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Some of inspiring chapters in India's freedom struggle were written in Telangana: LG Sinha

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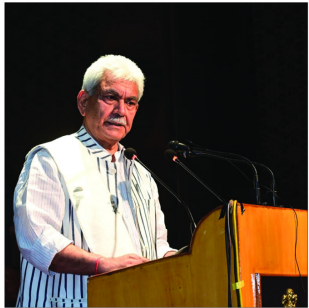
Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan today celebrated Telangana Statehood Day. Students, eminent personalities originally from Telangana were special invitees to the cultural programme presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha.

The cultural programme comprising songs and dance of Telangana was presented by students of NIT Srinagar and artists from J&K Cultural Academy.

The Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to the people of Telangana on the Statehood Day.

"I pay my homage to the great revolutionaries, freedom fighters, litterateurs and social reformers who continue to inspire our great nation," said the Lt Governor.

"I pray for good health and well-being of the



people of this blessed land, which has a glorious tradition of rich culture, music, literature, handicraft and a progressive spirit. Some of the inspiring chapters in India's freedom struggle were written in Telangana," the Lt Governor said.

Telangana's farmers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, poets, artists have made invaluable contribution in nation building. From the literary creations of Malliya Rechana in the 11th century to the poetic imaginations of Atreya, Gurajada Apparao and Dasaradhi

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Members of Joint Committee on the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023 meet LG



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Joint Committee of Parliament on Forests (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023, under the Chairmanship of Shri Rajendra Agrawal, Member of Parliament met Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan today.

The meeting discussed conservation and protection of forests, digitization of forest records and public services and ensuring rapid growth and prosperity in Jammu Kashmir.

The Committee is on a study visit to Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir to receive the inputs and suggestions from members of government

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Militant killed in Rajouri encounter, Ops on

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An unidentified militant was killed in an encounter that broke out in Dassal Gali area near Rajouri town on Friday.

The encounter site is located only four kilometers away from Rajouri town. Officials told news agency that the encounter broke out during a Cordon and Search Operation launched by security forces in the area after reports of suspicious movement in the area.

"After some reports of suspicious movement in the area, a Cordon and



Search Operation (CASO) was launched in the area of Dassal and Mehari on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. Joint teams of Army and Police stared searches and after inching closer to the militants, a gunfight broke out

in the wee morning hours on Friday," the officials said.

They informed that firefight lasted for a few hours amid heavy exchange of fire. "In the ensuing encounter,

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Vacations announced for Jammu Summer zone schools from June 8 to July 22, 2023

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Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) today announced vacations (Summer) for Jammu Summer zone

Government and Private Schools from June 8 to July 22, 2023.

It is hereby ordered that all the Government/recognized Private Schools falling in summer zone of Jammu

division shall observe summer vacation w.e.f. 08-06-2023 to 22-07-2023, an order issued by DSEJ stated.

It further ordered that all teachers shall

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DC Jammu reviews functioning of Revenue Department



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Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today reviewed the functioning of Revenue Department and the revenue related matters/status, besides the status and progress of development projects and schemes being implemented in the district here at a meeting held in DC Office Complex.

ADC L&O, Harvinder Singh; ADC, ADM Sandeep Seonith; AGR, Piyush Dhotra SDMs, Tehsildars

and other officers from Revenue department were present in the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of writing up and digitization of Jamabandis, implementation of SVAMITVA scheme, status of eviction of unauthorised occupants from state land, disposal of revenue court cases and updating on RCMS portal, issuance of online Fard Intah and other services, attestation of

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Div Com inspects status of work on Package I & III of Jammu-Akhnoor Road project

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Friday conducted an extensive tour of Akhnoor and inspected the progress of work on Package I and III of Jammu-Akhnoor Road widening Project.

The Div Com took a round of the entire stretch and inspected the work progress on both the packages at several sites including Bhagwati Nagar, Muthi, Domana, Kangrali, Akhnoor and other locations.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Executive Director NHIDCL, Col sandeep Sudhera; General Man-



ager (P), NHIDCL, Col. S P S Sangwan; Chief Engineer, JPDC, Site Engineer NHIDCL, Akash Saluja; concerned Tehsildars, besides the site Engineers of NHIDCL and other concerned officers.

The Executive Director NHIDCL apprised the Div Com about the current status of work on the prestigious road project,

besides progress achieved so far and the future work plan.

While giving details, he informed that land acquisition has been completed and work on raising piers for flyover under package 1 from 4th Tawi Bridge to Canal Head is in progress.

The Div Com directed NHIDCL to expedite

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Government commits to increase availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases

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Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the Inter-Session Meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry in Srinagar today. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. L. Murugan, the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Members of Parliament and members of

the Parliament Consultative Committee were also attended the meeting.

The Committee deliberated on various aspects of "Strengthening of Veterinary Services through Mobile Units and Implementation of Vaccination Programme in the country".

While chairing the meeting, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala said that India has vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving

the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Therefore, the Department has to make deliberate efforts to increase availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases.

The Members of Parliament appreciated the efforts being taken by the Department, especially for the Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) with 100% central assistance and uniform toll free number 1962, and

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DGP J&K chairs meeting of Task force for implementation of UT wide CCTV surveillance System



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Director General of Police, J&K, Shri Dilbag Singh, today chaired a meeting of the task force committee to review the progress of the UT wide CCTV Surveillance system project in J&K.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Hqs/Coordination, PHQ, Shri M.K. Sinha, IGP Hqs, PHQ, Shri B.S. Tuti, DIG CKR, Shri Sujit Kumar, AIG Provision & Transport PHQ, Shri Gurinderpal Singh, AIG Tech. PHQ, Shri Manoj Pandith, DySP IT PHQ, Shri Jumaad Hakeem, DySP (R&T) PHQ, Shri Sourab Prashar and

representatives of Elcosta in person.

DIG DKR Range Shri Sunil Gupta, DIG UR Range Shri Mohd. Suleman Choudhary, DIG RP Range Dr. Mohammad Haseeb Mughal, DIG SKR Shri Rayees Mohammad Bhat, DIG Traffic Jammu Shri Shridhar Patil and representatives of TCIL and Earnest & Young attended the meeting online.

Speaking on the occasion, the DGP impressed upon the Police officers and representatives of the companies to expedite the work and complete the work within the stipulated time.

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CS stresses on offering online appointments in JK Hospitals

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Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today stressed on extending the facility of online appointments with doctors in the health institutions of J&K. He impressed on the health officers to work for making this service available to public within a month's time.

Dr Mehta was speaking in the 12th Governing Body meeting of National Health



Mission (NHM) attended by Principal Secretary, J&K, Shri Shakti; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare; Secretary, Health; MD, NHM; Principal, GMC

Srinagar/Jammu; Director, MCH&I; Director Health, Kashmir/Jammu; Director, Ayush besides others.

Dr Mehta maintained that the prior online appointments to patients

are given in many premier hospitals in the country and the Department needs to bring their own system in sync with that to make the process of visiting

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Death of College student in Rajouri: Highway blocked for 2 hours as family of deceased stage protest

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The vehicular movement on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch national highway remains suspended for over two hours after the protest was held in Kallar area of Rajouri on Friday evening following the death of a college student in a road accident involving a Border Security Force (BSF) vehicle.

The accident happened on Friday morning and the injuries during treatment later in the day following which the protesters blocked Jammu Rajouri Poonch national highway for over two hours.

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As per police officials, an accident occurred on Friday morning at around 09 AM when a motorcycle JK1H-6440 and a BSF water tanker collided with each other at Chatur Pulli in Rajouri and moto-

cyclist Mohammad Saqib Malik (21) son of Mohammad Iqbal Malik resident of Chatur sustained grievous injuries.

"He was taken to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri where he succumbed to his injuries later in the day," the officials told the news agency.

Meanwhile, his death sparked a protest at Kallar in Rajouri as the deceased's family members, relatives and villagers assembled on

the highway at Kallar and blocked it for traffic.

The protesters said that the accident happened due to negligence of the BSF driver and no BSF official bothered to meet the family of the deceased even to console the loss of their son.

The protesters kept the body of the deceased on Jammu Rajouri Poonch NHW at Kallar Chowk as a mark of protest.

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Rains continue to lash J&K parts, MeT predicts improvement from June 5



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The intermittent rainfall continued to lash Jammu and Kashmir parts on Friday, bringing down the mercury across the Valley while the weatherman here has predicted more rains till June 04.

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the rains lashed J&K parts in the late afternoon.

Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the light rains, thunder is expected at a

few places on June 03 and June 04 towards late afternoon for a short period.

He added that the weather would remain mainly dry from June 05-June 10, but stated that as per the forecast, the possibility of a brief spell of shower, thunderstorm can't be ruled out.

"Overall there is no forecast of any major rainfall till June 10," he said. The MeT also advised farmers to carry out all farm operations from June 05 onwards during morning hours. Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir

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Kavinder meets Union Minister Giriraj Singh, assures to motivate J&K farmers to adopt 'Cow-Farming' for doubling income



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AHMADABAD, JUN 2: Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister met the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh in Ahmadabad and discussed various ways and means for doubling farmers' income here today. The meeting focused on the potential benefits of cow farming for farmers in India in general and J&K in particular. While the Union Minister enumerated the massive benefits of the aforesaid farming, the former Dy CM assured him to launch a strong awareness campaign in this regard across J&K Union Territory for the farmers of this sensitive region.

During the meeting, Giriraj Singh highlighted the importance of cows in

Indian culture, emphasizing that they are considered deities in this nation of the oldest living civilization.

He also asserted that cow farming can play a key role in doubling the income of farmers.

He added that by taking up cow farming, farmers can increase their income mainly through production and sale of milk, cow-dung, and cow urine, all of which are in high demand across the nation.

The Union Minister emphasized upon the farmers to adopt cow farming as it will be a determining factor that would go a long way in helping the farmers in doubling their income through dairy farming.

He highlighted many benefits that cow farming can bring to farmers, including the production of

dairy by-products besides the use of cow dung as manure which is a natural nutrient for growing organic crops.

The Union Minister while emphasizing the value of cow farming for increasing farmers' profitability said that those farmers who have adopted cow farming and dairy farming are already witnessing a significant increase in their income. He further underscored the potential for creating a strong 'cow-based economy' that can provide sustainable livelihood to the farmers.

The Union Minister said that in many countries, farmers are using cow dung to generate energy that can be sold to the local community, thus providing them yet another source of income. The potential of cow dung as a renewable energy

source is tremendous and offers a sustainable solution to meet the world's energy needs. He said that with more and more countries moving towards sustainable energy sources, cow dung is one of the best solutions available today. This has positive implications for rural areas, where such renewable solutions can help create jobs and improve rural livelihoods, he added.

During the meeting, Giriraj Singh said that the Modi government has launched several subsidy schemes specifically for farmers' welfare.

He assured the J&K's former Dy Chief Minister that the government will provide support and assistance to farmers who choose to adopt cow farming and prefer sustainable farming practices.

Therefore, farmers across the country can take advantage of these schemes to further augment their livelihoods by boost their income.

Responding to the Union Minister's concentrated focus on benefits of Cow-Farming, Kavinder Gupta assured him that he would leave no stone unturned in promoting cow-farming in J&K.

He pledged to launch a massive awareness campaign to make cow farming a successful and profitable enterprise for farmers of this Union Territory.

Congress, NC, PDP always blocked the development of J&K: Jugal

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JAMMU, JUN 02: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament BJP Lok Sabha Jammu Parliamentary Constituency along with General Secretary, Org. Ashok Koul, Prabhakar Arvind Gupta, District President BJP Rohit Dubey, Former Minister Ajay Nanda, DDC Saraf Singh Naag, DDC Abdul Rashid, BDC Ashok Thakur, Chairman MC Reasi Sudesh Puri, Senior Leaders BJP Kuldeep Dubey, Pawan Sharma, Sheel Magotra, Mandla President H. Raghuvar, Shamsheer, Ajay Singh, Mohan Lal and other tours Reasi Constituency and held Labharthi Sammelan at Talwara & Visited at Highest Railway Bridge at Kodi as vikaas tirth. He also met with prominent personalities under Sampark Samarthan programme & also listen the problems and grievances of the public at various locations.

In continuation to the second day of BJP Maha jansampark Yatra Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament today visited Reasi constituency and held a series of public meetings. He while addressing a public gathering at Talwara said that BJP lead government in Center is very strong and taking very bold



decisions. He while taking a note on Congress, NC and PDP said that they always put barriers in the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

They had always done dirty politics and played with the emotions of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

They had always done dictatorship rule and never implemented democracy to the gross root level. He said during the tenure of 9 years of BJP government in Center many historic steps has been taken like abrogation of article 370, triple talag, political reservation to SC community.

He said that Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has full filled his promise which he said from New Delhi that "

Meri Sarkar Gaon Garib aur Kisan ko Samarpit Rahegi". He while appraising Centrally Sponsored Schemes among the masses said that every section of the society is getting benefit of Modi Welfare Schemes without any difference between any caste or Creed. He said that many projects which were pending since long have been completed in tenure of 9 years of Modi Government.

Jugal Kishore also visited highest Railway Bridge at Kodi in Reasi as Vikaas tirath and said that all these mega projects are the achievements of BJP Government which are initiated by Modi Ji and Completed in time.

Ashok Koul General Secretary Org. BJP also took a strong note on NC, PDP

and said that during their tenure terrorism was on peaks and they always supported them. He said that our Army have to face two challenges one with terrorists and other with stone pelters.

District President BJP Rohit Dubey with DDCs, BDC, Sarpanches, Panches and Senior Leaders BJP warmly welcomed Member of Parliament and General Secretary Org. BJP, Sarpanches Kewal Thakur, Pawan Singh, Senior BJP Leaders Chaman Bhagat, Pawan Dev Singh, VC MC Yog Raj Raina, Mohd. Akhlaq, Gansh Chand, Vijay Paroch, Ramesh Bhagat, Yuva Sukhdev Singh, Sahil Sharma, Neelam Rani, Babli Sarpanch and others ask present at the occasion.

Hari Singh felicitates Judo players for bringing laurels to J&K

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 2: Hari Singh Chib, President of District Congress Committee Jammu Rural, today honored the participants of CBSC North Zone Jodo Competition in a function held at Jammu North Assembly segmen here today. Hari Singh Chib, who was the Chief Guest, distributed Gold Medals, Silver Medals, and Appreciation Certificates among the players who participated in the competition. On the occasion, Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Jodo Federation, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal Judo Coach, players along with parents were also present.

Addressing the function, Hari Singh Chib praised the players for their remarkable performance in the competition and bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir State. He motivated the youth to believe in



themselves and work harder for achieving greater heights. He asked them to become the ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir State by performing better in upcoming sports events. He also highlighted the importance of sports in the

national level competitions. Chib also advised the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to take inspiration from these young players who brought laurels to the state and consider sports as a career option while continuing their education.

He also praised the efforts of Judo Federation and Judo Coach in training the players and providing them with the necessary guidance to excel in the competition.

Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Jodo Federation, in his address, expressed gratitude to Hari Singh Chib for encouraging and recognizing the young talents and promoting sportsmanship among them. He expressed his satisfaction for the dedication and determination shown by the players during the competition. He encouraged them to maintain their focus and discipline, and to strive for even greater success in the future.

The Five Days Training Programme for Officers concludes at JU

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JAMMU, JUN 2: The five day's induction training programme for newly recruited officers and Assistant Registrars concluded today in the University of Jammu. The induction programme was conducted by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Jammu.

In the valedictory function Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development was the Chief Guest.

In her address, Prof Meena Sharma elaborated on the working of the university and the role of the newly recruited Officers.

She emphasized that all the policies must have the focus on cause and concerns of the students. She



stressed the officers must have a positive and constructive mindset while dealing with the files that are routed to them.

Earlier while welcoming the guests at the function Prof S K Pandita, Director HRDC threw light on the various topics that were

covered during the induction programme. He informed that experienced resource persons were drawn from various organisations and the participants were satisfied and happy to interact with them.

The participants were

provided the certificates of participation by the Chief Guest.

Sh Ranjit Kalra, Teaching Faculty put forth the formal vote of thanks whereas proceeding of the function was conducted by Dr. Bashir Ahmad Lone, Coordinator of the course.

Jammu should teach lesson to BJP for its failures: Wani

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JAMMU, JUN 2: President JKPC Mr. Vikar Rasool Wani has said that people of Jammu should teach lesson to BJP for its failures to fulfill commitments with people and put huge burden of taxation.

Interacting with corporators, contested candidates and senior leaders of the party at PCC HQ here today, Shri Wani described them as the backbone of the party structure in urban area which are information centers of spreading throughout the state. He said that they have a vital role to create awareness among the people about the policies of betrayal with the electorates by the BJP who has disrespected the spirit of mandate time and

again. He said that BJP has indulged in various misdeeds and have failed to achieve anything as a result there has been enormous increase in the hardships and day to day problems of people in the state.

Vikar Rasool Wani referred to the anti youth policies of the present dispensation and manifold, inflammation in prices of all essential commodities besides problems of water, electricity and essential civic facilities. PCC President asked the party rank and file to maintain close rapport with the ward and block committees of the party and people of respective areas and highlight the common problems faced by them and render all necessary help for their redressal.

Wani had detailed discussions with the participants and got their feedback of the problems of people and working of the organization structure. All the corporators assured the president that this time party's prospects stands best than the previous Municipal Corporation of 2018.

The organization has become more strong at the grass root level and the public perception regarding the party stand very clear and acceptable with regards to the unity and integrity of the country. As already, especially Jammu has suffered a lot on such account under the proxy regime of BJP Govt. at the centre. All the corporators assured that they are doing their level best to woo the

voters of their respective areas on the basis of the contribution of the Congress party.

Others who were present in the meeting included Shri Rajnish Sharma Th. Mamohan Singh, Ved Mahajan, Pranav Shagotra, Pawan Raina, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Vijay Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Thomas Khokhar, Kapil Singh, Sahi Sharma, Uttam Singh, Naresh Sharma, C.L. Manyal, Corporators Dwarika Choudhary, Bhanu Mahajan, Indereet Kour, Rajinder Singh, Kamal Singh, Chandher Shekhar.

Michael Wazir, Atul Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David Babtoo, Nasar Masih and others.

J&K bleeding, BJP in celebration mode: Harsh

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UDHAMPUR, JUN 2: Harsh Dev Singh former minister and JKNPP president said that while J&K continued to suffer and bleed, the BJP most unapologetically was celebrating its nine year rule quite unmindful of the sentiment of the people of UT. Is there anything for a political party to celebrate when people are mourning the civilian deaths and targeted killings going unabated especially after the BJP's ascendance to power? questioned Singh. He said not only Deepu Sharma of Majalata was brutally assassinated by the hate mongers but Rajouri carnage continues to remain a grim reminder of failures of govt which promised zero tolerance against terror, said the NPP leader. He was addressing public meetings in Mani and Kasuri villages of Chordi block today.

Describing BJP's celebrations and merry making as repulsively bizarre, Mr Singh said that its boisterous revel over 'nine years' achievements were only triggered cynicism. The nine year rule of BJP has witnessed extreme form of terrorism in J&K with dozens of episodes of attacks on security forces, civilians, old and the young with 40 soldiers martyred in one single attack of Pulwama. Civilian killings and targeted killings



were a thing of the past before 2014 but became a routine feature in the ongoing saffron rule. The employees of Jammu region were also targeted and had to leave valley even risking their jobs which never happened before. But strangely, the BJP leadership continues to indulge in self adulation and unmindful drum beating, said Singh.

Denomation of state to the level of UT has been the most obnoxious dent on the pride of the people of J&K, said Harsh. And rather than restoring stashed, the BJP leadership continues to bully and browbeat those who seek status quo ante. The people have been deprived of a democratic govt and subjected to 'babu raj' of outside

bureaucrats having hardly any connect with the common masses. The people are suffering for want of basic civic amenities.

There is none to listen to the shrill cries of poor, marginalized classes especially in rural areas seeking adequate power, water supply, medicare and power connectivity. The unemployed youth are on roads and the daily wages and contractuals without wages for several months and even years with an apathetic regime aware to their woes.

Corruption is at its peak and rising prices have made the lives of people miserable. But still the BJP is in celebration mode. Alas! What an irony, exclaimed Singh.

Modi govt ensured lasting peace on borders: Khatana



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JAMMU, JUN 2: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Fr. Gulam Ali Khatana has said that PM Narendra Modi has ensured lasting peace on borders resulting into increased economic activities in the border areas. He said that cross border firing is now a thing of past and people are living peacefully and prospering.

Addressing an impressive gathering on International border at Pargwal, Akhnor as part of 9 Saal

way routes, introduction of Vande Bharat and Bullet trains, 74 airports, express highways became possible only due to the visionary leadership of Sh. Narendra Modi.

MP Gulam Ali said that as part of visiting Vikas Tirath, he was fortunate to visit the land of warriors who faced migration umpteen times including 1947, 1965, 1971, 1998 but still came back to the land of their fore-fathers. The people of Akhnor, Jourian, Khour, pargwal, RS Pura and border belt upto Kathua faced bullets from across the border and suffered loss of life, property and wealth but remain committed to their lands and cultivated them again.

MP Khatana said that BJP govt is committed to better the lot of the border dwellers and the poor and down-trodden and 9 years of Modi govt are a proof of that.

He said that Ayushman Bharat scheme is a blessing for the poor who can now get treatment in best hospitals upto 5 lakh rupees.

Ex-MLA Dr. Krishan Lal Bhagat, DDC Nisha Devi, BJP SC Morcha Prabhari Jagdish Bhagat, GS chib, Mandal Pradhan Swarn Singh & Bhpinder Singh accompanied.

9 years of Modi Govt remained fruitful for country: Langeh

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KATHUA, JUN 2: Nine years of Modi government remained momentous and fruitful for the country as many historical steps were taken in these years with the top notched move of abrogation of Article 370, which changed the course of life of people of J&K as normalcy and peace returned and days of turmoil ended successfully.

This was stated by Neelam Langeh, President BJP SC Morcha J&K and former Legislator while addressing a gathering at Kathua in connection with Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan. The programme was organized by Sarpanch Mohan Singh Bhogal, in Chak Sona Nupa Panchayat of Kathua. On the occasion, State Secretary Rakesh Dev, Mandal President Arpan Verma, President of Nagri Municipal Committee Bhaktawar Singh, Suman Bala, Asha Devi and Shashi Katru were also present.

Addressing the meeting, Langeh said that common people of this nation felt quite satisfied with the BJP rule despite the fact that there is still a lot of scope for further improvement in the coming years. He said that transparency and accountability have been the hall mark of this government besides priority focus on serving the common people especially the poor and needy.

The former legislator highlighted



various schemes launched by the Govt tailored specially for different sections of the society. Some of the highlighted schemes and achievements included Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Ann Yojana, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, etc.

Reiterating that nine years of Modi led BJP governance has been the golden period of the nation, he asserted that the performance of the incumbent government speaks for itself and the Bharatiya Janata Party is all set to get a clear mandate for governing the world's largest democracy for the third consecutive term when the next Parliamentary elections take place.

Asserting that only BJP can address aspirations of people of J&K in letter and spirit, the senior BJP leader urged the party cadre to remain in public

and address people's issues by taking the same with the senior party functionaries and the authorities concerned. He asked them to make people aware about the achievements of Modi Govt besides educating them about the variety of schemes launched by the Union Govt.

Langeh asked the party cadre to mobilize all the resources to make the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan exemplary, adding that every single party worker should play a vital role in making the aforesaid campaign a big success.

During the programme, hundreds of people of the area joined the BJP under the leadership of Neelam Langeh. He welcomed the newly joined members into party fold and stressed upon strengthen the party base at their respective areas.

Chhari Yatra to Sudhmahadev from Jammu on June 4th: Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra Samiti



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JAMMU, JUN 2: 5th Chhari Yatra from Jammu to Sudhmahadev on 4th of June (Sunday) this year. It was disclosed by the members of Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra Samiti during a press conference held at an ancient Panjakhbar Temple (Rupaye Wala Mandir) Jammu today Samiti Members Sh. Narinder Sharma,

Varun Magotra, Ritu Choudhary, Ram Magotra, Raj Kumar Sodhi, Rajesh behal and Pandit Sahil Sharma were mainly present in the press conference. Samiti Members said that the temples of Sudhmahadev have their reference in religious book like Padam Pura and Shiv Pura. Mantali is a place where lord Shiva have Fere with Mata Parvati during their marriage. One can have darshan

of exact place where the barat was served by then king himavat (Father of Mata Parvati). Trishul of lord shiva is still there in temple with which he killed the demon (Rakshas) Sudhanshu. Samiti told that after Chhari Pujan on 3th of June at 11.00 pm in Panjakhbar Temple, Chhari Yatra will start from this temple on 4th June early morning at 7.30 am with all pump and show. Chhari will be carried by Sant 1008 Swami Damodar Dass Ji Maharaj (Varindavan Wale). It will have Pujan at Shiv temple, Kol kandoli (Nagrota) Devika Temple? Toldi Nallah, Chenani Town, Gouri kund and finally at Sudhmahadev Temple. Samiti appealed to all Jammuities and Shiv bhakts who want to accompany Chhari Yatra, individual or in group, register themselves and vehicles in Samiti office, Panjakhbar Office Jammu.

Inter command CME cum workshop held

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UDHAMPUR, JUN 2: Command Hospital (NC) will be hosting an Inter command CME titled SMART (Serving MOs Advanced Resuscitation, Triaga & Transport) Capsule on 02-04 Jun 2023. The CME is being organised by Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care and is targeted towards the emergency medical/ surgical care to be provided in life threatening situations. Doctors from Armed Forces



Medical Services from all over the country along with those of

Command Hospital (NC) will join. Significant number of doctors from nearby civil hospitals like GME Jammu, AIIMS Jammu, SMVD Katra ad ASCOMS are also likely to join the same. The conduct of CME will be case scenario based and interactive in nature.

The aim is to emphasize on the prioritized care to be provided in line with the current guidelines. Workshop has been planned on three consecutive days for practical training along with case simulation.

Dy Mayor undertook comprehensive tour to assess prevailing concerns of general public

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JAMMU, JUN 2: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, undertook a comprehensive tour to closely assess the prevailing concerns of the general public regarding development works at Ward No. 45, Digiana in Bahu constituency. The tour aimed to ensure that the concerns of the residents are heard and appropriate actions are taken to rectify any shortcomings. Accompanied by a welfare committee and local representatives, Deputy Mayor Billawaria embarked on a detailed inspection of various infrastructural projects and public amenities within the ward. This initiative was undertaken in response to numerous complaints received from residents, highlighting the issues of substandard workmanship and incomplete works. During the tour, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria interacted with the general public, actively listening to their grievances and concerns. He empathized with their dissatisfaction and assured them of immediate action to rectify the prevailing issues. The Deputy Mayor reiterated his commitment to ensuring high-quality workmanship and timely completion of construction



works in all wards of Jammu city. He also directed the officers to ensure high quality development works of Jammu city and timely completion of development works.

Deputy Mayor Jammu said, "We are committed to the development of Ward and ensuring that it remains a model ward. The construction of new lanes and drains is just the first step in our efforts to improve the infrastructure of the area. We will continue to work towards the betterment of the Ward and its residents."

Acknowledging the importance of citizen participation, Deputy Mayor Billawaria emphasized that the administration values the feedback and concerns

raised by the residents. He assured them that their voices would be heard and taken into account when making decisions to improve the overall infrastructure and services in the ward.

He emphasized the need for accountability and stated that appropriate action would be taken against any contractors or officials found guilty of negligence or compromising on quality standards.

Deputy Mayor Billawaria also expressed his gratitude to the residents for their active participation and constructive feedback during the tour. He urged them to continue providing their valuable inputs to help improve the overall development of Ward No. 45, Digiana. The welfare committee of the area said that the Deputy Mayor of Jammu is committed to addressing public grievances and ensuring the delivery of quality services for the residents of Jammu. The committee members also said that they have full faith in Jammu Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria and he is always ready to bring transparency, accountability and resolve public grievances in Jammu city by actively engaging with the general public. Prominent among those present were Satpal Choudhary, Choudhary Aslam, Vinod Sharma, Kashmir Singh, Suraj Kumar, Magar Singh, Ashwani Kumar and others.

Confederation pays tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Ji

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BATOTE, JUN 2: All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations held a national level event at Batote, J&K in order to pay tribute to son of the soil, Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Ji. Dr OM Sudha, National General Secretary of Confederation was the Chief Guest at the event and it was presided over by RK Kalsotra, State President Confederation.

Two resolution adopted in national event in favour of Son of the soil, Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath ji, first to declare Nazified holiday in UT-J&K under GI Act 1981 and second naming Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Project to be named as Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath Hydro Electric Power Project and memorandum to be submitted to President, Prime Minister and LG UT-J&K. Even it was also raised that in schools life history of Shaheed ji is to be introduced so that atleast students should know the sacrifice of Bhagat ji.

The son of soil, Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath was born on Friday the 27th Sep.1918 at village Champa near Batote Tehsil Ramban Distt Udhampur (Now Ramban) in a Bhagat or Megh family now one of the of Scheduled Castes. He resigned from the Govt. job and joined social service. He joined Congress party and was elected as Congress Block President and later was made the Secretary of this party. To fulfill his dreams of uplifting and betterment of the depressed classes educationally,

socially, economically, he came to Jammu from his native place with an explicit motive, and to secure justice for Dalit Samaj of J&K in particular and whole of country in general. Bhagat ji created a close contact with Jammu based Dalit leaders i.e Babu Parmanand, Babu Milki Ram, Bhagat chajju Ram, Pashori lal and Mahasa Nar Singh, Jagat Ram Aryan (Kishtwar) and others. But the government was not according to the just demands of the Dalit leaders. Despite issue of G.O No 252-GD of 1969 dated 3-2-1969 and Govt. Notification No 37 GR of 1970 dated 28th April 1970 for providing reservation in services for the SC's, ST's and OBC's the state Govt. was still reluctant to implement the reservation rules in services in letter and spirit. Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath took it very seriously and a comprehensive note on the ill-conceived intention of the state Govt. Containing detailed demands was submitted to the State Govt. When the State government failed to give positive respond, he intensified his non-stop agitation in the entire Jammu province by leading many processions, demonstrations, public meetings for the expeditious redressal of core issue including reservation. An ultimatum with deadline was given to state Govt. to take remedial measures soon otherwise he shall go for fast unto death. When convinced that the state government was not taking his threats seriously, he under took fast unto death.

Martyrdom of Bhagat Amarnath in 1970 proved final blow to hurdles in providing Reservation in Services in J&K State. However, later on with the struggle of Confederation State Govt passed a Act to give the Reservation sound legal footing in services for SCs, STC, OBCs was issued vide Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 Dated 19/23 March, 2004. Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath's name shall go in the History of Dalits for the cause of Rights of Dalits in India.

Leaders of the confederation paid tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath and pledged to make him a national hero who fought for the rights of underprivileged in J&K.

Dr Om Sudha, National Secretary, in his address mentioned that the government is committed to dilute the rights of SC/ST/OBCs by tweaking the Constitution of India. The biggest contribution of the SC/ST/OBC community to the struggle of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath could be uniting to protect the Constitution of India which enshrined equal rights via reservation.

He also mentioned about the issues of privatisation of the government sector, no reservation in judicial appointments, issues with the EVMS, dilution of fundamental rights. He also emphasised on the need for awareness at the grassroot level. He further said that Confederation is holding Babujan Sansad on 2nd July at Constitution Club, New Delhi and appealed to all to participate to discuss for future strategy to Save Constitution Save Rights.

MIER College Students Participate in Walkathon

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JAMMU, JUN 2: The students of the Environment Unit, MIER College of Education participated in a walkathon on the theme "Say No to Polythene" conducted by Jammu Municipal Corporation. More than 40 students from the college participated in this mission.

The students carried placards and banners appealing to the people not to use polythene. The rally commenced at Parade Ground, proceeded towards Raj Tilak Road, passed through PuriMandi, Super Bazar and concluded at B.C. Road.



The students actively participated in the event and made bystanders aware of the harmful effects of polythene and plastic. They also provided alternatives for polythene carry bags, such as bio-degradable carry bags made of cellulose-starch developed by DRDO.

Dr. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education, appreciated the participation of the students in the walkathon and

creating awareness in the community. The event was conducted under the guidance of Mrs. Suman Gupta, Convener Environment Unit, MIER College of Education.

PM addresses 350th year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the 350th year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day via video message.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the coronation day of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has brought along new consciousness and new energy for everyone.

Swarajya and the day is fondly celebrated as a festival all over Maharashtra. The Prime Minister informed that such events will be held throughout the year in Maharashtra and also congratulated the Maharashtra government for the planning and execution.

The Prime Minister stated that when the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj took place three hundred and fifty years ago, the spirit of Swarajya and nationalism were included in it.

Underlining the responsibility of leaders of keeping the citizens motivated and confident, we are known for the minister remarked that one can imagine the confidence levels of the country at

the time of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He mentioned that the confidence of the citizens was at the lowest due to hundreds of years of slavery where invasions and exploitation by invaders coupled with poverty made the society weak. "An attempt was made to break the morale of the people by attacking our cultural centers", the Prime Minister said as he highlighted that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj not only fought the invaders but also instilled the belief in the public that self-governance is a possibility.

The Prime Minister pointed out that there have been many rulers in history who are known for their dominance in the military but their administrative ability was weak and similarly many rulers who were known for their military governance, but their military leadership was weak. How-

ever, the Prime Minister said, the personality of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was magnificent as he established 'Swaraj' as well as 'Suraj'. The Prime Minister highlighted that Shivaji Maharaj gave an example to all of us in the country by conquering forts and defeating enemies at a very young age, while on the other hand, as a king, he also showed the way of good governance by implementing reforms in public administration.

The Prime Minister further elaborated that on the one hand, he protected his kingdom and culture from invaders, while on the other, he put forward a comprehensive vision of nation-building. "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is completely different from other heroes of history because of his vision", the Prime Minister said as he highlighted his public welfare character of governance which assured that people live with self-respect. Along with this, the Prime Minister continued,

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj also sent out a strong message to those who tried to hurt Swaraj, religion, culture and heritage which boosted confidence among the people and propagated the spirit of self-reliance. The Prime Minister further added that it resulted in boosting respect for the nation. Be it farmer welfare, women empowerment, or making governance accessible to the common man, the Prime Minister underlined that his system of governance and his policies are equally relevant even today.

The Prime Minister remarked that various aspects of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's personality impact us today in one way or the other. He informed that recognizing India's maritime potential, the expansion of the Navy and his management skills are an inspiration for everyone else today. The Prime Minister also mentioned the forts built by him which are still standing proud-

ly in the middle of the ocean, despite bearing the brunt of strong waves and tides. The Prime Minister also touched upon his expansion of the kingdom and mentioned that he built forts from the seashores to the mountains. During that period, the Prime Minister noted that his arrangements related to water management put the experts in awe. Throwing light on the inspiration derived from Shivaji Maharaj, the Prime Minister underlined that India freed the Navy from a trace of slavery last year as the flag of the Indian Navy with the identity of British rule has been replaced by the emblem of Shivaji Maharaj. "Now, this flag is symbolizing the pride of new India in the seas and skies", Shri Modi added.

"The bravery, ideology and justice of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have inspired many generations. His bold style of action, strategic skills and peaceful political system are an inspiration for us even

today", the Prime Minister remarked. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister expressed pride that the policies of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj are discussed in many countries of the world where research is carried out on it. Shri Modi also mentioned that the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was installed in Mauritius a month ago. "Completion of 350 years of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal is an inspiring occasion. Even after so many years, the values established by him are showing us the way forward", the Prime Minister concluded emphasizing that the journey of 25 years of Amrit Kaal must be completed on the basis of these values. "This journey will be to build the India of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's dreams will be the journey of Swaraj, good governance and self-reliance. This will be the journey of a developed India", the Prime Minister concluded.

Handholding support for the National Startup Awards 2022 winners and finalists launched

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

The handholding support for winners and finalists of National Startup Awards 2022 was launched by the Secretary, DPIIT,



Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh on 02.05.2023 after the announcement of the result of the National Startup Awards 2022 by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal on 16.01.2023 commemorating the National Startup Day. The handholding exercise will be conducted through multiple virtual and physical sessions, delegations, showcases, and specialised support. To facilitate the growth of the winners and finalists, the startups will be guided through a variety of initiatives aimed at helping them overcome challenges and achieve even greater success. For the holistic learn-

ing & growth of startups, DPIIT has crafted 30 tracks to provide tailored and dedicated support to the startups. These tracks are curated to provide Investor Pitching, Government Connects, Corporate & Unicorn Engagements, Brand Showcase, and International Market Access. The handholding support has been aimed to provide the startups with the best showcase, learning & networking opportunities, building trust for their brand, creating a buzz around their product and giving them avenues to reach out to their potential customers. Several partners have been onboarded as well to execute the same. Major partners present at the launch event included

Government e Marketplace, SIDBI (WCAI), HSB, Mobikwik, Goolam Group, PHDCI and Viacom 18.

As part of the handholding provided under National Startup Awards 2020 across 9 tracks, 400+ connections facilitated with ministries, investors, corporates, and mentors, 12 episodes on winners were aired on Doordarshan Startup Champions, and 192 finalists received one-on-one mentorship from industry experts. Similarly, as part of the handholding provided under National Startup Awards 2021 across 7 tracks, more than 30 knowledge sessions and 10+ pitching sessions were conducted for the winners and finalists. In addition to this, the cohort received 185+ hours of mentorship. More than 110 startups were also provided the exclusive opportunity to be showcased at Dubai Expo.

Amit Shah chairs high level meeting in New Delhi, to review overall preparedness for flood management in the context of upcoming monsoon

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi to review overall preparedness for flood management in the context of upcoming monsoon.

Home Minister also immediately for disseminating information and disaster management agencies. He said that foreign expert agencies should also be roped in for developing this software. He added that in Apda Mitra scheme of the Government, traditional divers in villages should also be imparted disaster rescue training

Union Home Minister directed the officials to continue to strengthen coordination and State agencies to have a permanent system for forecasting of floods and rise in water levels in major catchment zones/ areas of the country. He instructed that during the current flood season, the present and forecasted river levels must be monitored on an hourly basis and appropriate measures including monitoring

of embankments, evacuation, temporary shelters etc. should be taken by all concerned stakeholders to respond to impending floods.

Home Minister also advised specialised institutions like the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Central Water Commission (CWC) to continue to upgrade their technologies for more accurate weather and flood forecasts. He directed for timely dissemination of IMD warnings on lightning strikes to the public through SMS, TV, FM Radio and other mediums. Shri Amit Shah said that maximum publicity should be given to various mobile apps related to weather forecasting like 'Umang', 'Rain Alarm' and 'Dammni', developed by the IMD, so that their benefits reach the targeted population.

'Dammni' app triggers warning about lightning strikes three hours in advance which can help reduce losses to life and property.

Complying with the direction of Union Home Minister given during last flood review meeting held on 2nd June, 2022, this app has now been made available in 15 languages for easy dissemination of information.

Union Home Minister directed that there should be coherence in community awareness programme being run by different agencies and it should be integrated to have the maximum effect since the community is the first responder.

In the meeting, presentations were made by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC), MoRTH, DoWR & GR, Railway Board, DG, NDRF and Director, NRSC (ISRO). They also briefed about the action to be taken / being taken on the directions given by the Union Home Minister during the flood review meeting, last year and the future plan of action for the current monsoon season.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Some of inspiring chapters...

Krishnamacharya, the modern era, the Indian literature has been greatly enriched by them. Today, I pay my tributes to towering men, women of ideas and ideals from Telangana, who illumined the nation with their wisdom and intellectual brilliance, he added.

"The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of the great personalities and freedom fighters like Ramji Gond, the head of the Gond tribal; Komaram Bheem of brave tribal community and the great freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju," the Lt Governor said.

Militant killed in...

one unidentified militant was killed," they said, adding that the body of slain was retrieved.

The slain militant, as per officials, couldn't be identified while as war like stores have been recovered from his possession that include one AK56 rifle, seven magazines, sixty AK rounds, four hand grenades, one biscuit, two packets of cigarettes, coconut cookies, fourteen keys, some tablets, one lighter, three injection syringes, twelve detonators, one IED switch, three medicine packs, one sweater, one dress, two cloth pieces, one bag, one pouch and some eatables.

Medico-legal formalities and post mortem examination of militant's body was conducted at the site by a team of doctors from GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri after which body of militant was shifted from the site by police.

Meanwhile, the Army in an official statement issued from Jammu based police spokesman said that in a joint operation by Army in coordination with police, the intelligence based ambushes noticed suspicious movement in the forest area of Dassal Gujran near Rajouri in the night of 1st and 2nd of June.

"On being challenged by our troops, they were fired upon which was retaliated by our troops and sporadic firing continued throughout the night," said army spokesperson, adding that one militant was killed while as searches were still on in the area.-(KNO)

Div Com inspects status...

the pace of work by increasing men and machinery for timely completion of the work of Package 1.

While inspecting work on Package 3 at different sites, the Div Com instructed GM NHIDCL to ensure that the adjoining road is connected with proper ramps.

The Div Com directed the GM NHIDCL to expedite the final works of package 3 and ensure its completion within the set timeline.

It was further informed that over 73 percent work has been completed under package 3 which is of 20.61 KM length from Ganesh Vihar to Khati Chowk and the work on bridges is in progress.

The Div Com directed that the land acquisition process has been completed and the land has been provided to executing agencies for smooth execution of the work.

The Div Com also inspected the site for the new bridges over Chenab and was informed that the work on the project has been started.

The NHIDCL was directed to be in regular touch with concerned officers of district administration for seeking logistic support and to share the requirement of construction material.

The Div Com asked the NHIDCL to set weekly, monthly targets and expedite the progress of work for timely completion of the 4 lining of Jammu-Akhnor Road.

DC Jammu reviews...

pending Mutations, acquisition of land and payment of compensation for Jammu-Akhnor road, Ring Road, Akhnor-Poonch road etc.

At the outset, the revenue officers informed the Chair regarding the hiccups being faced by the department in providing online services.

While reviewing the progress regarding writing of Jamabandis and its digitization, attestation of mutations and writing of Girdawaris, the DC directed the Tehsildars to complete the same as per targets. She said that the proof reading of Jamabandis followed by certification shall be completed at the earliest.

She set timelines for the concerned officers for speedy submission of details of mutations and updation of Jamabandis/Girdawari.

Regarding disbursement of e-rent, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the officers to disburse the rent to the beneficiaries without further delay.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Tehsildars for speedy disposal of court cases related to revenue and upload accordingly.

Vacations announced...

remain available for any on-line guidance of students during vacation period adding that any default on part

of the head of the Schools/Teaching staff in observance of the vacation schedule shall attract action under rules.

Government commits...

also made various suggestions to improve the present veterinary services for the consideration of the Department. The Minister assured the Committee that the Department will ensure to take appropriate action on the valuable suggestions given by the Members.

DGP J&K chairs meeting...

He said that the timelines should be respected and achieved as per plan. He impressed upon the officers to accelerate the speed of work without compromising on the quality of the work.

He impressed upon the officers to resolve all issues and directed to remove hurdles if any as quick as possible.

Earlier, ADGP (Coord/Hqrs) PHQ, Shri M K Sinha briefed the DGP about the various issues related to the completion of work on the project work.

There were three broad discussions on the different components of the projects, and valuable suggestions were exchanged.

CS stresses on offering...

a Hospital easier. He told them to adopt the simplest and efficient system available.

Chief Secretary also enjoined upon the officers to digitize the patient history and other legacy data so that the same is accessible round the clock. He said that the convergence of data from Health Care Institutions, Anganwadi centres and Educational Institutions could make a database inclusive of all health details from birth till date for each person. He urged them to make it an objective to ensure 100% digitization of health records of all the individuals here in the UT.

On the occasion both the Secretary Health, Bhupinder Kumar and MD, NHM, Ayushi Sudan gave a detailed overview of the functioning of the Department especially by the National Health Mission (NHM), J&K. It was given that sufficient number of Critical Care Ambulances have been deployed across the health facilities of J&K and integrated with 108 call centre for providing 24*7 hassle-free services to people.

Moreover it was given out that the utilization of funds from the last 5 years from 2018-19 has seen progressive

growth with each passing year. It was revealed that out of Rs 671.75 Cr amount of funds available in the year 2018-19, the percentage of utilization was 72%. The same increased to Rs 900.64 Cr in 2022-23 with percentage of utilization taking a quantum leap to reach 98.68% for the previous financial year.

The Governing Body discussed the proposals of the NHM to ratify State Programme Implementation Programme (SPIP) to the tune of Rs 1441.60 Cr for FY 2023-24, procurement of COVID essential Diagnostic & Drugs, Implementation of IT interventions like HMIS (e-SAHAJ) from District Hospitals and CHCs to Tertiary Care Hospitals. It also discussed maternity leave in favour of contractual female employees as per the existing labour laws and other HR related issues for making the functioning of the mission smooth and efficient.

Death of College student...

They raised slogans demanding justice. However, the protest caused a massive traffic jam on the highway as the hundreds of vehicles remained stuck on either side of the road.

Officials said the Assistant Commissioner Revenue Rajouri, Imran Rashid Kataria, Deputy SpS of Police and SHO Rajouri reached at the spot and pacified the protest while BSF officials also reached at the spot.

After assurances, the protest was called off and the vehicular movement on highway was restored after a total of two hours.-(KNO)

Rains continue to lash...

has recorded an excess rainfall of 24 per cent in the month of May as against the normal precipitation of 77.5 per cent, the Union Territory has recorded 96.3 mm rainfall last month.

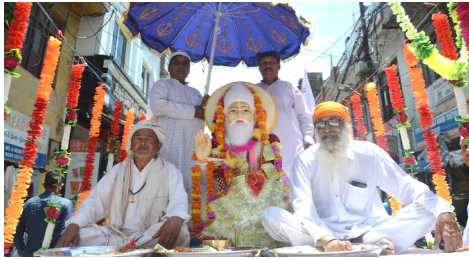
The data prepared by the Meteorological department reads that Jammu & Kashmir has recorded normal rainfall since Mar 01, 2023 to May 05, 2023.-(KNO)

Members of Joint...

organizations on the proposed Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023.

Sh C.P. Goyal, Director General Forests; Sh Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Forests; and Sh Roshan Jaggi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J&K were also present during the meeting.

Idol of Sant Kabir installed at Sant Kabir Nagar Temple



JI NEWS SERVICE Kabir Nagar, Village Kotli Gala Bana, RS Pura, here. A colourful procession in the form of Jhanki carrying the statue of Shriromani Sant Kabir Sahib, bought from Rajasthan, passed through the Main Bazaar RS Pura under the supervision of the Shriromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust, Chaman Lal. The devotees from Ramgarh, Kotli,

Suchetgarh. Bishnah, Kalyana and Jammu participated in the function with singing of hymns of Sant Kabir.

Thousands of devotees were welcomed by the main bazaar shopkeepers by serving them water and refreshments.

Shriromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust members present on the occasion were Darshan Kumar, Jeet Raj, Shashi, Balak Ram Master, Fateh Chand (Sarpanch), Chandher Gorkha, Romesh Kumar, Garu Ram, Dimple, Deepak, Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch Suraj Parkash, Chanchan Bhushan Lal Dogra, Anand Kalia besides Sham Choudhary (former Minister).

AIIMS is one of the greatest gift to J&K residents by Modi Govt: Raina



JI NEWS SERVICE Narendra Modi for his untiring efforts in extending all the developmental projects and welfare schemes to this border UT. He said that AIIMS is one of the prestigious health institutes as well as a landmark of development of the Modi government. He said that prior to it, there was no Health Institution of the level of AIIMS and the suffering people had to move outside Jammu and Kashmir for specialized treatment.

Kishore Sharma, former MoS Ajay Nanda, DDC Chairperson Sarf Singh Nag, Pawan Sharma, Secretary Arvind Gupta, District President Rohit Dubey, Sheel Magotra and others.

Ashok Koul, at the Railway Bridge, said that providing rail connectivity of Kashmir with the rest of the country is a mega project of the Modi government and almost it is near completion and will serve the people.

Jugal Kishore Sharma also termed the rail project as a magnificent gift of Modi government for the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

In Pargwal, MP (Rajya Sabha) Gulam Ali Khanata visited Pargwal bridge.

In Akhnour the programme was held under the supervision of Akhnour Municipal President Sanjay Saraf.

In Jammu North, Sanjeeta Dogra President Mahila Morcha and Omi Khajuria District President were present.

In Kashmir South on Chamgund Bridge, Zubair Ahmed district President along with Shazia Jaan DDC chairperson were present.

In Ayushman Hospital Dingi Simbli block mandli, Billawar, DDC Vikram Singh, Narayan Dutt, BDC Chairperson Nisha Rajput and Reeta Devi were present.

In Bani Road Connectivity Sandhi To Bhandar Constituency Bani under the supervision of Jeevan Lal (Ex MLA).

Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' a mockery of BJP Govt, people must question celebration of failures: Rattan

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 2: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu has impressed upon the people to question the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and workers when they come to their door steps under the much hyped 'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' as to what is here to celebrate the nine years of BJP's governance that has brought to the people nothing but a hell of miseries. He asserted that celebration of failures calling these achievements by the BJP Govt is indeed unprecedented mockery of the saffron party.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior National Conference leader said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been the worst victims of the BJP's misrule that has resulted out of its anti-people policies thrust upon the people of this Union Territory.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the Union Territory Administration which is running the proxy government of Jammu and Kashmir has utterly failed to resolve the power scenario here during its nine years of governance at the Centre. The power situation has gone from bad to worse during these years. He said the main reason for this is the use of sub-standard material including the below standard electric transformers and electric wires which proves the level of corruption existing during 09 years of BJP rule. He advised people to must ask BJP that why the Modi Govt has failed to resolve the poor power scenario in Jammu region. The senior NC leader said that even the drinking water and irrigation scenario is no good too. The water crisis has further aggravated during the nine years of

BJP rule which is evident from the fact that apart from Kandli belts of Samba, Jammu and Kathua district even the capital city i.e. Jammu continues to face dry situation with people craving for regular drinking water supply. He said that the farmers are also suffering on account of erratic power and water supply with their crops at stake.

He suggested people to raise a question before the BJP leader that why not scarcity of drinking water was addressed in nine years of rule of Modi Govt at the Centre.

Rattan Lal Gupta also castigated the Govt for the poor scenario in health sector saying that no doctors are available in most of the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the Jammu Province so much so that even the paramedics are not available in some of the PHCs.

He requested people to ask why the LG Govt has not engaged adequate number of doctors and paramedics in the health centre across the Jammu region.

He also questioned the J&K Administration on its claims of industrialization, asking it to spell out the number of medium, small and large scale industries were established in Jammu Province and how much employment has been provided to industrial workers as per the commitment made by Shri Amit Shah Honble Home Minister of India on the floor of Parliament on August 5, 2019. He said that the reality is that BJP's anti-industrial policy and burden of GST has led to the closure of multiple industrial units and substantial number of industries on the verge of closure today. Not only this, even thousands of youth have lost their jobs due to the aforesaid closure.

He suggested people to ask BJP

about the reason of closure of multiple industrial units in Jammu region due to which the graph of unemployment growing day by day.

The NC Provincial President also came down heavily on Administration for mismanagement of Public Sector in Jammu and Kashmir that led to the closure of profit making service sector establishments like the JK Cement Ltd, SICOP, Joynery Mill, etc rendering thousands of workers jobless and not even discharging the liability of their pending dues.

He advised people of Jammu region to must raise a question before the BJP leadership that why the recruitment agencies are playing with future of J&K youth. Why there isn't a transparent mechanism adopted while conducting exams and what about the scams taking place under the very nose of LG Administration, he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta also raised the issues regarding commitment made to border youth about their recruitment in Border Battalions and the daily wagers compelled to come on roads demanding their regularization after having served the government departments during the prime of their life.

He advised people to ask BJP why the daily wagers are on roads why not the J&K BJP leadership have address the issue of these daily wagers in the last nine years of BJP Governance at the Centre.

The Provincial President said that the failure on issues enumerated above constitutes only a tip of the iceberg and reveals that celebrating nine years of governance under 'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' is only a mockery of the BJP and its Government at the Centre.

Apni Party holds meet to further accelerate public outreach programme

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 2: Apni Party today organized a meeting to further accelerate the growth of the party and public outreach programme.

The meeting was chaired by State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya and Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh.

The meeting was held in the Apni Party office at Gandhi Nagar where the party leaders discussed ways and means to further accelerate the growth of AP and to identify the burning public issues which need to be highlighted. The party leaders held threaded discussion regarding party activities, and suggestions were



put forth to further the developmental agenda, social security scheme, and public outreach programme to strengthen the party roots across Jammu as well as in the region.

S. Manjit Singh denounces demolition of commercial building in Kathua

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, JUN 2: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today has condemned the action of municipal authorities in Kathua in which they have demolished a three floor commercial building for its alleged illegal construction.

In a statement to the press, the former minister said that the way civil administration and municipality has

acted and punished the building owner and showroom owner was unprecedented and against the constitutional rights of the people.

"The incident has shocked all of us to the core as the people were left helpless with cries of liability on them and the complete destruction of the commercial structure which could have generated employment for local youth," he said. He appealed to the LG Manoj Singh for his intervention so that the Govt officials responsible

for acting senselessly and causing huge damage to the private property in the name of illegal construction (without permission) should be punished. He said that the administration and municipality could have imposed a penalty or seal on the building till the owners clear their issues with the authorities and get the permission. However, the decision to demolish has further widened the gap between the LG administration and the people.

This AIIMS is not just a concrete structure but a big project built for catering to the needs of lakhs of people, Manoyal said.

Surjit Singh Salathia and Chander Parkash Ganga also highlighted the significance of AIIMS and expressed hope that as on its completion it will prove to be helpful for ailing persons.

"The Modi government is committed to provide world class health facilities to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir as the AIIMS starts functioning in the Union Territory," said Ravinder Raina.

Today's visit was part of the party's nationwide programme of "Vikas Tirath" under 'Maha Jana Samparak Abhiyan' being undertaken in the month of June.

Similarly, In Reasi the programme was held at Railway Bridge Kouri and attended by BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal

Walkathon organises at GDCW Kathua

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KATHUA, JUN 2: Walkathon was organized by NSS, RRC, NCC units and Sports Department of Govt. Degree College for women, Kathua on 02-06-2023 to celebrate World Bicycle Day under the G20 Presidency of India. The entire Programme was organized under the patronage of Dr Savi Behl worthy Principal of the college. The Walkathon was flagged off by Dr Savi Behl, esteemed Principal of the college, on this occasion, she appreciated the effort of Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme officer, Dr Vaishno Devi ANO, NCC, Mr Roshan Lal Sharma PFI for organizing such a wonderful Programme in which all the NSS, RRC Volunteers, NCC Cadets and sports students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. She encouraged, supported all



the participants by saying that walk is very beneficial for their health and it would definitely reduce the tension, stress and work pressure and uplift their physical standard as well.

She also added that such practices shall develop positive atmosphere among the masses which will also pave the way of society for improving of health standard and make them disease free. She said that by using bicycle we can protect our environment and make society pollution free.

Dr Arun Dev Singh also spoke and motivated the Volunteers, NCC cadets and sports students to carry out the message among the people of use maximum bicycle and walk daily, using of bicycle we can reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. He said that they must spread awareness among the people and can guide the children and masses to use cycle for their better health and added that by using cycle we can minimize our mental, physical

and emotional stress and also suggested the volunteers that it would be helpful for them and they may have healthy, congenial and disease free life style, he motivated the volunteers and NCC cadets and inspired them that they may also play a vital role in the society to inculcate the spirit of fitness, prosperity and happiness.

Dr Vaishno Devi also spoke on the occasion and guided the NSS Volunteers, NCC Cadets and sports students.

Rahul Gandhi insulted India from foreign soil, must apologize: Ritika Trehan

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JAMMU, JUN 2: Congress leaders have a habit of maligning the country and putting the blame on others. Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K Ritika Trehan said on Friday. Rahul Gandhi has maligned India from foreign soil, has spread lies and insulted countrymen. He should apologize. Ritika recalled that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had called Planning Commission members a "bunch of jokers", while Rahul Gandhi had torn a government ordinance and dubbed it as "non-sense".

"The Congress places 'one family' above everyone else, Ritika said and added that "earlier also they used to say 'India is India and India is India'". Ritika said a gentleman tried to school Rahul Gandhi that even India Gandhi had refrained from commenting on Indian politics on for-

in India, Rahul Gandhi is creating "havoc" in foreign countries. At a time when G20 meetings are taking place in the country, foreign ministers of different countries have come here, Rahul Gandhi is making this kind of statements," Ritika said.

Ritika further said that "Rahul Gandhi himself hoisted the tricolour in Kashmir recently during his so called Bharat Jodo Yatra. But he didn't even once criticised the terror activities in Kashmir. She said that hundreds of people walked with him in Kashmir.

But he is forgetting that this was possible only after Article 370 was abrogated by the BJP. We strongly condemn his ridiculous statements and believe that the Indians living abroad will never believe this. India is becoming an economic power under the leadership of PM Modi and the world is praising India's G20 leadership," she said.

Calling the remarks of Rahul Gandhi "condemnable", Ritika said it has become Rahul Gandhi's habit to go to foreign countries and insult Indian people and institutions, and hurt the confidence of the country. She said that after "falling miserably"



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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Bringing consistency across all school boards

In an important and significant move, the Union Ministry of Education has begun the exercise to establish a common assessment framework for all state board examinations by November. It has been necessitated by the wide disparity in the exam results declared by various school boards; major deviations have also been witnessed in the performance of students of schools affiliated to different boards even within the same state or the Union Territory. It has also led to unhealthy competition among the students. Resultantly, students are facing problems not only when they switch over from one board to another but also when they take national-level tests such as the JEE, NEET and CUET. It is placed to mention here that the importance of having standardised syllabi and exam format for consistency across various boards cannot be emphasised enough. The National Education Policy (NEP-2020) envisages the setting up of a National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development), under the aegis of the ministry. PARAKH's main functions are to encourage and assist school boards to shift their assessment patterns towards meeting contemporarily relevant skill requirements. The obsessive focus on producing exceptional results, with an astonishingly high proportion of students getting more than 90 per cent marks in exams conducted by the CBSE as well as state boards, has called into question the credibility of the existing evaluation systems. In a state like Jammu and Kashmir, it becomes very difficult for students from remote and far-off places to compete with their counterparts in other states. Over the years, doubts have also been raised about the quality of education imparted and whether all the top-performing students are future-ready. It will undoubtedly be a challenging task for the Central assessment body to bring various state boards on the same page, especially in states where Opposition parties are in power. It is high time that the Centre and the states and UTs should rise above political considerations and it is expected that they would work in close coordination for the success of this key reform in school education. The skewed science-arts ratio for students' preferences in Class XI-XII is another issue that requires urgent attention. What is important is the successful roll out of the scheme which will be only possible if the states and UTs extend a cooperation to the Centre for a better future of the students.

Gender-based violence stems from systemic malaise

FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WRONGFUL BEHAVIOUR IS NOT ONLY INSULTING BUT CAN ALSO ESCALATE RE-VICTIMISATION.

UPNEET LALLI

FRAMING laws is only a limited solution for gender-based violence. A decade ago, the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 2013 was passed against the backdrop of outrage over the Nirbhaya gangrape. By way of this amendment, the definition of rape in Section 375 of the IPC was broadened and several new offences were recognised and incorporated into the IPC, e.g. voyeurism, stalking and sexual harassment (Section 354A). The Act also amended certain existing sections, making them more stringent.

A decade later, crimes against women have not reduced. There were nearly 3 lakh cases of crimes against women in 2013; in 2021, the number increased to 4.28 lakh (Crime in India, 2021). Women continue to be unsafe both in private and public domains.

The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by India in 1993. It recognises that "violence and harassment in the world of work can constitute a human rights violation or abuse". Prior to the Vishakha judgment of 1997, there were no specific guidelines to deal with cases of sexual harassment at the workplace. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, was enacted to provide a safe workplace for women. The Act was widely welcomed and expected to meet the needs of women's safety. However, the Supreme Court recently flagged serious lapses in the implementation of this legislation. The conundrum lies in the application of the Act, marked by a gap between its broad, well-meaning provisions and their reluctant, if not shoddy, implementation.

The unhindered ability to file a complaint is the first step towards securing justice. Unfortunately, multiple factors and barriers may prevent women from disclosing incidents of violence and harassment at work. Some of these include power dynamics and fear of professional repercussions, lack of faith in the internal committee, and fear of reprisals, as well as concern for their reputation. Some individuals may opt to confront their harassers directly, others may engage in



strategies to avoid or deflect harassment, and still others seek out alternative employment.

The culture of silence is being challenged today in the country. Women wrestlers have spoken up about the alleged sexual misconduct and blatant misuse of power by Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and a BJP MP.

"The purpose of law is to protect the strong (from) always having their way," said Roman poet Ovid. Bhanwari Devi, Rupan Deol Bajid, Ruchika Girhotra and the women wrestlers have all had their own struggles while seeking justice.

Globally, the sports environment is recognised as a breeding ground of sexual harassment and assault due to the power dynamics and the idolisation of masculinity. The Larry Nassar scandal in the US had shed light on the painful reality of abuse of adolescent athletes. In a highly aspirational environment, abuse and harassment by figures in a relationship of trust need to be severely dealt with. Misogyny and devaluation of women should be replaced by dignity, respect and honour, not only when female sports stars win medals but also in daily interaction.

Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs), which are mandatory under Section 4 of this Act. Many of those established do not have an external member.

The sad reality is that invariably, these ICCs are hurriedly constituted on an ex-post facto basis, after a complaint is raised. Having an independent and expert external member is important for an unbiased inquiry. After all, internal members are part of the power structure and the lack of independence can make the protective edifice envisioned by the Act crumble. The inquiry through an ICC has to be completed within three months of the receipt of the complaint. Timelines for the employer to act on the recommendations are specified. These provisions seem to have been totally ignored while dealing with the complaints of women wrestlers.

The pervasive pattern of gender violence shows that it is not an individual anomaly, but is the result of systemic and societal conditions that perpetuate violence against women. For most women, given the endemic nature of the abuse and the lack of punitive action, it is 'normal' to shrug away catcalling or inappropriate jokes even though these make them feel very uncomfortable.

This normative behaviour is an example of the diverse mobilisation strategies adopted by women in response to sexual harassment — the choices are framed as per personal and social contexts. As a community we cannot leave it to the aggrieved to respond and we should be cognisant of the social pressures on victims.

From my experience as an external member on some ICCs, it is clear that while following the principles of natural justice is essential, it's also important to create a conducive environment without gender stereotypes. Training sessions on the theme can dispel gender-based assumptions and change deep-rooted mindsets. Men resist the implementation of the law for the threat it poses to their own status privileges, while women ignore the protection of the law, fearing further loss in their position.

The first step to change social norms is to speak up. More broadly, society needs to collectively dismantle the systems that uphold a toxic work environment, idolise masculinity and condone sexual violence. Specific focus on changing the culture should be a priority; this should start in every home.

Advertisement We also need to be fair. The nature of the offence, its severity, intentionality and pervasiveness need to be considered to deliver justice to the victims.

Why not integrate restorative approaches into the options available for dealing with sexual harassment complaints? The survivors in many cases may not want a punitive approach but an acknowledgment of the harm. Failure to acknowledge wrongful behaviour is not only insulting but can also escalate re-victimisation. Sexual harassment has debilitating consequences for both the victims and society as a whole. We need to adopt approaches that promote reflection rather than denial.

Strong steps needed to tame zooming retail profits from farm produce

DEVINDER SHARMA

Last week, travelling in Himachal Pradesh, I stopped at a fruit and vegetable seller's makeshift shop by the roadside. After making purchases, I casually asked him the price of capsicum. "Rs 40 per kg," came the prompt reply. The same week, news reports had stated that with Punjab's farmers unable to get a reasonable price in the markets, many of them were re-ploughing their fields. Earlier, reports had said that irate farmers were dumping capsicum on the roads. They were not getting even Re 1 per kg in the market.

A quick, back-of-the-envelope calculation revealed that the retail trader made a killing with a commission/profit of 3,900 per cent. It only shows that while the consumer has got used to price gouging — a phenomenon that attributes astronomically inflated prices to a sudden surge in demand — they remain oblivious to price extortion at a time when there is no shortage in supply and neither is there a heightened demand for the vegetable.

This is happening at a time when, according to a recent news report, farm labourers in Asia's largest wholesale fruit and vegetable market — Azadpur mandi, New Delhi — are unable to buy vegetables themselves from the wags they get. For over 40 years, their wages have remained virtually static.



Politics aside, Rahul Gandhi's conversation with truck drivers clearly brought out the distress wages that truck drivers have to live with. In other words, underpaid farmers, workers and transporters actually form the agricultural supply chain.

As food inflation soars, retail profit margins continue to climb. It, therefore, is quite clear that the spiralling food inflation is the result of greed rather than any supply-demand mismatch. This new phenomenon of price

extortion has predominantly taken over the global markets, since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

The supply-demand constraints during lockdowns have been very cleverly used by the industry to indulge in profiteering and pass on the burden to consumers, citing inflation as the reason. Not only with vegetables and food products, a report in the New York Times (May 20, 2023) shows how even car manufacturers have formed a cartel and raised prices. A study shows deal-

ers hike in car prices 35 to 62 per cent of the hike in car prices between 2019 and 2022.

Another study by international charities GRAIN and IATP have shown that fertiliser companies, too, have extracted their pound of flesh. Profits of nine top fertiliser manufacturers have increased from \$14 billion pre-pandemic in 2019 to \$28 billion in 2021 and finally to \$49 billion in 2022, tripling their profits in three years. Returning to food products, a study

in Britain had earlier shown that farmers get less than 1 per cent of the profits earned by agribusiness companies on five everyday essentials — apples, cheese, beef-burgers, carrots and bread. Such high profits are being extracted in a country where free markets operate and where there is no APMC mandi that we can shift the blame to. That is why after a lot of public pressure, the British government is reportedly working on a plan to cap the retail prices of some of the daily necessities so as to regulate the zooming retail profits.

Those who blame farmers for opposing the contentious farm laws — that they believe would have pulled out farmers from the clutches of ahtiyas and paid them reasonably high prices — must know that even in the US, where corporate agriculture dominates, farm distress has been steadily worsening. With laws being introduced to take care of farm distress in the US, the increasing farmer suicide rate shows how inconveniently farmers are placed in the food supply chain. With corporates having failed to provide an assured price, the rate of farmer suicides exceeds 3.5 times the national average.

Further, to ensure that farmers earn a decent livelihood, the US provides massive subsidy support to its dwindling number of family farms. As per the New Delhi-based Centre for WTO Studies, the annual US domestic sup-

port per farmer stood at a whopping Rs 79 lakh in 2020. This is 232 times what an Indian farmer receives as subsidy support (including fertiliser, seed, water, electricity and crop insurance) — not exceeding Rs 35,000 a year.

Isn't it, therefore, surprising that a country that preaches free markets as the global mantra for agriculture provides huge domestic support to keep its beleaguered farmers on land? Farming engages just 1.5 per cent of the US population. In India, as per the 2019 Situational Assessment Survey for Agricultural Households, the monthly farm income (including from non-farm activities) is hardly Rs 10,218 per family, which means a lowly Rs 1,72 lakh per year. Even if you add the subsidy component, the total income is a meagre amount.

Besides the half-hearted approach to introducing schemes that provide for deficiency payments, there has been no serious attempt to reform the retail trade. Farm gate prices have routinely crashed for vegetable crops such as onion, turmeric, potato, brinjal and tomato, to name a few; a quick analysis shows that if farmers are selling onions or tomatoes at an average price of Rs 2 per kg and the consumers are being made to shell out upwards of Rs 20 per kg, the trader has quietly made an extortionate commission of 900 per cent. Such rapacious margins are being routinely extracted, and the middle class hasn't even reacted.

Netflix sets 'Tudum' for June 17 Alia Bhatt 'The Archies' cast to attend global fan event

Streaming platform Netflix on Thursday announced it will treat fans with exclusive first looks from returning and upcoming titles through global event 'Tudum', which will be attended by Indian star Alia Bhatt and the cast of 'The Archies', directed by Zoya Akhtar. After two years as a virtual event, the 2023 'Tudum' livestream will be broadcast live around the world on June 17. The three-day convention event will be held from June 16 to 18 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Bhatt will participate as one of the cast members of the Netflix film 'Heart of Stone', which marks her Hollywood debut. Her co-stars Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan are also part of the talent line-up. The cast of 'The Archies' - Khushi Kapoor, Suhana Khan, Yuvraj Mandia, Agastya Nanda and Vedang Raina - will also attend the showcase. 'Tudum', a two-hour event, will feature Netflix

stars and creators from across the globe and present feature never-before-seen footage, trailers, and first looks of the upcoming series, films and games, a press release issued by the streamer read. Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth and director Sam Hargrave will talk about their movie 'Extraction 2' at the extravaganza, which will also see stars of 'The Witcher' season three Henry Cavill, Anya Chalotra, Freya Allan, and Joey Batey, as well as Zack Snyder, Deborah Snyder, and Sofia Boutella for 'Rebel Moon', and 'Avatar: The Last Airbender' cast in attendance. There will be special appearances by the 'Stranger Things' team, Jenna Ortega, Hunter Doohan, Emma Myers and Joy Sunday for the series 'Wednesday', Ralph Macchio and William Zabka for 'Cobra Kai', and John Boyega and Teyonah Parris for 'They Cloned Tyrone'.



Sana Amin Sheikh Shares Details On Her 'Tum Bin Jaun Kahan' Character



Actress Sana Amin Sheikh, who has been roped in for the upcoming romantic drama titled 'Tum Bin Jaun Kahan', has shared the details of her role.

In the show, Sana plays the lead character of Zaara who is a female servant.

The show follows the story of a family of Kaneez (female servants) based in Lucknow and takes a dramatic turn when one of the Kaneez falls in love with a guy from upper caste who is engaged to her best friend.

Talking about her role, Sana shared: "I am thrilled to be playing Zaara. As I am a Muslim, I have always wanted to play a Muslim character on screen and this will be my very first time. The highlight of the series is that it's structured and well written script. Zaara is a Kaneez, who falls in love with a guy from the upper caste creating quite a stir and havoc."

"We have started shooting and I am thoroughly enjoying it, while I am giving 100 per cent to my character Zaara. I am really excited for the audiences to witness it," she added.

The show has gone on floors and will be out on Atrangi TV and OTT this year.

Want to raise the bar without being delusional about it Anil Kapoor on acting

Hollywood star Anil Kapoor says he will never have a 'I have done enough' moment in his acting career as he knows how to keep the momentum high without compromising on life's other aspects.

The actor whose filmography of four decades boasts of successful entertainers like 'Mr India', 'Ram Lakhan', 'Nayak', 'Welcome' and critically acclaimed movies such as 'Parinda', 'Lamhe', and 'Pukar' among, said he enjoys every bit about acting.

"I don't think there ever will be a time when I would say, 'I have done enough, I am fed up'. I don't think so. I enjoy my work. I love it," Kapoor told PTI in an interview.



"Whatever you are capable of, you have to just raise the bar and do your best and not be delusional about it. Do not overstretch yourself," he said, adding that he avoids doing anything that will affect his family life or health.

"So, I will sacrifice some films which I cannot do," he said.

Kapoor, who has no formal training in acting, credited watching films, movie sets, and paying attention to how his co-actors perform a scene, for helping him evolve as an actor.

The 66-year-old actor said he has learnt a lot about acting by observing stalwarts like Al Pacino, Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Dev Anand, Raj Kapoor, Kamal Haasan, Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, and Rajnikanth, among others.

"We all have learnt something from them. Each of their films, you see you get entertained and you learn from them," Kapoor said, adding, "I have worked with all kinds of actors like Paresh Rawal, Pankaj Kapur, Manoj Bajpayee, Nawazuddin

Siddiqui, Irrfan Khan sahab, who I miss so much. I keep on watching his work. There is a pool of talent which is so phenomenal, world-class."

He is equally enamored by the dedication and commitment shown by some of the actors younger than him be it Hrithik Roshan, his co-star from 'Fighter', Ranbir Kapoor, Varun Dhawan or his son Harshvardhan.

"They all come with different mindsets," Kapoor added.

Actors of all ages and kinds like Hollywood star Christian Bale and Ranbir Kapoor, with whom he will be seen next in 'Animal', drive him to push himself physically and mentally for a role, he said.

'S'ir Ek Banda Kaafi Hai' Migrates From OTT To Theatres; To Also Release In Tamil, Telugu



The streaming courtroom drama film 'S'ir Ek Banda Kaafi Hai', which stars National Award winning actor Manoj Bajpayee as a lawyer, is set to be released in two additional languages of Tamil and Telugu. The film has also been released in theatres making it the first Hindi film to migrate from OTT to theatres. The Telugu and Tamil versions of the film will drop on OTT on June 7. The film, directed by Apoorv Singh Karkki, has Manoj's character P.C. Solanki fighting the biggest case of his life against a powerful self-styled godman in a minor girl's rape case.

Despite death threats against him, his family and the key witnesses, P.C. Solanki is persistent in his fight for truth.

Manoj Bajpayee said: "I am overwhelmed by all the warmth, love, support and affection the film has received from fans, critics and my friends in the industry. It is a matter of pride to be recognised for a film which tackles such an important subject."

A source of great eternal pride Ayan Mukerji as 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani' completes 10 years

Filmmaker Ayan Mukerji says the Ranbir Kapoor-Deepika Padukone starrer 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani', which completed 10 years on Wednesday, represents a piece of his "heart and soul".

Released on May 31, 2013, 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani' was Mukerji's second feature after he made his directorial debut with 2009's 'Wake Up Sid', also starring Kapoor.

"YJHD - My second child, a piece of my heart and soul - 10 years old today! I think after all these years, I can confidently say that... Making this movie was one of the greatest joys of my life! And what we achieved with it - with all its imperfections and imperfections - is a source of great eternal pride for me," the filmmaker wrote in a post on Instagram.

Also starring Kalki Kocchlin and Aditya Roy Kapur, the romantic comedy followed the stories of four friends - Bunny (Kapoor), Naina (Padukone), Avi (Kapur) and Aditi (Kocchlin) as they go through the various adventures life has in store for them.

Mukerji, 39, revealed that he has



never seen "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani" from "beginning to end, since the day it released."

"But when I'm older and wiser - I think I will watch the movie at least once a year - because a big part of who I was and how I looked at life - is forever captured in this movie!" he added.

The filmmaker said even today, people recognise him more for "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani" than "Wake Up Sid" and his most recent directorial "Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva". "So, putting out a whole lot of gratitude for 'Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani'... and all the many people who connected deeply with the

movie over the years!" he added.

Later in the day, Padukone shared some snippets from the film on her Instagram Stories and called it "a piece of my heart and soul". Karan Johar, who backed the film under his banner Dharma Productions, described "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani" as "a special story". "Time flies... especially when you are in a film like #YehJawaaniHaiDeewani never gets old. This was a special story which really got the heart and pulse of the generation and many more to come... And what a dream team that told this story of dreams so beautifully!!!"



Who is Jig- a Vora, jour- alist whose arrest a- d acquittal i- spired Netflix's 'Scoop'

One of the eagerly-awaited Netflix releases this Friday is Scoop, directed by filmmaker Hansal Mehta. The series is based on the real life story of Mumbai-based journalist Jigna Vora, who was arrested for allegedly conspiring with gangster Chhota Rajan in the killing of veteran crime reporter Jey in 2011. While Rajan was sentenced to life imprisonment, Vora was acquitted seven years after the killing. Scoop, based on Vora's memoir Behind Bars in Byculla: My Days in Prison, stars Karishma Tanna in the lead

role and features Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Harman Baweja, and Prosenjit Chatterjee in supporting roles. In the trailer, Tanna says: "Problem yeh hai ki either you break a story or the story breaks you." This best describes Vora's journey. Who is Jigna Vora? Vora was a journalist who worked as a crime reporter for Asian Age newspaper in Mumbai. She did her law degree from Ruparel College in Mumbai and later did a diploma course at Somaiya College where Velly Thevar, her faculty and well-

known crime reporter working for the Times of India influenced her to take up crime reporting. Upon her parents' compulsion, Vora was forced to give up her internship with a reputed law firm to agree to a marriage to a man who was supposedly an engineer and ran a printing press in Baruch, Gujarat. She later discovered that these claims were not true; the marriage ended on a bitter note. In May 2004 Vora moved back to her maternal home in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, where she decided to pursue her career in media alongside

being a mother to her four-year-old son.

Vora joined the Free Press Journal (FPJ) in November 2005 as a court reporter where her

first task was to cover gangster Abu Salem's case at the TADA court situated inside Arthur Road Jail. After three years in the FPJ.

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Mental health: it's not always good to talk

Few of us would question the need to break the silence around mental illness. Countless campaigns have drilled into us that such silence is harmful and that we should try to break it wherever we find it.

Britain Get Talking is one such campaign. It launched with a splash on Britain's Got Talent a few years ago when hosts Ant and Dec paused the show for a minute to allow viewers to talk to each other about their mental health. When the minute ended, Ant declared: "See, wasn't that, was it?"

Doubtlessly, campaigns like this have helped many people open up about their mental health problems, particularly those who have stayed silent because of prejudice and stigma.

However, they can also feed misconceptions about silence in mental illness. They imply that silence in and around mental illness is always bad, rooted in fear and stigma, and any effort to break it is good.

In fact, silence in mental illness comes in many forms. Some kinds of silence form part of mood disorders like depression. People who have written about their experiences of depression often describe losing their ability to form thoughts and feeling unable to speak.

For example, the author Andrew Solomon recalls that he "could not manage to say



much". Elaborating, he writes, "Words, with which I have always been intimate, seemed suddenly very elaborate, difficult metaphors the use of which entailed much more energy than I could possibly muster."

This aspect of depression is well-known in mental healthcare. Thinking and speaking less are actually considered two different symptoms of depression. Some research even suggests silence is such a reliable symptom that it might be possible to develop automated tools that diagnose depression based on a person's patterns of speech.

The launch of Britain Get Talking. If you're experiencing

this sort of "depressed silence", being confronted with campaigns and people urging you to speak might not help, regardless of their good intentions. After all, the problem isn't that others aren't open to what you have to say or that they might react poorly to it. It is that you have nothing to say.

Other kinds of silence might be empowering. Some with mental illness are defiantly silent because the people around them ask unwelcome questions or give them unhelpful input. They might wisely choose to save difficult conversations for their therapist.

Such a choice isn't necessarily

rooted in stigma. That someone is well-meaning and knows some facts about mental health doesn't mean they are the right person to talk to about mental

The silences I have described should perhaps be broken under the right circumstances. Since depressed silence seems to form part of the depressive illness, it

SILENCE IN AND AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS IS NOT ALWAYS BAD; DEPRESSED SILENCE CAN NEED HELP FROM MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AS PART OF RECOVERY

illness.

Silence in mental illness can also feel good. While some people struggle to think and speak, others struggle with thinking and speaking too much.

That might, for example, be the case for someone with bipolar disorder, who experiences episodes of depression as well as mania, which often involves racing thoughts and a compulsion to speak. For such people, moments of peaceful silence can be a hard-won achievement, and sometimes they pay a tragically high price for it.

We rarely hear about these other sides of silence in mental illness. But therapists have recognised the role of silence in supporting mental health, at least since Donald Winnicott published his seminal paper *The Capacity to be Alone*. And silence in some form is a key element in meditation, which studies have shown can prevent the recurrence of depression.

The right circumstances

may be something the patient has to break with the help of a mental healthcare professional as part of their recovery. Along similar lines, someone might benefit from breaking their peaceful silence in therapy, even if the silence feels good.

For whatever reason, many people won't find those circumstances with their family, friends, or colleagues, despite the encouragement of a celebrity on TV.

The fact is that it is very hard to talk about mental health problems, even with people who love and support us. Sometimes that is because of stigma, but sometimes it isn't.

We should, of course, continue to strive to make it easier for people to open up about their mental health problems in the right setting. But we have to get rid of the rhetoric that pressures people to break the silence without regard for why they are silent or if speaking would benefit them.

Does exercise cause you heartburn or acidity? Try this out to avoid it!



Exercise is good for overall health, losing weight, and feeling energetic all through the day. However, what if you get acidity or heartburn post-workout? When you exercise intensively, the acid is pushed towards the esophagus during the movements and leads to irritation or burning.

It is quite common to feel heartburn after a vigorous workout session. It is more common in people who do a lot of bending and twisting exercises or who had a very heavy meal a couple of hours before exercising.

Avoid foods that cause acidity. Even though intense movements do push the acid from the stomach into the esophagus, the formation of acid is triggered only when you eat oily and spicy foods. So you must avoid eating such foods or limit your portion. Drinks such as coffee, carbonated beverages, and alcohol also cause heartburn and should be avoided.

Do not lie down immediately after exercise. It is natural to feel exhausted after a heavy workout routine. However, even then you must not lie down immediately after the exercise. Let the body's blood circulation and overall functioning settle or it may cause heartburn. You should wait for at least half an hour before lying down after the exercise.

Stay away from certain exercises. At times certain exercises can cause heartburn and acidity. For that, you need to watch which exercises trigger acid reflux. More often downward dog pose or performing inversions can cause acidity as these are the exercises against the natural gravity of the digestion. If intensive workouts or core exercises cause acidity then you should shift to normal exercises like cycling and swimming.

Add the health benefits of raw mangoes to your summer diet with these recipes

Raw mango is one of the summer fruits that brings along a lot of sweet childhood memories. Many of us must have grown up waiting for the raw mangoes to drop from the tree. Eating it with red chilli powder and salt or using it to make aam panna, raw mango is versatile that way. Its tangy flavour is one of the reasons why it's the star of many dishes. It is also packed with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that help our body to stay healthy. Let's find out the health benefits of raw mangoes and some delicious raw mango recipes you can use this summer.

Health Shots connected with Hariprya, N, executive nutritionist, Clouline Group of Hospitals, Chennai, to know all about this favourite summer fruit.

Health benefits of raw mango
It is a great source of Vitamins A, B6, C and K, and is also full of minerals such as potassium. Thanks to these, raw mangoes offer many health benefits!

Here are some products that you can try:
Have raw mango this summer for better health. Image courtesy: Adobe Stock

1. Raw mango hydrates the body
Raw mango is rich in sodium chloride, potassium, magnesium, phosphorus, vitamin C, calcium and iron which help to replenish the electrolytes that get lost due to excessive sweating in summer. It also gives instant energy prevents fatigue and tiredness, says Hariprya.
2. Raw mango boosts immune system
Consuming raw mangoes will help to meet up the daily dose of vitamins A and C.

COVID INFECTION RISING IN KIDS, DOCTORS REPORT HIGH FEVER, ITCHY EYES

WHILE THE INFECTION IS RISING, THE DOCTORS SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CASE OF HOSPITALISATION AND THAT THE CHILDREN ARE RESPONDING TO TREATMENT

The surging cases of Covid-19 infection have also started affecting infants and children, with many of them reporting high fever, cough, and even itchy eyes and conjunctivitis, said doctors here on Monday. From the beginning, Covid was rare and mild in children. But some of those infected faced severe multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) – a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.

However, this time, it is showing newer symptoms like itchy eyes that were not seen during previous Covid waves.

"There has been a sudden onset of acute febrile illness with positive RT-PCR for SARS-CoV2 among infants, aged 6-11 months," Dr. Vipin M. Vashishtha, member of WHO's Vaccine Safety Net, told.

"Most children presented with moderate fever, cold and mild cough with features of bronchitis. The one differentiating feature is conjunctivitis, not seen in previous waves, especially here," he added. Vashishtha, who is also a consultant paediatrician at the Mangla Hospital and Research Centre in Bijoor, UP, said that the Covid infection in children, which has sur-



facted once again after a gap of six months, is not "MIS-C, which has rash and other features". "The incidence of Covid among children is rising. They are being brought with simple respiratory infections and then testing positive for Covid," Dr. Krishan Chugh, Director and head of the department of paediatrics, at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram, told. Chugh added that children, mainly of "school going age, are increasingly being affected with fever and throat pain since the last two weeks". He said that in most

cases they are acquiring the infection from infected family members.

While the infection is rising, the doctors said that there has been no case of hospitalisation and that the children are responding to treatment. They suggested using masks, maintaining social distance, and washing hands regularly. India on Monday logged 5,880 coronavirus cases, according to data released by the Union Health Ministry on Monday. The country also saw 14 deaths due to the virus. Besides, Covid, doctors report that

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is also rising among kids. RSV is a highly contagious virus that causes respiratory infections, especially in young children.

"In changing weather, along with Covid-19 and the flu, we are witnessing a spike in cases of RSV, and not only young children but even infants are getting affected by it," Dr. R. D. Srivastava, HoD and Senior Consultant in Pediatric Medicine and Neonatology at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, Paschim Vihar, told. RSV is highly contagious and spreads through contact with droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, or by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, running or stuffy nose, breathing problems, sore throat, earache, and headache. "Prevention is the key to dealing with this. Prevention includes frequent hand washing, avoiding contact with people who have respiratory infections, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, keeping infants and young children away from crowds and people with respiratory infections, and vaccination for those at high risk," Dr. Roli Munshi, Consultant - Paediatrics at Dharamshila Narayana Superspecialty Hospital Delhi, told.

Fitness watch: The many benefits of a cold shower

Aside from the physical benefits, cold showers could have mental health benefits too.

A cold shower in the morning is a pretty unpleasant way to start the day. Yet many have been tempted to take up the habit because being immersed in cold water has many purported health benefits, both physical and mental.

Cold showers were first administered for health reasons in the early 19th century when doctors designed them for use on asylum and prison inmates to "cool hot, inflamed brains, and to instil fear to tame impetuous will".

By the mid-19th century, the Victorians realised that the shower had other uses, namely washing people – and it would be better if the water was warm. So the shower went from being a device used to inflict unpleasantness for an hour and a half to one that was very pleasant and lasted about five minutes.

And yet the practice of taking a cold shower for health benefits never truly went away, and, indeed, seems to be enjoying a resurgence. Especially among Silicon Valley



types.
But what does the evidence show? A large study from the Netherlands found that people who took a cold shower were less likely than those who took a warm shower to take time off work due to sickness.

A group of over 3,000 people was split into four groups and asked to have a warm shower every day. But one group was asked to end it with 30 seconds of cold water, another

with 60 seconds of cold water, another with 90 seconds of cold water. The control group could merely enjoy a warm shower. The participants were asked to follow this protocol for a month. (Although, 64% continued with the cold-water regimen because they liked it so much.)

After a three-month follow-up period, they found that the groups that had cold water had a 29% reduction of self-reported sick leave

from work. Interestingly, the duration of the cold water did not affect the sickness absence.

The reason a blast of cold water might stop people from getting ill is not clear, but some research suggests it may have something to do with boosting the immune system. A study from the Czech Republic showed that when "athletic young men" were immersed in cold water three times a week for six weeks, it gave a slight boost to their immune system. However, more and larger studies are needed to confirm these findings.

Cold water also appears to activate the sympathetic nervous system, the part of the nervous system that governs the fight-or-flight response (an automatic physiological reaction to an event that is perceived as dangerous, stressful or frightening). When this is activated, such as during a cold shower, you get an increase in the hormone noradrenaline. This is what most likely causes the increase in heart rate and blood pressure observed when people are immersed in cold

water. Interestingly, the duration of the cold water did not affect the sickness absence.

linked to the suggested health improvements. Cold water immersion has also been shown to improve circulation. When exposed to cold water, there is decreased blood flow to the skin. When the cold water stops, the body has to warm itself up, so there is an increase in blood flow to the surface of the skin. Some scientists think that this could improve circulation. A study that looked at cold-water immersion after exercise found that, after four weeks, blood flow to and from muscles had improved.

There is also some evidence that a cold shower can help you lose weight. A study found that cold-water immersion at 14°C increased metabolism by 350%. Metabolism is the process by which your body converts what you eat and drink into energy, so a higher metabolism roughly equals more energy burned.

Aside from the physical benefits, cold showers could have mental health benefits too. There is a school of thought that cold water immersion causes increased mental alertness due to the stimulation of the

previously mentioned fight-or-flight response. In older adults, cold water applied to the face and neck has been shown to improve brain function.

A cold shower may also help relieve symptoms of depression. A proposed mechanism is that, due to the high density of cold receptors in the skin, a cold shower sends an overwhelming amount of electrical impulses from peripheral nerve endings to the brain, which may have an anti-depressive effect.

There is a fair amount of evidence that cold water immersion or having a cold shower is the reason for your health – even if the reasons why are still a little unclear. But before you start turning the cold tap on towards the end of your shower, you should know that there are some risks to a cold shower. Because a sudden rush of cold water shocks the body, it can be dangerous for people with heart disease and could precipitate a heart attack or heart-rhythm irregularities.

Lindsay Bottoms, Reader in Exercise and Health Physiology, University of Hertfordshire

Lt Governor releases Central University of Kashmir's Target 100 Days for launching of Academic and Reforms with Specific Focus on Infrastructure Development

JI NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, June 02: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha released the brochure of Central University of Kashmir - Target 100 Days for launching of Academic and Administrative Reforms with Specific Focus on Infrastructure Development, today.

The Central University of Kashmir will adopt best practices from other leading institutions in the world and country keeping in view the emerging trends and present needs, and launch innovative reforms within the framework as envisaged under National Education Policy-2020. The action plan to be prepared by various engagement groups



outlines the main goals for implementation of academic and administrative reforms for improving quality and excellence of higher education at the

University. Further, the primary emphasis will be on infrastructure creation through a well-designed master plan using green technologies with a provision for future expansion of academic and research activities. They also proposed three iconic buildings consisting of Skill Development Centre, Knowledge Resources Centre and Student Activities Centre and opening access to these facilities for students of other institutions, besides students of Central University of Kashmir. Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, senior officials and students were present.

DDC Vice-chairperson seeks quality, time bound completion of projects

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 02: Vice Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur, Juhli Manhas Pathania today called for time bound and qualitative completion of public projects. She was addressing largely attended Janta Darbars at Pathwar and Babey inaugurates Community hall at Babey Block Khood.

She also inaugurated two newly constructed Community Halls, one at Paroo(Pathwar) and other one at Babey. After the inauguration, the Vice Chairperson emphasized the importance of community spaces in promoting social cohesion and community development.

The Community Halls will be a valuable asset and residents of the area can organize social gatherings, festivals and meetings over there. She was optimistic that the Halls will be used for various activities that



will help to bring the community together and foster a sense of unity.

While addressing people at public darbars at Panchayats Babey and Pathwar, she had a detailed overview of public grievances of the people of the areas. The Darbars witnessed an overwhelming response wherein a large number of people apprised the Vice Chairperson with their grievances, demands and issues of public importance. Detailed discussions were held on various issues like, blacktopping and maintenance of roads, removal of encroachments, augmentation of Water Supply, tube well/ bore

well for irrigation facility, PM-KISAN instalments related problems faced by people, and other public importance issues were discussed in brief.

While interacting with the general public, the Vice Chairperson said that UT dispensation is over anxious regarding public outreach programmes. She added that the Sarkar is committed towards good governance and easy and ready access to public services. She underlined the role of Panches/ Sarpanches in ensuring a proactive and participative administration, sought their cooperation in dealing with vital issues of public importance.

She assured them all administrative support to ensure implementation of developmental projects in their respective wards besides all the development issues raised during the meeting would be addressed at the earliest. While addressing the meeting, she urged them to come up with suggestions to improve the development scenario in their respective wards to maintain a good rapport between the administration and the public and urged them to work with dedication to improve the living standards of the people living in rural areas.

Along with the officials of various departments, the Prominent amongst those who were present included, Mohan Lal Sharma, Sarpanch S.K.Bair, Manoj Verma, Sarpanch Bilaspur, Kamala Devi, Sarpanch Babey, Nimrata Bali, Naib Sarpanch Khoon, Tirth Ram, Naib Sarpanch Babey, Renu Sharma.

DDC Rajouri calls for timely achievement of PMAY-G, Awas Plus targets

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 02: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today reviewed the progress under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) and Awas Plus in the district here at a meeting of the functionaries of the Rural Development Department. The objective of the meeting was to expedite the implementation of the twin flagship housing schemes and ensure timely realization of the set targets.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar, informed that meeting that a significant progress has been made under the PMAY-G in the district with the completion of 24,287 houses against the target of 30,394 houses to be constructed in the district. "Under Awas Plus, 4,373 houses out of the 11,103 allotted houses have been completed," he added.

The DDC emphasized the need to further accelerate progress and achieve the set targets within the shortest possible time. He highlighted the importance of using quality construction materials to ensure durable and resilient houses for the beneficiaries. Additionally, the DDC directed the officers to prioritize timely payments to the beneficiaries to prevent any inconvenience.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; District Information Officer, Narinder Kumar, and Block Development Officers.

The District Development Commissioner expressed confidence in the dedication and commitment of the officers to achieve the goals of PMAY-G and Awas Plus.

DC Doda conducts surprise inspection of GHS Seri



JI NEWS SERVICE

BHADERWAH, JUNE 02 Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today conducted a surprise inspection of Government High School Seri and took appraisal of its working.

Accompanied by ACD, Phulail Singh and ACP, Ashfaq Khanji, the DC interacted with the staff and the students. He urged the school staff to maintain punctuality and work with dedication to educate the future generation to compete with the world.

He checked the classrooms and gave directions for immediate repair of the school building under SAMAGRA.

Checking the attendance, he stressed on the punctuality of both the teachers and the students to achieve the desired results. He informed the students about the mega event being organised at Jai Valley on International Yoga Day falling on 21st of June and urged them to participate in the event.

Doda; Jal Shakti Kendra shifted to DC office complex to ease public access

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 02: Jal Shakti Kendra (JSK) Doda under Jal Shakti Abhiyan has been shifted to the DC office complex here for the convenience of the general public.

Earlier, the Kendra was functioning at District Employment and Counselling Centre (DE&CC) building situated far away from the main town.

The shifting of the JSK was ordered by Deputy Commissioner as the people were facing hardships to avail the services due to long distance.

Pertinent to mention here that the main objectives of Jal Shakti Kendra is to serve public in getting information/ various services with regard to water connections, operates a public helpline number for people to clear their doubts on any water related issues, protect water resources, improve rainwater harvesting, Geotag water bodies and create awareness among people in the district on water conservation and rain water harvesting.

Sapphire Exploration team reaches Kishtwar

DISCUSSES ACTION PLAN WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 02: An expert team deployed for Sapphire Exploration in Paddar area of Kishtwar District today discussed the action plan with the district administration here at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav.

The meeting was attended by Director, Geology and Mining, JKPC, O P Bhagat; Joint Director, Geology and Mining, Jammu, Harbans Lal; District Mineral Officer, Dr Brijesh Manhas; Sub



Divisional Magistrate Paddar, Dr Rishi Kumar; Senior Geologist from the Geological Survey of India, Jammu, Neeraj Kumar, besides the MECL was represented by General Manager (Geology) P R Nair and Director Technical Pankaj Pandey.

The team informed the meeting about the action plan formulated for Sapphire investigation in the designated area.

The team shared insights regarding the duration of their stay, which is

expected to span 90 days, subject to weather conditions. In light of the requirements for successful exploration, the investigation team requested facilitation and support from the District Administration.

Acknowledging the importance of the exploration project, the Deputy Commissioner assured the team of all possible administrative support and issued necessary directives to the concerned departments.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to advancing the Sapphire exploration efforts in Kishtwar, with the aim of harnessing the region's potential and contributing to its economic growth.

ADDC Kishtwar chairs weekly meeting to review progress of Jal Jeevan Mission

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 02: Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal today convened the weekly meeting with officers/officials of Jal Shakti Department to review the implementation of different works taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission. He also reviewed the progress of ongoing works taken up to provide safe drinking water to all villages of district Kishtwar under Jal Jeevan Mission.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Sunil Kumar Sharma, IEC District Coordinator Riaz Ahmed Butt, all the Assistant Executive Engineers, representatives of DFO Marwah and Kishtwar, Team Leader GVT for ISA activities and the Junior Engineers of Jal Shakti department.

The ADDC directed the department to strengthen the groundwork for the start of the pending schemes, including seeking their forest clearance.

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti department Kishtwar Sunil Kumar Sharma apprised the meeting about the progress on ongoing works under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The ADDC directed to allot the tendered water supply schemes at an earliest and asked to fill the gap between allotted works and started works. The chair was further informed that of 129 tendered out schemes, 105 have been allotted and work has started on 63.

Srinagar Admin organises Awareness Programmes/ Rallies in various Schools under Nasha Mukht Bharat & Mission Life Activities

COMMITTED TO CREATE A DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT AND SAVE THE YOUNGER GENERATION FROM THE ILL EFFECTS OF THE DRUGS: DC SRINAGAR

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR JUNE 02: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, the District Administration, Srinagar in collaboration with the Chief Education Office Srinagar organized series of awareness programmes/rallies in various Educational Institutions of Srinagar District under Nasha Mukht Bharat in order to create awareness among people about the harmful effects of drug menace and its trafficking.

The participants through skits, nukkad natak and other cultural programmes to educate



the young generation about the harmful and deadly effects of the drugs. They also raised awareness about ill effects of tobacco products and mobilized public opinion to set up tobacco free zones at public places in

different parts of the Srinagar City.

Similarly, the students registered with ECO clubs in various schools of the District also generated awareness about Environmental protection and cleanliness under Mission Life initiative.

The Locals also appreciated the people-friendly initiatives and efforts of the District Administration Srinagar or raising awareness among Youth about the Drug Menace.

Speaking about the programme, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad said that the programmes were held with an aim to create a drug-

free environment in the District and save the younger generation from the ill effects of the drugs. He reiterated that the District Administration Srinagar is committed to create a drug-free environment in the District and will continue to take all necessary steps to achieve this goal.

Pertinent to mention that the District Administration, Srinagar in collaboration with the Chief Education Office Srinagar has formulated a weekly calendar during which awareness rallies will be conducted in as many as 106 Educational Institutions of Eight Education Zones across the District.

Shakti Nagar Goushalla gets Cattle Dung Log Making Machine

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, JUNE 02: Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee, Samba (South) has secured a Cattle Dung Log Making Machine for Goushalla at Shakti Nagar under Mission Life Campaign 23. M/s UPL LTD, Phase-I, JGC Samba has donated the Cattle Dung Log Making Machine to JKPC, Samba (South) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The Machine was handed over to Chander Mohan Gupta, Former Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, in presence of Deepak Abrol, Divisional Officer, JKPC, Samba (South).

J&K Raj Bhawan Celebrates Telangana Statehood Day

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan today celebrated Telangana Statehood Day. Students, eminent personalities originally from Telangana were special invitees to the cultural programme presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha.

The cultural programme comprising songs and dance of Telangana was presented by students of NIT Srinagar and artists from J&K Cultural Academy.

The Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to the people of Telangana on the Statehood



Day. "I pay my homage to the great revolutionaries, freedom

fighters, litterateurs and social reformers who continue to inspire our great nation," said the Lt Governor.

"I pay for good health and well-being of the people of this blessed land, which has a glorious tradition of rich culture, music, literature, handicraft and a progressive spirit.

Some of the inspiring chapters in India's freedom struggle were written in Telangana," the Lt Governor said.

Telangana's farmers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, poets, artists have made invaluable contribution in nation building.

From the literary creations of Malliya Rechana in the 11th century to the poetic imaginations

of Atraya, Gurajada Apparao and Dasaradhi Krishnamacharyulu in the modern era, the Indian literature has been greatly enriched by them. Today, I pay my tributes to towering men, women of ideas and ideals from Telangana, who illumined the nation with their wisdom and intellectual brilliance, he added.

"The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of the great personalities and freedom fighters like Ramji Gond, the head of the Gond tribal; Komaram Bheem of brave tribal community and the great freedom fighter Alluri Sitaram Raju," the Lt Governor said.

DC reviews progress of formation, promotion of FPOs in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE



UDHAMPUR, JUNE 02: To review the progress of formation and promotion of "Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) under central sector, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaisya today convened a meeting of officers and other stakeholders here in the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh and the district heads of various line departments attended the meeting.

Detailed discussion was held on the status of functioning of FPOs in the district to scale-up production, branding, and marketing under the centrally sponsored scheme of NABARD sector.

The DC said the Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) are intended to provide a platform to small farmers to enable them to collectively meet their challenges such as access to agricultural inputs and reliable market linkages. The concerned Department was directed to share the business plan of the FPOs running in the district.

"Convene meetings with the stakeholders on quarterly basis to streamline and improve the functioning of the district" he asked the department. The DC further directed the concerned department to share stage wise deliverables so far. ADDC was asked to personally monitor the working of all the FPOs in the district.

DDC Rajouri reviews implementation of PM-Kisan scheme; Seed Stock position for Kharif season



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 02: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Friday chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-Kisan) Scheme in the district. The meeting also discussed the seed stock position for Kharif Season.

Reviewing the status of the PM Kisan scheme, the Chief Agriculture Officer, Sohan Singh informed that a number of farmers are receiving financial assistance under the scheme in the district. The scheme aims to provide income support to small and marginal farmers and has been successful in providing much-needed relief to farmers.

It was also informed that out of 66830 registered PM-Kisan beneficiaries, the land record of 37252 beneficiaries with ownership rights has been uploaded on the PM-Kisan por-

tal, which is a mandatory requirement to avail the PM-Kisan benefit. The e-KYC of 1925 beneficiaries and NPCI of 1535 beneficiaries are pending and inheritance of mutation cases of 4448 farmers is pending with Revenue. Speaking at the meeting, the DDC said that the government is taking proactive steps to support small and marginal farmers and the PM-Kisan scheme is a significant move in this direction. The PM-Kisan scheme has been widely acknowledged for its role in providing financial assistance to small and marginal farmers. The DDC instructed the Chief Agriculture Officer and Lead District Manager to clear the e-KYC and NPCI pendency before the release of the 14th installment of PM-Kisan. He further directed Assistant Commissioner Revenue to clear all the pendency under "Inheritance of Mutations" so that more farmers can be covered under the PM-Kisan scheme.

Later, the DDC also reviewed the status of seed stock position for Kharif Season. The Chief Agriculture Officer informed that about 5400 quintals of Maize Seed, 303 quintals of Paddy seed, 955 quintals of Fodder Seed, 36 quintals of Pulses seed, and 41 quintals of Millets seed have been stocked in the district for Kharif 2023 season.

The seed is being distributed on subsidized rates through 170 seed stores spread across the district. To promote cultivation of Millets in the district, about 1946 demonstrations covering an area of 600 hectares are being laid during the current Kharif season. The seed for these demonstrations are being provided free of cost to the farmers. The DDC emphasized the importance of timely distribution of seeds to farmers and directed the officials to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are made to provide assistance to farmers in the district.

Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul visits District Court Complex Anantnag

Conducts inspection of Court Complex; listens to Judicial Officers, Bar Members of Anantnag



JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, JUNE 02: Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul, Judge High court of J&K and Ladakh and Administrative Judge for District Anantnag today conducted an inspection of District Court Complex Anantnag.

During the visit, the Administrative Judge, District Court Anantnag was received by the Principal District and Sessions Judge Anantnag in presence of other judicial officers.

At the outset, Justice Vinod held a meeting with judicial officers in presence of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Syed Fakhruddin Hamid and SSP Anantnag Ashish Mishra. He was apprised about the lack of infrastructure and space, and security issues regarding functioning of NIA Court.

Administrative Judge after giving patient hearing to the judicial Officers issued necessary directions to the Deputy Commissioner Anantnag.

DC Doda interacts with PRIs in Bhandarwah

URGES FOR SYNCHRONISED EFFORTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES

JI NEWS SERVICE

BHANDARWAH, JUNE 02: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan today interacted with the BDCs, DDCs and Sarpanches of the Bhandarwah Sub district and urged them to immediately start the approved works under MGNREGA for their early completion.

Accompanied by ADC Bhandarwah, Chowdhary Dil

Mir, ACD, Phulail Singh and ACP, Ashfaq Khanji, the DC stressed on synchronised and coordinated efforts of PRIs and Administration for the smooth implementation of rural Development schemes, Swatchha and Nasha Mukht Bharat campaigns besides, individual and community welfare schemes.

BDC Chairman Bhandarwah Omi Chand, DDC Councillor

Thakur Yudhvir Singh, and sarpanches interacted and presented their local and common demands/ issues for early redressal. Some of the major demands presented during the interaction included toilet facilities in the Jai Valley and other tourist spots, telecom network in Jai and other tourist places, installation of tents at Jai and other tourist places, provision of dustbins in the villages, staff for

health and educational institutions, road connectivity to Kurshari, Gutassa and other unconnected villages, replacement of wooden poles in Nalthi village, filling vacancy of GIS in Gutassa Panchayat, up-gradation of schools, blacktopping of roads etc. The DC gave a patient hearing and assured timely response/ redressal of all the genuine demands by the concerned departments.

The Deputy Commissioner urged PRIs to play their role in maintaining peace and communal harmony in the district.

He also informed them about the upcoming Lavender Festival going to be held on 4th of June in the Bhandarwah and mega yoga event at Jai valley on 21st of June on the International Yoga day, and asked them to contribute in making these events a grand success.

Zonal Selection Camp for U-16 footballers commences in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: While J&K Sports Council has embarked on a mission to make the union territory of J&K the sports hub of the country; simultaneously it is also making efforts to make society prudent by way of combating the social evils with sports.

In one such instance the sports activities held under the banner of My Youth My Pride in the disciplines of Tug of War and Athletics were conducted at Government Boys Higher Secondary Bishna today during which competitions for Discus throw, Shot put, 100- and 200-Meters sprint for boys and girls were organized.

The head of the institution, Rekha Rani presided over the function as the chief guest while her deputy was the

guest of honour. While addressing the participants, Rekha Rani said that it is imperative on part of our young generation to propagate the benefits of sports among their friends and family enticing more and more youth towards sports to save them from the clutches of social evils such as drug menace.

Students from the school were fielded into various teams and in the final match of the Tug of War competition played between class 11th and 10th of the host school, former emerged as winner with score ranging 2:1 in favour of the winning team.

The female staff of the school divided into senior and junior teams also participated in the Tug of War competition.

The senior team sailed to the winning post getting better of their juniors with a score of 2:1. Meanwhile in the sprint

100 meters event Nitin Kumar, Aryan and Nikhil bagged first three positions respectively and in 200 meters sprint Abi, Javaid and Gori Kumar bagged first three places. In the competition of Discus throw Sanjay Kumar, Shiv Kumar, and Arun Kumar clinched first three positions getting better off their school fellows. Meanwhile, Arun Malhotra, the former International Footballer and member of AIFF technical committee speaking to the desk said that the Zonal camp for selection to U-16 Boys national team will be held at both Srinagar and Jammu.

While in Srinagar, the trials will be held at Synthetic Turf Football Stadium, TRC and in Jammu, the Mini Stadium Parade Synthetic Ground has been finalized as the venue. "The trials will be held on 3rd and 4th June from 10 AM

onwards", Malhotra said.

Pertinently the U-16 national Team shall be participating in the SAFF Championship being held in Bhutan later this year. Meanwhile Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull has directed the Sports Officers of both divisions to provide all the logistic support for the selection and put an effective monitoring system in place to ensure that trials are held in fair and transparent manner.

Assuring that the selection of four talented footballers for the national team will be carried purely on merit basis and the list of selected players will be forwarded to Sarthak Mishra, Manager- State Development, AIFF immediately upon the completion of trials, Arun Malhotra said that team of selectors will leave no stone unturned to field the best players from J&K. The services of former inter-

national star and Pro License Coach Ahmad Ishaq has been pressed into the service for overseeing the selection procedure in Kashmir division, he shall be assisted by Javed Sofi, qualified football coach of Sports Council.

The Jammu division selection panel comprises of Arun Jasrotia, the C-License Coach and in this pursuit Sports Council senior football coach Satpal Singh shall assist him.

The Football fever has also reached Kishtwar district which is hosting the prestigious CVFPL Football Cup for U-17 footballers. While wishing all the participating teams the best of the tourney, Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull said that she is rooting for all of them. Meanwhile teams of Kashmir XI, Jammu XI and Lone Star are also participating in the tournament.

ADDC Bandipora conducts Physical Verification of Languishing Projects

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, JUNE 02: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afzar Khan Friday conducted a comprehensive physical verification of recently completed languishing projects in Sumbal Sub Division of district Bandipora.

The physical verification covered several important projects, including the upgradation of Sumbal Wangnipora, Sumbal Neshal, Sumbal Arampora Road, Dumpora Road and their allied links. The well at Odina and the Water Supply Scheme (WSS) at Pahalpura Chandegser in the Sumbal sub-division were also part of the verification process. During the verification process, the concerned departments were instructed to submit all relevant documents promptly to facilitate the preparation of the physical verification report for higher-level submissions. The report will serve as an essential document in assessing the completion and effectiveness of these projects.

The ADDC emphasized the importance of transparent and accountable project implementation. He said the physical verification process aims to ensure that the completed projects meet the required standards and specifications, and that public funds have been utilized efficiently.

Ali Afzar Khan further said that completion of these languishing projects will contribute significantly to the development and welfare of the communities in Sumbal Sub-Division.

Wrestlers' protest: 1983 World Cup winners 'distressed and disturbed' at developments

NEW DELHI: Members of India's 1983 World Cup-winning cricket team are "distressed and disturbed" at leading Indian wrestlers being "manhandled" by security personnel in the national capital of Delhi earlier this week.

In a statement, the squad members also said they are "most concerned" that that athletes might be "dumping" their medals in the River Ganga as part of their ongoing protest against the non-action against Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, against whom the wrestlers have levelled accusations of sexual abuse and exploitation.



"We are distressed and disturbed at the unseemly visuals of our champion wrestlers being manhandled," a statement released to agencies on Friday by members of the squad said. "We are also most concerned that they are thinking of dumping their hard earned medals into River Ganga."

"Those medals have involved years of effort, sacrifice, determination, and grit and are not only their own but the nation's pride and joy. We urge them not to take any hasty decision in this matter and also fervently hope that their grievances are heard and resolved quickly. Let the law of the land prevail."

Kapil Dev, the captain of that side, told media that "the whole of 1983 team has issued by the statement we have stands".

Apart from Kapil, the 13 surviving members of that squad includes Sunil Gavaskar, one of the icons of the game, as well as Ravi Shastri, Mohinder Amarnath, Krishnamachari Srikkanth and Roger Binny, the current BCCI president who was also the highest wicket-taker in the tournament.

The update came two days after Anil Kumble, Robin Uthappa and a few other former cricketers expressed their anguish at the situation.

On Sunday, images of Vinesh Phogat, among other wrestlers, being dragged away from the site of their protest in central Delhi had emerged. Delhi Police acted against the wrestlers - whose protest has been led, since January, by Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, the last two of whom are Olympic Games medalists - when they breached the security barriers and started to march towards the new parliament building, which was

being inaugurated by Narendra Modi, India's prime minister, at the time. The protesters were pushed into buses and taken away, and police personnel cleared the protest site - not far from the parliament building - not long after.

Apart from Kumble and Uthappa, there was a message from Irfan Pathan, who tweeted "I'm so sad to see the visuals of our Athletes' on Sunday night itself, and from Manoj Tiwary, now a Member of the Legislative Assembly in West Bengal, who offered his support to the wrestlers. The tweets from Kumble, Irfan and Tiwary came around the time of the IPL 2023 final, which Chennai Super Kings won off the last ball against Gujarat Titans.

The morning after the final was completed, after rain in Ahmedabad caused long delays over two days - Malik had even tweeted out a jibe of sorts directed at the Indian cricket community.

Not long after that, Malik, Phogat and Punia made public statements saying that they would be immersing their medals, earned at competitions around the world including the Olympic Games and the World Championships, into the River Ganga, which they have since opted against. The wrestlers' protest started in January. They have alleged that Singh sexually abused and exploited women wrestlers - including a minor - over the past decade. That was after Delhi Police agreed to investigate the charges against Singh a week after the complaint was first filed and only after the wrestlers moved the Supreme Court for action.

But the wrestlers' larger mission has been to remove Singh from his position, and to draw attention to the charges against him.

Just around a month ago, Kapil Dev, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh and Shikha Pandey wore among the cricketers to speak up about the protests being carried out by India's top wrestlers demanding Singh's dismissal.

"Will they ever get justice," Kapil had asked at the time in an Instagram post with a photograph of Phogat, Punia and Malik, who have been the faces of the protest. They were part of a group of 30 odd wrestlers at Jantar Mantar in January, too, when they made public the allegations against Singh, a member of parliament from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

Shweta Sehrawat to lead India A at Emerging Women's Asia Cup

THE CORE OF INDIA'S U-19 SQUAD THAT WON THE WORLD CUP THIS YEAR WILL FEATURE IN THE TOURNAMENT IN HONG KONG



MUMBAI: India have picked the core of their under-19 team that won the 2023 U-19 Women's World Cup in the India A squad for the Emerging Women's Asia Cup in Hong Kong from June 22-27.

Shweta Sehrawat, who played a starring role in India's title triumph in South Africa, was named captain of the A team, which includes her U-19 team-mates Soumya Tiwari, G Trisha, Chitra Sadhu, Parshavi Chopra and Mannat Kashyap.

The BCCI have also ensured continuity by appointing former all-rounder Nooshin Al Khadeer as head coach. Khadeer had headed the backroom staff during the Under-19 World Cup campaign in January, and was assistant coach of Gujarat Giants at the inaugural Women's Premier League in March. Sehrawat topped the run charts at the World Cup, making 297 runs in seven innings, while 17-year-old Chopra, who was among the youngest players in the WPL, finished as the second highest wicket-taker with 11 wickets in six innings at an average of 7.00. The selectors also rewarded Shreyanka Patil and Kanika Ahuja, both 20 years old, for their performances in the WPL. The duo was among the bright spots for Royal Challengers Bangalore, who finished fourth in the five-team league. Patil impressed with her power in the lower order and her offspin in the

death overs, while Ahuja displayed her inventive strokeplay and big-hitting ability.

Sadhu, rated highly by Jhulan Goswami, will spearhead the pace attack along with Kashyap and Chandigarh's Kashvee Gautam, who took 10 wickets in an innings, with a half-trick, against Arunachal Pradesh in the Women's Under-19 One Day Trophy in 2020. India A are in Group A in the Emerging Women's Asia Cup and will open their campaign against hosts Hong Kong on June 13, before taking on Thailand A and Pakistan A on June 15 and June 17 respectively. Bangladesh A, Sri Lanka A, Malaysia and UAE make up Group B. The top two teams from each pool will qualify for the semi-finals.

India A squad: Shweta Sehrawat (capt), Soumya Tiwari (vce), Trisha Gopandi, Muskan Malik, Shreyanka Patil, Kanika Ahuja, Uma Chetry (wk), Manmatha Madhwal (wk), Titas Sadhu, Yashasri S, Kashvee Gautam, Parshavi Chopra, Mannat Kashyap, B Anusha.

Ollie Pope takes over from Ben Duckett as England pile on the pain for Ireland

LONDON: It was a double-tenters - and remove Duckett, who fell trying to cut Graham Hume's delivery to a length and angling in to find a thick outside edge and ricochet onto off stump.

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But the England duo settled into a 50-run stand off 49 balls with Root, who faced 15 balls for his first five runs, contributing 16 off 23. From there they found their stride with Pope and Root each peeling a six off McBride. Pope down the ground and Root wide over mid-on.

The first of back-to-back fours off Curtis Campher took Pope past the 150-mark in 166 balls, equalling the record for the fastest 150 Tests at Lord's held by Sir Donald Bradman and which Duckett had smashed by reaching the milestone at a run-a-ball in the morning session.

Pope saw Ben Duckett's 182 and raised it. Duckett had scored 101 in the morning session and resumed after lunch on 161 when Pope poised at 97 not out.

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ters - and remove Duckett, who fell trying to cut Graham Hume's delivery to a length and angling in to find a thick outside edge and ricochet onto off stump.

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Gumbie, Marumani, Kaia in Zimbabwe squad for World Cup qualifiers



WEST INDIES: Zimbabwe have made just three changes to their squad for the upcoming ODI World Cup qualifiers from the 15 that competed at the 20 World Cup last year. Top-order batter Joylord Gumbie is in line for an international debut, while Tadiwanashe Marumani and Innocent Kaia are also in the playing group. Regis Kakabva, Milton Shumba and Tony Munyonga miss out from the last 10 Zimbabwe were part of a global tournament.

The three new squad members have all been rewarded for recent form. Gumbie has enjoyed a successful last three months, with a century against a touring Glamorgan side and hundreds in both the first-class and List A formats against Pakistan Sheabens, where Kaia was also among the runs. Ad Marumani topped the batting charts in Zimbabwe's Pro50 Championship last summer. The squad will be captained by Craig Ervine and includes familiar faces such as Sean Williams, Blessing Muzarabani, Luke Jorgnewe and Sikandar Raza. Raza has just returned from a stint with the Punjab Kings at the IPL, and has been signed by Seattle Orcas in the upcoming Major League Cricket (MLC) tournament. By the time that competition begins on July 13, Zimbabwe will know whether they have qualified for this year's ODI World Cup in India, after missing out on the 2019 edition.

Then, Zimbabwe failed to make it out of a home qualifying tournament after losing to UAE in a rain-reduced encounter in Harare in March 2018.

This edition of the qualifiers is taking place in June/July, in the southern hemisphere winter, which is typically dry in Zimbabwe and should reduce the risk of weather-interrupted fixtures. It will also, unlike the 2018 edition, include the use of the DRS system from the Super Six stage onwards. The group stage will have a third umpire referral for run-outs at its disposal.

Shastri: Bharat vs Kishan could hinge on bowling combination

The former head coach also suggested that R Ashwin and Umesh Yadav are contesting one spot in India's XI

MUMBAI: Who should keep wicket for India during the World Test Championship final against Australia? India have a call to make between two inexperienced candidates, with KS Bharat having played only four Tests and Ishan Kishan yet to debut in the format, and Ravi Shastri feels the choice could come down to conditions at the Oval.

Speaking to Star Sports, Shastri said India should pick their keeper depending on the composition of their bowling attack. They went with Bharat ahead of Kishan in their most recent Test series, at home against Australia in February-March, and Shastri reckoned they might do the



same if conditions at The Oval warrant picking two spinners.

"I have a feeling that India might just go with, depending on who's playing - if two spinners are playing, maybe KS Bharat, but if there are four seamers and one spinner playing,

Southampton, where overcast weather almost took spin out of the equation. While R Ashwin made an impact, picking up four wickets while conceding just 45 runs in 25 overs across two innings, Ravindra Jadeja ended up bowling just 15.2 overs in the match. New Zealand, who played five seamers, won the Test by eight wickets.

Spin usually comes into play at the Oval, but the catch for India is that the venue usually hosts Test matches during the warmer, drier second half of the English summer.

Of the 104 Tests The Oval has hosted since 1880, the vast majority have been played in August and September, with only eight starting in July.

The WTC final, which begins on June 7, will be the first-ever Oval Test to be played in June.

Regardless, Shastri indicated he was leaning towards a two-spinner combination, given that the UK has experienced a mostly sunny summer so far.

Outside of the wicket-keeper, Shastri was certain about his 12 for the final, with Ashwin and the fast bowler Umesh Yadav battling it out for one spot in India's five-man attack.

"When you look at the WTC, if I remember from the last time India were in the final, what you learn from that game is very important," Shastri said.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 82 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Replacement of components of 1.00 lakh GPH x 250 mtrs. Head multistage HC pump (Standby) of HT Pump site/le.	200/-	02% of the Quoted amount	180 days	180 days

- Date of Publishing : 01-06-2023 02.00 pm.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 01-06-2023 (02.00 pm).
 - The Bids shall be deposited in electronic form on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 01-06-2023 (02.00 pm) to 09-06-2023 (02.00 pm).
 - The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
 - The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 10-06-2023 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
 - The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
 - Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, shall be submitted through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>
 - The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/DR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
 - The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
 - The original documents when submitted by L1 bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
 - Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/DR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days after last date of receipt of Bid.

- Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.
- The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work / inspect the parts to be fabricated before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact measurement and site conditions.
- Special conditions as per Finance Department order No. OM A/24 (2017)-651 dated 07-06-2018.
 - Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of financial bids.
 - The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary challan / receipt.
 - Similarly, instead of insisting on actual cash deposit receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the concerned department should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the job or issuing the supply order, the original CDR/DR should be obtained and kept on record.
- Other details, instructions and terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the bidding document.

Govt commits to increase availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases

SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA CHAIRS THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SRINAGAR

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the Inter-Session Meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry in Srinagar today. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr L.Murugan, the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Members of Parliament and members of the Parliament



Consultative Committee were also deliberated on various aspects of "Strengthening of Veterinary Services

through Mobile Units and Implementation of Vaccination Programme in the country". While chairing the meeting, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala said that India has vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Therefore, the Department has to make deliberate efforts to increase availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases.

Tourism Directorate organises 3 Day 'Homestay Business Workshop' at TRC Jammu



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JAMMU, JUNE 02: A three day Awareness Workshop on Homestay Capacity Building of interested Homestay Proprietors and individual homestay owners was today inaugurated here in TRC Jammu.

The workshop organised by Directorate of Tourism Jammu is being conducted under the overall supervision of Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department J&K. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah. The three day workshop was inaugurated by Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai IRS along with Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu. The three days extensive Capacity Building Workshop was attended by about 80 interested Homestay stakeholders from District Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, Jammu, Rajouri and Reasi. The Homestay Business Workshop

the integration of technology in tourism and the pivotal role of young entrepreneurs in driving the tourism industry in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma said that the Homestay Business Workshop aims at empowering entrepreneurs from different parts of Jammu to enhance their skills and knowledge in running successful homestay businesses. She elaborated that the workshop shall enrich the interested Homestay Proprietors in properly channeling all marketing strategies and the required formal skills for functional operation of Homestays and thereby enriching the local stakeholders with better opportunities for livelihood and promotion of rural tourism in all tourist areas of Jammu Division especially offbeat tourist destinations.

The workshop, hosted at the JKTC Conference Hall, will take place from June 2nd to June 4th, 2023. Other dignitaries present at the inauguration ceremony included Sh. Manish Ahluwalia Director of LEAD, CA Sat Sharma Board Member & Secretary LEAD, CA Rajeev Gupta Board Member & Secretary LEAD, Dr. Anil Gupta Associate Professor Jammu University and professional team from MakeMyTrip who conducted various training sessions to equip the participants with the essential tools for establishing and operating homestay businesses effectively.

shall set the stage for the growth of rural tourism in Jammu region, intending to empower local entrepreneurs to offer unique and authentic experiences to travelers while fostering economic development in the region.

In the welcome address, Vivekanand Rai emphasized the potential of homestays and rural tourism in Jammu region. He highlighted the financial empowerment of women through Homestay Businesses, drawing a correlation with the ancient principle of "Atithi Devo Bhava," which signifies the importance of treating guests as God.

He highlighted the role of tourism in fostering cultural exchange and building bridges between communities in the modern-day context. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, delivered the keynote speech, focusing on

DIET Kishtwar organises Janbhagidari awareness for Staff Members



J I NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 02: Guided by the vision of the Prime Minister of India to encourage active participation of people as the central focus of India's G20 Presidency, DIET Kishtwar, under the directions of SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, J&K, organized an awareness camp for DIET faculty in collaboration with Pratham NGO. The experts from DIET Kishtwar, along with Team Leader Pratham, held an awareness program on the prestigious project and briefed the participants about the series of activities and programs to be conducted from 1st to 15th June 2023 across the district of Kishtwar. The aim is to promote and endorse the theme of "Ensuring Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)," especially in the context of blended learning.

SAMAGRA, J&K has proposed seven activities, such as drama, cultural programs, rallies, etc., in schools on different themes like FLN, NIPUN Bharat, G-20, and NEP 2020. These activities will be implemented in all educational institutions across the district. Principal of DIET Kishtwar, Ashok Kumar, apprised the participants about the road map ahead and how to complete the activities on designated themes from 1st to 15th June 2023 in all educational institutions of the district. The different events will be conducted as per the directions of the authorities in schools, followed at the zonal level, and finally on 12th and 13th June at the district level.

Union Joint Secretary inspects Amrit Sarovars, launches plantation drive, interacts with PRIs

J I NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 02: Union Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Central Nodal Officer (NO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), 'Catch the Rain' (CTR), Angshuman Dey, today visited Amrit Sarovars constructed under MGNREGA at Thilroo, Pranoo panchayat and Upper Bhalla. He was accompanied by Scientist D, CGWB, Gargee Sharma and members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan besides Superintendent Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, Anil Gupta, and other concerned engineers and officials. Union Joint Secretary also launched plantation drive by planting various saplings at Thilroo village of Panchayat Pranoo.

Union Joint Secretary, Scientist D, CGWB and members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, on second day of their three day visit to the district, interacted with the PRI members and took stock of their issues and concerns.

While interacting with the gathering, Joint Secretary asked the PRIs to plan GPPD, MGNREGA, and other developmental schemes for creation of infrastructure required for water conservation and rain water harvesting in the district. He asked them to understand the need and importance for water conservation and its judicious use, protection of water sources and rain water harvesting to ensure safe and sufficient water availability for our future generations.

The Jal Shakti Abhiyan is a flagship program of the Government of India focused on ensuring water security and conservation in the country. The program aims to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation, promote water harvesting, and improve infrastructure for water storage and distribution.

NCC transforms youth into disciplined & good human beings: Div Com Kashmir

DIRECTS OFFICERS OF EDUCATION DEPT TO ENROLL MAXIMUM STUDENTS TO FILL UP VACANCIES

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: National Cadet Corps (NCC) training transforms the behaviour of youth by making them disciplined, good human beings and instills in them the spirit of social service.

This was stated by Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today while chairing a meeting regarding the functioning of NCC in Kashmir. At the outset of the meeting, Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Kalsi through PPT gave an overview regarding the functioning of NCC, objectives, infrastructure requirement, filling of vacancies in Senior and Junior Wings, besides land requirement for new training camps in Anantnag, Baramulla and Ganderbal.

The meeting was informed that the chunk of land has been identified, however there is the need for joint inspection by the District Administration and NCC to explore the feasibility of establishing NCC Training Camps. Addressing the meeting, Div Com asked Director Colleges and concerned officers of the School Education Department to enlist students for NCC. He also asked Director Colleges to share the details of Colleges where in campus training may be provided to candidates.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, ADC Baramulla, ADC Ganderbal through VC besides officers of Royal Springs Golf Course, Sports Council, PWD (R&B), Manasbal Dev. Authority, NSS Kashmir University Hazratbal Srinagar and Bharat Scouts and Guides, Kashmir.

DIET Doda organises series of events under NIPUN BHARAT MISSION

J I NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 02: The District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIET) Doda embarked on a series of events as part of the Janbhagidari initiative, focusing on the "NIPUN BHARAT MISSION." With the upcoming G20 event scheduled to be held in Pune, Maharashtra from June 19th to June 22nd, 2023, India aims to exhibit its educational talents and achievements on this prestigious occasion. In line with this objective, the education department has recently imparted training to the teachers under the National Education Policy (NEP), NIPUN Bharat and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) programs.

The training aimed to enhance the teaching and learning process, particularly at the foundational stage, by fostering creativity, innovation, and friendliness among students.

By incorporating these pedagogical approaches, the goal is to develop engineering-skilled minds. The DIET Doda, under the guidance of Principal Sandhya Malhotra and Chief Education Officer, organized a pledge ceremony across various institutions in the district, affirming their commitment to implement the NIPUN BHARAT mission. The event received widespread support and cooperation from students, teachers, and parents, who actively participated in activities centered around yoga and sports.

To ensure the success of the Janbhagidari/NIPUN BHARAT initiative and make it even more enriching, Principal Sandhya Malhotra encouraged maximum participation from different stakeholders. Kismat Singh, the District Nodal Officer for Janbhagidari, along with Chandar Parkash, the Assistant Nodal Officer, collaborated with Pankaj Sharma, the District Coordinator of Pratham, and sought assistance from Zonal Nodal officers and their teams. Their collective efforts have been commendable in organizing a prestigious and eloquent program. The government's initiatives for the betterment of children have garnered appreciation from the public and parents alike.

Sgr city to come alive with 'Vitasta' Cultural festival

J I NEWS SERVICE

CS TAKES STOCK OF PREPARATIONS FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today took stock of the arrangements for the 'Vitasta' Cultural Festival to be organized here by the Ministry of Culture, GoI in the last week of this month. Those who were present included ACS, Home; Principal Secretary, Education; ADGP, Security; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Secretary,

Tourism; Commissioner, SMC; Director Tourism, Kashmir; Director Colleges; VC, LCMA; Secretary, Academy of Art, Culture & Languages besides others. Officers from Ministry of Culture, GoI also participated in the meeting through video conferencing. Dr Mehta maintained that the festival would be one of the events that is going to play a major role in promoting tourism

and showcasing our rich cultural values. He made out that the festival is not only an opportunity to showcase our culture and crafts but to exhibit our talent and immense diversity before the world.

The Chief Secretary stressed on including crafts and cuisine from every part of J&K. He urged the concerned nodal Department here to ensure that

all the areas should find their representation in this mega cultural event. He also impressed upon them to give opportunity to students of Colleges and Universities to display their skills during the festival.

He also advised them to hold events related to this festival all across the Srinagar City so that more people get opportunity to participate in it. He stated that

the events should be organized all areas, heritage destinations and enroute the places on River Jhelum (Vitasta). He observed that the theme of the festival deserves to be depicted amid natural settings to enhance their appeal for the audience. He also advised utilizing the breath-taking locales of Dal Lake, Char Chinar, Panch Chinar, Old Museum, Jhelum Riverfront and others for making the festival vibrant and more interesting.

Indian ambassador to Saudi Arabia meets Kashmir's Industrial Associations, discuss business opportunities

TERMS THE INTERACTION AS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN PROMOTION OF TRADE, EXPORTS

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 02: India's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, today had an extensive interactive session with industry and trade associations of Kashmir to discuss and plan strategies towards exploring business opportunities between the regions. The session, organized by Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), was aimed at providing a platform to foster stronger economic ties and explore mutually beneficial trade opportunities.

Managing Director, JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir, expressed gratitude to the ambassador for reaching out to the Trade and Industry partners of Jammu and



Kashmir. He gave an overview about the prevailing trade scenario in the region with special reference to products having competitive advantage for export to Saudi Arabia.

The event brought together esteemed business leaders, entrepreneurs and representatives from various industry and trade associations of Kashmir, offering a unique opportunity to discuss and address the challenges being

face by the local business community. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral trade between UT of J&K and Saudi Arabia. He acknowledged the rich cultural heritage and entrepreneurial spirit of Kashmir and expressed his admiration for region's contribution towards nation's economy. He observed that unique and niche products

of J&K have lot of potential as far as the markets of Saudi Arabia are concerned. Responding to issues and concerns raised by the participants, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan praised the efforts of JKTPO in promoting trade and investment opportunities in Kashmir. He conveyed Embassy's commitment towards supporting such initiatives.

He assured the participants that the Indian government continuously working hard towards creating a conducive business environment for all to flourish their businesses. He added that necessary support is being extended for trade and investment activities especially for export of GI tagged products of Jammu & Kashmir. He assured to create business link-

ages for the exporters of J&K, adding that efforts would be made to organize delegation visits, B2B meets, exhibitions, road shows and related events in Saudi Arabia.

"This interaction marks a significant milestone in strengthening economic ties between the two regions. It reflects the shared commitment towards exploring new avenues of cooperation and leveraging the vast potential for trade and investment", maintained the ambassador.

During the event, representatives from industry and trade associations of Kashmir presented their perspectives on key sectors including tourism, Handloom and Handicrafts, Agriculture, Food Processing and Horticulture.