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Supreme Court validates scrapping of special status to J&K under Article 370

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The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the Union Government's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir. The court also directed that restoration of statehood "shall take place at the earliest and as soon as possible" and elections to J&K Assembly be held before September 30, 2024. In the landmark judgement, the top court



upheld the validity of two constitutional orders issued by the President of India on August 5 and 6 in 2019, saying the exercise

of powers by him is not mala fide. "The exercise of power by the President under Article 370(1)(d) to issue

CO 272 is not mala fide. The President in exercise of power under Article 370(3) can unilaterally issue a notification that

Article 370 ceases to exist. The President did not have to secure the concurrence of the Government of the State or Union Government acting on behalf of the State Government under the second proviso to Article 370(1)(d) while applying all the provisions of the Constitution to Jammu and Kashmir because such an exercise of power has the same effect as an exercise of power under Article 370(3) for which the concurrence or collaboration with the State Government was

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said that the Supreme Court verdict on the abrogation of Article 370 is historic and constitutionally upholds the decision taken by the Parliament of India on 5th August 2019. Soon after the SC verdict on Article 370, PM Modi, as per news agency, PM Modi wrote on X, formerly known as twitter that the verdict on the abrogation of Article 370 is a historic and constitution-



ally upholds the decision taken by the Parliament of India on August 5, 2019. It is a resounding declaration of hope, progress and unity for our sisters and brothers in Jammu,

Kashmir and Ladakh. The Court, in its profound wisdom, has fortified the very essence of unity that we, as Indians, hold dear and cherish above all

BJP hails decision, Cong happy over observation on holding elections, restoration of J&K's Statehood

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The Supreme Court's verdict on abrogation of Article 370 evoked response in Jammu with Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) hailing the decision while the opposition Congress expressed disagreement with decision but expressed happiness over the apex court's observation on restoration of statehood and earlier conduct of assembly polls. As per the news agency, addressing a press conference after the Supreme Court pronounced its verdict, JK BJP President Ravinder Raina said, "We are proud of our country, constitution and our judiciary, which is one of the best in the world. We respect and honour the judgment of the Supreme Court in letter and spirit."

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J&K parties express disappointment over SC verdict on Article 370

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Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the constitutional validity of the Centre's August 05, 2019, move to abrogate provisions of Article 370 and bifurcate the erstwhile state into two Union Territories. As per the news agency, the five-judge Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, on Monday ruled that the provisions of Article 370 were temporary, and there were no issues with the exercise of power under Article 370(3) by the President in issuing the August 2019 order.

National Conference: Vice President of

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No Govt jobs to those having history of stone pelting, terror links in J&K: Home Minister

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday said that those having the history of stone pelting and any sorts of links with the terrorism will not get government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir. Replying to the discussion on J&K Reservation (Amendment) bill and J&K Re-organisation Bill 2023, in Rajya Sabha, Home Minister, as per news agency, said that there will be no sympathy with terrorists and their sympathisers. "Those having the history of stone pelting and any sort of links with the terror and

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Neither anyone placed under house arrest nor anybody arrested in J&K: LG Sinha

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Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday said neither any one has been arrested nor anybody placed under house arrest. "Some people are trying to spread rumours about house arrest and arrests of people. I am stating this with full responsibility that nobody has been placed under house arrest nor has anyone been arrested due to political

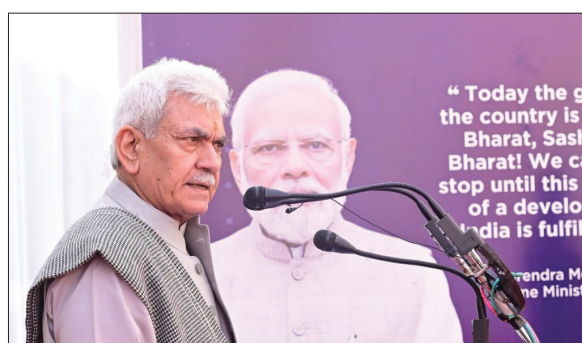


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Prime Minister launches 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth'

NEW DELHI, JAMMU, DECEMBER 11

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha joined 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' workshop, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today. Vice Chancellors, Heads and faculty members of premier institutions of J&K, who were actively engaged in the workshop at Raj Bhawan Jammu, shared their valuable suggestions during the panel discussion on thematic areas to build a roadmap for students involvement and contribution in 'Viksit



Bharat@ 2047'. The Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for creating a strong education ecosystem, industrial-academic relation, in the last 9 years, to turn every student into

development soldier. "Youth has absolute power to create a new vision for society. Youth has the potential to provide the nation influential ideas that will self-replicate and set the

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No arrest orders issued, no restrictions, normal life continues uninterrupted in J&K: Police

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SRINAGAR, DEC 11

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said that they have not issued any orders to make arrests, particularly ones related to court proceedings, including Article 370 case and that there are no restrictions on the movement. "It is to clarify that police has no orders to effect any kind of arrest, and certainly not connected with court proceedings

including on article 370 by the apex court. There are no restrictions on any movement," the police said in a post on X, as per the news agency "Examinations as scheduled by different public bodies are being held as scheduled, businesses are open and transport is plying," it said. "Common man's normal life continues at its usual pace and police though alert about attempts of the

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Parliament passes two J&K bills by voice vote, opposition walks out

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NEW DELHI, DEC 11

The Parliament on Monday passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 with the Rajya Sabha clearing the two bills by voice vote. The Lok Sabha had passed the bills on December 6 in the ongoing Winter session of Parliament. The opposition parties walked out from the Upper House during Home Minister Amit Shah's reply to the discussion on the two bills.



The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 proposes to increase the total number of seats in the J&K legislative assembly from 107 to 114, of which seven would be reserved for scheduled caste members and nine for legislators from sched-

uled tribes. Earlier there were two nominated members in the Assembly, now there will be five. The Bill provides for nominating two members, one of whom shall be a woman, from the community of "Kashmiri Migrants" and one member

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Chief Secretary virtually launches SGLR for Pahalgam on pilot basis

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JAMMU, DEC 11

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Monday virtually launched the voluntary adoption of Swachhta Green Leaf Rating (SGLR) in hospitality sector by the hoteliers of famous tourist destination Pahalgam. The said rating is the



collaborative initiative recently taken by Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS) and Ministry of Tourism, GoI to assess the tourism infrastructure like hotels, resorts, home stays on the parameters of safe sanitation practices outlined in the guidelines issued under travel for LIFE cam-

paign. In his remarks Dulloo exhibited his contentment with Pahalgam being first in the country chosen for introduction of this assessment system on pilot basis for rating our hospitality infrastructure for hygiene and sanitation on voluntary basis by these

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Women Power: 20,691 enterprises owned by females come up in J&K in last four years

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Soon after completing her graduation Aamina (25) searched for a job both in government and private sector. Given that she had limitations of looking after her home as well, Aamina decided to set up her own venture to generate employment for others as well. Come 2021, she set up a boutique, which made her financially independent apart from generating employment for other skilled women as well. "Now, I have four designers working in

my boutique. The idea became successful as I devoted my entire time to expanding my business. From stylish Pherans to beautiful dresses, we cater to a large number of women in Baramulla district," she said. Not only Aamina, scores of the women are setting up their own ventures to become financially independent and to counter unemployment. As per the figures accessed by news agency, in the last four years as many as 20,691 women owned enterprises have come up in Jammu and Kashmir. These enterprises have

come up under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). This year till November 30, 3901 enterprises owned by women have come up in Jammu and Kashmir. Figures reveal last year, as many as 5035 enterprises have been established by women in Jammu and Kashmir. In 2022 and 2020, 8520 and 3235 enterprises will come up in Jammu and Kashmir under PMEGP which are owned by women. An official of the Industries and

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DGP holds public grievances redressal programme at PHQ Jammu



Director General of Police (DGP) R.R Swain Monday presided over the second public grievance redressal programme at Jammu.

This was third in the series of such grievances redressal programme launched by DGP J&K with an aim to have first hand appraisal of public grievances, a police

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International Mountain Day-2023 celebrated at Bhaderwah Campus

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BHADERWAH, DECEMBER 11

Keeping up with the annual tradition, the Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, celebrated International Mountain Day 2023 today. The theme for IMD-23 is 'Restoring Mountain Ecosystems'. In his welcome message, Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, commended the initiatives being taken by the Institute of Mountain Environment to meet the academic excellence, research and scientific outreach, fostering a holistic approach to education in this part of Himalayas. As we reflect on the significance of mountains, may this celebration serve as a catalyst for continued efforts in mountain conservation and sustainable development, he added.

While introducing the theme, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Convener IMD-23 emphasized the importance of mountains as they cover around 27% of the Earth's land surface and are home to almost half of



the world's biodiversity hotspots. Yet mountains are suffering from the impacts of climate change and unsustainable development, escalating risks for people and the planet. This day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of mountain ecosystems and to advocate for nature-based solutions, best practices, and investments that increase resilience, reduce vulnerability, and increase mountains' ability to adapt to daily threats and extreme weather events, he said.

Dr. Chhering Tandup, in his remarks, highlighted the importance of the mountains, the concerns

and challenges these ecosystems face, and the likely consequences for the mankind and local and global scales. He placed a strong emphasis on our shared duty to maintain and safeguard the mountains.

This was followed by the presentations by the researchers of IME, Bhaderwah Campus, who shared key findings of their research with the audience.

Dr. Dinesh Baloria deliberated on the floristic diversity of the alpine areas, while Vandana Dutt and Asha Sohil talked about the aquatic resources of the mountains. Ajaz Ansari and Nitika Khullar discussed the mamma-

lian diversity of higher elevations. The curated butterfly specimens, field equipment, and gadgets were put on display for the awareness of school children.

The event unfolded at Little Angels School Bhaderwah Campus, attracting students from various departments of the campus and the school.

The active participation of students added a dynamic element to the celebrations, complimenting awareness and understanding of the crucial role mountains play in our environment. The prizes were distributed among the winners where Ms. Rajpratima Singh

Thakur and Ms. Aria Arun of Little Angels School, Bhaderwah campus, won the titles in poster making and declamation contest, respectively. While Ms. Sundus and Ms. Nakshatra claimed the second and first runner-up positions in poster making, Mr. Muneef Ahmed and Mr. Kashif Hafiz were adjudged second and first runner up in the declamation contest.

Mr. Chander Shekhar, Divisional Forest Officer Bhaderwah, and Guest of Honour on the occasion shared his valuable insights on the status of mountain biodiversity and urged upon the citizens to join hands with the depart-

ment in the protection and conservation of depleting forest resources. Sh. Majad Bashir, Wildlife Warden, Chenab Circle, Kishtwar, and Guest of Honour of the event shared his perspectives on the importance of mountains viz-a-viz wildlife conservation and management in this part of the Himalayas. Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director, NDF, Jammu, and Guest of honour of the day emphasised on the importance of such programmes especially involving the school children as they are the future custodians of biodiversity and ambassadors of conservation.

Those present, among other included Assistant Registrar, the heads of different departments, faculty members, research scholars, and students of different departments of Bhaderwah Campus, including Little Angels School, Bhaderwah Campus. The proceedings were conducted by Asha Sohil and Vandana Dutt, while the formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Dinesh Singh.

DC Gbl disburses Rs 25.06 lakh financial assistance among beneficiaries



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GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 11

The Assistant Labour Commissioner Ganderbal presented a cheque to the tune of Rs. 25.06 lakh on account of the disbursement among the dependents of the deceased workmen and registered construction workers of the district.

The assistance cheques covered diverse areas, reflecting a comprehensive approach to addressing various needs.

The assistance was provided on account of Death Compensation under Workmen's Com-

pensation Act in the case titled Syed Rasool V/s OC Beacon, Haripora to the tune of Rs. 11,73,525.

The disbursement include Death assistance for the Dependents of the deceased workers registered with J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board with each recipient receiving an amount of Rs 2 lakh for three deceased workers; supporting for higher education, benefiting 13 individuals with an total disbursement of Rs 6,30,000 and Chronic Assistance among two beneficiaries, totalling Rs 71,000.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Ground-breaking Drone technology for bolstering Agriculture inspires Stakeholders in Reasi District

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, DECEMBER 11

The ground breaking demonstration of Drone technology for agricultural innovation held during Viksit Bharat Yatra has greatly inspired stakeholders across 56 Panchayats of Reasi District. The Department of Agriculture Reasi took the lead in educating and fascinating the attendees, including students and locals, about the incredible potential of drones in transforming the agriculture sector.

The primary focus of the demonstrations was to illuminate the numerous applications of drones in agriculture, highlighting their role in precision farming, crop monitoring, and resource optimization. Spectators were treated to firsthand experiences of how these



technological marvels can significantly enhance farming practices, leading to increased efficiency and productivity.

Officials from the Department of Agriculture Reasi passionately shared intricate details about the operational aspects of drones, their diverse functionalities,

and the pivotal role they play in revolutionizing traditional agricultural methods. This interactive and informative session aimed to empower farmers with knowledge about these cutting-edge tools, empowering them to embrace technological advancements for a sustainable and prosperous

agricultural future.

The drone demonstrations emerged as the star attraction of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, drawing widespread attention and fostering enthusiasm among the participants. Students, in particular, showed immense curiosity and eagerness to explore the possibilities offered by drones in modernizing the agricultural sector.

The Department of Agriculture extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, stakeholders, and supporters for their enthusiastic involvement, making these demonstrations a resounding success. Such events serve as pivotal platforms to bridge the gap between traditional farming practices and the transformative potential of modern technologies.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held at Panchayat Hambal-A and Hambal-B

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camp was today held at Panchayat Hambal A and Hambal-B of Block Khellani, District Doda, to ensure the saturation of flagship government schemes. On this occasion, the teams were welcomed by the PRI members, frontline workers and the public of the area.

The event began by welcoming the IEC Van, followed by the opening movie, and the Viksit Bharat Pledge, taken by the participants.

During the Yatra, officers and officials continued to make people aware about government schemes and interacted with them and other beneficiaries.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from



the public, with various govt departments showcasing their flagship schemes at stalls, fostering awareness and engagement.

Under Meri Kahani, Meri Zubaani, beneficiaries of different schemes shared their experiences with the people on the occasion. The medical health checkup camp

was also conducted during the event, and there were facilities for screening of TB, NCD, and other on-the-spot services provided to the locals of Hambal.

Flagship schemes, including PM KISAN, Vishwakarma, Suraksha Bima Yojna, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan

Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, JJM, Poshan Abhiyaan and scores of other schemes including welfare, employment and income generation based schemes were highlighted by the department representatives.

The yatra witnessed huge participation of people, PRIs, prominent citizens, and the officials of various departments.

Meanwhile, the colourful cultural programme to entertain the audience was held, which was highly appreciated by all present on the occasion. The certificates were distributed among the students who performed in national levels sports activities.

Use latest technologies for developing Sericulture in J&K: Director, Sericulture to Officers

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 11

Director Sericulture J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Monday reviewed the functioning of the department in Kashmir Division in a meeting convened at Directorate of Sericulture Dev. Department J&K Tulsibagh, Srinagar.

Taking the review, the Director emphasized the importance of utilizing the assets of the department to the maximum keeping in view its mandate to increase the area under Mulberry plantation as well as Seed production at the departmental level and assisting the farmers in Silkworm rearing for achieving quality Cocoon production.

Bhat highlighted the goal of doubling the cocoon production and income of the Silkworm rearers and farmers in J&K. He was of the view that Sericulture being a cash crop industry can significantly contribute in changing the economic conditions of the poor



sections of the rural society as minimum inputs are required to start this activity which require an active support of the Department.

The Director asked for working on new strategies and interventions in the critical areas for creating visible impact on the ground. He called for area expansion in Sericulture by covering tribal/ border belts and other potential areas in cluster mode with the help of holding awareness camps.

At the same time latest technologies developed by research Institutes need to be taken at farmers' level and skill of the Cocoon producers needs to be upgraded with training and exposure visits, he added. He also exhorted officers present in the meeting to exert more

efforts for protection of Mulberry Wealth and asked for taking Mulberry Plantation all around the National Highways and other areas.

In the meeting, the District officers briefed the Director about the various annual developmental activities of the department both under Capex and CSS (SILK SAMAGRA) and HADP with achievements made so far in their respective districts.

The Director desired for achieving the set targets in respect of all schemes within the shortest possible time.

The meeting was attended by Development officer ISDP Sonawari, Project Executive Officer, Kashmir and District Sericulture Officers and Zonal Officers of Kashmir Division.

VBSY- IEC Van traverses across Panchayats of Budhal Block, Budhal New in Rajouri District

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Van today traversed through Gagrote-B, Prori Gujran-A, Gaghrote-A, Dhar, Targain Upper, Targain Lower, Shah Pur and Gundi of Budhal Block and block Budhal New in Rajouri District. This 72-day outreach and awareness campaign aims to promote government schemes and ensure the successful implementation of flagship programs within a specific timeframe. The program intends to provide the benefits of these schemes to all the intended beneficiaries.

As a part of this initiative, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van traveled through the panchayats of Sokar, Panilhad, Kewal Tarran, and Phalni in the Budhal Block and Budhal New areas of Rajouri District. The primary objective of the yatra is to disseminate vital information and create awareness about various 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, JJM, 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 positive 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.

ARTO leads enforcement drive in Reasi to ensure Road Safety

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, DECEMBER 11

An enforcement drive spearheaded by ARTO Reasi, Tara Mani, was conducted today in Reasi town to encourage adherence to road safety regulations. Under the directives of District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, the team checked 29 vehicles.

During the inspection, 7 vehicles were found operating in violation of different provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. Consequently, fines were imposed in accordance with the law, amounting to a cash retrieval of Rs. 5000 from compounded challans. Moreover, an anticipated sum exceeding twenty thousand rupees is expected from challans issued for multiple violations as per the MV Act. While emphasizing the enforcement aspect, the drive also focused on driver awareness and education regarding safe driving practices. Drivers were sensitized on crucial elements such as the correct usage of seat belts, ensuring vehicle fitness, the dangers associated with mobile phone use while driving, adherence to speed limits, and overall compliance with traffic laws.

VBSY evokes enthusiastic response in Border Block Marheen, Hilly Duggain & Bani Blocks

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a remarkable initiative aimed at promoting holistic development and awareness among the residents, has left indelible footprints in the Border Block Marheen and Hilly Blocks Duggain and Bani.

The yatra received an overwhelming response of the locals, who actively participated in a range of engaging and impactful activities. The highlight of the yatra was the special messenger Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign Van which traversed the Panchayats of the Border and Hilly blocks.

The van served as a central hub for a multitude of engaging activities that captivated the attention of the locals throughout the day-long events. One of the major attractions was the



compelling drone demonstration, which showcased the role of modern technology in the agro-related activities.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues its

unwavering commitment to realize the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of a Viksit Bharat by extending the benefits of development and generating awareness about vari-

ous government schemes to the last mile beneficiaries. The outreach campaign achieved significant success in empowering communities and fostering knowledge about government initiatives. With the primary objective of ensuring inclusive growth and sustainable development, the yatra remains dedicated to reaching the remotest corners of the nation.

Guided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision, the yatra aims to bridge the gap between the government and the citizens, providing access to essential information and opportunities for socio-economic progress.

VBSY empowers District Pulwama, ends Day 17 with Resounding Success

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) continues to captivate the hearts and minds of the residents of District Pulwama as it marks its triumphant 17th day in the district.

The Yatra reached a significant milestone by covering 10 Panchayats, paving the way for its mission to encompass all 190 Panchayats in the district.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, designed to bring the Government closer to the people, has been instrumental in ensuring that no one is left behind, emphasizing the saturation of Government schemes. Government officials engaged with communities at their doorsteps, fostering a direct connection between citizens and governance.

Highlighting the cultur-



al richness of the district, a series of cultural programs were organized, showcasing the vibrant essence of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. The event also fea-

tured impressive drone demonstrations, adding a modern touch to the celebration.

A massive turnout of people from all walks of

life underscored the success of the Yatra, with beneficiaries expressing heartfelt testimonials during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" session. Many shared stories of how government interventions have profoundly impacted their lives. The day's program reached its zenith with an eagerly anticipated address by the Prime Minister, who shared visionary ideas on Viksit Bharat Sashakt Bharat. His insights, particularly on India's path to becoming a developed nation by 2047, resonated across educational institutions. The academic community listened intently, reflecting the Yatra's broad impact on diverse segments of society. As it continues its journey, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra promises to leave an indelible mark on the socio-economic landscape of District Pulwama.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra makes impactful stop at Bhagwah -A and Bhagwah-B Panchayats

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DODA, DECEMBER 11

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On this occasion, the teams were welcomed by the BDC councillors, PRI members, frontline workers, and the public of the area. The officers and officials of the concerned department were also presented during the event.

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DLTFC meeting under JKREGP held at Kupwara

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KUPWARA, DECEMBER 11

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, the ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) to assess the loan cases under Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP).

At the outset, the District Coordinator, KVIB Kupwara, submitted proposals before the District Level Task Force Committee for consideration. The Committee screened and scrutinized all 20 beneficiaries who appeared and were interviewed by the Committee. Out of which 15 cases were approved for sponsorship under different sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC stressed upon the line Departments and Banks to bring maximum unemployed



youth under the ambit of Government schemes launched to generate maximum employment avenues in the district. He also stressed on the Bankers to ensure speedy disposal of these cases so that the aspiring unemployed youth are in a position to establish their income generating units without any difficulties.

The ADDC urged the unemployed youth to come forward and avail the benefits of flagship

schemes and programmes to earn livelihood with dignity and honour.

The JKREGP scheme is being implemented by Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (JK&KVIB) to harness the potential and enthusiasm of youth for establishment of productive enterprise in the Micro Industrial sector and to create employment opportunities. The scheme is also aimed to develop the entrepre-

neurial skills among the rural unemployed youth of the District through setting up of new self-employment ventures/projects/village industries enterprises.

The meeting was attended by General Manager DIC, Sameer Ahmad; LDM, Mehboob Illahi; District Coordinator, KVIB, JKB Cluster Head, Regional Manager Gramin Bank, besides, representatives of other banks and departments.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra leaves transformative impact of Government Schemes in Reasi District

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, DECEMBER 11

As part of the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the special IEC van today made its way to Panchayat Seela. The event was greeted with warmth and enthusiasm by the BDC Chairperson, Block Development Officer, officers and officials from various departments, PRI Members, and the local public.

District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion.

The atmosphere was charged with the spirit of vibrant cultural displays and uplifting success stories caused due to various schemes. Beneficiaries from diverse sections of society, including farmers, entrepreneurs, women and youth shared their stories of transformation, expressing profound gratitude for the government's unwavering support through flagship schemes and initiatives.

DDC Reasi Vishesh Mahajan, in his address, shared profound insights into the significance of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and highlighted its alignment with the Central and Jammu &

Kashmir Union Territory (JK UT) government schemes. He emphasized the pivotal role of collaborative efforts to ensure that every eligible person shall get enrolled in diverse schemes for driving sustainable development and prosperity across regions.

Expressing his views, DDC Mahajan underscored the synergy between the Yatra's objectives and the progressive initiatives undertaken by the central and JK UT governments. He accentuated the importance of inclusive growth, leveraging available resources, and empowering local communities to realize the full potential of developmental schemes.

The "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" initiative emerged as the heart of the event, spotlighting the life-altering impact of government schemes on individuals and communities.

During the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, students took in a vibrant cultural extravaganza themed around "Dharti kahe Pukar Ke" and a "Swachhata song" initiative, showcased their dedication to a cleaner and culturally enriched district.



Sanka Yatra, Sunita Devi, a resident of Seela, shared her inspiring journey as a beneficiary of the Tajwani Scheme. Expressing her gratitude, Sunita Devi highlighted the significant support she received from the Employment Department, receiving a grant of 5 lakhs to kickstart her entrepreneurial venture and the impact it had in changing the life of her family.

A member of the Self-Help Group (SHG), Nirmal Kour shared an empowering journey, shedding light on the transformative role of the NRLM scheme. The scheme played a crucial

part in providing financial support for livelihood opportunities, thereby positively impacting her life and those of other women in the community.

Anita Sharma, a resident of Seela panchayat, conveyed her heartfelt gratitude towards the Ayushman Card, elucidating how it has been a pivotal source of financial security and access to quality healthcare for her and her family.

The Agriculture Department Reasi proudly showcased the cutting-edge integration of drone technology in agriculture during the recent Viksit

Bharat Sankalp Yatra. The demonstration highlighted the transformative impact of these drones in revolutionizing farming practices and enhancing agricultural productivity across the district.

On-site quiz competitions and traditional sports events were also organized during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Students from local educational institutions enthusiastically participated, showcasing their intellectual prowess and zest for learning.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra embarked on a transformative journey to empower communities by facilitating access to government-sponsored schemes. Stalls featuring various schemes catered to diverse needs encompassing education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, agriculture, and more. Visitors had the opportunity to engage firsthand with representatives, gaining invaluable insights into the range of assistance available.

The District Development Commissioner Reasi led a significant initiative during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, organized by the Social Welfare Department, by distribut-

ing scooties among differently-abled individuals. This thoughtful gesture aimed to empower and enhance the mobility of persons facing physical challenges within the Reasi community.

The distribution event, held under the banner of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, showcased a commitment to inclusivity and support for the disabled community. The scooties, provided by the Social Welfare Department, were a symbol of progress and accessibility for individuals overcoming physical limitations.

The event not only showcased the success stories but also reiterated the government's commitment to uplifting every section of society, fostering growth, and ensuring inclusive development across Reasi.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is a comprehensive initiative aimed at showcasing the transformative impact of government schemes and initiatives on the lives of citizens across various regions, fostering a sense of progress, empowerment, and inclusive development.

DHEW Shopian organises Awareness camp on BBBP at Imam Sahib

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The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Shopian today organised an awareness camp regarding Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at Govt Higher Secondary School, Imam Sahib Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, District Mission Coordinator, DHEW spoke about the benefits of BBBP scheme which ensure the survival, protection, education and dignity of a girl child.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-Tender Notice			
Tender Notice No. 343 & 345-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR & 344-2023-24-MCTM-DRM-FZR Date: 11.12.2023			
Sr. DEN-W/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. & closing date 02.01.2024 upto 15:00Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.			
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		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		4,74,97,239.79/-	3,87,500/- 60 Days 12 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work"			
2	344-2023-24-MCTM-DRM-FZR	Repair of approach road to Gypsum siding by laying of railway concrete sleepers at MCTM (Udhampur) railway station on JAT-SVDK section under ADE/ADEN/MCTM.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		3,96,91,261.87/-	3,48,500/- 60 Days 12 Months
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3	345-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Upgradation to existing infrastructure of Banihal (BAHL), Qazigund (QG), Hiller Shahabad (HRSB), Sadura (sdua) & Anantnag (ANT) railway stations in Kashmir valley & Facilitating of Srinagar (SINA), Mazhom (MZMA), Pattan (PTTN), Hamre (HME) and Barammulla (BRML) railway stations and other allied works on BAHL-BRML section under ADE/ADEN/BDM.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		4,62,41,592.03/-	3,81,200/- 60 Days 12 Months
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Supreme Court validates...

not required," the court said, as per news agency. The court said that the President had the power to issue a notification declaring that Article 370(3) ceases to operate without the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly. "The continuous exercise of power under Article 370(1) by the President indicates that the gradual process of constitutional integration was ongoing. The declaration issued by the President under Article 370(3) is a culmination of the process of integration and as such is a valid exercise of power. Thus, CO 273 is valid," the court said.

The Court held that Article 370 is a temporary provision. "It can be garnered from the historical context for the inclusion of Article 370 and the placement of Article 370 in Part XXI of the Constitution that it is a temporary provision," the Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud said while writing judgments for himself and Justice BR Gavai and Justice Suraya Kant.

The court held that the state of Jammu & Kashmir doesn't have internal autonomy.

"The State of Jammu and Kashmir does not retain any element of sovereignty after the execution of the Instrument of Accession and the issuance of the Proclamation dated 25 November 1949 by which the Constitution of India was adopted. The State of Jammu and Kashmir does not have 'internal sovereignty' which is distinguishable from the powers and privileges enjoyed by other States in the country," it said.

The court said that Article 370 was a feature of asymmetric federalism and not sovereignty.

The court held that the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir has become inoperative following the application of the Constitution of India to J&K in its entirety.

"The Constitution of India is a complete code for constitutional governance. Following the application of the Constitution of India in its entirety to the State of Jammu and Kashmir by CO 273, the Constitution of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is inoperative and is declared to have become redundant," the court said.

The court, however, did not touch on the validity of reorganization of J&K into two Union Territories, but directed that "restoration of statehood shall take place at the earliest and as soon as possible".

"The Solicitor General (for the Union of India) submitted that statehood will be restored to Jammu and Kashmir and that its status as a Union territory is temporary. The Solicitor General submitted that the status of the Union Territory of Ladakh will not be affected by the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. In view of the submission made by the Solicitor General that statehood would be restored of Jammu and Kashmir, we do not find it necessary to determine whether the reorganisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir is permissible under Article 3. The status of Ladakh as a Union Territory is upheld because Article 3(a) read with Explanation I permits forming a Union Territory by separation of a territory from any State," the court said.

The court directed that steps shall be taken by the Election Commission of India to conduct elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir by September 30, 2024.

"This Court is alive to the security concerns in the territory. Direct elections to the Legislative Assemblies which is one of the paramount features of representative democracy in India cannot be put on hold until statehood is restored. We direct that steps shall be taken by the Election Commission of India to conduct elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir constituted under Section 14 of the Reorganisation Act by 30 September 2024," the court said. KNO

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SC verdict historic...

else. I want to assure the resilient people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh that our commitment to fulfilling your dreams remains unwavering. We are determined to ensure that the fruits of progress not only reach you but also extend their benefits to the most vulnerable and marginalised sections of our society who suffered due to Article 370. The verdict today is not just a legal judgment; it is a beacon of hope, a promise of a brighter future and a testament to our collective resolve to build a stronger, more united India. #NayaJammuKashmir"

Taking to the X, the Union Home Minister wrote: "After the abrogation of #Article370, the rights of the poor and deprived have been restored, and separatism and stone pelting are now things of the past. The entire region now echoes with melodious music and cultural tourism. The bonds of unity have strengthened, and integrity with Bharat stands reinforced. It is once again the Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh that always belonged to our nation and will continue to be so. Under the leadership of PM Modiji our government is committed to establishing lasting peace in J&K and Ladakh and the all-around development of the region. Whether it is boosting the local economy with new incentives, building state-of-the-art educational infrastructure, or empowering the poor with welfare benefits, we will continue to exert all our might for the region. KNO

BJP hails decision...

However, JKPC President Vaqir Rasool Wani expressed displeasure with the Court's decision, however, showed content over observations on restoration of statehood and conduct of elections.

Addressing a presser, Wani said, "Congress party is fighting for the return of statehood and cornering government for not holding assembly polls for more than nine years, which has been observed by the Supreme Court today."

He said that the apex court should have given a time frame for the restoration of statehood. He added that the party would continue its fight to get special safeguards for the jobs and land for the locals of the Union Territory.

Replying to a similar question, the BJP President said the Central government has time and again made it clear that it is ready to hold assembly elections but the decision has to be taken by the Election Commission, while the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister are promise-bound on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

Earlier, Supreme Court upheld the Centre's decision of August 2019 to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed

a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and said steps should be taken to conduct elections to the Assembly by September 30 next year.

The apex court also directed that statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir be restored at the earliest.

Meanwhile, in Jammu, several political and religious groups celebrated the Supreme Court's verdict.

Bajrang Dal, youth wing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Shiv Sena Dogra Front celebrated the decision.

Speaking on the occasion, the activists termed it as a historical day in Jammu and Kashmir, when the country's apex court validated the government's decision. KNO

J&K parties express...

the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, Omar Abdullah while expressing dissatisfaction with the verdict pledged to continue the party's "struggle for the restoration" of Article 370.

During a live stream on X (formerly Twitter), Omar described the decision as unexpected. He apologised to the people for not securing a favorable outcome.

"... We were not expecting such a verdict. We were hoping for justice for the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the highest court of the country. Unfortunately, we could not convince the 5 bench judges of the SC but I can say with certainty that we could not have done more than that. The fact is that our opponents also admitted that the National Conference left no stone unturned to defend the case and we could not have expected our lawyers Kapil Sibal and Gopala Subramaniam to present our case in a better way. In this moment of collective despair, we apologize to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and to those in the country who wanted us to succeed in this fight," he said.

Despite the setback, the former chief minister said he will continue his "political and constitutional fight within the realm of law".

"I want to tell the people that the matter does not end here, our efforts will not end here. Apart from the court, our position has always been that this is a political fight, a constitutional fight, a fight within the realm of law," he added.

People's Democratic Party Former Chief Minister and President People's Democratic Party (PDP), Mehbooba Mufti, urged the people not to lose hope, saying the Supreme Court's decision is not the "final destination". She criticised the government for "betraying" the people and called the verdict a blow to "the idea of India".

"It is not our failure, but a failure of the idea of India. During the partition, J&K aligned with Gandhi's secular India, so it is the demise of that ideal, not ours," Mehbooba said.

Meanwhile, the PDP in a separate statement said it has suspended all of its political activities for the next week. "The decision has been taken in order to stand in solidarity with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in the wake of the Supreme Court of India's judgment of the issue of Article 370," the party said.

CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami while criticising the verdict and raised concerns about its impact on the federal structure of the Constitution. Tarigami also alleged that he was not allowed to leave his residence. He said media visits were prohibited, and there was an armoured vehicle stationed outside his gate.

The CPI(M) leader said the verdict implies that Jammu and Kashmir no longer retains any element of sovereignty after the signing of the Instrument of Accession, hence rendering the Constitution of J&K redundant.

He also criticised the verdict for treating J&K like any other state in the Indian Union, thereby depriving it of the special features granted to other regions under various clauses of Article 371.

"The verdict has evaded going into the merits of downgrading the state of J&K into two Union Territories, stating that the Solicitor General has promised the return of statehood. At the same time, the creation of a separate Ladakh Union Territory is upheld as valid. So, the restoration is not for the original state of J&K, but only a part of it and even that remains an assurance on paper," the party said in a statement.

"Strangely, the Supreme Court directs the Election Commission of India to hold polls in J&K at the earliest not later than September 30, 2024. The verdict, thus, gives the Central government a long rope to retain control over J&K," the CPI(M) added.

Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad termed the verdict as "sad and unfortunate", saying the people of J&K are disappointed. "But we have to accept it," he added.

Congress leader Dr Karan Singh Congress leader and the son of the last Maharaja of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr Karan Singh welcomed the decision. He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to restore statehood soon.

He advised those unhappy with the judgment to accept reality and acknowledge that the Supreme Court has validated the action.

"There's no point in unnecessarily hitting their head against the wall," Singh said and suggested redirecting energies towards preparing for the next elections instead of fostering negativity.

People's Conference Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone expressed disappointment with the SC's decision on Article 370, saying, "The Supreme Court's decision on Article 370 is disheartening. Once again, justice seems out of reach for the people of J&K."

"Article 370 may be legally erased, but it will always be a part of our political aspirations," Lone said in a statement.

Regarding the issue of statehood, Sajad said, "The Supreme Court avoided commenting on it, possibly safeguarding the entire country from potential misuse by citing precedence." However, he expressed hope for "justice" at a "later date".

Apni Party Apni Party said the Supreme Court's verdict has saddened the people of Jammu and Kashmir "to the core". "Over the years and decades, people had been led to believe that this article of the constitution was perma-

nent," the party said in a statement.

The party said, "The verdict from a five-judge Constitution bench, headed by the Chief Justice of India, has now clarified that the article is gone forever, leaving people deeply disheartened. It is the responsibility of the Central government to come forward and assure the people that they will not be subjected to disempowerment."

Apni Party has urged the government to bring the domicile law into the constitutional framework in a way that guarantees the exclusive rights of the residents of Jammu and Kashmir to land and jobs.

"Additionally, the government should ensure the immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and the prompt holding of assembly elections. This will enable the residents to exercise their democratic right of choosing their own representatives," the party said. KNO

No Govt jobs to those...

terrorists won't get government jobs in J&K," he said, adding that the process of dismissing the government employees having terror links.

Shah said many youth laid down arms and joined mainstream in north east and the Centre will welcome the gun-wielding youth of Kashmir if they lay down their arms and join the mainstream.

The Home Minister said that Centre has started zero terror and complete area domination plan under which Kashmir will come terror and terrorism free.

He said a terrorist specific jail will come up in J&K at the cost of Rs 130 Crore where only terrorists will be lodged. "There will be jammers and other state of the art facilities to ensure no security breach," Shah said.

He said that those who have befooled people of J&K on the pretext that Article 370 was temporary must be feeling ashamed after the Supreme Court verdict. "We have started to see Kashmir of peace, progress and development," the Home Minister said, adding that today the souls of Shama Prasad Mukherji and hundreds of those who laid their lives for the nation, must be resting in peace and comfort after SC verdict. "Shama Prasad Mukherji had resigned from Nehru's cabinet on the pretext that there can't be two PMs, two constitutions and two flags in one country," he said.

The Home Minister said that it was after 30 years that J&K saw Muharram procession openly on the road. Stating that not just the BJP but the entire nation welcomes the SC verdict on Article 370, Shah said that J&K has seen a dawn of peace, prosperity and development. "For 30 years, theatres remained closed and today, three cinemas are functioning and 18 more are coming up. Tourists from Mumbai, Gujrat and Maharashtra are staying the homes of Kashmiris and so far 10,000 home stays have been recorded," Shah said, adding that a beginning to see terrorism free Kashmir has started. KNO

Neither anyone placed...

reasons in J&K," LG said addressing a press conference at Jammu, as per news agency.

LG's statement comes on a day when Supreme Court is all set to announce its verdict on the Article 370 case. KNO

Prime Minister launches...

development agenda," the Lt Governor said.

He said, for the first time in history of India, the youth, symbol of skills and infinite energy, are getting an opportunity to become important stakeholders of a development revolution.

'Voice of Youth' initiative will ensure the imaginative innovation and ideas of youth are translated into reality, he said.

The Lt Governor urged the Vice Chancellors and other stakeholders to create a structured format and transformative agenda to provide opportunity to youth to participate in building 'Viksit Bharat' and making J&K top performer in this mission.

Transformation of all developed countries, quantum leap in their economic growth, change in industrial landscape was started from educational institutions, he observed.

It is important that the Vice Chancellors and Head of Institutions must focus on cost-effective technology and viability of new initiatives to power the journey of Viksit Bharat, he said.

He said the workshop and its outcome will also act as a guiding force in accelerating the growth.

Highlighting the role of teamwork and collaborative creativity of students, the Lt Governor said the students have immense energy to rally around the common goal, attract and inspires participation of the society in equal number to share the gains from technical skills and knowledge.

"A proud moment has come in the lives of students and they being handed over the reins of the development of the nation and responsibility to contribute in Viksit Bharat," he said.

"In the journey of next 20 years, the students will be at the highest point of their career and their creative skills, disruptive ideas would be going through the strongest phase of life and I am confident with opportunities and collaborative efforts they will be able to give new impetus to the journey of Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor said.

Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and senior officials were also present.

No arrest orders issued...

handful always eager to disrupt peace, has no intention or instructions to curtail this freedom of movement and activities," the police added.

"People are urged to go about their lives and not get hassled or intimidated by social media posts contrary to this," the police added. KNO

Parliament passes two...

from "Displaced Persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir", to the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

On the other hand, the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 proposes to replace the phrase "weak and under-privileged classes" with "other backward classes".

Replying to the discussion on the bills, Shah hailed the Supreme Court decision upholding abrogation of Article 370.

Shah said the Modi government has tried to destroy the terror ecosystem and targeted terror financing. He said Article 370 promoted separatism in Jammu and Kashmir giving rise to terrorism.

The Minister took on the opposition saying they had committed mistakes for 40 years but now wants the Modi government to fix the problem in four years.

He also attacked the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru alleging that J&K's accession was delayed due to him.

Shah said the Modi government was committed to ensuring justice for the displaced Kashmiri people.

Stating that history spares none, he said that he, PM Modi and BJP will not run away from owning responsibility for abrogating Article 370.

The Home Minister listed out various development works progressing in Jammu and Kashmir and shared statistics to drive home the point that J&K was witnessing development in all areas.

"Today, the future of youth is not black.The youth who used to be involved in stone-pelting have now laptops in their hands," Shah said during his reply to the discussion. UNI NK SSP

Chief Secretary virtually...

installations there.

He called the rating system quite unique and innovative based on scientific temper. He reiterates that such initiatives are highly recommended for enhancing the sustainability of our tourist spots. He made out since tourism is one of the mainstays of our economy it has added significance for us to preserve the pristine assets of beauty and pleasant environment of our UT.

He further expressed that the responsible citizens lead to responsible practices in each sector. He observed that the three pillars of sustainable development like economy, ecology and equity are equally significant and to be alive to preservation of fragile ecology is the shared responsibility of all the citizens here.

The Chief Secretary maintained that the three components like Solid Waste Management (SWM), Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) and Greywater Management (GWM) are based on practical principles. He said that the three phases of the accreditation involving orientation for stakeholders, Voluntary declaration followed by Verification and ground truthing are all facilitative to change our tourist destinations for better.

He advised all the stakeholders including the concerned authorities to make this model successful here as J&K being the torchbearer has an added responsibility to show the way to others. He also mentioned that it is the sure way of increasing satisfaction level of tourists coming here and making them visit this place again and again. He wished success to those adopting it first voluntarily here in J&K.

On the occasion it was revealed that the three themes of SGLR including SWM, FSM and GWM have practically been allocated a total of 200 marks with first two having 80 marks each and the last one having 40 marks allocated to it.

All the participating entities are required to score at least 50% marks in each theme to become eligible for participation in certification process. Entities securing 100-130 marks are certified as having '1-Leaf Status', 130-180 marks as 3-Leaf Status and those scoring between 180-200 as the best with '5-Leaf Status', as was informed during this launch ceremony.

Later on the Chief Secretary with other participants including Secretary, Tourism (GoI); Director, DDWS, GoI; DDC, Chairperson, Anantnag; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Secretary, Tourism; and District Development Commissioner released a document explaining the procedure and importance of this rating system and benefits for the sector adopting it for their assessment. KNO

Women Power: 20,691...

Commerce department told KNO that currently many schemes were functioning, which assist women to set up their ventures.

"Women empowerment schemes like Hausla, Tejaswani etc are proving a game changer for women. Educated women get subsidies and loans via these schemes to set up their own businesses," he said.

The official said the government was simultaneously raising awareness among women to get benefited from various government schemes.

"We are constantly holding programmes, which are aimed at raising awareness among educated and skilled women to get benefited from these schemes. Our efforts have yielded results as scores of women are now coming forward to set up their businesses to become financially empowered," he said. KNO

DGP holds public...

spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

During a four-hour long session from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., as many as 125 persons including women from different parts of the UT participated in today's grievance redressal programme and placed their grievances before the DGP.

The DGP gave a patient hearing to each one of them and maintained that Jammu and Kashmir Police is serious about resolving the grievances of the people pertaining to police services in the UT.

He issued on the spot directions to a few police units in the field to expedite quality redressal. He informed that the progress and status of grievances in suitable cases would be shared through whatsapp.

It is reminded that the objective of public grievances redressal programmes is to effectively resolve the legitimate concerns of the public and to gain valuable insights to enhance J&K Police services.

It should be noted that the initiative is not aimed for the recruitment of Special Police Officers (SPOs) or to handle general transfer requests. KNO

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Shaleen Kabra joins yatra at Panchayat Chajjwal



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SAMBHA, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, an initiative to spread awareness on flagship government schemes, reached Panchayat Chajjwal, Block Sambha today.

The yatra was joined by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, who inaugurated two Water Supply Schemes at Sujwan in Panchayat Chajjwal and Rampur in Panchayat Gudwal respectively under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

He inspected the stalls set up by various departments to showcase their achievements and services. The event started with the national anthem, followed by a cultural pro-

gramme by the students of various government schools.

On the occasion, Prime Minister's message was played through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) van, and the Sankalp pledge was taken by all the participants.

Shaleen Kabra, in his address, expressed happiness to be a part of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and to have an opportunity to meet the locals. He applauded the PRIs for understanding and addressing the local problems with care and diligence. He dedicated the project to the people of Chajjwal and said that clean water supply in the area will benefit more than 900 residents.

ACS urged upon all

stakeholders to understand their role and responsibility towards making Bharat Viksit Yatra a grand success. He said that everyone should be aware of the schemes and their benefits, and spread the word further to others. "It is moral duty of everyone to contribute towards growth and development of the nation.

He appreciated the role of school education and sports departments in shaping a bright future of our youth. He said that our goal is to take India from Viksit to Vilakshan Bharat.

The highlight of the event was felicitation of beneficiaries of different schemes and exceptional sports persons of the area.

Shaleen Kabra handed over Abhinandan Patra

to Sarpanch Sardar Girdara Singh under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The yatra also featured a segment called 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubaani', where the beneficiaries of various schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), UMEED, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PM MVY), shared their success stories and experiences. A documentary on Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was also screened on the occasion to educate the citizens about various flagship schemes and their benefits.

Meanwhile, a quiz on the schemes was conducted, and the winners were felicitated with certificates.

Empowering Rajouri District: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra promotes inclusive coverage under Govt schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is gaining significant momentum in its mission to bring about a transformation in Rajouri District, ensuring comprehensive coverage of 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 services, 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 Marchola, Prat, Hathal-B, Seiya, Kangri Lower, Kangri Upper, Kangri Middle and Nah of block Siot and Sunderbani in Rajouri district.

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, edu-

cation, 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.

TLSC Kangan organizes Awareness programme on International Human Rights Day

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GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 11

The Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Kangan in collaboration with Human Rights and Anti Corruption Forum J&K observed International Human Rights Day at Conference Hall Block Office Kangan.

In this programme, officials of Tehsil Legal Services Committee Kangan, President Human Rights & Anti Corruption Forum J&K, Farooq Ahmad Khatana and other officials of the forum, officials of Block office Kangan, PRIs, PLVs of TLSC Kangan and general public participated in the said awareness programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Sajad Ahmad Khan said that Human Rights Day is celebrated/ Observed every year on 10th of December.

He said when the rights of one man are threatened, it means that the rights of every man are diminished and therefore, we all must stand for it. He said that we all are humans and we are all born with dignity and with equal rights and if someone takes away our rights, it is our duty to fight back.

He said that the United Nations General Assembly first observed World Human Rights Day in 1948. It adopted the universal declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). People across the globe celebrate World Human Rights Day on 10th December every year. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make sure that everyone knows their basic fundamental rights. Certain rights have been reserved for us that helps us to live independently. The rights are distributed equally and should be no partiality.

Official of block office Kangan, Ghulam Mohammad Rather and president Human Rights & Anti Corruption Forum J&K, Farooq Ahmad Khatana also delivered speeches on the said topic. At the end of programme appreciation certificates were distributed among best performers, who worked exceptionally well in their respective fields throughout the year.

Progress on District Indicator Framework reviewed in Rajouri



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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today presided over a significant meeting to review progress of the District Indicator Framework.

The District Indicators Framework is a comprehensive initiative aimed at assessing and improving the overall development and well-being of the district. It encompasses various aspects such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, social welfare, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. By analysing a set of indicators and performance metrics, the framework provides a holistic view of the district's progress and helps identify areas for targeted intervention and improvement.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasised the importance of the District Indicator Framework as a tool for effective governance and evidence-based decision-making. He highlighted the need for regular monitoring and evaluation to track the district's development trajectory

and ensure the successful implementation of various government programmes and policies.

"The District Indicators Framework is a vital instrument that enables us to gauge our progress in key areas of development. It helps us identify our strengths and weaknesses, enabling us to channel our efforts towards achieving sustainable growth and uplifting the lives of our citizens", he said. He directed all departments and stakeholders to actively participate and contribute towards the effective implementation of this framework."

During the meeting, the attendees engaged in fruitful discussions on various indicators, such as education enrollment rates, healthcare infrastructure, employment generation, poverty alleviation, agriculture, horticulture, Aadhar seeding, and environmental conservation. The participants shared their insights, experiences, and best practices, fostering a collaborative approach towards addressing the district's challenges and identifying innovative solutions.

The Deputy Commissioner also emphasised the importance of data-driven decision-making and the integration of technology to streamline the data collection and analysis processes. He urged the departments to ensure timely and accurate reporting of relevant data, which will serve as the foundation for evidence-based policy formulation and implementation.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to work together in synergy to improve the district's development indicators and enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of Rajouri. The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; Chief Planning Officer Mohd Khurshid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; DDE, Qadeer Ul Rehman; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma; ACD, Vijay Verma; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; LDM JK Bank, Sanjeev Bhasin and AD Planning, Mohd Rafi. The meeting discussed and deliberated on the progress and implementation of the framework.

DC Ganderbal inaugurates Willow Wicker Skill Up-gradation Center under Karkhandar scheme at Kachan

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In a significant stride towards enhancing the learning techniques for willow wicker trainees, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today inaugurated the Willow Wicker Skill Up-gradation Center at Kachan, here.

This initiative falls under the Karkhandar scheme, aimed at fostering skill development and empowerment within the community.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Assistant Director Handicrafts & Handloom Ganderbal, Zahid Rashid, besides local artisans and trainees.

The Karkhana is run by Ghulam Mohammad Magray, who is a state award winner in Willow Wicker craft in 2016.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC underscored the importance of skill up-gradation in ensuring the continued growth and competitiveness of traditional Willow Wicker craft in the contemporary market. He said that district administration is expanding marketing linkage to the willow wickers so that their product is



exported to other countries. Shyambir urged the artisan and trainees to hone their skills and make full use of the center which is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and expert trainers to produce quality products. The Karkhandar scheme is a government initiative focused on the comprehensive development of traditional crafts and artisan communities, fostering skill up-gradation, economic empowerment, and cultural preservation. Under this scheme, the master artisan is provided a monthly honorarium of Rs 2000 per trainee per month, besides Rs 25000

for logistics and support. Trainees are also provided a monthly stipend of Rs 2000.

Assistant Director Handicrafts and Handloom informed that the Willow Wicker Skill Up-gradation Center is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and expert trainers dedicated to imparting advanced techniques and knowledge to the trainees to provide hands-on training to bolster the proficiency of willow wicker artisans in the district, in addition to the funds /stipend provided is also provided to the master artisan and trainees.

One District One Product Help Desk set up at DC Office Rajouri

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In a significant step towards bolstering local entrepreneurship and fostering economic growth, the One District One Product (ODOP) Help Desk has been set up at the District Commissioner's office in Rajouri.

The ODOP initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, adopting a "One District One Product" approach to amplify the advantages of scale in terms of input procurement, shared services, and product mar-

keting. The vision of this initiative is to give a fillip to the Export volume and to boost the local Economy, particularly focusing on promoting specific products or industries within the District that have good export potential, thereby likely to enhance production, improve quality, and facilitate marketing and export of these products. The (ODOP - DEH) is not a scheme but rather an initiative aimed at fostering balanced development in the District.

The idea is also to enable holistic socioeconomic growth of the local Artisans and Exporters of the District. The Initiative'



is being run by the Department of Commerce (DoC) with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as a major stakeholder.

The ODOP Help Desk serves as a dedicated resource center, facilitat-

ing seamless coordination between local producers, stakeholders, and governing agencies. This strategic move aims to streamline the implementation of the PMFME Scheme by promoting specialization, enhancing product qual-

ity, and ensuring effective marketing strategies for each distinct product within the district.

Under the ODOP framework, specific products that define the unique identity and economic potential of Rajouri district will receive targeted support. This includes assistance in procuring quality inputs, accessing common services, and developing robust marketing channels. The establishment of the ODOP Help Desk is a testament to the commitment of the district administration towards empowering local businesses and contributing to the larger vision of Aatmanirbhar

Bharat.

The ODOP Help Desk is a pivotal step towards realizing the economic potential of our district. By focusing on one key product per district, we aim to create a sustainable model that not only boosts local businesses but also contributes to the national goal of self-reliance."

Local entrepreneurs and producers are encouraged to leverage the resources offered by the ODOP Help Desk to enhance the quality of their products, explore new markets, and ultimately contribute to the economic prosperity of Rajouri.

PMAY Success Story unfolds during Duggain Leg of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Kathua

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Pritam Singh, a resident of Panchayat Kohag in Block Duggain, District Kathua has triumphed his life goal of owning a dream home, thanks to the transformative impact of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme.

Pritam's success story stands as a testament to the positive changes brought about by government initiatives in rural India. Expressing a heartfelt gratitude, Pritam Singh extended his thanks to the Prime Minister for the invaluable support that made his dream home a reality.

The story of his successful journey unfolded at the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, where he shared his inspiring narrative during the "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani" segment. Pritam Singh's story is one of determina-

tion, resilience, and the transformative power of government schemes. With the assistance of PMAY, he navigated the complexities of home construction, overcoming obstacles that once seemed insurmountable. The scheme not only provided financial support but also instilled a sense of hope and empowerment in Pritam and his family.

Through the Meri Kahani Meri Zubani Segment, Pritam shared the challenges he faced and the milestones he achieved in his journey to homeownership. His narrative highlighted the real impact of government initiatives in empowering individuals and fostering inclusive development in rural areas.

Pritam Singh's success story serves as an inspiration for others in his community, showcasing how a combination of determination and government support can turn dreams into reality. His gratitude reflects the positive change brought about by initiatives like PMAY, contributing to the vision of a developed and empowered Bharat.

Secy Tourism mourns Ab Khaliq Wangnoo's demise

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Secretary Tourism & Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah has mourned the demise of Haji Abdul Khaliq Wangnoo, a leading member of Kashmir's tourism industry.

Speaking at an event of the Tourism department here today, the Secretary Tourism described him as a doyen of Kashmir tourism industry and a pillar for promotion and survival of Kashmir's tourism since long.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family during this time of mourning," he added.

EDITORIAL

Safe environs to ensure dignified return

After remaining in exile for over three decades, the displaced Kashmiri Pandits are being facilitated for a dignified return to their native places in Kashmir Valley. The BJP-led Central government is keen to ensure their return and rehabilitation in Kashmir by ensuring that they don't live in fear and for this necessary security mechanisms are being adopted. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has revealed that it would complete an additional 1,500 flats for Kashmiri Migrant employees under Prime Minister Development Package (PMDP) during the current financial year ending March 2024. It also revealed that it has already constructed 816 transit accommodations for Kashmiri Migrant employees out of the total 6,000 such accommodations sanctioned under PMDP 2015. The MHA made these disclosures in its action taken report on the recommendations or observations contained in a report on Demands for Grants (2023-24) under the title "Relief and Rehabilitation for Migrants" which has been tabled in the ongoing winter session of the Parliament. The Committee takes note of the construction of 6,000 transit accommodations in Kashmir Valley under PMDP in 2015. However, the construction of transit accommodations has not been completed till now. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the MHA may evolve a mechanism to fast track the construction of transit accommodations for Kashmiri Migrants, a report said. In the action taken report, the MHA said to settle Kashmiri Migrant employees, construction of 6,000 transit accommodations have been taken up in Kashmir Valley under PMDP, 2015. Out of 6,000 transit accommodations, 816 have been constructed. Further, additional 1500 flats are likely to be completed during the current financial year and the remaining are at various stages. There are around 62,000 registered Kashmir migrant families in the country who migrated from Kashmir Valley due to the onset of terrorism in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in the early 1990s. About 40,000 registered such families are living in Jammu, about 20,000 in Delhi. NCR and about 2,000 families settled in other parts of the country. Under the PM package, over 4,000 Kashmiri Pandit employees out of the total 6,000 posts have been appointed by the J&K administration and posted in various government departments in Kashmir Valley. As part of the package, the administration is also constructing transit accommodations for the employees in Kashmir. The tenements were constructed in the Jammu region (Purkhu, Muthi, Nagrota and Jagti) to accommodate the people who had migrated due to terrorism in the year 1989-1990 from their ancestral homes in Kashmir valley to Jammu. A total of 5,248 tenements were constructed in two phases till the year 2011. No new tenements for this purpose have been built during the last 3 years. While facilitating the return of Kashmir Migrants, the Government of India should first ensure that a safe and secure atmosphere is created for KP employees in Kashmir Valley. In the recent past, KP employees have been selectively targeted by terror groups for serving in Kashmir. Safety should be the top priority of the government. Only a safe and secured environment will encourage the KPs to willingly return to their native places.

Transformative Journey: Upholding unity and development in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh



NARENDRA MODI,
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

On 11th December, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India delivered a historic judgment on the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A). Through its judgment, the Court has upheld the sovereignty and integrity of India, something that is cherished by every Indian. The Supreme Court rightly observed that the decision taken on 5th August 2019 was done with the purpose of enhancing constitutional integration and not disintegration. The Court has also recognized the fact that Article 370 was not permanent in nature. Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh's breathtaking landscapes, serene valleys, and majestic mountains have captivated the hearts of poets, artists and adventurers for generations. It is a place where the sublime meets the extraordinary, where the Himalayas reach for the sky, and where the pristine waters of its lakes and rivers mirror the heavens. But, for the last seven decades, these places have witnessed the worst form of violence and instability, something which the wonderful people never deserved. Unfortunately, due to centuries of colonisation, most notably economic and mental subjugation, we became a confused society of sorts. Rather than taking a clear position on very basic things, we allowed duality, leading to confusion. Sadly, Jammu and Kashmir became a big victim of such a mindset. At the time of independence, we had a choice of making a fresh start for national integration. Instead, we decided to continue with the confused society approach even if it meant ignoring the long-term national interests. I have had the opportunity of being connected with the Jammu and Kashmir Andolan from a very early part of my life. I belong to an ideological framework where Jammu and Kashmir was



not merely a political issue. But, it was about addressing the aspirations of society. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee held an important portfolio in the Nehru Cabinet and could have remained in government for a long time. Yet, he quit the Cabinet over the Kashmir issue and preferred the tough road ahead, even if it meant paying with his life. His efforts and sacrifice led to crores of Indians becoming emotionally attached with the Kashmir issue. Years later, Atal Ji, at a public meeting in Srinagar gave the powerful message of 'Insaniyat', 'Jamhooriyat' and 'Kashmiriyat', which has also always been a source of great inspiration. It was always my firm belief that what had happened in Jammu and Kashmir was a great betrayal to our nation and to the people living there. It was also my strong desire to do whatever I can to remove this blot, this injustice done to the people. I have always wanted to work to alleviate the suffering of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. In very basic words, Articles 370 and 35 (A) were like major obstacles. It seemed like an unbreakable wall and the sufferers were the poor and downtrodden. Articles 370 and 35(A) ensured that the people of Jammu and Kashmir never got the rights and development that the rest of their fellow Indians got. Due to these Articles, a distance was created between people belonging to the same nation. Due to this distance, many people from our nation who wanted to work to solve the problems of Jammu and Kashmir

were unable to do so even if they clearly felt the pain of the people there. As a Karyakarta who has seen the issue closely over the last several decades, I had a nuanced understanding of the specifics and the complexities of the issue. Yet, I was crystal clear about one thing that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want development and they want to contribute to the development of India based on their strengths and skills. They also want a better quality of life of their children, a life free from violence and uncertainty. Thus, while serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir, we gave primacy to three pillars - understanding of the citizens' concerns, building trust through supportive actions, and prioritising development, development and more development. In 2014, just after we assumed office, deadly floods struck Jammu and Kashmir, with a lot of damage in the Kashmir valley. In September 2014, I went to Srinagar to assess the situation and also announced Rs. 1000 crore as a special assistance for rehabilitation, signalling our government's commitment to supporting the people during crises. I had the opportunity to meet people from different walks of life and there was one common thread in these interactions - the people not only wanted development but they also wanted freedom from the rampant corruption prevailing for decades. The same year, I decided not to mark Diwali in remembrance of those we lost in Jammu and Kashmir. I also

decided to be in Jammu and Kashmir on Diwali day. In order to further strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's development journey, we decided that our Government ministers would frequently go there and interact with people directly. These frequent visits also played a crucial role in building goodwill in Jammu and Kashmir. From May 2014 to March 2019, over 150 ministerial visits took place. This is a record in itself. The special package of 2015 was a significant step in addressing the developmental needs of Jammu and Kashmir. It contained initiatives for infrastructure development, job creation, tourism promotion and support to the handicraft industry. We harnessed the power of sports in Jammu and Kashmir, recognising its potential to ignite the dreams of the youth. Through sporting initiatives, we witnessed the transformational impact of athletic pursuits on their aspirations and futures. Sporting venues were upgraded, training programmes were organised and coaches were made available. One of the most unique things was to encourage the setting of local football clubs. The results were outstanding. The name of the talented footballer Afshan Ashiq comes to my mind - in December 2014 she was a part of a stone pelting group in Srinagar but with the right encouragement she turned to football, she was sent for training and excelled in the game. I recall interacting with her in one of the Fit India Dialogues where I said it

time to move over 'Bend it like Beckham' because it is now 'Ace it like Afshan'. Other youngsters began to shine in kickboxing, Karate and more. The Panchayat polls were also a watershed moment in the region's quest for all-round development. Once again, we were faced with a choice of either remaining in power or standing by our principles - the choice was never tough and we let go of a Government but preferred that that ideals that we stand for, the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are given top priority. The success of Panchayat polls indicated the democratic nature of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. My mind went back to an interaction I had with Pradhans from the villages. Among other issues, I made a request to them - that at no point must schools be burnt and that must be ensured. I was delighted to see that this was adhered to. After all, if schools are burnt the biggest sufferers are the small children. The historical day of 5th August is etched in the hearts and minds of every Indian. Our Parliament passed the historic decision to abrogate Article 370. Since then, much has changed in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The judicial court verdict came in December 2023 but seeing the wave of development across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, the people's court have given a resounding thumbs up to the Parliament's decision of abolishing Articles 370 and 35(A) for four years now. At a political level, the last 4 years have been marked

with a renewed faith in grassroots democracy. The women, tribals, SC, ST and marginalised sections of society were not getting their due. At the same time, the aspirations of Ladakh were totally ignored. 5th August 2019 changed all that. All Central laws now apply without fear or favour Representation has also got more widespread - a three tier Panchayati Raj System is in place, BDC elections have been held, and refugee communities who were all but forgotten have begun to enjoy the fruits of development.

Key Central Government scheme have attained saturation levels, thus covering all sections of society. These include Saubhagya, Ujwala and Ujjwala schemes. Strides have been made in housing, tap water connection and financial inclusion. Healthcare, otherwise a major challenge for the people has witnessed an upgradation of infrastructure. All the villages achieved ODF Plus stats. Government vacancies, which were otherwise a den of corruption and favouritism have been filled in a transparent and process driven manner. Other indicators like IMR have shown betterment. The boost to infrastructure and tourism has been for everyone to see. The credit for this naturally goes to the resilience of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have shown time and again that they want only development and are willing to be drivers of this positive change. Earlier, there was a question mark on the status of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Now, there are only exclamation marks about record growth, record development, record tourist inflow.

In its verdict on 11th December, the Supreme Court has strengthened the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' - it has reminded us that what defines us is the bonds of unity and a shared commitment to good governance. Today, every child born in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh is born with a clean canvas, where he or she can paint a future full of vibrant aspirations. Today, the dreams of the people are no longer prisoners of the past but are possibilities of the future. After all, Development, democracy and dignity have replaced disillusionment, disappointment and despondency.

Financing climate adaptation: Enough is not enough

ISHOO RATAN SRIVASTAVA

As a global stocktake is conducted in COP 28; climate financing which is intended to support the twin pillars of mitigation and adaptation alongside the recently introduced loss and damage fund, needs an amplified focus. While mitigation targets emissions reduction pathways, adaptation strategies revolve around building climate resilience in communities and their built environment. The progress on committed finance by the developed world towards the global south has stayed well below the targeted \$100 billion annually and in particular, funds towards adaptation have been scarce. To put things in perspective, the UNFCCC standing committee on finance estimates that globally,

adaptation funds stand at \$49 billion, a staggering 38 times lower than the annual spending on environmentally harmful subsidies including those on fossil fuels. Why adaptation is crucial: The World Meteorological Organisation reports, 2023 was the warmest year on record, the antarctic sea ice has been reported at its lowest, the increased frequency and longevity of cyclones, enhanced instances of wildfires, increased drought and flooding patterns when contextualised with a projected a 30% decline in global agricultural production, habitat losses due to rising seas which in economic terms may cost around \$50 trillion per year 2050, the IPCC projection that at present 3.3 to 3.6 billion people are highly vulnerable to climate change and the

fact that current emissions trajectory makes the 1.5? or a 2? warming limit - a pipe dream; clearly bring out the urgency of action on the adaptation front. Structural distortions in adaptation finance: The disparity within the deployment of climate finance between mitigation and adaptation is significantly skewed with only a support of USD 8.9 billion pouring in for adaptation versus USD 17.9 billion for mitigation. OECD data suggests adaptation finance is predominantly delivered through public grants and on its own, this grant-dominated scheme can only make a limited dent in the rapidly growing needs of the climate finance universe, as it offers a limited value and motivation for private sector involvement. Seeding innovation with blended finance:

Blended finance can act as a catalyst for climate adaptation, when rolled out in the form of financial innovation, helping further the 'beyond aid' narrative and unlocking private finance flows, especially when used for structuring nature-based solutions for climate adaptation. As an example, an instrument like a debt-for-nature swap can adjust a state's foreign debt against investments in nature conservation. In 2016, the Government of Seychelles bought back USD 21.4 m of its Paris Club debt at a discounted price, against marine conservation and climate adaptation work. Participatory governance towards adaptation: Considering the inherently global nature of the climate, instead of a one-size-fits-all solution, adaptation models need to address the local

needs using Traditional knowledge systems. The remunerative ness of these models may be holistically built around the themes of reducing anticipated losses, enhancing socio-economic well-being and driving innovations in the creation of climate-resilient infrastructure to provide the required risk assurance to financing institutions. As an example, the Global Commission on adaptation estimates that a marginal 3% increase in climate-proofing of infrastructure may result in a robust 4:1 cost-benefit ratio. Similarly, the opportunities for research in climate-resilient crop varieties or technology development towards early warning systems, promise to attract private initiatives. The social impact assessment where in India has developed a lot of exper-

tise as it administers its targeted public welfare schemes or the learnings from the National Disaster Management Authority may be taken up for wider application. The call for urgency of investments in adaptation is an obvious one, particularly in light of recent losses of \$6 billion in India due to extreme climate events, the destruction of a quarter of Bahamas's GDP from Hurricane Dorian and the value extinction of over AUD 20 billion from Australian wildfires. Global prosperity will continue to hang in balance unless the financial viability of investments is assured by indispensable adaptation investments. (The writer is Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, North Western Railway and UK Commonwealth Scholar; views are personal)

SP college attends launch of Viksit Bharat@2047 by Prime Minister

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As part of the post event launch of Viksit Bharat @2047 by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Sri Pratap College, Srinagar today organised an Interactive Session with Vinod Kumar Bhat, CIO, Vistara. Earlier in the morning, the faculty and the students witnessed the live streaming of the formal launch of the Viksit Bharat @2047 in its auditorium by Hon'ble Prime Minister of the country. The event was well organized by the dedicated team assigned for the purpose headed by Dr. Javid Hassan, NSS PO and Prof. Aijaz Magray, IT.

The post event Session was thrown open by Principal of the College, Prof (Dr) Prof. Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the college provided a holistic overview of the forthcoming journey of the country in attaining the feat of a developed nation by 2047.

The event was attended by a good number of students in the online mode from their respective places. The guest speaker interacted with the students and answered many questions ranging from the future of India vis a-vis new trends in technology, future of IA, need of skill - based courses in college etc.

While answering, the guest speaker voiced a hope that India shall emerge as a technological giant given the recent developments in technology. Prof. Jan Mohammad, Assistant Professor, English conducted the proceedings.

GDC Baramulla organizes day-long programme; takes Viksit Bharat Sankalp Pledge

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BARAMULLA, DECEMBER 11

Government Degree College, Baramulla, initiated a comprehensive day-long programme dedicated to Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, witnessing active participation of the staff in the online webcast addressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The programme was attended by all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

The inauguration of the event was led by Dr. Mohammad Farooq Rather, the Principal of GDC Baramulla, and Prof. Tariq Chalkoo, Staff Secretary, and HOD Physics. The occasion brought together both teaching and non-teaching staff in a unified effort towards the shared cause of national development.

Expressing pride in the college's commitment, Dr. Mohammad Farooq Rather stated, "Our collective pledge reflects the dedication of GDC Baramulla to contribute meaningfully to the nation's development. As educators, we understand the role we play in shaping the future."

Prof. Tariq Chalkoo emphasized, "This event signifies our commitment to a future where India stands as a developed and empowered nation. Every staff member, teaching or non-teaching, is an integral part of this vision."

Tourism department celebrates International Mountain Day

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The Directorate of Tourism, Srinagar, today celebrated International Mountain Day in which scores of adventure lovers, mountaineers and a large number of nature lovers participated.

The theme for this year's event was "Restoring Mountain Ecosystems" aiming at raising awareness about relevance of mountain ecosystems.

Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, was the chief guest on the occasion.

Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob, GM Small Industries Development Bank of India, Satyaki Rastogi, DGM SIDBI, Mamta Kumari, officers of Tourism Department, members from tourism fraternity and other officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary said that JK tourism is in itself a brand



world over and we have to maintain its distinctiveness through hard work and coordinated efforts. He stressed on active participation and collaboration of various stakeholders of tourism industry while highlighting their pivotal role in shaping the industry and driving its growth.

Dr. Abid said that tourism in Kashmir has flourished tremendously with the valley recording a steep rise in number of visiting tourists from the whole country. He said that the number of tourists who have already visited JK this year in different segments like adventure, leisure, pilgrim has already crossed 20 million and this counting will grow further in this month

owing to the winter tourism peak. He congratulated the department for its efforts in increasing the footfall of tourists.

Secretary said that in order to cater to the huge influx of tourists we need to diversify our tourism products and have to explore and develop virgin destinations and introduce new activities apart from the traditional ones so that the experiences of tourists are enhanced and they return back with good memories.

Assuring the stakeholders of all support, Dr Abid said that we will redouble our efforts to make sure that JK Tourism attains newer heights while calling for coordinated efforts from all stakeholders.

To maintain the scenic

beauty and ecology of the areas, Secretary said that trekkers need to show sense of responsibility and not leave any wastage while on trekking or travel on hill areas. He highlighted that we are a very sensitive biodiversity hotspot and we should not do anything which harms or destroys the brand of Kashmir Tourism. He said that there is a need to sensitize the trekkers whether locals or foreign to respect our ecology and biodiversity so that our mountains remain free from any litter and the scenic beauty is maintained.

To further diversify the tourism product range of J&K, Dr. Abid said that new destinations are being developed in Jammu and Kashmir to boost tourism

which would generate economic avenues for the people. We need equitable growth of tourism and for that economic gains and benefits need to be democratized, he added. He called upon the younger generation to come forward and generate their livelihood through different segments of tourism. He said that 22 lakh people are being directly or indirectly benefited from the sector and the numbers are growing day by day.

On the occasion, the Tourism Department also launched two projects in collaboration with SIDBI. These included Homestay Entrepreneurship Training Program and 10 day P1 and P2 paragliding course at Bir Billing Himachal Pradesh.

On the sidelines of the event, the department had organized several activities like flagging off a cycle rally from TRC, distribution of mountain gear among the adventure lovers and a photo exhibition.

5-Day Workshop on New Examination Reforms and Evaluation Scheme commences in DIET Doda

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DODA, DECEMBER 11

The District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIET) Doda today organised a pivotal five-day workshop to work out road map for implementing substantial examination reforms and introducing a revised assessment and evaluation scheme for teachers' mastery in the region. Set to continue till the 15th of December 2023, the workshop is being conducted at the ICT Lab in DIET Doda.

Under the leadership of the DIET Principal Parkash Lal Thapa, the workshop aims to revolutionize educational evaluation methods. The workshop is specifically designed to equip teachers with updated assessment strategies,



enhancing their evaluation capabilities for a more effective learning process.

Chander Parkash, the coordinator of the program at DIET Doda, is overseeing the extensive training sessions during the workshop. The focus is on imparting practical and hands-on training, empowering teachers with the latest techniques and methodologies in assessment and evaluation. This workshop represents a pro-

active approach by DIET Doda to elevate the quality of education by modernizing the assessment system for teachers' mastery in the Doda district. As it progresses till the 15th of December 2023, the knowledge and skills acquired during this workshop are anticipated to significantly contribute to an improved educational environment and better student learning outcomes across the district.

Transformative Wave sweeps through District Doda amid Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra



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The District Doda is experiencing a transformative wave amid the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra spanning Khelani, Marmat, Bhaderwah, Bhagwah, Gundna, Jakyas, and Changa blocks to raise awareness among the people about government initiatives for the holistic development of the region. The yatra has left an indelible mark on the rural people while covering Panchayats of Hambal, Sangoie, Manwah, Bhagwah Lower A, Bhagwah Lower B, Mahaalla, Dal Khankote, Jakyas, and Kaljugasar, where residents displayed overwhelming enthusiasm and passion. Each panchayat witnessed vibrant cultural programs, sports activities, and the showcasing of various govern-

ment-sponsored schemes on big LED screens.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra not only highlights the rich cultural heritage of the region but also provides a platform for different government departments to showcase their flagship schemes and services. The event, featuring pledge ceremonies, health checkup camps, quiz competitions, and cultural activities, received a warm welcome at all designated panchayats. Frontline workers and local residents gathered to celebrate, with the honourable Prime Minister's message screened passionately on big LED screens, conveying the latest information about government-sponsored schemes. This collective effort fosters enthusiasm and active participation in the nation's progress.

Div Com reviews land acquisition issues of NHAI for different Road projects

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and officers of National Highway Authority of India to review the land acquisition for various road projects being executed in Jammu division by the NHAI.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; Joint Director Geology and Mining, Project Directors of NHAI, and other concerned officers, while concerned Deputy Commissioners participated in the meeting through video conferencing.



The discussions centered on land acquisition, disbursement of compensation, issuance of NOCs required from various departments for Mining permissions. The Div Com inquired about the overall progress on the road projects and pending issues of land acquisition.

Asking district administrations to provide encumbrance free land to NHAI, the Div Com directed the DCs to resolve the issues

on priority for smooth execution of work on the prestigious road projects. He also directed them for completing the disbursement of land acquisition compensation. The NHAI functionaries were asked to stay in constant touch with concerned Deputy Commissioners for resolving the issues. They were asked to expedite the pace of work on all the executed road projects for their timely completion.

Forest Department, Zila Sainik Welfare Board organises Plantation Drive

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The Forest Department Doda, in collaboration with Zila Sainik Welfare Board organized a Plantation drive in the premises of Zila Sainik Welfare Board Office. The aim of the drive was to promote the importance of environmental conservation and create awareness about the benefits of

planting trees. In this drive, saplings of Chinar, Cupressus, Salix, Silver oak etc were planted by the participants. This drive was organized as part of the ongoing JK Green drive of the government through which all 237 Panchayats of District Doda will be covered and plants of different species will be planted during winter plantation.

The plantation drive was attended by Divisional Forest Officer Doda, Wing Commander 25 RB Doda, Assistant Conservator Forest Chenab Circle Doda, Divisional Manager J&K Forest Development Corporation, District Soil and water Conservation and Project Officer CAT along with staff of the Board and forest department.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra IEC Van reaches 12 Panchayats in Udhampur District



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UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has sparked a tremendous public enthusiasm in Udhampur district ignited by the special call of Developed India from the Prime Minister of India.

On its 16th day, the flagship outreach campaign covered 12 Panchayats under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai. The VBSY team actively engaged with the community through diverse activities, including cultural performances. The vibrant participation of PRI members

and the general public underscored the event's impactful presence.

The message highlighted the crucial role of community engagement, active participation in government schemes, and collaborative efforts for holistic development. Throughout the day, officers and officials from various departments sensitized the public and farmers about government welfare schemes, urging them to maximize benefits. The receptive audience displayed keen interest, showcasing dedicated commitment to the principles of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra concludes in Block Paddar



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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a transformative initiative, culminated its journey in Paddar block today, traversing all the 11 accessible Panchayats.

Central to the Yatra's success was the IEC Van, disseminating the Prime Minister's message on Centrally Sponsored Schemes and their effective implementation. 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' provided a platform for beneficiaries to share their experiences, enriching the Yatra's essence.

Highlighting the whole impactful journey across 11 Panchayats an IEC Van was deployed to disseminate the message of Hon'ble PM besides a total of 69 activities were conducted, 66 number of rural schemes were made families to public, with Sankalp taking part by 2498 individuals, 13 cultural events held under "Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke component", also recognizing 102 individual achievers including students.

The 15 Health camps conducted during the Yatra catered to the community's health needs at their doorstep, screening 31 individuals for TB, 5 for Sickle Cell, and conducting NCD screenings for 4 participants.

Furthermore, the Yatra facilitated seamless saturation of various schemes, offering immediate on-the-spot services,

while also creating awareness about government schemes. Government schemes including Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Jan Dhan, ODF, Digitisation of land Records, PM Kisan today, were saturated during the Yatra. On the occasion, 45 Ayushman golden Cards and 26 KCC cards were distributed among farmers, while 22 individuals were enrolled for PM Ujjwala scheme.

In alignment with VBSY, the sharing of insightful stories by 53 beneficiaries under Meri Kahani Meri Zubani was recorded.

Spanning across the Paddar block, the Yatra covered panchayats including Jar, Affani, Kundal, Atholi, Gulabgarh, Ligri, Sohal, Tiyari, Ishatyari, Massu, and Palali.

The overwhelming community response throughout the Yatra underscored its significance as the Yatra received invaluable support from PRIs, including DDC and BDC members, Sarpanches, Panches, BDO Paddar, Tehsildar Paddar, and other field functionaries, contributing significantly to its smooth execution.

This leg of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra exemplified impactful reach and commitment, fostering holistic development and awareness among rural communities at their door step. It stands as a testament to the dedication towards creating a more developed and informed society.

Agriculture Department Kashmir organises grand event under VBSY



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SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 11

Agriculture Department Kashmir today organised a grand event under the theme of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) at Agriculture Complex Lal-mandi, Srinagar.

The event was presided over by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal. Joint Director Agriculture Extension, G.M Dhobi; Joint Director Agriculture Inputs, Tabassum Naz; Deputy Director Agriculture Central, Waheedul-Rehman; Chief Agriculture officer Srinagar, Manoharlal-Sharma, and other senior officers, officials of the department and a large number of farmers and agripreneurs were present on the occasion.

In his inaugural address, Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of VBSY and said that the basic objective of organising this

event is to reach the last farmer in the queue and to cover the uncovered under different centrally sponsored schemes.

He directed all the officers to ensure that the benefits under different schemes reach every farmer of the region. Under 'Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani' a number of farmers and agripreneurs shared their experiences as farmers and their journey in becoming successful growers.

The Agriculture and farmers welfare department has so far actively participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and organised various awareness camps among the farming communities at panchayat level. The door-to-door campaign was also conducted to provide first hand information about the centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department for the farming community of the region.

Panthers Pary alone has audacity to confront all political challenges: Harsh Dev

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In the wake of Honble Supreme Court directing the GoI and Election Commission of India to hold Assembly elections in J&K before September 2024 in a historic verdict today, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh President JKNPP and former Minister said that the petition filed by him in the Apex Court had finally drawn a verdict in favour of the restoration of democracy in the erstwhile State. In a statement issued by the Panthers Party, he said that once again the Supreme Court of India by virtue of its august directions had provided political succor to the people of J&K where the democracy was crushed, trampled and nearly brought to the end.

He said in the month of May this year, a writ petition had been filed by him seeking early Assembly Elections in J&K in the Supreme Court

with the prayer to the Apex Court to issue directions to the Union of India and the Election Commission of India (ECI) to take immediate steps for restoration of democratic process and revival of peoples govt in the erstwhile State in consonance with the spirit of constitution and successive rulings of the top Court of the country. He divulged that till date the democracy continued to be abused and outraged in J&K by the present rulers behaving as unquestionable despots and running the affairs of the govt for more than five years in J&K through their proxies. And when the people pressed for restoration of democratic govt, the helmsmen either issue a statement assuring early elections or silence the protagonists of democracy through the coercive apparatus of the state, added Harsh.

Singh rued that Assembly elections were being delayed and denied and continued to

be postponed for one reason or the other. Sometimes they were denied on the grounds of the security scenario, sometimes on the pretext of unfinished Delimitation exercise, sometimes on the grounds of Amar Nath Ji pilgrimage, while at other times by taking the plea of intense cold or hot weather conditions or heavy snowfall. "And while the constitution continued to be subverted by taking freakish excuses to deny Democracy to the people of J&K, the historic ruling of Supreme Court today calling for time bound restoration of democracy in the erstwhile State had come as a tight and crisp slap on the faces of those who had held the Indian Constitution hostage and violated it with impunity for their vested interests", jubilant Harsh said. Referring to the SC hearing on the matter in July this year, Mr. Singh disclosed when he argued before the three judge bench headed

by Chief Justice of India CY Chandrachud that the people of J&K had been disenfranchised and the democracy murdered, the honble Court directed the supply of copies of his writ petition to Union of India and Election Commission seeking restoration of democratic govt in J&K without any further delay. He said the CJ had also assured him that the matter would be addressed in the petition of the Art 370. "Today's verdict had not only strengthened the faith of the people in judiciary but had upheld the sanctity and grace of the democracy which eluded the electorate of J&K since more than five years. This is people's victory. Only Panthers Party has the audacity to confront all the challenges posed by tyrant regime. We stand with the people and hold our allegiance to take them out from the ongoing socio-political quagmire at all costs", Harsh roared.

SC upholds Abrogation of Articles 370, 35A; Justice delivered to J&K: Vibodh

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RAJOURI, DEC 11

BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta on Monday said that Justice has been delivered to the People of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh as the Supreme Court upholds the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh as constitutionally valid. He said this while addressing a public gathering in Nagoon Block, Doongi and asserted that the nullification of Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution five years ago has transformed Jammu and Kashmir, bringing about a substantial and far-reaching changes in the lives of its people. Vibodh said that the government's focus on infrastructure development has been evident through numerous projects launched



in the region such as the construction of highways, tunnels, expansion of railways etc. "This has not only improved connectivity but has also resulted in record surge in tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and has made it a preferred destination for tourists", he added. Vibodh strongly asserted that since 2019 there has been no shutdowns in the Kashmir Valley, and with the situation getting better, the Union Territory has hosted national and international events which have further contributed towards making J&K as the tourism capital of the world. Vibodh also highlighted the benefits

that abrogation of articles 370 and 35A bestowed on different sections of society whether STs, women, OBCs, PoJK displaced people, Valmiki samaj, Gorkha Samaj, West Pakistan Refugees etc. in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and said that the Modi government has renewed hope of peace and prosperity among the people of J&K. He maintained that the ST's of J&K are the prominent beneficiary of abrogation of Article 370 and 35A and has been empowered by the Modi government through political reservation. "Since 5 Aug 2019 more than one lakh people, who migrated from West Paki-

stan to Jammu in 1947, are being granted full citizenship and domicile rights, including ownership rights for property, the right to vote, and eligibility for government jobs," Vibodh said. Vibodh also emphasised that the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A has brought a Pandora of opportunities for the youth of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in the fields of startups, industries, tourism, sports, agriculture and its allied sectors. He said that at present some of the country's leading startups are based in J&K while thousands of jobs have been opened up in the private sector. The youth of the Union Territory have become Job Creator rather than Job seekers with the magical revolution that the people of J&K witnessed post abrogation of article 370 and 35A.

Global Convent School celebrates 22nd Annual Day

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Global Convent School Channi Rama, Jammu, a leading educational institution in Jammu, celebrated its 22nd Annual Day with great jubilation and enthusiasm on December 11, 2023. The event, held at Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, witnessed a vibrant display of student talent and a celebration of the institution's rich legacy.

The esteemed Chief Guests for the occasion were Kavinder Gupta, Former Deputy Chief Minister, who inspired the students with their encouraging words.

Tajinder Singh Sodhi, Bureau Chief NEWS 18, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The program commenced with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony followed by a melodious rendition of the school song. The function was



presided over by Sohail Kazmi, Editor-Taskeen/member JK Waqf Board.

Riaz Ahmed, Principal, Global Convent School, Branch Batote, paid a heartfelt tribute to Late K. K. Pandoh, Chairman of Global Convent School, and Late M. L. Gandotra, father of Mona Pandoh, Founder/Director of the school. He acknowledged

their vision, dedication, and unwavering support in shaping the institution into what it is today.

The students mesmerized the audience with a captivating array of dance, music, drama, and skit performances, showcasing their talents. The Annual Day featured a cultural extravaganza, with students presenting

traditional dances and performances highlighting India's rich heritage.

Jagdamba Gandotra, Principal of Global Convent School, presented the annual report, highlighting the school's accomplishments in academics, sports, co-curricular activities, and community service. She commended the teachers and students

for their dedication and hard work, which have contributed significantly to the school's growth and development.

The highlight of the evening was the award ceremony, where Mrs. Mona Pandoh, Founder/Director of the school, felicitated students for their academic excellence, sportsmanship, and exemplary leadership qualities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the national anthem, leaving the audience with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Global Convent School's 22nd Annual Day celebration was a resounding success, showcasing the school's commitment to providing holistic education and nurturing well-rounded individuals.

The event served as a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire school community and promises a brighter future for the institution.

PTTI Vijaypur accords warm send off to Dy SP Telecom Surinder Paul Singh

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VIJAYPUR, DEC 11

Principal PTTI Vijaypur and staff organized a farewell function on the transfer/adjustment of Shri Surrinder Paul Singh, Dy.SP (Telecom) from PTTI Vijaypur to Dy.SP Telecommunication Doda. While speaking on the occasion Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Shri Shiv Kumar, IPS, SSP appreciated the services rendered by the transferee at PTTI Vijaypur and termed him as a dedicated, sincere and seasoned Police Officer. Shri Dhushyant Sharma, SSP, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Shri Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP (Outdoor), Shri Devinder Gupta, Dy.SP (R&D), Shri Kuldeep Raj, Dy. SP (Indoor/Tech.), Shri Khushwant Singh, Dy.SP (Admn.), Shri Asif Iqbal, Sr.PO PTTI Vijaypur and other staff hailed



the efforts and professionalism skills of the outgoing DYSP and extended their best wishes to the transferee for his new assignments.

On the occasion, Dy,SP Surrinder Paul Singh expressed his gratitude to the Principal and all the ranks of PTTI Vijay-

pur for organizing farewell. Among others Inspr. Javed Hussain (RI), Inspr. Pawan Kumar, Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kalotra, Inspr. Ram Lal (CLI), Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Mulkh Raj and others were present on the occasion.

Everyone should respect Supreme Court judgement on Article 370: Ravinder Raina

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Everyone should respect the Supreme Court judgement on Article 370, said Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina hailed the Supreme Court's judgement upholding the abrogation of Article 370. The SC has given historic decision in the context of Jammu & Kashmir, he said.

"Tribals, Gujjars, Bakkerwals, Gaddi-Sippi have suffered 70 years due to 370. OBCs in J&K were devoid of their rights. West Pakistan Refugees were denied citizenship. Those from PoJK were denied basic rights. The Constitution of India was ignored in J&K. Anti corruption law was not valid here, NHRC did not have its jurisdiction in J&K. Right to education was not here. Many such important decisions prevailing in other states and UTs were not valid in J&K due to Article 370. Panchayati Raj Sashaktikaran was not valid. DDC, BDC elections were not held here earlier", said Ravinder Raina.

Development in every city and village of the region is visible. Public welfare schemes are operational in J&K benefitting the needy directly in every area. Ayushman Card, scholarships, benefits to LoC residents, all such is being given to residents of J&K along with the whole nation.

We thank the Supreme Court for what it has given. We also thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah that they have given basic rights to every resident of J&K. We are a democratic nation. Our judiciary is supreme. Every citizen of this great nation lauds and welcomes the decision of



rights and live dignified lives with basic rights. 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat mission' has been endorsed by SC. Every religion, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, residents of Jammu, residents of Kashmir, every community and everyone is benefited. J&K is progressing on the path of peace and prosperity.

"We honour and respect the judgement in letter and spirit", said Ravinder Raina.

While replying to a query, he said the Central government has time and again made it clear that it is ready to hold assembly elections but the decision has to be taken by the Election Commission, while the Prime Minister and Home Minister are promise-bound on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

Ravinder Raina appealed to all the parties that now there should not be any politics on Article 370. Instead of destabilizing peace and prosperity

in Jammu & Kashmir, all the political parties should work on the development and the betterment of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Raina said that it is the responsibility of all the political leaders to promote peace, prosperity and harmony and nobody should spit venom in society.

J&K BJP's chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi said it is better not to give a political colour to the Supreme Court judgment, which was in accordance with the wishes of the people of the entire country.

"This is a historic judgment as it has put at rest the questions raised on the complete integration of Jammu & Kashmir. This fight was not political or community-centric but there are some people in Kashmir whose politics runs on Article 370," Sethi said.

Sethi said that the SC has made it clear that the earlier decision taken in this regard was completely valid and justified constitutionally. He said that this fight was based on people's aspirations for the nation's unity, for the sovereignty of the nation, justifying the validation of the Constitution over J&K and impressing the whole nation as one entity.

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The function was inaugurated by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal/Dean, Govt. Medical College Jammu. Ms. Babila Rakwal Mission Director, National Health Mission, Jammu and Dr. Rajeev Sharma, Director Health Services, Jammu and Shri D.K Batra Secretary ASCOMS & Dr. Gautam Mengi, Joint Secretary ASCOMS were the special guest on the occasion.

While delivering the welcome address, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal ASCOMS highlighted the importance of academic activities in medical curriculum and also spoke on the organizational capabilities of Dr. Ritu Gupta and her love for academic activities. He described Dr. Ritu Gupta as epitome of humbleness and passionate towards Medical Teaching. The Guest Speakers on the occasion were Dr. Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, Principal, Govt. Medical

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College, Rajouri and Dr. Avneet Sharma, Senior consultant, Psychiatry, National Health Service, United Kingdom.

Dr. Bhatia while speaking on stress and power of positive attitude described the coordination between the two important factor i.e., stress and positive attitude. He advised the student to become positive thinker as lots of many stresses during the studies life would vanish once a student thinks positively. He also advised the student towards, use of cognitive and behavioral strategies to manage the demand of stress situation. Dr. Avneet Sharma gave a detailed overview of stresses and compared the two different situations in India and United Kingdom. While addressing the students he advised them to remain away from

stressful conditions and also advised the students to keep evaluating their behavior and practice empathy.

Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta, Prof & HOD Paediatrics & Chairman, Dr. Ritu Gupta Foundation while speaking on the occasion explained about various activities to be initiated by the foundation for the benefit of common masses. A small presentation about the life of Dr. Ritu Gupta was presented by Ms. Urvi Gupta, Dr. Ritu Gupta's daughter.

On the occasion, toppers in the subject of Physiology to the different Medical colleges of Jammu province were felicitated namely Ms. Ananya Handa (GMC Rajouri), Ms. Humna Javed (GDC Jammu), Mr. Arnab Vivek Gupta (GMC Jammu), Ms. Meemansa (GMC Doda), Mr. Samarpreet Singh (IDS Sehora),

Mr. Peerzada Shamas-ul-Wara (ASCOMS Jammu), Ms. Deepika Rehan (GMC Kathua), along with the HODs namely Dr. Vineeta Sharma, HOD Physiology (GMC Jammu), Dr. Neeru Gupta, HOD Physiology (IDS Sehora), Dr. Garima Charak, HOD Physiology (GMC Doda), Dr. Sabita Yograj, HOD Physiology (GMC Kathua), Dr. Ravinder Kumar Malhotra, HOD Physiology (GMC Rajouri).

Also on the occasion the Foundation felicitated the Principals of various Medical and Dental Colleges of Jammu province.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Babila Rakwal, Guest of Honor highlighted the importance of stress management in the student community. She also laid stress on the role of parents and councilors or managing stress in young children.

Rasna launches Rasna Himalayan Gulab Sharbat, Himalayan Gulkand, Himalayan Gulab Chywanprash

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Rasna announced the launch of their Rasna Himalayan GulabSharbat, Himalayan Gulkand and Himalayan GulabChywanprash. In an effort to increase Rasna's presence in the state, the products will be manufactured using raw materials such as pure rose oil and rose water all sourced from the valleys of Uttarakhand.

Rasna through its extensive manufacturing and marketing outreach with 12 factories in India and 1.6 million outlets coverage in India and availability in more than 60 countries will launch the product in India and abroad simultaneously, especially in the Middle East where Indian rose products are already in demand. With a global demand for the product, Rasna aims to



grow its presence through increased sourcing of local produce from the state. To further revenue generation for the state, Rasna also plans to launch Sandal Syrup and Turmeric Syrup based concentrate syrups, whose raw materials would also be sourced from the Valleys of Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand, especially the valley of flowers in Chamoli, is known for its variety of rose

flowers namely Damask. The Damask Rose is very distinctive, as it provides a unique aroma and has been used extensively for centuries as an additive for various food, ayurvedic, nutraceutical and related products. Rasna through its innovative R&D approach has made this rose syrup using natural ingredients from the state which will provide therapeutic benefits that stem from the antiox-

idant, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and gut cooling properties of the flowers and not to forget the aroma and distinct taste of the product.

Commenting at the Uttarakhand Global Investor Summit, Group Chairman of Rasna, Mr. Piruz Khambatta said "Rasna is dedicated to work in line with the Hon. Prime Minister's vision of food from India for the world. We fully support the call for Vocal for Local and are expanding it by making Local go Global. In interest of which and to showcase our commitment to the state of Uttarakhand, we have launched the Rasna Himalayan GulabSharbat, Himalayan Gulkand, GulabChywanprash and aim to roll out additional products PAN India and globally, all of which will be manufactured using raw materials sourced

from the state. This will immensely help the farmers of Uttarakhand by improving their income and getting better value for their crop."

Consumers are moving towards natural and ethnic products and according to a recent Euromonitor Report the Indian concentrate syrup market is expected to become a billion-dollar industry by 2024. As a market leader, Rasna expects immense growth in this product category which will significantly increase their presence into Uttarakhand over the coming years.

Rasna Himalayan Gulab Sharbat would be available in two pack sizes 750 ml at Rs. 160 and 600 ml at Rs. 130, across Rasna's mammoth market of 1.6 million outlets through its 26 depots, 200 super stockists, 5000 stockists and 900 sales force.

Stop illegal construction at Archaeological protected Bahu Fort: Charak appeals Admin

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Bahu Fort Development Committee leveled over ongoing illegal construction works by management of Bawe Wali Mata temple at ancient monument, Bahu Fort, which has been declared as project of national importance and termed as protected monument by Archaeological Survey of India.

In a statement, Rajeev Charak, President Bahu Fort Development Committee J&K said with any fear of law, the management of Bawe Wali Mata temple, aggressively started construction works at protected monuments by executing constructions of pits and digging near walls of ancient Fort.

He said as per Archaeological Survey of India act construction of any kind is prohibited but the management openly chal-



lenges law enforcement agencies, particularly Archaeological Survey of India, Jammu Development Authority and Police by continually changing the actual structures and constructing many new temple complexes in violation of laws. He further said that historical Rani Pond inside the temple complex is also in deteriorating condition as it has been used as dumping the garbage.

Charak appealed to the Archaeological Survey of India to book the management under relevant section for violating the acts and urged administration

to file FIR against the culprits for damaging the ancient site for monetary benefits.

The fact of the matter is Fort Complex was declared a protected monument by the Archaeological Survey of India but in violation of management initiated huge construction activities. Many new temples came into the complex in violation of religious sanctity.

He appealed to the Lieutenant Governor's administration to take action and take up control of the entire shrine and declare a shrine board for it.

Massive celebrations in Jammu City as Supreme Court upholds abrogation of Article 370"

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The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Mr Ashok Gupta took out a massive celebration in Jammu city after the final verdict of the Apex court regarding the Abrogated article 370.

There was a huge celebration drums were beaten, sweets were distributed and trumpets were blown as this is the last nail in the coffin of Article 370 & Article 35.

The Constitution bench of the Supreme Court has pronounced its verdict on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories.

A five-judge constitution bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, and Surya Kant passed the judgment. On September 5, the apex court reserved the judgement after hearing the arguments for 16 days. I am happy, it's a historic day...I see the abrogation of Article 370 as an



opportunity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir to move forward towards a progressive, educated life. There has been an atmosphere of happiness for the last 4 years after its removal.

The people of Bharat are overwhelmed by the judgment of the Supreme Court upholding the decision of the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A of the Constitution.

This is yet another victory and moment of celebration for all the nationalist people of the country who dreamt of complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with Bharat for which they fought political and legal battles and even sacrificed their lives.

The party president stated that now the focus of the government should be to bring heavy industries and tourism in Jammu

as during the phase of article 370 Jammu faced the maximum brunt due to the step sisterly behaviour.

Today "will go down in the history of India when a Himalayan constitutional blunder of the past with gigantic proportion is ultimately corrected by the Government.

"The highest court of the country, the most powerful court in the world, has stood by the constitutional values and has secured to all residents of Jammu and Kashmir their legitimate rights which they were deprived of since independence while taking care of democratic election also.

The party people who were present at the time of protest were Abhishek, Ram, Ashish, Bantu, Kalu, Prem, Rahul, Akshay, Kishore, Raju, Ganesh and various others were present.

Observance of Viksit Bharat ki Parikalpana@2047 at IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu

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Envisaging the vision of the Government of India to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of its independence in the frame of Viksit Bharat@2047, the officials, staff of the IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu and the students watched the virtual address of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at the Regional Centre Jammu today. Regional Director, Dr. Jai Prakash Verma administered the "Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat" pledge to the colleagues at the RC.

Regional Centre Jammu has a number of activities lined up to be carried out in days to come which include creating awareness among the learners to submit their ideas for the Viksit Bharat on mygov.gov.in portal and mention about their role and contribution towards making India as a developed nation.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Urban, commences in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) Urban, a nation wide campaign to spread awareness about the various developmental Schemes and initiatives of the Government of India, reached Udhampur today.

A grand welcome was organised to receive the VBSY Van with garlands, by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Sh. Ghan Sham Singh along with officers and officials from various departments.

Sh. Singh while addressing the gathering highlighted the achievements and benefits of the various flagship schemes of the Government of India towards the ultimate goal of Vikshit Bharat.

On the opening day



of the yatra in the city, camps were held in Dabber Chowk (Mini Stadium) and Rewayath Hall. 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 ups , facility to get new aadhaar cards issued or the existing ones updated, and loans under PM SVANidhi yojana. Scores 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.

Videos of beneficiaries of various departmental schemes under Meri Kahani Meri Zubani were also played and cultural programmes organised along with Quiz .

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.

Among others, Sh. Khurshid Yusuf, District Nodal I&B , Sh. Amit Sharma, Nodal officer ULB , along with officers from various departments attended the day long event.

Congress to continue struggle for protection of land, job rights, seek immediate restoration of statehood: Wani

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Congress has said that it shall continue its struggle for safeguarding the rights of people of J&K especially the rights of the land and job, apart from seeking immediate restoration of statehood , without any further delay, in any case before holding of assembly elections

Briefing media persons at party HQ here today, after the Supreme court verdict on Article 370, JKPC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani flanked by other senior leaders said that special status was accorded to J&K by then Congress Govt, thus protecting rights of people mainly the job and land rights of the residents of J&K, which have been taken away by the abrogation of special provision by the present government He said that People are unhappy over the



snatching of their land and job rights by BJP Govt for which Congress shall continue its democratic struggle to seek protections of these rights, if the India block Govt comes in power at the Centre.

He said that it is significant that Hon'ble Supreme Court has vindicated our party's stand and acknowledged the struggle of the people, by holding that non holding of elections in J&K for such a long time is "unconstitutional and undemocratic" and directed the holding of Assembly elections latest by 30th Sep.2024. It is a slap on the BJP Govt.

for denying the democratic rights to the people of J&K for over five and half years. With regard to the restoration of statehood, GOI has now assured the Supreme Court, to restore the statehood, as soon as possible, the congress party demands the same be done at the earliest, without any further delay, in any case before the assembly elections.

The Congress party is committed to continue its struggle for the restoration of rights of people especially safeguard, for land and jobs besides seeking immediate restoration of statehood, with-

out further delay. He said that the party shall go in to other details of the judgment.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Sr. Vice Presidents Th. Balwan Singh & Ravinder Sharma besides General Secretaries Narinder Gupta, Pawan Raina, Narnder Sharma & Suresh Dogra and Rajveer Singh, Ricky Dalotra were present in press conference. Ravinder Sharma referred to the stand of the party as per CWC resolution on the issue and said that party had left the issue of constitutionality on the Apex Court.

Div Com Ramesh Kumar inaugurates Yoga Zumba Studio at Jammu Club



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Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today marked a significant moment for Jammu Club by inaugurating a new Yoga cum Zumba studio. This event symbolizes the Club's commitment to promoting wellness and fitness among its members.

In the welcome address, Gaurav Gupta, the Club Secretary, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Kumar for making time in his busy schedule to grace the occasion. He emphasized the importance of this initiative in enhancing the members' welfare, underscoring the Club's focus on fitness and well-being.

The Club Secretary highlighted the Club's vari-

ous initiatives, including the establishment of the Yoga cum Zumba Studio. He acknowledged the previously felt need for a dedicated space for Yoga and Zumba activities within the club, which prompted this new addition.

Gaurav Gupta informed the members about several ongoing development projects at the Club, such as a Card Zone, Guest House, Dining Hall, Health Club, an upgraded reception, a kids' room, a library, and more. He shared his team's vision of elevating the Club to be among the top clubs in the country by providing these comprehensive facilities. He also extended his appreciation to Dr. Uttam Singh and Dr. Sandeep Singh for their significant

roles in establishing the studio and to Er. Ashok Gandotra, who leads the Construction Committee overseeing the Club's ongoing construction works.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, who also serves as the Club's Vice President, commended the Secretary and his team for their dedication and initiative. Mr. Kumar highlighted the importance of facilities that promote physical and mental health, advocating for the regular organization of yoga and Zumba classes for members across all ages and fitness levels. He also encouraged the use of the Studio for other wellness activities like meditation and mindfulness workshops. "This hall

is a critical step towards enhancing the health and well-being of our club members," he remarked.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Club Secretary. The new Yoga cum Zumba Hall is anticipated to be a significant addition to the club's facilities, contributing positively to the overall well-being of its members.

On this occasion Members of the Managing Committee Er. Ashok Gandotra, Mrs. Indu Puri, Er. Tania Mahajan, Er. Ajay Sabharwal, Mr. Aditya Gupta, Er. Vikram Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Uttam Singh, Mr. Ashwani Gupta, were present. Sh. K. K. Khosa & Er. Vinod Sharma Former Secretaries of the Club were also present.

J&K will continue to achieve greater heights under Modi regime: Saini

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 11

The Ganmanya Samaj Sangathan (GSS) today expressed its strong support for the Supreme Court's recent pronouncements on Article 370 and the holding of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued here today, Pritam Singh Saini, National Vice President of GSS and State President of All Jammu Kashmir Kshtriya Saini Sabha, welcomed the verdict on Article 370, stating that it is a "historic victory for the people

of Jammu and Kashmir and a testament to the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national integration."

He further commended the Supreme Court's direction to the Election Commission to conduct Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir before September 30, 2024. This, he said, will pave the way for a democratically elected government to address the concerns of the people and ensure their rightful representation.

Pritam Singh Saini also welcomed the Top Court's



instructions to the Centre regarding the restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed his belief that this will further empower the people and contribute to the overall development of the region.

Highlighting the positive impact of the Modi government on Jammu and Kashmir, Pritam Singh Saini said, "J&K has witnessed unprecedented development under the Modi regime. We have seen progress in various

sectors, including tourism, infrastructure, education, and healthcare. This is a clear indication of the government's commitment to the well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Pritam Singh Saini called upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir to extend their unwavering support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He believes that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, Jammu and Kashmir will continue to thrive and achieve even greater heights.

SC's decision on Article 370 has deeply Saddened People of J&K: Apni Party

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Apni Party on Monday said that the Supreme Court's verdict, upholding the Union Government's August 5, 2019 move to abrogate Article 370 has saddened the people of Jammu and Kashmir to the core because, over the years and decades, people had been led to believe that this article of the constitution was permanent.

As per the news agency CNS, the Apni party in a statement said, "The Supreme Court's decision upholding the central government's August 5, 2019, move has deeply saddened the J&K people as they had been led to believe that Article 370 of the constitution was permanent."

Hundred generations of Abdullah's cannot restore Art 370: Bali Bhagat

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 11

Senior BJP leader and former minister Bali Bhagat today welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the abrogation of Article 370, calling it a "historic victory for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and a testament to the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national integration."

In a press statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader said "The abrogation of Article 370 was a bold and decisive step that had been long overdue. For decades, this controversial article had deprived the people of Jammu and Kashmir of their rightful place within the Indian Union and hindered their progress. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Modi government has rectified this historical injustice and brought Jammu and Kashmir into the mainstream of India's development."

He further elaborated, "The rights of several communities, including Gorkhas, refugees, Safai-

karamcharis, and others, were systematically denied due to Article 370. However, since its abrogation, these communities have finally received their due rights and recognition. Separatism and stone-pelting, once rampant in J&K, are now things of the past. Peace and prosperity have taken root, and the region is witnessing unprecedented development across various sectors."

While celebrating the verdict, Bali Bhagat also targeted Kashmiri leaders supporting separatism, Islamic fundamentalism, and Pakistan's agenda. He termed the Supreme Court's decision a "big slap" to them, exposing their true intentions and highlighting the harmful consequences of their actions.

Responding to Omar Abdullah's statement, Bhagat asserted that "hundred generations of Abdullah's cannot restore 370." He emphasized that Article 370 belongs to the past and urged everyone to accept this reality.



Bali Bhagat highlighted the remarkable progress achieved in J&K since the removal of Article 370. "Crores of tourists are now visiting the region, boosting the local economy and creating new employment opportunities. Infrastructure projects are progressing rapidly, connecting J&K to the rest of India and facilitating greater trade and commerce. Education and healthcare facilities are being upgraded, ensuring a better quality of life for all citizens."

"Only the Modi government could have achieved this remarkable transformation in Jammu and Kashmir," Bali Bhagat asserted.

"Their commitment to the region's development is unwavering, and their leadership has instilled a sense of hope and optimism among the people. I urge all citizens of J&K to continue supporting the Modi government so that we can together build a brighter future for our beloved state."

NCC units promote awareness on international year of millets 2023 through collaborative program

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JAMMU, DEC 11

In recognition of the importance of millets as a nutritious and sustainable food source, the United Nations General Assembly has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the nutritional and ecological benefits of millets and promote their consumption worldwide. As a part of the celebration, the NCC unit of Dogra Degree College in collaboration with NCC unit of Dogra Law College Bari Brahmana organised awareness programme on International year on millets 2023 on 11th December 2023. The NCC cadets of both the colleges, Cadets from Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmana presented the power point presentation to aware youth about the goodness of millet, its mammoth potential to generate livelihoods, increase farmers' income and ensure food & nutritional security all over the world. The initiative hopes to promote sustain-



able farming practices, celebrate the cultural significance of millets, and encourage their consumption as a healthy and justifiable alternative to other food grains. Millets are known for their resilience in harsh conditions and are rich in nutrients, making them an important source of nourishment for millions of people.

The students delivered input talks in their respective ppts and shared the key points with the students such as the impor-

tance of millets, value of a healthy balanced diet, malnutrition and its impact on society, healthy food habits and harmful effects of junk food.

Students reflected upon the severity of prevailing diseases such as diabetes and cancer. The consequences of consuming junk food, such as hormonal changes in males and females leading to early miscarriages in girls, were also discussed. Some recipes related to

millets were also introduced. Students also suggest introducing and promoting millet based dishes in their canteen and hostel mess menu viz. Raagi dosa, bhakri, thalipeth, nachani chips.

The activity was organised under the banner of Special Campaign: IYOM (2023). Dr. Bela Thakur Principal Dogra Degree College appreciated the efforts of NCC units of both the colleges. Mr Mohit Sharma CTO/ANO, Rich Harvest School was also there as an active

organiser from the NCC Unit of Rich Harvest School. The whole programme was well-coordinated under the able guidance of Mr. Gulshan Sharma CTO/ANO, DDC with full cooperation from Mr. Om Prakash, CTO, DLC, Mr Vishal Singh, Mr Ravinder Rao, Ms Sonia Gupta, Mr. Rinkal Gupta. The programme was well conducted by Ms. Priyanka Charak, student BBA Sem 3rd DDC. The vote of thanks proposed by Ms Simran Thakur, Faculty in Arts.

"Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" transformed into Jan Andolan, by Modi-led govt: Vinay

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JAMMU, 11 DEC

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being undertaken across the country to attain the saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all beneficiaries this was stated by BJP senior leader and Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta during the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Jammu South. On this occasion, Vinay Gupta said that this was a very ambitious plan and that the people would benefit from it. He said Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is an important and comprehensive program of the Modi-led government. Vinay claimed that the purpose of this yatra in Jammu South in all corners of urban and rural comprising Panchayats, wards, and Mandals is to spread awareness among people to join the movement and take a pledge to make India a developed country. Secondly, those people who are yet to get the benefit of the schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be guaranteed that they receive the benefits of PM Modi's schemes, he said.

Vinay Gupta was accompanied by Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, District Vice President and Parbhari BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal Narinder Gupta Koki, Ex Councillor Rahul Kumar, District Secretary Rohiin



Chandan, District Publicity Secretary Sandeep Gupta, Mandal General Secretary Rachit Khosla, Vijay Verma, Satbir Singh, Rikki Gupta, Vishal Gupta, Sr.Gurdayal Singh, Barun Sharma, Arvind Gupta, Mohit Raina, Lovisha Gupta, Dr.Sunita Puri, Rajesh Bhau and others prominent persons were present on the occasion.

Vinay underscored that 'the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' started on November 15 and now moving to different parts of the union territory of J&K. He highlights that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being undertaken across the country to attain the saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner. Vinay counted in the last victorious nine years of good governance

PM Modi assured that his clairvoyant leadership benefits all segments of society. He said PM Modi is a "Messiah" for all common masses and works effectively to build the nation on top of the world as a superpower. Vinay further asserted that in futuristic endeavors under the predictor leadership of PM Modi Bharat is touching new heights and also setting an example to the world that now Modi is a "global leader" and playing a pivotal role in developing the country through his supernatural skills.

Vinay Gupta emphasized that Viksit Bharat is the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of its independence. He added that the supreme, magnificent vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainabil-

ity, and good governance, among others. BJP leader Modi has visualized, conceptualized, and imagined what can be achieved only when the youth and citizens of the country shun the colonial mindset and will work proficiently and efficiently toward nation-building. Vinay asked the youth to take up entrepreneurship and become job providers, rather than job seekers. He stressed the policies launched by the Government of India, including start-up India, A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), and others have started to show excellent results with India fast becoming the hub of unicorns", he further said, adding those planning to visit western countries for employment are staying back and working in the newly established corporates.

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OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT MAJALTA

NOTICE

This office had invited application forms for 06 Nos. of posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) in various Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Majalta vide advertisement Order No:-02-CDPOM of 2023 Dated:-25-09-2023. After proper scrutiny and verification, the selection committee for Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) has finalized the provisional selection list strictly in accordance with the laid down criteria for selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) enshrined in HR policy issued by the Govt Order No:-222-JK(SWD) of 2022; Dated:-30-11-2022 and Order No:-103-JK(SWD) of 2023; Dated:-28-04-2023. The provisional Selection list for the vacant posts of Sanginis with respect to Poshan Project Majalta is being published for the information of general public and for inviting objections, if any within 10 days of the publication of this Notice where after the final selection list shall be published after taking into account all the objections and consideration thereof. No objections whatsoever shall be considered after 10 days of the publication of this Notice.

Provisional Selection list for the Post of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) in Poshan Project Majalta. Vide Advertisement Notice No. 02 Of 2023 dated 25-09-2023.

S. No.	Name of Panchayat	Ward No.	Name of AWC	Name of Applicant	Parentage	Date of Birth	Total Points	Remarks
1	Palnoo	07	Thaida	Sunali Devi	Subash Chander	28-08-2003	86.20%	
2	Cheani	05	Nagrotta Tazoor	Jyoti Devi	Narinder Kumar	11-04-1996	51.60%	
3	Thial	03	Thial - C	Kirti Sharma	Pardeep Sharma	16-04-1998	56.40%	
4	Thial	02	Thial - A	Luxmi Devi	Rakesh Kumar	04-04-1990	55.30%	
5	S. K. Bair	02	S. K. Bair - A	Kanchan Sharma	Vinod Kumar	15-12-2002	62.40%	
6	Sumbal	01	Battal 4th					Post with held due to ward rectification

Note: - All the above mentioned candidates are asked to report the office of the Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Majalta for verification along with all the relevant original documents on 11-12-2023.

No: - CDPO/MI 720/2023
Dated:- 08-12-2023

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Date: 11-12-23

Child Development Project Officer
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EOW-CBJ charge-sheets both habitual offender, beneficiary for cheating, preparing fake appointment order

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Economic Offences Wing-Crime Branch Jammu produced preliminary charge-sheet against habitual offender (1) Brighu Nandan Sharma @ Sunny Sharma S/o late Vijay Sharma, R/o Nanak Nagar Jammu and (2) beneficiary Ravinder Kumar S/O Sh. Baldev Raj R/o Village Dilli P.O Channi Himmat Extn. Tehsil and District Jammu in the Court of law in case FIR No. 30/2022 U/S 420, 465,468, 471, 120-B IPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu for cheating, preparing fake appointment order for IV class employee in sports Quota in Animal Husbandry Department.

A written communication was received in Crime Branch, Jammu, regarding veracity of Government order No. 637-GAD of 2016 dated 16.05.2016 with regard to appointment made under Sports quota



from Under Secretary to the Govt. Agriculture Production Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu which revealed that the said Govt. order does not pertain to the appointment of Mr. Ravinder Kumar S/O Sh. Baldev R/O village Dilli P.O Channi Himmat Extn. Tehsil and District Jammu as class-IV (Attendant) in Animal Husbandry Department Jammu under Sports quota and actually pertains to the "on the Job Practical Training of the Junior Scale KAS Probationers of 2015 batch".

On perusal of above said communication and other records, it was prima facie established that accused Ravinder Kumar S/O Sh. Baldev Raj R/O village Dilli P.O Channi Himmat Extn. Tehsil and District Jammu in connivance with associated persons have managed to prepare false and fake appointment order in his favour as Class-IV in Animal Husbandry Department District Cadre Jammu. Accordingly, a formal case was registered in Police Station Economic Offences Wing,

Crime Branch, Jammu for in-depth investigation.

During the course of investigation, relevant record was seized, statements of witnesses recorded, scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence was collected and offences U/S 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu were established against the accused persons mentioned above. Preliminary Charge Sheet was produced in the Court of law against accused persons for judicial determination. During investigation, it was also established that prime accused Brighu Nandan Sharma was also involved in Case FIR No. 09/2020 u/s 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC and FIR No. 10/2020 u/s 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC for fabricating fake appointment orders and Charge-sheets in both the cases stand produced in the competent court of law against the said prime accused.

College's Innovation Council Engages in 'Viksit Bharat @2047' session with PM



JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DEC 11

In the continuum of the league of programs in Azaadi Ka Amrit Kaal during the year of G20 presidency of India. The institutions Innovation Council of the College (IIC) under the Patronship of Principal Prof. (Dr). Romesh Kumar Gupta, the students and staff participated in the online session addressed by honorable Prime minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi on "Viksit Bharat @2047". The students and the staff participated in the live event with great enthusiasm. The students were excited to listen the enriched lecture by our honorable PM and applauded the message of our visionary PM. The program was supervised by the IIC team of the college headed by IIC President Dr. Jagjeet Singh.

After the inaugural online lecture of the honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji the second session was held in the conference hall of the college in which the entire

IIC team Under the supervision of IIC convener Dr. Rozy Bamba and President IIC Dr. Jagjeet Singh held a brain storming session on the title "Innovation and Ideation on Udhampur specific problems in which a large number of students participated and came forward with very innovative ideas about the local problems encountered by the local residents of Udhampur District. The students were ready with their ideas but also shared their limitations with the IIC members. The female students were also equally prompt and eager to share their valuable ideas, these ideas included various aspects including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance. The other IIC members who were present were, Prof. Rajesh Singh Manhas along with Prof. Shobhna Sambyal, NSS POs Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Dr. Neena Sharma, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Anita Sharma, Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Prof. Samosh Kumar.

CUJ celebrates Festival of Indian Languages today



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JAMMU, DEC 11

Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Central University of Jammu, under the able guidance of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, a grand festival of Indian Languages was organized in the University today. It is noteworthy that the said Indian Language Festival was organized under the chairmanship of Dean Student Welfare Prof. Ritu Bakshi on the instructions of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

Amit Kapoor welcomes SC's historic decision on Art 370, Statehood for J&K

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JAMMU, DEC 11

Supreme Court's decision on Article 370 is historic, welcome: Amit Kapoor Jammu, 11 December. Noted social activist Amit Kapoor on Monday termed the Supreme Court's decision on Article 370 as historic and said that the apex court upheld the decision taken by the Parliament of India on August 5, 2019. He has welcomed the decision of the Supreme Court. Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu. He said that this is a great announcement of hope, progress and unity for the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. He has also welcomed the Supreme Court's decision

of these languages. He said that this Indian festival is being celebrated across the country on the birth anniversary of the famous Tamil poet and well-known Indian writer Chinna Swamy Subramaniam Bharati and for this the Government of India has taken many steps. Emphasis on education in Indian languages in the new education policy 2020. Given, that is why organizing this Indian language festival is very important.

In the beginning, Head of Hindi Department, Prof. Bharat Bhushan welcomed the guests and participants and highlighted the importance of the Indian Language Festival. After that, the Department of Hindi, Dr. Bijendra Kumar, Dr. Shashikant Mishra, Assistant Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Vinay Kumar expressed their views.



to quickly restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and hold elections by September 2024. Amit Kapoor said that today's decision is not just a legal decision but it is a ray of hope. He said that he had been demanding restoration of statehood and holding of assembly elections for a long time. But the decision of the Supreme Court in this regard is historic and it is expected that the government will soon restore the statehood and also conduct assembly elections.

BJP has real pain and concern for people: Ashok Koul

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DODA, DEC 11

Continuing his extensive touring of hilly and far flung areas of Doda, Kishtwar and Bhaderwah districts, Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, accompanied by Vice-President Shakti Parihar, District President Vijay Mohan Thakur, District Prabhari Pawan Sharma, former MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar and other leaders, addressed massive gatherings under "Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan" programmes in panchayat Barshalla of Thathri, Gandoh mandal and Panchayat Dugli B in Bhalla Mandal of district Doda.

Addressing these programmes, Ashok Koul said that a wave of change is visible in the entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir UT. The people want to strengthen BJP and support this party as they want to see Narendra Modi as PM for a third consecutive term. He said that the people in even the areas which were once considered as strong pockets of Congress, NC and PDP, have realized that it is, in fact, only BJP that has real pain and concern for everyone,



irrespective of region, religion or gender. He said that such a change has been possible only due to the good governance of PM Narendra Modi, under which the people have availed the benefits of numerous welfare schemes and seen the real development in their areas for the first time. "Through Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan" programmes, the people are getting an opportunity for direct interaction with the BJP leaders, where they can discuss their problems in a cordial atmosphere", Koul said and added that reaching to the last man in the queue is our basic principle of serving the society. Shakti Parihar said that the BJP is the only party, which always remains at the service of the people and provides every possible help in hours of need. The BJP cadre does not knock the doors of people

at the time of elections only, he said.

Vijay Mohan Thakur said that the party cadre is reaching at the doorsteps of the people to provide them pamphlets containing details of different welfare schemes, identifying the untouched families and guiding them to apply for the scheme which they deserve.

Pawan Sharma said that during the last about ten years the Narendra Modi government has crossed the capitals and major cities and reached far-flung areas to uplift the poor and downtrodden sections.

Daleep Singh Parihar said that the people in hilly and far-flung areas were always discriminated against in matters of development and welfare but the Narendra Modi government has reached every nook and corner with a large number of projects and schemes.

Breaking Taboos, Empowering Lives to Transform J&K by J&K Bank



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JAMMU, DEC 11

J&K Bank, is proud to announce a significant milestone in their joint initiative with Live for Others - Being Helpful Foundation, "Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads)." This is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project by J&K Bank which is implemented by Live for Others Being Helpful Foundation aims to provide access to menstrual hygiene by distributing 5,00,000 sanitary napkins and conducting 100 awareness seminars, benefiting 50,000 people across all 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir and remove the taboo regarding menstruation from the society.

The 6th district to successfully complete this mission is KISHTWAR, where more than 25,000 sanitary napkins were distributed, complemented by 7 impactful aware-

ness lectures targeted more than 2500 people. The resource persons for these seminars were Ms. Kashvii and Ms. Kashish Katoch.

These activities were carried out in government as well as private schools located in peripheral areas, namely Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Kishtwar; Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Mughal Maidan, Kishtwar; Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Chattroo, Kishtwar; Govt. High School Puchhal, Kishtwar; Sir Iqbal Academy, Kishtwar; Furqan Academy, Kishtwar; Mother's Pride High School, Kishtwar.

"We are thrilled with the progress of 'Mission R-SAP' and the positive impact it's having on women's health and hygiene and currently we are looking forward to others districts and our team is simultaneously working on it," said Mr. Vivek Parihar, CEO & Founder of LFO-BHF.

M.K Ajatshatru hails SC verdict on Article - 370

Asserts brighter future for JK, free from discriminatory laws

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 11

Senior BJP leader and former Minister, M.K Ajatshatru Singh today lauded the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the abrogation of Article 370, calling it a "historic moment" for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here today, the former minister said more than seven decades, the people of Jammu region, especially several communities, were deprived of their fundamental rights due to this controversial Article. "Several political parties like National Conference, PDP, and others misled the people and used Article 370 as a tool for their vested interests," he said.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh lauded the bold decision of the Modi government to abrogate Article 370 on August 5, 2019, calling it a courageous and decisive step that was long overdue. He said, "The Modi government's commitment to national integration and the well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir is truly commendable. Under their leadership, J&K has witnessed unprecedented development across various sectors, including

Col Mahan commends successful conclusion of 5-day yoga training camp at Mahanpur

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MAHANPUR, DEC 11

The 5-day yoga training camp held at Mahanpur reached its successful culmination today, with DDC Chairman Kathua, Colonel Mahan Singh, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The event, initiated on November 28, was organized under the guidance of Principal Sangeeta Sudan of GDC Mahanpur, aiming to instill a sense of yoga, fitness, and leadership among students.

During the camp, participants explored various locations, including Sukrala Mata, Purthu (Basohli), and the Dalhousie hill station, enhancing their yoga experience. The camp coordinator, Dr. Shilpa Devi, ensured smooth operations throughout the event.

Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh praised the initiative taken by Principal Sangeeta Sudan, emphasizing the cultural significance of yoga. He highlighted Prime Minister Modi's role in elevating yoga to international recognition and stressed its pivotal role in fostering a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. Col Mahan Singh underscored the benefits of yoga, emphasizing its contribution to building a healthier and more resilient nation through the cultivation of sound minds among the youth.



infrastructure, healthcare, education, and tourism. This clearly demonstrates the positive impact of removing Article 370 and the immense potential of Jammu and Kashmir to thrive within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

"Today, the Supreme Court has delivered justice to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The dream of 'One Nation, One Constitution' has finally been fulfilled. This verdict paves the way for a brighter future for the region, free from discrimination and injustice," he said.

The senior BJP leader expressed his confidence that the abrogation of Article 370 will bring about positive changes in Jammu and Kashmir, leading to greater integration with the rest of India, social and economic development, and a more secure environment for all citizens. He urged all political parties to work together to ensure the full implementation of the Supreme Court's verdict and contribute to the progress and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

NC will continue its fight for restoration of Art 370, 35A: Sunil Verma

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 11

Sunil Verma, District President of J&K National Conference, Udhampur, today welcomed the Supreme Court's directions to the Election Commission to conduct Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir before September 30, 2024. He also lauded the Top Court's instructions to the Centre regarding the restoration of Statehood.

In a statement issued today, Sunil Verma emphasized the growing hardships faced by the people of Jammu and

Kashmir in the absence of a democratically elected government. He stated that the lack of popular representation has resulted in increased public suffering and a lack of accountability.

He asked the Central Government to adhere to the Supreme Court's directives and expedite the Assembly elections within the stipulated timeframe of September 2024. This timely action would pave the way for a democratically elected government to address the concerns of the people and alleviate their burdens.

SKJVS Trust calls on Chairman JKBOSE

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JAMMU, DEC 11

Shri Kailakh Jyotish evam Vedic Sanathan Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri along with other members of the trust, met Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, and presented a self-written book to him. While informing him about the efforts being made by the trust to promote and propagate Devvani Sanskrit and the social works undertaken, Shastri reiterated his demand that Sanskrit language should be



made compulsory in the first class in the schools of Jammu and Kashmir. Shastri said that the land of Jammu and Kashmir has been the eternal centre of Shaiv Darshan. This holy land has produced a great number of Sanskrit sages, such as, Acharya Abhinavagupta, the founder of Pratyabhijnadarshan, great poet Kalhan, great poet Vilhan, etc. These Acha-

ryas had paved the way for uniting not only India but the whole world through Sanskrit but, but sadly, this ancient legacy was on the verge of extinction in the Punyasalila land of Jammu-Kashmir.

However, with the arrival of Sh. Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Devvani Sanskrit has received a big boost. If the government fulfils our demands, then the morale of Sanskrit workers would rise further and it would become possible to restore the lost Sanskrit religion-philosophy in the state.

DC Kathua reviews progress of works under district capex-2023-24, developmental deliverables

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 11

District Development Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas, today chaired a meeting of the District officers to review the physical and financial progress achieved under District Capex Budget 2023-2024 here at the conference hall of the DC office here.

ADDC, Ankur Mahajan, CPO Ranjit Thakur, ACD Kishore Singh Katoch, XEN REW, XEN PMGSY, XEN Irrigation, besides other District officers attended the meeting.

At the very outset, ADDC, Ankur Mahajan apprised the DC about the physical and financial progress of different projects taken up under the district Capex budget.

ADDC further apprised the DC that there are total 20 projects under Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) and out of which 16 are nearing completion and in Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) there are total 47 RDD works out of which 10 are completed.



DC took in depth review of all the projects taken up by each executing agency and directed them to pace up the remaining work so that all the works allotted shall be completed before the timeline.

Terming the role of all the departments more important, the DC said that all development projects taken up under CAPEX need concerted efforts from the concerned departments and special attention to pay at ground level by way of timely completion of target works.

While laying stress on quality assets creation, the DC directed executing agencies to oversee the progress by visiting the sites regularly to ensure the quality of works shall not be compromised.

The DC further directed all the district officers to adhere to the timelines so that no liabilities shall be carried forward to the next financial year.

Later DC Kathua convened a meeting of the officers of different departments to review the action taken on developmental deliverables for the current fiscal.

The DC took a comprehensive review of all the Departments regarding realisation of deliverables and directed the officers to focus on adherence to the timeline set by the government.

The DC underscored the importance of working on the identified deliverables concerning the respective departments with an optimistic approach keeping in view sustainable and holistic development of the district.

While discussing key deliverables of different departments, the DC stressed on the need of concerted efforts of all departments to further improve the Ranking of District on the performance index.

The DC further directed the designated Nodal Officers to take regular review of the performance of identified deliverables besides projecting the achievements made at District level and set milestones for constant appraisal of targets.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

VBSY leaves indelible footprints of success across 93 Panchayats of Ramban District

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RAMBAN, DECEMBER 11

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), which was started on November 28, has reached 93 Panchayats of Ramban District leaving indelible footprints for realizing the goal of inclusive development through government schemes.

The VBSY, a transformative initiative aimed at reaching the unreached and maximizing the impact of Government schemes, unfurled across 3 Panchayats in block Ukhral and Batote of the district here today.

The Yatra witnessed active participation from local residents, and saw an incredible display of cultural enthusiasm and fervor. Youth, in particular, took centre stage, delivering stirring speeches on moral values and presenting captivating cultural programmes that added vibrancy and energy to the gatherings.



The presence of community leaders further elevated the spirit of the event, encouraging active involvement in the journey toward the nation's advancement. As the Yatra made its mark across Balihote-B of Ukhral block and Champa & Dharmound of Batote block, the residents gave a remarkable response.

During the camps held at Panchayats of Ukhral and Batote Block, the officers of the line Departments underscored the importance of bringing government schemes closer to communities, igniting a spirit of development and reaching the unreached beneficiaries.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra aims to empower communities, foster unity, and encourage participation in initiatives that drive the country's development.

BDO, Batote, Kavita Bandhral and several other officers participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in different panchayats of block Ukhral and Batote.

The day's activities included playing a recorded message from the PM, showcasing a film on VBSY on IEC Vans which visited the Panchayats, Meri Kahani Meri Zubani, Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledges, free medical camps, and the schemes which were publicized in mega event included, Ayushman Bharat, National Rural Livelihoods Mission, PM Awas Yojana (Rural), PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, PM Kisan Saman Nidhi, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), PM Poshan Abhiyan, Jan Dhan Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission and Atal Pension Yojana.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri approves 86 Cases under Holistic Agriculture Development Program

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RAJOURI, DECEMBER 11

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal today presided over a significant meeting where Eighty Six cases were approved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) of Sericulture and Animal Husbandry Department.

The meeting focused on evaluating the progress made in achieving the objectives of the program and informing farmers about the innovative interventions that have been made. The HADP is an ambitious initiative aimed at establishing a sustainable and profitable agricultural ecosystem.



Vikas Kundal emphasized the overarching goal of the program which is to empower local farmers by equipping them with knowledge and tools that can significantly enhance their productivity and profitability. Simultaneously, the HADP seeks to contribute to the overall

growth of the agricultural sector. One of the key features of the HADP is its provision of a platform for farmers to engage with experts from the Agricultural and allied departments. This engagement allows farmers to seek expert guidance on various aspects of farming,

enabling them to improve their agricultural practices. By adopting such a multifaceted approach, the HADP aims to elevate agricultural productivity, enhance livelihoods, and make substantial contributions to the region's broader economic growth.

Among the others who attended the meeting were Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Khurshid, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; Chief Agriculture Officer Sohan Singh, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr Khalid Hussain; District Sheep Husbandry Officer PP Sagotra, District Sericulture Officer; Lead District Manager Sanjeev Bhasin and other concerned officers.

Red Cross Health Centre opened at village Bhatkoot



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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 11

In a prompt response to the demand of the locals projected during Weekly Block Diwas Camp presided over by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, the Kishtwar district administration has initiated the operation of a crucial healthcare facility by inaugurating the First Red Cross Health Centre at Bhatkoot in Shandri Panchayat of Kuntwara today.

The facility was e-inaugurated by Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner in presence of Dr. M Y Mir, Treasurer Red Cross Kishtwar/CMO; Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal; SDM Paddar, Arun Kumar Badyal, and other officials. The healthcare facility created in collaboration with the Red Cross Society marks a significant stride towards expanding the access of healthcare in the remote region.

The inauguration ceremony saw the dedicated nurse and pharmacist from the local community of Shandri Panchayat, in addition to the attendance of patients, locals, and PRIs.

This initiative is in alignment with the directives of the General Secretary of

the Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing the establishment of dispensaries in remote areas, manned by local medical professionals.

During the online interaction, heartfelt appreciation poured in from the people and PRIs towards DC and CMO Kishtwar and Red Cross J&K for their proactive initiative.

DC Kishtwar, while extending congratulatory remarks to the residents of Kuntwara for this public facility, urged the staff of the newly established Health Centre to utilize the facility optimally and serve the healthcare needs of the people with utmost dedication. Expected to leave a significant impact, more than 900 households are poised to benefit from this healthcare initiative, aligning with an earlier landmark order issued by DC Kishtwar for the establishment of a health center at Bhatkoot, Shandri Panchayat.

The swift action follows Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav's visit on November 1st, 2023, where immediate steps were taken to address the healthcare vacuum in an area lacking road connectivity. This decisive move promises a transformative

change in the healthcare landscape of the region.

This health center will ensure the delivery of essential medical services, including vaccinations and deliveries, within the vicinity, effectively ending the arduous 8-10 kilometer journeys women and children had to undertake for basic medical needs, shared DC Kishtwar.

In a gesture of support, the local self-government and Sarpanch of Shandri Panchayat have graciously provided two rooms with water and electricity facilities, free of cost, for one year to bolster this initiative.

To equip the health center, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kishtwar has furnished essential medical equipment on a loan basis, including a labor table, radiant warmer, labor equipment, weighing machine, IIR, and a vaccination setup.

Moreover, Red Cross Kishtwar will supply Jan Aushadhi medicines sourced through CMO, amplifying the quality of healthcare services. As part of the infrastructure setup, ACP Kishtwar will contribute a 1 KW solar backup system with a battery and inverter under the 14th Finance Commission.

DC & SSP review functioning of Tehsil and SDPO office in Border Block Manjakote



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RAJOURI DECEMBER 11

To bolster administrative efficiency and enhance public service delivery, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, and Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri, Amrit Pal Singh, conducted a comprehensive visit to the Tehsil Manjakote. The visit aimed at fostering a closer interaction with the dedicated staff of the tehsil, underlining the importance of heightened efforts to meet the expectations of the general public.

During the visit, DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, engaged in a meaningful dialogue with the tehsil office staff, emphasizing the pivotal role they play in ensuring smooth governance and prompt service delivery to the citizens. He directed them to put in

place added efforts, fostering a proactive approach to address public concerns and streamline administrative processes.

SSP Rajouri, also made a crucial visit to the Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) office in Manjakote. The purpose of this visit was to conduct a thorough review of the functioning of the office, ensuring that it operates at its optimal capacity to maintain law and order in the region.

During the review at the SDPO office, SSP Rajouri scrutinized various aspects of its operations. The officers underscored the significance of a cohesive and efficient working environment, emphasizing the need for synergy among various law enforcement components.

DC Vikas Kundal expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing

efforts and stressed the importance of continuous improvement. He lauded the dedication and hard work of the officers and staff while encouraging them to strive for excellence in their respective roles. Meanwhile, the DC also reviewed the progress under various developmental activities being carried out in the border block Manjakote and asked the concerned officer to put in place added efforts to meet the expectations of border residents.

The visit to both the Tehsil Office and SDPO Office is indicative of the commitment of the administration to fostering transparency, accountability, and public trust. It serves as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the authorities to create an environment where citizens receive prompt and effective services.

GDC Reasi hosts live streaming of online consultation program on "Viksit Bharat@2047"

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REASI, DECEMBER 11

The institution and innovation council cell of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College Reasi attended an online consultation programme on "Viksit Bharat@2047: Voice of Youth" today.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' via video conferencing. During the program, Prime Minister Modi addressed the Vice Chancellors of Universities, Heads of Institutes and faculty members in workshops organized at Raj Bhawans across the country to mark the beginning of this initiative.

The Prime Minister stressed molding the voice of the country's youth into the policy strategy for building a developed India and highlighted the role of educational institutions that maintain maximum contact with the youth. In line with the Prime Minister's vision to actively involve the youth of the country in the formulation of national plans, priorities and goals of the country, '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.

The workshops will be a key step towards initiating the process of engaging youth to share their ideas and suggestions for Viksit Bharat @2047. Viksit Bharat @2047 is the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of independence. The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance.

The program was organized by Prof. Gourav Gupta, Prof. Norin Akhtar and PTI Mr. Shashi Kumar of IIC cell of the college. More than 50 students participated in the program along with NCC and NSS Volunteers. Prof. Satish, Prof. Upasana, Prof. Gourav Gupta, Prof. Palvinder Kumari, Prof. Ajay Kumar, Prof. Ameer Rehman Choudhary, Prof. Surita Sharma, Prof. Parveen Akhtar, Neelam Manhas and Shashi Kumar Sharma attended the program.

VBSY sets unprecedented Standards in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 11

Inaugural week of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) in District Anantnag unfolded as a remarkable testament to the collective spirit of over 81000 participants across 168 Gram Panchayats in District Anantnag. Spanning eight blocks, including areas with a substantial tribal population, the Yatra became a vibrant tapestry of empowerment and engagement towards a shared vision of national development. The VBSY camps emerged as dynamic hubs of activity, attracting enthusiastic individuals who actively participated in organized events and availed on-the-spot services. Health camps, a cornerstone of the Yatra, witnessed an impressive turnout with 42000 participants. The camps meticulously screened 10656 individuals for TB, 260 for Sickle cell anemia, and 1500 for NCD.