone

## CS for ensuring sustainability of cleanliness measures in rural areas

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Friday while reviewing the functioning of Rural Development Department (RDD) here impressed upon it to ensure that the measures taken for cleanliness of our villages are sustainable and effective on ground level.

Dulloo observed that cleanliness (Swachhta) is one of the foremost priorities at the national level espoused by the Prime Minister himself. He substantiated that this nationwide campaign needs to be turned into a move-



ment for its benefits are multiple and valuable for people at grassroots level.

He impressed upon the Department to carry forward this campaign ensuring that the cleanliness parameters actually aspired for in the ODF+ Model category which J&K has secured do not fell short anywhere in the UT. He directed for having continuous assessment of the same by the Department for all the villages of the UT to maintain it for all the times.

The Chief Secretary further made out that the door to door collection and segregation of waste in rural areas shall

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## J&K has second highest potential to produce solar energy

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DEC 8

Jammu and Kashmir ranks at the second place for having higher potential to produce solar energy in India, documents reveal.

As per the document accessed by news agency, Jammu and Kashmir has a potential to produce 111050 MW of solar energy.

Throughout India Rajasthan ranks at the first place for having a potential to produce 142310 MWs of solar energy.

Jammu and Kashmir is followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, which as per the document has a potential to produce 64320, 61660, and 38440 MWs of solar energy.

Currently, Jammu and Kashmir has 27.25MW of installed capacity of solar power.

During the last financial year, the centre released Rs 27.98crores to further tap the solar energy in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Intense Cold Grips Kashmir, Srinagar Records Season's Coldest Night At Minus 2.6°C

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DEC 8

There was no let up in severe cold weather conditions in Jammu and Kashmir as Srinagar recorded season's coldest night at minus 2.6°C on Thursday.

A meteorological department official here said that further drop by 1-2°C is expected in next three days before some relief from the freezing cold conditions.

Till December 10, he said, mainly dry weather is expected in J&K.

On December 11, he said, weather is expected to be generally cloudy.



From December 12-15, he said, weather is likely to be generally cloudy with light rain/snow at isolated higher reaches.

"Fall in Minimum temperature by 1-2°C is expected during next 3 days over all the stations and thereafter slight improvement till December 15," he said.

Regarding the minimum temperature, he said, Srinagar

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## JKP Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani's killing to be investigated by NIA: Officer

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DEC 8

The probe into the killing of Jammu and Kashmir Police inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), a senior police officer said here on Friday.

Wani, who was shot by a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist while playing cricket in Srinagar in October, died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi on Thursday.

"The case has been given to the NIA. The NIA and JK Police will investigate it jointly," Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Vijay Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of a wreath-laying ceremony of the slain officer here.

Kumar said the police have got some leads in the case and the investigation is underway.

"Those involved will soon be brought to justice. Investigations are on and we cannot share the details," he added.

The ADGP said maintenance of law and order is a basic need and a right

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## Transhumance: 12,497 families, 1.56 Lakh livestock provided transport facilities from Kashmir

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 8

In a significant achievement the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under its initiative for supporting biannual migration (transhumance) of tribal communities provided transport service to 12,497 families and transported 1,56,215 livestock.

The scheme initiated by the Tribal Affairs Department in 2021 is being implemented through District Administrations under supervision of Deputy Commissioners and transport fleet provided by the J&K Road Transport Corporation. More than 12,000 families and around 70,000 population was benefited under the initiative this year which is highest since the launch of initiative.

These include 86,192 from Anantnag, 22,221 from Ramban, 12,714 from Kulgam, 10,223 from Pulwama, 9758 from Ganderbal, 6897 from Shopian, 3593 from Srinagar, 1748 from Budgam, 1717 from Bandipora and 1152 from Baramulla. The arrangements at district level were supervised by the respective Deputy Commission-

ers.

The concept of transport service was introduced after 1st International Conference on Transhumance held in Albania in 2021 shared International best practices for sustaining transhumance and supporting the pastoral communities in migration to avoid conflict, mitigate losses and establish institutional mechanisms.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary informed that as per 2021 survey conducted by the department tribal families possess an average livestock of

12.48 and family size is 5.8. This year total livestock numbering 1.56 Lakh was transported along with the families from various districts of Kashmir to Jammu. An evidence based approach public policy has been introduced to acknowledge the rangeland management and environmental conservation services provided by the migratory tribal families based on which transport service is being provided an incentive.

Dr Choudhary informed that at an average each family saves 20 days of transit and taking into account man-days and prevailing wage rates there is saving of Rs 20,380 per family of 3 adults and additional saving of transport costs upto Rs 40,000. He said that notional saving of these families during current migration season is Rs 25.46 Cr for days saved and Rs 48.72 Cr for transportation and other expenses. These initiative lead to poverty reduction and also safeguarding the livestock against losses related to accidents, exhaustion deaths and climatic conditions.

He added that the United Nations has declared 2026

as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) to create awareness about role of pastoralists in sustainability and drive public policies for their inclusion and empowerment. Jammu and Kashmir, over last two years, has taken substantial steps to promote sustainable transhumance and economic growth of the migratory tribal pastoral families.

Secretary Tribal Affairs appreciated the coordinated role played by the Deputy Commissioners, J&K Road Transport

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## VBSY covers 6 more Panchayats in Zainapora Shopian

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continues in Shopian district with massive public participation.

Today, 6 Panchayats of Zainapora block, Agler, Awneera, Babapora, Cheermarg, Melhura and Zainapora were covered under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

On this occasion, a Viksit pledge was administered to the officers, PRIs and Public, affirming their commitment to the nation's holistic development, besides IEC Vans were also put into service to inform the people about the Government sponsored welfare schemes meant for the wellbeing of the general masses.

Addressing the gathering, the speakers said that each and every individual across the length and breadth of India has to play an active role in making India a developed



and self-reliant nation.

They also briefed the participants about the Government sponsored welfare schemes which include, PM Kisan, KCC, PM Garib Kalyan, Ujjwala, etc.

VBSY witnessed a massive and enthusiastic response from the public. Participants listened

keenly to the recorded message of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. On the occasion, people received information about various government schemes and other initiatives and got themselves enrolled for different services.

Under 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' benefi-

ciaries of centrally sponsored schemes shared their experiences about the benefits they availed after enrolling themselves under these schemes. They urged others to come forward and reap the benefits of welfare schemes.

Resource persons of different departments also generated awareness regarding public welfare schemes.

The participants also availed health services including screening for various ailments at health camps conducted at the event.

Varieties of cultural programmes were also presented by the students of various educational institutions on the occasion. Students of schools took part in skits and cultural events.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra display remarkable community engagement in District Anantnag

JINNEWS SERVICE  
ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Anantnag has garnered widespread acclaim for its exceptional community engagement efforts, fostering development and empowerment across various sectors, demonstrating a strong commitment to connecting with the local community and addressing their needs.

The Yatra facilitated interactive workshops and seminars, providing a platform for open dialogue on issues that were unsolved till date. This inclusive approach allowed for the exchange of ideas, expertise, and perspectives, fostering a sense of shared responsibility for community development.

Recognizing the importance of skill development in enhancing livelihoods, the Yatra implemented practical training pro-



grams tailored to the needs of the local population. These initiatives not only equipped individuals with valuable skills but also contributed to the overall socioeconomic growth of the community.

The Yatra prioritized the well-being of the community by organizing health and wellness camps. These camps provided essential medical services, health awareness sessions, and counseling,

ensuring that the residents had access to necessary healthcare resources.

Embracing the rich cultural diversity of Anantnag, the Yatra showcased cultural events, festivals, and celebrations. This not only showcased the vibrant heritage of the region but also strengthened the bond between the Yatra and the local community.

In collaboration with local authorities and organizations, the Yatra initiated projects aimed at improving infrastructure in key areas. This included

efforts to enhance educational facilities, upgrade basic amenities, and raise awareness about various Govt. sponsored schemes and contribute to the overall development of Anantnag District.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Impactful activities witnessed in Panchayats across major blocks of Doda

JINNEWS SERVICE  
DODA, DECEMBER 8

District Doda experiences a transformative wave of change as the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra takes center stage across different blocks of the region. This inspirational initiative spans Marmat, Bhagwah, Bhaiderwah, Chiralla Kahra, and Changa blocks, serving as a beacon for fostering awareness about government-driven programs aimed at uplifting the region. Through collaborative efforts engaging community members, leaders, and enthusiasts, the yatra acts as an informative platform elucidating diverse developmental programs in progress.

The yatra showcases the rich cultural tapestry of the region while acting as a conduit for various government departments to exhibit flagship schemes and services. With vibrant cultural displays, esteemed person-



alities, and community leaders in attendance, the event sparks fervour and active involvement in the nation's advancement. Each stop, including panchayats like Prable, Moothi, Manjmi, Gai Dessa A, Sarna, Hanga, Thellella, Jagota Joura Kalan, Dudwar, Gowari, witnesses overwhelming responses with health check-up camps, pledge ceremonies, and grand

displays of government-sponsored schemes on large LED screens.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp at Panchayat Dudwar in Block Changa was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The yatra received a warm welcome from frontline workers and the gathering, featuring cultural programs and sports activities. Beneficiaries of various govern-

ment-sponsored schemes expressed gratitude to the Jammu and Kashmir UT government for the benefits provided. Similar celebrations occurred in Panchayat Sarna, Block Bhaiderwah, witnessing a health checkup camp and a warm welcome for the yatra van.

The yatra extended its impact to various other panchayats, including Moothi, Manjmi, Gai Dessa, Thellella, Jagota, Joura Kalan, Hanga and drew immense crowds. Crucial information on government initiatives, coupled with selfie points to commemorate the yatra, underlines its success in reaching the masses, fostering awareness, and championing the spirit of a progressive India. The overarching mission emphasizes community outreach and recognizes the pivotal role of frontline workers in driving development and awareness.

## JKRLM staff sensitised about promotion of non-farm livelihood generation at 5-Day workshop

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

The five-day long workshop on vision development program for the staff of Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) concluded here today. The workshop, aimed to enhance the capacity of officials in implementing non-farm livelihoods generating programs at the block and district levels of JKRLM, was conducted by a team of experts from NRO Kudumbashree, who imparted training on business plan strategies for Self help group (SHG) women to set up their enterprises.

It is to mention here that Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kudumbashree NRO. This MOU highlights the commitment and collaboration between these orga-



nizations to support rural communities in Jammu and Kashmir. The program, which spanned five days, featured a roadmap to business success, highlighting key aspects such as conceptualization for growth for existing enterprises, growth plan preparation, business fundamentals handholding support to grow businesses, effective monitoring and business planning.

During the workshop, Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, shared her valuable insights and guidance. She stressed the importance of building a strong foundation for livelihood development initiatives and highlighted the

need for continuous learning and innovation.

She said that "this workshop has been an opportunity for our staff to further enhance their skills and knowledge in implementing non-farm livelihood generating programs and by strengthening our understanding and expertise, we can make a significant positive impact at the grassroots level and improve the lives of rural communities." She maintained.

She further expressed her gratitude to the Kudumbashree NRO for significantly contributing in understanding the business development and operations. Adding

she said "the workshop has equipped the JKRLM staff with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively implement non-farm livelihoods generating programs. JKRLMs collaboration with NRO Kudumbashree has been highly beneficial, and we look forward to future collaborations".

Speaking on the occasion Programme Manager Enterprises Domain Kudumbashree NRO, Prashant MP, emphasized upon the participants on exploring the potential areas for enterprise creation by analysing the data pertaining to the business activities in the particular area.

## DC Shopian reviews arrangements for JKSSB's Panchayat Secretary Exam

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today chaired a meeting of head of institutions, Centre Superintendents and concerned Officers at Conference Hall of DC Office here to finalize the preparations for JKSSB's OMR based written examination of Panchayat Secretary, scheduled to be held on 10th of December in the district.

During the meeting, it was informed that around 4270 candidates are expected to appear in the written examination at 13 centers across the District. For the smooth, free and fair conduct of examinations, 13 Magistrates, Observers, Superintendents each and 1 Dy. Superintendent have been deployed in the district.

Deliberations in the meeting focused on roles, responsibilities and coordination of manpower, meticulous arrangement of basic facilities, especially heating arrangements keeping in view the cold conditions, elaborate security arrangements, logistics for transportation, safekeeping of examination materials and effi-



cient traffic management. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that fair and transparent exams are the top most priority of the district administration.

He directed installation of CCTVs in control rooms of the educational institutions of the district where these SSB exams are scheduled to be conducted along with videography of exams.

The meeting was apprised that the police department was directed to ensure adequate deployment of Police

personnel for escort of examination material and for proper frisking.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Dr. Zakir Husain Faaz; Principal, IMGDC Shopian, Prof. Mohammad Shafiq; Chief Education Officer, Shopian, Mohammad Shabir; Administrative Officer, JKSSB, Javid Ahmed; Superintendents, Head of institutions and other concerned were present in the meeting.

## VBSY reaches Hayhama, Handwara blocks of Kupwara district; 22 more Panchayats covered under campaign

JINNEWS SERVICE  
KUPWARA, DECEMBER 8

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) on Friday reached Hayhama and Handwara blocks of Kupwara district.

Far flung Panchayats including Manigah A, B & C; Batpora A, B, C & D; Babapora, Chalgund, Gonipora, Gundisana, Gutlipora, Jugtyal, Hummander, Kashirah, Manzhar, Payerpura and Qasba Hayhama of Block Hayhama and Maidan Chogal (i) & (ii), Shahlal, Wadipora-A & B of Block Handwara were covered under VBSY today. At Panchayat Halqa Chalgund, BDO Hayhama administered the viksit pledge to the participants.

The VBSY-IEC vans reached far-flung villages where a large number of locals welcomed the van and listened to video speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other messages. IEC vans are helping empowerment of people through the dissemination and delivery of people-centric services.

During the programme, people were made aware about centrally sponsored schemes and were asked to avail benefits of these



schemes. People also highlighted various problems and demands which were taken note of by the concerned officials.

Pertinently, in frontier Kupwara district, the VBSY is proving to be a one-stop solution for beneficiaries who are getting themselves enrolled for different welfare Schemes.

Under 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' beneficiaries of centrally sponsored schemes shared their experiences about the benefits they availed after enrolling themselves under these schemes. Beneficiaries urged others to come forward and reap the benefits of welfare schemes.

Resource persons of different departments also generated awareness regarding public welfare schemes.

The line departments also raised awareness on public welfare schemes through display of prod-

ucts in stalls at the venues of VBSY. Students and local artists took part in skits and other cultural events.

Women and other achievers were also felicitated for their exemplary work in respective fields during the programme.

Local participants also availed health services including screening for various ailments at health camps conducted at the mega event.

Through VBSY, the government is reaching out to the people at their doorsteps. Beneficiaries who are saturated with schemes like PM Awas Yojna and PM Ujjwala Yojna are enthusiastic and exploring other welfare schemes through this massive campaign. As the campaign of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is moving ahead day by day it is instilling strong belief among people about good

governance.

## DC reviews status of power supply scenario in Kupwara



JINNEWS SERVICE  
KUPWARA, DECEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of officers of Power Development Department (PDD) to review the status of power supply scenario in the district.

Addressing the meeting, Ayushi stressed upon the officers to ensure strict adherence to the curtailment schedule to avoid any inconvenience to the people during the harsh winter season.

The DC directed the officers to be more proactive on the ground to address the grievances and issues of the people regarding power supply. She asked the SE, PDD to establish a helpline at district level for instant grievance redressal of the consumers over telephone. The SE was also directed to designate a Nodal Officer for handling and looking after the Helpline. Regarding maintenance of trans-

formers, the DC asked the officers for regular maintenance and replacement of the transformers so that people do not suffer.

She also impressed upon the officers to intensify the inspections to curb the issue of power theft and ensure that crude gadgets are completely banished. She directed them to share details of inspection on a regular basis with her office.

Earlier, the DC sought feedback from the concerned Executive Engineers regarding progress of Receiving Stations of Dever, Natnussa and Jaggerpora coming up in the district and directed the officers to bring ROW issue, if any, to her notice on priority.

The meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer PDD, Executive Engineers of PDD Division Kupwara/Handwara, Executive Engineer from Sub Transmission Division and other concerned officers.



## Holistic Agriculture Development Plan JKRLM Cluster federation Nari Ki Pehchaan establishes Machinery Bank at Panchayat Kheral in Reasi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak with additional charge of Director Agriculture Jammu today inaugurated Machinery Bank established by Cluster Level Federation of JKRLM "Nari Ki Pehchaan" with an incentive of Rs. 8 lakh (@ 80% subsidy) at panchayat Kheral, Duggar Dani, Reasi under the scheme Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP). Chief Horticulture Officer Reasi, Brij Vallabh Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Harbans Singh, District Manager JKRLM, Jugal Magotra, HDO Reasi, Rakesh Salgotra, Women Entrepreneurs, PRI members and other officials were present at the programme. During the programme, the Director also dedicated two tractors, brush cutters and other machinery to the beneficiaries of Agriculture Department @ 50% subsidy.



different Self Help Groups, the Director briefed them about the various Centrally and UT sponsored schemes of the department, especially Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP). He asked the gathering to avail benefits in the shape of subsidy on establishment of different components viz: Poly

House Structure, Dragon Fruit Orchard, Machinery Bank, Creation of Irrigation sources, Drip Irrigation System, etc.

He also assured the women entrepreneurs that the department will help them in setting up of Micro Food Processing Units for fruit processing/ fruit drying/ spices

preparation etc. under the PMFME scheme, for the value addition of fruit products which will not only provide employment opportunities to the beneficiaries, but will also make them self reliant and henceforth can play an important role in enhancing the family income.

## VBSY ignites enthusiasm across Reasi, 6 more panchayats embrace wave of development

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continued its impactful journey, reaching six additional Panchayats in the Blocks of Reasi district. The vibrant event showcased a festive atmosphere, featuring colorful cultural events and the sharing of success stories from beneficiaries, progressive farmers, and entrepreneurs. An effective Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign about centrally sponsored schemes added to the enriching experience for the local community.

The IEC van cover six more Panchayats covering a total of 44 that became part of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra include Sool, Sira Kotla, Sher Garhi, Thalkote, Chillad and Sujandhar. The venues were adorned with a spectrum of activities, drawing attention to the numerous government schemes aimed at promoting welfare, employment, insurance, social security, and income generation.



Key attractions at the venues included Audio-Video sessions facilitated through IEC Vans mounted with LEDs, providing a dynamic platform for disseminating information to the local population. Officers and officials from various departments dedicated their efforts to conducting IEC activities at every Panchayat in the block, demonstrating a commitment to reaching the unreached segments

of the population. During the event, PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions) and field functionaries of stakeholder departments actively engaged with the attendees, raising awareness about government schemes and their benefits. Stalls set up by different departments highlighted the significance of welfare, employment, insurance, social security, and income generation

initiatives, creating an interactive environment for the participants. Participants in the Viksit Bharat Yatra programmes included block officers and officials from line departments, PRIs, students, and enthusiastic locals. Their collective involvement underscored the community's fervent commitment to embracing and supporting the ongoing development initiatives in the region.

## DC Rajouri discusses implementation of World's Largest Grain Storage Facility Scheme

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today presided over a crucial meeting to discuss the action plan for the identification of suitable land under world's largest grain storage facility Scheme in Rajouri district. The scheme is being implemented by the Cooperative Department.



The primary objective of the meeting was to initiate the process of identifying and acquiring suitable land for the ambitious project, which aims to establish state-of-the-art grain storage facilities in Rajouri district. This significant step is part of the larger scheme to enhance food security and ensure the availability of quality grains for the people of Rajouri.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of expediting the land identification process to ensure the timely implementation of the project. He directed all concerned departments to collaborate closely and utilize their expertise to identify the most suitable land for the grain storage facilities at the earliest.

Addressing the officers, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stated, "The establishment of the grain storage facilities under the world's largest grain storage facilities Scheme in Rajouri district is a momentous undertaking that will significantly contribute to our goal of achieving food security and sustainable development. It is crucial that we work together diligently and proactively to identify the perfect site for this landmark project."

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the officials to maintain close coordination and provide regular updates on the progress made in land identification.

It is expected that the establishment of the world's largest grain storage facilities in Rajouri district will serve as a shining example of innovative agricultural practices and contribute to the overall development and prosperity of the region. The meeting was attended by the CPO Mohammad Khurshid, CAO Sohan Singh, ACP Sheraz Chowhan, DSHO Mr. PP Sagotra, Dy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Adnan Rather, DSWO Abdul Rahim, DHO Shafiq Mir, LDM Sanjeev Bhasin, DDM NABARD, and other concerned officers.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Health Department organises medical camps across various Panchayats in Reasi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, DECEMBER 8

In a significant step towards bolstering healthcare service, the Health Department Reasi, as part of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, organized extensive medical checkup camps in several panchayats of Reasi district.

The camps were held in Harotekote, Matlote, Ghar Manoon, Bhagta, Nomain, and Hunder, with a primary focus on enhancing community health and wellness.

During the camps, the Health Department provided a range of services aimed at promoting preventive healthcare and addressing immediate medical needs. One of the key initiatives was the distribution of Golden Cards, providing people with access to essential healthcare services and facilities.

The Health Department extended its commitment to public health by distributing free medicines to the residents. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to ensure that healthcare remains accessible and affordable for all members of the community.

The medical checkup camps also included screenings for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and Tuberculosis (TB). Early detection and intervention are crucial in managing these health conditions, and the screenings were conducted with the objective of identifying and addressing health concerns at an early stage.

The Health Department expressed gratitude for the active participation of the community and local authorities, emphasizing the collaborative effort required to achieve comprehensive healthcare goals. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra serves as a testament to the government's dedication to creating a healthier and more resilient society.

## VBSY generates overwhelming public response in Udhampur

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra generated an overwhelming response from PRIs, the general public and youth on the 13th day as it reached 12 panchayats across different Blocks of the Udhampur district. The primary objective of the Yatra is to raise awareness about the Central government's welfare schemes and policies, aiming for 100% saturation of flagship government initiatives. Throughout the day, a variety of activities were conducted in these panchayats. Under the "Meri Kahaani, Meri Zubaani" initiative, individuals who have benefited from the government schemes and services shared their experiences, expressing gratitude for the seamless service delivery. The VBSY IEC Vans attracted crowds, and people actively participated in organized activities while availing on-the-spot services.

## DC Ganderbal inspects Zojila Road for immediate safety measures

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 9

Following the fatal road accident along the Zojila stretch, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir, conducted a thorough inspection of the Zojila pass, today.

Accompanied by SDM Kangan, Javaid Ahmad Rather, ARTO Ganderbal, Tehsildar Gund, SDPO Kangan, and OC BEACON, the DC conducted a visit to evaluate the road conditions and assess immediate safety measures to prevent future mishaps. During the visit, the DC inspected vulnerable spots on the Zojila road stretch and issued instructions to BEACON authorities to implement necessary safety measures promptly. The authorities briefed the DC on the immediate safety measures already taken, including erecting Hesco barriers with reflecting tapes, signages, reflecting mirrors, etc.



The ongoing project for long-term measures, such as retaining walls and permanent crash barriers, is slated for completion in the next year.

Expressing grief over recent tragic road accidents on Zojila pass, the DC directed the concerned authorities to ensure effective safety measures to prevent such incidents in the future. A discussion was held on cutoff timing from

Sonamarg upward and Minimarg downward, with a decision made to restrict tourist vehicles beyond Sonamarg starting tomorrow. To enhance road safety, the DC directed BEACON authorities to conduct thorough trail runs before allowing traffic towards Zojila pass. He directed for displaying Speed limits prominently at key locations. Meanwhile, The DC appealed to all commuters

to strictly adhere to road safety measures, avoiding rash driving on Zojila pass. The DC emphasized the importance of immediate action to secure Zojila road, ensuring the safety of commuters and preventing further tragic incidents. OC BEACON assured implementing both short-term and long-term safety measures to safeguard lives on this critical stretch of road.

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| <b>Name of work</b>  | Allotment of catering stall at Railway Station Tanda Urmur, Nakodar, Ram Nagar (JK), Lohian Khas/2, Nawashahar Doaba, Kapurthala, Kolkapura, Bari Brahmana, Gurdaspur, Sahnewal, Samba, Tam Taran, Sultanpur Lodhi & DAV College Jalandhar Halt. |
| <b>Auction Catalogue No.</b>   | <b>EAFFZR-CTG23-13</b>   |
| <b>Auction Start Date &amp; Time</b>   | 15.12.2023 at 11:00 A.M.   |
| <b>Name of work</b>  | Allotment of catering stall at Railway Station Khem Karan, Firozpur City, Mukatsar, Hoshiarpur, Verka, Gagsar Jaiton, DAV College Jalandhar Halt & Fazilka.  |
| <b>Auction Catalogue No.</b>   | <b>FZRPARCEL70</b>   |
| <b>Auction Start Date &amp; Time</b>   | 15.12.2023 at 11:00 A.M.   |
| <b>Name of work</b>  | Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment: 19224-R1, 19224-F1, 12246-F1, 12476-F1, 12238-F1, 12238-F2, 12238-R1, 12446-F1, 11058-R1, 11058-F1 & 11058-F2  |
| <b>Auction Catalogue No.</b>   | <b>EAFFZR-WVM23-9</b>  |
| <b>Auction Start Date &amp; Time</b>   | 15.12.2023 at 12:30 P.M.   |
| <b>Name of work</b>  | Allotment of Contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Faridkot, Phillaur, Kathua, Firozpur Cantt. & Udhampur  |
| For other details and registration, please visit Railway website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> 3870/2023  |  |
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| NORTHERN RAILWAY  |                              |
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| E-Tender Notice   |                              |
| Tender Notice No:- 328,330,331,335-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR,329-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR & 336-2023-24-PLMX Date:06.12.2023   |                              |
| Sr.DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> with closing date-28/12/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted on prescribed format as available in document section on the portal. |                              |
| <b>Tender Type</b>  | <b>Tendering Section</b>     |
| Open  | Works                        |
| <b>Date of Uploading Tenders</b>  | <b>Bid Starting Date</b>     |
| 06.12.2023  | 14.12.2023                   |
| <b>Bidding System</b>   | <b>Bid Closing Date/Time</b> |
| Single Bid System   | 28.12.2023/ 15.00 Hrs        |
| <b>S.N</b>  | <b>Tender No</b>             |
| 1   | 328-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR      |
| Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) with H beam-882 nos i.e.251 Nos, (244A UP, 224A DN, 232 UP,233A DN, 233A UP) on SCPD-PTKC Section & 631 Nos (171, 175, 201, 236, 20, 49, 53A, 50, 69, 88, 96, 103) on ASR-PTK section under ADEN/PTK.   |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 3,17,38,826.02/-  | 3,08,700.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 08 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.   |                              |
| 2   | 329-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR      |
| Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) with H beam-868 Nos. (159UP, 172 DN, 183DN, 190DN, 196DN, 218UP) in the section of ADEN/JAT.  |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 3,12,28,632.16/-  | 3,06,200.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 08 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.   |                              |
| 3   | 330-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR      |
| Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) 190 Nos. with H-Beam at Br. No. 232 DN and TRR (P) 0.310 TKM and on JUC-PTK section under ADEN/PTK.   |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 1,34,40,984.49/-  | 2,17,200.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 08 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.   |                              |
| 4   | 331-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR      |
| AT welding of 60 kg/60E1/52Kg-R260/90/72 UTS rails in situ with single shot crucible fitted as per RDSO specifications in the Section of ADEN/PTK and ADEN/JAT under Sr.DEN-II/FZR.   |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 93,47,961.18/-  | 1,87,000.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 10 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- Nil.   |                              |
| 5   | 335-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR      |
| Cess repair in the section of SSE/PWAY/PTK at various locations under ADEN/PTK of FZR division.   |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 1,68,41,421.12/-  | 2,34,200.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 08 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- "Any Civil Engineering works involving earth work in banks/cuttings".  |                              |
| 6   | 336-2023-24-PLMX-DRM-FZR     |
| CTR (S) NG of 29.412 TKM i.e. 16.626 km at KM 49.8 to 66.426 & 12.786 Km at KM 75.7 to 85.7, KM 117.325 to 118.592, Km 164.281 to 165.8 of the existing standard 58.5 LBS rails laid on ST sleepers M+3 density with 75R (S+I) rails laid on ST (converted) sleepers 1340 nos/km. including increasing the ballast cushion to 15 cm with deep screening & recompment of ballast from existing standard of 0 to 2 cm on Pathankot - Joginder Nagar Section under ADEN/PLMX.  |                              |
| <b>Advertised Value</b>   | <b>Earnest Money</b>         |
| 4,59,38,492.72/-  | 3,79,700.00/-                |
| <b>Validity of Offer</b>  | <b>Period of Completion</b>  |
| 60 Days   | 10 Months                    |
| Similar nature of work:- CTR/TRR/TFR/TRR includes raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.   |                              |
| Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.   |                              |
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## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

**Modi's guarantee that...**

various locations of a business group allegedly linked to Congress MP from Jharkhand Dhiraj Prasad Sahu, as he attacked the opposition party.

"Countrymen should look at these piles of currency notes and then hear the addresses of its (Congress) leaders on honesty. Every penny looted from people will have to be returned. This is Modi's guarantee," he said in a post with several emojis.

The news report also showed a picture of several almirahs stuffed with currency notes.

With the Lok Sabha elections approaching, the prime minister has turned up the heat on opposition parties in his X posts of late.

In a recent post, he had cited a news clip to take a swipe at opposition leaders and their "ecosystem", saying they may remain happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance but people should be beware of their divisive agenda as an old habit of 70 years cannot go away so easily.

He was reacting to an X post captioned "Meltdown-e-Azam" (great meltdown) of the news clip that cited "excuses" and alleged attempts by an ecosystem to stoke regional divide and insult voters in Hindi speaking states after the BJP swept to power in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, brushing aside the challenge from the Congress. (Agencies)

**Union Power Minister...**

senior officer from the Ministry would act as the Nodal Officer, responsible for continuous monitoring of power situation and addressing any gaps from the Central Pool to ensure adequate power supply to J&K.

The Union Minister directed the project implementing agency, RECPDCL to expeditiously implement smart metering, ensuring end to end solution including integration with MDM, enabling pre-paid functionality and other smart features so that benefits of the technology are effectively passed on to the consumers.

He directed the CPSUs engaged in RDSS implementation to promptly award and initiate execution of all projects entrusted to them, recognizing the intended impact of RDSS works in transforming J&K's power sector.

Lieutenant Governor apprised the Union Minister of continuance of obsolete wires and other network elements especially in rural areas which cause undue power interruptions.

The Union Minister called for a comprehensive proposal for the same and assured sufficient funding for system revamping.

Apart from the technical matters, a notable highlight of the meeting was launching of 4E Wave - A Student led National Movement for Energy Conservation by the Union Minister and Lieutenant Governor of J&K.

While launching the 4E Wave - a Student led National Movement for Energy Conservation, the Union Minister was elated to know that the youth of J&K has taken the initiative to launch a national movement on energy conservation, which holds the potential to make a substantial impact on nation's energy conservation efforts.

The 4E Wave movement, first of its kind, encapsulates four key elements including eco-friendliness; promoting energy-saving practices that are environmentally friendly, economy; emphasizing energy-saving solutions that lead to economic benefits for individuals and communities, education; focusing on educating the public about energy-saving methods and their importance and empowerment; empowering individuals and communities to take active roles in conserving energy.

The movement strives to promote sustainable practices and instil a sense of responsibility in individuals and communities to save energy.

Originating from the students of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu, this youth led movement, launched with the support of J&K Power Development Department and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Union Ministry of Power, invites individuals across the nation to contribute to the vital cause of energy conservation.

During the launching ceremony of the 4E wave, a web portal viz. www.4ewave.com was also unveiled by the dignitaries, which will provide an interactive platform to the citizens nationwide for information and resource sharing related to energy conservation.

The user-friendly portal requires a simple registration process for on-boarding in the movement and the participants are provided with certificates of acknowledgment on registration. Any Indian citizen can be a part of this campaign. Beyond this recognition, participants enjoy a wealth of benefits, including personalized energy-saving tips tailored to their consumption patterns, regular updates on latest developments in energy conservation, and a dynamic platform for sharing articles on energy conservation for publication in the e-magazine named 'e-kshiti' to be published quarterly. Additionally, the portal will host contests focusing on energy conservation, providing an interactive experience for users.

Union Minister emphasized that the 4E Wave movement marks a resolute commitment to mitigate the impact of harmful carbon emissions, and paving the way for a sustainable energy future. By actively engaging in the 4E Wave campaign, individuals are not only taking steps toward reducing carbon footprints but are also fostering a collective responsibility for a more sustainable and eco-friendly future. He invited all Indian citizens to be part of this impactful journey toward energy conservation and sustainable future.

Lieutenant Governor, appreciated the active participation of J&K youth in this noble cause. He commended the efforts of State Designated Agency for Energy Conservation, J&K Power Development Department, Principal GCET Jammu and Director General BEE, MoP for supporting the campaign.

Lieutenant Governor mentioned that this initiative will significantly contribute towards promoting the National Cause of Energy Conservation and play a crucial role in safeguarding the planet.

Besides, a real time portal, www.dtreportjk.in, for tracking Distribution Transformer's damage status and replacement time was also launched by the dignitaries during the occasion. The portal provides the citizens with the up-to-date information concerning damage

status of Distribution Transformers in their respective areas. The portal aligns with the concern of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, who consistently emphasizes for minimizing the replacement time of damaged DTs in both urban and rural areas, for avoiding inconvenience to the public.

**IGP Jammu Zone visits...**

IGP Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain- IPS in his first visit to district interacted with all officers in introductory meeting and reviewed crime pattern of area and issued directions to them to improve Police working and better public relations.

SSP Ramban Ms. Mohita Sharma, IPS, briefed IGP Jammu Zone about the Law & order, crime and security scenario along with other initiatives carried out by Ramban Police in the district. She also highlighted measures adopted to strengthen security grid and improve policing.

A threadbare discussion was held in the meeting on pending under investigation cases (Police Station wise). While elaborating, it was mentioned that maintenance of law & order, prevention of crime, speedy investigation and disposal of cases, adequate attention to public grievances on day-to-day basis, special attention to public importance cases and strengthening of Police-Public rapport are of utmost importance.

During the meeting the IGP Jammu directed the officers to augment measures for improving capability of personnel in dealing with Narco cases and UAPA cases. He impressed upon the officers that they need to contribute more by conducting supervisory meetings and by ensuring closer supervision of important cases, especially NDPS/UAPA cases to get better results for the remaining period of the year. He advised them to improve the quality of investigation and prosecution to increase the convictions.

IGP Jammu planted a sapling in the premises of DPO Ramban for Eco-friendly, green and clean environment.

Later, IGP Jammu also visited SDPO office Banihal besides Police Station Banihal where he inspected the facilities made available for the Jawans/officers and also for the visiting citizens.

He commissioned the renovated building of Police Station Banihal. Colourful cultural programmes were presented by the school children at Banihal as a welcome gesture to the visiting officer.

Meanwhile, IGP Jammu visited Checking Plaza at Banihal near Navyug Tunnel and reviewed the smooth traffic management.

Moreover, IGP Jammu Zone Shri. Anand Jain, IPS also interacted with the civil society members at Higher Secondary School Banihal which were attended by a large number of prominent citizens, including PRIs and social workers.

During the interaction meet, IGP Jammu emphasized the need for enhanced Police Public cooperation for providing better policing. He said that the civil society has a major role to garner people's coordination in the eradication of social crime, drug menace and other unlawful activities. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt with as per law, ; he added.

The public was requested to help the department of Police in prevention and detection of crime. It was conveyed that J&K Police is undertaking various programs to prevent drug menace from the society and special focus on the engagement of the youth by involving them in Sports activities. The participants in the meeting were very appreciative of the role of Police in the area and ensured to extend their support to Police in better performance of duties.

**SFs recover Pistol, Rounds...**

and Police conducted a joint operation resulting in the recovery of warlike stores from the vicinity of Garan, Naushera.

"The operation was prompted by intelligence received from local sources reporting a drone on December 5 and during the search operation, the team recovered a pistol and eight rounds from the location," they said.

Sources said that further search of the area is in progress, adding, "the successful outcome of Operation Lambari underscores the nefarious design of Pak while Indian Army averted a major terrorist incident."

**CS for ensuring sustainability...**

be monitored to ensure that the agencies or persons put on this job are doing it as per the schedule and set criteria. He asked for looking into the collection of user charges in the villages for this purpose and the ways to make this exercise sustainable for all the times.

Regarding the NRLM the Chief Secretary maintained that the empowerment of women is another focus area nationally and a concern too for PM. He made out that the rural women shall be imparted all the training to turn options into opportunities. He expressed that these women are creative enough to keep on adding value to their enterprises once they are given freedom to establish and flourish them as per their convenience.

He advised for encouraging them through capacity building and strengthening their cadre by efficient utilization of Community Resource Persons provided by the mission. He called for making it a regular exercise for these resource persons to visit far off places to bring a positive drive among the women there to channelize their energies into successful enterprises.

Regarding other schemes Dulloo stressed on strictly adhering to National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) in execution of MGNREGA works. He asked for completing all the targeted works taken up under convergence in the scheduled time during the ensuing financial year.

He also took note of the houses completed under PMAY and asked the department to ensure that the housing needs of all the houseless are fulfilled here.

He asked for digitization of Back to Village data besides devising a mechanism to make it a year long demand raising and interface between public and administration. He even asked for creation of a dedicated portal for the same displaying the status of all such demands received by the Prabhari officers.

**Abdullahs condole demise of Insp Masroor Wani**

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, DEC 8

National Conference (NC) President and Member of the Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah on Friday expressed grief over the death of J&K Police Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani.

In his condolence message, Dr. Farooq said, "My heart goes out to the family of the slain police cop. There is no place for such abominable acts of violence. Such violence only leaves behind a trail of pain and misery. May the departed soul rest in Jannat."

In his condolence message to the news agency, Omar said, "Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Sub-Inspector Masroor Ahmed Wani. He put up a very brave fight after being injured

when he was fired upon by militants in Srinagar recently while he was playing cricket with boys in his neighbourhood. My condolences to his loved ones & his colleagues. May Allah grant him a place in Jannat."

Meanwhile Omar Abdullah visited the Narwara locality in Shahar-e-Khas to commiserate with the bereaved household of the slain police cop Masroor Ahmad Wani. Joined by party functionaries he offered fateha and prayed for peace to the departed soul. He was accompanied by party treasurer Shammi Oberoi, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Political Advisor to President Mushtaq Guroo, Political Advisor to VP Mudassar Shamiri.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary took appraisal of the online services offered by the Department. He enquired about their uptake in different areas. He asked for the service wise status in different parts of the UT for checking their smooth availability in all the areas.

The Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandeep Kaur presented the overall status of all the schemes and projects under implementation here by the Department. She also brought forth all the issues related to the implementation of such schemes and programmes.

The Commissioner Secretary apprised about the physical and financial progress made by the Department under MGNREGA, Convergence, PMAY, NRLM, SBM(G), RSGA, B2V4 besides other projects of the department. She also presented the details about Panchayat Development Index and the achievements made in other deliverables set out for the department for the ensuing financial year. KNO

**Intense Cold Grips...**

recorded a low of minus 2.6°C, the coldest so far this season, against 2.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.0°C below normal for this time of the year in Srinagar.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 2.2°C against minus 2.0°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 1.4°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 4.9°C against minus 5.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 1.4°C against minus 0.5°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal for the place by 0.7°C, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3.1°C against minus 2.7°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 2.5°C against minus 2.6°C on the previous night and the latest temperature was 1.2°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu recorded a minimum of 9.6°C against 9.9°C on previous night, and it was below normal by 0.4°C for the winter capital of J&K, he said. (Agencies)

**JKP Inspector Masroor...**

of the public, and those persons, separatists, miscreants or terrorists who try to disturb it will be dealt with sternly.

Asked what steps the police have taken to stop such attacks in the future, Kumar said there are a number of standard operating procedures for police personnel and these will be followed strictly.

"We had issued a number of SOPs last year after several meetings and consultations...for officers and personnel, what to do when on leave or at home or outside. Awareness was spread but there are deficiencies sometimes, the consequences of which we have to bear," he said. To a question on whether there was any input shared with the officer about the attack, Kumar said there was an input and every police personnel was told but "there is a lapse sometimes".

"We will take care in the future and every officer has been told to make their personnel aware of the SOPs and it is very important to follow them strictly," he said. Responding to a question on several security agencies taking actions against militants and their sympathisers to break the terror ecosystem, the senior police officer said kinetic and non-kinetic operations will continue.

"We have been doing it for the last two-to-three years by taking a holistic approach to fight and there are both kinetic as well as non-kinetic operations. This is a part of that and it will continue. We are also adding more steps to non-kinetic operations," he said. (Agencies)

**Transhumance: 12,497...**

Corporation, Planning Department, Sheep Husbandry Deptt, Traffic Police and other departments to support and facilitate migration of families through National Highway -44 and the Mughal road over last more than 10 weeks which also benefited the smooth export of Kashmir's horticulture produce and traffic management.

**Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra promotes effective delivery of public services in Akhnoor**

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

In a pattern being observed across different blocks of the district, Akhnoor also welcomed the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra carrying the message of development and hopes of positive transformation.

Welcomed at a vibrant celebration in Community Hall at Panchayat Gurha Brahmana East and Durga Resort Bindra Bhag in Gurha Brahmana West, the yatra, held under the guidance of Block Development Officer, Rupinder Kour, the event saw active participation from diverse departments, showcasing their commitment to on-the-spot services for villagers.

Tehsildar Akhnoor-Surinder Singh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, joined by Block Development Officer Akhnoor, Rupinder Kour and sarpanches of gram panchayats as the Guests of Honour.

The VBSY program exemplified collabora-

tive efforts across Health, Social Welfare, NRHM, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Industrial & Commerce, ICDS, Revenue, RDD and more.

A cultural program featured impressive performances by children from local schools. Tehsildar Akhnoor acknowledged their performances by felicitating them with medals and certificates.

Beyond Akhnoor, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has become a hub of awareness, with different departments disseminating valuable information to the public.

The Yatra, with participation exceeding 10,000 individuals across events, unfolded in 40 gram panchayats, hosting 16 health camps and 33 cultural events under 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke.' In addition to delivering on-the-spot government services, the Yatra celebrated the achievements of women, sports enthusiasts and academic achievers, weaving a rich tapestry of progress across Jammu district.

**J&K scaling new heights in health sector: Manyal**

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Sanctioning funds to the tune of rupees 70 crore for the establishment of first Government Homeopathic Medical College in the village Rakh Hoshyari in Kathua district of Union Territory, by the union Ayush Ministry is one more leap in the health sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by BJP General Secretary and former Minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, while terming the decision of the union government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as one more gift in the series of already sanctioned and funded various projects in different sectors for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. J&K is getting special attention after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister of India and this discriminated region is now marching ahead in all the fields, he said.

Dr. Manyal said that the Narendra Modi government has given two AIIMS, Medical Colleges at district levels in J&K, it enhanced the quota of MBBS seats to enable more students to study medical courses. While the union government has framed Ayushman Gold Health Card scheme with facility of health insurance of rupees five lakh to all BPL families in all the other states and UTs, it has extended this facility to every member of a family here, which itself speaks of the PM's concern for good healthcare for every individual living in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Manyal expressed gratitude to the Union



Ministry of AYUSH under PM Modi for sanctioning funds for first Government Homeopathic Medical College in J&K and said that it will provide big relief to the people who rely on the Homeopathic system of medicine for curing their diseases. In addition, the Homeopathic Medical College will also prove to be a boon for students wishing to seek admission for homeopathic Medicine courses. Till now, they had been moving out of J&K for such courses as there was no such medical college in J&K.

Dr. Manyal, at the same time, asked the people not to get misled by the false and baseless propaganda of opposition parties, which never appreciate the good governance of PM Modi but keep targeting BJP and Modi government just for political survival. He said that the people are themselves watching the reformative initiatives of the Modi government and sanctioning of various mega development projects as well as numerous welfare schemes. The BJP leader expressed hope that the good sense would prevail on opposition parties and they take path of healthy politics, which demand that good work of any government should be appreciated and highlighted.



## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra explores all three National Highway Axis in Kishtwar district

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 8

The 3 dedicated IEC Vans of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra today traversed Kishtwar's entire network of National Highways reaching five pivotal far flung Panchayats of Ligri in Block Paddar, Inderwal-A and Inderwal-B in Block Inderwal and Karool-B and Karool-C in Block Drabshalla.

The campaign conducted under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav, sensitized the people about the Centrally Sponsored Schemes launched by the Government for the welfare of people from different sections of the society. People enthusiastically participate in the series of events. Like in past days, the 10th day of the campaign also witnessed overwhelming participation in the variety of activities and initiatives aimed at informing



and empowering citizens about the Centre's developmental and welfare schemes.

Health camps, sankalp pledge ceremonies, sports activities, awareness by concerned officials about their departmental schemes, telecasting of Prime Minister's message, screening of informative films on schemes, besides cultural events were held at all venues during the programme. The officers and resource persons of

different departments sensitized people about schemes launched for multidimensional welfare of people of the country.

Traversing through the Panchayats, the IEC Vans mounted with Audio-Video LED screened the Prime Minister's message and other promotional videos on different schemes and achievements to generate awareness on Union Government's initiatives for public welfare.

Beneficiaries, who

have availed services, narrated their experiences under Meri Kahaani, Meri Zubaani initiative and extended their gratitude to the government for the seamless services delivery.

The line departments also displayed stalls showcasing public welfare schemes to sensitize and provide on-the-spot services to the general public.

The local artists and students also took part in VBSY and presented songs, skits and other cultural events.

Pertinently, the Yatra aims to reach out to the unreached population, making them aware of various Government schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM Kisan Saman Yojana, Jeevan Joti Bima Yojana along with the process to avail benefits.

## Celebrating Sports Excellence: DYSS Doda Honours Achievers on Annual Day Function

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, DECEMBER 8

The Department of Youth Services and Sports Doda marked its annual sports day with a ceremony dedicated to acknowledging and felicitating achievers in different sports during the year 2023-24. The event, held here in the Indoor Stadium as part of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, was graced by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and SSP Abdul Qayoom, with former as the Chief Guest.

During the ceremony, Trophies and certificates were awarded to students who excelled at the national level by the Deputy Commissioner.

A Cultural show, including a welcome song by girl students and scintillating performances by students of local schools added an extra layer of attraction to the annual day celebrations.



In his address, the DC highlighted the concrete measures being taken by the district administration to augment infrastructure in the sports stadium, with a priority on fencing. He reiterated the district administration's unwavering support for the Youth Services and Sports Department, urging the

promotion of sports culture to channelize energy of youth in the right direction and save them from social evils like drug addiction. The DC Doda also unveiled plans for a talent hunt and a Mega Winter Carnival in Bhaderwah to boost tourism. Excitingly, the district is gearing up to introduce shooting and

archery as a new sport, with dedicated infrastructure for its promotion.

SSP Abdul Qayoom also extended his appreciation and best wishes to the students awarded for their excellence in sports activities. He urged the achievers to contribute towards eradication of drug abuse from society.

Earlier, District Officer of Youth Services and Sports, Jaffer Haider Sheikh welcomed the chief guest and guests. He presented an annual report highlighting students' performance in sports activities at various levels. He extended gratitude to the DC for his efforts in augmenting sports, the infrastructure and functioning of the Youth Services and Sports Office.

The event witnessed the presence of Chief Engineering R&B Mohit Mahajan, SE R&B Tehsildar Doda and other officers and officials.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from Fields to Recognition: Beli Ram thanks Government for Old Age Pension Scheme

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Long ago, in the quaint village of Bijohoe, nestled amidst lush green fields and towering mountains, a man named Beli Ram lived with his wife and two children. Beli Ram, the son of Birbal, had spent his entire life toiling in the fields as a farmer, rarely pausing to think about his own needs and desires. He had dedicated every waking moment to ensure that his family had enough to eat and a roof over their heads.

As the years rolled by, Beli Ram found himself reaching the twilight of his life. His once strong and sturdy physique had now surrendered to the trials of time, and he could feel the weight of his years with every step he took. However, despite the hardships, he had never lost his optimism and unwavering commitment to his family.

Beli Ram had always been a keen observer of the world around him, and he was deeply grateful for the government schemes and initiatives that had helped his family over the years. He shared his testimony during "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" as part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Yatra. It was an opportunity for him to share his story and experiences, and express gratitude to the government for the support he had received.

While narrating his story, Beli Ram carried the weight of a lifetime of struggles and triumphs.

"Namaste, my fellow villagers," Beli Ram started, his voice quivering with a mix of emotion and gratitude. "I stand before you today to share my story, my journey through the trials and tribulations of life. I am Beli Ram, the son of Birbal, a humble farmer from this village."

As he spoke, the audi-



ence listened intently, their eyes reflecting the respect and admiration they held for Beli Ram. "I have spent my entire life working in the fields, tilling the land and sowing the seeds of hope for my family. My days were filled with the sweat of my brow and the song of the birds, as I labored to provide for my loved ones," Beli Ram continued.

He recounted the countless challenges he had faced over the years - the unpredictable weather, the rising costs of farming, and the ever-present

worry of ensuring that his family never went hungry.

"But amidst these challenges, I found solace in the unwavering support of the government," Beli Ram declared, his eyes gleaming with gratitude. "The various schemes and initiatives introduced by the government have been a source of immense relief for my family. The Old Age Pension Beneficiary scheme, in particular, has been a blessing in my twilight years. It has provided me with the means to live a dignified life, without burdening my family with my needs."

The audience nodded in agreement, fully aware of the impact of such government schemes on the lives of the villagers.

"Through the years, I have witnessed the transformation of our village and our nation, thanks to the tireless efforts of our government. The Viksit Bharat Yatra, which aims

to showcase the progress and development across our country, is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our leaders towards a brighter future for all of us," Beli Ram expressed with conviction.

He spoke of the improvements in infrastructure, the advancements in healthcare, and the opportunities that were now available for the younger generation. His words resonated deeply with the audience, many of whom had their own stories of gratitude to share.

"As I stand here today, I express my sincere gratitude to the government for all that they have done for us. I am grateful for the Old Age Pension Beneficiary scheme that has eased my burdens and allowed me to live with dignity in my advancing years. I am grateful for the Viksit Bharat Yatra, which acts as a beacon of hope for a

brighter tomorrow," Beli Ram concluded, his voice filled with emotion.

The gathering erupted into applause and Beli Ram was surrounded by his fellow villagers, who joined him in expressing their gratitude to the government. Some shared their own stories of progress and development, while others spoke of the positive impact of various government schemes on their lives.

Beli Ram had not only shared his story but had also become a part of a collective voice of gratitude and appreciation for the government's efforts. Beli Ram continued to tend to his fields, but now, there was a renewed sense of hope and optimism in his heart. He knew that the government's unwavering support would continue to pave the way for a brighter future for his family and his beloved village of Bijohoe.

## DHEW Jammu organises awareness programme on women centric schemes



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District Hub for Empowerment of Women Jammu today organised an awareness programme on various women centric schemes and services here at Village Khour of block Mirasahib.

The objective of the camp held in presence of Sarpanch, Parmjeet and Committee Members, was to educate local women about different government schemes and services here at Village Khour of block Mirasahib.

Under the Supervision of District Mission Coordinator, Shagun Manchanda, Sunil Kumar Specialist in Financial Literacy of DHEW Jammu under Mission Shakti noted the Grievances of the participants and assured to project the same for redressal with the help of the concerned Department. He familiarized participants

about various welfare schemes offered by the Govt. of India particularly for women and stressed on the need of gender sensitivity to promote gender equality. He emphasised and imparted detailed information regarding the women centric schemes like scholarship schemes, SMAS (State Marriage Assistance Scheme for poor and needy girls), Pension schemes for old age, widow and physically disabled persons. Eligibility criteria of different pension schemes, procedure to avail the benefits of different Government services & documents required for the enrollment. He also explained Schemes like Ladli Beti and Sukanya Yojana for providing financial security to the girls. Emergency helpline numbers for women (181), child (1098), Elder line (14567) Drug Addiction (14446) were also shared.

## SE R&B Circle Kupwara takes review of snow clearance measures



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KUPWARA, DECEMBER 8

Superintendent Engineer (SE) R&B Kupwara, Ram Lal today chaired a meeting of all Executive Engineers and AEEs to review the snow clearance measures put in place by the department in the district.

On the occasion, the SE impressed upon the officers to work with enthusiasm and added dedication to tackle any situation in the event of snowfall. He asked them to gear up their men and machinery and maintain coordination with other departments and the general public so that no inconvenience is faced by them during snowfall.

The SE directed the officers to ensure that main

roads and inner links are cleared of snow within 24 hours. He said that no road should remain closed due to snow accumulation beyond 24 hours.

During the meeting, the SE reviewed the availability of snow clearance machines, action plan prepared by the department to prevent interruption in service delivery during this winter season.

He impressed upon officers to prepare a comprehensive and meticulous snow clearance plan to avoid any inconvenience to people. He called for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations and instructed officers for activation of control rooms at District, Sub Division and Tehsil headquarters.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra empowers communities across rural areas of Kathua

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 8

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a transformative initiative aimed at bolstering rural development and welfare, recently concluded its impactful activities across different Panchayats of District Kathua. The IEC campaign left an indelible mark on communities in Panchayats of Ladhwal, Gher, Chak Nathal, Changi of Block Marheen, Panchayat Lowang South, Lowang North, Chandal, Barmota of Block Bani, and Panchayat Bijohoe of Block Lohai Malhar.

The yatra served as a catalyst for multifaceted engagement, hosting an array of activities that underscored the commitment to holistic community development. Health camps, Sankalp Pledge ceremonies, sports activities, and insightful awareness sessions conducted by dedicated officials on their respective departmental schemes were among the various highlights of the program.

The screenings of Prime Minister's messages and informative movies on schemes, coupled with



cultural events, added a vibrant dimension to the initiative at each venue.

A key focus of the yatra was to ensure the saturation of schemes and flagship programs, thereby maximizing their reach and impact among the populace.

Officers and resource persons from diverse departments passionately enlightened the attendees about initiatives tailored for the comprehensive welfare of the nation's people.

als shared under the 'Meri Kahaani, Meri Zubaani' initiative by beneficiaries who have availed services reflected the seamless and impactful delivery of services, eliciting gratitude and appreciation.

Furthermore, line departments set up stalls to offer on-the-spot services and disseminate information about public welfare schemes, ensuring direct interaction with the public and facilitating their access to essential services.

The cultural fabric of the local communities was celebrated as local artists and students participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, showcasing their talents through songs, skits, and other cultural performances, thereby fostering a sense of unity and celebration of heritage.

The Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Vans played a pivotal role in disseminating crucial information, projecting Prime Minister's messages, and showcasing promotional videos elucidating different schemes and accomplishments.

The heartfelt testimony-

## ACD inspects development works in block Reasi

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REASI, DECEMBER 8

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Reasi, Anirudh Rai today spearheaded a thorough inspection of development works in the Reasi Block. The inspection, conducted in collaboration with the Block Development Officer, Ram Paul Bhagat, JE, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the general public, encompassed various ADF and UT Capex works in three panchayats of the Reasi block. The objective of inspection was to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of key development projects aimed at enhancing infrastructure and public services in the region. The presence of key officials, along with community representatives, underscored a strong commitment to transparency and community involvement in the development process. The inspected projects span a diverse range, addressing critical aspects of infrastructure and public service enhancement. The collaboration between government officials, local bodies, and the public highlights a collective effort to achieve sustainable and impactful development.



## EDITORIAL

## Ladakh Greenhouses yielding good results

Ladakh, the cold desert of the country, is an area characterized by extremely harsh winters which remains cut off from the rest of the world for months together due to closure of roads and highways following accumulation of snow. The cropping season in the Union Territory is also limited to five months i.e. from May to September. In such a situation, the shortage of fresh food including fruits and vegetables is a perennial problem. During harsh winters, authorities transport fresh food from outside by air. This is an expensive exercise and available only to a limited population that forces the local populace to survive on packaged food that contains preservatives and chemicals which can cause diseases. To overcome this problem, Ladakh authorities came up with an idea of constructing "green houses" in the region which has started yielding good results. It has 'considerably brought down the need of bringing vegetables to Ladakh from outside' during harsh winters. The Union Territory has constructed 1,875 units of such greenhouses, as on date, with an estimated cost of Rs.43.78 crore where farmers can grow vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, tomato and various types of green leafy vegetables during harsh winter months. The Union Territory of Ladakh has introduced a new technology namely 'Ladakh Green House' to cultivate vegetables in limited quantities in controlled conditions throughout the year. Ladakh is a cold region, so it is challenging to grow crops/vegetables during the winter season as temperature often drops below -20 degree Celsius, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai recently said in Parliament. With the introduction of this new technology, farmers in the region can grow vegetables even during the peak winter season when the temperature plummets below -30 degree Celsius. The local production of vegetables and fruits during the limited cropping season is around 17,000 Metric Tons. On an average, around 35,000 Metric Tons of vegetables and fruits are brought from outside to meet the requirement of the people of the Ladakh region. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) favoured solar-powered greenhouses in Ladakh as the region which faces extreme climatic conditions, after experiments proved that a variety of warm-season crops can be successfully grown during the winter period. A paper published by DRDO recently suggested that scientists at Leh-based Defence Institute of High Altitude Research recently used an "active" polycarbonate greenhouse" with heat converters deriving energy from solar panel-powered batteries being used to maintain the requisite temperature. As a result of temperature maintenance, the output in terms of yield for different crops like cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli was reported for the first time in any existing greenhouse of the region during winter months. The survival percentage of plants grown inside such greenhouses has been excellent and it is above 90 percent. More efforts need to be made across the Union Territory of Ladakh to disseminate the idea of greenhouses as it will make the region self-reliant in fresh food during harsh winters.

## Moment of Self Introspection for Congress

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The grand old party-congress has got a very poor performance in the assembly elections in the Hindi heartland states and the poll results were unexpected as the congress rank and file predicted a good show and performance. But the election results are a great setback to the congress and the party is faced with many challenges. The congress should sit cool and composed and deliberate on its failure in the assembly elections. This is really a moment of self introspection, self analysis and soul searching and thus finding the causes of the poor performance. The congress debacle in the polls should be a cause of great and grave concern and the party and its organizational cadre and president should convene a meeting of the congress leaders to find the ways and means to address the challenges posed by the decimal performance. There at present is no existential crisis for the congress because during past few months there was revival of the congress party and it has come out of that sad phase. The revival of the congress has shown that it cannot be written off from the political landscape of the country. But

today the congress leaders and organizational heads should meet and discuss the causes of its poor performance in the assembly polls and find out the ways and means to put a strong fight in near future as the general elections are approaching and the party should see how it can fight the Lok Sabha elections so that it will feel and fair better and satisfactory. But the challenges and task for the congress is daunting and hard as it has been compounded by the recent debacle of the congress party and sweep of the BJP in the assembly polls. It is a fact that the poll results of the assembly polls will have a great bearing upon the general elections and the congress should work very hard and take out the party from internal crisis, bickering, factionalism and indiscipline so that the party will fight the future elections with great determination in order to get the satisfactory results. The rank and file of the congress should not be disheartened by the poll results of the three assembly states but should work with renewed zest and zeal to put a tough challenge to the saffron party. The congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is an experienced leader as he is really a tall leader of the party who is also

the president of congress and he should take out the congress party out of inertia and prepare the party for meeting all the future challenges so that it will fair good in the future elections. The 135 year old congress party should put its act together and deliberate on the reasons of its decimal performance in the assembly elections and reinvigorate the party to meet the future challenges and prepare the congress for the future elections particularly for the general elections of 2024. Congress should shun negative politics and should desist from calling names to PM Modi and base its politics on positivity and the plank of development. Moreover the congress should shun its hate Hindu character as it has recoiled and it was an important factor responsible for the debacle of the party in the state elections. Congress should come out of vote bank politics and appeasement of the minorities and base its politics on positivity and this will go a long way to help the party in the future polls. Congress should base its politics on developmental plank and counter the formidable BJP so that the congress will be in a position to give a tough fight to the saffron party. The congress should overhaul

its poll strategy and see its weakness so far as the poll results are concerned and try with the renewed zeal to take on the top two stalwarts Narendra Modi and Amit Shah as it is the influence and magic wand of these two leaders which is the real cause of the congress's downfall in the recent assembly elections and the congress should be armed to fight the duo and come victorious at the end. The congress needs to resurrect itself and make the organization stronger and disciplined to fight the future elections in order to come successful. Congress MP Benny Behanan has said rightly that the congress needs self-introspection. Reacting to the state assembly results in five states, congress Lok Sabha MP Benny Behanan said that the party needs self-introspection, adding that it should learn from the reasons for party's failure in this election and embody that lesson. "Congress needs self-introspection. The congress must now learn from the reasons for failure of this election and embody that lesson. The unification of anti-BJP votes in all states is yet to take place in Indian politics. It must have a common platform. It should be led by congress. The congress should also be able to provide such

leadership" said Behanan. He further warned that if the party does not prepare itself to act on reality, then it will continue to face more challenges in the future. While taking on the political responsibility of uniting the opposition, congress must also play a leading role in uniting all within the organization. "This is not just a general election defeat. Congress had hoped for a slightly better result in these states. I will not criticize any leader. It is time for the congress to take up the political mission of uniting the secular forces against communalism and prepare for a strong struggle by uniting the entire people organizationally," Behanan added. The poll results came as another jolt to congress but the party should take lessons from the election results and prepare the party for future general elections. Rahul Gandhi's failure to rein in old warhorses cost congress dearly. Congress ignored gaps in campaign in MP, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan due to favorable feedback. Rahul failed to prevail upon veterans on candidate selections and poll feedback. BJP faced strong anti-incumbency in MP. Kamal Nath did not utilize advantage with intensive local campaign. Three AICC in-charges were changed in MP

.Rahul could not rein in Kamal Nath. Rahul also could win argument with CM Ashok Gehlot over candidate selection in Rajasthan. Congress was blindsided by all-round favorable feedback about its prospects in the election-going states and the party ignored visible gaps in its campaign in MP, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. All India Forward Bloc general secretary G. Devarajan has urged the congress to self-introspect on its policies and electoral strategy in the wake of poll drubbing it suffered in MP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The election results have shown that the congress cannot defeat BJP alone and needs more allies. Unnecessary obstinacy of local leaders and infighting have contributed to the defeat of the congress and deactivating the INDIA alliance during the elections backfired. In brief the congress should do self-introspection and soul searching and prepare the party for meeting future challenges and also to fight the Lok Sabha election of 2024. The congress leaders should not be disheartened and instead be guided by the Urdu proverb-Girte hain shahsawar hi maidan-e Junj Mein. Voh tiff Kya Gira jo Gutno ke bal Chale and should be victorious at the end.

## Kashmir : Resolving The Imbroglia

MIR MOHSIN

Since time immemorial, Kashmir has been an inalienable part of Indian civilisation. Many kings have come and gone, each partaking the beauty of the famed paradise on earth and in return contributing in some way or the other to the history and cultural heritage of the region. Some have endeavoured to obliterate the contributions of earlier generations by causing wanton destruction in the name of religion - in these endeavours they have gloriously failed to achieve their ambitions. Most have contributed significantly to the upliftment and development of the region. If one cleaves out the vested political interests of numerous players in the region, it is very easy to identify the ways and means to be implemented in order to achieve the desired end - that of peace and prosperity in the region. Thus, if strategy implies utilising all the available resources to achieve the desired outcomes, then to achieve the strategic outcome of peace and prosperity in Kashmir, a synergised approach is imperative. This can be understood in terms of ways, means, and ends i.e. to utilise the available means through one of the many available ways to reach the desired ends. The first step is then to identify the desired strategic end state.

Shorn of any politically or religiously motivated vested agendas, the desired strategic end remains peace and prosperity in Kashmir. However, many vested players - Pakistan, for example - will have a different desired end state, which is diametrically opposite to this strategic end of achieving and maintaining long lasting peace in the region. Nevertheless, for the awaam of Kashmir - and also for the Government of Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) - peace and prosperity remains the desired end state. So too for a democratically elected government in a Westphalian nation-state construct. Thus, the unambiguous strategic end state is clearly defined. The next step is then to identify all the available means. In today's 21st century world, there are various domains existing wherein different means are available in pursu-

ance of the desired end state. These domains include Diplomatic, Informational, Military, Political, Economic, Religious and Technological domains i.e. DIMPERT domains. In each of the DIMPERT domains numerous resources aka means are available which can be utilised in pursuance of the desired strategic ends. Having identified the means and the ends, the only thing now remains is to enunciate the various ways in all these DIMPERT domains.

Some of the ways in each of these DIMPERT domains - which must be implemented in a synergised and methodical manner are in this domain, numerous diplomatic initiatives all over the world can be undertaken through our diplomatic missions to highlight the historical, cultural, religious, regional, and linguistic linkages of the Kashmir region with the Indian civilisation to highlight the fact that Kashmir has been an inalienable and integral part of India under various kings and dynasties. Indian cultural centres can be opened in various parts of the world with the larger aim of enhancing Indian soft power and focussing on bringing Kashmir to the world. Various diplomatic means like cultural shows, screening of Bollywood movies (including movies on Kashmir), handicraft fairs, etc. can be organised to showcase Kashmir to the world. The local artisans of Kashmir will get an excellent platform to display their arts and craft earning respect and money in return.

All available online platforms like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, twitter, etc. must be utilised to spread the facts and truth of Kashmir on various themes like history, peoples, language, architecture, kings and kingdoms, atrocities committed by the terrorists et al. There is a need to erect an overarching organisation at the national and state level to synergise and integrate the government agencies, youth, and the awaam of Kashmir - all can be enrolled as different sub-sets of this organisation to disseminate the truth in the cyberspace. This will counter the false propaganda by the inimical elements and shape the cognitive domain towards the foundational truth. While the Indian Army (IA), Para Military Forces (PMF), and the

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have done yeomen service to maintain peace in Kashmir against all odds, there is a need to drawdown the quantum of these forces deployed in the region in a phased manner. Steps towards this direction are already under active consideration at the apex level. Reducing the footprint of security forces in Kashmir will go a long way in normalisation of life. However, an associated caveat remains the ever increasing threat of resurgence of terrorism once the footprint has been reduced. So one needs to approach this option in a calibrated manner with adequate safeguards. Abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 was the pivotal political move to preclude the adverse effects of mistakes committed aeons ago by the naïve political dispensation based on idealism and hopes. Now, the administrative machinery has to be strengthened in the UT of J&K so that grass roots democracy can sprout and the hatchet of the past is buried forever. Simultaneously, ensuring swift political clearances to the numerous economic development plans in the region must be ensured.

By ensuring national, regional, and international players establish their factories, malls, industries, offices, institutes, etc. in the region, the flood gates of economic prosperity in the region will burst open and pave the way for wealth creation for the awaam, thereby ensuring their prosperity. By opening more educational institutes, building roads, erecting internet and communication infrastructure, tourist hubs, airports, railway lines, bridges, highways, electrification, hydel power projects, etc. Kashmir can be transformed into a modern and economically strong society with the correct cultural values. Some of these means which are already under way need to be given due impetus. Simultaneously, economic welfare measures can be instituted to ensure continuous and free movement of goods and services in the region through various economic development models. Integrating the region economically with the rest of India therefore is an imperative which can be undertaken in a methodical and systematic manner.

In this domain, the focus

should be on countering the false religious narratives and propaganda emanating from across the border which tries to paint non-religious problems in a religious and ideological hue. This implies enhanced levels of religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence. India is a secular state and the same needs to be not only understood but implemented also by the awaam in Kashmir. The day when all religious places of worship will be devoid of any security cover and barricades, secularism would have been truly implemented in the state. Various initiatives by the religious teachers in the state need to be undertaken to impress upon the common man that daily bread and butter takes priority over pursuing a life of violence being propagated through a particular sect of religious ideologues.

Development of the Informational and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure in the region down to the remotest of villages can be undertaken to ensure that the awaam does not miss out on the communication revolution. Licences on use of drones can be given to the private players of the region in partnership with the well-established national companies to give the requisite impetus to ICT in the region. This will also ensure information dominance in the cognitive and informational domain, thereby winning that battle in the cyberspace and countering the nefarious and false narratives of the enemies of the state. These are some of the means in different domains which can be marshalled and applied in a synergistic manner to achieve the desired end state. Some of these are already being undertaken. However, there is a need to give impetus to various means both at the centre as well as the state level. It is de rigueur to base all the strategic ways, means and ends on sound principles and perspicacity, rather than focus on a quick-fix job. Accordingly, the edifice of achieving peace and prosperity should be based on a strong edifice whose bricks include the following:-

Honesty is the best policy should be the mantra. Rather than creating a false notion of victory, let activities on ground speak for themselves. So sticking to the truth - be it

defeat or victory - is the recommended path. Remember, Satyameva Jayate i.e. truth alone triumphs. Let the awaam of Kashmir themselves decide and elect the government to rule in the UT of J&K. Let there be free and partial elections - as hitherto fore - and let the people decide. Despite all its ills, democracy remains the preferred choice of governance all over the world. Not dictatorship. Not religious or ideologically motivated governments. Not oligarchy. Not communism/Marxist government. So, let the people decide and choose their own leader, within the framework of the Constitution of India and as per the laws of the land. Always prefer the long term strategic victory rather than narrow and ephemeral short term objectives. Hence, peace and prosperity in Kashmir after five years from now for a period of hundred years or more is always a better option than a fragile and quick peace now for say six months but back to cataclysm in about say two to three years. All the policies therefore should be aligned to the long term strategic objectives rather than immediate or short term objectives. Building a network of small victories in each of the DIMPERT domains to serve as the edifice for long lasting peace in the region remains the prudent approach.

If this perspicacious strategy is implemented holistically with a long term view in all the DIMPERT domains in a synergistic manner with the participation of all the stakeholders - the awaam, the government, the private companies, and the people of India - then the day of everlasting peace and prosperity is not far. Rather than harping upon what was and could have been, one must focus on the future and the dawn eagerly awaiting the awaam. Peaceful co-existence based on the principles of tolerance and secularism sans any violence and religious rhetoric is the way indeed. But remember - no religion and no politics please. If this nexus of politics and religious ideology along with narrow vested interests is thrown overboard, peace is already waiting to knock. The night is waiting to wither away. A new dawn for idyllic Kashmir is already here. A mere step away.



## VBSY reaches 14 Gram Panchayats of Bandipora

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As part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Van Friday reached 14 panchayats of the district including Aragam, Buthoo, Panar, Kralpora, Shahgund, Pushwari, etc. Colourful events were held in these panchayats on the occasion. People warmly welcomed IEC Van in their panchayats and enthusiastically listened to the recorded message from the Prime Minister of India regarding the campaign.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad said that the IEC Van disseminated vital information regarding different welfare/ flagship schemes of the Central Government to people living in nook and corner of the district.

At Mantrigram Panchayat, Additional District Development Commissioner Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak participated in the yatra.

On the occasion, people accorded warm welcome to the officer and enthusiastically listened to the recorded message of the honourable Prime Minister of India regarding the benefits of various centrally sponsored schemes.

Nodal officer IEC Van, Bilal Ahmad Mir, said that the IEC Van was equipped with multimedia resources, expert speakers, and interactive sessions to engage and educate people about the benefits and application procedures of these schemes.

## Day-14: VBSY reaches 08 Panchayats of Block Kulgam

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, DECEMBER 8

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continued on 14th day in the district, with an IEC campaign organized in 08 more panchayats of Kulgam block today.

Panchayat Halqas including Ereh, Awhatoo, Mahipora, Okey, Chansar, Chelan, Liroo and Ashtal were covered on Friday 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, started its campaign 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 Oushadhi, Khelo India, sharing their first-hand experiences in various panchayats in district Kulgam.

During the yatra, drone demos were also conducted in various places showcasing the effective use of technology to enhance agricultural productivity.

## SWD, Health Department organise one day training programme for VLCs on survey of Substance Abusers in Doda



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, DECEMBER 8

Social Welfare Department in Collaboration with Health and Family Welfare Department organized a one day Training-Cum-Awareness programme for Village level Committees (VLCs) on the Survey of Substance Abusers, in Community Hall Doda.

The Comprehensive Training Program was held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh.

A successful full-day training program was held under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda and under the supervision of Tariq Pervez Qazi, DSWO Doda. The focal point of this initiative was Substance Abuse and Nasha Mukta Bharat Programme.

The training session aimed to educate and empower various stakeholders, including Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Teachers, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).

The Participants, including village-level committee members, were sensitized to conduct a house-to-house survey addressing substance use and related products.

The officials present at the training program included TSWO Doda, Babu Ram, (TSWO), Master Trainer Tahir Ashraf Wani (Lecturer), Umar Anayat (Epidemiologist), Faheem (D&FLO), Ankush Singh (SI), and officials from the police and social welfare department. The collaboration showcased a collective commitment to combating substance abuse through informed community involvement and awareness.

This initiative, spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner, signifies a proactive approach to addressing the challenges of substance abuse at the grassroots level. The engagement of various stakeholders reflects a holistic strategy to create a Nasha Mukta Bharat (Drug-Free India) by fostering community awareness and active participation.

## DC Kulgam reviews security & other arrangements for JKSSB's Panchayat Secretary exam

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, DECEMBER 8

In connection with the JKSSB, OMR based written examination of Panchayat Secretary scheduled to be held on December 10th, a meeting of police officers and Magistrates was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at mini-secretariat, here. At the outset, DC and SSP passed a slew of directions to executive magistrates and police officers respectively to ensure elaborated security arrangements for smooth conduct of the scheduled exam of Panchayat Secretary.

It was informed that there are 35 examination

centers in the district.

During the meeting, arrangements for drinking water, heating, power, seating, transport, security, etc. were finalized.

The DC impressed upon all stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure smooth and successful conduct of examination across all centres.

He also sensitized all the officers about their role and responsibilities for the smooth conduct of the SSB examination across the district.

The meeting was also attended by SSP, Sahil Sarangal; ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather; ASP, Shabir Ahmad; JDP, Zahid Sajjad; DSP Hq, Magistrates and other concerned officers.

## Div Com reviews installation of 4G BSNL service system in remote villages



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 8

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today reviewed the process of installation of 4G BSNL infrastructure across the valley especially in uncovered villages and the villages along border fencing line to saturate the delivery of advanced communication services to the people. The meeting was attended by all Deputy Commissioners, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Assistant

Commissioner Revenue and officers of the BSNL. Addressing the officers, Div Com directed DCs to supervise & expedite the process of saturation of 4G services in the identified villages where the advanced service is not available to the people.

He directed to ensure rapid mobilization of machinery and equipments by the client awarded the work. Div Com also emphasized for identification of villages ahead of fencing line where the work has to be done on priority basis.

## DC Kathua urges Petrol Pump owners to aid road safety



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, DECEMBER 8

In a proactive move to enhance road safety and enforce traffic regulations, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today chaired a crucial meeting with owners of petrol pumps here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was aimed to address the rampant issue of two-wheeler riders, including pillion riders, neglecting the use of helmets, thereby jeopardizing their safety and that of others, particularly pedestrians.

The DC directed the owners of Petrol Pumps/Filling Stations not to sell or refill fuel to any two-wheeler rider without a helmet. He also called for installing CCTV cameras

with DVR in their fuel outlets within a week's time so as to clearly capture the footage of fuel buyers.

Emphasising on the collective responsibility of both the administration and citizens to ensure road safety, the DC said these steps align with the larger goal of creating a secure and disciplined road environment for the well-being of the public.

The DC informed the meeting that a formal order in this regard has already been issued which will come into force from 15th December 2023 and any violation will lead to strict punitive action as per the law.

Among others, ADC Kathua Ranjeet Singh, AD Food and Civil Supplies, Tehsildars and other officers were also present during the meeting.

## DDC reviews progress of work on key Development Projects in Reasi District



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, DECEMBER 8

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting to review the physical and financial progress of works being executed by PWD and PMGSY under various heads.

The DC took extensive review of all roads, completed and ongoing and directed to furnish the status of completed roads. He also asked to set the timeline for completion of ongoing projects.

The executing agencies were directed to ensure regular follow up of pending issues like NOC from the Forest Department and supervise all the ongoing works and keep checks on the contractors constructing the roads. The contractors who are causing unneces-

sary delay in the construction works will be fixed and action shall be taken against them, the Deputy Commissioner added.

DDC instructed the officers to work with utmost dedication and zeal. He asked them to maintain the quality while executing the work and establish a close liaison with the local population so that the progress and quality of the work can be monitored by the public for whom these developmental activities are carried out.

Besides, he directed the engineers to start the allotted works and complete all the works both physically and financially within stipulated time. He said the Reasi administration remains committed to fostering robust infrastructure and sustainable development for the benefit of the local populace.

## VBSY covers 6 Panchayats in Samba district; Joint Secretary, PMSSY, MoHFW visits Rajinderpura



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a nationwide campaign to spread awareness and ensure the delivery of government flagship schemes, expanded its reach to six more Panchayats of Samba district today.

The IEC Vans, the key feature of the VBSY, visited Rajinderpura and Bagla Rahya Panchayats in Block Vijaypur, Mananu and Sarna Panchayats in Block Nud and Ghagwal and Tapayal Panchayats in Block Ghagwal and enlightened the locals about the government schemes and initiatives.

Ankita Mishra Bundela, Joint Secretary, PMSSY, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Panchayat Rajinderpura of Block Vijaypur. She inspected the departmental stalls and appreciated the efforts of the district administration and the PRIs towards implementing the government schemes. She also witnessed a vibrant cultural show presented by the students of the local government schools on the theme 'Dharti Kahe

Pukar Ke'. She lauded the students for their creativity and talent. The Joint secretary along with other officers took the Sankalp pledge, reaffirming their commitment to the nation's comprehensive development.

During the event, the beneficiaries of different schemes shared their success stories under the banner of 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani'. They narrated how the government schemes have transformed their lives and enabled them to achieve their dreams.

Ankita Mishra Bundela also interacted with the beneficiaries and congratulated them for their achievements. She encouraged them to spread the word about the schemes and inspire others to avail the benefits.

The VBSY continues to make a lasting impression in Samba district, empowering local communities and ensuring the effective implementation of government schemes. Through its extensive outreach and focused efforts, the Yatra aims to bring about positive change, uplift the underprivileged sections of society, and foster an environment of inclusive growth and development.

## DC Rajouri approves 24 cases under PMVKSY Scheme, empowering artisans across multiple trades



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, presided over a meeting to review the successful implementation of the flagship "PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana" in the district, a visionary scheme designed to uplift and empower traditional artisans.

The PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana holds immense significance in preserving and nurturing India's rich cultural heritage of traditional craftsmanship, providing crucial financial support to artisans and enabling them to pass on their age-old skills to future generations. Under this transformative initiative, eligible artisans are granted financial assistance, technical training, and exposure to modern markets, thus ensuring the preservation of their livelihoods and our cultural heritage.

After a thorough scrutiny of the applications presented in the meeting, the DC approved 24 cases under the PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana. These cases represent a diverse range of trades, including tailoring, washer men, and masonry. The selection of beneficiaries has been meticulously carried out to ensure that deserving artisans from different backgrounds and trades receive the support they need to thrive.

The approval of these 24 cases is a testament to the commitment and

dedication of District Administration towards empowering artisans in the Rajouri district. By providing financial support and technical training, the PMVKSY scheme aims to uplift artisans, enhance their skills, and create opportunities for them to explore modern markets, thereby securing not only their livelihoods but also preserving our cultural heritage.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of a streamlined application process, transparent fund distribution, and robust monitoring mechanisms. By ensuring effective implementation and monitoring, the Deputy Commissioner aims to ensure that the benefits of the Vishwakarma Yojana reach every eligible artisan in the Rajouri district, contributing to inclusive growth and cultural enrichment.

The approval of these 24 cases marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the Vishwakarma Yojana in the Rajouri district. It is a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of the concerned officers and stakeholders involved in ensuring that deserving artisans receive the support they need to thrive.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; Lead District Manager JK Bank, Sanjeev Bhasin; Project Officer DIC, Abid Hussain and other concerned officers

## VBSY Van reaches Hamirpur, Sainth Panchayats in Block Khour, spreads message of PM Modi



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the IEC van reached Panchayat Hamirpur and Sainth of Block Khour today amid a warm welcome by the members of the Swagat Committee, PRI Members.

The VBSY Van conveyed the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his vision of making India a developed nation by 2047.

The van displayed a video message of the PM, urging the people to take a pledge to work for the progress and prosperity of the country. The people present at the event took the Sankalp, pledge and expressed their commitment for the cause.

The event began with the National Anthem and was followed by the cultural performances by the students of GHS Hamir-

pur and GMS Garar, who showcased their talent and enthusiasm through songs, dances and skits. The audience appreciated the efforts of the young artists and encouraged them with applause.

Representatives of the line departments also presented their stalls and explained the various schemes and programmes run by the government for the public welfare. They also distributed pamphlets and brochures to the people and answered their queries.

At the event, the public avail free health care services under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Certificates to Progressive Farmers were also distributed to recognize their contribution to the agriculture sector. Sanction letters of old age and widow pensions were also handed over to the deserving applicants on the Spot.



## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Director Jal Jeevan Mission -II reviews VBSY arrangements in Panchayats

J I NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, DECEMBER 8

Director Jal Jeevan Mission, -II, Ranjit Kumar and Prabhari Officer for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) for Ramban district today conducted an extensive tour of the Panchayats and reviewed the arrangements made by the stakeholders to organize programmes 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' at Panchayat level across District Ramban.

Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary led the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held in 82 panchayats of Ramban district including four Panchayats covered today including Pingloga, Senabathi-A, Senabathi-B, and Paristan.

Participating in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' events at Panchayat Pingloga, the Director interacted with the PRIs and

locals, besides taking feedback from beneficiaries about implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in Ramban district.

Keeping in view the commitment and innovative approach of the people of District Ramban, the Director said "I am quite sure that we will achieve the goal to make India a developed Nation by 2047". The Prabhari Officer expressed confidence in the positive impact of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and reiterated the government's commitment towards the holistic development of Ramban.

Emphasizing the dissemination of information through success stories, pamphlets, small videos and IEC material regarding various government-sponsored schemes, the Director urged upon the stakeholders to organize

campus and reach-out to the unreached and vulnerable sections of the society. He discussed the achievements and further course of action to reach saturation in the implementation of welfare schemes in the district.

The schemes which were discussed included 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, PMEGP, Ujjwala Yojana, Urea Subsidy Scheme, Atal Pension Scheme, Jan Dhan Yojana, Integrated Sheep Husbandry Scheme, Mission Poshan, PM Vishwakarma, PMVVY and others.

The Prabhari officer also inspected stalls set up by the various departments to sensitize the people about their schemes, besides

taking 'Hamaara Sankalp Viksit Bharat' pledge and watching video messages of Hon'ble Prime Minister and other promotional videos screened on IEC vans.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the Visiting Officer that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was started on November 28, 2023 in the district as many as 82 panchayats of Banihal, Khari, Ramsoo, Ramban, Rajgarh, Ukhral and Batote blocks of Ramban district have been covered so far.

Briefing the Director about the overwhelming response of the public, the Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the roadmap and plan for the conduct of the Yatra in rest of the Panchayats of Block Batote, Gandhri, Sangaldan, Gool and Gund-Dharam.

He informed that dis-

tribut-level control room has been established for exchange and free flow of information, besides block-level Nodal officers and Day Nodal Officers have been appointed for the smooth conduct of the VBSY.

Evaluating the impact of initiatives on various aspects such as infrastructural development, community engagement, and overall socio-economic upliftment across the district, the DC also briefed the Prabhari Officer about the potential of the district in agriculture and other sectors.

BDC, Chairperson, Karleep Singh, PRIS and a large number of locals participated in the VBSY.

Among others, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, SDM, Ramsoo Ghanshyam Basotra, and other district officers accompanied the Director during the tour.

## Power shutdown

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sheetli, part of Sidhra, Bamyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheetli and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 09 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Akhnoor, Tanda, Jourian, MES, Ranjan, Pargwal, Thater, Pooja Colony, Radio Station, Keran, Chinore, Swarn Colony and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 09 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Kharotemohr, Kalibari, Housing Colony, Changran, Palli, Nagri and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 09 from 9 am to 10 am.

## DC reviews progress of work on circular road up-gradation project in Udhampur



J I NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today convened a meeting at the Mini Conference Hall to assess the progress of circular road up-gradation projects spanning

Chenani, Sudh Mahadev, Latti, Basantgarh, Ramnagar and Roun Domail.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, Executive Engineers, and relevant officers, addressing ongoing challenges in project execution.

Emphasizing the road's significance for public welfare, DC urged prompt resolution of issues hindering progress. She highlighted the critical role of maintenance in ensuring safety and convenience for local residents and directed executing agencies to expedite construction, emphasizing quality and timely completion for enhanced public connectivity.

Regular monitoring was stressed for effective project oversight.

## Suchetgarh witnesses huge public participation as Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra visits border block

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 8

In a stellar display of public participation, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was warmly welcomed in border Block Suchetgarh today.

The event, hosted at the Government High School in Badyal Qazian, witnessed active participation from various departments, each contributing to the success of the yatra.

Under the guidance of Block Development Officer, Akanksha Gupta, the yatra offered on-the-spot services to the villagers.

Notable dignitaries present at the function included Akanksha Gupta, Block Development Officer of Suchetgarh, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The guest of honour, the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, added to the celebratory atmosphere.



The VBSY programme showcased the collaborative efforts of Health, Social Welfare, NRHM, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Industrial & Commerce, ICDS, Revenue, RDD and various other departments.

As part of the cultural festivities at the venue, children from the school actively participated in the 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke' program, presenting a myriad of colourful cultural items and patriotic songs. Acknowledging their stellar performances, Akanksha Gupta felicitated the young talents

with medals and certificates. A vote of thanks was extended to all participating departments for their invaluable contributions, making the Yatra a resounding success. Expanding beyond Suchetgarh, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra across Jammu district, witnessed a massive turnout of more than 10,000 enthusiastic participants. A total of 40 gram panchayats played host to a diverse array of events, including 16 health camps and 33 cultural programs under 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke.'

## VBSY concludes successfully at Inderwal A & Inderwal B Panchayats of block Inderwal



J I NEWS SERVICE  
KISHITWAR, DECEMBER 8

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) today concluded successfully in 2 more far flung Panchayats of Block Inderwal of district Kishtwar.

The Yatra reached pinnacle when the IEC Van reached the venues and screened the PM's message and videos highlighting the flagship centrally sponsored Schemes under the aegis of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Besides, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp

Yatra facilitated community engagement as the beneficiaries shared their stories on availing the centrally sponsored schemes during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" activity.

The people in thousands participated in the activities as well as availed on-spot services provided by different departments. People and Panchayati Raj institutions and government officials attended the events at all venues amid dynamic events and initiatives, weaving together stories of empowerment

and collective engagement towards a shared vision of national development.

The locals were provided information about different flagship government schemes and initiatives.

Attendees took the Sankalp (pledge) in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat, aiming to foster India's development.

Cultural performances, including 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke', Swachata songs, etc., were presented by school students and local artists at the venue.

## DC Kathua finalises arrangements for smooth conduct of JKSSB exam



J I NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, DECEMBER 8

In connection with the JKSSB, OMR based written examination of Panchayat Secretary scheduled to be held on December

10th, a meeting of Center Superintendents, Center Observers, Magistrates and other officers was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas at DC Office complex, here.

At the outset, the DC discussed threadbare arrangements to be put in place for the smooth conduct of the JKSSB's forthcoming examination. It was informed that there are 30 examination centers in the district.

The meeting reviewed and finalised arrangements for drinking water, heating, power, seating arrangements, Security, Videography, etc.

The DC impressed upon all stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure smooth and successful conduct of examination across all centres. He also sensitized all the officers about their role and responsibilities for the smooth conduct of the SSB examination across the district.

The meeting was also attended by SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, ADC Kathua Ranjit Singh, ASP, Kathua Paramjeet Singh Exam Observer from JKSSB, Pankaj Kumar, and other officers.

## Boosting Tourism in Bharderwah: DDC announces hosting of winter Carnival, interacts with tourists at Guldanda

J I NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, DECEMBER 8

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Harvinder Singh today visited Guldanda in Bharderwah, a well-known tourist destination which is witnessing the arrival of tourists all the way from different states of the country to enjoy winters amid snow capped mountains. The purpose of the visit was to engage with tourists, gather insights into their experiences and obtain valuable feedback to improve tourism facilities in the area.

During interactions with tourists, the DDC assured them of their safety and convenience, emphasizing the administration's commitment to delivering a memorable and hassle-free experience. He also discussed the upcoming winter festival, set to showcase the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the region.

The anticipated winter festival aims to draw a significant number of tourists, providing a platform to promote local talent, craftsmanship, and cuisine. The event is poised



to feature diverse cultural performances, adventure sports, local handicraft exhibitions, and enticing food stalls. DDC Doda expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming winter carnival. He urged both locals and tourists to actively participate and contribute to its success. He further encouraged the tourism department and local stakeholders to make necessary arrangements, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

As part of his responsibilities, DDC Doda Har-

vinder Singh conducted an inspection in the Bharderwah sub-district to ensure all necessary arrangements for the upcoming JKSSB Panchayat Secretary VLW exam are in place. This proactive measure aims to guarantee a smooth and efficient execution of the examination at the designated exam center in Bharderwah.

District Doda, the DC said, holds significant tourism potential with famous ancient spots like the Vasuki Naag temple, Gupt Ganga, Bharderwah

Fort, besides breathtaking destinations. "The district also boasts of aromatic Bharderwahi Rajmaa and a number of rare herbs famous across the country and even worldwide," he added. The DC emphasized that these ancient and archaeological spots could act as great attractions for tourists from all parts of the country and boost the tourism industry in the district.

The DC also highlighted potential tourist attractions like Famous Jai Valley, Gatha Park, Jantroon Dhar, Guldanda Lal Dramen, and other unexplored destinations. He mentioned that road connectivity from Bharderwah towards Guldanda and Chattergalla will be improved to enhance the tourist experience. The DC expressed optimism about leveraging the district's diverse offerings to make it a sought-after destination for tourists.

J I NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 8

In a significant step towards addressing the pressing issue of limited food grain storage space, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, inaugurated the Flospan Food Store here today.

It is pertinent to mention here that the scarcity of covered storage facilities for food grains has been a growing concern for both the Government and farmers in India, particularly given the year-on-year accumulation of surplus grains under the Central Pool and during the Rabi and Kharif harvesting seasons. This situation has necessitated the utilization of open storage or Cover and Plinth (CAP) techniques, which expose the grains to significant risks such as adverse climatic conditions and pest and rodent infestations, rendering them unfit for human consumption. Unfortunately, these challenges have had a detrimental impact on farmers, leading to substantial post-harvest losses and reduced income.

Recognizing the urgen-



cy to address this critical challenge, the World Food Programme (WFP) India has been actively exploring innovative solutions to increase storage capacities for state governments. Leveraging its vast experience as the world's largest humanitarian organization and a leader in logistics and supply chain management for the UN system, the WFP has introduced the concept of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) as temporary warehouses for food grain storage.

The Flospan Food Store is a state-of-the-art storage facility that utilizes mobile storage units to provide a reliable and secure storage solution for food grains. Developed and deployed by the WFP worldwide, these MSUs have proven their effectiveness in serv-

ing as temporary warehouses for the procurement and distribution of food to vulnerable and food-insecure households across the globe. By leveraging the expertise and experience of the WFP, this pioneering initiative will contribute to enhancing food security and ensuring the availability of quality food grains for consumption.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the DC highlighted the significance of the Flospan Food Store in addressing the storage challenges faced by farmers, procurement agencies and state governments. He emphasized the need for innovative approaches to mitigate post-harvest losses and secure the livelihoods of farmers.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner also acknowledged the efforts of all stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the Flospan Food Store.

The utilization of the Flospan Food Store will enable farmers and procurement agencies to store food grains in a controlled and protected environment, reducing the risks associated with adverse climatic conditions, pest infestations, and rodent damage.

The inauguration of the Flospan Food Store signifies a significant step forward in the quest to overcome the limited storage space for food grains in India. It is an embodiment of the commitment of the Government to supporting farmers and ensuring food security for all. The innovative Mobile Storage Units bring a ray of hope to countless farmers and communities, promising reduced post-harvest losses and increased income opportunities.

The inaugural event was attended by Assistant Director FCS&CA, Abdul Rahim and other officials of the FCS&CA Department.



## Modi govt has done splendid work for J&K people: Koul

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, on the third day of his tour of different areas of the erstwhile Doda district, chaired a meeting of Mandal Office Bearers of Paddar Mandal in Kishtwar district.

Ashok Koul also chaired 'Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan' programmes at booth 67 Garh of Massu Panchayat and booth Karthie in Panchayat Jar in Paddar Mandal.

He was accompanied by District President Chuni Lal Shan, Parliamentary Constituency Incharge Vipin Sharma, District Prabhari Gajay Singh Rana and other leaders.

Ashok Koul, while Chairing the meeting of Mandal Office Bearers of Paddar Mandal, reviewed the ongoing organizational and political activities in the mandal. He also



sought the details related to the important programmes like 'Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan' and 'Vikrit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' in the mandal.

Ashok Koul, in his address, said that BJP has a well knit organizational structure at all levels and the mandal teams are important organ of the party structure. He asked the mandal office bearers to work minutely for the successful conduct of every programme as these provide an opportunity for direct interaction with the people, which can be

very effective and fruitful for the party.

Addressing the 'Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan' programmes, Ashok Koul said the party has planned different programmes to reach at the doorsteps of the people with the development works and welfare schemes of Narendra Modi government, which has done splendid work from 2014 onwards for the J&K people.

In the Jammu and Kashmir UT, lot of development projects have been gifted after the abrogation of Article 370. During this period, it has been emphasized that people from all regions and every section are included in the welfare schemes of the union government. He said that through 'Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan' programme the party activists have to make people aware about what has been done for their socio-economic upliftment and development of their areas for better facilities of travel, education, healthcare, communication etc. He asked the party activists to identify the people who have not been able to apply for welfare schemes and help them in availing the benefits of the same. He expressed hope that the ongoing programmes will further strengthen the relations between the party and the people across the UT. District General Secretary Lalit Sharma also accompanied the party leaders.

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## MIER College of Education's Environment Unit Initiates Educational visit to SKUAST, Jammu Campus

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

The Environment Unit of MIER College of Education organised a visit to the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu Campus, Jammu on 7th December 2023. The visit was organized with the primary aim of educating and enlightening students on sustainable agricultural practices, innovative methodologies, and the implementation of organic farming techniques, particularly emphasizing the significance of vermiculture in contemporary agriculture.

More than 30 students from both the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities participated in the visit. Professor S.K. Singh from Plant Pathology and Mr. Neeraj Singh, Technical Officer at SKUAST-J,



were the resource persons. The experts explained to them about soil mulching, bio-pesticides, neem niboli and apple spray, etc. Special emphasis was laid on the implementation and benefits of vermiculture - an eco-friendly process that utilizes earthworms to convert organic waste into nutrient-rich compost, thereby promoting sustainable farming practices. The produced compost, rich in nutrition, is widely used as a bio-

fertilizer in organic farming and sewage treatment plants. This was followed by an interaction session where experts and field workers clarified doubts and answered queries.

The visit was conducted under the supervision of Mrs. Suman Gupta, In-Charge Environment Unit. She formally thanked Professor S.K. Singh and Mr. Neeraj Singh for their cooperation and support.

Dr. Adit Gupta, Principal, appreciated the efforts of the Unit in conducting this awareness

programme and said that visiting an agriculture university provides students with a hands-on and real-world experience, allowing them to see sustainable agricultural practices, technologies, and research in action. This educational visit exemplified a significant step forward in the ongoing commitment of MIER College of Education to empower students with practical knowledge and insights into sustainable environmental practices.

## Sajjad Shaheen demands advance dumping of essentials in snow bound areas in Banihal, Gool

JI NEWS SERVICE  
BANIHAL, DEC 8

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) leader and District President Ramban, Mir Sajjad Shaheen today conducted an extensive tour to Village Kawna, Ahma, Kumbala, Udhala in Khari Tehsil and took stock of the problems faced by the people on day today basis.

He was accompanied by Local DDC counselor and other party functionaries of Khari block.

During his visit to these villages the locals apprised him about erratic power supply, scarcity of drinking water, shortage of essential commodities and poor health care system besides depelated condition of local roads in far-off areas of the tehsil.

Shaheen said the road connectivity to Khari-Mahu and Banihal-Mangit roads is in bad shape and



the delay in improvement and upgradation work has badly impacted the mobility and added to the miseries of the people.

He has urged the District Administration to take immediate cognizance of these serious public issues as these are of utmost importance for the large number of local population living in the entire Khari tehsil.

Shaheen also drew the attention of the L/Govern-

ment towards deficiencies in Health sectors and shortage of Medical doctors and para-medical staff in the local hospitals and medical Aid centres and sought immediate filling of vacant posts besides stocking of an adequate quantity of medicines in all the Health institutions of the district particularly in rural areas.

Shaheen said the same complaints have also

been received from Pogal-Paristan, Neel, Sumar, Sarachi, Sumar, Chaknarwa-Chamalwas. Bajmasta, Chaka, Sarbagni, Amkote, Thachi, Bingara, Sarachi, Kumbala, Maligam, Arimarg, Buzia Senabati, Tanka and Gool villages.

Shaheen has urged upon the administration to review stock and supply position of essential commodities and ensure advance dumping of ration, Cooking gas and Kerosene oil in all snow bound areas of district Ramban and Gool including Mahu-Mangit, Trigam, Sarachi, Chaka, Sarbagni, Neel, Sumar, Pogal-Paristan, Hinjhal, Nowgam, Amkote-Thachi, Chaknarwa, Chamalwas and other higher reaches of other districts before the snow fall during the ongoing winter as most of these areas remain cut off for months during the winter.

## Rohit shastri meets Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Today shri kailakh jyotish Avim vedic sansthan trust president Mahant Rohit shastri meet the Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj, at Jammu. At this moment, Mahant said that j&k is the land of temples and on this sacred land many renowned poet belong to it ie Abhinavgupt, kalhana bilhana and many more Sanskrit poet belong to this sacred land. As these renowned personalities belong to Sanskrit field, now in present situation of j&k there are lack of Sanskrit gurukuls as of this lack many Sanskrit students are in dilemma what they can do in their future. Mahant Rohit shastri appealed to shankaracharya that if he can help in establish-



ing the Sanskrit gurukuls in jammu and kashmir, it's been great step taken in the field of Sanskrit language. On the same, Mahant Rohit shastri discussed that as this city is renowned as the city of temples but here the students belong to Sanskrit field get lesser facilities and opportunities for their future. So, for the upliftment of Sanskrit language, necessary steps should be taken for open-

ing number of Sanskrit gurukuls in j&k.

On occasion, Mahant Rohit shastri represented Dharamsthali to Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj. On the same occasion, Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj give their gratitude to the book Editor in chief Mahant Rohit shastri for doing such an amazing work.

## Winter vacation for Jammu's winter zone schools to begin this month

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SRINAGAR 8 DEC

Winter vacation up to a higher secondary level for the government and private schools of Jammu division's winter zone has been announced by the Directorate of Education School Jammu (DESJ). As per the news agency CNS, the DESJ said the classes up to 8th standard in Jammu's winter zone schools (government and private) will observe vacation from 11th December to 29th February 2024 and 9th to 12th classes from 18th December to 29th February 2024. It further said that Chief Education Officers shall ensure online classes for Class 10th and Class 12th through CRCs.

## Centre's flagship schemes uplifting masses of J&K: Ritika

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JAMMU, DEC 8

BJP-led Centre government remains committed for the welfare of the common masses and its flagship welfare schemes have been uplifting the people in Jammu and Kashmir in every way possible, said BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Chief Spokesperson Ritika Trehan on Friday during awareness programme with regard to various schemes of PM Modi Govt in Channi Himmat. Speaking on the occasion, Ritika exhorted the people to take maximum benefits out of several welfare schemes launched by Centre for them.

"For the faster growth of the nation and Jammu and Kashmir in particular, the BJP-led government at the Centre and leadership in the UT is keen for the overall development of J&K which has so far suffered at the hands of the dynastic rulers," she said.

"With the revocation of Article 370, a major hurdle has been erased and now is the time for the people to unlock the benefits of that historic decision. Ever since the historic decision of August 2019, the BJP's work for every section of the society has been final-



ly able to reach the people of Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

Ritika observed that finally, people of Jammu and Kashmir are reaping benefits of central sponsored schemes. All these decisions are just one step in the series of initiatives taken by the government to lead the UT on the path of development and growth," she added.

She on the occasion, highlighted the other flagship schemes of Narendra Modi government for the welfare of common masses. "The Centre has launched multiple schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP),

AB PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Dhan Jan Yojana, PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and several others," she said.

Ritika stressed upon the need for the spread of the schemes to the masses that can avail benefits of the scheme through implementing agencies. "The BJP's pro-people policies have been recognized by the public across Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country," she said and appealed to people to extend their full support to the BJP government at the Centre.

## BJP for regular release of honorarium to VDGs

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Jammu and Kashmir BJP Village Defence Guard (VDG) Cell Convenor, Basant Raj Thakur, while addressing a press conference at party headquarter, Jammu, expressed gratitude to the LG administration for releasing three months salary in favour of VDGs in the UT.

Basant Raj Thakur said that the BJP government at the centre redesigned the policy towards the VDCs (Village Defence Committees) and converted them into VDGs. They got only three months honorarium for three months. They were demanding the regular release of their honorarium on monthly basis and the LG administration has now released the same yesterday, which have provided a big relief to the VDGs.

Thakur said that the role of VDCs, now called VDGs, have been splendid during the peak times of militancy in erstwhile Doda district as well as other areas, where the people were feeling insecure and wanted to migrate to safer places leaving their homes and hearths. The VDGs induced a sense



of security among them and as a result there was no migration. He shared that the VDCs were setup after massive Doda bacho Andolan was launched for the safety and security of the people in 1992-93 and during all these years they have been putting their best services, even many of them sacrificed their lives. He said that the VDGs are also thankful to the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, J&K BJP leadership, especially party president Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary and former Minister Sunil Sharma, as well as the LG Manoj Sinha, the DGP, J&K Police and the SSPs of the district for the release of their honorarium.

The BJP leader appealed the LG and the DGP not to post these VDGs in police stations but allow them to continue work in their respective areas.

BJP Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mohtra spoke on the contribution of the VDGs in inducing a sense of security among the people who were terrorized and targeted by the armed militants in hilly and far flung areas.

BJP All Cells Co-Convenor Ved Sharma said that the VDGs have done splendid work in their respective areas and the people have developed faith in them. They should be paid regular honorarium so that they can arrange their meals and meet other necessary expenditure.

## JKS hails DSEJ for solving cleanliness, maintenance issues at GBHSS, RS Pura



JI NEWS SERVICE  
RS PURA, DEC 8

Vinod Sharma, Chairman of Jan Kalyan Sangathan, RS Pura expressed gratitude towards Chief Education Officer (CEO) Jammu and Director School Education, Jammu for their prompt intervention in addressing the cleanliness and maintenance issues at Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, RS Pura. Following a media report by our Sangathan, shedding light on the deplorable conditions attributed to the inefficiency of incumbent Principal Smt Suman Lata, CEO Jammu took immediate action. A committee of six lecturers was formed under the guidance of CEO Jammu and the overall direction of the Director School Education

Jammu to oversee cleanliness, maintenance, and discipline at the school. Vinod Sharma commended the committee's dedication and reported substantial improvements in the school's condition since their intervention. He highlighted that the committee, having diligently collected funds from staff members, exhibited commendable initiative in ensuring the school's revitalization. "Jan Kalyan Sangathan remains committed to advocating for the welfare of educational institutions, and we appreciate the collaborative efforts of CEO Jammu, Director School Education Jammu, and the dedicated committee in revitalizing Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, RS PURA." Vinod Sharma told the media.



## HSS J&K unit meets Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary JKUT at Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Hindustan Shiv Sena J&K unit today met Sh. Atal Dulloo, new Chief Secretary J&K at his Jammu Secretariat office and congratulated him on becoming the Chief Secretary of UT and apprised him of the various issues related to the betterment of the general public and UT as a whole and said that it has increased the expectations of the local people. He told the CS Sh. Atal Dulloo that people are hopeful that a local officer has joined such a prestigious position in the UT as Chief Secretary and now he is capable to understand the basic problems and of the people and fulfill their hopes and aspirations to solve them. Vikrant Kapoor urged upon CS to hold a Janta Darbar so as to get the first hand info of the various problems of



the people.

He said that the appointment of local officer Atal Dulloo as the Chief Secretary has not only increased the expectations of the common people of the state but has also given rise to a new hope in the Kashmiri displaced community that their problems will now be solved and a concrete policy will be prepared to solve them.

Vikrant Kapoor told the CS to address various issues like drugs, crimes and various other issues. He told CS to take the whole society along so

that the communal harmony of the UT remains intact while solving various issues related to them.

Moreover Mr. Kapoor told the CS that people of the UT has lots of expectations from him as he is a local officer and is already well aware of the various issues related to the people. In return, Chief Secretary Sh. Atal Dulloo thanked the Hindustan Shiv Sena team for visiting the office and discussing the various matters related to the public and felt overwhelmed seeing the concern of the team for the UT.

## Deputation of Dalit OBC Minority greets new Chief Secretary J&K, discusses prominent issues

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A deputation of All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations (Dalit, OBC, Minority) led by Its State President R K Kalsotra met chief secretary Atal Dulloo in his Office Chamber and congratulated him on elevation & taking over as new Chief secretary as a son of the soil. Deputation also wished him a happy life and a successful tenure. In the brief meeting Kalsotra

apprised him that there are many issues for the welfare of the society to discuss with the administration and demanded a special meeting which he assured that a special meeting in coming days will be arranged to discuss all matters pertaining for welfare of SC/ST/OBCs and minorities of J&K.

Those who participated with deputation were B L Bhardwaj, Com Ramesh Sarmal, Dr Ramesh Kaith, Parshotam Kumar, Engineer Sham Lal Basson and Sardar Kuldeep Singh Giani.

## Shiv Sena submits memo to CS, seeks reservation for local in CUET 2024 exams

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit today submit Memorandum to the chief secretary of J&K regarding the demanded to determine the examination centers of Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-2024 at the state and district level and to give preference in admission to local students.

Party UT J&K president Manish Sahni along with Vice president Sanjeev Kohli today met with the Sh. Atal Dulloo (IAS), Chief Secretary of Kashmir and submitted a memorandum regarding the above demands.

Sahni said that the local



students should have the first right for admission in colleges and universities of every state and union territory including Jammu and Kashmir. Along with this, Sahni demanded to determine the CUET examination centers at the state and district level. He said that in 2023, around 24,000 stu-

dents of Jammu and Kashmir had found CUET exam centers in other states. Due to which the students had to face a lot of problems, hundreds of students could not even reach the examination centres. Sahni said that the Chief Secretary assured to consider the above demands.

## Two Day Int'l Conference on Inter-disciplinary Probabilities in Music concludes at GLDM GDC Hiranagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
HIRANAGAR, DEC 8

The Two-Day International Conference, hosted by Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College Hiranagar has concluded on a harmonious note by bringing together music enthusiasts, scholars, and practitioners from around the globe. The conference titled Interdisciplinary Probabilities in Music provided a dynamic platform for the exchange of ideas and insights of music with all other academic disciplines. The conference witnessed an impressive line up of speakers and presenters, featuring experts from various disciplines and fields. Prominent of whom were Pandit Vidhadhar Vyas, former Vice-chancellor Bhatkhande Institute of Music, Sh. Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Prof. Pankaj Mala Sharma from Punjab University Chandigarh, Prof. Lawanya Kirti from Darbhanga, Bihar, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma former



Principal Higher Education Department, J&K on the first day of the conference.

The second day of the conference also embraced a wide spectrum of speakers, experts and participants. Dr. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector Kathua Campus and a prominent academician from University of Jammu was Chief Guest and Prof. Lalit Magotra, a prolific Dogri writer and an academician was the Guest of Honour.

After the ceremonial lighting of the lamp Dr. Pragya Khanna, the Principal of the College presented a formal welcome address. The Principal emphasized on the need of such collaborations to make a lasting impact on academics and society. Second day also featured expert views by Prof. Lawanya Kirti, a Hindustani Classical Vocalist from Darbhanga, Bihar, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, former Principal Higher Educa-

tion Department, J&K, Dr. Luca Moretti and Dr. Lucia Oliva are eminent artists and choreographers from Muscat, Oman. A number of papers by the participants from different parts of the country were also presented offline and also through online mode. Participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions on the relation and influence of Music on other subjects taught in the country.

The conference facilitated meaningful dialogues on cross-cultural collaborations in music, fostering a spirit of unity and understanding. The proceedings of the conference were handled by Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Arun Kumar and Prof. Shapia Shameem. The Conference was also attended by Principals of the adjoining Colleges, participants from different regions, faculty and students of GLDM GDC Hiranagar. The programme ended with the phenomenal performances by students of the College. In his closing remarks,

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, convenor of the conference expressed gratitude to all experts, Speakers, participants and especially to the Principal of the College Dr. Pragya Khanna for her support in making the conference a success.

## HDFC Bank launches PayZapp campaign featuring Tiger Shroff, Kapil Sharma

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 7, 2023:

HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced the launch of a star-studded PayZapp campaign. The campaign features actors Tiger Shroff, Prabhu Deva and Kapil Sharma utilising their immense popularity for a wide consumer connect.

The tongue-in-cheek campaign, conceptualised by Wondrlab India, a martech network, includes three films featuring the three actors wherein each showcases a range of payment choices that PayZapp offers. The campaign came from the insight that some people live their whole lives without having choices, but now they don't have to, at least when it comes to payments.

Ravi Santhanam, Group Head, Chief Marketing Officer and Head - Direct to Consumer Business said, "With PayZapp, we have revamped the payment experience for all consumers extensively, making the

journey smoother and easier - be it via UPI, cards or PayZapp wallet. It is not just a payment app; it is a lifestyle enabler. We want to reach every part of the country aiming to be the preferred choice of payment app for consumers. The three films on

PayZapp have beautifully captured the essence of our brand message."

Amit Akali, the CCO and co-founder of Wondrlab India, said, "We took a contrarian approach while conceptualising the campaign. We explored how we can drive the

point of unlimited choices by showing the viewers what happens when they don't have a choice in life. That is why, we cast the celebrities most known for something, tired of only being seen in those specific roles and wishing for more choices."

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**Extension Notice**

Subject:- Extension to the Advertisement Notice No. 03 of 2023 Dated:- 08-11-2023 published in Daily Excelsior dated:- 15-11-2023 for Ten days w.e.f 01-12-2023 upto 10-12-2023.

Last date of the submission of application forms with regard to Advertisement Notice No. 03 of 2023 Dated:- 08-11-2023 was 30-11-2023 but in view of the huge rush of applicants having deficiency in requisite documents for the post of Sangini (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Dansal advertised in daily excelsior on 15-11-2023, the last date for receipt of forms for aforementioned post have been extended for Ten days w.e.f 01-12-2023 upto 10-12-2023. Further all applicants (concerned) are requested to submit the application forms along with the affidavit and ward certificate issued from the competent authority.

Note:- No further extension in timelines of receipt of forms shall be issued.

DIP/J-12301/23  
Date: 8-12-23

Child Development Project Officer  
Dansal

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD**  
**(R&B) DIVISION RAMNAGAR**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

**E-NIT No. 08 of 2023-24 Dated 07.12.2023**

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

| S. No. | Name of Work   | Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs) | Cost of document (in Rs) | Earnest Money          | Time Allowed for completion | Class of Contractor | Head of Account |
|--------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1.     | Opening and Constructing of Outlet Channel of Mansar Lake with provision of Sluice Gate under (CAMP) | 20.47                         | 600/-                    | @2% of advertised cost | 45 Days                     | "B/C"               | CAMPA           |

Position of AAA:- **Accorded**  
Position of T.S:- **Accorded**  
Position of Funds:- **Available**

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

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| 1 | Date of Issue of Tender Notice                    | 07-12-2023  |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents        | From 07-12-2023 to 13-12-2023, 1800 Hrs   |
| 3 | Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.          | 10-12-2023 at 1200 Hrs, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Ramnagar.                         |
| 4 | Bid submission Start Date                         | 08-12-2023 from 0900 Hrs  |
| 5 | Bid Submission End Date                           | 13-12-2023 up to 1800 Hrs   |
| 6 | Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) | 14-12-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Ramnagar. |
| 7 | Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) | To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.                                       |

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

No:- EE/R&B/RN/1202-07  
Dated:- 07.12.2023

Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Ramnagar

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## Varinder Jeet Singh demands immediate release of Bandi Singhs

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

BJP JK UT Vice president Varinder Jeet Singh has advocated release of Sikh political prisoners or Bandi Singhs, who were in jails for the last 2 or 3 decades in militancy related cases. Many Sikhs booked during militancy continue to remain in jails, although they have

completed their prison terms. They are aged and pose no threat to society rather they need family support. I appeal to all state governments to sympathetically consider all such cases, the BJP senior leader said. Several Sikh bodies including Gurudwara Prabandhak committee, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara management committee and different fac-



tions of Shiromani Akali Dal have been raising similar demands. They have also criticized the government for such actions of not releasing them. Chief of Dera Sacha Sauda has also been given Parole six times in two years and many people are drawing contrast between this and release of Sikh political prisoners. Varinder Jeet Singh has appealed

to Centre Govt to intervene and release these prisoners who have long completed their jail term. Gurdyal Singh Bali General Secretary National Sikh Front said that on December 10th, known as Human Rights Day, we'll observe BLACK TURBAN DAY. To support Devinderpal Singh Bhullar's release, I'll wear a black turban. He's been

in Amritsar's Central Jail hospital for over 28 years for a Delhi State case. For 12 years, he's been treated there for schizophrenia. Decision to release is pending with the Sentence Review Board of Delhi Government led by Arvind Kejriwal. We urge everyone to show support by wearing a black turban on December 10th, 2023.

## DEC Kishtwar hosts awareness camp for service voters at 52 CRPF Battalion camp



JNEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 8

A special awareness camp was organized today at the 52-CRPF Battalion camp concerning their enrollment process and voting procedures through ETPBS. The program was orchestrated on the direction and overall supervision of District Election Officer, Dr. Devansh Yadav and was supervised by Deputy DEO, Naresh Kumar and other officers. The service personnel were thoroughly briefed

about their rights and provided with a detailed procedure for enrolling as service voters and participating in general elections. A comprehensive presentation elucidated the process, attracting nearly 100 cadets and officers who actively participated in the program. Queries were promptly addressed on-site. The cadets expressed their commitment to enroll as service voters, expressing delight in discovering the facilities offered by the Election Commission of India.

## Keshav Chopra distributes Voter Cards

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Today Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra accompanying Mahant Kali Mata Mandir Talab Tillo Shree Shree 108 Swami Mahadev Giri distributed Voter Cards among the people here at Talab Tillo.



Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra expressed gratitude towards Election Commission, JKUT Administration and especially the Booth Level officers for conducting the camps and Visiting door to door for the welfare of the people so that maximum people can take advantage and apply for "New Voter

Enrollment, Corrections, Vote Transfer due to marriage". Keshav Chopra while highlighting the prominent role of youths to shape the future of the nation asked the youths to come forward and register themselves so that they can also cast their vote in next elections. Samvedna

Society is trying to ensure that no eligible voter is left for registration during the special summary revisions he further added. Sushil Gupta, Sourav Gupta, Manoj Tandon, Parshotam Lal, Narinder Khanna and others were also present during the distribution programme.

## Biotechnology Students, Faculty of SMVDU undertake Industry Visit

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

A one day industry visit as an essential part of the study curriculum was organized by the School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, The undergraduates and post graduate students pursuing Biotechnology visited the Kingfisher mineral water bottling unit and food processing unit at Panthal (Katra). Students had the opportunity to explore the different units of a distillation/ food processing plant and engage in insightful discussions with industry experts and were provided with a comprehensive briefing on the essential entrepreneurship skills required for establishing units under the start-up programs initiated by the Government of India. Students were provided with valuable insights into the intricate workings and processing methods involved in the production of various



beverages. The students visited the various bio processing sections and had a firsthand experience of the various steps involved including pasteurization, filling, quality control checks etc. The students and the faculty also had an opportunity to interact with the founder chairman of this industry who encouraged the students to go in for start ups and emphasized on starting an industry at the local level generating livelihood opportunities for the local population. The visit was conceptualized and managed by the coordinator of the industrial and edu-

cational visits, SoBT, Dr. Indu Bhushan with coordination of Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head of the School of Biotechnology. The other faculty members accompanying the students included Dr. Vinod Singh, Dr. Parvez Singh Slathia, Er. Arvind Yadav, and Mr. Pankaj Suden. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, expressed satisfaction towards the efforts of the faculty of the School of Biotechnology towards overall grooming and development of their students as able professionals.

## Congress has rejected malicious campaign of BJP-RSS against Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

The Congress has rejected the malicious campaign of BJP-RSS against the first Prime Minister Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, whose historical role & contributions in the freedom struggle and in laying the strong foundations of free & democratic India, especially in the accession and integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India are unmatched.

for generations to come. Firstly, it was Pt. Nehru who worked tirelessly for the accession of the 80% muslim majority state bordering Pakistan, with India, by associating the then tallest leadership of Kashmir, with him, to defeat the two nation theory of Jinnah on Kashmir. The history is witness to this fact that the entire Kashmir worked closely to defeat and fail the invaders' attack in 1947 and even sacrificed for the cause and did not allow Pakistan to succeed on Jammu and Kashmir. However the vested interests and communal forces are at work for decades to discredit the entire population and the mainstream leadership of Kashmir, in the eyes of rest of the countrymen, forgetting the supreme sacrifices of Master Maqbool Sherwani and Master Abdul Aziz and others and those who felt the bullets of terrorists all these years, for standing against their (terrorists) designs and that of their mentor- Pakistan.

area under our control but it was then Commander of Armed forces General Butcher who advised for a political solution. Ceasefire was done after more than one year and 3 months of war on January 1st, 1949. So the charge that Pt. Nehru hurried for ceasefire and ignored the military advice is wrong. Secondly, the charge of going to UN over the issue is concerned, it was a complaint against Pakistan with a view to declare and expose her as an aggressor and looter. No less than, the then leadership of Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah termed Pakistan as aggressor and pleaded the cause of the nation putting the facts before the World body to expose Pakistan World-wide. Pakistan's claim over Kashmir as a natural consequence of a being a overwhelmingly muslim majority, was exposed and rejected before UN by the muslim leadership of Jammu and Kashmir but these positive achievements of PT. Nehru cannot be digested by BJP, he added.

Rejecting the motivated charge as part of the sustained propaganda against Pt. Nehru by BJP-RSS since Independence, Congress has termed it false, distorted and a malicious campaign in furtherance political strategy and designs.

He said that our armed forces landed on October 27, 1947, after the accession of Jammu and Kashmir with India, by that time Pakistan regulars and invaders had taken control of a large portion of Jammu and Kashmir, for which it took one year and three months for the Indian Army to clear the

He said Instead of finding faults & manufacturing evidence against then leadership, it's time to unitedly deal effectively with present and future challenges emerging to the nation in our neighborhood.

BJP-RSS are aware of the remarkable role and unmatched contributions of Pt. Nehru in the freedom struggle and post Independence but are jealous of his stature at the national and international levels and for political vested interests always tired to distort historical facts to mislead the nation and the countrymen.

JKPCC Senior Vice President and Media Incharge of the party Mr. Ravinder Sharma hit back at the BJP for its misleading attempts regarding Pt. Nehru and said that his role and contribution cannot be forgotten

## NC committed to steer J&K to new era of peace, development: Sadhotra, Gupta

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Er. Sparsh Parihar, Avnish Sharma Social activists Youth and Nanak Chand joined the National Conference in presence of Additional General Secretary and former minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta. The joining programme was organized by Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA. Welcoming Er. Sparsh Parihar, Avnish Sharma and Nanak Chand Mr. Ajay Kumar Sadhotra said National Conference is natural destination for all those public spirited politi-

cal activists, who want to work for political stability, unity between various religions and regions and for peace and progress of Jammu and Kashmir. He said joining of Youth leaders reflect the growing realization among the people that National Conference is the only party that can uphold their dignity and steer the state to a new era of peace, progress and development.

their strengthened at the grass roots level and help in serving the people of remote and far off areas like Chenab Valley. "History stands testimony to the crucial role of National Conference in forging unity and amity between various segments of the society in the regions of Jammu and Kashmir he said and hoped that the cadre will bequeath this spirit to posterity. He said communal amity has been the richest legacy of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, who strived all his life to sustain this glorious tradition of the State.

## ADGP L&O J&K chairs joint meeting at PCR Kashmir

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, DEC 8

ADGP Law and order J&K Shri Vijay Kumar chaired a joint meeting of all the DMs & SSPs of Kashmir division first time today afternoon at PCR Kashmir. Div Com Kashmir, IGP Kashmir, DD IB, DisG of all the ranges of Kashmir, DIG CID and SSP PCR Kashmir also attended the meeting.



During the meeting, all the officers briefed the chair on the prevailing L&O and security scenario and shared the field generated inputs with respect to all the expectedly emerging situations in view of upcoming events.

and accordingly plan an effective response for the same. All DMs and SSPs were asked by the ADGP and Div Com Kashmir to conduct meetings with field officers and other stakeholders. ADGP L&O sensitized them about the calibrated response to be taken in case of any untoward scene emerging out of the situation.

All the District heads were stressed to keep eye on the situation, and

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camps organized in Doda Colony, Bantalab Chowk, Jammu

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, DEC 8

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) made its way to Doda Colony, Bhagwati Nagar and Bantalab Chowk in Jammu on Day 11 of the nationwide outreach initiative which is aimed at informing and empowering citizens about the Central Government's flagship schemes. As part of the yatra, various departments and agencies set up stalls at the two venues today to provide citizens on the spot services like free health check, facility to get new aadhaar cards issued or the existing ones updated. Loans under PM SVANidhi yojana were also sanctioned to many street vendors on the occasion. Under the campaign, the specially designed IEC



(Information, Education, Communication) van created awareness about various schemes and initiatives taken by the Government of India for the welfare of citizens, especially in Jammu and Kashmir. During the programme, participants took the Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge to make India a developed and self-reliant nation by the year 2047. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will interact with beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) on 9th December, 2023 at 12:30 PM via video conferencing. The Prime Minister

will address the gathering on the occasion. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra focuses on reaching the vulnerable population, disseminating information, learning from citizens and enrolling potential beneficiaries. It also aims to achieve 100 percent saturation of flagship government schemes. The yatra will cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by January 25, 2024, touching every district of the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched it on November 15, 2023 from Jharkhand.

## DC Jammu urges speedy completion of PMGSY roads



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Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya today presided over a meeting to assess the progress of PMGSY roads in the district.

adhere to set timelines and quality parameters. In a dedicated push for swift progress, the DC urged officials to eliminate bottlenecks and ensure the completion of projects before the onset of peak winters and snowfall. "Our focus is on enhancing rural connectivity and PMGSY projects play a vital role in achieving this goal. Let's work together to overcome challenges and ensure timely completion for the benefit of our rural communities," he said. The meeting was attended by officers including SE PMGSY, XEN PMGSY, DFO Jammu and Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh.

The DC highlighted the significance of prioritising the completion of these roads for rural socio-economic development of rural communities. Acknowledging the hurdles posed by forest areas in road construction, the DC urged officials to find efficient solutions to overcome the obstacles. Asking for timely project completion, the DC issued strict directives to the concerned officers to



## VBSY in District Rajouri: IEC Vans traverse across Panchayats of Seri & Lamberi Blocks

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The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) in District Rajouri has achieved a significant milestone as it enters the Nowshera and Lamberi blocks. The 72-day campaign aims to promote government schemes and ensure their maximum reach and benefits to the targeted beneficiaries within a specified timeframe. The VBSY has generated tremendous enthusiasm and active participation among the local communities and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the district. The event has received strong support from the public, showcasing their commitment to the development and progress of the nation.

The IEC Vans, which play a central role in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, have been traveling through the picturesque locations of Dabber-A, M Devi B, Dharat, Dabber-B, Deeing, Gagrote, M Devi-A, Mangiot, Seyal of Block Seri, and Garan, Bagnoti, Rajal-B, Dandesar, Chakjallan, and Lamberi Lower of Block Lamberi.

These vans are equipped with state-of-the-art audio-video facilities and serve as mobile information hubs, engaging the local residents and providing them with valuable knowledge about government schemes and programs.

At each location, the Yatra has received a warm welcome from PRIs, senior



citizens, government officials, and the local residents. Community members have eagerly gathered to witness enlightening audio-video presentations showcased on the Special IEC Vans. They have also had the privilege of listening to a recorded video message from the esteemed Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance and impact of the campaign. The Prime Minister's message has served as a powerful inspiration, encouraging everyone present to actively participate in the holistic development of the nation.

During the event, par-

ticipants have taken the "Viksit Sankalp Bharat pledge," reaffirming their unwavering commitment to the comprehensive development of the nation. This pledge symbolizes their dedication and determination to contribute towards the progress and upliftment of their communities and the country as a whole.

The Viksit Bharat Yatra continues to make a lasting impact in Rajouri district, empowering local communities and ensuring the effective implementation of government schemes. Through its extensive outreach and focused efforts,

the Yatra strives to bring about positive change, uplift the underprivileged sections of society, and foster an environment of inclusive growth and development.

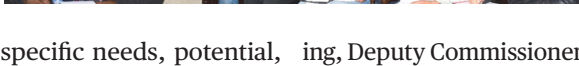
As the Yatra progresses, it is expected that more individuals and communities will actively participate, recognizing the transformative potential of government programs and schemes. With the collective resolve of the people, the Viksit Bharat Yatra is poised to create a brighter and more prosperous future for all citizens of Rajouri district and the nation as a whole.

## DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today reviewed the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY). The scheme, introduced by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, aims to transform villages with a significant tribal population into model villages (Adarsh Gram) through integrated socio-economic development and a convergence approach.

Under the revamped scheme, known as the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY), the Ministry of Tribal Affairs intends to implement a transformative plan from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The primary objective of this initiative is to achieve the holistic development of selected villages by addressing their



specific needs, potential, and aspirations.

Furthermore, the scheme aims to maximize the coverage of individual and family benefit schemes offered by both the Central and State Governments, while also enhancing vital infrastructure in sectors such as health, education, connectivity, and livelihood.

During the review meet-

ing, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the need for effective implementation of the PMAAGY scheme and directed all stakeholders to expedite the progress of ongoing projects. He stressed the importance of completing the projects within the designated timelines to ensure timely and efficient delivery of benefits to the targeted

communities.

The comprehensive review of the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY) undertaken by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal serves as a testament to the commitment of the administration to the welfare and development of tribal communities. The administration will continue to monitor the progress closely, provide necessary support, and take proactive measures to ensure the successful implementation of the scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; Executive Engineer PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; and Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Manjokote, Israr Bukhari.

## DC Reasi calls for providing best & Advance services to Shiv Khori Pilgrims

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District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan, who is also vice chairperson of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, presided over discussions with members of the Board wherein emphasis was laid on best practices and technology upgradation for the devotees.

The Executive Officer presented a comprehensive overview of the board's ongoing activities and achievements through

a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting focused on different aspects of the Board's functioning, emphasizing its commitment to improve shrine facilities and provide a seamless experience to the devotees.

DDC Vishesh Mahajan expressed satisfaction over the accomplishments of the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, encouraging collaborative efforts to maintain high-quality services for pilgrims. He commended the dedica-

tion of board members and urged them to take innovative measures for future development.

During the meeting, DDC Mahajan stressed the significance of adopting modern technologies to enrich the pilgrimage experience. He proposed switching over to online registration to expedite the process and enhance the organized management of pilgrim data.

Emphasizing transparency and accountability, DDC Mahajan introduced a robust system assigning

unique identification numbers to each Pony Vala and Pithu Vala. This measure aims to efficiently monitor their activities, ensuring adherence to the highest service standards.

Key attendees included Joint Director Planning Sumita Kanchan, Executive Officer Pardeep Kumar, and Xen PHE and PWD representatives. The meeting served as a platform to review progress, address challenges, and outline future endeavors for the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board.

Special Summary Revision

## Awareness-cum-enrolment camp organized at GDC Ramban

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Government Degree College, Ramban in collaboration with District Election Department organised an awareness-cum-registration camp in the college premises to sensitize the students about the ongoing Special Summary Revision and on-the-spot enrollment of eligible voters.

As part of the SVEEP initiative, Deputy District Election Officer, Lal Chand and Resource person, Abdul Hamid along with other officials facilitated on-the-spot registration of eligible voters.

In her address, the college Principal, Prof Archana Kaul shared insights into the significance of voter registration and the impact of active participation in shaping the nation's future. She made the students understand the importance of their votes while making them aware of their duties along with their rights as citizens of the country.

The Deputy District Election Officer, in his address, talked about the importance of being a registered Voter. He said



that after recognizing the importance of engaging the youth in this democratic exercise, the SVEEP program has been strategically combined with an Enrollment Camp at GDC Ramban. The initiative aligns with the broader objective of empowering the youth to actively participate in the democratic process.

Resource persons informed that the aim of the program was to sensitize students about the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) and directly facilitate the engagement and enrollment of eligible voters from the college

community. The SSR of electoral rolls is an ongoing process crucial to maintaining an accurate and up-to-date voter list, they informed.

The SVEEP-Cum-Enrollment Camp featured informative sessions, and on-the-spot enrollment facilities for eligible candidates. By bringing the enrollment process directly to the college campus, the initiative aims to streamline the voter registration process, reduce barriers and facilitate registration for the students.

Samreen Choudhary and Hemani Sharma students of semester 5th

and 3rd respectively, also spoke on the subject of voting and about the significance of the voters to facilitate the development and progress of the country.

Assistant Professor Vijay Kumar Sharma conducted the proceedings of the programme and Dr. Sajad Ahmed presented a formal vote of thanks.

Later, a rally was also organized under SVEEP in the college.

Meanwhile, such SVEEP programmes were also organized at GHSS, Dhadrath and Ukhal to sensitize the prospective voters.

## Vyomika Space Lab organises Seminar at GDC Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 8

The Vyomika Space Lab, in Collaboration with District Administration Kishtwar & Education Department, organised an enlightening seminar featuring a highly informative talk by ISRO Scientist Deepak Singh on the "Space Legacy of ISRO & the Future of Gaganyaan Mission at GDC Kishtwar.

The event served as an invaluable opportunity for students to delve into the realms of space exploration and its promising future besides empowering students with the insights about the future of Gaganyaan Mission.

Additional District Development Commissioner Sham Lal was the Chief Guest, while CEO Prahlaad Bhagat was the guest of honour.

As many as 300 Students of Higher secondary schools and GDCs took part in the seminar along with the team of Space Lab of HSS Boys Kishtwar steered by Nodal Officer

Space Lab Arshad Hussain (Sr. Lecturer Physics), Sunil Kumar and Mohammad Anees (Lecturers of Physics).

The seminar commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and the illumination of new horizons.

Inaugurating the session, the ADDC emphasized Kishtwar's stride towards holistic development and exemplary performances by students of the district in sports, education, and Health & fitness fields at National and international level.

Taking the proceedings of the Seminar forward, Khalid Hussain Sr. Lecturer Chemistry extended a warm welcome to the guests, setting the tone for an engaging and enlightening seminar.

In his interaction with the students, Deepak Singh, Senior Fellow ISRO, passionately engaged and fostered insights into the captivating realm of space exploration. The

enthusiastic students actively participated in the seminar, showcasing a profound interest and posing numerous insightful questions, all of which were expertly addressed by the ISRO Fellow.

Speaking at the event, the ADDC expressed his optimism for Kishtwar's advancement and highlighted the tremendous opportunities available to the students in Astrophysics & Space research besides emphasizing the crucial role of First of its kind Space Lab of J&K established at GHSS Kishtwar in the transformative journey.

The seminar proved to be an enriching experience, offering a platform for students to grasp the essence of India's space legacy and to envision their role in the future of space exploration through extensive interaction with the Scientist/Senior Fellows of ISRO. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Pardeep Koul, Lecturer Chemistry.

## VBSY catalyzes Community Empowerment, amplifies Govt Schemes

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The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continues to make significant progress in transforming District Rajouri, ensuring comprehensive coverage of government schemes and uplifting the lives of its residents. This visionary initiative has embarked on an extraordinary journey, reaching the unreached and achieving unprecedented saturation of various government programs and initiatives.

To effectively disseminate information and create awareness about the initiatives, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van has been deployed as part of the Yatra. This mobile communication platform has played a pivotal role in engaging with the local communities and equipping them with the necessary knowledge to benefit from government schemes.

One of the remarkable achievements of the VBSY is the saturation of various government schemes in District Rajouri. These schemes, designed to improve the quality of life and provide essential services, have been implemented on the ground with exceptional success. As a result, the community has witnessed tangible benefits and positive changes in their everyday lives.

The impact of the Yatra goes beyond mere statistical figures. It can be seen in the smiles on the faces of the people, the improved access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, and the overall progress of District Rajouri. The meticulous planning and execution of the initiative have ensured that it aligns perfectly with its core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.