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## Adequate security for Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir: LG Sinha



SRINAGAR

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday said adequate security arrangements have been made for the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the administration will facilitate it smoothly. Lieutenant Governor was talking to mediapersons after laying foundation stone of 39 blocks comprising 936 flats Transit Accommodation for Kashmiri Pandits who are working in Kashmir valley under PM Package Employees at Zewan, Srinagar Friday.

The housing colony is being made for the Kashmiri Pandit employees working in the valley under the Prime Ministers Development Package (PMDP), is being constructed on 113 Kanals of land by R&B Department. It will have 39 blocks comprising 936 flats. He said adequate security arrangements have been placed for the smooth Bharat Jodo Yatra of congress leader Rahul Gandhi. "I think there is nothing to worry about regarding yatra", he added.

He said there was a time when land was not available for making the houses for the KP's now everywhere work has been started and some have been completed and others are under construction that would be completed till December this year. The KP employees have also been promoted and those who were non-gazetted have been placed in gazetted posts sent to the Public Service Commission are expected to get within ten days.

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## Rozgar Mela: PM Modi distributes 71,000 appointment letters

NEW DELHI



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi distributed about 71,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in Government departments and organisations via video conferencing today. The Rozgar Mela is a step towards the fulfilment of the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation. The Rozgar Mela is expected to act as a catalyst in further employment generation and provide meaningful opportunities to the youth for their empowerment and participation in national development.

The Prime Minister also interacted with the appointees on the occasion. Suprabha Biswas from West Bengal who got her appointment letter for Punjab National Bank was the first to interact with the Prime Minister. She thanked the Prime Minister for the quick completion of the formalities of the appointment and the opportunity to serve. The Prime Minister also asked her about continuing studies. She explained her associate with the IGTOT module and elaborated upon the benefit

of the module. Shri Modi also inquired about the promotion of digital transactions in her job. The Prime Minister expressed his happiness about the girls taking new strides in every field. Faisal Shaikat Shah from Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir who got appointed as a Junior Assistant in NIT, Srinagar interacted with the Prime Minister and informed that he is the first member of the family who landed a government job. The Prime Minister asked him about the impact of his appointment on his peers. Faisal informed the Prime Minister that his friends are feeling

inspired to join a government job. He also conveyed the benefits of IGTOT Module. The Prime Minister said that he is confident that through youth like Faisal Jammu and Kashmir will reach new heights. He also asked the young appointee to keep on learning. Vahnel Chong from Manipur got her appointment letter as a Nursing Officer at AIIMS, Guwahati. She said it was her dream to be in the health sector in the Northeast. She, like others, is the first appointee in a government job from her family. The Prime Minister asked her about the

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## Amid wet weather SDMA issues avalanche warning in J&K

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The State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA) on Friday has issued an avalanche warning for the people living 2500 meters above sea level in ten districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, the SDMA said an avalanche with Medium danger level is likely to occur above 2500 meters over Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, and Ramban districts of Jammu division in the next 24 hours.

Low danger Level avalanche is likely to occur above 2500 meters over north Kashmir district of Bandipora, Baramulla while areas falling in Central Kashmir district of Ganderbal and frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara above 2000 meters and in south Kashmir districts of Anantnag and Kulgam in next 24 hours, the statement said.

It has also issued an advisory for the people living in these areas to take precautions and avoid venturing in the

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## Jammu-Srinagar National Highway closed for traffic

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The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been closed for vehicular traffic due to shooting stones and snowfall between Ramban and Banihal, the officials said on Friday.

"Traffic movement stopped from both sides on Jammu Srinagar NHW due to shooting stones and snowfall between Ramban and Banihal," Jammu and Kashmir Traffic police said.

The highway is the lifeline of the Kashmir valley and the main road link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country. Kashmir-bound trucks laden with essential supplies and other vehicles pass through the highway and fruit carrying trucks from Kashmir head for the rest of the country through this road.

## Rahul led BJK resumes from Kathua's Hatli Morh, to halt at Chadwal



JAMMU

The Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi that entered the Jammu and Kashmir in its last leg, resumed on Friday from Hatli Morh in Kathua district.

Amidst chill and inclement weather conditions, Rahul Gandhi donning raincoat over White T-Shirt started the yatra flanked by Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut

and other senior leaders including JKPC head Vikar Rasool.

Raut told reporters that he had come all the way to join yatra because Rahul Gandhi is a leader of masses and he is on the right path to raise voice against the unemployment, inflation and other issues bothering people in the country.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra that started from Kanyakumari will culminate on

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## Congress's stand on restoration of statehood status to J&K is very clear: Jairam Ramesh



JAMMU

Termining revocation of Article 370 as unconstitutional, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday said party's stand on restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is very clear.

"The bill passed on August 5, 2019 in the Parliament was done without discussion, examination and majority. It was 'forcibly' revoked," said Jairam Ramesh speaking to mediapersons at a press conference at Chadwal village of Kathua district where Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra is making a halt tonight.

"We are against UT status to Jammu and Kashmir and statehood status must be restored," he said adding that many states in India have Article 371 with special provisions.

On Indo-Pak talks, he said, "everybody wants to have peaceful dialogue with Pakistan but only on a condition that they should stop terrorism. Talks and terrorism cannot go together."

On participation of a large number of people in the Yatra despite rains, he called it a "healthy sign" in Jammu.

Jairam Ramesh also said the Congress party has invited 23 Heads of national political parties to join Rahul Gandhi at National Flag hoisting ceremony in Srinagar when yatra culminates at Lal Chowk on

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## Plains of J&K including Srinagar receive light snow, rain

SRINAGAR

Plains of J&K including Srinagar received light snowfall and rain during the past 24 hours while currently the weather is cloudy with light rain and snow at scattered places, Meteorological Centre said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, received 1.2mm of rainfall and 0.5 cm snowfall during the past 24 hours till 0830 hours Friday. Srinagar recorded a total of minus 0.1 degree

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## Union MoS Defence pays tributes at Balidan Stambh, lauds troops

JAMMU

Union Minister of State for Defence, Ajay Bhatt on Friday visited the Balidan Stambh war memorial in the jurisdictions of Tiger Division of Rising Star Corps here.

He was received by Maj Gen Gaurav



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## Indian Army evacuates 80 year old lady, with severe fever & arthritis amid heavy snowfall



SRINAGAR

Chinar Corps warriors conducted a swift emergency evacuation of an ailing elderly lady, Mrs Sardar Beewa w/o Mir Mohd from Jabri village, Baniyar Pehsil, Baramulla district, to Primary Health Care (PHC) Centre in Baniyar, today.

In the early morning hours, Indian Army detachment at Paro proactively acted on a distress call from Mir Mohd, a resident of the remote Jabri village,

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## Congress B-team of PAGD, Rahul its foot soldier: Rana



JAMMU

Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana said the Congress has become the B-team of soft separatist, Kashmiri centric and communal Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Delegation (PAGD) with Mr Rahul Gandhi furthering its cause as a foot-soldier. "The Congress does not seem to have learned any lesson from its

repeated follies as the fourth generation Nehru-Gandhi clan is now hobnobbing with soft-separatists, known for their divisive, communal and separatist politics", Mr Rana said while interacting with delegations that called on him here this afternoon.

He held the Congress responsible for decades long mess in Jammu

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## In Naya Jammu & Kashmir everyone gets health insurance, new hospitals; other facilities make lives easy for people

SRINAGAR

Just three years ago only the elite class in Jammu and Kashmir enjoyed the privilege called health insurance. For a common man, health insurance was not even an option as he couldn't afford to pay hefty premiums of the insurance companies.

After the Centre scrapped the Article 370, a temporary provision in the Constitution, on August 5, 2019 and turned Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory, the government ended the discrimination between the elite class and the common people by implementing the Article 14 (Right to Equality) in letter and spirit in the Himalayan region. The idea was to ensure that no



one remains deprived of the basic facilities which every Indian citizen enjoys.

The health insurance which used to be a privilege enjoyed by elite class till 2019 was extended to every J&K denizen through

Ayushman Bharat scheme which led to everyone getting covered without paying any premium to the insurance companies as the government chose to bear the burden so that no one is left out.

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## DDC Chairman inaugurates Tubewell under JJM scheme in Tridwan panchayat

*Jal Jeevan Mission all set to resolve archaic water crisis in Kandi belts: Col Mahan*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, JANUARY 20: DDC Chairman Kathua Col Mahan Singh (Retd) on Friday said that the Jal Jeevan Mission envisaged by Government is all set to resolve archaic water crisis in Kandi belts forever. He was speaking after the inauguration of a Tube well at Patwani locality in Tridwan Panchayat of Hatli in Kathua area.

DDC Member, Keerian Gandyal, Shaveta Kumari also accompanied the DDC Chairman during the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed tube well.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman assured people that potable water availability in village Tridwan (Hatli) will be well catered as the project worth Rs 6 Crore encompasses three Water Supply Schemes, laying of new water supply lines and



development of allied infrastructure which will fulfil the drinking water needs of all the inhabitants.

Col Mahan said that the government in J&K has been able to address the issues of people which they were confronting since ages only because of visionary insight of PM Narendra Modi. The PM

took personal interest in finding out remedies to the problems which people faced in the region due to indifference of successive governments that reigned the region in the past.

The DDC Chairman expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for launching JJM to resolve perennial problems of drinking

water in Kandi regions of Kathua District. He said that time is not far when the dream of Har Ghar Nal Se Jal will be fulfilled in the Kandi belt.

DDC Lohai Malhar, Sarpanch Tridwan, Sarpanch Hatli, XEN Jalshakti Deptt & Staff, and locals were also present in large number.

## 4021 Kanal state/kahcharai land retrieved from encroachers across Kupwara

*DC says drive will continue to retrieve encroachments*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

KUPWARA, JANUARY 20: Over 4021 kanals of State/kahcharie land was retrieved in Kupwara district during the present drive initiated against the land encroachers by the government.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, a major anti encroachment drive was held across Kupwara district from 11th of this month till date. The teams of Revenue Department headed by concerned Tehsildars conducted operation on state/ kahcharie land which was illegally occupied by encroachers in different parts/ tehsil of the district.

Accordingly, over 4021 kanals of kahcharai/ state land have been retrieved from the encroachers in all Tehsils of the District during the present drive, till date.

As per the reports of Tehsildar Drugmulla, 301 kanals of kahcharai land have been retrieved in Drugmulla tehsil of Kupwara district which include 276 kanals single patch of land and 25 kanals which was used as commercial purposes.

Likewise, as per Tehsildar Kupwara, 280 kanals of land have been retrieved during the drive till date in Kupwara tehsil which include 205 kanal kahcharai Land and 75 kanal state land.

In Keran tehsil, 712 kanals of land have been retrieved as per Tehsildar Keran, which include 617 kanals of state land and 95 kanals of kahcharie land.

In Vilgam tehsil of Kupwara district, 1863 kanals including 758 state land and 1105 kanals kahcharai land have been retrieved till date, as



reported by Tehsildar Vilgam.

Likewise, in Kralpora Tehsil, as per concerned Tehsildar 247 kanals of land have been retrieved in the tehsil which include 142 kanals state land and 105 kanals Kahcharie land.

In Sogam and Lalpora tehils, as reported by respective Tehsildars, 114 kanal and 14 marlas retrieved from Dardpora Lolab, 20 kanals from Chandigam and 20 kanals from Sogam tehsil.

Similarly, 70 kanals of kahcharai/ state land have been retrieved from Trehgam tehsil, 50 kanals in Karnah Tehsil, 46 kanal 15 marlas in Handwara tehsil, 26 kanal 5 marlas in Zachaldara tehsil, 5 kanals in Taratpora tehsil, 80 kanals in Langate, 70 kanals in Qalamabad tehsil and 116 kanals in Qaziabad-kralgund tehsil during the ongoing drive against land encroachers.

While talking about the anti-encroachment drive, the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara said that anti-encroachment drives will continue in all the parts of the district to retrieve the entire State and Kahcharai land encroached by the land grabbers. He sought cooperation of the general public in its action against encroachments and also warned of action under CrP in matters of encroachment on state/kahcharie lands.

The District Administration has given strict directions to the Tehsildars and enforcement teams to speed up the drive against the land encroachments in their respective jurisdictions with added zeal and dedication so that all State/Kahcharai land is retrieved in the district, which can be subsequently used for public purpose.

## Kathua Admin retrieves 12751 Kanal State Land, 1132 Kanal of Kacharai land under ongoing anti-encroachment drives

*DC Kathua takes review of revenue related matters*



the progress made under updating and digitisation of jamabandies, digitisation of cadastral maps, delineation of land records, generation of land passbooks, status of eviction of Roshni land, land acquisition cases, change of land use cases. Thrust was laid on regular monitoring and reporting, besides furnishing action taken reports at the district headquarters.

While stressing on the need to speed up the pace of digitisation of revenue records, the DC impressed upon the revenue officers to put in best efforts to complete the assigned task within set timelines.

The DC also took a detailed review of the status of the online services offered by the Revenue Department, while calling for ensuring delivery of services within the prescribed time frame.

Regarding the Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RCCMS), the DC stressed upon revenue officers to dispose of the pending matters on priority, besides uploading the updated status on the prescribed portal regularly.

On the issue of vacant posts of Numberdars and Chowkidars, the DC called for taking up the process within laid down procedure in a time bound manner. ADC Basohli, ADC Billawar, SDM Hiranagar, SDM Bani (virtually) ADC Kathua, ACR Kathua, Tehsildars and other Revenue Officers attended the meeting.

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

KATHUA, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of Revenue officers to review the performance of the Revenue Department here in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex.

At the outset, the DC took detailed review of the ongoing anti-encroachment drives being carried out by the

district administration across the district. He laid emphasis on furnishing daily reports regarding removal of encroachments for apprising the higher authorities about the progress.

It was informed that 12751 Kanal State Land and 1132 Kanal of Kacharai land have been retrieved across the district in the ongoing anti-encroachment drives.

The DC also discussed at length

## 10 Maize Cob Shellers provided to Panchayats in Mendhar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

POONCH, JANUARY 20: Department of Agriculture today provided free of cost Maize Cob-Shellers to 10 different Panchayats of Block Mankote and Block Mendhar under Cank Budget in Sub Division Mendhar.

During the programme, Sarpanches of Mankote, Upper Kasblari, Upper Salani, Chhajla Lower and Ghani Dharati of Block Mankote besides Salwah Upper, Banola, Pathnaater, Kalbuaban Takyia, Salwah and Chaperdhara of block Mendhar were present to receive their Maize Cob-Shellers.

Vice Chairman District Development Council Poonch, Engineer Mohammad Ashfaq presided over the function. The Maize Cob-Shellers have been provided to Panchayats for community use. It will be considered as property of the Panchayat and shall be handed over to the next PRI.

Maize is grown as the main staple crop in district Poonch and majority



of farmers manage Maize cob sheller for shelling of Cobs on rent basis.

Keeping in view the requirement of Maize CobShellers in every Panchayat, the department of agriculture proposed 229 cobsellers to cover all the Panchayats of the District Poonch in a phased manner.

Sub Division Agriculture Officer Mendhar, Harvinder Singh said 58

Panchayats of the block out of total 75 have been covered and remaining 17 shall also be covered in due course.

Subject Matter Specialists, Aksir Singh and Manmohan Singh; Agriculture Ext.officer Sudheer Sharma, concerned JAEs/AEAs and Technical officer of Sub Div.Mendhar, Sudheer Bakshi were present on the occasion.

## 5th Coordination Committee meeting held in Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: The 5th Coordination Committee meeting of stakeholders for District Rajouri was held under the Chairmanship of District and Session Judge, Kalpana Reevo.

CJM, Manjeet Rai; DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; SE PWD (R&B), Kamal Kishore; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma and other concerned officers attended the meeting. The meeting held detailed deliberations on a number of issues, including meeting the infrastructural requirements of judicial institutions.

Provision of adequate power supply, repair of drinking water facility available in district court complex premises, con-



struction of washrooms, boundary wall, change of electricity wires in district court complex and other

specific issues were discussed. The Chairman asked the concerned stakeholders to look into

the issues discussed in the meeting and take appropriate measures to resolve the same.

## Principal Secretary visits Samba, reviews development of New Industrial Estates

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

SAMBA, JANUARY 20: Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Prashant Goyal, on Friday toured industrial area of Samba and reviewed development of new Industrial Estates besides assessing status of land availability.

Secretary in Industries and Commerce Department, Samita Sethi, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta, MD, SIDCO, Raman Kumar Kesar, SDM Vijaypur, ACR Samba besides officials of Revenue, Industries and SIDCO were present on the occasion.

Principal Secretary visited Bari Brahmana tehsil where he was apprised that after demarcation all available land has been handed over to SIDCO. He inspected work undertaken by the Industries Department for establishment of the Industrial Estate. He also inspected the site for alternative approach road for Kartholi.

Later, Prashant Goyal visited Karandi in Samba tehsil where about 364 kanal of land has been identified for developing the Industrial Estate there. He asked the Industries department to immediately start develop-



ment of the industrial estates to enable setting up of Industrial units.

Principal Secretary also visited the Dry Port and reviewed progress on ongoing development works there. He was apprised that efforts are being made to ensure that the dry port shall start its functioning by the end of this financial year.

Deputy Commissioner informed the Principal Secretary that delineation work on industrial estate Katli is also underway.

Principal Secretary asked the MD SIDCO and other officers of industries department to expedite development of Industrial estates in these areas.

## SHD B'pora organises workshop on FRDP

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Sheep Husbandry Department (SHD) Bandipora today organised a one day workshop on Fodder Resources Development Plan (FRDP) for J&K at District Sheep Husbandry Office here.

At the outset, District Sheep Husbandry Officer (DSHO) Bandipora, Dr Showkat Ahmad presented the overall fodder scenario of the district and the need to promote cultivation of fodder crops for sustainable commercial livestock farming. He said that the Department has launched an aggressive public outreach campaign for livestock development in the district with special focus on fodder production and its utilization and conservation. Dr Nazim Hamid Mir Sr. Scientist, RRS Srinagar presented a detailed fodder resources development plan of UT of J&K including road map, implementation, stakeholder responsibilities and forage production/ protection technologies suitable for UT of J&K.

He said that there is a vast scope and prospects for fodder production in the district. He said that the Institute is ready to provide any kind of technical support to meet fodder deficit in the district.

Dr Syed Aijaz, Dy. Director F&F threw a detailed light on various



forage production initiatives taken by the department including distribution of improved varieties of fodder seed kits procured from National Seed Corporation, Pusa among the sheep farmers.

Dr Mujtabha Yehya, Chief Agriculture Officer emphasized on use of fodder production technologies for improving farmers income. He said that there is a need to establish a fod-

der bank in the district to meet nutritional requirements of livestock in remote hilly areas especially Gurez region which usually remains cut-off from the rest of the valley for almost 5 months.

DFO Bandipora, Mudasir Ahmad gave a detailed account of measures taken for protection and conservation of forest areas and silvi pasture management for enhancing fodder pro-

duction.

He further said that the department in coordination with IGIRI, RRS Srinagar and is planning for massive plantation of rootslips of fodder crops in Kegna forest area to augment fodder production.

Dr Tahir Saleem SMS KVK said that KVK is actively working for the development of grasslands and grass reserves in the district.

## Agri Deptt Kashmir sends consignment of Kashmir Vegetables to UAE

*Sending Vegetables to UAE opens global window to Kashmir specific agri produce: Director Agri.*

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JANUARY 20: Pursuing the vision of introducing/ promoting Kashmir based vegetables, spices and other agricultural commodities on global platform and increasing the participation of farmers, agripreneurs of Kashmir in the global agriculture trade, the Department of Agriculture Kashmir in collaboration with an international marketing group (Lulu) has sent this year's first consignment of Kashmir specific vegetables (Radish, Turnip, Carrot) to UAE.

It is worth mentioning here that last year a number of vegetable consignments were sent to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and other Gulf markets.

Today's vegetable consignment of Dal area of Srinagar was procured by FAIR exports pvt ltd. from an FPO namely Dal Lake Stem producer company ltd. The consignments was flagged off by Director Agriculture Kashmir



Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal. Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture said that the department is working on a long term ambitious plan to strengthen the export promotion policy of UT of J&K. He said that department is endeavoring to get more and more farmers, agripreneurs attracted towards the international trade of Kashmir specific agriculture produce with the aim to fetch high returns for their produce.

Director Agriculture said that under the holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors, the proper marketing of Kashmir specific vegetables, spices and other agriculture produce at international level is one of the top priorities and different strategies have been devised in this direction by the department.

Pertinently the entire operation of grading, packing, labeling of the vegetable consignment was conducted under the strict supervision of Director Agriculture Kashmir and all the set global standards

for the international trade of vegetables and other agricultural commodities were upheld while sending the vegetable consignment to UAE. Sending vegetables, agriculture produce to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and other gulf markets has opened a global window for Kashmir specific agri produce, Director Agriculture said. Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar Mohammad Younis Chowdhury and various officers of the department were present on the occasion.

## AHD B'pora organises KCC/ Awareness Camp at Nadihal



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) Bandipora in collaboration

with Lead Bank Bandipora today organised awareness cum KCC Camp under Nation wide KCC campaign at the Meeting Hall of Panchayat Gar Nadihal, here.

The Camp was chaired by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Bandipora, Dr Ghulam Ahmad Lone and was attended by BDC Member Bandipora Hari Begum as special invitee.

The Camp was also attended by Block Veterinary Officer Bandipora, Dr Mohammad Ramzan Chopan; delegates from Lead District Bank, Nodal Officer, concerned Bank Managers, PRIs including Sarpanch and concerned Veterinary Assistant Surgeon along with the staff members.

On the occasion, 28 KCC cases were sponsored on the spot through different banks.

The farmers were given awareness regarding different departmental schemes with special focus on KCC. They were also introduced to Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

## SDM Sumbal convenes meeting of tehsil level anti-encroachment teams



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal, Amir Choudhary on Friday

convened a meeting of tehsil level anti-encroachment teams to discuss the progress of anti-encroachment drives.

The meeting discussed threadbare various measures to be employed to ensure removal of encroachments before the stipulated time.

Achieving daily targets given to all Tehsils was also discussed threadbare. The SDM asked the concerned teams to involve DDCs, BDCs, PRIs and locals in anti-encroachment drives to retrieve the land and protect it from land grabbers.

He asked the concerned to ensure that land is not encroached again as the land retrieved is meant for developmental projects.

Choudhary said that the recovered land is handed over to different departments as per feasibility so that these lands are not encroached again.

The meeting was attended by Tehsildar Sumbal, SDPO Sumbal, Tehsildar Hajin, EO Municipality, BDO Sumbal/ Naidkhai, BDO Hajin/ Ganastan, SHO Sumbal and Hajin, AEE R&B besides other concerned officials.

## National seminar on "Environment@75: Ecocritical Discourses & Posthuman Turn" held at CUJ

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JANUARY 20: As part of Amrit Mahotsav, a National seminar on "Environment@75: Ecocritical Discourses and the Posthuman Turn" organized by the Department of English in collaboration with Indian Council For Social Sciences Research concluded in the university campus of Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

During the program, eminent young scholars from various parts of the country presented papers.

Professor Nishi Pandey, Professor of Eminence, from University of Lucknow and Professor Kalpana Purohit from Jai Narayan Vyas University, Dr. Santayan Das Gupta, Dr. AK merchant were the plenary speakers during the event.

The keynote address was delivered by Professor Kapil Kapoor, a scholar of international recognition.

He gave substantial illustrations from vedic traditions to underscore how Indian consciousness had always been showing reverence towards nature and the colonial ecological intrusion and our mindless aping of western civilization dissociated Indian from their heritage and consciousness.

Vice Chancellor, Sanchi University of Buddhist Indic Studies, Professor Neeraja A. Gupta, was the chief guest in the inaugural session who is an



acclaimed scholar of ancient Bhartiya wisdom.

Professor Gupta highlighted significance of the topic and its relevance to Indian cosmology and vedic tradition which propagates ????? ?????? ??????. He underscored the need for revisiting the Indian legacy which gives loud signals, be it Panch Mahabhoots or perceiving nature as a prathimbh.

In his welcome address, Professor Vandana Sharma, Head of Department of English and Seminar Coordinator, highlighted the aim of the seminar. She stated that the

Department of English under the patronage and guidance of Vice Chancellor, Professor Sanjeev Jain is exploring critical areas of research in tune with national interests.

O P Vidyarthi, Former Principal Conservator of Forest and an avid environmentalist was the guest of honor who threw light on his creative and environmental endeavors.

During the seminar, the post graduate students of the department made a poster presentation related to the theme of the seminar.

Naveen and Ananya Jodha won the best poster presentation.

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, JANUARY 20: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today visited Polytechnic College Chadoora and ITI College Charar-e-Sharief in Budgam to assess functioning of the institutes besides reviewing progress on development works at both institutions.

During his visit to Polytechnic College, Principal Secretary inspected various laboratories of civil and mechanical engineering to take on spot stock of availability of various facilities.

Principal Secretary also chaired a brief interaction session with students and staff of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Polytechnic College, Altaf Hussain Shalla, highlighted various achievements attained by skill development department besides projecting their demands and grievances.

Principal Secretary said that government polytechnic college is leading as number 1 polytechnic college in the Valley and number 2 at overall ranking in the UT of J&K as marked by the government.

Dr Samoon said that Rs. 2.8 crore have been allotted to the college for purchase of machinery and equipment. He said that other trades including automobile will be started at the college from the next academic



session.

Principal Secretary asked the officers for speedy completion of hostel accommodation with all requisite facilities including bus service. He stressed on providing skilled training to local youth under different trades saying that handholding of skilled youth shall open economic resources and employment avenues for them.

At ITI Charar-e-Sharief, Principal Secretary visited various labs and interacted with the staff and Superintendent ITI, Bashir Ahmad Beigh.

He asserted on training of students through short term courses and providing admission to students under new different trades at the college. He also asked for executing work on

workshop block and hostel building on war footing.

Principal Secretary also enquired about the training facilities being provided to the students. He asked for introduction of new age courses keeping in view the demand of the industry.

Principal Secretary laid stress on imparting skill education to the youth in tune with the industry demand so that they are in position to earn their livelihood and instead of seeking the job, the pass outs of ITI's shall become the job providers.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Skill Development Kashmir, Deputy Director Trainings and Superintendent ITI Charar-e-Sharief and other concerned officers.



## DIPR Cultural Wing celebrates Republic Day with students of GHS Qasim Nagar

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Cultural wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organised a cultural program in the Government High School Qasim Nagar Jammu to mark the celebration of Republic Day.



occassion, incharge Headmaster of the school,

Vandana Babu shared her views on the importance of Republic Day. She also appreciated the Cultural Wing of the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation.

Among others, staff members of the school, officials of the Information Department and a large number of audience witnessed the program. The program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria.

## Jammu to host 11 day SARAS Fair 2023: Indu Chib

*Mela will have unique stalls, cultural evenings, food courts Rural artisans, SHGs to participate from across India*

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JAMMU, JANUARY 20: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going to host SARAS Fair 2023 from 4th to 14th February with participation of artisans and women Self Help Groups' from across the country.

The national level food and cultural fair will exhibit unique and famous indigenous products from various states and UTs of the country. The event will provide platform to the participants to sell and promote their self made products.



This was informed by Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Indu Chib, while chairing a meeting with different departments held to discuss arrangements regarding SARAS Fair 2023 or SARAS Aajeevika Mela to be held in the UT.

The annual SARAS fair will be held in Jammu in which over 75 stalls and food courts will be set up at the exhibition site,

aquaplex crown, near Bagh e Bahu, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Additional Mission Director Jammu, Mridhu Sathia, senior officers from different line departments including district administration Jammu, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Fisheries, JDA, Floriculture, Information and Public Relations, Hospitality and Protocol, Fire and Emergency Services, JKAACL, PDD, Jal Shakti, Traffic, district Police Jammu, Health and Medical Education among

others. MD JKRLM gave a detailed presentation elaborating an overview of SARAS Fair.

She informed that 11 day fair is expected to witness participation of Self Help Group women from 25 states and UTs from across the country to sell their self made products.

On the occasion, the officers of several line departments also gave their suggestions in order to make the event a grand success.

The meeting also held threadbare discussion on several issues including

promotional events, sanitation, security and safety. Besides, the meeting deliberated upon necessary logistics and arrangements need to be put in place for official dignitaries.

MD emphasized upon the departments to follow all the necessary fire safety protocols besides installing first aid kiosks and 24\*7 ambulance services at the venue. Another key feature of this national fair would be mesmerizing cultural events depicting cultural and traditional legacy of Jammu and Kashmir.

## DC Doda finalises activities for 13th National Voters Day, Republic Day 2023

*Parola making, Waste to Art, Dogri Cuisine competitions form main attraction of mega event*



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JANUARY 20: District Administration Doda today finalised the calendar of activities for the 13th National Voters Day (NVD) here in a virtual meeting chaired by District Election Officer, (DC), Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

The arrangements for the Celebration of Republic Day 2023 were also discussed and finalised during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, ADC

Bhaderwah, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, All SDMs, Dy. District Election Officer, Principal Degree College Doda, Chief Election Officer, Representatives of Principal GDC Bhaderwah/Kastigarh/Thathri and Tehsildars.

Ac India Shooter Chain Singh also attended the meeting.

The meeting listed different activities, and directions were passed to be concerned for the smooth conduct of the programme.

The activities discussed included Pledge taking ceremony, Rally of students, and general public, and Celebrations at Community Hall Doda.

The meeting also decided to organise events involving students like competitions (essay, debate etc) and webinars in the GDCs/institutions on the theme "Nothing like Voting, I Vote For Sure"

It was also decided that events shall also be organized at each polling station by the BLOs to create

awareness among the people about the importance and power of vote.

Further, it was decided to post the content on the social media handles with the hashtag #NVD2023, #MainBharatHun, #VoteDenejaeyey, #Nothinglikevoting, and #Myvotempower. All the concerned, including the District Information Officer, were directed to handle the social media campaign.

While reviewing the arrangements for Republic Day 2023, the DC asked all the departments to celebrate the national festival with great fervour and enthusiasm.

He instructed the officers to decorate their offices and surroundings with tricolor lights. He urged the public, including shopkeepers/ business operators and others in the towns and in villages to celebrate the National Festival with great zeal, passion, and warmth to cherish India's 75 years of Independence.

## Scale of Finance plan -2023-24 for Agriculture, allied sectors approved in Rajouri

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: District Level Task Force (DLTF) today met here to discuss the fixation of Scales of Finance for the year 2023-24 in respect of agricultural and allied activities in Rajouri district. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundaal, and attended by CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; CAO, Sohan Singh; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; AD Fisheries, Manish and other concerned officers.

The Committee finalized the scale of Finance plan after thoroughly discussing the criteria to be adopted for the scale fixation.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of the fixation of finance for agricultural allied activities, as it will help farmers in the district to take advantage of various types of free credit in a convenient manner. He also noted that the fixation of finance will create employment opportunities in the district

through agricultural entrepreneur activities. He emphasized the need to involve all stakeholders in arriving at proper scales of finance and the necessity of accurate field data.

The DC also urged them for maintaining close coordination to ensure that credit flow to the farmers is adequate and timely.

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## DC Ramban chairs meeting of Advisory Committee for Clinical Establishment Registration and Regulation Act

*Rs 16 crore disbursed among 112 beneficiaries*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, who is also the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for Clinical Establishment Registration and Regulation Act, today chaired the meeting of the committee here in his office chamber.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kamal Zadu, ACD, Ashok Singh, Medical Superintendent District Hospital, Dr. Mehboob, Dy. SP, Pardeep Kumar attended the meeting.



The meeting scrutinized the applications received by the committee from 10 applicants from across the

district for registration. All the genuine cases were approved by the Committee after taking comments and

suggestions from the panel members.

The DC directed the CMO to ensure proper veri-

fication and authentication of documents submitted by the applicants for obtaining registration.

## DDC Ramban discusses modalities for implementation of APDP

*Direct officers for timely utilization of funds*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, JANUARY 20: District Development Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, on Friday chaired a meeting of the concerned departments to discuss the modalities for the implementation of the Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) in the district.



The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal; CPO, Kasturi Lal; SDM Gool Tanveer-Ul-Majid; ACD, Ashok Katoch; CMO, Dr Kamal Zadoo; Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Sudhir Sharama; Executive Engineer, Nisar Ahmed and other senior officers.

A detailed discussion was held on the parameters pertaining under different categories including availability of basic infrastructure, environment conservation, Governance, skill development and other activities proposed for the designated panchayats.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on identified indicators, effective mechanism for timely collection of data and meeting other aspects of APDP.

Speaking at the meeting, the DDC impressed upon all the departments to collect realistic and authentic

data on identified indicators and put in best possible efforts in this regard.

He said that the Government is all set to introduce the Panchayat Development Index to develop and replicate best practices that drive improvement across the socio-economic themes of Panchayats under newly approved Aspirational

Panchayat Development Programme (APDP).

Earlier, the CPO gave a detailed overview about the rollout of APDP and its significance in future planning of least performing panchayats. He also stressed upon all the departments to start data collection of the parameters pertaining to their departments.

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Students of International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICCR & HRM), University of Jammu today visited the Bari Brahmana campus of Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) for an exposure tour.

During a day-long exposure visit, the experts from JKEDI provided an overview of the startup ecosystem of UT to help the students develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director JKEDI also interacted with the visiting students and faculty members.

In his address, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat encouraged the students to avail different incentives of the Government available for the startups. He reiterated the fact that entrepreneurs are currently driving the growth story of the country and 'each and every one of us has a part to play.'

In view of the recent policy initiatives by the central and the UT government, the majority of youth are taking up entrepreneurship as their first career choice, he said.

"The Startup policy of J&K is going to get a new shape in the near future and I am confident that it will prove beneficial for aspiring entrepreneurs who are driven by passion and innovation. From guidance and counsel-

ing to mentoring, to starting professional courses in entrepreneurship and management, JKEDI's role has never been more important. We are also working on an initiative to provide short-term entrepreneurship courses to school and college students," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat.

The Day-long visit also included technical sessions for the students. Vishal Ray, In Charge, Centre for innovation, Incubation and Business Modeling, JKEDI gave an overview of the startup ecosystem in the UT. He deliberated upon the incentives and facilities available at the Institute for aspiring Startups. Dr. Vinod Kumar, Teaching Associate at the Institute gave a technical session on preparation of a business plan and detailed project reports. Divya Sharma, Assistant Faculty gave a general overview of the Institute.

Dr. Isha Sharma, Faculty and Placement Coordinator, ICCR & HRM, coordinated the visit.

## Doda Admin hosts hands-on training on government e-Services

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JANUARY 20: Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in its effort to provide fair, transparent, and time-bound delivery of services to the citizens has fully switched over to e-governance.

In this regard, District Administration Doda today organized a virtual hands-on training programme for the general public, in collaboration with the NIC and technical experts of all the departments. The day-long training for usage of online services of var-

ious departments was hosted through the ADBHUT Doda portal and was also aired live on the Facebook page of District Administration Doda and from other social media platforms. Technical experts of Revenue, Health, Industries, Social Welfare, Mining, Election, Education, and other departments gave detailed demonstrations on the use of all the services from e-Umat platform.

The district administration has decided that the virtual training on usage of online services shall be

held weekly by the departments to train the people at the grassroots level. During the hands-on training, citizens were sensitised about 400 plus online services being offered by the Government, Rapid Assessment System (RAS) for real-time feedback, UMANG platform for mobile Governance, Digital locker for safe and secure storage space, MySchemes for central repository of government schemes, portals such as e-Umat, Janbhagidari, Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani etc.

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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere - Albert Einstein

## JINDRAH IMAGES

## Giving boost to border tourism

Recently, Ladakh tourism department decided to regulate tourist movement in border areas in a hassle-free and smooth manner in order to give a further push to the tourism sector in the Union Territory. To ensure that the fragile environment and ecology of the region don't get disturbed, Ladakh administration has planned to establish police check posts in consultation with the Army for proper management and convenience of tourists as well as locals in border areas of the region. For this, the UT administration has even shot off a letter to the Army's 14 Corps for a written communication being required for all such areas so that the tourism department can notify these areas as open for domestic tourists without any permission from any authority. There is a need for the proper identification of locations where police posts are to be established for the regulation of tourists/visitors. This would help tour operators of Ladakh and other places to accept bookings for such places. This is being done because Ladakh holds strategic importance as it shares boundaries with two hostile nations-China and Pakistan. It has come to fore that Army and ITBP have no objection and they have assured that free movement would be allowed in all identified areas to the establishment of police posts at strategic locations for regulation and safety of tourists/visitors. There was also a need to regulate off-roading activities in eco-sensitive zones. Tourism department of Ladakh has also decided to regulate off-roading activities by Tourists and locals in wildlife areas and other eco-sensitive locations across Ladakh. The locations such as Hanle, Pangong, Hunder, Tsokar, etc. experience most of the off-roading incidents. An urgent need to discourage such activities has been felt considering the harm such activities are causing to the wildlife habitat and Ladakh's sensitive ecology. Sensitization workshops should be conducted for tour and travel operators and commercial vehicle unions to carry out responsible tourism activities, other than putting information sign boards and installing "hidden cameras" at strategic/potential locations. There is a further need to rope in village Panchayats to regulate such activities for which necessary instructions with the approval of the competent authority would be issued. Ladakh, having unmatched beauty, has witnessed a significant increase in tourist inflow with foreigners and domestic tourists making a beeline to strategic locations of the region. The need has been felt to regulate the movement of these visitors to save the fragile ecology and environment from further degradation. It should be the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to supplement the government's efforts in preserving the ecology of Ladakh region.

## DEFENCE BUDGET MUST BE CAPABILITY-DRIVEN

Having had this long experience of underfunding and underutilisation, maybe it is time for a fixed amount to be transferred every year to a defence modernisation fund that can be managed by the RBI or a designated bank. This fund should be drawn upon to make acquisitions in a time-bound manner. A necessary concomitant would be transparent acquisition processes, whether it's from domestic or foreign sources. The defence budget should not be viewed as a drain on the national economy.

LT GEN PRADEEP BALI (RETD)

THE annual budgetary process is well underway and the expected allocation for the nation's security under the defence head is a matter of great interest and greater concern. India has an inimical neighbourhood, both on the western and northern fronts. While the western adversary has been a constant irritant, it does not pose a major threat by itself. The main issue of concern is and will remain China, with whom the unsettled land borders stretch across the Himalayas. The security situation in the neighbourhood, as well as globally, remains unpredictable and volatile.

In the past, we have been mostly reactive in dealing with any crisis situation, not only militarily but even the monetary requirements were met in an emergency mode. While there has been a regular annual increase in global defence outlays, especially of the USA and China, the sudden jump in the case of a country like Japan is a stark pointer to the fragile security environment, which majority factors in our northern adversary.

A clear perception of desired capabilities linked to timelines is essential for meeting the security challenges that confront the nation, in at least a medium time frame of seven to 10 years.

It is a well-known truism that building capacities and developing capabilities need time, while intentions can change rapidly. The bottom line for capability development is the fiscal outlay. Infusion of high-end technology in military systems and equipment, which in the present day includes cyber, space and unmanned platforms, is cost-intensive. However, every year we see only a marginal increase in the defence budget, which is not even adequate to overcome inflation. In fact, it has been decreasing as a proportion of total government expenditure. During the last 10 years, the annual defence budget as a percentage of the GDP has shown a decline, with the ratio for the last year being the lowest since the 1960s. This has been well below the desired levels. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence had recommended that defence expenditure should be 3 per cent of the GDP to ensure adequate preparedness of the armed forces, based on threat perceptions, and developing long-term deterrence



capabilities against hostile neighbours. The allocation for the Ministry of Defence has shown a much lower annual growth as compared to the average growth in overall Central government expenditure of 14 per cent. Since 2011-12, the capital outlay for defence grew at an annual average rate of 7 per cent, while the overall capital expenditure of the Central government grew at 13 per cent. The share of capital outlay for defence in total government capital expenditure decreased from 41 per cent to 23 per cent in this period. The increase in capital outlay for defence over the last two years, which includes expenditure on big-ticket platforms such as tanks, naval vessels and aircraft, as well as a large and varied inventory of smaller systems, equipment and infrastructure, has been around 10 to 12 per cent, while capital expenditure of the Central government has gone up by around 25 to 29 per cent. It may well be argued that the competing fiscal requirements for national development, which includes a multitude of projects and government initiatives, civilian infrastructure, healthcare and education, among others, may preclude any substantial increase in the defence outlay. While this needs to be appreciated in a developing nation like ours with a burgeoning population living at subsistence levels, it is ironic and distressing that even the reduced allocations for defence are not fully utilised.

Budgetary constraints and labyrinthine processes have undoubtedly been a dampener in acquisition of military weapons and

equipment. Repeatedly, we see the lapsing of allocated funds at the end of the financial year. The solutions to all this have been highlighted often enough, not only by the armed forces but also by the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Defence.

First and foremost, the defence budget must be capability-driven and not intention-driven! The total annual outlay is always falling short of the projected requirements. To safeguard against slippages due to procedural tardiness in procurements, it is imperative to make the Capital Budget 'non-lapsable' and 'roll-over' in nature, with a three-to-five-year time span. During the recent winter session of Parliament, the Standing Committee on Defence has once again stressed that a 'non-lapsing fund' for military modernisation must be created so that the mid-year need for additional grants and budgetary allocation is avoided.

At present, there is no separate allocation of funds for committed liabilities and new schemes, as both are covered under capital acquisitions, contrary to recommendations made by this committee. Under the present rules of business, allotted funds lapse at the end of the financial year on March 31, hence the pressing need for an amendment in making the capital head of the defence budget 'non-lapsable' and 'roll-over'. This would also enable meeting urgent defence needs during critical situations. The draft Cabinet note for a non-lapsable defence modernisation fund has been under consideration by the government for quite some time now and its approval needs to

be accorded expeditiously. The situation demands solutions, not shuffling of papers. Having had this long experience of underfunding and underutilisation, maybe it is time for a fixed amount to be transferred every year to a defence modernisation fund that can be managed by the RBI or a designated bank. This fund should be drawn upon to make acquisitions in a time-bound manner. A necessary concomitant would be transparent acquisition processes, whether from domestic or foreign sources. Lapsing of capital funds, convoluted procurement processes and red tape, with no accountability, have no place in modern-day governance, least of all in the area of national security. It is time to make a bold move in this Budget.

On February 1, the Finance Minister will present the Union Budget, which will be the last full-year annual financial statement by the present government. It is fervently hoped that due importance will be given to the monetary cost of ensuring national security, not only in terms of enhanced outlay but also by making provisions to obviate non-utilisation of funds.

Most importantly, the defence budget should not be viewed as a drain on the national economy. With emphasis on high-quality indigenous defence production, both by private players and efficiently managed defence public sector undertakings and the large dual-use ecosystem that this creates, a major portion of the defence expenditure can well be seen as an engine of economic growth.

## Alcohol's cancer risk calls for policy review

RAKESH KOCHHAR

THE world is taking note of ramifications of alcohol-related costs to the nations. In a recent article in The Lancet, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that there is no 'safe limit' to alcohol consumption, and even a small amount may increase the risk of cancer.

Overall, alcohol consumption is linked to as many as 3 million deaths (5.3 per cent of all deaths) in the world each year. Younger people are disproportionately affected by alcohol compared with older people, and one in seven deaths among those aged between 20 and 39 years is attributed to alcohol. In 2020, alcohol was responsible for 7,40,000 cancer cases worldwide.

The National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) for 2019-21 revealed that nearly 15 crore people (over 15 years of age) consume alcohol in India (1.5 per cent of women and 18.8 per cent of men; 16.5 per cent in rural areas and 19.9 per cent in urban India). Alcohol consumption was the highest in Arunachal Pradesh (38.47 per cent), followed by Telangana (24.56 per cent) and Jharkhand (20.19 per cent). In Punjab, it was 11.9 per cent, Haryana 8.5 per cent, and in Chandigarh 9.84 per cent.

There has been an increase in alcohol consumption in India in the last three decades by close to 5.5 per cent in men over 15 years of age and to a smaller extent in women too.

The increase in consumption could be due to increased access and marketing, changing social acceptance, female empowerment and rising incomes. Alcohol consumption is no more a taboo and age is no longer a factor.



Liberalisation of alcohol permits and licences for restaurants and bars has also contributed to the rising consumption. The average age of initiation has also come down.

Alcohol is widely known to cause liver cirrhosis and its resultant complications. The other major impact of alcohol consumption is accidents due to drunk driving. Alcohol is also linked to a number of other diseases like pancreatitis, alcoholic cardiomyopathy, stroke, alcohol dependence, psychiatric disorders, dementia, self-harm and interpersonal violence.

Most gastroenterology wards in public hospitals of north India are full of patients of alcoholic liver disease and alcohol-induced pancreatitis, both of which can be life-threatening and can financially ruin a family. Absenteeism, loss of productivity, social strife and domestic violence are also the negative effects of alcohol use. In addition, illicit alcohol may lead to blindness

and even death. It has been seen that the 'harm per litre' is more to poor individuals than those affluent. There is not much awareness about the link between cancers and alcohol. Apart from liver cancer, cancers of head and neck, pancreas, colon, esophagus and breast are also related to alcohol use, accounting to over 4 per cent of all cancers. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified alcohol as a high-risk carcinogen, together with radiation and smoking. Alcohol is a ready cash cow for India, with each state trying to increase its revenue from alcohol by boosting sales. In some states, excise duty on alcohol contributes up to 25 per cent of all revenue. Punjab's excise department collected over Rs 4,000 crore in the first six months of 2022 and the revenue collection increased by over 37 per cent. The government admitted that its twin objective was to maximise revenue and provide affordable

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liquor. Haryana also clocked an increase of Rs 1,000 crore in excise duty on alcohol in the first half of 2022. A PGI study had projected the economic cost of alcohol consumption in India. By mathematical modelling, it was calculated that between 2011 and 2050, treatment of alcohol-related disease conditions will impose a burden of Rs 3,100 billion on the health system. The economic burden on society, out-of-pocket expenditure, productivity losses and health costs, all put together, amount to over Rs 1,20,000 billion and reflect a net economic loss of 1.45 per cent of the GDP per year to the Indian economy after taking account of revenue from sales. It needs to be kept in mind that this expenditure is borne by the families, industry, society, and not by the government. The current government spending on health is 1.2 per cent of the GDP.

While prohibition is in force in Bihar and Gujarat, we have permissiveness in other states with aggressive availability in states such as Punjab and Haryana. Some years ago, liquor availability on highways was curbed following a Supreme Court ruling, but it's back to square one again. It is ironical that in some states, home delivery of alcohol is permitted, invoking the Disaster Management Act, 2005, on the pretext that crowding outside liquor stores can be unruly. India needs to re-evaluate its approach towards alcohol. Admittedly, today we cannot prevent anyone from consuming alcohol, and

revenue from alcohol is useful for developmental projects in the short term. However, in the long run, the economic burden of consequences of alcohol consumption far outweighs that. Since it is the young adults, especially males, who are affected the most, it is important to prioritise interventions targeted at these demographic groups. The 75th World Health Assembly adopted the Global Alcohol Action Plan last year. It was pointed out that alcohol consumption is driven by 'rampant and unrestricted advertising on social media and interference by the alcohol industry to influence policy decisions'. It called for generating public awareness on disease burden of alcohol, curtailing advertisements related to alcohol, and formulation of policies related to public health.

There is a need to educate people about the harmful effects of alcohol, much like what is done for smoking. Most patients with alcohol-related diseases do not fathom the gravity of situation they land in. All forms of alcohol advertisements, including surrogate ones, should be prohibited. Moving liquor vents away from the public glare can be a small but significant step. Drunk driving should be penalised heavily. It is equally important that states should not look merely at enhancing revenue from alcohol sales. Experts in public health and health economics should be involved in policymaking matters related to alcohol.

# Randeep Hooda Announces 'Laal Rang 2', Actor To Reprise His Role In A 'Darker, Meaner, Violent' Sequel



Randeep Hooda is all set to reprise his role of Shankar in Syed Ahmad Afzal's 'Laal Rang 2' which is a sequel to the 2016 film 'Laal Rang'.

'Laal Rang' was set in Haryana and it was a dark comedy drama which revolved around the blood trade business and Shankar (Randeep) was shown as the owner of an illegal blood bank.

Randeep, who is known for 'Highway', 'Jannat 2', 'Jism 2', 'Kick', 'Sultan', among others, shed light on his role and donning the cap of a producer, he said, "Shankar Malik is one character that will always stay close to my heart, the film even after seven years stays relevant and has a dedicated fan-base to it."

"This is what has compelled me to embark on this new journey as a producer too with a lot of joy and a sense

of responsibility towards it."

Director Syed Ahmed Afzal also briefed about his film as he shared: "We are extremely excited to begin the madness again, the storyline is dark, murky and lays the perfect plinth for an enchanting film and we once again have a chance to deliver something memorable."

The essence of the sequel shall remain akin to the original. This sequel will be darker, meaner, violent and yet funny."

Akshay Oberoi and Pia Bajpiee will also reprise their roles from the first part. The search is on for the new additions to the second part.

'Laal Rang 2: Khoon Chusva' is produced by Randeep Hooda Films, Avak Films and Jelly Bean Entertainment, and co-produced by Anwar Ali and Sonu Kuntal. The film is slated to go on floors soon.

# 'Jailer': Tamannaah Bhatia Stuns In The First Look Of Rajinikanth-Mohanlal Starrer



After an occupied media she shared, "Finally I can share this with you all... the news is out!!! I am soo happy and honored to be a part of this movie #Jailer with the one and only Thalaivar @rajinikanth sir directed by @nelsondillipkumar Can't wait to share this experience with all of you (sic)."

Film No. 169: Rajinikanth's Upcoming Action Drama To Be Titled 'Jailer'

She is constantly shifting gears and making ends meet to deliver her best on-screen timings. With projects like Amazon Prime Video's 'Jee Karda', Netflix's 'Lust Stories', 'Bhola Shankar', 'Jailer' and many more, fans will be seeing Tamannaah Bhatia in roles that are poles apart from each other. For the unversed, 'Jailer' also stars Shiva Rajkumar besides Rajinikanth, Mohanlal and Tamannaah Bhatia.

# Akshay Kumar To Sumeet Vyas To Ayushmann Khurrana - Rakul Preet Singh's 5 Co-Stars Who've A Distinct Charm

If we look at the actresses of the current generation who are setting up their distinct charm with their co-stars on the screen, Rakul Preet Singh is that ravishing beauty who is acing the task. Her long list of filmography is proof of her amazing screen presence, alongside any co-star. Be it superstars who've been in the film industry for decades like Akshay Kumar or Ajay Devgn or it is the young new generation stars like Ayushmann Khurrana, Sidharth Malhotra and Sumeet Vyas, she has performed with a wide range of actors in her multi-lingual career, and has aced the pairing with them all.

Today, let us look at some amazing pairs that Rakul Preet Singh has brought on the screen with her co-stars in recent months:

Ajay Devgn ('Runway 34')

The actress played the character of first officer Tanya Albuquerque opposite Ajay Devgn and she did surely win her screen presence. While her brilliant acting and cuteness set up a magnificent persona of the prettiest co-pilot one could ever imagine, the film marked Rakul's second film with Ajay Devgn after 'De De Pyaar De'. The two are also set to come back together



for the sequel to 'De De Pyaar De'.

Akshay Kumar ('Cuttputli')

Rakul played the role of a school

teacher in this psychological crime thriller in which the audience witnessed her fresh pairing with Akshay Kumar. While the

actress set up amazing love chemistry with Akshay in the film, their pairing added up a flavour of romance that certainly came as a treat to the viewers.

Sidharth Malhotra ('Thank God') Rakul played the character of a police officer and the wife of the handsome hunk Sidharth Malhotra. This was Rakul's 3rd film opposite Sidharth after they already won the hearts of millions in 'Marjaavaan' and 'Aiyaary'.

Ayushmann Khurrana ('Doctor G') Rakul is seen playing a doctor with Ayushmann Khurrana. While the audience witnessed Rakul as the prettiest doctor in the film, this also marked her first film with Ayushmann. Their chemistry was lauded by all and fans just couldn't have enough of their cuteness onscreen.

Sumeet Vyas ('Chhatriwali')

Rakul is garnering a lot of praises for her performance as a small town quality tester at a condom factory in 'Chhatriwali'. Even though the film is a female-centric one, her chemistry onscreen with Sumeet Vyas is definitely one of the best aspects of the film. They're cute together, and surely leave the audience wanting to see more from this pair.

# Dakota Johnson Leaves Audience Gasping With Her Joke At Sundance Opening Night

'Fifty Shades' star Dakota Johnson started off the 2023 Sundance Film Festival with a laugh in her role as a presenter at the inaugural 'A Taste of Sundance' dinner. The actress joked that she was offered the role of the peach in Luca Guadagnino's Oscar-winning indie 'Call Me by Your Name', but she had to turn it down due to scheduling conflicts, reports 'Variety'.

"Thank god, though," she said. "I would have been another woman that Armie Hammer would have tried to eat." Johnson praised Guadagnino as a lover of cinema (and Prada) as she presented him with the international icon award. She starred in his remake of 'Suspiria', but her joke about Hammer made the room gasp and giggle. As per 'Variety', Hammer, who starred alongside Timothee Chalamet in 'Call Me by Your Name', has been accused of having cannibalistic fetishes, sexual assault and abusive behaviour by extramarital partners. Hammer has denied the claims. In the film, Hammer plays the love interest of Chalamet, whose character Elio performs a sexual act on a piece of fruit, which Hammer eventually discovers. "It's been five years since that film premiered here, and Luca hasn't stopped taking us to exciting places," Johnson said, quoted by 'Variety' referring to Guadagnino's 2022 film 'Bones and All', a cannibalism romance drama also starring Chalamet.

# Anil Kapoor On How It Is Tougher To Impress Audience Now: Only Hard Work Doesn't Make The Cut



Anil Kapoor, on Friday, launched the trailer of his upcoming show, 'The Night Manager' in Alibaug. It stars the actor with Aditya Roy Kapur and Shobita Dhulipala. The show, which is the Indian adaptation of a British series, is set in the backdrop of illegal arms deals. It will stream on Disney+ Hotstar from February 17, and will have Anil and Aditya pitted against each other. During the trailer launch event, the veteran actor mentioned how after having decades of experience in the industry, he feels only hard work cannot guarantee success.

"The first thing is that it

should make me nervous and feel that I can't do this, I've not done something like this before. And then I think about how I want to give my best, because without doing my best (on-screen) otherwise how will I show my face to my friends. Will directors offer me work after seeing this or will I stop getting work altogether. I always have this nervousness and anxiety and hunger (to do good work) all the time and it pushes me," Indian Express quoted him saying.

He added that it is now more difficult to impress the audience. "After working for so many years it has become very, very

tricky, what should I do, what have I done that people have not already seen me do. It is very tough and every day it is becoming tougher to excite the audience with so much stuff happening around. One needs blessings, only hard work doesn't (make the cut) anymore. The right people have to come together to make something remarkable today," he added.

He was last seen in 'Jug Jugg Jeeyo' alongside Neetu Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani. He now has Ranbir Kapoor's 'Animal' and 'Fighter', alongside Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone as his upcoming projects.

# Aniruddh Dave On The Impending Recession In 2023: I Don't Think It Would Affect India And Its Economy

The covid-19 pandemic that led to many businesses shutting shop led to a global meltdown. Now with the virus attack in China and the Russia-Ukraine war having affected the economy, it seems a recession is impending. While the recession is becoming a talking point, showbiz needs to survive as entertainment is of prime importance. People in India, much like the rest of the world, enjoy watching TV, films, and OTT. Aniruddh Dave, known

for his TV shows 'Raajkumar Aaryan', 'Woh Rehne Waali Mehlon Ki', 'Ruk Jana Nah' and 'Patiala Babes', shares his opinion.

"I don't think that it would affect India and its economy. Our government is ready for every possible crisis and effort to keep it unaffected. We are doing great in global affairs. Our GDP is growing, INR valuation is also increasing etc, so a lot of development is happening. India is a developing nation. At the upcoming G20,

120 nations will come to know where we stand in business, stock, and investment. Many would like to better their relationship with India as we are already on the higher side," he says. About the changes or precautionary measures, the industry should take to deal with the situation, the actor shares, "Money saved is money earned. Alternative income or investment, saving is a must. Recession and pandemics are like uninvited guests or you can call them to

gate crashers, so one should be prepared. But even if you're prepared, a fatal mishap can take a decade back. I've witnessed it. This is a part and parcel of life."

The competition is increasing every day, although the opportunities have also increased. A number of new platforms are coming up.

"There are many opportunities, but still a lot of people have no work even when there's no recession. We have nothing to do with this I

believe, those who shoot or were working have also earned during the pandemic. So it's better to go wisely. Stay strong and open your eyes, keep watching the scenario. Working hard is a must as competition is high. Working on your skills, craft and knowledge as that will only help you move ahead," he explains.

The two tips that one should follow to fight the recession situation, Aniruddh adds, "If a recession comes, be wise and smart.



## 4 essential food pairings for optimal nutrient absorption, from a vegan dietitian

We all seem to be looking for more ways to get the nutrients our bodies need, but nutrient intake is so much more than just the foods we eat.

Even if you're eating foods that are high in the nutrients you're aiming to increase in your diet — like calcium, iron and antioxidants — depending on how the foods are paired, you may be getting less nutrients than you think. Multiple factors go into how your body absorbs food, according to Catherine Perez, a vegan dietitian.

"Regardless of your dietary choices, your ability to absorb nutrients is going to kind of change throughout your life cycle," she says.

As children, you needed more nutrients than adults because your lifestyle required more energy, she notes.

And when you're older, your body won't digest certain vitamins like B12 as well as others,

because your stomach acid decreases as you age.

But for vegans and vegetarians specifically, "certain plant-based foods have different absorbability rates, and those can change, depending on how you treat those foods and even what you might be eating those foods with," she says.

Luckily, there are certain nutrients that, when paired together, can increase your ability to absorb them. Here are a few that Perez recommends having at the same time.

4 essential food pairings for optimal nutrient absorption

1. Pair iron with vitamin C

Iron deficiency is a huge concern for people on a plant-based diet, says Perez. Plant-based sources of iron are more absorbable when you pair them with something that's high in vitamin C, she says.

For example, consider eating a burrito with beans, which are



high in iron, and diced bell peppers, which have a healthy serving of vitamin C.

2. Incorporate zinc in your diet with sulfur

"Zinc is another nutrient that tends to be a concern for those looking to go plant-based," says Perez. Found in grains, seeds and legumes like chickpeas, zinc can be better absorbed when paired with sulfur.

You may already be cooking your chickpeas with sources of sulfur like onions and garlic, and that's making your zinc absorption even better.

3. Eat your antioxidants with fats and fat-soluble vitamins

Absorbing antioxidants on a vegan diet can be a bit tricky. So, to ensure you're absorbing them properly, you should cook tomatoes, that are rich in the antioxi-

dant lycopene, with fats like olive oil, says Perez.

"If you're making a tomato sauce and you're using extra virgin olive oil with the tomatoes and cooking them down, that's going to help you activate and absorb lycopene a lot better than if you didn't have that fat there at all," she says.

4. Have your calcium with vitamin D

Bone health is vital for everyone, even those who aren't vegan, and calcium is helpful for strengthening your bones.

"When you have those calcium-rich foods and you have enough vitamin D in your diet, your body is going to be able to absorb it better," says Perez.

Pair calcium-rich sources like soy milk, almond milk or plant-based yogurts with a walk outside, because the source of vitamin D from sunlight can help you better absorb the calcium.

## The best thing about the Mediterranean diet? It doesn't taste like a diet

Olive oil — maybe not your mom's — is a good place to start, says Chan School's Walter Willett. But don't be afraid to experiment.



For people focused on healthy eating in the new year, advice from specialists (and, problematically, non-specialists) can be hard to decipher, never mind follow. But one diet in particular has withstood the test of time and been repeatedly heralded by doctors and researchers as promoting vitality and longevity.

The Mediterranean diet, identified in the 1950s through a global study of men's heart health, is a pattern of eating based on the habits of Italians, Greeks, and others who live in the region. The regimen favors healthy fats such as those found in olive oil and nuts and sets limits on consumption of animal products.

Walter Willett, a professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, has spent more than three decades studying links between food and health, with special attention to the Mediterranean diet, around which, he says, "there are a lot of misconceptions." In a conversation with the Gazette, edited for clarity and length, he cleared some of them up.

WILLETT: Well, there's quite a bit of flexibility — that's probably one of the reasons people can stay with it for the long run.

A general rule of thumb is to think about having two servings of animal-sourced foods per day, which would be about one serving of dairy a day and about one serving of another animal-sourced protein. This could mean having red meat about once a week, fish a couple of times a week, poultry a couple of times a week, and eggs a couple of times a week. That's a pretty good goal. If someone would like to further reduce animal-sourced foods or be a strict vegan, that can also work, but taking an inexpensive multivitamin/multimineral supplement is desirable to ensure adequate micronutrient intake.

While this would be an appreciable shift for many Americans, it's not difficult because most of the ingredients are foods that are already familiar. Although I should say that 25 years ago, many people were not very familiar with whole grains. And most people were not familiar with good olive oil. I remember growing up in Michigan, my mom had this little bottle of olive oil up on the top shelf that had been sitting there for years; it was rancid and tasted terrible. Adopting the Mediterranean dietary pattern is likely to mean some adjustments and new flavors, but in general, they're things that most people can find enjoyable.

In terms of the percentage of calories from fat, this can vary but will usually be about 30 percent to 40 percent of calories, as long as they're mostly healthy fats from plant sources such as olive oil.

Walter Willett: "Diet during adolescence appears to be particularly important for cancer risk later in life, and sometimes even more important than what we're eating in midlife," said Walter Willett, professor of epidemiology and nutrition.

## For weight loss, how much you eat is more important than when you eat

A new study led by researchers from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has followed the meal-time habits of more than 500 people for six years finding weight change is most affected by the size and frequency of meals rather than the interval from first to last meal. The study challenges the popular trend of intermittent fasting as a useful weight loss strategy. Intermittent fasting, also referred to as time-restricted feeding, is a dietary strategy where all meals are consumed during a short window of time each day. These windows can span anywhere from six to 10 hours, resulting in a person essentially fasting for up to 18 hours each day.

Micro-cabin with rock-like finish blends into a French forest

From a weight-loss perspective, there has been plenty of debate over whether intermittent fasting techniques are effective because they trigger genuine metabolic changes or whether they simply make it easier for a person to just eat less food. A study published last year, for example, found similar weight loss outcomes between time-restricted feeders and all-day eaters when both groups were given the same calorie-controlled dietary limits. Another earlier intermittent fasting study with no dietary direc-

tions saw participants who were limited to eating only during an eight-hour period each day instinctively reduce their caloric intake by around 300 calories a day.

This new study took a different

approach at investigating the subject. Instead of directing the nearly 550 participants to follow a specific pattern of eating, the researchers simply tracked daily meal times and sizes, and correlated them with weight loss

patterns over a six-year period.

Each participant in the study used a smartphone app to record sleep, wake and meal times across several week-long stretches. This enabled the researchers to track the

wake-up to first meal and time from last meal to sleep. The findings revealed there was no link between the time of a person's eating window each day and weight changes over the six-year follow-up. So it didn't make much of a difference to weight loss if a person ate at their meals each day across a shorter window versus a longer window. Speaking to media, lead investigator on the study Wendy Bennett said there were no signals in the data to suggest compressing one's meals into a small window each day plays a role in weight loss.

"Based on other studies that have

come out, including ours, we are starting to think that timing of meals through the day most likely doesn't immediately result in weight loss," said Bennett.

What did make a difference to weight, however, was the total number of medium and large meals a person ate over the course of the day. So instead of there being a potential metabolic reason for any weight-loss benefits to time-restricted feeding, these findings suggest simply eating smaller meals, less frequently, is what ultimately leads to weight loss. "Although experimental studies have suggested that time-restricted eating could improve circadian rhythms and play a role in metabolic regulation, our study did not detect an association in a population with a wide range of body weights," the researchers write in the study. "Importantly, we found an association between the eating of more frequent and larger meals per day and weight increase, indicating that total overall caloric intake is the major driver of weight gain."

All of this, of course, doesn't mean intermittent fasting strategies won't help someone lose weight.

But what does seem increasingly clear is that the weight loss benefits occasionally seen with these eating strategies may be primarily driven by a reduced caloric intake. And intermittent fasting certainly can be a useful way to help someone better control their caloric intake but it doesn't mean you can simply eat all you want in a short six or eight-hour window each day and still expect to lose weight.

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## Why mothers in Gujarat are feeding nutritious rations meant for children to cows

When 28-year-old Ekta Chawda was pregnant last year, the local anganwadi in Pamol village, an hour's ride from Vadodra, gave her three packets containing a soft white mixture every month. Each 1.5kg packet of the mixture, made up of wheat, gram flour, soyabean flour, sugar, oil, rice, and maize, was protein and nutrient-rich.

Chawda would add ghee to the mixture to cook a sweet dish — sheera — or make theplas, both commonly consumed in Gujarat. "I never liked the taste, but I ate it," she said.

With Chawda's family engaged in farm labour, there was little money to spend on food while she was pregnant, and the food mixture distributed by the anganwadi filled a vital nutrition gap. Local anganwadi centres, under the state's women and child development department, provide care and nutrition for children under six years of age, and pregnant and lactating women.

After Chawda's delivery, the anganwadi began providing a similar packet — called Balsahkti

— for her six-month-old son. But Chawda's son, now a year old, spits out any food cooked using the mixture. Chawda said she told the anganwadi worker to stop giving her the food ration packets, but to no avail. "She says take the packet and do whatever you want," said Chawda.

Chawda now dumps the contents into a neighbour's cattle feed container. "I tried, [but] my son does not like the taste," she said.

Several rounds of the National Family Health Survey data have shown that Gujarat's nutrition levels are worrying, especially among children. Since 2019, the Gujarat government has been handing out these ready-to-cook rations of energy-dense, micronutrient-fortified food to children, teenage girls, and pregnant and lactating mothers.

Gujarat has over 53 lakh beneficiaries under the anganwadis. In 2020-'21, the government provided take-home rations of the food mixture to 38.18 lakh beneficiaries. It also made an annual budgetary pro-



vision of Rs 723.4 crore for the take-home rations and hot, cooked meals. It was not clear how much was allocated separately for the food mixture packets.

But, going by ground reports and feedback from anganwadis, children find the nutrient-rich food packets unappetising, posing a challenge for the state.

Sunita Macwan, a health activist with the non-profit Kaira Social Service Society that

works on health and women's issues, said that despite the feedback, the government is intent on continuing with the take-home rations. "So much money is being wasted on procuring it," she said. "The government knows that women throw away the rations."

Ekta Chawda with her son at Pamol village. Credit: Tabassum Barnagrawala.

"At least, cattle are getting healthy"

Daksha Prajapati, an anganwadi worker in Pamol village of Anand district, said she has told her supervisor about the complaints from mothers in her village. "I can do nothing more," she said. As she watched over children at the anganwadi eat a hot meal of rice and dal without fuss, she added, "Children prefer cooked meals over that packet." Reshma Chawda tried using the food mixture to make sheera for her daughter Diksha,

but gave up a few days later and fed the contents to her cow. "At least the cattle are getting healthy," she said.

Madhuben Chawda, who owns a cow and a buffalo in the same village, has stopped buying fodder since several villagers give away the food rations to her cattle. Her granddaughter, now four years old, too prefers hot meals at the anganwadi, like other children in the village.

Rushida Chawda, aged 37, has two children enrolled in the anganwadi. When the anganwadi workers counselled her about the benefits of the fortified food mixture, she made chapatis and sheera for her son. "He ate it initially," she said. "But his weight did not increase," she said. Later, he began vomiting the food. Her elder daughter, who is five years old, eats at the anganwadi as well.

KK Nirala, secretary in the state's women and child development department, said the fortified food packets were meant to supplement a child's diet. Worsening trend

The fifth round of the National Family Health Survey conducted in 2019-'21 showed that in Gujarat, 25.1% of the surveyed children under the age of five suffered from wasting, or were too thin for their height. This was much worse than the national average of 19.3%. That's not all. Gujarat's performance on this count has gotten worse. The third round of the National Family Health Survey conducted in 2005-'06 found that 19% of the children under the age of five in the state suffered from wasting.

In 2019-'21, Gujarat's numbers for stunting — when children are too short for their age — stood at 39% among children under the age of five, compared to the national average of 35%. Also, nearly 40% of children under five years of age were underweight, compared to 32% at the national level.

While India's national averages for stunting, wasting and underweight children have improved compared to the previous surveys, Gujarat's numbers have shown little change or worsened.



## Rahul Gandhi is the brand ambassador of Tukde Tukde Gang: Vibodh



**JJ NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, JAN 20:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who reached Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday evening for the last leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, blamed BJP for diverting people from real issues. Reverting him, BJP J&K general secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta held congress responsible for the uncertainties prevailing in J&K while addressing a press conference on Friday. Ranjeet Tara Dr. Guru

Snehi Varun Chandan Kewal Sharma Radish Sharma Sourabh Kumar also present in press interaction. The people of Jammu and Kashmir will never forgive Congress and its proxies for decades of terrorism, the killing of innocents, and uncertainties prevailing in the UT. The man behind this ambivalence is his (Rahul) forefather Jawahar Lal Nehru and we are suffering because of his wrong policies. The crisis originated in the Union Territory due to Congress, Vibodh said. Hitting out at Farooq Abdullah for his remark of Sheikh and Nehru's Jammu & Kashmir, Vibodh said that in Nehru's Jammu and Kashmir Rahul Gandhi would not be able to enter the UT without a permit. It was the sacrifice of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee that the permit system was ended. Further with the conviction of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi, Article 370 and 35 A

were abrogated and Sheikh-Nehru's political blunder was corrected.

Vibodh further said that Rahul Gandhi never visited Kashmiri Hindus and never heard their pain. The hands of Congress and National Congress are covered with their blood, he added. He asked Rahul Gandhi to apologize on behalf of Congress for denying basic human rights to daughters of J&K, Valmiki Samaj, PoJK refugees, Gujjar-Bakerwal, Pahari Tribe, etc. for decades under the veil of Article 370 and 35A.

Vibodh asserted that Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra was joined and supported by breaking India forces. Terming it as Bharat toke yatra, he said that Rahul Gandhi through his yatra brought all the enemies of the nation under one umbrella and called him the brand ambassador of the Tukde-Tukde gang. He told that India is all prepared to fight its enemies under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi who is committed to the unity and integrity of the nation.

## Cong has no moral right to take out BJK in J&K: Priya

Congress deprived women of equal rights for 70 years



**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, JAN 20:** Priya Sethi, National Executive Member Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former minister while countering the Congress party on Rahul's so called 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' has questioned its leaders where was the Congress when the women of Jammu and Kashmir continued to be deprived of their due rights for more than 70 years and now it has started shedding crocodile tears to befool the people during the said Yatra.

She expressed this during a function at the Party Headquarters in which scores of women joined the BJP in her presence.

Among others present included was BJP Vice President Anuradha Chakraborty, Distt President South Rekha Mahajan,

Pushpinder Charak, Vivek Patyal, Divya Jain. The program was Coordinated by Pooja Grover State MM Spokesperson.

Large number of prominent social activists, from Shahidi Chowk, Channi and other areas of Jammu along with their supporters joined the Bharatiya Janata Party at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP NEM & former Minister Priya Sethi formally welcomed the new entrants. Rita Devi, Neeraj Sharma, Keshav Dev, Ridham Gupta, Imran, Shelly Gupta, Sushma Arora, Kamesh, Sunita, Maya, Joshish, Nitish Atri, Sonia, Seema, Girish, Mani Bhushan Thapa, Laksh Thapa, Kirti Thapa, Surinder Kumar, Baby Devi and others joined BJP

on the occasion.

Former Minister Priya Sethi welcomed the scores of new women entrants into the party and briefed them about their duties and responsibilities. She said that women empowerment is the top priority of Modi regime and asked the new entrants to impress upon women folk to join the world's largest political party BJP to make the nation the Super power of the world. The senior BJP leader and former minister Priya Sethi said that it was Shyama Prasad Mukherjee made the supreme sacrifice to get the obnoxious 'Permit System' abolished and now it is PM Modi's conviction and visionary leadership that paved the way for showing the door to Art 370 and 35A thus fully integrating J&K with

India with every person of J&K enjoying all the rights at par with the citizens across the nation.

Mocking at Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Priya Sethi said that it is the same Congress Party and its allies when during its governance Bharatiya Janata Party leaders were not allowed to go to hoist the National Flag in Srinagar, opposed and stopped the BJP's Yatra besides taking three senior leaders Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj and Anant Kumar into police custody at Jammu Airport and then forcibly sent to Pathankot. She said that it is really an irony of the nation that Congress having established its vote bank adopting the policy of divide and rule in today taking out the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'. She asserted that people have already understood the politics of deceit followed by this party and they can't be fooled any more now.

Accusing the Congress party and its ilk of nurturing separatism and terrorism to become MPs and MLAs, she said that today's citizens across the nation are fully aware of the Congress misdeeds which is evidenced by the fact that as of today Congress party stands decimated across the nation.

## AAP only ray of hope for underprivileged, farmers, unemployed: Tony, Namrta



**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, JAN 20:** Taranjit Singh Tomy, Chairman Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu and Kashmir for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs, and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh vowed world class amenities to people of J&K. Addressing a meeting here at ward no 74 in Sainik Colony, Tony said that AAP's Delhi Model is testimony to the fact that what he is promising is true to hilt as already the party had proved its worth under the leadership of

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with people showing unrelenting support election after election. He said that under the shadow of parties which brazenly speak lies and blatantly admit that what they have promised was a political Jumla, there is only one party which can provide rock solid support to the marginalized sections of the society in J&K be it farmers, jobless youths or underprivileged. He said that AAP's performance in Punjab is also stupendous with CM Bhagwant Mann bringing

President Women Wing AAP Jammu was also present in the joining function. Mandeep Choudhary, AAP youth leader has arranged the joining programme. Jagjeet Singh Slathia, Block President Kunjwani Chowadi Block, Ramesh Panotra (SP Retd), Shubham Sangral, and others were also present.

Namrta Sharma said that every section of society is on roads seeking justice but the incumbent BJP dispensation and its proxy rule in J&K has failed miserably to satiate the aspirations of the people. She said that the government is unable to provide justice to even men of the society leave aside the scope for women. She said AAP is the only hope in J&K and therefore deserves support of all sections including the women of the society.

Tony earlier welcomed the new entrants to the party fold and urged them to strengthen the party at grassroots level and expose the misdeeds of BJP and its ilk in J&K to educate people about what is right and what is not for Jammu and Kashmir.

## DAP protest in Doda against land Eviction order

## "Issue white paper, to safeguard poor people': DAP to J&K UT Govt



**JJ NEWS SERVICE DODA, JAN 20:** Continuing the protests against the unfriendly land eviction order, hundreds of leaders & workers from Democratic Azad Party on Friday held the peaceful protest at Doda. The protesters marched towards DC office and submitted the memorandum to DC Doda in presence of District President DAP Asif Gattu, General Secretary DAP R.S. Chib, Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Aslam Goni Working Committee Member,

Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, P.R. Manhas Zonal President, Ex MLA Sham Lal Bhagat, Ramesh Parihar, Capt Sham Lal, Iqbal Kohli, Farooq Shikari, Mohd Sadiq, General Secretary DAP R.S. Chib said that as long as the order is not revoked and people heaving sigh of relief, they will continue to register their protests across the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir. The protest was organized on the instructions of party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad. He said, in view of the decision taken by the Supreme Court of

India, we demand that the UT gov't should come out with full details about all the cases so that the interest of the poor people is safeguarded.

The SC directions not to demolish the houses, makes our demand more genuine and justified. We will continue our protest, till order is not revoked and fresh order be issued to safeguard the genuine cases. G.M. Saroori, Vice Chairman said "Our only demand is government shall revoke this order. We have the first right over our resources and our bureaucrats can't render people

homeless while sitting in cosy rooms," they said. Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami said the order by the government is reflecting its mind-set towards the needy and poor people. "If they continue to have same mind-set, the day is not far when every person will be on roads against the government," they said. Jugal Kishore, Provincial

President said urged government to revoke the order on humanitarian grounds and spare the common and poor people in these harsh winters. DAP is always raising the voices of people and it will continue to support and stand for the people as long as they get their rights. The party has been holding protests all across the Union Territory ever since the order of land eviction was passed by the government. The protest was held despite rains and snowfall in the area which failed to dampen the spirit of protesters. Among others who participated in the protest were Asghar Khanday, Iqbal Telli, Amin Magray, Amar Chand Bhagat, Neelam Devi, Shafi Magray, Pritam Kotwal, Fatima Shikari, Ashraf Malik, Rakesh Kumar, Kartar Singh, Jagdish Bhagat & others.

## Pritam Saini felicitates Sofia Saini for cracking KAS exams



**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, JAN 20:** All J&K Saini Sabha today honoured Sofia Saini for cracking the prestigious KAS examination in Jammu.

In this regard, Pritam Singh Saini, President All J&K Saini Sabha along with Sabha Members today felicitated Sofia Saini for clearing the prestigious exam and bringing laurels

to the Saini community. Pritam Saini also congratulated the parents of the girl and wished Sofia Saini a bright future. He had all the praise for exceptional success of Sofia and said her victory will prove as a source of inspiration for youngsters, especially the girls. He said, "Basant Singh Saini, Chairman of Cooperative Marketing

Society and Darshna Devi, parents of Sofia Saini need special accolades for their daughter's feat as she has brought laurels not only for them but to the entire Saini community". Pritam Saini said that others should take cue from the success of Sofia and toe her line to ensure more such occasions for the community to feel proud

and elated. Pertinent to mention that Sofia Saini is presently working as Assistant Registrar in the Cooperative Society. She did MSc Geology from the University of Jammu and after four years of hectic hard work, she cleared this prestigious exam. Speaking on the occasion, Sofia Saini expressed gratitude towards Pritam Saini, President of All J&K Saini Sabha and others present there and gave a message to the entire young brigade of Jammu and Kashmir to first of all have confidence in their abilities and then toil hard to make their dreams come true. She said that there is no shortcut to success as hard work is the only key to have things which people dream about. She said that hard work, self-confidence and support of the family were the factors behind his feat.

## Inter -DYTE centre Quiz competition organised in Samba

**JJ NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, JANUARY 20:** An inter centre Quiz competition for the trainees of District Youth training & Empowerment (DYTE) centers of district Samba was today organized here in the Conference Hall of District Administration Complex. Eight teams from DYTE centre Samba, Nud, Purnamandal, Ramgarh, Vijaypur, Rajpura, Ghagwal and Sumb consisting of 5 candidates in each team participated in the program. The team from

DYTE Centre Ramgarh, Samba and Sumb bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively. At the outset, Sulakshna Thakur, Assistant Director Employment Samba, presented a brief overview of the activities being carried out in the block level DYTE centres. At present 435 trainees including 319 male and 116 female candidates are enrolled in the block level DYTE centres across District Samba. Rajinder Singh, ADDC Samba, the Nodal officer of the DYTE Samba, complimented the

instructors and candidates for participating in the program. He motivated them to adopt a systematic approach for preparing for the competitive exams. The DYTE is an initiative of District Administration Samba and Mission Youth department J&K wherein the rural youth in the age group 18-30 years, aspiring to join armed, paramilitary and related jobs, are imparted 3 month free academic and physical training by the instructors hired by District administration.

## Dy Mayor visits Ward No. 56, review water supply system



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Bajoria recently visited Ward No. 56, Gangyal, area of RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly to review the water supply system. While speaking to the members of the public, he said that the Jal Shakti Department has been directed to improve the water supply system in the ward. He further said that the department has already started work to lay drinking water pipes, and the work will be completed in the near future.

The Deputy Mayor, Jammu also added that the

improvement of the water supply system in this part of the Jammu is of utmost importance. He said that the JMC is committed to providing clean drinking water to every household in the ward. He further said that the department is taking every measure to ensure that the water supply system works efficiently and without any issues.

The purpose of this project is to improve the water supply system in this area and ensure better access to clean drinking water. The Deputy Mayor said that the newly laid drinking water pipes will ensure that the people of this area get bet-

members and others from the local community.

The members of the Guru Ravidas Samiti expressed their gratitude to Deputy Mayor Jammu for his support and commitment to the development of the city.

The samiti members also put forth their problems before the Deputy Mayor, Jammu. These included damaged wall of Community Hall of Guru Ravidas Community Hall, Gangyal Jammu. The Deputy Mayor Jammu assured them that all the demands would be resolved in a phased manner which includes the development and upgrade of Community Hall of Guru Ravidas, Gangyal Jammu.

Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Bajoria thanked the samiti members for their appreciation and assured them that he would continue to work for the betterment of the city. He also stated that he would take up the issues raised by the samiti members with the relevant authorities.

## Congress can only break country, not unite it: Sat, Yudhvir

Ask party workers to gear-up for upcoming polls in J&K



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, President, Dogra Sadar Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir and former Minister has hailed the latest directions of Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta to the concerned Revenue authorities regarding strengthening of traditional and vital village institutions of Numberdars and Chowkidars throughout J&K. He has termed as significant the assertion of Dr Mehta that the position of Numberdars and Chowkidars is very important for better coordination at grassroots level besides the instructions to district administration to fill up all their vacancies by engaging young and enthusiastic persons as per the relevant rules and acts before 26 January 2023.

Sat Sharma, senior BJP leader and former minister today attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra, saying that the Congress party can only break the country and not unite it. He was speaking at the programme in Bajoria Mandal of Jammu East

Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President accompanied the former minister.

Sat Sharma and Yudhvir Sethi along with Karan Singh, Vice President Jammu District and Adv Rajesh Gupta, General Secretary BJP Jammu District today conducted four meetings in Majeen, Bajalta, Aithem and Jagti areas falling under the Bajalta Mandal of Jammu East constituency to mobilize the party workers for the upcoming elections in the Union Territory. The senior BJP leaders also convened meetings with District office bearers, Mandal office bearers, Polling Booth Presidents, Shakti Kendra Parmukhs, and all other committees to revitalize the organizational structure of the party.

Sat Sharma criticized the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for pursuing the anti-India tirade by inviting the persons of doubtful and controversial credentials to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra. He said Rahul Gandhi should clear the stand of his party by allowing valley based political parties in Bharat Jodo Yatra on PAGD's pro-

Pak agenda and their take on Article 370. He asserted that it seems that the aforesaid Yatra is an attempt to revive the dynasty rule of three families i.e. Gandhi, Abdullah and Mufti in the country as well as in J&K also.

The former Minister said that eight years of Modi rule in the country has shown the people that it is only BJP which can fulfill aspirations of the nationalist people because the parties which used to rule J&K in last 70 years have compromised the interests of the country and the common masses a number of times.

Yudhvir Sethi said that upcoming polls including Assembly, Panchayat and the Lok Sabha are the real test for the BJP as nothing short of clean sweep is the aim of the party in these three political battles and to achieve the goal hard work and dedication are the keys. He said that synergy between different committees and the ground level workers could be the game changer for the forthcoming elections and therefore frequent meetings and chalking out strategy on the basis of real time situation is significant to ensure victory of the party.

Adv Rajesh Gupta has asked party cadres to strengthen the base of the party at the grassroots level and also promised to act as the ambassador of the party convincing others to become part of this political class which in today's India is a matter of pride and prestige, for BJP being the only nationalist political outfit.

Karan Singh asked stakeholders to take the policies and plans of BJP upto ground level by mobilizing the grassroots level workers.

## NC intensifies protest against Govt's land eviction order at Kalakote

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KALAKOTE, JAN 20: J&K National Conference, Kalakote unit today staged a peaceful demonstration against the land eviction order by the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Hundreds of Civil Society members and party workers under the chairmanship of Th Yashu Vardhan Singh, Additional Spokesperson and In-charge Kalakote constituency JKNC assembled near Bus Stand Kalakote and raised slogans against the draconian order of J&K Govt. DDC and BDC members were also joined the protest.

Talking to reporters, Th Yashu Vardhan criticized the government for rendering the people homeless by carrying out the anti-encroachment drives.

He said that the incumbent J&K Administration has crossed all the limits on all fronts thus creating miserable conditions for the people who have been left to fend for themselves. He expressed this in response to the Government's directions to all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure 100% removal of encroach-



ments from State land including Roshni and Kahcharai by the end of current month and submit compliance report.

Yashu Vardhan asserted that the BJP led Government at the Centre through its proxy Administration in Jammu and Kashmir has fiddled with all the laws of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir especially the land laws. He said that instead of making the life of its own people comfortable, the Govt brought these land laws to allow

people from outside Jammu and Kashmir to own land by putting J&K on sale and depriving the residents of this region of their due right to use the land.

The senior NC leader termed it an anti-people order and should be revoked immediately because it is hitting the poor and needy people.

During the protest, DDC Kalakote Anita Thakur along with DDC Dangri Th Rameshwar Singh, DDC Moghla Shamim Akther, DDC Moghla Surekha

Kotwal, DDC Dangri Tashem Akther and District President Rajouri Rural Ashok Sharma, Sarpanchs, Panches and senior party leaders submitted Memorandum to the Tehsildar Kalakote against the eviction drive initiated by the proxy Government of BJP in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We want this order to be revoked immediately. We can't keep watching the sufferings of our people," they added.

## Chander Mohan, Satti inaugurates, distributes Bhandara at Bakshi Nagar Jammu

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Chander Mohan Gupta (Vice President BJP and former Mayor JMC) and Brahm Jyot Satti (Senior BJP leader) inaugurated and distributed Bhandara outside GMC, Bakshi Nagar Jammu.

It was Organised by Sri Sri Radha Govind Dham Goushala Shakti Nagar Jammu and it was supported by Sanjay Kumar (Gugga).

Chander Mohan Gupta, Brahm Jyot Satti, Shashi Verma (President Vishwakarma Sabha Jammu Kashmir) were present in main theme. Hardev Singh (President Auto union), Vijay verma (General Secretary vishwakarma Sabha), Nitaai Dass (Radha Govind Gou Shalla), Madalsa Devi (Radha Govind Dham Goushala), Rakesh Kumar (Vishwakarma Sabha Gurah Mod), Vijay kumar (Ravi Das Sabha) were present on the occasion and serve devotees.

Program started with obeisance paid by Dignitaries in the feet of almighty God then they pray for

peace and Harmony of Nation After that they inaugurated Bhandara for general public and performed Langer Seva, Served Langer among General public and attendants of Patients.

Speaking on the occasion Chander Mohan praised the efforts of Sri Radha Govind Gou Shalla and Goushala is serving and hungry people also. He is this this blessings of cow which is very sacred animals in hindus that Radha Govind Gou Shalla is organizing bhandara for general public twice in a week which is highly appreciable.

He said he is always available for any kind of help for this Gou dham and he is also trying to sort out all problems which are facing by this goushala presently.

Brahm Jyot appreciated the works of Sri Sri Radha Govind Dham Goushala dignitaries and cow is sacred Animal for Hindus and has various religious beliefs and Sri Sri Radha Govind Dham Goushala team is doing hard work for cows.

He said BJP always provides helping hands to other so we don't leave anyone in his / her hard time. Huge number of patients and their attendants visit GMC daily for treatment daily so we always try our best to provide them food.

He said BJP is organising Social Programs and providing food and other essential items to needies and working on ground level in the service of humanity.

He also praised the efforts of Chander Mohan Gupta in supporting this Radha Govind Dham Goushala and said he know Chander Mohan Gupta from past more than 20 years and said Chander Mohan Gupta is very noble person but unfortunately some people are trying to create controversy against him just for the fame.

He said we are always available for in the service of humanity and Nations first, Party second and self last is our ideology and we are always available for our public.

## Gear up for upcoming elections: Langeh to party cadre



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JAN 20: Neelam Langeh, President BJP SC Morcha and former MLA today asked party cadre to gear up for the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir and ensure maximum participation of youth by bringing them into party fold right from the grass root level.

The former MLA was speaking at the meeting held exclusively to mobilize the party activists in Doda West Constituency under BJP's three days campaign which started here today. Langeh has been appointed as the Constituency Incharge for Doda West under the aforesaid campaign. Vipin

Sharma, Incharge Doda Parliamentary constituency was also accompanied the former MLA.

Convening the maiden meeting today, the former MLA urged the stakeholders to take the policies and plans of BJP upto ground level by mobilizing the grassroots level workers.

He said that upcoming polls including Assembly, Panchayat and the Lok Sabha are the real test for the BJP as nothing short of clean sweep is the aim of the party in these three political battles and to achieve the goal hard work and dedication are the keys. Besides, the former legisla-

tor will also constitute a committee to revitalize the organizational structure of the party.

The former MLA said that BJP is a party of principles, working for the upliftment of all the sections of the society, irrespective of their religion, caste and creed and its activists from its backbone. However, the Party Karyakartas are the greatest asset of the party as they are in continuous contact of the people in general and youth in particular at the grass roots level. While the BJP gives its workers full opportunity to move forward, the party workers are expected to proactively carry forward the legacy of the party keeping public service devoid of any discrimination at the core of their functioning policy.

Langeh said that synergy between different committees and the ground level workers could be the game changer for the forthcoming elections and therefore frequent meetings and chalking out strategy on the basis of real time situation is significant to ensure victory of the party. He asked the party activists to further intensify the efforts to motivate more and more youth into the party fold before the elections in the Union Territory.



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: 18th National Bharat Scouts and Guides Jamboree was organised from 4th to 10th January 2023 at Rohat, Pali district in Rajasthan. The theme of this year's jamboree was 'Progress with Peace' which aimed at knitting the world together and learning about collabora-

tive working. It gave young cadets a platform to share their customs, food habits, handicrafts, culture, and religious practises with one another.

The jamboree was inaugurated by the President, Madam Droupadi Murmu and concluded by Mr. Anurag Thakur, Union Youth Sports Minister,

Government of India.

A total of 37,000 scouts and guides from all over India and eight overseas contingents participated in the event. Seven Scouts and two guides of Model Academy school under the leadership of Mr. Imran Ahmed, escort master participated in the event. Various competitions

lives in positive ways.

## PM Modi 's matras in Exam Warriors book will definitely lead to stress free exams : Jugal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha and Senior Leader Bharatiya Janata Party has impressed upon the students' fraternity to adopt the Prime Minister's valuable advice to be a 'Warrior and not a Worrier' while facing the exams free of any fret, fear or stress to achieve optimum success. He expressed this while addressing students during a programme organized under the theme 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' at Luthra Academy here today.

The programme was organized by the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Samriti Nyas in which a Drawing cum Painting competition was conducted for the students.

While MP Jugal Kishore Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion, other prominent persons present included Rohit Chahal National Member Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Samriti Nyas, Ravinder Jamwal renowned sculptor, Suman Gupta renowned artist and painter, Mr. Rajiv Luthra Director Luthra Academy, besides others. The programme was held in a bid to boost the morale of students especially for facing the examinations.

Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma said that it is indeed a pleasure



for the nation that PM Modi is devoting his energy to address the issues of children at micro level. He said that the book 'Exam Warriors' is a perfect syllabus not only for the children of this nation but also for the whole world on how to relieve the tension and stress amid the exams. Sharma said the Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi has been conducting 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' for students since 2018 in order to reduce their stress during exams. The programme encourages students to share their experiences and tips for reducing stress. Ever since its inception, it has become a very popular and beneficial programme.

Rohit Chahal, National Member. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Samriti Nyas said, since this era is technology driven and students have everything on their mobile handsets, what is required is identification of talent and proper guidance that can only be done by the teachers of this country. He said that teachers now have a larger role to play to build confidence among the students so that they can be best guided in the right direction. He said they need to imbibe in the students the spirit to overcome exams by treating the exam period as a festival.

Sania Slathia, Class 12th of Carmel Convent School bagged first prize, Suwangi Chandan, Class 9th of Heritage School and Mythili Gupta of Class 3rd from Heritage School bagged 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. The winners of the competition were presented prizes by the Chief Guest. Besides, twenty five outstanding personalities were also felicitated and presented awards on the occasion.

## Jal Jeevan Mission all set to resolve archaic water crisis in Kandi belts: Col Mahan

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, JAN 20: Col Mahan Singh (Retd) DDC Chairman Kathua on Friday said that the Jal Jeevan Mission envisaged by BJP Government is all set to resolve archaic water crisis in Kandi belts forever.

He was speaking after the inauguration of a Tube well at Patwani locality in Tridwan Panchayat of Hatli in Kathua area. Shaveta Kumar DDC Member Keedian Gandyal also accompanied the DDC Chairman during the launch of the aforesaid tube well. The DDC Chairman assured that potable water shortage in village Tridwan (Hatli) will soon become history as the project worth Rs 6 Crore encompasses three Water Supply Schemes, laying of new water supply lines and allied infrastructure.



Col Mahan said that the government in J&K has been able to address the issues of people which they were confronting since ages only because of visionary insight of PM Narendra Modi as he took personal interest in finding out remedies to the problems

which people faced in the region due to indifference of successive governments that reigned the region in the past. The DDC Chairman expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for ongoing JJM to resolve perennial problems of drinking water in Kandi regions of Kathua District. He said that time is not far when the dream of Har Ghar Nal Se Jal will be fulfilled in the Kandi belt. He sought people's support in the upcoming polls in the UT and asked them to install a double engine government of BJP to ensure all round development with no room for any kind of prejudice or discrimination.

## Literary Club of DEC organises Debate Competition on "Impact of Internet on Health"

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Literary Club of Dogra College of Education organized Debate Competition on 20th of January 2023 on the topic "Impact of Internet on Health". The programme started with welcome address by Ms. Akshita Magotra, student of B.Ed. Sem. III of DCE. She highlighted the consequences of Internet usage on human health and psychological well being of the individual.



Dr. Vikesh Kumar Sharma, Principal, Dogra College of Education highlighted the negative impact of Internet on the students mental well being and high level of stress due to the excessive use of Internet. About 20 students of B.Ed. Sem. I and Sem. III took part in the debate competition. Participants of the debate expressed their views on the Impact of Internet on health and stressed that social media and mobile devices may lead to psychological and physical issues, such as eyestrain and difficulty in focusing on impor-

tant tasks. They may also contribute to more serious health conditions, such as depression, the over use of technology may have a more significant impact on children and teenagers. Participants also support to the idea that the Internet is a way to strengthen and maintain social ties and associated with declines in depression. The Judges of the event were Mrs. Indu Puri, Lecturer in Hindi, Mrs.

Sarika, Lecturer in Education, Ms. Priyanka Bendral, Lecturer in Commerce, Ms. Arushi Sharma, Sem. I, Akshita Magotra, Sem. III and Archana Charak, Sem. III adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. All the staff members and students of both the Semesters were present during the event. The program ended with vote of thanks presented by Mrs. Gagandeep Kour, Lecturer in English, DCE.

## Teachers must have stability of Tenure : AJKLTF



However, the government is yet to consider seriously the need for having a transfer policy for school teachers. Regarding the transfer the government should make some forward move in consultation with teachers, officials and experts, he said. He also highlighted other issues and demands of Grade II/III Teachers, who are facing stagnation and other hardships for the last two decades, include implementation of transfer policy and promotions of 5000 ReT teachers.

He also appealed to the Director School Education Jammu to regularise the left out ReTs and convert the regularised RRETs to teachers Grade II/III so that they may get their salaries.

"The teachers in JK UT are agitating for non seriousness of the Authority to transfer them in times in suitable places. Further we appeal to the Government to take the appropriate actions and instructions for the Education department to fulfill the long pending demands of teaching community. The teachers are the worst suffered due to non transparent transfer policy in the UT" Thakur added.

"Teachers are often asked to spend large portions of their time on non teaching activities, such as MDM preparation, electioneering, or various Administrative tasks. This prevents teachers from concentrating on their actual jobs" he added further.

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: All Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Teachers Federation affiliated to Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shikshak Mahasangh has demanded a comprehensive transfer policy for all cadre of teachers including the Grade 2nd & 3rd teachers, particularly

Mahasangh, National Auditor and State President Devraj Thakur, said that the department have no policy regarding the issues pertaining to the teachers community in Jammu Kashmir. Since last eight years the SED has failed to conduct DPC in Jammu division in teachers cadre which caused the shortage of teaching staff in many institutions and effects the studies of students.

Thakur said that the Jammu Kashmir having no definite policy with regard to the transfer of government school teachers was leading to unnecessary confusion every year. Teachers form the largest group among the government employees. However, the successive governments have failed to implement a definite transfer policy in J&K. The teachers have been demanding for inter-zonal transfers to ensure better quality of education.

the female teachers married outside their zones and areas are the worst sufferers and facing mental trauma because of no transfer policy and also expressed the deep concern over the delay of DPC which is not held since 2014 and transparent Transfer policy under ATD in Jammu Kashmir and also demanded replacement of New Pension Scheme with the Old Pension Scheme for the employees in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the teachers of Kishtwar district here today Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shikshak

## Armed forces strengthened under Modi regime: Sham Langer

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: Sham Lal Langer, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade and Industries Cell, Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that Armed forces of the nation have been strengthened under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime unprecedented level thus bringing the much needed transformation in the savours and guardians of the world's largest democracy. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that prior to the BJP Govt at the Centre those governing the nation failed to augment



the defence forces with the latest state of art technologies. He said that the incumbent regime feeling it the dire need of the time to further strengthen these forces paid priority attention to the vital issue took outstanding measures to ensure that the nation has fully Tech-Advanced

defence personnel. Sham Langer asserted that technologically-advanced soldiers will play a key role in the armed forces in the times to come. He said that under the Prime Minister's vision of "New India" renewed vigour and efforts are underway to modernise the armed forces and make them 'Atmanirbhar' (self-reliant).

Sham Langer asserted that the BJP regime at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves full appreciation for modernizing the forces. He said that in the 21st century, the techniques and

strategy adopted to fight wars stands totally changed today with the novel idea of contactless warfare and challenges of cyber warfare the transformation of the forces was inevitable and BJP Govt. has risen to the occasion and done justice with the Defence personnel, the people and the Nation at large.

Meanwhile, lauding and saluting the security forces of the nation, he said their 'dedication and ready for sacrifice spirit' are reflective of their bravery as a result of which they have always kept the flag of the nation flying high.

## BJP workers are the backbone of the party says Vinay Gupta



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JAN 20: BJP Senior leader, Jammu North Seh Prabhari Vinay Gupta, taking forward the activities of party cadres of BJP Marh Mandal falls under Jammu North District holds Shakti Kendra Pramukh meeting. The meeting was held under the leadership of District President Omi Khajuria, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta along with Vikas Choudhary BJP State Secretary here at the district Jammu North, Mandal Marh. The meeting was organized by Vikramjeet Singh Mandal President and the proceedings of the meeting were conducted by District General Secretary and BDC Chairman Surinder Bhagat.

Vinay Gupta, while addressing the Shakti Kendra Pramukh meeting concentrated on the dedicated mass working of the BJP Marh Mandal party cadre. He said that this is the strong principled blood that flows through the veins of our party activists and prompted everyone to keep their spirits high to scale further success heights. He pressurized for the prompt activation of the BJP Marh Mandal team for organizational work. He furthermore asked them to work actively for organizational strengthening in their respective

areas. Vinay further, stated that the bugle of elections can ring anytime in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, be ready for that and keep in touch with the public and keep moving forward with the development. He said highlighted the achievements of Modi sarkar and ask the general public to avail the benefits of multiple schemes of the government of India. Vinay expressed confidence that BJP will be able to win people's trust in the next upcoming assembly election in J&K as it is moving forward by taking up issues close to the people. Omi Khajuria discussed organizational matters with the Marh Mandal party cadre. He said focused on strengthening the party at Panchayat, wards as well as at the booth level. He also educated the party cadre about the forthcoming programs and asked them to organize them with fervor. Omi Khajuria appreciated the party cadre for their active participation in the meeting and urge them to work with dedication in the interest of the public. He took an assessment of the booth committees framed at all the Shakti Kendras and pressurized for the prompt activation of the booth teams for the organizational work. Omi Khajuria appealed to them to work actively for organizational

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# IIM Jammu's MDP on Effective Leadership for Branch Managers of J&K Bank Ltd ends on a grand note

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, as part of its Executive Education and Consultancy offering, today successfully completed the five-day power-packed Management Development Programme (MDP) on Effective Leadership for the Branch Managers of J & K Bank Ltd. at its transit Campus in Jammu and Srinagar Off-Campus.

The program was a five-day program from 16th to 20th Jan 2023. The program was carefully tailored to address the changing landscapes in the banking sector and to contribute to the skill development of J&K bank professionals. All the participants at Jammu visited the IIM Jammu state-of-the-art campus coming



up at Jagti. The valedictory session at Jammu Transit Campus was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Dr. Pankaj K. Agarwal, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE & C) joined by Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida and Dr. Mahima Raina, the program director of MDP. The valedictory session at Srinagar Off Campus was graced by Dr. Baljeet Singh and Dr. Gaana J, the program director of MDP, and other faculty of IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu interacted with all the participants and invited their feedback on the entire program from each participant. During his address, he quoted many

real-life examples from his life and provided meaningful insights from his long journey as an academician.

He also gave an overview of Anandam-The Centre of Happiness at IIM Jammu contributing to the overall development of students, faculty, officers, and staff members.

He also mentioned working on mission mode as an Institution of national importance along with IIT Jammu, and AIIMS Jammu and contributing to the overall progress of the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir. He also quoted that the people from the U.T of J & K are very friendly and they should keep this characteristic intact.

He also mentioned that IIM Jammu has always been committed to the creation of leaders through its innovative programs, outstanding faculty, and thought leadership. He mentioned it is an opportunity for IIM Jammu as a management institute to contribute to an important sector like banking, as banks play a vital role in the country's economy and development. Lastly, he wished good luck to all the participants for their journey ahead.

The program consisted of 20 participants at Jammu and 20 participants at Srinagar-off Campus. The overall administration coordination of the entire program at both centers was handled by Nadeem Younus Zargar, Administrative Officer, Executive Education, and Consultancy. The valedictory session culminated with the distribution of certificates by the Director, IIM Jammu.

## RTA approves 54 route permits in Rajouri

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: Regional Transport Authority today issued 54 route permits for different areas of the district here at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held with respect to the safety aspects of the commuters.

During the meeting, as many as 54 permits were issued to the selected applicants with a view to minimize overloading and road accidents.

While taking note of the road accidents happening in the district, the DDC asked the ARTO and Traffic Department to conduct special drives and take strict action against the violators.

The DDC asked the regulating authority to ensure early plying of services on the approved route permits and maintain a close check on overloading, overcharging and irregular vehicular movement.

## GDC Ramgarh conducts Shramdaan in Public Park

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHA, JANUARY 20: The National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of Government Degree College Ramgarh organized Shramdaan in a nearby public park on day-three of the ongoing 7-Day NSS Special Winter Camp under the banners of 'My College My Pride' and 'My Town My Pride' initiatives.

The drive was conducted under supervision and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, the Principal of the College. Dr. Shamsheer Lal, Programme Officer of the NSS unit 'Prabha' of the College, the NSS Committee members and the NSS volunteers visited the nearby designated public park to carry out Shramdaan. Programme Officer briefed the volunteers about the guidelines to carry out the cleanliness drive.

He also explained the importance of cleanliness and said that the drive was one of the social responsibilities that the College has towards the society at large.

The volunteers and the NSS Committee members wore sanitary gloves throughout the drive. The collected waste was disposed of at a designated site. A large number of volunteers were present and they participated in the drive. The residents of the area applauded this role of the College. The College performs such social responsibilities on regular intervals.

## DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Republic Day celebration

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting of officers to finalize the arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day 2023 at the district Headquarter and other places.

SSP, Khalil Poswal; ADCC, Sham Lal; ADC, Kishori Lal Sharma; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma; DTO, Lokesh Kumar; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; CEO, Kishtwar, CMO, DIO representatives of Cultural cell, Executive Engineer R&B, PHE besides other concerned officers of various departments were present during the meeting.

The arrangements like decoration of main venue, invitations, seating, PA system, power supply, drinking water, medical facilities, availability of ambulances, cleanliness and sanitation, traffic management and other arrangements were discussed and finalised in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, the DC passed directions to the concerned officers for smooth conduct of the National event with fervor and gaiety in all educational institutions and government offices besides at Tehsil and block headquarters. DC informed that the main programme shall be held at DC Office Complex Kishtwar where celebration of the national event will begin with the playing of Shree Na Vadan by the Information Department, the national flag will be unfurled by the chief guest followed by the parade comprising the contingents from J&K Police, CRPF, NCC cadets and school children besides the presentations by the Women Self help group members of NRLM will be special attraction for this year, he added. The DC directed the concerned officials of Culture cell and Education Department for ensuring cultural programs on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and National integrity.

## DC releases publication highlighting Socio-economic Profile of Kathua District, Evaluation Study Report on "Pardhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana"

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, JANUARY 20: In a move to highlight the socio-economic and development profile of the District, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey released "District Statistical Handbook for the year 2019-20 & 2020-21" and report of Evaluation study on "Pardhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" at a brief release ceremony held in his office chamber, the other day.

Both the publications viz District Statistical Handbooks for two financial years and study on PMMSY (implemented by Department of Fisheries in the district) were conducted and compiled by District Statistics & Evaluation Office, Kathua.

The DC appreciated the efforts of all the staff members of DSEO Office Kathua involved in conducting and finalising the twin publications/study report.

While highlighting the findings of the study, the DC expressed hope that



the suggestions/recommendations such as opening of more departmental outlets at block and district level will facilitate the marketing, cold storage and transportation and making available the feed/seed of trout fish in the fish rearing farmers. He asked the Fisheries Department to utilize the study for widening the scope of the coverage of the PMMSY scheme in the district.

"The data contained in the publication "District Statistical Handbook" will serve as an effective tool for the researchers, Planners, Students and other users in their respective fields," he added.

District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO), Ranjeet Thakur informed that study also suggests for the enhancement of financial assistance to the beneficiaries of low cost houses in hilly areas keeping in view the carriage and overhead charges of the construction material. He further informed that the publication and a detailed study report will be made available on Official website of Administration (https://kathua.nic.in) as well as on Official Website of DSEO, Kathua (dseokathua.in).

Pertinently, District Statistics & Evaluation Office is the Nodal agency for collection, compilation and dissemination of important Statistical data in the District. The Evaluation study on the topic "Pardhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" was allotted by the District Level Evaluation Committee (DLEC) for the year 2022-23 in which all beneficiaries of two Circles of Fisheries Department namely Bani and Hiranagar were selected for collecting primary data by conducting door to door survey by the officials of DSEO Office, Kathua.

## DC Doda attaches GRS

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, JANUARY 20: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today attached a Gram Rojgar Sevak (GRS) of Block Thathi in the office of DDC on the basis of complaint against him which appeared in some TV channel.

Block Development Officer, Thathi has been instructed to seize all the official record from the said Gram Rojgar Sevak (GRS). Assistant Commissioner Development, Doda has been asked to make an alternate arrangement to ensure that the work does not suffer in the said Block.

It is pertinent to mention here that four GRSs have already been dismissed from the services in the district on the basis of their poor performance or on their proved involvement in malpractices.

## Power shutdown

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Purana Dind and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to District- Reasi, Rajouri, and Poonch, Part of Jammu-Patoli Brahmana, Domana, Barnai, Purkthoo,

Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak, Gurha, Singhu, Batera, Dabbin, Choorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirh Talab, GREP, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal, Mohinder Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Canal Road, Krishna Nagar, Bakshi Nagar, Rajpura, Gurha, Rehari, Sarwal, Nitko Lane, Part of Talab Tillo, Kabir Colony, Basant, Vihar, Manorma Vihar, Hazuri Bagh, Col. Colony, Poonch House, Priya Darshan Lane, Top Paloura, Part of Barnai, Akalpur, Udheywala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Naghani, DPS School, Manorma Vihar, Adheywala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Naghani, Akhnoor and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 21 from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.

# GDC Ramgarh organises Essay Writing Competition on theme 'Life & Contributions of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in India's Independence Movement'

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHA, JANUARY 20: Red Ribbon Club & NSS of Government Degree College Ramgarh organized an Essay writing competition on the theme 'Life & Contributions of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in India's Independence Movement', here today.

The event was organized under able guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College.

The students of the College participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College



said that Subhash Chandra Bose was one of the most eminent freedom fighters of India, and he will be always remembered by the nation. "Possessing

extraordinary leadership skills and a charismatic orator, Subhash Chandra Bose, as an Indian nationalist, had made significant attempts to defy colonialism and had coined the term 'Jai Hind' she said and added Neta Ji raised the first Indian National Army (INA), Azad Hind Fauj in 1943 and started an armed coup and inspired thousands of Indian youth to join the struggle for independence from the British colonial rule. His famous slogans are 'tum mujhe khoo do, main tumhe Aazadi dunga', 'Jai Hind', and 'Delhi Chalo'.

In the essay writing Competition, the first position was bagged by Jaswant Kour, Semester 1st; Ritika Manhas, Semester 3rd & Ravinder Kour shared the second position, while third position was shared by Sarjeet Singh and Gurjeet kour.

The event was organized by Dr. Sandeep Kumar and Prof. Risha Kumari. The event was judged by Dr Ekta Rani, Dr. Rahul Kundal and Dr Anjali Bala. The other faculty members present were Dr. Shamsheer Lal, Dr. Varinder Kour, Ms. Amarjot and Ashish Kumar.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**Tender Notice**

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firzpur acting for and on behalf of The Director of India In-charge of Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender/Type	Bidding System	Date of uploading tenders	Bid closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single packet System	20.01.2023 Time 15:28 hours	13.02.2023 Time 15:00 hours	13.02.2023 Time 15:05 hours

Sln.	Tender Number	Details of Tender										
1	01-2023AC	Repair/services and overhauling of 08 nos Air compressors (03 nos Air Compressors (03 Diesel driven & 05 Electric driven) installed at C&W depots JAT, ASR, FZR & LDH of Firzpur division.										
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**FIRST CORRIGENDUM TO**

**TENDER NO. 251-Elect/T-31/2022-23.**

**Notice No. 22-Elect/2022-23 dated 17.01.2023**

St. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), Northern Railway, Firzpur has invited above Tender. The tender Notice published in leading newspapers on 18.01.2023 to be opened on 10.02.2023. The date of opening of tender has now been changed due to administrative reasons. Now tender will be open on 24.02.2023. Others terms and condition will remain unchanged.

251-Elect/T-Notice No.23-Elect/2022-23. Dated: 20.01.2023

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