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SC to pronounce verdict today on pleas challenging abrogation of Article 370 in J&K

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NEW DELHI, DEC 10

Was the decision taken by the Centre on August 5, 2019 to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, constitutionally valid? The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict on Monday on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370.

According to the cause list for December 11 (Monday), uploaded on the apex court's website, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud would deliver the verdict. The other members of the bench are Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai and Surya Kant. The apex court reserved its verdict in the matter

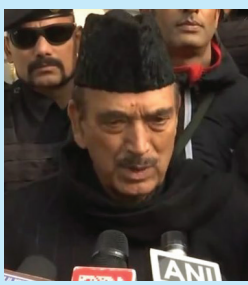
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Hope SC delivers verdict in favour of people of J&K: Ghulam Nabi Azad on Article 370 petitions

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SRINAGAR, DEC 10

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad expressed hope on Sunday that the Supreme Court will deliver a

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Lt Governor attends closing ceremony of State level Yuva Utsav: India@2047

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JAMMU, DEC 10

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the closing ceremony of State level Yuva Utsav: India@2047, at Government MAM College, today. The two-day event was organised by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the winners under various categories including Painting, Poetry, Declamation, Photogra-



phy and Culture. He commended the endeavour to integrate five youth centric programmes for this year's Yuva Utsav inspired by Panch Pran of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. "Youth power is the greatest asset of our country. They have

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PM Modi to launch 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' today

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NEW DELHI, DEC 10

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' via video-conferencing on Monday. During the programme, Modi will also address vice-chancellors of universities, heads of institutes and faculty members in workshops organised at Raj Bhawans across the country, which will symbolise the start of the initiative, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Sunday. The PMO said Modi's



vision is to actively involve the younger generation in the formulation of national plans, priorities and goals for the country. "In line with this vision, 'Viksit Bharat @2047:

Voice of Youth' initiative will provide a platform to the youth of the country to contribute ideas to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047," it said,

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Peaceful struggle for restoration of rights of J&K people will continue: Omar Abdullah

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SRINAGAR, DEC 10

National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said on Sunday that his party will not disturb the peace in Jammu and Kashmir even in case of an adverse Supreme Court verdict on petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution. "The Supreme Court has to give its verdict, let it. If we had to disturb the situation, we would have done it after 2019. However, we said it then and we reiterate it now that our fight will be peaceful

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Chief Secretary takes onspot appraisal of works on NH-44

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UDHAMPUR/RAMBAN, DECEMBER 10

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today took on spot assessment of the road condition of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway besides visiting some prestigious project sites in twin districts of Udhampur and Ramban. At Ramban, the Chief Secretary took stock of pace and progress on National Highway-44 and other critical infrastructure under implementation in the District. Dulloo held an important meeting at Chan-



drkote, where senior officers including the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, SSP Traffic, Rohit Baskotra other sectoral

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Three men drown in river in Reasi

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JAMMU, DEC 10

Three men on board an earth mover drowned in a river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said on Sunday. The heavy vehicle belonging to a stone crusher was crossing a river near Sungri village of Chasana when it got submerged around 9 pm on Saturday, Station House Officer of local police station Inspector Suman Singh said. He said the bodies of Nitish Kumar (22), Hoshiyar Singh (25) and Rajinder Kumar (27) were recovered by the rescuers and handed over to their families after completion of legal formalities for last rites.

Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee calls on Lt Governor



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 10

S. Ajit Singh, Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan today. He apprised the Lt Governor on various issues pertaining to the Sikh community, including implementation of Anand Marriage Act in the UT, promotion of Punjabi Language in School Education, representation of Sikh community in Public Service Commission, etc. The Lt Governor assured the Chairman All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee of the appropriate redressal of the issues put forth by him during the interaction.

Udhampur achieves maximum saturation in central agriculture, health benefit schemes: Dr Jitendra

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, DEC 10

Udhampur district of Jammu & Kashmir has achieved maximum saturation in all the agriculture and health benefit schemes rolled out by the Central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking to the media after reviewing the implementation of various people welfare Central schemes in his Lok Sabha constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda, the Minister said, district Udhampur has always been ahead of others. Of the various agricul-



ture sector schemes, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that district Udhampur has achieved 100% saturation in PM Kisan Yojana by providing annual support of Rs.6,000 to 5,10,35 farmers. Similarly, 100% saturation has also been achieved by providing Kisan Credit Cards to 5,10,35 farmers, he added. As far as the Soil Health Card is concerned, the Minister said, he was glad to share that here too 100% saturation had been achieved by giving the benefit of the card to 63,880 agriculturists. The PM Maan Dhan Yojana has also achieved 100%

saturation by providing a monthly pension to 10,585 farmers above the age of 60, he said. On the health front, Dr Jitendra Singh disclosed that nearly 100% saturation had been achieved by providing Golden Cards for Ayushman Bharat insurance to 4,31,738 beneficiaries which amounts to 97.8% of the eligible target and 100% is expected to be met shortly. Dr Jitendra Singh conveyed his appreciation of the district administration of Udhampur and all the concerned departments for having moved on fast track to fulfil Prime

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Indian army's chinara corps officers visit injured J&K Police Personnel in Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DEC 10

Senior officers of the Chinara Corps visited 92 Base Hospital, BB Cantt and inquired about the well-being of injured Jammu and Kashmir police personnel, SGCT Hafiz Ahmed, who had sustained bullet injuries in an attack at

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Unabated freezing cold continue to grip Kashmir Valley

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DEC 10

Unabated cold continues to prevail in Kashmir valley with tourist hot spot Pahalgam remaining the coldest place with -5.5°C on Sunday. Meteorological office forecast weather to remain dry today, generally cloudy on December 11-12 and cloudy from December 13-16. "Overall, no significant weather activity and it is likely to remain dry and cold till December 16", the MeT office said and added "the minimum temperature may see a further fall during the period". After experiencing the coldest night of the



season at -4.6°C, Srinagar recorded a low of -4.4°C on Sunday and it was 3.8°C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. The maximum temperature recorded at Srinagar was 10.7°C and it was 0.5°C above normal on the previous day. Pahalgam remained the coldest place in the Kashmir valley with the minimum temperature slipping down to -5.5°C on Sunday against the -5.0°C recorded the previous night. It was 2.3°C below normal for the south Kash-

mir tourist hot spot. Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway recorded a further dip and recorded at -3.0°C against the -2.8°C the previous night and Kokernag had a low of -2.0°C against -2.3°C recorded a day ago. Gulmarg settled down at -4.2°C for the second consecutive day on Sunday and it was 0.5°C below normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir. The mercury at Kupwara further plummeting on Sunday and recorded at -3.4°C against -3.0°C recorded the previous night. It was 1.6°C below normal for the frontier north Kashmir district, the MeT office said.

VBSY Van reaches Panchayat Deherian and Budwal of Block Khour, spreads message of PM Modi

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 10

As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a special IEC van reached Panchayat Gigerial and Platan of Block Khour, today amid warm welcome by the members of the Swagat Committee, PRI Members in presence of Ex. MLA Krishan Lal Sharma, Block Development Officer Khour and officials of line departments and local public.

The VBSY Van, aims to spread the message of the 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 to the cause.

Earlier, the event began with the National Anthem and was followed by the cultural performances by the students of GHS Gigerial and Library Building

Platan, who showcased their talent and enthusiasm through songs, dances and skits.

The audience appreciated the performance of the young artists and encouraged them with applause.

Representatives of the line departments presented their stalls and explained the process of availing various schemes and programmes run by

the government for the public welfare. They also distributed pamphlets and brochures to the people and responded to their queries. At the event, the public availed free health care services under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Certificates were presented to Progressive Farmers 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.

Besides the scheduled activities, the departments highlighted the achievements made by them and also imparted knowledge of different schemes to the public.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra empowers Rajouri District with flagship Govt Schemes

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 10

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is gaining significant momentum in its mission to bring about a transformation in Rajouri District, ensuring comprehensive coverage under government schemes and uplifting the lives of its residents.

This visionary initiative is embarking on an extraordinary journey, reaching the unreached and achieving remarkable saturation of various government programs and initiatives, thereby catalyzing community empowerment and fostering lasting progress.

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

One of the notable achievements of the VBSY is the successful implementation of various government schemes in Rajouri District. These schemes, designed to enhance the quality of life and provide essential ser-



vices, have been effectively executed on the ground with exceptional success. As a result, the community has experienced tangible benefits and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives.

Today, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC vans traversed through the panchayats of Dharamsal, Balshama, Channi-A, Channi-B in Siot block, and Devak, Hathal-A, Changi Kangrial, and Nallah in Sunderbani block.

The impact of the Yatra extends beyond mere statistical figures and can be seen in the smiles on people's faces, improved access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, as well as the overall progress of Rajouri District. The meticulous planning and execution of this initiative have ensured its alignment with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY serves as a

symbol of progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

JKSSB OMR based written Test for Pyt Secretary posts conducted across 38 centres in Doda

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, DECEMBER 10

The JKSSB (Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board) on Sunday successfully conducted OMR based written Test for the Panchayat Secretary (VLW) 2023 posts in the designated examination centres spread across the district.

The Examination was conducted in 38 examination centres established in Doda, Bhaderwah, Thathri, and Assar areas of the district. A total of 5944 candidates appeared for the test. The successful completion of the examination indicates the efficiency and effectiveness of the conducting authority.

It was informed that out of 8845 registered



candidates, 5944 took the test while 2901 remained absent.

Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh inspected the examination centres to ensure smooth

conduct of examination. He expressed satisfaction over the process of conduct of the examination and applauded the efforts of the conducting team, including officers from dif-

ferent departments, Duty Magistrates, Observers, and Center Superintendents were deployed for conducting the examination in a transparent manner.

VBSY: IEC Van Traverses across Panchayats of Budhal, Budhal New Blocks in Rajouri District

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 10

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Van today traversed across Panchayats across Budhal Block and block Budhal New in Rajouri District.

The Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van traveled through the Panchayats of Sokar, Panihad, Kewal Tarran, and Phalni Panchayats in the Budhal Block and Budhal New areas of Rajouri District.

The primary objective of the yatra was to disseminate vital information and create awareness about different government schemes, ensuring that every deserving individual or community is informed and included.

A key aspect of the yatra is to facilitate direct interaction between the government and the beneficiaries. By sharing personal stories and experiences, this program provides a platform for individuals to voice their needs, concerns, and aspirations. This two-way communication not only helps the government gain a better understanding of the ground realities but also enables the identification and enrollment of potential beneficiaries based on the information gathered during the yatra.

The Viksit Bharat Yatra focuses on a range of



schemes targeted at both urban and rural areas. In urban areas, the yatra highlights schemes such as PM Svanidhi, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PM Mudra Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Start-up India/Stand-up India, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana (Urban), SBM (Urban), PM eBus Sewa, AMRUT, PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana, Ujjala Yojana, Subhagya Yojana, Digital Payment Infrastructure, Khelo India, RCS:UDAN, Vande Bharat Trains, and Amrit Bharat Station scheme. In rural areas,

the focus is on schemes such as Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, PMGKAY, DAY-NRLM, PM Awas Yojana Rural, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Kisan Samman, PM Vishwakarma, KCC, PM Poshan Abhiyan, IJM, and SVAMITVA.

The 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' stands as a firm commitment by the government to build a prosperous and equitable India. By promoting government schemes, creating awareness, and directly engaging with beneficiaries, the yatra aims to bring about posi-

tive change at the grassroots level, paving the way for an inclusive and developed nation.

As this yatra continues its journey across the country, it is expected to impact the lives of millions, ensuring their access to essential services, financial assistance, healthcare, housing, and more. The enthusiastic participation of the public demonstrates their collective commitment to building a brighter and more prosperous future, in line with the government's vision.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Ignites Enthusiasm, inspires people for prosperity across Doda

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, DECEMBER 10

District Doda is experiencing a transformative wave through the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. This initiative, spanning locations such as Marmat, Bhaderwah, Thathri, Bhagwah, Chiralla, Kahra, and Changa blocks, aims to raise awareness about government initiatives for the holistic development of the region.

The yatra left an indelible mark on the people across Roat-A, Barri, Ganika, Malwaas, N-Karyan, Diggi, Panshai Panchayats in Bhella block, Alingugot-A, Alingugot-B, and Halaran Panchayats.

Residents exhibited overwhelming enthusiasm and passion during the events, featuring vibrant cultural programs, sports activities, and showcases of various government-sponsored schemes on big LED screens.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra not only showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region but



also provided a platform to different government departments to display their flagship schemes and services.

The event, with lively cultural extravaganzas and the participation of esteemed personalities, fostered enthusiasm and active community participation in the nation's progress. Pledge ceremonies,

health checkup camps, and the display of government-sponsored schemes on big LED screens contributed to the yatra's comprehensive outreach efforts.

Panchayat-wise celebrations, including health checkup camps, cultural programs, and pledge ceremonies were held at various locations, empha-

sizing the importance of community engagement.

The yatra's success is evident in the active participation of front-line workers, local residents, and beneficiaries of government-sponsored schemes, highlighting its role in fostering development and awareness in District Doda.

VBSY spreads message of development at Sarain Panchayat in Samba District

JNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, DECEMBER 10

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, an impactful initiative aimed at promoting saturation of flagship schemes at the grassroots level, had a highly successful visit to Sarain Panchayat, Block Nud in Samba district today.

The Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van, effectively delivered the Prime Minister's vision, inspiring and motivating the local communities. The event was graced by the presence of DC Samba Abhishek



Sharma, SSP Samba Benam Tosh, BDO Nud Mukesh Sharma, Sarpanch Surinder Kumar Sharma,

other PRI members, and officials. Deputy Commissioner Samba felicitated the sports and women

achievers of the Panchayats and interacted with the beneficiaries of the Ladli Beti scheme. Property cards were also distributed to deserving recipients.

During the visit, DC Sharma took the initiative to inform the locals about the significant benefits of the Daksh Kisan portal for farmers. His inspection of various departmental stalls added to the overall success of the event.

Milestone Galore: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Marches across 6 more Panchayats in Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a visionary initiative, today extended its impact to encompass six additional panchayats in District Kishtwar. The IEC campaign visited Tiyari & Ishtayari Panchayats in Block Paddar; Panchayat Chatroo Lower-C & Chatroo Lower-A of Block Inderwal and Panchayat Trigam-A & Trigam -B of Block Trigam.

The ongoing series of diverse activities under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra have sparked enthusiastic participation from local residents, showcasing a collective eagerness to witness the tangible effects of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in alignment with the spirit of VBSY. Notable highlights of the engagement included a warm reception for the "Bharat Viksit Van," the broadcast of a recorded message from the Prime Minister, Sankalp (pledges) by attendees and the poignant sharing of success stories by beneficiaries of these schemes through the 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' initiative.

The agenda encompassed informative sessions such as Satat Krishi Activities, interactive dialogues with progressive farmers focusing on Natural Farming & Soil Health Card, and captivating cultural performances including 'Dharti Kahe Pukar



ke' along with Swachata songs, featuring women SHG Members, school students, and local artists.

Furthermore, the event also hosted engaging activities such as on-the-spot quizzes, the recognition and rewarding of women achievers and local sports persons, and the celebration of remarkable

milestones achieved by Gram Panchayats, including 100% digitization of land records, ODF+ status, and the successful saturation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

Complementing the enriching activities were on-spot services like health camps conducting TB Screening and Sickle Cell Anaemia Screening in

Tribal Areas, enrollment and biometric authentication for PM Ujjwala, and the enlistment of MY BHARAT volunteers.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues to resonate with the aspirations of local communities, fostering a collaborative spirit towards sustainable progress and development.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra spreads message of development across Akhnoor block

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 10

As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, several activities were organised in different panchayats of Akhnoor today. The Yatra aims to spread awareness about government schemes and programs and encourage public participation in building a developed India.

At Panchayat Dhok Jagir, a special VBSY van reached the village and was welcomed by a Swagat Committee comprising PRI members and local residents. Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, Sarpanch-Prabh Dayal, Panches, besides government functionaries including Tehsil Supply Officer, Pradeep Balgotra, officers from different departments and others were also present.



The VBSY Van displayed a video message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging people to take a pledge for the country's progress and prosperity. The audience took the Sankalp and expressed their commitment to the cause.

Students of GHS Dhok Jagir showcased their talent through cultural performances. The MP distributed Ayushman Cards among beneficiaries and felicitated students and players with medals for their achievements.

Representatives of various departments presented their stalls and provided information about government schemes and programs. They also distributed pamphlets and brochures and answered queries from the public.

At Panchayat Kaink Jagir, the yatra was welcomed at Government High School Sohal. Sarpanch, Kishori Lal, Block Development Officer Akhnoor, Rupinder Kaur, Principal of GHSS Sohal, Dr. Madhu Sharma, and PRI members were also

present at the event. Various departments, including Health, Social Welfare, NRHM, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Industrial & Commerce, ICDS, Revenue and RDD had set up stalls at the venue. Students of the school participated in a cultural program, presenting colourful items and patriotic songs. Block Development Officer Rupinder Kaur felicitated the students with trophies and medals. Free health care services were provided under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana at both locations. The VBSY Yatra received a positive response from the locals, who gained valuable knowledge and awareness about government schemes. The Yatra successfully delivered the message of development and reached out to the unreachable population.

9,174 aspirants take test for Panchayat Secretary posts in Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 10

The OMR-based examination for the posts of Panchayat Secretary, conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), concluded smoothly today in Rajouri. The district witnessed a turnout of 9,174 candidates out of 13,248 applicants appearing for the exams across 38 centers. Deputy Commission-

er Rajouri, Vikas Kundal undertook an inspection of the examination centers across the district. He was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria.

Centers visited by the Deputy Commissioner included Govt PG College Rajouri, Govt. Boys Hr. Sec School Rajouri, Govt Girls Hr. Sec School Rajouri, DS Institution of Education Dhanore Rajouri, MIE Fetehpur Rajouri, and

Himalayan Degree College Thandikassi Rajouri.

During the visit, the DC inquired about the facilities made available to the candidates, focusing on essential aspects such as seating arrangements, cleanliness, provision of drinking water and electricity.

The concerned officers informed him that elaborate arrangements have been put in place to ensure the smooth conduct of the

examination at all centers.

The successful completion of the Panchayat Secretary exam in Rajouri is a testament to the meticulous planning and dedicated efforts of the JKSSB and the district administration. The Deputy Commissioner expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made for the examination and commended the stakeholders involved for their hard work and dedication.

DC Budgam visits various SSRB examination centres



JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, DECEMBER 10

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today along with SSP Budgam inspected various examination centres set up for conduct of Panchayat Secretary SSRB examination across the district.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gilani, ADC Budgam, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah and concerned Magistrates and Superintendents.

Among other examination centres, the DC visited HSS BK Pora, HSS Chadoora, SAM Degree College Budgam and Spring Buds School

Ompora, where he took stock of arrangements and conduct of examination.

The DC took stock of overall arrangements including transport, seating, security, deployment of designated staff and availability of drinking water facility at all centres.

Pertinent to mention, as many as 41 examination centres were established across Budgam District, where aspirants appeared in the SSRB's Panchayat Secretary examination.

Besides a strong room facility was also set up at District headquarter where dispatch of the sensitive material was conducted under proper security and hassle-free.

VBSY Van reaches Panchayat Jagti and Chibba of Block Nagrota, spreads message of PM Modi

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 10

As part of the ongoing VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA, a special van reached Panchayat Jagti and Chibba of Block Nagrota, today amid warm welcome by the local people, PRIs INCLUDING Sarpanch Abha Jamwak of Jagti and Nirmala Devi of Chibba.

Block Development Officer Nagrota, Shalini Raina along with officers of Line Department viz. CDO Pansal, R.S Jamwal, Tehsildar Kohli, Naib Tehsildar, TSWO,

field Officials of different departments interacted with the people and dispensed varied services

The message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his vision of making India a developed nation by 2047 was screened on a big LED mounted on the VBSY Van.

Through the inspiring message, the PM urged 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 and expressed their commitment to the cause.

The event began with

the National Anthem, followed by the cultural performances by the students of GHS Jagti, who showcased their talent and enthusiasm through songs, dances and skits.

During the event the audience appreciated the efforts of the young artists and encouraged them with applause.

Representatives of the line departments explained the benefits of the schemes and programmes run by the government for the public welfare through the respective stalls established at the venue. They

also distributed pamphlets and brochures among the people and responded to their queries.

As the event progressed, the public avail free health care services under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Progressive Farmers to recognise their contribution to the Agriculture sector. Sanction letters for old age and widow pensions were also handed over to the deserving applicants on the Spot.

DC Bandipora inspects JKSSRB examination centres



JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 10

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Sunday inspected various examination centres established for the OMR based examination conducted by J&K Services Selection Recruitment Board for the posts of Panchayat Secretary/ Village Level Worker (VLW).

During the course of inspection, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the arrangements made for the aspirants.

In all, 21 examination centres were established

by the district administration across the district for conducting SSRB Examination. The flying squad teams were also constituted for the supervision during the examination & ensuring smooth conduct of examination.

The DC, during his visit to the examination centres, expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place for the convenience of the aspirants.

During inspection, he directed the concerned to ensure that the exams are conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

VBSY held in 08 Panchayats of Block Behibagh, Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continued on 16th day in the district, as IEC campaign in 08 more panchayats of Behibagh block was organised today.

Panchayat Halqas including Dessand, Hanjan, Yamrech- A & B, Hangal Bush, Katapora, Kangikulla and Matibug were covered on 16th day of the Yatra with events witnessing enthusiastic and vibrant participation of stakeholders. 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 demo is also being conducted in various places as

part of the yatra showcasing the effective use of technology to enhance agricultural productivity.

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

During the yatra Officers and officials continued to aware people about government schemes and interacted with people and motivated them to register for schemes and get benefits under various employment and welfare based schemes.

Welfare, employment, insurance, social security and income generation based schemes were highlighted by all departments who had installed stalls.

VBSY held in Herman block of Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, today was held at Panchayat Halqas Chakoora, Chaki Sidiq Khan, Check Chullan, Reshipora, Chotigam and Herman of Hermain block, amid a warm welcome by the locals and PRI Members.

During the programme, the officers of the line departments underscored the importance of bringing Government schemes closer to communities, igniting a spirit of development.

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.

During the day several sports events and cultural programmes were presented by the students in these Panchayats who participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm through songs, dances and skits thereby fostering a sense of unity and celebration.

The people of these Panchayats were made aware of the Government and centrally sponsored schemes in these Panchayats which include, PM Awas Yojna, PM Kisan, KCC, Ujjwala, Umeed, PM Garib Kalyan, etc. meant for the overall benefit of the downtrodden and poor.

OMR-based Panchayat Secretary examination conducted successfully in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 10

The Service Selection Board Examination (SSB) for recruitment of Panchayat Secretary concluded smoothly across the district today here.

The Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir and Additional District Development Commissioner, Mush-taq Ahmad Simnani visited the examination centres set up in the district to take stock

of facilities and arrangements put in place for smooth and transparent conduct of written examinations.

The written examination for Panchayat Secretary concluded smoothly at all 15 designated centers across the district.

The DC on the occasion enquired about the facilities made available for the students like seating, cleanliness, drinking water, lighting and heating in examination halls.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
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Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-29/12/2023 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 this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in				
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1	341-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Improvement & provision of basic amenities at DEMU car shed at Budgam and Improvement of 6 nos. existing RPF barracks of Kashmir valley i.e RPF barracks built at Baramulla, Mazhom, Pampore, Bijbehara, Anantnag and Qazigund Railway stations in BAHL-BRML section.		
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	1,42,90,286.91/-	2,21,500/-	60 Days	12 Months
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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

SC to pronounce...

on September 5 after a 16-day hearing. During the hearing, the top court heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the intervenors defending the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370.

Senior advocates, including Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramaniam, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah and Dushyant Dave, had argued on behalf of the petitioners.

The lawyers had dwelt on various issues, including the constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370, the validity of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, which split the erstwhile state into two Union territories, challenges to the imposition of the governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20, 2018 and the imposition of the president's rule on December 19, 2018 and its extension on July 3, 2019.

The petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the validity of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 that divided the erstwhile state into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were referred to the Constitution bench in 2019.

The arguments in the matter had commenced on August 2.

During the hearing, the apex court had asked who can recommend the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir when no constituent Assembly, the concurrence of which is required before taking such a step, exists there.

The top court had also asked how can a provision (Article 370), which was specifically mentioned as temporary in the Constitution, become permanent after the tenure of the Jammu and Kashmir constituent Assembly came to an end in 1957.

Some of the petitioners opposing the repeal of Article 370 had argued that the provision could not have been abrogated as the term of the Jammu and Kashmir constituent Assembly ended in 1957 after it drafted the erstwhile state's Constitution.

With the constituent Assembly having become extinct, Article 370 acquired a permanent status, they had said.

The Centre had argued that there was no "constitutional fraud" in annulling the provision that accorded the special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. (Agencies)

Hope SC delivers...

verdict in favour of the people here on a bunch of petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution in 2019.

"I have said it earlier ... there are only two (institutions) that can return articles 370 and 35A to the people of Jammu and Kashmir - Parliament and the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court bench is non-partisan and we hope that it will give a decision in favour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Azad told reporters here.

Azad, who floated the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) after parting ways with the Congress, said he cannot foresee Parliament reversing the decisions taken on August 5, 2019 as it would require a two-thirds majority in the Lok Sabha.

"To return Article 370 and Article 35A would require 350 seats (in the Lok Sabha). Any regional party in Jammu and Kashmir can get three, four or a maximum of five seats. That would not be enough. I do not see the opposition mustering such numbers. (Prime Minister Narendra) Modiji had the majority, but he did not do it. So it is only the Supreme Court that can do it," he said.

Azad said the people of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of their religion or ethnicity, have an emotional attachment with the special provisions of the Constitution that were repealed four years ago.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir are attached to Article 370 and Article 35A, not politically but emotionally. It is important that these (provisions) are restored for securing our present and future," he said.

The former Union minister pointed out that the special provisions were enacted by Maharaja Hari Singh in 1925 to protect the land and jobs for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"These provisions found a place in the Constitution of the country after independence in the form of Article 35A. So many governments came and went over the last 100 years and no one felt the need to change it," he added. (Agencies)

Lt Governor attends...

courage to stand alone against all odds and challenges without any fear and always ready to provide new ideas and new initiatives for the betterment of the society," the Lt Governor said.

He said the creativity, charisma and hard work of youth is the formidable force that is setting new agenda of development. The new ideas and conviction is stimulating various sectors and contributing to new discoveries and innovation, he added.

The Lt Governor emphasized the need to harness the vibrant energy of youth to achieve the constructive goals.

"Youth is the most powerful tool to shape the better future and usher in socio-economic revolution," the Lt Governor said.

Initiative, leadership, self-confidence, persistence, imagination and courage to learn from failure are rare qualities of youth, which influences the society and opens the door of new possibilities in developmental journey, he said.

At Yuva Utsav, the Lt Governor motivated the youth to rededicate themselves towards realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Future belongs to India and our youth. I am confident that the youth will lead the world to build a prosperous society, he said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated the winners and jury members of the Yuva Utsav.

Sh Nisar Ahmed, Director Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh presented a detailed report on the competitions held in connection with

Yuva Utsav across the UT.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Sh Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sh Shakti Pathak, DIG Jammu -Samba -Kathua Range; senior officials, prominent personalities, youth and people in large number were present.

PM Modi to launch...

adding that the workshops will be a key step towards initiating the process of engaging youngsters to share their ideas and suggestions for making India a developed country by 2047. (Agencies)

Peaceful struggle...

and in accordance with the Constitution, taking help of the law for protecting our rights and preserving our identity.

"What is wrong in it? Don't we have a right to say this in a democracy? Can't we raise objections in a democracy? If others can talk, why not us?" Abdullah asked at a party convention at Rafiabad in Baramulla district.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict on Monday on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370.

The Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370, which bestowed a special status on Jammu and Kashmir, on August 5, 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories.

Abdullah said NC leaders are being summoned to police stations since Saturday night and intimidated.

"The Supreme Court has not passed a verdict yet. How do you know what is the verdict? May be it is in our favour. Then what is the need to call my party colleagues to police stations? They are being called to police stations since Saturday night and threatened. They are being told that they should not write this or that on social media. Are these threats only for the NC? Tell me whether you have called a BJP leader (to a police station). Allah willing, if the verdict goes against them (Bharatiya Janata Party), what will you do if they start writing against it on Facebook?" Abdullah asked.

He said there is no justification for putting curbs on NC leaders as they have always been votaries for peace.

"We never asked youngsters to hurl stones.... In fact, (NC president) Farooq Abdullah told people that he was willing to step down as the chief minister if they did not like him but not to bring guns here," the former Union minister said.

He also said police should trust the people of the region as no one wants to disturb the peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, talking to reporters, Abdullah said the NC had approached the apex court against the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 with the hope of getting justice.

"We had knocked on the doors of the Supreme Court with the hope of getting justice and that sentiment persists even today," he said. AGENCIES

Chief Secretary takes...

officers besides key project directors attended the meeting.

After the meeting, the Chief Secretary physically inspected challenging spots on the National Highway, such as Dalwas and other spots in Ramban area.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mr. Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary provided detailed insights into the status of the National Highway, focusing on the 66 km stretch between Nashri -Navyug tunnel. The Chief Secretary was apprised of completion dates for various tunnels and received updates on the cooperation extended by the district administration to NHAL.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban also highlighted the imminent completion of the Railway line in the district and briefed the Chief Secretary about the Sawalakote Hydroelectric project, a monumental initiative currently undergoing environmental impact assessment.

Shifting the focus to social indicators, the Chief Secretary was briefed on efforts to enhance girl child education in the Ramban district. The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, with substantial participation from youth and women. He was assured that the team of District Administration Ramban aims to saturate all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district by December 2025.

On addressing the road safety concerns, the Chief Secretary directed the SSP Traffic, Ramban to intensify the surveillance and laid stress on displaying zero-tolerance towards repeated traffic violators. Additionally, he urged the National Highway Project Director to focus on critical spots causing traffic bottlenecks during peak season.

Emphasizing the need for addressing drug addiction the Chief Secretary directed the SSP Ramban to maintain a close vigil on such illicit trade for its effective control.

Earlier on the day the Chief Secretary conducted a comprehensive tour of District Udhampur, focusing on the works going on holy Devika River and construction of Government Medical College (GMC) here.

The Chief Secretary inspected Devika Ghat, inspected the prestigious Devika project in toto and conducted a site visit of the operational Sewage Treatment Plant-II and beautification of Devika Ghat.

The Chief Secretary also conducted inspection of various sections of the Government Medical College and Associated Hospital. He assessed the recent specialised surgeries performed in the institution along with the position of the existing staff strength in the hospital.

Accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Sh. Ramesh Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Ms. Saloni Rai, the Chief Secretary visited the construction sites of the 200-bedded teaching district hospital, the makeshift building of GMC Udhampur.

During his visit Dulloo directed the Principal GMC Udhampur to ensure quality service, minimize referral cases, and to create a conducive environment for the students undergoing training here.

The Chief Secretary also inquired about the availability of medicines, diagnostics, and facilities at the Associated Hospital of the medical college. He inspected various sections, including classrooms and labs to take assessment of facilities provided there. Interacting with

DGP J&K visits Martyr Insp. Masroor's home expresses condolences

J1NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DEC 10

The Director General of Police, J&K, Shri R.R. Swain paid a solemn visit to the home of the martyr Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani in Srinagar today and expressed deep condolences and shared grief with the bereaved family.

DGP was accompanied by ADGP Law and Order Shri Vijay Kumar, IG Kashmir Shri V. K. Birdi and other officers to share the grief of the family. The DGP met the father and other



members of the family and conveyed that J&K Police family will remember the supreme sacrifice of the martyr for decades to come. He assured that the institutional strength of J&K Police will take care of the family.

The DGP J&K conveyed the unwavering support and gratitude of the entire law enforcement community for the ultimate sacrifice made by the martyr. He alongwith the officers prayed for the peace of martyr. R. R. Swain

along with other officers also visited Military Hospital BB Cantt. Srinagar to enquire about the health of the injured Police Selection Grade Constable Mohammad Hafeez who was fired upon by terrorist yesterday evening on his right arm and right side abdomen.

The DGP met the doctors treating the official and impressed for all possible treatment for his early recovery. He assured the injured that all possible help and assistance will be provided.

R3A Karate Academy organised Belt Promotion Test

J1NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

R3A Karate Academy organised Belt Promotion Test on 10th December 2023 under the banner of Universal Karate do Federation of J&K affiliated with Amateur Karate do Association of J&K. The test was conducted under the guidance of Instructor Sensei Pooja Sharma 3rd Dan black belt, National Senior Player Priya Sharma and Examiner Shihan Rajan Jamwal 5th Dan black



belt, President Universal Karate do Federation of India. Students promoted to next level are Omaha, Yuvaan, Baby Ustat, Asad-

haya, Ahaeli, Bhagyam and Vivek promoted to Yellow belt, Yuvraj, Ayushman, Harshit, Medhansh, Tri-

mann, Shezan, Mehrz, and

Ridhanveer promoted to orange belt, Hamaad promoted to green belt whereas Taaksharya and Evelyn promoted to purple belt.

the staff, he received briefings on lab tests, procedures, equipment availability of CT scan, and surgical procedures done in the hospital.

Udhampur achieves...

Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to his countrymen. He also praised the BJP Karyakartas and the elected representatives for their proactive role in ensuring the implementation of the central welfare schemes and also reaching out to the people in every Panchayat by associating themselves with "Modi ki Guarantee wali Gadi"

Pertinent to mention that for the last 3 to 4 years Udhampur has been consecutively securing rank 1 or one of the top 3 ranks among all the districts of the country in the implementation of Central PMGSY road projects.

North India's first river rejuvenation project "Devika", said Dr Jitendra Singh, is complete for inauguration and we shall be requesting Prime Minister Modi to inaugurate it. The Devika project was launched also by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he recalled.

Dr Jitendra Singh said before 2014, this district suffered discrimination in the hands of the ruling parties because of vote bank consideration. As a result, it was ignored with respect to development and also in providing to the people benefits through the government resources. He said, it was only after Shri Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister that the region has witnessed fast track development and every household is receiving the benefit of the various schemes initiated by Prime Minister Modi.

Today, said Dr Jitendra Singh, there is a network of roads being established even in far flung hilly terrains of Udhampur and in some of the peripheral villages, where people had never seen an automobile or a transport vehicle, are today plying on roads on scooter, motor cycle and motor car. Asia's longest road tunnel was also inaugurated here by Prime Minister Modi, which takes off from Chenani and is the first such project to be named after Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, he added. Similarly, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Udhampur railway station has been expanded and is possibly the first railway station of the country to be named after a martyr soldier Captain Tushar Mahajan. With the Kashmir Valley soon to be linked by railway with the rest of the country in next few months, Udhampur is going to emerge as the most important railway junction in North India, he said and added that we have already demanded that a full fledged Division Headquarters of Railways be set up at Udhampur.

Dr Jitendra Singh also referred to the Government Medical College Udhampur which was also allotted from central funds by the Modi government and is one of the three centrally funded Medical colleges in this Lok Sabha constituency, which is possibly the only constituency to have got three centrally funded Medical Colleges in a single term.

Dr Jitendra Singh also disclosed that he has asked the district administration to take active steps to promote one district one product "Kalari" and plan holding a "Kalari Food Festival" in near future.

Indian army's chinar...

Bemina, Srinagar, on Saturday, according to an official statement by the Indian Army.

"COS, HQ Chinar Corps, visited 92 Base Hospital, BB Cantt and inquired about the well-being of injured Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel, SGCT Hafiz Ahmed, who had sustained bullet injuries in an attack at Bemina, Srinagar, on December 9. Chinar Warriors wish him good health and a speedy recovery," the Indian Army's Chinar Corps said in a post on 'X'.

Ahmed was injured after being shot at by terrorists at Hamdaniya colony in the Bemina area of Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar on Saturday.



Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir, Vice-Chairman District Development Council Kupwara called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra kicks off at Block Ganderbal



J1NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) today covered 6 Panchayats of block Ganderbal.

Six Panchayats of block Ganderbal which were covered under VBSY today include Rangil, Baba Daryadin, Khalmulla, Buserbugh, Shahpur and Buderbund.

The IEC Vans navigated through these Panchayats equipped with audio-visual facilities engaged residents, and disseminated knowledge on government initiatives. The resonant message from the Prime Minister inspired active participation in the nation's holistic development.

In these Panchayats beneficiaries shared success stories through "Meri

Kahani Meri Zubani," spotlighting the advantages of PMAY Yojna, Ayushman Bharat Schemes, Ujjwala Scheme, KCC, and other flagship programs, expressing gratitude for government initiatives.

Participants pledged their commitment to today include Rangil, symbolizing their dedication to comprehensive national development and community upliftment.

Pertinently, the initiative aims to drive awareness and participation in various government schemes, ensuring their optimal reach among targeted beneficiaries within specific timelines.

The enthusiastic engagement of locals including PRI underscored strong community support for the nation's development.

DLSA, Srinagar, Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Forum celebrate World Human Rights Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 10

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, joined hands with the Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Forum HQ-Delhi (JK Unit) to mark the global celebration of World Human Rights.

The event was held in the Conference Hall of DLSA, Srinagar, witnessing the presence of distinguished personalities, dedicated volunteers, and esteemed participants.

The program was organized under the able guidance and supervision of Chairman DLSA, (PDJ) Srinagar Jawad Ahmed.

The event witnessed the convergence of minds committed to upholding the fundamental principles enshrined in human rights, where Secretary DLSA, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, shed light on the intrinsic relation between Human Rights and the Indian Constitution. He



emphasized that Human rights are the bedrock of a fair and just society, and our Constitution stands as a testament to our commitment towards safeguarding these rights for all. This collaborative initiative exemplifies our collective resolve to promote and protect these fundamental principles. The program also witnessed the participation of Mudasar Naiko, President of the Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Forum

HQ-Delhi (JK Unit), who has been instrumental for the cause of human rights and other social issues.

Suhaila Ali, Panel Lawyer of DLSA, Srinagar, shared invaluable insights, igniting discussions on the practical aspects of human rights and their relevance in today's socio-legal landscape. Neelofar, Para Legal Volunteer of DLSA, Srinagar brought a grassroots perspective, underscoring the significance of community engagement in safe-

guarding these rights.

The event witnessed active participation from staff members of DLSA, Srinagar, volunteers from the Human Rights & Anti-Corruption Forum HQ-Delhi (JK Unit) and para legal volunteers of DLSA, Srinagar.

Their collective efforts further amplified the resonance of this crucial dialogue on human rights. Sunila, Jr. LA of DLSA Srinagar moderated the proceedings of the event.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra enthusiastically engages people in Pulwama District

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, DECEMBER 10

Continuing its Celebrations of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, District Pulwama has achieved a commendable milestone by covering 158 Panchayats since its inception on November 25, 2023. This ambitious journey has successfully brought the transformative power of government schemes directly to the grassroots.

The celebrations resonated with the Prime Minister's message, amplifying the impact on the people who embraced the main motive wholeheartedly. The cultural festivities, including "Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke," added a vibrant touch to the event, reflecting the rich cultural tapestry of the region.

Since its initiation, the Yatra has seamlessly integrated on-the-spot services, resonating with the locals who actively participated in the celebration. The enthusiasm among the residents was overwhelming as they experienced firsthand the positive impact of various government schemes, narrated vividly under the initiative "Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani."

The event showcased the real stories of individuals whose lives underwent profound transformations through the implementation of diverse schemes. Beneficiaries from various government departments were felicitated, highlighting the tangible benefits that these schemes have brought to the community.

The Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van, adorned



with the message and motto of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, continued its journey through the panchayats. This mobile awareness unit played a pivotal role in disseminating information about the ongoing Yatra, ensuring that more people are

informed and engaged in the journey towards a developed Bharat.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is not just a journey; it is a commitment to fostering development, reaching every corner, and improving lives at the grassroots level while

ensuring "No one is left out" of positive impact of pro-people Govt. Schemes. As it progresses through Pulwama and beyond, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra stands as a testament to the collective effort in building a better, more prosperous Nation.

VBSY Reaches 20 More Panchayats in Wagoor B'la

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) reached in twenty more Panchayats including Uthoora, Kachumuqam, Vizer in block Wagoor of Baramulla District to sensitize the people, besides saturating the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in every nook and corner of the Block.

IEC Vans accorded a rousing welcome by PRIs, senior citizens, youth, and local residents on its arrival in almost 20 Panchayats of Block Wagoor.

Officers and officials engaged people with knowledge enriching audio-video material displayed on screen mounted on IEC Van.

With enthusiastic participation from diverse stakeholders, the campaign is effectively disseminating important information about government schemes, fostering heightened awareness among the public.

The day unfolded with Health camps, Vibrant Cultural Performances,



and outreach activities in these Panchayats, delivering on-the-spot services to the community. The primary objective of this outreach initiative is to

empower citizens, encouraging them to actively contribute to the country's development.

The day's events included a series of enlightening

lectures on various government welfare schemes and sports activities, shaping a comprehensive and impactful approach to community development.

DC, SSP Bandipora hold interaction with Civil Society, Traders, Transporters



JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 10

The District Administration of Bandipora Sunday organized a consultative interaction, bringing together members of the civil society, traders, and transport associations to foster open dialogue and collaboration for the betterment of the community. The interaction was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad. SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi besides others were also present on the occasion.

The interaction aimed to create a platform for constructive discussions, allowing stakeholders to voice their concerns, share insights, and contribute to the decision-making process.

Key representatives from various segments of society actively participated in the session, engaging in fruitful discussions on issues ranging from local development initiatives to

concerns related to trade and transportation.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora said that the diverse range of perspectives brought forth during the interaction will play a pivotal role in shaping future policies and initiatives for the benefit of the entire district.

He expressed gratitude for the active participation and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing community challenges.

Dr Owais said the District Administration acknowledges the vital role played by civil society, traders, and transporters in the socio-economic fabric of Bandipora. Through such dialogues, the administration seeks to strengthen its ties with these crucial stakeholders, ensuring that their voices are not only heard but also incorporated into the decision-making process.

Participants on the occasion thanked district administration for providing them with a platform to apprise them about their issues and demands.

Panchayat Secretary Examination successfully conducted in Pulwama



JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, DECEMBER 10

In a significant display of commitment to academic excellence and the welfare of aspirants, District Administration Pulwama orchestrated the seamless conduct of the Panchayat Secretary examination held by Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) across 29 centres in District Pulwama. This endeavor, marked by meticulous planning and execution, was a result of collaborative efforts between the District Administration, educational institutions, and various stakeholders.

Preparations for the examination were marked by series of stakeholders meetings, advance visits to all the centres by logistic arrangements and a seamless coordination

between different departments.

To ensure transparent and fair examination District administration Pulwama had installed CCTV cameras across examination centres in addition to dedicated manpower for round the clock videography. All the deployed personnel were provided special identity cards to ensure only authorised personnel had the access in centres.

Magistrate and observers monitored whole examination process.

Unprecedented safety and security arrangements were put in place for the ease of aspirants. All the examination material dispatch and receipt was entrusted to dedicated Magistrates and police officers for each centre.

This robust participation rate underscores the Government's unwavering dedication to facilitating a conducive environment for successful and fair examination.

Panchayat Secretary exam held smoothly at 35 centers in Kulgam



JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, DECEMBER 10

The OMR based examination for the posts of Panchayat Secretary conducted by JKSSB concluded smoothly today here at Kulgam. As many as 6033 candidates appeared in the said exams at 35 centers in the district.

Meanwhile to ensure smooth conduct of exams and to have first-hand appraisal of the facilities made available for aspirants, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today inspected various examination centers setup in the district.

On the occasion, he

enquired about the facilities made available for the candidates including seating arrangement, cleanliness, drinking water and electricity.

The concerned officers informed that elaborated arrangements were put in place to ensure smooth conduct of examination across all the centers.

DMO Pulwama takes action on Illegal Mining in District

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, DECEMBER 10

In a robust response to the issue of illegal mining, the District Mining Officer (DMO) of Pulwama, along with enforcement team conducted a targeted operation today resulting in the apprehension and seizure of one JCB and two Tractors engaged in unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals at Larkipora Awantipora.

The proactive stance taken by the DMO and the team underscores the District Administration's commitment to environmental sustainability and the preservation of natural resources. The seized equipment serves as tangible evidence of the authority's commitment to curb illicit activities that pose a threat to the ecological balance of the region.

EDITORIAL

Ladakh's giant leap
in fund utilization

Despite tough geographical terrains, limited working season and other logistical hiccups, Ladakh, the land of high passes, has considerably improved its capacity of utilization of funds during the last and current financial years, indicating that the pace of development has picked up. According to the latest data released by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the utilization of funds has improved substantially in the financial year 2022-23 as compared to the financial year 2021-22. Expenditure of Rs 479.66 crores (70.15%) was incurred in the financial year 2022-23 out of the budget estimates of Rs 5958 crores as compared to Rs 3795.78 crores (63.71%) in the financial year 2021-22. After getting the status of Union Territory in August 2019, there were high hopes that the Centre-run administration would change the landscape of Ladakh and bring it to the infrastructure development map of the country. But the initial hiccups and administrative inertia caught the region that led to less expenditure of the allocated budget of around Rs 6,000 crore after 2019. A parliamentary panel on Home Affairs had said that Ladakh with its extreme climate and difficult terrain has a limited working season of 6 to 8 months and developmental projects depend mainly on migrant labour. The UT administration has improved the pace of development in Ladakh where the utilization of funds have improved substantially with spending reaching up to over 70 percent of its allocated budget in the last fiscal year as compared to just 39 percent expenditure during the financial year 2020-21. The Centre had been allocating Rs 5,958 crore for the Union Territory of Ladakh in the annual budget every year since 2021-22 but the administration, in the initial years, faced problems to spend the allocated budget owing to several reasons varying from "less expenditure" to short working seasons, unavailability of technical field staff, lack of labour and contractors and COVID-19. Till July 31 this year, the UT administration has managed to spend Rs 867.66 crore against the allocated budget of Rs 5,958 crore for the current financial year. As a result of the government's endeavors, a government statement said the utilization of funds has improved substantially in the financial year 2022-23 as compared to the financial year 2021-22 and financial year 2020-21. Expenditure of Rs 4,179.66 crores (70.15 percent) was incurred in the financial year 2022-23 out of the allocation of Budget Estimates of Rs 5,958 crores as compared to an expenditure of Rs 3,795.78 crores (63.71 percent) in the financial year 2021-22 and Rs 2,374.00 crores (39.84 percent) in the financial year 2020-21. Now, the government has been making all endeavors to spend funds on priority. For optimum utilization of funds, the Government has taken a number of steps such as authorization of Annual Action Plan in the month of April every financial year, release of funds to the line departments in the beginning of the financial year, instructions to the departments of the UT of Ladakh to prepare plan for all construction works in advance, delegation of financial powers to officers in remote areas, introduction of Ladakh Integrated Financial Management System, Public Financial Management System and Project Management. There are still some sectors where there is a need to push infra development and the UT administration should seriously look into the performance of these sectors.

SC should declare poll freebies a corrupt practice

UTTAM GUPTA

Taking a cue from the practice of mesmerizing voters with freebies - an acronym for "something is given free of charge" - started by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the February 2020 Delhi elections, early this year, in Karnataka elections, the grand old party (GOP) gave five guarantees (a more respectable nomenclature for freebies) on a grand scale. These delivered the intended result. In the just concluded elections in Madhya Pradesh (MP), Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana, the guarantees have occupied the centre stage in the manifestos of all parties expanding their 'scope' and 'scale'. Apart from free electricity, subsidized gas cylinders, free smartphones and tablets, free education/access to English-medium schools, OPS (old pension scheme) etc, the parties have tried to outsmart each other by promising cash transfers. In Rajasthan, the GOP promised Rs 10,000 every year to the female head of the family under the Griha Lakshmi Yojana. In MP, BJP has promised Rs 1,250 per month under Ladli Behna Yojana; the amount will gradually be hiked to Rs 3,000 per month. Additionally, under the Ladli Lakshmi Yojana, girls will get Rs 200,000/- till they get married. In Chhattis-

garh, the BJP has promised Rs 12,000 per year to married women under the 'Mahtari Vandan Scheme'. In Telangana, the GOP has gone a step ahead by promising 10 grams of gold in addition to Rs 100,000/- cash to women getting married.

In the past, farm loan waivers have been a favourite with most parties. This time, they have also gone for a hefty increase in the minimum support price (MSP) for farmers. In MP, BJP has promised MSP of wheat at Rs 2,700 per quintal - 27 per cent higher than the current Rs 2,125 per quintal (fixed by the Centre). For paddy, it has promised an MSP of Rs 3,100 per quintal - 42 per cent higher than the current level of Rs 2,183 per quintal; ditto in Chhattisgarh.

The guarantees are being justified as welfare schemes. This is a farce. A welfare scheme is rooted in three basics viz. the state assistance goes to persons who are poor and primarily focused on bare essentials such as food, fuel, water, housing, education and health; it should be backed by well-orchestrated efforts to garner revenue so that budgetary position is not destabilized; finally, it is given for a 'limited period' after which the beneficiaries should stand on their own.

Mooted with an eye

on winning elections, freebies defy these cardinal principles. Barring a few instances where the poor tag is appended to the Scheme, most of them are given to all and sundry. The parties promising these freebies don't even make an assessment of the funding required for making efforts to garner resources. Finally, no party ever whispers about exiting from the scheme.

In such a scenario, destabilisation of the State budgets is inevitable. In Karnataka, the five guarantees promised by the GOP imposed additional liabilities of around Rs 62,000 crore thereby doubling its fiscal deficit (FD) to over Rs 120,000 crore. The precariousness of the situation can be seen from a comment by the Deputy CM "The government has no money to give to the MLAs for carrying out development work; courtesy the poll guarantees".

In MP, at the current rate of Rs 1250 per month to 12.5 million beneficiaries, the Ladli Behna Yojana costs the state exchequer about Rs 18,750 crore per annum. This will go up to Rs 45,000 crore per annum as the quantum of assistance eventually goes up to Rs 3,000 per month. Meanwhile, the promised hike in MSP to farmers in MP and Chhattisgarh will dent their budgets. For instance, MP will have to

spend Rs 5000 crore more on its purchase of paddy.

Unlike any well-intentioned scheme that could have a sun-set, a poll-induced guarantee once given, is more likely to stay eternally and over time, the quantum of assistance will only increase. Besides, it will have repercussions at the all-India level.

For instance, in view of the impending Lok Sabha elections next year, there could be pressure on Modi to give a similar hike in MSP as promised by MP and Chhattisgarh. That will upset the Centre's budget drastically. Since 2021-22, the tax revenue of both the Centre and states have been increasing at a rapid pace and this is helping them rein in their FD levels. If the taxpayers realise that their contributions are being used to indiscriminately give poll-bound freebies to all and sundry, it may even trigger non-compliance amongst them.

The giveaways covering a wide spectrum of items besides large-scale cash transfers also become a breeding ground for corruption. This is evident from the inclusion of millions of ineligible or fake persons in the list of beneficiaries. For instance, during scrutiny of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), 24 million ineligible farmers were found to have received income

transfers in 2021-22 under the Scheme.

The biggest damage freebies inflict is to change the mindset of people in a way that makes them complacent towards work. When, people get access to most of their basic needs free of charge that too 'perpetually', they won't be inclined to make efforts. Whichever way one looks at it, freebies are a recipe for economic disaster. The only way to avoid it is to prohibit parties from promising doles. The question is: who will do it?

In an order in S Subramaniam Balaji vs the Government of Tamil Nadu & Ors in July 2013, the Supreme Court (SC) observed that the distribution of freebies of any kind influences all people. "It shakes the root of free and fair elections to a large degree." Yet, it held:-

"the promises in the election manifesto cannot be construed as 'corrupt practice' under the Representation of People Act (RPA), or any other prevailing law and, hence, distribution of freebies can't be stopped when the ruling party uses public funds for this purpose through the passage of Appropriation Acts in the state Assembly".

After nearly nine years, of hearing a PIL seeking directions against 'freebies' on January 25, 2022, the SC observed

"This is no doubt a serious issue, budget for freebies is going above the regular Budget. This disturbs the level playing field". Yet, on August 3, 2022, it threw the ball in the court of political parties asking them to enact a law on curbing freebies. When the latter are deeply rooted in this practice, why would they enact a law to curb it?

A big deterrent is none other than the SC order of July 2013 which says "... it can't be construed as corrupt practice..." Within the meaning of section 123(1)(A) of the RPA, 1951, the expression 'bribery' has been defined to mean any gift, offer or promise by a candidate or his agent or by any other person with the consent of a candidate or his election agent of any gratification with the object of inducing an elector as a reward to his candidature.

The irony is when a candidate uses his own pocket money to bribe the voter, it is treated as corrupt practice, but when the party on whose symbol he is seeking election bribes voters using 'public money', the top court doesn't treat it that way. Currently, a three-judge bench, headed by CJI is hearing a plea to take a re-look. Will it alter its stance?

(The writer is a policy analyst, views expressed are personal)

Inclusivity for visually impaired is still a dream

PREETI MONGA

The recent news that Fssai has asked food operators to have QR codes on their products is certainly very encouraging and reassuring, for making this disabling world, somewhat enabling, for people with total blindness and low vision! However, I have a few very pertinent reservations and questions about independent shopping for the visually impaired here:

Does every blind or low-vision person own a smartphone, and are they all trained and able to use this gadget properly to be able to avail of this facility?

Are there alternatives there for those blind or low-vision persons who are not technology savvy? How will the information, that every food product label has a QR Code printed on it, and the blind and low-vision per-

sons can access the same independently, while shopping; reach all end users?

How can a totally blind or a low vision person, in the first place, be able to locate and reach the store where the food products with printed QR Codes are available?

How will the visually impaired person, thereafter, find and then reach independently, the shelves or areas, where these food products with QR Codes printed, are placed in the store or shop?

Will these shelves have any indications for the visually impaired to pick up the food product on their own, without obstruction or accidentally dropping other products that may be lying around the same area?

My request is that we need to think more comprehensively, so all kinds of visually impaired persons are able to shop

independently. For, these visually impaired persons include the entire spectrum in our population, ranging from children right people who have lost their sight due to age-related issues and have very little support.

I would also like to state here; that inclusion is slowly being thought about, all it needs is to include the end-users at all stages from planning to execution of any such initiatives for them; so we come up with effective, simple and comprehensive solutions to make our environment inclusive! Awareness needs to be created and please do not exclude the end users at any stage of how the existing environment can be made inclusive for all!

The solution lies in acknowledging a simple fact; "this world was and is made by sighted people for sighted people, and the blind and low-vision people were completely

left out"! And, believe me, we are still left out! A little bit here and there is done, that too, hardly scratches the surface of the disabling environment that we are still forced to live in!

It starts with our families, and the mainstream society and goes up to enabling full participation for the visually impaired, we continue to be called as special people with special needs!

We talk about the needs of the disabled as special, because, everything was, is and is being designed for only those who have all parts of the body working perfectly! We are still not provided the same services or facilities in anything; including education, employment or should I say, everything that a non-disabled person enjoys!

We are supposed to sit and wait on the margins and wait for things to come to us, that is, if

at all someone around feels that that particular thing, knowledge or activity, according to them, is something that could be important for the disabled person/child there! If we are not given the opportunity to learn and to participate in life equally, then how are we ever expected to become performing and contributing citizens?

Strangely, for the sighted world, everything and every activity is being made more and more user-friendly, but, if the same product or activity is to be made user-friendly for a blind or a low vision person, it becomes a special task! For example, modern lifts have become totally inaccessible for independent travel for the blind and low-vision!

The buttons indicating floor numbers, have been cleverly replaced by modern technology and are now only touch pads, which can only be used by a sighted person!

I strongly feel, that more visually impaired experts need to be involved at every stage of inclusion and accessibility! We all do need to remember that with the kind of lifestyle and other factors around, disability of any type can easily invade any nondisabled person's life in the blink of an eye!

Please note, I do not wish this on anyone, for I have myself lived with blindness for the last 5 decades, and, have suffered, struggled and still continue to do so, and will never want to have any of my fellow humans meet with such a dreadful plight!

However, when one is not the sufferer, sympathizing with others is a real feel-good activity, but living with any disability is definitely not a cakewalk!

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Overcome Mental Apartheid

RAVI VALLURI

The human mind is cannonaded with innumerable thoughts. It is estimated that around sixty thousand thoughts arise in our mind, on any given day. When the human mind is not at rest or lacks peace, this acts as an obstruction in the pursuit of spiritual growth.

The Banana Swing bowler

Accuracy and rigour were the forte of the master swing bowler John Kenneth Lever. This ubiquitous workhorse for Essex had the uncanny ability to prodigiously bring the ball into the right-handed batsman (universally termed the Banana Swing) with quotidian ability.

The infamous Vaseline incident

However, in 1976, this consummate fast bowler

was charged with applying Vaseline on the red cherry to produce English-like conditions at the arid Feroze Shah Kotla grounds in Delhi. It was perhaps the first recorded incident of ball doctoring. The then Indian captain Bishan Singh Bedi vehemently opposed this blatantly unethical method deployed but Lever was acquitted of the charges. One can safely argue that had bowlers from subcontinental countries resorted to such unethical tactics against teams like England, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand (SENA teams) it is likely quite that deservedly rasping punishment would have been meted out. This is a crystal-clear case of mental apartheid.

Monetary figures from international economics

It will be noteworthy to peruse the Gross Domes-



tic Product (GDP) figures of two Asian giants, India and China as calculated by Professor Angus Maddison, Emeritus Professor at the University of Groningen, Netherlands. The figures are quite revivifying and inspiring. India's share of world GDP was slightly more than a quarter of the total in the year 1000 AD, and just a little less than a quarter between the years 1500 AD and 1700 AD.

Reclaiming a piece

of the pie: It is indeed revealing that the Oriental world, in particular, India and China had acquired a significant world share of wealth and economy. Thus, several European trading companies, following the doctrine of Gold, Glory, and God - adopted overt and covert methods to target these gargantuan economies. Over time they successfully subjugated and enslaved these economies. Meanwhile,

India's share of world GDP dropped to an insignificant 3.65%. How did things come to such a state? The vastly superior Indian culture reached a plateau.

Yogic power and spirituality: our salvation! However, many Indians themselves condemn and denigrate it, no matter how much the people disparage it, yet it is the Yogic power (Shakti), techniques of meditation and our spirituality which has again catapulted India to the status of prima donna and helped the country scale exalted heights. The contribution of Maharsi Patanjali, our Vedic literature, the splendorous epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana, various philosophical schools and the contribution of Jainism, Buddhism and subsequently of Islam and Sikhism had all made India the hub and cradle of mental invigoration and

wondrous contribution. It is indeed the very same mental invigoration that led to the discovery of the concept of zero or even the existence of galaxies in the universe. We were then not victims of mental apartheid.

Way out: Today the world has become a yoga mat. Indians must strive beyond Hatha Yoga repose faith from within and work on certain cardinal principles that have stood the test of time. These are to lead a regulated life and endorse the belief that life is something sacred and precious, acquire spiritual wealth and understand the universal law of attraction. It is only then that we can unshackle mental apartheid.

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Economic Offences Wing Crime Branch Jammu Charge-sheets Director ABPL for Rs 3 Crore Fraud

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Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu produced charge-sheet against accused - Parsuram Rajnetbhai Pal S/o Rajnetbhai R/o 149/1784, Shivalay Apartment, Sola Road Naranpura Ahmadabad Gujarat India in case FIR No. 96/2023 U/S 420, 120-B IPC P/S EOW, Crime Branch, Jammu in the Hon'ble Court of law for judicial determination for hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating the complainants of Rs 3 Crores after luring on the pretext of associating them for becoming part-

ners by investing a refundable amount of Rs 3.00 Crores in Armada Bazar - a Private Limited Company in the business of authorized products & Services having grocery and daily utility items.

The case stems its origin from a written complaint lodged by 1) Ms. Sanna Gandogra D/o Mr. Sanjay Gandotra R/o H. No. 259, sector No. 1/A South Ext. Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and 2) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta S/O Chaman Lal Gupta R/O Lane No. 01 near KC Public School Paloura Jammu alleging that accused posing themselves to be the silent partners/directors of Armada



Bazar Private Limited Co. approached them to make a refundable investment of Rs 3.00 crores for business of authorized products & Services having grocery and daily utility items in terms of an agreement that the accused persons would pay Rs.12.00 lacs per month for 36 months

to the complainants and also 4% of the net monthly billing of the Mart but the accused persons paid only an amount of Rs. 12.00 lacs for two months and stopped paying the rest of the amount so agreed, thus putting the complainants to huge loss and later openly refused to pay back the aforesaid amount and threatened to eliminate them if they filed any case against the accused persons they would eliminate the complainants or their family members.

On receipt of the complaint a Preliminary Verification was conducted and during the course of enquiry the allegations

made were prima-facie substantiated leading to the registration of formal case under the relevant sections of law for in-depth probe. During the course of investigation all material evidence in the form of documentary record was collected from concerned quarters besides statements of complainants & witnesses were recorded and the offences U/S 420, 120-B IPC are established against the accused Parsuram Rajnetbhai Pal for cheating the complainants. However, the investigation in the case FIR continuous to investigate role of others involved in the case.

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National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a program in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Prafulla Chandra Chaki who laid his life for the country. Amid slogans "Prafulla Chandra Chaki Amar Raha "inquilaab Zindabad" "Bharat Mata ki jai", they paid tributes to Prafulla Chandra Chaki and garlanded the portrait of the son of soil.

Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC, was the chief guest while, Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF presided over the function and Vikshay Vashist State Secretary and Incharge University Unit NSF was the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma said that many freedom fighters laid down their life for

the sake of the independence of this country. One of the youngest people to walk to the gallows fighting for India's independence was Prafulla Chandra Chaki. Prafulla Chandra Chaki was born on 10th December 1888 in Bogra, a district in present-day Bangladesh (a part of the Bengal Presidency during the British Raj). On 01st May 1908, the 19-year-old Prafulla Chandra became one of the youngest revolutionaries who martyred himself for the freedom of his motherland.

He also said that the right tribute to Prafulla Chandra would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State. Dr Vikas said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavor to regain Jammu and Kashmir State. Referring to the unemployment problem, he said that youth is very disturbed

due to wrong policies of the Govt with a graph of unemployment growing fast. Dr Sharma urged the youth to come together on a single platform to push for this demand. NC would leave no stone unturned to achieve statehood for J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sukhdev Singh said that J&K suffered immensely due to misadventures of Centre. Post abrogation of statehood people here were suffering due to rising unemployment, inflation and discrimination.

Mohd. Umar Farooq University Unit President delivered the welcome address, Abhishek Uppal District Chairman delivered the vote of thanks.

Among those who were spoken on the occasion included, Roshan Sharma, Aditya Kargotra, Vineet Gupta, Abhishek Uppal, Aditya Khajuria, Rahul Sharma and Pankaj Sharma.

GDC Thannamandi celebrates International Human Rights Day



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The NSS Unit in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Govt Degree College Thannamandi celebrated International Human Rights Day here on Saturday.

On this occasion a seminar on the theme "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All" organized under the patronage of College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed in which Dr. Ashaq Malik, Convener, IQAC and Head, Department of Botany of the college was resource person whereas Prof. Asif Ajaz Lone, NSS Programme Officer in College coordinated the event.

Through the PPT presentation, Dr. Ashaq Malik, explained at length about history, evolution, values, characteristics, generations and classification of human rights and relevance of celebration of 75th year of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted on December, 10, 1948 by UN General Assembly.

He read the message of UN Secretary general on this day and briefed about 30 articles enshrined in UDHR, the most popular document translated into over 450 languages. Dr. Ashaq also underlined the fundamental rights and duties and elucidated how unity in diversity can address the ideals of UDHR, fundamental rights and duties.

Prof. Farooq Ahmed, in his message, emphasized upon the adhering to duties which in turn will not only safeguard the rights of every citizen but also ensure justice as well as inclusive and equitable development of all everywhere. Unless we fulfill our duties diligently, human rights will continue to be violated, hence there is an urgent need to realize our responsibilities towards fellow beings, our natural environment, the nation and world at large for upholding high esteem of human rights and values, he added.

Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Head Department of History and Prof. Mudasir

Majeed, Head, Department of Islamic Studies in the College also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Nazakat highlighted protection of rights at community level whereas Prof. Mudasir gave Islamic perspective of human rights and how religion, if implemented in our lives, can play role in promotion and protection of human rights.

Prof. Asif Ajaz lone conducted proceedings of the programme. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Naseem Ahmed, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Waqar Ahmed (Chief Librarian), Dr. Mohd Ibrahim, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Romy Dar, Dr. Nisar Ahmed Bhat, Zahid A. Lone, Dr. Anzar Hussain Shah, Dr. Mohd Arshad, Dr. Wahid Ahmed, Dr. Sarfaraz Hussain, Dr. Sajjad Ahmed Bhat, Mr. Sheikh Zubair Ul Islam, Dr. Nazarat H. Bhatti, Mohd Latief and Sarfaraz Ahmed.

21 grams of heroin recovered by Police station Gandhi Nagar Jammu. 3 peddlers arrested

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Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 21 grams of heroin from three accused persons in the jurisdiction of PS Gandhi Nagar.

A police team of PS Gandhi Nagar led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO PS Gandhi Nagar Insp Pankaj Sharma and ASI Lateef Ahmed while on patrolling duty near Nag Devta Park Shastri Nagar Jammu rounded up three suspects who were coming on one creta car bearing Regd. No. PB70D/0044. On search, 21 grams of heroin and electric weighing machine was recovered from them.

In this regard a case FIR No. 295/2023 U/s 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act got registered in PS Gandhi Nagar and accused were arrested. The accused arrested were later identified as namely :

Suresh Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/o Miran Sahib, Jammu (Driver), Yougal Kishore Sharma

S/o Inder Dev Sharma R/o Athal Seleri Sunderbani, Rajouri

Naryan Sharma S/o Ravinder Nath Sharma R/o Panjtirthi, Pacca Danga, Jammu

The overall arrests and recoveries were made



under the supervision of SP South Shaheen Wahid. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Jammu police is working intensively to uproot the chains of drug supply in the region and thorough questioning of the accused is going on to know the origin of the drugs supply chain.

Jammu Police is striving hard and taking every possible step to make people especially youth aware to eradicate drug menace. We request people of the area to come forward and share information about drug peddling or consumption on 9086100100 or 100 with Police for the cause. Your identity will be kept confidential.

CUKashmir's IT deptt holds event on 'emerging trends in IT industry'

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To aware the students about the latest trends and technologies in the field of Computer Science and IT industry, Department of IT, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) organised an event on "Emerging Trends in IT Industry".

Er. Adnaan Nazir, Artificial Intelligence Engineer at Microsoft and Er. Mir Rashid, Technical Lead at Ahara-A US based Startup were the resource persons.

In his address, Department Coordinator, Er. Afaq Alam Khan, stressed upon the significance of the event as a crucial step in bridging the gap between industry and academia. He emphasized that interactions with industry experts not only offer valuable insights into technological advancements, but also provide practical career advice to students. "This connection between the academic environment and industry professionals is considered a crucial step

in preparing students for the real-world challenges and expectations of the IT industry," he said. He informed the experts that the Department has established a student coding club namely "CodeSquad" wherein coding contests are being conducted.

Addressing the participants, Er. Adnaan Nazir, provided an in-depth insight into key technology areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science. He highlighted the transformative impact these technologies are expected to have on the future job market. Emphasizing the dynamic nature of the IT industry, he stressed the importance of students acquiring the necessary skills to stay relevant. He advised students to prepare for job opportunities in prestigious technology companies known as FAANG (Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix, Google) as these companies are often considered industry leaders and are known for innovative work.

In his speech, Er. Mir

Rashid, focussed on Full Stack Development and the diverse set of technologies involved. He gave an overview of several client side and server side technologies with emphasis on React and Python. Highlighting the opportunities available in freelancing, particularly in the context of the post-COVID era, he said that remote work and freelancing have become more prevalent resulting in potential for individuals to explore freelance projects as a way to leverage their skills and gain practical experience. Shedding light on the changing landscape of work opportunities, he encouraged active participation in the open source community for skill enhancement and networking.

Speaking on the occasion, Sr. Asst Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Najar, emphasized the role of engineers as solution providers for the challenges faced by society. Presenting the vote of thanks, he expressed gratitude to the speakers, attendees, and others involved in the conduct of the event.

JPBM demands constitution of J&K Human Rights Commission on International Human Rights Day

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Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir Human Rights Commission has been demanded by Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JPBM) Chairman Mr. Ashok Sharma Advocate, former MLA on the occasion of "International Human Rights Day" in a statement issued here today.

Mr. Sharma said that for some past years, the cases filed before the J&K State Human Right Commission are stand still despite the fact that Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) of which India is one of the signatory provides for equality, freedom from

discrimination, life, liberty, personal security, freedom from slavery, freedom from torture and degraded treatment.

Mr. Sharma added that consumer exploitation, discrimination between haves not and have not's, drinking water, electricity scarcity are the basic needs which are require to be given top priority on ground to ensure restoration of human rights.

Road accidents, drug abuse, forced migration, unemployment, lack of infrastructure for education to children and health care in remote and hilly areas, gender discrimination and sex abuse are required to be address.

He also urged upon the Union Government to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir with land and job guarantee in a dignify manner to restore the glory, pride and honour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among others who join the statement included Dr Kuldeep Sharma, Kr Jasbir Singh former Principal District and Sessions Judge (retd) Satish Punchi Vice Chairman, Capt Lalit Sharma IFS APCCF (retd), Dr Yesh Paul Sharma Advo IGP (retd) Sharma Sr Journalist, Satish Punchi, Usman Salaria Advocate, S Kamalpreet Singh Vice Chairmen and Davinder Singh Jamwal General Secretary.

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Doon International School (DIS) Jammu, a leading educational institution renowned for its commitment to academic excellence and holistic development, celebrated its 7th Annual Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. The event, themed "The Indomitable," "Never Say Never" showcased the unwavering spirit and resilience of the school's students and faculty, captivating the hearts of all in attendance with breathtaking performances.

The esteemed Chief Guest for the event was Prof. Raj Nehru (Vice Chancellor Shri Vishwakarma Skill University Haryana) whose presence added immense prestige to the occasion. Joining him was the Special Guest on the occasion, Dr. Naseer Iqbal, Registrar Of the Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora. The occasion was further graced by the distinguished Guests of Honour,



Mr. Kiran Watal (Former Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation) and Mr. Farooq Ahmed Khan (Deputy Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir).

The Annual Day of DIS Jammu was a resounding success due to the diligent efforts of its committed team members under the phenomenal leadership of the school's Chairman, Mr. G.N Tantray, Vice Chairman Mr. M.A. Tantray, Principal Dr. Vikesh Kaur, Vice Principal Dr. Sarita Moza Koul, Director Mr. Leesan Ul Nabi,

and HM Ms. Shivali Singh Pathania. Their vision and dedication were instrumental in orchestrating a memorable event that will be cherished for years to come.

The evening commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the honorable dignitaries, symbolizing the enlightenment and wisdom that DIS Jammu imparts to its students. Dr. Vikesh Kaur, Principal of DIS Jammu, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guests and presented the annual report, highlighting the

remarkable achievements of the students and the institution.

Chairman of the School, Mr. G.N. Tantray, Principal Dr. Vikesh Kaur, and Vice Chairman Mr. M.A. Tantray expressed their appreciation for the exceptional efforts of the entire staff and the breathtaking performances of the students, making the celebration a memorable one. The vote of thanks was eloquently proposed by the Vice Principal, Mrs. Sarita Moza Koul, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event.

The program culminated with a bombastic Bhangra performance depicting the indomitable spirit and invincible strength equipped with 'Never Say Never Attitude' followed by the melodious presentation of the school's song and soul of our nation, the national anthem, leaving the audience with a sense of pride and unity. The entire event was skillfully coordinated by the Headmistress, Ms. Shivali Singh Pathania and Chief Coordinators, Ms. Jasleen Kaur and Mr. Surinder Singh, ensuring a seamless and remarkable experience for all in attendance. The 7th Annual Day of Doon International School Jammu was a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent, fostering a spirit of resilience, and celebrating the indomitable human spirit. It was a reflection of the school's ethos of excellence, innovation, and inclusivity, setting a benchmark for educational institutions across the region.

LEAD's two days grand Mahotsav at Gulshan Ground concludes

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Ladakh Jammu & Kashmir Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD) two days grand Mahotsav (festival) at Gulshan Ground, Police Lines, Gandhi Nagar today concluded amidst grand celebration of Swadeshi, Swawlambhan & Sanskriti in Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan who actively participated in two days exhibition also organized traditional Mehndi stall wherein artists attired in traditional Dogri dress engraved their kala on the hands of female visitors of exhibition.

Speaking on the occasion of successful conclusion of two days exhibition, Ritika said two-day extravaganza showcased rich diversity of Swadeshi products, fostered the spirit of entrepreneurship and celebrated the rich culture & heritage of



Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh UTs. She said that the event featured a diverse range of stalls exhibiting local products, cuisines, handicrafts, startup ventures, cultural exhibitions and also highlighting new tourist destinations. She said that the Mahotsav had more than 100 stalls showcasing indigenous products and services with footfall of thousands of people.

Ritika said that various events catered to people of all age groups, with captivating events tailored for

students, children, college students, young entrepreneurs, women, sports persons and army veterans. This grand event, with vibrant stalls, cultural performances, and a rich display of traditions was huge spectacle that the people will cherish and remember for a long time. She further said that exhibition embraced the theme of Swadeshi, Swawlambhan & Sanskriti, Mahotsav 2023 as a vibrant testament to celebrating local excellence and preserving cultural heritage. She said

that such kind of extraordinary event served as a pivotal platform, endorsing and empowering local businesses in alignment with the ideologies of Vocal for Local and Make in India.

Ritika maintained that the Mahotsav fostered 'Swawlambhan,' reflected its alignment with Startup India, nurturing entrepreneurship, and instilled a sense of self-reliance within the youth and the community. Besides, celebration, Mahotsav 2023 was also a cultural mosaic, created a profound sense of unity and pride among the people of Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, as they collectively cherished their remarkable culture and heritage. The 'Mahotsav 2023' created a platform to unlock the immense potential of local offerings, encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and foster a profound sense of unity and pride among people of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, added Ritika.

Modi govt has given "Suvidha, Suraksha, Samman" to women: Rekha Mahajan

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Jan Seva is the essence of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and it has been in service of the people since its inception. This was stated by BJP District President, Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the general public of Jammu South to mark the BJP party's ongoing "Booth Jan Samvad" abhiyaan public outreach program in Nanak Nagar area of Gandhi Nagar Mandal drops under District Jammu South.

District Vice President and Prabhari Gandhi Nagar Mandal Narinder Gupta Kokki, Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, Indu Puri, Speaker Divya Jain, Arvind, Vinay, Minority Morcha Mandal President Daljit Singh Gagandeep Singh, Surjit, Aman, Chanti Singh were prominent people present in the program.

While addressing the public, Rekha Mahajan emphasized, that when we look at the nine successful



magical schemes transformed the lives of all segments of society. Rekha spotlighted that with the success of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, crores of women are now able to access toilets in their homes without any fear of safety or violation of dignity. She said walking long distances to fetch water for daily consumption is becoming a thing of the past as households across the country are getting tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Rekha Mahajan said in an endeavor to connect with its citizens, the Modi-led government started its journey towards a developed nation through "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" a transformative

journey that exemplifies the Government's commitment to the well-being of its citizens, covering all to the remotest corners in urban and rural areas of the Jammu South. She added the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is not just a program, it's a collective effort that brings together various government departments. This initiative is across the J&K as well in all states, leaving an indelible mark in all the corners of the country.

Rekha Mahajan highlights that the Modi government has brought justice to all the sections in Jammu & Kashmir, which were denied even the basic fundamental rights. He said that the Modi-led government has worked for the welfare of every person from every region and every religion. With strong faith in the policies of the BJP and Modi government, the residents of Jammu & Kashmir have made up their minds to vote for BJP in the upcoming Assembly election here, she said.

Purnima demands Jharkhand CM's resignation, says tirade against corruption must be intensified in J&K

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Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir and former Dy Mayor Jammu, while making a scathing attack on the opposition parties' conglomerate for being an unprecedented model of corruption, has demanded immediate resignation of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren as multiple scams have taken place during his governance. She also demanded that the tirade against corruption must be intensified in Jammu and Kashmir too where some disgruntled political leaders have amassed huge wealth through cor-



ruption for about seven decades after independence.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader while commenting on the recovery of a huge sum of cash by central probe agencies during raids at locations related to a business group linked to Congress MP from Jharkhand Dhiraj

Prasad Sahu asserted that the incumbent Chief Minister owns the responsibility of multiple scams during his tenure and has lost the right to continue in the office any more. She said that the recent incidents have made it crystal clear that opposition party leaders including the Congress leaders are working 24x7 on a single point agenda of filling their pockets with money made through corrupt means thus committing a great fraud on the nation and its people.

Purnima Sharma said that the people today are fully aware about the disservice to the nation by the opposition alliance and have already displayed their strong intent and will to wipe out cor-

ruption through BJP governance. She said that this is evident from the recent assembly poll results. People have endorsed Prime Minister Modi's fight against corruption with the arrest of several leaders of the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and the Trinamool Congress on corruption charges and that is why they have decided to ensure BJP governance across the nation led by PM Modi Govt at the Centre.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government at the Centre stands fully committed to eradication of corruption besides nailing the culprits involved in this dirty game.

Restore democratic system in J&K: Usman Majid

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Apni Party Vice President, Usman Majid today demanded restoration of democratic system and Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir to address multiple concerns of the people.

A program of the Apni Party was organized by Provincial President Apni Trade Union, Jammu, Raj Sharma at Kanji House (Ward Number 7) Below Gumat area near Vivekanand Chowk in Jammu East.

The meeting cum joining program was attended by large numbers of people including women from the surrounding areas.

On this occasion, dozens of people joined the Apni Party, and they were welcomed into the Party fold by Apni Party Vice President Usman Majid, and he hoped that their joining would strengthen the Party.

While speaking on the occasion, Usman Majid appreciated the Party workers and lauded the role of the people of Jammu for their peaceful coexistence.

"The people in Jammu feel alienated without an elected Govt in place. No doubt the previous Govts and the present LG Govt has done work for the people, but the delay in holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kash-



mir and restoration of statehood is unjustified," he said, while raising his concern over unnecessary delay in holding elections despite demands from both the regions i.e., Jammu as well as Kashmir.

He said that the security situation has improved in Jammu and Kashmir and tourist influx has increased.

"The situation is suitable for holding assembly elections in J&K. The elected Govt is responsible to the people and the public issues get resolved by them," he said.

He criticized the traditional political parties like Congress Party, NC, PDP and BJP for divisive politics that has created wedge among the people of two regions and advocated that the people from Jammu and Kashmir shall come together and work for unity.

"Apni Party aims to bring the people of both regions together. We want unity, peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

He however empha-

sized upon the people to impart skill oriented/professional education to their children so that they can generate employment for themselves and others.

Meanwhile, the Apni Party General Secretary, Syed Asgar Ali expressed concern over the poor implementation of Govt schemes that are launched for the welfare of the people in general.

"The people are deprived of these schemes because they have very little accessibility to the corridor of powers where these schemes are controlled, implemented and accordingly, monitored," he said.

He further stated that "Unfortunately, there is no elected Govt in Jammu and Kashmir that leads to multiple issues. The people have been disempowered and the people have been made powerless with no elected Govt in place."

He said that the authorities give no heed to the concerns of the people even as the Govt of India has launched various

schemes in health, development, educational or rural development sectors for the welfare of the people.

"The people are unaware of these schemes because the authorities have turned blind eyes towards the woes of the people," he added.

He however said that the people should come forward and strengthen the Apni Party and its leadership to empower the people of Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion, Provincial Secretary, and Incharge Membership Drive, Rohit Gupta also spoke on the occasion while explaining about the membership drive and Party's agenda. He had also felicitated the membership drive.

Earlier, the organizer of the program Raj Kumar Sharma highlighted the difficulties faced by the people in absence of an elected Govt because the authorities fail to address their issues. He also elaborated about the Party's policy and agenda.

Prominent among those who were present and spoke on the occasion include Provincial Vice President Jammu Mohamamed Shafi Sheikh, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, Abhay Bakaya, Anirudh Vasist, Sandeep Vaid, Vijay Mangotra, Shakti Dutta, Sanjay, Adam Thappa, Abhi, Dolly Devi, Paran, Shakti Devi, Shushma, Anil, Sonu and others.

LG-led Admin failed to fulfill promises made to border dwellers: Rattan Lal

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RAMGARH (SAMBA), DEC 10

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) in Jammu, has accused the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha-led Union Territory Administration and the Central Government of failing miserably to fulfill the promises made to border dwellers. As a result, he claimed, they are living in utter misery. He emphasized that the government has betrayed the youth by not raising the Police Battalions as promised and failing to address their unemployment issues.

The senior National Conference leader expressed these concerns while addressing a one-day conference held at Ramgarh in the Samba district today. The meeting was presided over by Saudagar Gupta, District President.

Rattan Lal Gupta criticized the incumbent UT Government for being a proxy of the BJP Government at the centre, continuing to emulate the 'Jumla' Government. He pointed out the unfulfilled promise of providing 5 Marla plots to border dwellers, which seems



to have vanished into oblivion. He asserted that border dwellers, who constitute a significant line of defense in border areas next to the Border Security Force, deserve topmost priority for basic facilities and welfare. However, he lamented that the bunkers constructed for their use during border shelling are sub-standard and almost defunct, leading to frustration among the border dwellers.

Highlighting further failures of the LG Administration, Gupta noted that health centers in these areas are running without doctors and that ambulances are unavailable for critical patients during emergencies.

Gupta also castigated

the Government for creating a false development narrative while ignoring the genuine issues of the people, evident from the deplorable condition of the border areas and the neglect of their inhabitants.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary of JKNC, in his address, encouraged the people of the Ramgarh area to support Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the overall development of the area.

Ashok Attri, Vice President of the Central Zone JKNC, who organized the meeting, detailed the hardships faced by border dwellers, including a lack of basic amenities such as doctors in

health centers, closed primary schools, non-availability of pensions for senior citizens and widows, and dilapidated infrastructure.

Bimla Luthra, a senior NC leader, addressed the specific miseries faced by women, especially those living in border areas. Vijay Lochan, Chairman of the SC Cell JKNC, slammed the Administration for depriving border dwellers despite them constituting a significant section of the Union Territory.

Rakesh Singh Raka, Zonal Vice President of JKNC, raised concerns over the government's neglect in addressing the problems faced by the farming community. He criticized the BJP Government for not fulfilling promises like doubling farmers' income and providing minimum selling prices for crops.

The meeting was also attended by District Vice President Mittar Pal Singh, Block President Sat Pal, Joginder Kumar, Swarn Singh, youth leader Rahul Attri, Yash Pal, District President of OBC, Pinky Khalsa, Joginder Kour, and other functionaries of District and Block levels.

Mohtra presents books on Praja Parishad movement to LG

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Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Incharge of Nanaji Deshmukh Library of Jammu and Kashmir BJP, presented books on Praja Parishad and other movements to the J&K Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, when the later visited different stalls after inaugurating the Mahotsav 2023 at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

The 2-day Mahotsav 2023 event has been organised to showcase the rich culture, art, crafts and developing Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Nanaji Deshmukh Library had placed a



large number of books on historic movements and developments in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir depicting pre 1947 and post 1947 history, in a stall in gulshan ground, Jammu.

These books titled

'Saga of Sacrifices-Praja Parishad Movement', '100 Documents- Reference Book on Jammu and Kashmir', in both English and Hindi languages were placed in the stall for sale. In addition to it, free of cost pamphlets contain-

ing important and inspiring speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and achievements of Modi government were also placed in the stall.

People in large numbers visiting this stall, displayed deep interest in the books in particular.

Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, assisted by e-library Incharge Pallavi Gupta, also replied to the queries of a number of people and explained them in details many historic incidents of Praja Parishad Movement and the supreme sacrifices of great Indian patriots, who devoted their lives for the cause of the nation in Jammu and Kashmir.

NCORD cell GDC Udhampur organises one week program on "Say No To Drugs"

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UDHAMPUR, DEC 10

As a part Nashamukt Bharat Activities in Azaadi Ka Amrut Kaal during the year of the G20 presidency of India, the Drug de-addiction/NCORD Cell of the College organised a series of events during the week-long anti-drug (Nashamukti) campaign on the theme "SAY NO TO DRUGS" under the patronage of Principal Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta.

Starting from 4th of December, on different days different activities were organized by the NCORD Cell. Besides the class to class and peer-group intervention activities, some deliberation sessions were also organized for maximum awareness.

A slogan writing competition was held in the Department of Zoology. A good number of students participated in the competition. In the event the first position was bagged by Sumit Kumar of B.Sc. Sem. I, second position



was shared by Arnan Mahajan (Sem-I) and Amit Sharma (Sem-III) and third position was shared by Hemshika (Sem-III) and Rahul (Sem-III). The event was adjudged by Dr. Neena Sharma (HOD Botany) and Dr. Gurpreet Kour (senior faculty of Zoology). The Certificates of merit and participation were given to the winners and participants.

On the second day a special lecture was organized in which Dr. Firdaus Itoo illuminated the students on the substance abuse and educated them to keep themselves away from this. On the third day

a discussion on the topic "Role of Society in eliminating the Drug Abuse" was held among the students. This was followed by a two days awareness rally within the College Campus in which the participants interacted with the students in the classroom, playground and spread awareness about drug abuse and role of the youth. In the end the students took a pledge that they will always remain away from drugs and will make every effort to keep the society free from drug addiction.

Speaking about the awareness week activities

the Principal GDC Udhampur Dr. Romesh Gupta applauded the efforts of NCORD Cell and SSB to start a weeklong awareness camp for such a noble cause. He also informed all about the serious consequences of keeping blind eye and deaf ears on the problem of Narcotics and Substance abuse and also made all aware about the strict vigil of the College, Civil Society and Government with respect to it. He appealed to all students, staff and parents to work hand-in-hand at a war-footing level to nip this growing menace in Bud, so that the generations do not suffer and the country does not lose the youth dividend.

The programme was organised by drug de-addiction/ NCORD committee GDC Udhampur comprising of Prof. Shobhna Sambyal (Convener), Dr. Rozy Bamba (Co. Convener) and Dr. Firdaus Itoo, Prof. Somosh Kumar, Prof. Anoksha Sharma, Prof. Jyoti Behl (members).

Prize Distribution Ceremony for 13th J&K UCMAS Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2023

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Maths-Wonder Kids of Jammu: UCMAS, the Malaysia-based international organization that conducts Mental Arithmetic & Abacus Training and runs a franchise network in 80+ countries, organized the Prize Distribution Ceremony for the 13th J&K UCMAS Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2023 today at Jammu Club, MA Stadium, Jammu.

Over 400 students from different UCMAS authorized centers in Jammu, including Channi Himmat, Trikuta Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Greater Kailash, Talab Tillo, Anand Nagar, New Plot, Patoli, Janipur, Roop Nagar, Exchange Road, Kathua, Reasi, Jhiri, and Akhnoor, were awarded in the function.

The Chief Guest of the function was Mrs. Priya Sethi, Former Education Minister J&K, Social Media Prabhari & Incharge BJP HQ-J & K. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Amarjeet Singh, Special Secretary Tourism. Special Guests Included Dr. Ajeet Singh Md, Drs Kids Jammu; Mrs. Seema Sambyal, Principal, Holy Presentation Convent School; and Three-Time National Awardee, Five Lifetime Achievement Awardee Madam Vijay Puri.

Chief Guest Mrs. Priya Sethi appreciated the UCMAS Jammu Kashmir team, stating, "UCMAS has been a leading education franchise provider in the UT of J&K, having trained over 200+ people and appointing authorized franchisees in the abacus education sector to educate youth, teachers, and ladies. They can avail this opportunity to start an education franchise in J&K's towns and cities as



UCMAS is widely recognized for abacus training and classes across India and is popular in J&K too. Rupesh Masson, Regional Director J&K of UCMAS, who is also the Founder Director of One Global Family Forum and CEO of White Peaks Adventures, welcomed all guests and mentioned, "Due to the vigorous training provided to students for the state-level competition at different Authorized centers in the Jammu region, little kids of age group 4-13 years were able to solve the trickiest of mathematical questions within seconds."

1st Prize Winner Students Name:

Namarpreet Kour, Keshav Sharma, Tanush Bhat, Trisatyia Bhat, Sayeeda Sharma, Shitij Gupta, Rudransh Sharma, Ridheesh Bhan, Piyush Lalotra, Adarsh Chib, Kalkrit Manhas, Aarman Chakra, Yashav Singh, Vidhan Sharma, Akshiv Gupta, Yachna Bhagat, Tanmay Kumar, Amog Jain, Mavya Sharma, Anaadi Abrol

2nd Prize Winner Students Name:

Kavya Jagotra, Karuneshwar Singh, Ishaan Sharma, Rajveer, Onish Suri, Adhyan

Basson, Sahibpreet Singh, Anupam Bhasin, Jaahnawi Bhagat, Samarth Radotra, Aarav Manhas, Advika Ritvick Bhagat, Evan Arora, Rudrakshi Sharma, Taksham Gupta, Kanupriya Khajuria, Chittesh, Shoutanu Singh, Dhruvika Thakur

3rd Prize Winner Students Name:

Taksh Kumar, Arnav Chopra, Shivya Sharma, Advik Singh, Smarth Saini, Tanush Behl, Harman Bajwa, Krishiv Gupta, Rudher Pratab Singh, Surbhi Saini, Japleen Kaur, Tejas Verma, Uplaksh Chib, Ridhaan Sharma, Vivian Sharma, Viraj Thappa, Konark Jandial

Champion Students Name:

Pranshul Gupta, Ansh Chadha, Yashit Gupta, Aashvika, Parth Mahajan, Anvika Mahajan

Champion of Champion Students Name:

Mrinank Gupta, Ruhaan Khajuria

Merit Students Name:

Advik Mahajan, Avishta Mahajan, Aarohi Sharma, Maadhav, Aaradhya, Aarya Verma, Aarya Pandey, Aanya Choudhary, Bhavik Jain, Edhayata Gupta, Utkarsh Sharma, Hardik Sharma, Shaurya Pratap

Singh Jamwal, Dhananjaya Singh Bhagat, Devesh Yadav, Vivaan Rana, Roshni Gupta, Abhiraj Wassan, Nysa Mahajan, Laksha Raina, Kavin Gupta, Sahibjeet Singh, Hridya Aairi, Vihaan Gupta, Advik Gupta, Nayonika Katal, Garv Gupta, Reyana, Aaryav Kohli, Aaditri Thappa, Ganak Verma, Aahana Vyas, Aashish Singh Chib, Krishang Mahajan, Ayaana Bhushan Lawsoge, Renayra Mahajan, Harsh Suri, Kaira Dhar, Aayan Gupta, Arhaan Singh, Kevleen Kour, Aaryansh Thakur, Ruhani Bains Prominent Team Members of UCMAS who were also present included Academic Director J&K of UCMAS Mrs. Sonia Masson. Also present on the occasion were LaxmidEEP Gupta, Anita Bhan, Sonia Rekhii, Arti Bedi, Shifaly Dabgotra, Rashmi Aggarwal, Shital Jamwal, Madhur Bharti, Sugandha Bharti, Santosh Langeh, Anju Bala, Rohini Gupta, Nishat Akhter, Ritika Kerni, Rimpi Sharma, Raveen Akhter, Surja Koul, Rachna Sapolia, Puja Sawhney, Asha Rani, Ojus Masson, and Mandeep Singh.

Mr. Rupesh Masson, Director UCMAS J&K, presented the vote of thanks to all parents and guests.

Safeguard Your Heart in winters before it's too late: Dr Sushil

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In view of the upcoming harsh winters and looming pandemic of cardiovascular disease Head Department of cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness Cum health Check up camp at Shiv Mandir, Apna Vihar Jammu enlightening the masses about the ways to prevent winter heart ailments and reduce mortality.



While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the number one cause of death worldwide. An estimated 20 million people died from CVDs, representing 30% of all global deaths. Seasonal variation in morbidity and mortality due to CVDs has been noted in both the northern and southern hemispheres, with higher incidence rates during the winter than in the summer. This variation linked with multiple risk factors, such as temperature, physical activity, air pollution, infections, and food habits.

He elaborated that when temperature drops, blood vessels narrow in your skin and fingers and toes, so that less heat is lost. But this narrowing (called 'vasoconstriction') creates more pressure in the rest of the circulation, meaning the heart has to work harder to pump blood around the body, increasing heart rate and blood pressure. This is a normal response to the cold, but the extra strain can lead to heart symptoms for people who have an existing condition, especially during exer-

cise. People with angina may experience a worsening in their symptoms during the winter months, or find that they are less able to be physically active when it's cold. At the same time, the blood itself can become thicker and stickier and more likely to form clots - which can lead to a heart attack or stroke. So if anyone has a heart condition, it's important to stay warm in winter. If you find that you feel worse when it's cold, stay in on the coldest days if you can, and exercise indoors.

While highlighting the increased prevalence of cardiac ailments in winters he added that behavioural and physiological responses to seasonal change modulate susceptibility to cardiovascular seasonality. However, given the size of the problem and a range of possible targets to reduce seasonal provocation of CVD in vulnerable individuals, scope exists for both greater recognition of the problem and application of multifaceted interventions to attenuate its effects, He Said.

He advised people to follow these tips to stay healthy in the cold weather like Limit the time you

spend outside when it's cold. If you go out, dress warmly in several layers. Cover your head and hands, and wear warm socks and shoes, don't exert yourself too much. It can lead to angina, heart attacks, heart failure, and sudden death.

Management Committee of the Apna Vihar Residence Welfare association Neeraj Tandon, Adv V R Chauhan, Col Vikram Bhasin, S P Bhatti, Vijay Sharma, Sharad Khajuria and H K pagotra appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp in their society and shows their heartfelt gratitude.

Others who were part of this Camp includes Dr Venkatesh Yellapu, Dr Dhaneshwer Kapoor, Dr Rattan Pal and Dr Subhash Gupta. Paramedics and volunteers includes Raghav Rajput, Kamal Sharma, Maninder Singh, Paramveer Singh, Rohit Nayyar, Amish Jamwal, Arun Singh, Jatinder Bhasin, Vinay Kumar, Ranjit Singh, Vikas Kumar, Goutav Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Faisal Rashid, Amish dutta and Nirvair Singh Bali.

2958 aspirants take JKSSB's Test in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 10

The OMR based Objective type written test for Panchayat Secretary conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board's (JKSSB) concluded successfully in District Kishtwar, today.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav, along with SSP, Khalil Ahmed Poswal; ADDC, Sham Lal; ASP, Rajinder Singh; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak besides Dr. Umesh Shan, Representative from SSB and other senior officers visited all the 13 designated examination centres within the Town and adjoining areas and took stock of facilities and arrangements put in place for smooth and transparent conduct of written examinations.

General Examination Observer/ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal informed that out of 4344 registered candidates, 2958 appeared for today's exam.

Deputy Commissioner was apprised by Additional Chief Inspector of the Exam /ACR Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak that all the SOPs were strictly adhered to, besides the Control rooms for every designated centre had been established for the ease of the aspirants and videography had also been ensured in all the centres for the smooth and fair conduct of the examination.

Meanwhile, the DC interacted with the aspirants and enquired from them about the facilities and arrangements made by the district administration and the aspirants showed satisfaction and thanked the district administration over the arrangements made for the convenience of the aspirants.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra concludes successfully in Jammu city

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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) concluded with resounding success in the temple city of Jammu. On the final day of the 13-day yatra in the city, camps were held in Swarna Theatre, Gole Market, Gandhi Nagar and Chatha Main Chowk. The yatra crisscrossed Jammu city during the period. VBSY camps and events were organised at 26 location, including, Jewel Chowk Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Shaheedi Chowk, Peer Baba Satwari and Bawe Wali Mata since the launch of the yatra on November 28, 2023. A large number people joined the yatra which focused on attaining saturation of government's flagship schemes.

The focus of the Yatra was also to reach out to people, create awareness and provide benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential



financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc.

As part of the yatra, various government departments set up stalls at each location to provide citizens on the spot services like free health check, facility to get new aadhaar cards issued or the existing ones updated, and loans under PM SVANidhi yojana. Hundreds of people benefitted from

these camps during the period. During the programmes at various locations, participants took the Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge to make India a developed and self-reliant nation by the year 2047.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023 from Jharkhand. 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.

Over Rs 5 lakh penalty imposed on excavator involved in illegal mining at Kathua

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 10

Acting tough against illegal mining, Rs. 5 lakh penalty was imposed by District Mineral Officer Rajinder Singh on a chain excavator for digging minor minerals on the bank of Ravi River here today.

The penalty was imposed as per excavation made in the River and also by measuring pits after seizing the chain machine with the assistance of police team. The chain excavator was deployed by the owner of a stone crusher outside the limits of private lease of Bhanu Partab Singh in Ravi River at Taraf Tajwal areas for excavating and lifting River Bed Material.

The DMO informed that as per the measurement, the excavator had illegally excavated over

Inderjeet Kesar's Dogri novel 'NAMIT' released by Dogri Sanstha Jammu

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'NAMIT' a dogri novel written by Inderjeet Kesar was released by Dogri Sanstha Jammu in a simple but an impressive function organized at Kunwar Viyogi Auditorium, Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu. Sunil Sethi, senior advocate was the chief guest on the occasion, Om

Goswami, an eminent litterateur was Special Guest whereas the book release function was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

It is pertinent to add here that Inderjeet Kesar is an eminent name in dogri literature having carved a niche for him with colossal contributions as a novelist, essayist and poet. He has

been awarded with prestigious Sahitya Academy Award for his novel 'BHAGIRATH' in 2018. He has more than 22 books to his credit. On the occasion, he also shared his long journey as a writer, about the process involved in writing NAMIT and his growing inclination towards writing novels.

Sunil Sethi in his address as the chief guest recalled



the contributions made by Inderjeet Kesar for dogri literature. He said that

regular writing is not so easy but Inderjeet Kesar's regular contributions as

an established writer is an inspiration for others. Om Goswami, the special guest while welcoming new novel said that writing a novel demands something extra from novelist that has been ably proved by Inderjeet Kesar, who has the credit of having maximum novels to his credit in dogri language. Prof. Lalit Magotra while giving complements to the

novelist on the new novel said in his presidential address that other writers should seek an inspiration from Inderjeet Kesar, who is so devoted and dedicated for writing with a mission of enriching dogri literature with a book every year and this mission has been going on for many years now. He hoped that he will continue with his mission for literature in

future also. Dr. Chanchal Bhasin presented a detailed paper on the novel. The function was conducted by eminent theatre activist and dogri poet Pawan Verma and Dr. Chanchal Bhasin presented vote of thanks. The function was attended in good number by dogri litterateurs, literature lovers and family members of Inderjeet Kesar.

Honoring Inclusivity Champions: 16 Change Makers Acknowledged at 24th NCPEDP-LT Mindtree Helen Keller Awards

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 10

India achieved noteworthy progress in advancing inclusivity in the job sector by acknowledging the efforts of individuals and organizations dedicated to ensuring equal employment opportunities, especially for persons with disabilities. The 24th NCPEDP-LT Mindtree Helen Keller Awards honored 16 visionaries for their outstanding contributions to fostering diversity and inclusivity in India's workforce and supporting the integration of disabled individuals into mainstream workforce. These awards, highly prestigious in the disability sector, serve as a platform to commend those committed to creating a more inclusive employment landscape.

The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), India's foremost cross-disability advocacy organization, and LT Mindtree, a global technology consulting and digital solutions company, announced the winners of the NCPEDP-LT Mindtree Helen Keller Awards 2023. In their 24th year, these awards stand among India's most reputed recognitions for individuals and organizations working to promote equal employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). NCPEDP has been collaborating with LT Mindtree for the last eight years to empower PwDs and inspire others to embrace the cause, fostering inclusive and sustainable growth.



A total of 16 awardees were recognized as Role Models this year, with three of them receiving Jury Appreciation. Arman Ali, Executive Director of NCPEDP said, "Helen Keller Awards celebrate indomitable will, passion and resilience. For 24 years, the Awards have identified incredible individuals and institutions doing exemplary work of promoting employment, equality and diversity in the workplace. The outcomes of this persistent effort are gratifying yet we know we have miles to go to completely integrate disability into the mainstream."

Debashis Chatterjee, CEO and Managing Director of LT Mindtree, remarked, "NCPEDP-LT Mindtree Helen Keller Awards exemplify our commitment to recognizing individuals and organisations advancing equality and inclusion for people with disabilities in India. At LT Mindtree, we are committed to a workplace that is welcoming for all." He reiterated the belief that creating skilling and employment opportunities for disabled people empowers them to integrate into the mainstream and earn dignified livelihood.

The 16 awardees of the 24th NCPEDP-LT Mindtree Helen Keller Award are from nine states across India - Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Lakshwadeep, Delhi NCR, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra.

Category A, Role Model Person with Disabilities category have the names of Ummer Farook KK, Dr. Vaibhav Bhandari, and Dr. Rajalakshmi SJ as the winners.

In the Role Model Supporters of Increased Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities category, Dr Rajdeep Manwani, Prateek Madhav, and Ashwin Kumar V are the winners while Amali Naik received Jury Appreciation.

In the Role Model Companies/NGOs/Institutions category, the winners are TVS Motor Company, Atypical Advantage, Amar Seva Sangam, and Alamba Charitable Trust. Jury Appreciation Awards were given to NatWest India and Mitti Social Initiatives Foundation.

In the Role Model Entrepreneurs with Disabilities category, the winners are Krishnakant Mane, Sumarty G, and Rakhi Pandey.

Ali highlighted, "The contributions of all the 16 individuals and organizations have hugely impacted the lives of countless disabled individuals and their families by providing them with the tools for self-reliance and dignified employment, a significant way to empower disabled persons."

from Modi government in less than ten years. Ashok Koul said that almost every citizen of J&K has been covered under welfare schemes of the Union Government. The poor, women, farmers, youth, refugees, displaced persons, all have got share in centrally sponsored schemes. Today, there has been a change in the socio-economic status of many sections, he said.

J&K witnessed real dev under PM Modi: Ashok Koul

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Jammu and Kashmir BJP general secretary (org) Ashok Koul, alongwith State Vice President Shakti Parihar, District President Vijay Mohan, former MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar, Secretary (org) Vipan Sharma and other senior party leaders, addressed a large public gathering under "Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan" at panchayat Paryot A and B, in Khellani mandal of district Doda.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the gathering, said that like other parts of the country, Jammu and Kashmir, too has been benefitted by the development projects and the welfare schemes of BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For the first time in the history of J&K, the people here have witnessed the real development in various fields. Widening of existing roads, expressways, construction of flyovers, extending rail connectivity, upgradation and modernization of railway stations and airports, mega power projects, prestigious educational institutions like IIT, IIIM, establishing premier healthcare infrastructure, medical colleges at district levels, are among large list of what this UT has got



power. It is only BJP government under PM Narendra Modi, which treated all regions, faiths equal in its programmes and policies. Modi government bridged the gap between rural and urban, plain and hilly areas and presented true model of concern for one and all.

Dalip Singh Parihar, spoke on various projects of road connectivity in hilly areas and said that an era of development has begun and better means of communication will go a long way in promoting local business and create employment opportunities.

Later, the party leaders took out a Vijay rally in the town to celebrate the party's recent splendid victory in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh assemblies. They also distributed sweets and termed the landslide victory as the endorsement of the good governance of PM Narendra Modi.

IGP Jammu flags off Special Olympics athletes representing J&K UT in North Zone competition at Chandigarh

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Shri Anand Jain, IPS flagged off special Olympics Athletes who are participating in North Zone Sports Event of Special Olympics Bharat at Chandigarh w.e.f December 11th to December 13th, 2023 in an impressive function from DPL Jammu this afternoon. The competition is Organised by special Olympics Bharat Himachal Pradesh Chapter and special Olympics Chandigarh Chapter.



Chief Guest of the event IGP Jammu Zone Sh. Anand Jain, IPS flagged off this contingent of special athletes with warm wishes to bring laurels to the union territory of J&K.

While interacting with the Special Olympics Athletes the IGP encouraged them and advised them to participate in the events with enthusiasm and full vigour. He wished them a very happy and safe journey.

The Specially abled athletes are representing JK UT in three days at Chandigarh and they will participate in sports, dance, music, medication and health check-up.

DIG Jammu JKS Range Shri Shakti Pathak, IPS, SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS and other dignitaries who also blessed the special athletes.

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 93 of 2023-24 Dated 07-12-2023 (Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1	CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WORK INCLUDING MESH FENCING AT BABA LAL DAYAL JI MANDIR REASI UNDER MTMP 1.0 (SAVINGS).	2.20	600/-	4400/-	6 Months	D' Class

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:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	07-12-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07-12-2023 to 16-12-2023, 1600 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	07-12-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	16-12-2023 up to 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	18-12-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi .
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, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi 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, Reasi**, as mentioned in the bid documents.
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi .
- 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 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, Reasi** . The date for same shall be intimated separately. No:- 6472-76 SD/- (Er.Rajesh Sharma) Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Reasi

Dated:- 07-12-2023
DIP/J-12351/23
Date: 9-12-23

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 158 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Est. cost (in Lakh)	Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Providing, Installation, Testing and commissioning of pumping machinery along with allied electro-mechanical works at Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam at Majeen Jammu under UT Capex Budget	47.00	Rs. 1000/-	2% of est. cost i.e 0.94 lacs.	180 days	180 days

Date of Publishing: 08/12/2023

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 08/12/2023 (02:00 P.m)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 08/12/2023 (02:00 P.m) to 16/12/2023 (2:00 P.m).
- After opening the tender Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table (and for DIC/SSI registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K Govt.) payable at Jammu pledged in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mech. Rural Division Jammu.
- Bid security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year from the date of issuance of tender. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of Treasury Challan/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu payable at Jammu.

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(Er. Tarun Arora)
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu

DIP/J-12327/23
Date: 9-12-23

Ajgar Raaj: Natrang unveils a satirical tale condemning imperialism and hubris

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Natrang presented a new Hindi play 'Ajgar Raaj' written by Chiranjeet and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series.

The play 'Ajgar Raaj' attacks imperialist, expansionist and opportunistic policies of our neighboring country by highlighting its efforts to push mankind across the world towards destructive weapons, bloody wars and the propagation of destruction.

The play begins at the court of Ajgar Raaj, where he is celebrating his 74th birthday with his commander, tells him that his master Shaitaan had given him a boon that if he com-



pletes 73 years of his life, he will never die, becoming immortal. Along with this, he also declares his Commander as his crown prince in the absence of his Prime Minister.

On the occasion of his 74th birthday, 'Ajgar Raaj' announces that today he has become immortal, hence he should be considered as God and celebrating a huge celebra-

tion all over the world, his "Lal Kitab" should be considered as the divine book of God. After this, a commentary on the "Lal Kitab" is broadcast on the Radio, after which Ajgar Raaj orders the commander to broadcast it 101 times and to wipe out all religions and sects. Then a voice echoes in which the dragon king is warned that he is the enemy of human-

ity and world peace and all the dictators who declared themselves God have been killed, so he too will die soon. Ignoring this warning, he cites the teachings of his "Lal Kitab" and says that the whole world is afraid of his destructive weapons.

At the same time, the Prime Minister of Ajgar Raaj who has returned from visiting many countries, tells that no one is afraid of him anymore, a civil war has broken out in his own country and people have blackened his pictures. Many countries have expelled their citizens from their countries. Angered by this, the dragon king says that Shahe Jhutistan should now be asked to attack India. On this the Prime Minister says that Shahe

Jhutistan wants us to attack them first.

The dragon king directs the commander to order the army to attack. Just then sounds of laughter start coming from all sides and the Prime Minister says that because of his words the whole world along with India is laughing at us and with this everyone starts laughing and the play ends.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Abhimanyu Choudhary, Harshul Kaul, Kushal Bhat and Chaitanya Shekhar. The lights of the play were executed by Sanket Bhagat who also rendered the music of the play. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Palshin Dutta.

PM Modi introduced schemes for women empowerment: MP Khatana

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, DEC 10

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today flagged off Modi an awareness rally on Women empowerment organized by J&K Peace Foundation and Govt Degree College for Women, Anantnag here.

Fayaz Ahmed Bhat, president Peace Foundation, Prof. Dilruba Rasool Hamdani and prominent persons were present on the occasion. Later a plantation drive and a seminar was also held on the college campus.

Addressing the seminar, MP Gulam Ali Khatana highlighted the remarkable socio-economic transformation that has taken place in the conditions of women under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that Govt is very particular that benefit of every scheme reaches to the last man and ensures follow up on every scheme.

MP Khatana said that two-three families looted whole of Jammu and Kashmir and flourished while common many is still struggling for the common



needs. He said that since abrogation of Article 370, a complete transformation has been seen in the law and order situation in UT, education sector is back on rails, and hartal calendars are no where to be seen. He urged young generation to excel in their respective fields and go for start ups and own business ventures.

MP Khatana commended Peace Foundation for their outstanding work in the realm of women empowerment.

Earlier, the Seminar commenced with the recital of the National Anthem followed by a lamp lighting ceremony by Chief Guest Engineer Gulam Ali Khatana, Chairman Dr Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Madam Principal and other dignitaries. Chairman Peace Foundation Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat,

presented the Welcome Address.

Principal Prof. Dilruba Rasool Hamdani sensitized the audience about the issues confronted by women folk and laid stress upon the need for promoting gender equality for a sustainable future. She also complimented chairperson Peace Foundation for the laudable initiatives taken by the Foundation for reducing gender gap and boosting women empowerment.

The proceedings were conducted by Prof. Arif Hussain Wani, Convener College Debates & Seminar Committee. Mohd. Ramzan Mir, Divisional Forest Officer Anantnag presented the vote of thanks. The event concluded with the presentation of awards to different contributors.

Shiv Sena in favour of safeguard along with "One Nation One Constitution"



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit on expressed concern over the upcoming decision of Hon'ble High Court on Article 370 with "One Nation, One constitution, symbol", protection of cultural identity, employment to local people, education, land etc. has expressed hope of restoration of statehood with the privileges and return of Leh-Ladakh to Jammu and Kashmir.

In a press conference held at the party's central office in Jammu today, state chief Manish Sahni said that party founder venerable Bala Saheb Thackeray dream was "One Nation One constitution" in the country.

There was a separate constitution and symbol under Article 370 in J&K. Shiv Sena has always been protested about this. Along with this, the daughters of Jammu and Kashmir were being deprived of their rights after marriage with outsider under 370, 35A, the

Balmiki community, who have been living in Jammu and Kashmir for decades and have been providing their services, and the West Pak migrants was deprived of his democratic rights to vote. Sahni said that Shiv Sena has always raised its voice on the rights of the local people and the protection of its cultural identity, our needle is not stuck only on Article 370.

Sahni said that the wait for the decision of the Honorable High Court is almost over and we hope that with "One Country One Constitution" the local people of Jammu and Kashmir will get protection of their cultural identity and access to jobs, educational institutions. The privilege of reservation will be restored. By restoring our statehood, the separated Leh-Ladakh will be made a part of Jammu and Kashmir and the democratic process will soon be restored. On this occasion vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamgar Sena Raj Singh, Rahul were present.

Agriculture Department Organises Interactive Prog with farmers in Bijbehara

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 10

Agriculture Department Kashmir today organised an interactive programme at Subhan Pora Bijbehara Anantnag.

The programme was attended by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal, Chief Agriculture Officer Anantnag Ajaz Ahmad Dar, Senior district Officers and a long no. of farmers.

Speaking on the occasion D.C Anantnag highlighted the importance of holding such interactive

program with the farmers. He appreciated the role of the Agriculture Sector in overall development of the district.

While addressing the farmers, Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal underscored the initiatives by the departments of Agriculture for the welfare and well being of the farming Community of the region.

He said the farmers feed back with respect to the onground implementation of different programmes and schemes plays an important role in efficiency achieving the set targets under these programmes.

Unscheduled power cuts derail normal life in Jammu: Pavneet Kour



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Apni Party Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Pavneet Kour has raised concern over the unscheduled electricity cuts in Jammu during the winter season that has put normal life out of gear.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized by District President Women Wing Jammu Urban, Ritu Pandita at ward number 55 in Jammu.

In this meeting, the issues of the above said wards were discussed threadbare by the participants who expressed their faith in the Apni Party's equitable devel-

opmental agenda. In this meeting, Pavneet Kour also expressed concern over the unscheduled power cuts that have affected normal life especially during the winter season and the people are getting huge electricity bills. She demanded that the electricity consumers should be provided 24/7 electricity and waive off the electricity charges to the poor families.

She said that the Apni Party believes that the people should not be overburdened with the electricity charges and relief should be provided to them by the Govt.

She however highlighted that the Apni Party has committed to provide

500 units of free electricity in Jammu during summers and 300 units during winter season.

She also informed them that the Party aims to enhance up to 1 lakhs rupees and provide marriage assistance within shortest time to the women belonging to financially poor families.

"The Apni Party has also committed in its agenda to provide the free cooking gas cylinders to each poor family per year under Ujjawala Scheme," she added while elaborating about the developmental and welfare schemes of the Apni Party that would be launched if forms next Govt in J&K.

Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan initiated to strengthen grassroots connection, redress local issues: Col Mahan

JI NEWS SERVICE
PLASSI (KATHUA), DEC 10

In line with the Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment to strengthening grassroots connection and addressing local issues, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, today launched the Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan in Plassi.

This comprehensive outreach program aims to directly engage with citizens at the booth level, understand their concerns, and work towards resolving them effectively. The initiative highlights the BJP's focus on ensuring transparent governance and responsive administration.

Accompanied by senior party leaders like Balvinder Singh and Shanti Bushan, Mandal President of Basohli and Mahanpur respectively, Naresh Basotra, District General Secretary BJP Kissan Morcha, along with other esteemed leaders and youth representatives, Col Mahan Singh held a fruitful meeting with the residents of Plassi.

During the interaction, residents raised key issues such as the ongoing short-



age of drinking water, delays in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission project in Thana Plassi, concerns regarding handpump maintenance, and the urgent need for a Community Facilitation Center (CFC).

Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh emphasized the significant strides achieved by the Modi Government in various sectors and the transparent implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes across the country. He further highlighted the impactful development initiatives undertaken through the 3-tier system in the Plassi area, benefiting the local community.

The DDC Chairman highlighted the government's strides in educational reform, pointing out initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of education and making it more inclusive. Efforts

to promote digital learning and skill development were particularly emphasized, aligning with the government's vision of a digitally empowered society, he added.

Economic policies promoting ease of doing business were also a focal point of the discussion. The DDC Chairman detailed how these policies have attracted foreign investment and boosted domestic entrepreneurship, contributing to the nation's robust economic growth.

Col Mahan said "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan underlines the BJP's unwavering dedication to serving the people and ensuring inclusive development for all. The party remains committed to working tirelessly to address the concerns of citizens at every level and build a stronger, more prosperous India," he added.

No accountability of officials without an elected Govt: Manjit Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 10

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded accountability of the Govt officials who fail to perform and complete the developmental projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Former Minister was addressing a meeting at village Pakhdi in Vijaypur Block, Samba District. The participants highlighted their concern about the slow pace of development and ignorance of their village regarding basic amenities. In his address, Manjit Singh said

the developmental issues have multiplied because of the ignorant attitude of the authorities towards the concerns of the people.

He said that the developmental activities have declined, and the pending developmental projects have not been completed.

"The officials are not held accountable because there is no accountability in absence of an elected Govt. The situation has emerged because the authorities are working without consulting the public representation," he said.

He said that the Election Commission of India must hold Assembly Elec-

tions in Jammu and Kashmir to address the growing concerns of the people.

"The elected Govt is always answerable to the masses whereas the babus hardly care about the concerns of the people regarding development, employment, and basic amenities etc.," he added.

As a result, he said that "There is anger among the people of both the regions because they feel dejected by the authorities. Therefore, it becomes important to hold elections and restore statehood that has been snatched and J&K was downgraded into a Union Territory from a historic State."

Stanzin Puzang from Ladakh wins the national award of India's biggest hygiene Olympiad

JI NEWS SERVICE
LADAKH, DEC 10

Reckitt, world's leading consumer health and hygiene company, announced winners of the second edition of Dettol Hygiene Olympiad, the biggest hygiene Olympiad in India under Reckitt's flagship campaign Dettol Banega Swasth India. The Olympiad was organized with the aim to raise awareness about the role that hygiene plays in preventing childhood illnesses. The 15 Olympiad winners, accompanied by their teachers, were felicitated at the launch of Dettol Banega Swasth India Season 10 in Mumbai. Stanzin Puzang from Ladakh wins the national award of the second edition of Dettol Hygiene Olympiad, India's biggest hygiene Olympiad. DHO 2.0 was conducted in the 10 Schools of Leh U.T. Ladakh. Out of 500+ participants, Stanzin Puzang a student of Class V at The Monastery Spituk, Leh got selected as a winner for the Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0. He belongs to Leh Ladakh, which is a hard to reach area with limited resources. Dettol Hygiene Olympiad 2.0 successfully



reached over 30 million children across 28 states and 8 union territories in the country, empowering children even in the most remote corners of India with essential knowledge and best practices around hand washing hygiene. Students in 2500 gurukuls and other religious education schools also participated, with exam papers available to them in Sanskrit language to ensure accessibility to a diverse audience. A total of 15 students (three in each level) across the country were awarded cash prizes, with the first position winning INR 50,000, second position winning INR 35,000 and third position winning INR 15,000.

Ravi Bhatnagar, Director, External Affairs & Partnerships, SOA, Reckitt, said, "Reckitt's commitment to hygiene, health and sanitation has motivated India's young minds to champion the domains associated with positive sanitation. We are delighted to witness the astounding results of the second edition of Dettol Hygiene Olympiad (DHO) that took on the formidable task of reaching the farthest corners of India. It gave us immense pleasure to celebrate the success of children from different corners of India and are confident that their enthusiasm and knowledge will contribute to the country's health progress."

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra covers 80 Panchayats in Samba District

JINNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, DECEMBER 10

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a grassroots initiative to spread the message of development and progress, has completed its visit to 80 panchayats in Samba district. The Viksit Bharat Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van, has been traveling across the district delivering the Prime Minister's vision and inspiring the local communities.

On December 10, 2023, the yatra covered five more panchayats: Sarain and Papar avtara in Nud block, Patyari Katlan in Ghagwal block, and Bagla Jakh and Salmeri in Vijaypur block. The yatra received a warm welcome from the residents and the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), who expressed their support and enthusiasm for the initiative. On the arrival of Vans various cultural events were organised, featuring performances by school children on the theme of "Dharti Kahe Pukaar Ke," and testimonies by beneficiaries of various government schemes under the banner of "Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani."

The yatra also facilitated



the delivery of government services to the people by setting up departmental stalls at each panchayat. The stalls provided information and assistance on various schemes of health, agriculture, social welfare, and rural development.

One of the highlights of the day was a special event

at Bagla Jakh panchayat in Vijaypur block, where Ex minister Chander Prakash Ganga, DDC Vijaypur Shilpa Dubey, Sarpanch Ramesh Kumar Sharma, and other PRI members graced the occasion and addressed the gathering. They praised the yatra for its positive impact and

urged the people to participate in the Viksit Bharat mission.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will continue its journey in the remaining panchayats of Samba district, aiming to reach out to every citizen and create a wave of development and progress in the region.

Samba admin issues clarification on News Report

JINNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, DECEMBER 10

Samba administration has clarified the news report "Supply of Contaminated Water to 700 Households at Samba," published in a section of press on December 8, 2023, saying that the general public was not supplied contaminated water as immediate action

was taken to address the collapse of the Dome slab at Tube Well No. 02 in Samba Town, ensuring the continued delivery of clean and safe water.

The damaged Dome was promptly covered with a waterproof plastic, preventing any contamination of the water supply. Plans are underway to temporarily cover

the sump tank with Corrugated Galvanized Iron sheets, with a permanent concrete Dome structure scheduled for the following year's capital expenditure.

In conclusion, there was no contaminated water supplied to households in Samba Town. Safety measures were implemented swiftly, and efforts are

underway for a permanent solution to restore the sump tank. Resident well-being and safety remain our top priority.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner Samba has taken action against officials responsible for the delayed reporting and directed the concerned department to rectify the issues promptly.

Basic Life Support Training imparted to Volunteers at PHC Assar

JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, DECEMBER 10

A one day Basic Life Support (BLS) training was today imparted to Al Kher Foundation volunteers here at Primary Health Centre Assar under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and the supervision of Dr. Hamid Zargar, Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Nasir Masood Indrabi, a senior Master Trainer, conducted the training session, imparting cutting-edge medical emergency techniques to the volunteers.

The focus was on equipping volunteers to handle different emergencies, covering essential aspects such as resuscitation, CPR, airway management, basic first aid, immobilization of fracture areas, and the proper shifting of patients during emergencies.

Live demonstrations were incorporated to enhance participants' understanding and practical skills.



The initiative aimed to enhance the emergency response capabilities of Al Kher Foundation volunteers, ensuring they are well-prepared to handle a range of critical situations. The training not only emphasized theoretical knowledge but also provided hands-on experience through live demonstrations, contributing to a more comprehensive and effective learning experience. The

successful execution of the training reflects the collaborative efforts of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hamid Zargar and the expertise of Master Trainer Dr. Nasir Masood Indrabi. Their commitment towards community well-being and proactive approach in empowering volunteers plays a crucial role in building a resilient and responsive local healthcare network.

DLSA Udhampur organises awareness programme on World Human Rights Day

JINNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 10

District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, under the guidance of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Haq Nawaz Zargar (Principal District and Sessions Judge Udhampur), and overall Supervision of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Ajay Kumar, today organized an awareness programme on World Human Rights Day here at slum area of Ward No. 20, Sial Sallan.

The resource person of the programme was Adv. Sanjeev Kumar Bavouria (Panel Lawyer) who threw light on the importance of the Day and informed the gathering about the importance of observance of World Human Rights Day every year on 10th of December. The day, he said, is celebrated to spread awareness about human rights, which are

Awareness Program on SVEEP organized at Udhampur

JINNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 10

In consonance to the directives of District Election Officer, Saloni Rai, an Electoral festival, "Matdata Utsav Udhampur," was today hosted here to encourage citizens of the District to register as voters. The event featured diverse cultural activities, including songs and plays.

Renowned Litterateurs and Civil Society Icons Shiv Dutt Nirmohi, Swatantra Dev Kotwal, and Ashok Hans appealed to the public to register as voters and actively participate in the electoral process by casting their votes. Addressing the gathering, Deputy DEO Gurdev Kumar and District Information Officer, Rajinder Digra highlighted the main objective of the program to fortify the democratic system by fostering awareness among young and future voters about the crucial significance of their votes. They emphasized the integral role of youth in shaping a vibrant democracy.

Emphasizing the enrollment and registration of all eligible voters in the district, the Deputy DEO urged participants to raise awareness in their communities. He stressed the importance of not only registering as voters but also casting votes, underlining that the nation's future relies on the opinions and participation of the youth.

While elucidating the aims and objectives of the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) initiative, he encouraged electors to actively engage in the electoral process and appealed to them to turn out in larger numbers, recognizing the pivotal role they play in strengthening the democratic fabric of the nation.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra gains momentum in Ramban district



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RAMBAN, DECEMBER 10

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) today visited four Panchayats of block Ukhral to sensitize the people and saturate the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Amid huge public participation, IEC Vans were accorded a rousing welcome by PRIs, senior citizens, youth, and local residents on its arrival in four Panchayats, displaying enriching knowledge about government schemes on big screens.

On 12th day, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) campaign visited Panchayat Maligam -B, Pogal Upper, Phagmullah and Bhingara witnessing enthusiastic and

vibrant participation of all stakeholders. Started on November 28, the Yatra has gained further momentum across Ramban by covering 90 Panchayats of the district.

The people from all walks of life participated in the scheduled activities in their respective Panchayats. The campaign focused on saturation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes by reaching out to the people at their door steps. The people listened attentively to recorded video messages of the Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance of the campaign.

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.

During the day, Health camps were organized to provide Medical services and free medicines. The people took Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat pledges and visited the stalls set up by departments to which case schemes besides sensitizing the people about the same. Sports events and cultural programmes were organized and people were also sensitized about the importance of voting in democracy by the Election Department.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra illuminates Chakroi Lower Panchayat of block Suchetgarh

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A vibrant tapestry of development and cultural vibrancy unfolded in Panchayat Chakroi Lower of block Suchetgarh today as the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra ignited the hearts

and minds of its residents. The event saw the convergence of government departments, local officials and the enthusiastic public. Multiple frontline departments set up stalls showcasing their initiatives and providing on-the-spot services to residents. Free health camps

were organised at three locations, offering noncommunicable diseases, anemia and TB screenings, along with counselling and awareness campaigns. Additionally, schemes like Janani Suraksha Yojana and Ayushman Golden Cards were promoted and free medicines

were distributed.

The event was further enriched by captivating performances by school students. Their traditional dances, patriotic songs and theatrical acts resonated with the spirit of India's rich diversity and underscored the importance of

holistic development through such initiatives. The success of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Chakroi Lower reflects the united vision of various departments and officials working together for a common goal - a developed and prosperous India.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Holistic outreach program engages 2105 Individuals across 6 Panchayats in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 10

The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra surged with significant momentum today, covering six panchayats in the rural areas of Kishtwar district.

The Yatra encompassed Tiyari & Ishtiyari Panchayats in Block Paddar, Chatroo Lower-C & Chatroo Lower-A Panchayats in Block Inderwal and Trigam-A & Trigam-B Panchayats in Block Trigam.

The enthusiastic response from the community was overwhelming, with a total of 2105 individuals actively engaging in 38 diverse activities conducted at the venues.

Three IEC Vans traversed the panchayats, disseminating the Prime Minister's message on Centrally Sponsored Schemes and their effective implementation and impact. Additionally, 34 beneficiaries shared their stories under 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani,' offering insightful narratives about their experiences.

Acknowledging their exemplary achievements, 88 women achievers and sports personalities were felicitated in line with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra's guidelines.

Furthermore, the Yatra facilitated the seamless



saturation of various schemes in these panchayats, extending immediate services on the spot.

Notably, a range of services was provided during the day, including the distribution of 06 Ayushman Golden Cards, issuance of 06 Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to farmers, and the enrollment of 17 beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala scheme.

Sickle Cell, and conducting NCD screenings for 253 participants.

The resounding success of this leg of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra showcases its impactful reach and commitment to fostering holistic development and awareness among rural communities.