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## Class 12 Results Out: 65 percent qualify exams

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SRINAGAR, JUN 9

In the maiden uniform academic session, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education on Friday announced annual regular results of 12th standard for with an overall pass percentage of 65 percent.

The news agency has learnt that the girl students yet again have outshined boys in the exams.

According to BOSE, the total pass percentage includes 61 percent in boys and 68 percent among girl students.

BOSE said that a total of 12,763.6 candidates were enrolled for the exams in

which 82,441 successfully qualified it.

Stating the overall performance of the candidates, BOSE said that of total of 65,519 male candidates appeared in the examination out of which 40,045 qualified it and among the female students, a total of 62,116 candidates appeared in

the exams out of which 42,395 qualified it.

In the exams, a total of 27,272 students have registered distinctions including 11,283 male students and 15,988 female students.

First division was bagged by 36,393 candidates including 18,685 male students and 17,708

female students respectively.

According to BOSE, Kashmiri Language have 100 percent pass percentage followed by Bodhi with 99 percent, Dogri with 98 percent, Punjabi with 96 percent, Hindi and Urdu 72 percent each. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and

Kashmir have congratulated the students for their success.

"Many congratulations to the students, who have passed JKBOSE class 12th Annual Regular Examination-2023. Wishing you all the very best for your future. Compliments to parents, teachers & @ Office JKBoSE. Historic

Uniform Academic Calendar has streamlined conduct of exams," LG Sinha tweeted.

"Heartening to note that girls continue to outshine boys with 68% pass percentage against boys 61%, the girls have shown the remarkable talent. After Academic Calendar reform, JKBOSE for the

first time has made results available on Digilocker service," he said.

Chairman of JKBOSE Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas said that "It is heartening to know that girls have again outshined boys."

"Students and their parents deserve

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## Ensure strict adherence to RFID, multi-level security cover, quick response to natural calamities for Amarnath pilgrimage this year: Amit Shah to J&K Admin

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUN 9

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday chaired a high level meeting in New Delhi to review the security and other arrangements for the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra commencing from July 1.

Reliable sources told news agency, the meeting was attended by J&K LG Manoj Sinha besides a galaxy of officers from the UT administration. All of the concerned MHA officials were also present on the occasion.

The Home Minister, as per sources, stressed on ensuring strict adherence to RFID chip, three-tier security cover and the quick response by the security agencies in case



of any natural calamity. Last year, 16 pilgrims died in cloudburst incident at the cave shrine of Amarnath. "Today's meeting at New Delhi laid special focus on quick response teams to meet any eventuality. Union Home Minister stressed that evacuation

process shouldn't take much time in case of any natural calamity," sources said, adding that the QRTs of CRPF, BSF, Police and SDRF will remain stationed en-route to shrine specifically for meeting any eventuality in case of natural calamity.

The J&K LG ensured that the security grid was active and ready to deal with any situation. In the meeting, Union Home Minister sought feedback from the LG Sinha as to whether there was any threat to security of

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## Security of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims top priority of Govt: Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, JUN 9

Terming Amarnath Yatra as a rich example of communal harmony and brotherhood in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal Friday said that security of pilgrims is top priority of the government.

The Union Minister was interacting with media persons during a press conference in Rajouri where he arrived for a two-day tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts under Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyaan to highlight achievements of the present government.

As per a statement issued to the news agency, Meghwal said that Amarnath Yatra having sacred reli-



gious value is an epitome of religious and communal harmony of people living here. He further said that the government will ensure that all the facilities are available for this pilgrimage while the safety and security of pilgrims has and will always be the

top priority of the Government. Minister of Law and Justice (Independent Charge) and Minister of State of Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal also mentioned the benefits of the recent G20 summit and said that this will give a boost to the tourism industry in the region and will ultimately raise the employment avenues of the local population.

Regarding the present security situation, he said that in the last nine years, internal security and external security has been prioritised by the government and a tough message has been given to militants through surgical strike while issues like that of wing commander Abhinandan have

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## Headmaster put under suspension for fake social media post in Kishtwar

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 9

A headmaster of a government high school in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district has been put under suspension for allegedly circulating fake content on social media, officials said on Friday.

An order to this effect was issued by the Director of School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma in Jammu.

"Pending inquiry regarding the circulation of fake contents on the social media pertaining to annual transfer drive, Shah Nawaz, look-alike headmaster of government high school Sarthal (Kishtwar) is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect",

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## H&ME department elevates 243 faculty members of GMCs; secretary compliments promotees

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 9

The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department, has promoted nearly 243 members of teaching faculty of Medical Education cadre working in various Government Medical Colleges of J&K.

Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, has congratulated the elevated faculty members and exuded confidence that all the Government Medical Colleges in J&K will become centers of excellence in teaching, research and patient care, and make Jammu & Kashmir emerge as hub of Medical

Education.

Out of the 243 promotees, 92 belong to GMC Srinagar while 73 are from GMC Jammu. In new Government Medical Colleges of J&K, which are at the nascent stage of their development, most of the direct recruits at the level of Assistant Professor have been elevated. These included 20 faculty members of GMC Anantnag, 15 of GMC Baramulla, 12 of GMC Doda, 17 of GMC Kathua and 14 of GMC Rajouri.

Most of the elevated doctors included those who have rendered requisite service as teaching faculty in various disciplines in

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## PM's "Gati Shakhti" gives impetus to Infrastructure Development: Devender Rana

**AGENCIES**  
NOIDA (UP), JUN 9

Saying that the Prime Minister's Gati Shakhti Policy has brought about a discernible turnaround in the infrastructure sector, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana exuded confidence that accomplishment of set



targets will shape India's economic trajectory in the years to come.

"The success of this policy has given immense impetus to the growth and scripted new milestones in development of the country", Mr Rana said during his visit to Noida International Airport at Jewar

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## IAS officer Pawan Kotwal takes over as advisor to LG of Ladakh

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
LEH, JUN 9

Senior IAS officer Pawan Kotwal took charge as Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh B D Mishra on Friday, officials said.

Kotwal becomes the second Advisor to the LG of Ladakh after outgoing advisor Umang Narula. Narula was the first official to be appointed to the post in 2019 when Ladakh became a Union Territory. Narula has been appointed as the Advisor to the LG of Delhi.

Kotwal, a 1994-batch IAS officer from AGMUT cadre, took charge in the presence of Narula and other senior officials of the Ladakh administration at Civil Secretariat, Leh today.

The IAS officer has previously



served as the principal secretary for health & medical education, forest, ecology & environment, and revenue, planning & monitoring department in the Ladakh administration. He played a pivotal role in implementing crucial reforms and initiatives in the health and medical education sector, officials said.

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## 3.9 magnitude quake hits Ladakh, J&K

**AGENCIES**  
LEH, JAMMU, JUN 9

An earthquake of magnitude 3.9 jolted Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said.

There was no report of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

The earthquake struck at 10.23 am and lasted for a few seconds, the NCS said.

The depth of the earthquake was 10 kilometers below the surface of the earth at latitude 35.64 degrees north and longitude 75.62 degrees east.

Its epicentre was in Ladakh, officials said.

## 'National Rozgar Mela' institutionalised govt's recruitment process: Dr Jitendra Singh

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUN 9

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge DoPT, today said, "National Rozgar Mela", a unique concept visualised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has institutionalised the government's recruitment process.

Briefing the media about the 9 years' achievements of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the hallmark of most of the administrative and gov-



ernance reforms is that these are youth-centric and Rozgar Mela stands apart as a major and bold initiative to provide government jobs to youth in a transparent manner, in addition to creating millions of job opportunities outside the government through various schemes and initiatives like Start-

Up policy.

The Union Minister informed that through Rozgar Mela, the Central Government and cooperating State Governments to distribute 10 Lakh appointment letters in mission mode.

Dr Jitendra Singh quoted Prime Minister Modi in the last Rozgar

Mela in May, 2023 as saying, "In the last 9 years the government has prioritised the recruitment process by making it faster, transparent and unbiased". He also recalled the difficulties faced in the recruitment process, the Prime Minister pointed out that the Staff Selection Board took roughly 15-18 months to onboard the new recruits whereas today it takes only 6-8 months.

Referring to other youth-centric recruitment reforms, Dr Jitendra Singh said, interviews abolished for Group B Non Gazetted and lower posts, leading to more transparency, Computer based examinations introduced in place

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## SFs nab 'Key conduits' with grenades in narco-terror case

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 9

In a major breakthrough, the security forces have cracked the Sunderbani narco-terror case and arrested the key conduits with grenades in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu-based Defence spokesman, Lt Col Devender Anand on Friday said, "in the last 72 hours follow up operations to the Sunderbani Narco-terror case, multiple joint operations have been



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# PM's "Gati Shakhti" gives impetus to Infrastructure Development: Rana

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**NOIDA (UP) JUNE 09:** Saying that the Prime Minister's Gati Shakhti Policy has brought about a discernible turnaround in the infrastructure sector, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana exuded confidence that accomplishment of set targets will shape India's economic trajectory in the years to come.

"The success of this policy has given immense impetus to the growth and scripted new milestones in development of the country", Mr Rana said during his visit to Noida International Airport at Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar Parliamentary Constituency as part of 'Vikas Tirath' along with Dr Mahesh Sharma, the local Member of Lok Sabha.

He added that the policy has lent more power and speed to projects by connecting all concerned departments on one platform. This is the success story of New India where infrastructure is for all without any discrimination, reflecting true social justice and secularism as envisioned by the Prime Minister.

Devender Rana is currently on a month-long visit to the five Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituencies - Gautam



Budh Nagar, Bulandshahr, Bagpat, Gaziabad and Meerut as part of the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan launched by the party across the country.

Nicolas, CDO Zurich Airport International AG and Dinesh Jamwal, Delivery Head , Zurich Airport International AG who are developing this state of art International Airport briefed the team about the status of the ongoing work.

Rana referred to the unprecedented development taking place across the country, especially in the wake of investments for modern infrastructure during the past nine years of the Narendra Modi government, saying this will change the face of India in the decades to come. Due to relentless efforts of the Prime Minister every nook and corner of the country is becoming part of its growth story and the people are taking pride in

three years. In the last nine years, the metro rail projects have reached 20 cities. In the aviation section steps were taken to make it affordable and accessible through the Udan project. 74 new airports have been built and operationalized in the last 9 years. Further 111 waterways were declared as National Waterways.

Making a mention of development taking place in Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Rana said the World's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge is shining example of the Prime Minister's zest to take India on highest pinnacles of progress.

"Implementation of infrastructure development projects in a mission mode are accelerating the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047", he said, adding that the past nine years will go in the annals of history as a determined effort to steer India towards its destined position in the comity of nations. He exuded confidence that the years to come will witness the nation achieving new milestones under Narendra Modi with focus on welfare schemes, equitable opportunities of progress to all as per his cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

# Workers' hard work resulted in strengthening of BJP: Jugal

JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Samba unit held veteran activists' Sammelans at Samba, Rajpura and Ramgarh under series of programmes being organized on completion of 9 years of Modi Government at the Centre.

The BJP leaders also held 'Sampark Se Smarthan' campaign at Dyani & Sidh Swankha areas in Ramgarh Assembly Constituency in which Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu Poonch was the Chief Guest. J&K BJP General Secretary & former Minister Devinder Kumar Maniyal (programme Incharge), Vice-President Surjeet Singh Slatia, DDC Chairman Keshav Dutt, former VC OBC Board Roshpal Verma, DDC Subash Bhagat, DDC Ramesh, DDC Asha Rani, Former MLA Durga Dass and other party senior leaders also participated in the programme.

Jugal Kishore Sharma also visited various villages in Samba namely Rajpura, Dyani, Sadoh, Bain Glar, Ramgarh and Sidh Swanka to attend other programmes.

While addressing the gathering, Jugal said that workers' hard work has resulted in strengthening of BJP to be the largest political party of the world. He said that selfless workers are the backbone of the party and their hard work lead to the acceptance of the party principles and ide-



Padma, Sanjeev Kumar, Adv. Jainder Sharma, Narinder Jamwal, Mukul Padma, Honey Padma, Girdhari Lal, Balwan Singh, Rahuvansh singh, Anchal Singh, Kchar Singh, Sarpanches and panchees were also present in the meetings.

ology by the common masses. Dr. Devinder Maniyal said that BJP is a party with committed cadre, which is asset of the party. From booth to national level, every leader assumes himself to be a karyakata first and devotes time and energy to reach the masses with the government schemes and the ideology of the party.

Surjeet Singh Slatia said that a wave of change is visible in every nook and corner of J&K as the people have realized that it is only BJP which can mitigate their sufferings and safeguard the national interests.

District President BJP Kashmir Singh, Prabhari Narayan Singh Thakur, GS Org- Indrajeet Sharma, Mandal Presidents Ankush Gupta, Mohinder Bikka, Rakesh Upadhyay, Senior Party Leaders Anar Singh, Omkar padma, Amit Dubey, Sanjeev

# GMC Jammu organises Har Ghar Dhyan workshop in collaboration with AoL



JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** Government medical college Jammu in collaboration with Art of Living organized HarGharDhyan workshop under the patronage of worthy Dr ShashiSudhan Sharma Principal and Dean Government Medical College Jammu for faculty members, senior residents, MBBS Students and PG students at college auditorium and NMC Hall respectively. Around 150 Medical students of all Profs ,UGs &PGs and Over 35 HODs, faculty members, senior residents attended the HarGharDhyan meditation session today.

The Art of Living Foundation is a volunteer-based, humanitarian and educational non-governmental organization (NGO) having its centres at 190 countries. It was founded in 1981 by Gurudev Shri Shri Ravi Shankar. Under the banner of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, the Ministry of Culture has collaborated with Art of Living to reach out to the

masses and youth to educate them about mental health and empower them with the tool of meditation for better health. The project was launched on 26th October 2022 at the international headquarters of the Art of Living at Bangalore and done more than 10000 meditation sessions as on date across country. This scheme puts into action the Jan-Bhagidari model to empower the youth towards better health and create a more resilient future for the country.

The resource person was ShRohiRanjan, Intentional Programme Director and an international faculty with Art Of Living ,who is soft skill trainer, teaches stress-elimination and self-development programs in institutions of Prestige like JNU, DU, AIIMS, IITS, B Schools , JAMIA MELIA ISLAMIA, A BHU Graduate also having commendable interventions related to youth engagements and Deaddiction who took both the sessions today in GMC Jammu .

The workshop opened with the welcome address by Dr ShashiSudhan Sharma Principal and Dean Government Medical College Jammu in both the sessions of faculty members, senior residents, MBBS Students and PG students at college auditorium and NMC Hall respectively. She explained such sessions and practices are need of the hour for all. She talked about upcoming programmes in GMC onset of International yoga day , national directive and nmc guidelines to work seriously on stress of medical students and professionals. RohitRanjan very beautifully explained how the change in life style adopting meditation, pranayama and stress relieving kriyas and Meditations help in boosting immunity and health, relieve stress, anxiety and depression, ability to manage our mind, increasing Prana Shakhti to work relentlessly for longer durations due to such nature of their job .

The practice of meditation is to maintain mental hygiene. A calm mind, focused attention, good concentration, improved communication skills, unshakeable inner strength, healing powers, relaxation, rejuvenation are the natural effects of meditation practice. He conducted a short but powerful meditation for faculty members, senior residents, and MBBS Students and PG students. The students and faculty members felt very relaxed and positive after the meditation session and shared it.



JI NEWS SERVICE

**BILLWAR, JUN 9:** Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma today addressed a public meeting at Banyari Panchayat Salore to listen to public grievances as a part of his mass contact programme in Billwar constituency. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Surpanch Budi Singh, Retd Inspector KK Sharma, Omparkash, Hans Raj, Ex Sarpanch Ramesh Chander, Retd Inspector Gian Chand ,Biru Ram Laman , Buti Singh, Mohan Lal , Tara Chand Balbir Singh, Retd LI Balmukand Lal besides others.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar slammed LG administration for enforcing unprecedented power cuts and resorting to scare drinking water supply during the ongoing summer months, saying this is not what the people deserved especially during scorching heat. Power cuts are as severe and long as 12 hours and more, leaving the residents of the entire Billwar constituency precipitating and farmers high and dry

due to non-functioning of water-pumps. Dr Manohar said lack of basic commodities torments the hollow slogan of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. As if it was not enough the sky rocketing hike in the petrol and diesel prices has broken the backbone of farmers and commuters. With essentials getting costlier due to increase in transportation charges the poor stand marginalized and pushed to the wall, he said, asking is it what the BJP can boast about. The former Minister said the administrative inertia has left the people of Billwar constituency fumbling especially on account of power, drinking water and other essentials. He said the concerned departments have failed in maintaining essential services which is proving nightmarish for the people.

Dr Manohar said people of Jammu and Kashmir had been sold many dreams after degrading its status of the state as Union Territory but the reality remains that they find themselves left in lurch.

The unemployment is growing with educated unemployed seeing their future bleak due to various measures taken by the administration. The promise of fast track employment has been nothing but a huge lie which is staring stark at unemployed whose number is alarmingly increasing with each passing day.

Dr Manohar asked the administration to shoulder its responsibilities in ensuring minimum basics to the people, adding that denial of power and drinking water during the current scorching heat amounts to cruelty with old, aged, women, children and the entire population.

He also sought immediate rollback of decisions to levy property tax on the people, especially as employment opportunities have already dried up and business is suffering. "Such directives should come up only after proper deliberations and discussions while keeping in mind the public sentiment," he added. Dr Manohar said that the present regime in Jammu and Kashmir is completely disconnected from the people and has failed to work towards

resolving the longstanding issues and bringing the people out of the prevailing mess that has left them in a state of hopelessness and deprivation, he said. He claimed that people in Jammu and Kashmir are disappointed with the Lieutenant Governor-led administration as authorities do not pay heed to their problems. He also expressed concern over the delay in holding assembly elections in the Union Territory. Therefore, an elected government is necessary in Jammu and Kashmir to end growing public woes," he said.

Commenting on the recent row on CUET exam, Dr Manohar said that students of J&K are extremely distressed that they have been allotted centres outside Jammu & Kashmir. The former Minister also said that it will be a major disadvantage to those who may be financially struggling, the administration should realise that education and opportunity should not be compromised. He sought LG Administration attention as scores of Jammu Kashmir students are in distress because of National Testing Agency (NTA) designating their exam centres for the scheduled Common University Entrance Test (CUET) outside the Union Territory.

He said thousands of these CUET aspirants in Jammu and Kashmir have been allotted online test centres outside J&K UT without their consent for the same thus putting them at great inconvenience.

# SMVDU organizes a talk on 'Teaching to Transformation'

JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** The Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized an interactive session with faculty members of the University. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson, Value Education Cell, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, delivered a guest lecture on "Teaching to Transformation".

Moreover, Dr. Kumar highlighted that teaching is creating conditions that have the potential to transform the learner on many different levels (cognitive, emotional, social, intuitive, creative, spiritual, and other) and further added that transformational teaching invites both students and teachers to discover



their full potential as learners, as members of society, and as human beings. The ultimate transformational goal is to help develop more nurturing human beings who are better able to perceive the interconnectedness of all human, plant, and animal life. At the end, Dr. Balbir Singh, Associate professor and Dr. A.K. Das, Director thanked the Dr. Kumar for sharing his knowledge and welcomed all the participants.

# Playing with the children of Jammu in the name of CUET: Amit Kapoor

JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** President of Parents Association Jammu, Amit Kapoor has said that in the name of Central University Entrance Examination (CUET), children of Jammu are being played with. He said that education has been included in the list of fundamental rights but it is very sad that the govern-

ment does not want the children to get good education. He said that the fundamental right to education has remained only nominal in Jammu and Kashmir. He said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu. He said that centers for many children appearing in CUET exams are being set up in Jalandhar, Amritsar, Delhi or in different parts outside the

state. He said that the first slot of Shrutu Khajuria came in Kunjwari but after that the mail about the second slot came on June 9 at 2 am. When at nine in the morning he saw that his center was set up in Jalandhar and came to know that his exam was at 11 in the morning itself. Kapoor said how could she reach Jalandhar in such a short time i.e. in two hours.

# Kavinder asks party cadre to gear up for Panchayat Polls in West Bengal

JI NEWS SERVICE

HOOGHLY, JUN 9: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K, Kavinder Gupta asked the party cadre to gear up for Panchayat Polls announced by West Bengal Government.

BJP stalwart leader is currently on a month long comprehensive public relations campaign in West Bengal, aiming at connecting with the masses on a significant scale ahead of Lok Sabha polls. Kavinder chaired a meeting of party cadre to boost the morale of workers here at Party's District Office, on the last day of Phase I of his campaign in the eastern state of the country.

It is pertinent to mention that WB Government has announced Panchayat polls in the state from July 8 and nominations for the same could be filed upto June 15.

Kavinder asked the



party workers to disseminate information about the achievements of the Modi Government among the masses to convince people to extend massive support decimating all other parties in fray.

He said that BJP's prospects in the upcoming Panchayat and Lok Sabha polls are bright but then also the responsibility on the shoulders of ground level workers is enormous and therefore no one in the

party should take things lightly. The senior BJP leader assured that the party will end all the miseries of the people by continuing with its magnificent policies which have transformed the country in the last over nine years. He said that people of West Bengal support BJP in the upcoming political battle to bring good governance in the State like other parts of the country as the region has

lagged behind just because of a wrong decision taken by the people in the last Assembly polls. Saying that better late than never, the senior BJP functionary said that people of West Bengal should vote BJP to power for ensuring double-engine government and colossal development of the region as under present State government the people are confronting hardships as never before.

# BJP Minority Morcha discusses forthcoming party programmes



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They were asked to devote more time in the month of June so that the ongoing programmes under Maha Sampark Abhiyan are conducted successfully.

Ranjoth Singh Nalawa, while greeting the new entrants in to the party said that their joining will further mobilize more people to be part of BJP and in coming days more such programmes will be held. He also discussed the forthcoming party programmes with the Morcha team and asked them to ensure the conduct of these programmes at the ground level.

Munshih Sharma also welcomed the new entrants and stressed on the youth power of the nation and its capacity to rebuild the society. He said that today's joining is the proof that the youth has embraced the policies of Modiji with open arms and this also stand testimony to the great works accomplished during the last 9 years of Modi government.

New entrants said that they are really impressed by the policies of the BJP. They stressed that the Modi government is making the Nation future ready and the future belongs to the youth of India.

# Awareness campaign on 'avoid Single Use Plastic' held

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 9: Dogra Degree College, Bari Brahmana, Samba in collaboration with 91.9 Red FM organised awareness campaign to avoid single use plastic on 09th June, 2023 highlighting the theme of World Environment Day 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. The resource persons for the day were Mr. Deepak (EP), RJ Sarang, RJ Anchita, Mr. Mahikshit (Music Manager) from RED FM.

RJ Sarang and RJ Anchita awarded the students regarding limiting the use of single use plastic and not to forget to crush the plastic bottle after using them. Mr. Mahikshit entertained the students with a song which was made by them



regarding the theme of the World Environment Day 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. The resource persons for the day were Mr. Deepak (EP), RJ Sarang, RJ Anchita, Mr. Mahikshit (Music Manager) from RED FM.

They also encouraged the students to discard the use of plastic bottles by distributing aluminium bottles among them. The speakers were able to influence the young learners to join hand and take initiative to make their environment plastic free. The students showed

great enthusiasm and actively participated in the deliberations of the awareness program. It was a fruitful knowledge sharing experience for the students of Dogra Degree College & Dogra Law College.

The program earlier started with the welcome address by Ms. Palak Gupta (Convener Eco-Warriors Club) Dogra Degree College and the vote of thanks was moved by Ms. Sonia Gupta

(Faculty BBA Department).

The main motive behind the celebration of this day was to encourage the students, who are the young blood and future of the Nation, to contribute in environment conservation.

Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary Dogra Educational Trust appreciated the initiative taken by Dr. Bela Charak, Principal Dogra Degree College for conducting this event.

# DC reviews implementation of PMAY-Urban scheme in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 09: To review the implementation and progress under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)-Urban in the District, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya convened a meeting of officers of Urban local bodies in the Mini Conference Hall

DC Office Complex. During the meeting, the DC took a detailed review of the implementation of the PMAY-Urban scheme in one Municipal Council and two Municipal Committees of the district. CEO, MC Udhampur informed that a total 18 projects have been approved for Udhampur MC and two other Municipal Committees under PMAY-

U. The DC instructed the concerned to ensure advance financial mobilization to non-starters and ensure completion of all houses within the stipulated time frame. Concerned officer informed the DC about release of instalments to the verified beneficiaries and expenditure made so far under the scheme.

# Traditional political parties ditched SC Community in J&K: Manjit Singh

ANNOUNCE SC WING DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SC WING BLOCK COMMITTEES OF DISTRICT SAMBA

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, JUN 9: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has criticized all the traditional political parties including NC, PDP, BJP and Congress Party responsible for the present day condition of Schedule Caste Community in Jammu and Kashmir.

"These political parties are responsible for the suffering of the SC Community as they did nothing to uplift their living standard and ensure their social, economic, political and educational empowerment," said the Former Minister.

Addressing a meeting at Vijaypur, Manjit Singh said that "On the other hand, it is unfortunate that the SC community still faces deliberate discrimination from the authorities due to which their colonies remain with basic amenities. "The discriminatory attitude is not new in J&K against the marginalized section of the society."

The traditional political parties have exploited the SC community as a vote bank, but never addressed their genuine issues," he said. He further stated that the genuine issues of the SC Community include



promotion in Govt under SC quota, transfer policy for SC employees serving in Kashmir and their adjustment/transfer after every five years.

"Unfortunately, these burning issues of the SC Community remain unaddressed and the SC employees continue to suffer because of the non-serious approach of the authorities," he said.

In view of the long standing demands of the SC Community, he appealed to the LG J&K Manoj Sinha to personally look into the issue and formulate the transfer policy for the SC employees serving in Kashmir.

"The Govt had assured that a transfer policy will be formulated for them, but it was not done so far by the authorities. If the demands are not considered within a time

frame, the SC employee may again come on the road in support of their demands," he said.

Meanwhile, he also referred to the shabby condition of roads, lanes and drains in SC Colonies which lack basic facilities which need to be provided by the authorities whether it is supply of electricity and clean drinking water.

The meeting was also attended by SC State Coordinator, Bodh Raj Bhagat, District President, Raman Thappa and others. In this meeting, the Former Minister also announced SC District Wing Committee as well as SC Wing Block Committees of District Samba.

As per the order of Manjit Singh, Ex-Sarpanch Sham Lal Bhagat appointed as District President SC Wing Samba, Som Dutt as Chief Organizer, Avatar

Chand as Senior Vice President District Wing, Kamal Kumar as Vice President, Surinder Kumar as Vice President, Sat Paul as General Secretary, Ramesh Bhagat as Coordinator, Sukhdev as Organizer, Shoba Ram Bhagat as Secretary, Sodagar Bhagat as Secretary, Raj Kumar Bhagat as Secretary.

Meanwhile, the announced SC Wing Block Samba include Shami Kumar as Block President in Samba, Tara Chand as Block President, Nud, Sachin Kumar as President, Dev Raj Block President Vijaypur, Bittu Bhagat as Block President Sumb, Santoor Chand as Block President Bari Brahmana Chain Ram as Block President Parmandal, Sat Paul as Block President Samba-B, and Deepak as Block President Ramgarh.

# Tony appreciates new initiative of DGP on war against drugs

JOIN HANDS IN ERADICATING DRUG MENACE FROM SOCIETY

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 9: Taranjit Singh TPU Chairman of AAP J&K for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs and DDC Suchetgarh appreciated the efforts of Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh in initiating a comprehensive battle against the drug menace.

Addressing a program held at Bheer Kulliyuan, Chatha today, the senior AAP leader commended the DGP's directives to seize the properties acquired through drug trade and freeze the bank accounts of drug peddlers. He believed that these measures have the potential to effectively curb the operations of drug cartels in the Union Territory, and thus should be implemented with utmost sincerity.

Tony emphasized that the approach proposed by DGP Dilbag Singh holds great promise in dealing with the drug menace. He



urged all stakeholders to act in unison and support these initiatives in order to deter those involved in these illegal activities. He further stressed the need for a comprehensive strategy to tighten the noose around drug suppliers and peddlers, who are responsible for wreaking havoc on society by targeting vulnerable populations with the sale of contraband substances.

Tony applauded the DGP's suggestion to col-

lect records of drug consumers at the Panchayat and block levels as a means to identify the source of drug supply. He asserted that this proposed plan is practical and calls on stakeholders to waste no time in taking up this cause, considering the gravity and urgency of the situation, especially in securing the future of the youth in the Union Territory.

The senior AAP leader emphasized that it is the

prime duty of all stakeholders to protect the youth from the dangerous effects of drugs and provide them with the opportunity to reclaim their lives as productive citizens of the country. He appealed to the general public to lend their support and join hands in eradicating the drug menace from our society.

The meeting was organized by Bal Krishan Bhagat and was attended by youth leader D.C Raja.

# Raj Rattan slams Rahul Gandhi for defaming Nation on foreign ground

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 9: BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for defaming the country on foreign soil by taking up irrelevant issues.

In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader said that Congress did nothing during its regime in India except dividing people on communal lines. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir (&J&K) have been deprived of their basic rights for over 70 years,



and the Modi government did justice by abrogating Article 370, which gave special status to the state. The move has been welcomed by the people of J&K, and they are stand-

ing with PM Modi in this decision, he added.

Raj Rattan Raina advised Rahul Gandhi to stop his agenda of defaming the country on foreign land and instead focus on finding solutions for the issues faced by the country. He further added that such political gimmicks only weaken India's position on the global stage.

He emphasized that the BJP government has always been committed to the welfare of the people, and the Modi government's policies and decisions are aimed at the

overall development of the country. He mentioned that the Modi government has taken many bold steps in the last 9 years, including Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital India, and Jan Dhan Yojana, which has transformed the lives of millions of people in India.

The BJP leader called on the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support and strengthen the hands of PM Modi and work towards the development and progress of the country.

# 25th, 26th batch of CBI SI trainees pass out from CBI academy; director distributes awards during investiture ceremony

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The investiture ceremony of the 25th and 26th Batch of Sub-Inspector (SI) Trainees of CBI was solemnized at CBI academy, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh). Praveen Sood, Director, CBI was the Chief Guest.

Praveen Sood, Director CBI congratulated all the passing out cadets and also those who won trophies in various fields including in the field of new-age investigation tools, a statement issued to the news agency reads. He also congratulated the family members of the officers present on the occasion. Sood complimented J. S. Emmanuel, SP (Training), CBI Academy and Akanksha Gupta, Dy. SP, CBI Academy recipients of the Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Training in the year 2020-21 after presenting the Medals to them.

Speaking on the occasion, Praveen Sood, Direc-

tor, CBI called upon the young officers to work hard for maintaining high standards of CBI. Sood pointed out that the long careers ahead of the officers will play significant role in ensuring bright future and in maintaining high reputation of CBI.

CBI underlined that the real test of the new officers starts now as they will be required to put in practice the important lessons learnt during multifaceted training imparted by CBI Academy in various aspects of investigation. The immense faith reposed by public, government and judiciary is a matter of great pride for members of the organization, he added.

Referring to the ethos of CBI which are ingrained in philosophy of working hard and quietly, Director CBI asked the officers to be fair and just while discharging duties.

Stating that the profession of the CBI demands hard work, Sood told the officers that besides working hard, they

should develop the habit of working smartly. He advised the officers to not to ignore the families as he felt that striking a right balance between working life and the family life was possible.

Sood advised officers to continuously keep upgrading and updating their knowledge & skills, specially with regard to new-age crimes occurring in cyber space for its application to the investigation. He also called upon the officers to keep learning everyday as learning is life-long endeavour and the day we stop learning that also puts an end to growing further.

The 36 young and talented officers of 25th & 26th Batches comprise 20 B-Tech, 2 M-Tech and other 14 Post Graduates/Graduates in Science and Arts. These Officer Trainees hail from different regions across the country.

A 73-week of hard, toil & diligent training was rendered to these probationers who joined CBI

Academy after qualifying Combined Graduate Level (CGL) Examination conducted by Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

During training, the cadets were trained in different fields including collection & preservation of physical evidence; scientific aids to investigation (including polygraph); brain mapping; narco analysis; DNA fingerprinting; interrogation & interview techniques; forensic medicine etc.

The SI Trainees were also imparted training on Jurisprudence, Constitution of India, major Criminal Acts, Prevention of Corruption Act, Case Studies of important cases, Special Laws, CBI Crime Manual etc. Additionally, they underwent practical sessions on simulated firing at the CBI Academy.

Various regional languages training including Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu, Punjabi, Odia, Bengali, Kannada, Assamese etc. was also given. Besides these, specialized training was also given on Anti-Cor-

ruption, Banking Frauds, Economic Offences, Intelligence & Surveillance Techniques, Cyber Crime and other special crimes including Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS), Antiquities & Online Child Sexual Abuse.

During this course, training on Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) was started for the first time ever for the newly joined SIs undergoing the Basic Course. CFE certification is conducted by Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) USA. SI Trainees underwent rigorous 06-week training including Financial Transaction & Fraud Schemes; Law; Fraud Prevention & Deterrence and Investigation.

The Training Course of SIs aimed to inculcate in them the highest standards of professional integrity & rectitude, respect for Human Rights, vital ingredients of professionalism and strong sense of discipline.

AGENCIES  
SRINAGAR, JUN 9

## Sgr, Pahalgam among 4 places record hottest day of season

AGENCIES  
SRINAGAR, JUN 9

Jammu and Kashmir summer capital, Srinagar as well as Pahalgam and Kokernag in South Kashmir and Gulmarg in northern district Baramulla recorded the hottest day of the season on Friday.

According to the news agency, Srinagar recorded the hottest day of the season today as the mercury settled at 30.6 degree Celsius.

Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort also recorded the hottest day of the season with officials saying that 21.3 degree Celsius temperature was recorded at the station today while Pahalgam and Kokernag in Southern district Anantnag also recorded the hottest day of the season.

As per the details, the maximum temperature at Pahalgam and Kokernag settled at 26.4 degree Celsius and 29.6 degree Celsius.

The maximum temperature has risen across Jammu & Kashmir after the frequent wet spell continued for over half a month here, which led to the plummeting of the temperature across the Union Territory.

Pertinently, the weatherman here had predicted further increase in the temperature across Jammu & Kashmir, saying that the Union Territory would witness warmer days ahead.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus had said that the weather would remain mainly dry from June 09-June 12 across J&K, adding that a brief spell of shower, thunderstorm mainly towards evening during the next four days cannot be ruled out.

"The possibility of show and thunderstorm in the evening is less with just 10-20 per cent chances," he said. Lotus further added that there is no forecast of any major rainfall till June 12 in Jammu & Kashmir. KNO

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### Class 12 Results Out...

great appreciation for their whole-hearted acceptance and cooperation in realizing the visionary goal of unifying the staggered academic sessions in both the union territories of J&K and Ladakh. It is a momentous occasion for all of us as our concerted efforts have yielded fruitful results," he said.

The chairman also JKBOSE is consistent in its efforts for upgrading and fine-tuning its mechanisms and processes for the student welfare.

Pertinently, the BOSE had identified 444 such schools in the both divisions of Jammu and Kashmir for which annual regular examinations will be held in the month of April instead of March.

Besides, the Board has also declared the whole Leh district of Union Territory of Ladakh as a hard zone and has accordingly directed to conduct the exams in the Month of April.

It had also said that the annual regular examination of hard zones or such areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh shall be held in the month of April.

"Result of annual regular examination of Kashmir Division and Jammu division and Union territory of Ladakh including hard zones shall be declared simultaneously in the month of June," BOSE has said in a notification

This is for the first time, JKBOSE conducted exams in March-April sessions instead of November-December. KNO

### Ensure strict adherence...

The Yatra and counter-strike in place. "The Home Minister after getting the feedback on security arrangements expressed gratitude to the LG administration and directed that a close synergy should be maintained by the security grid to ensure smooth pilgrimage," sources privy to the meeting told KNO.

The Home Minister was also told that this time also like previous year, no Yatra-bound vehicle will be allowed to proceed from various selected points after cut-off timing set by the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB).

Besides LG Sinha, Union Home Secretary, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Director General of Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force, Director General of Border Roads Organisation, Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, other senior officials of Army, Central Government and Jammu and Kashmir administration attending the meeting.

Shah also stressed that instructions to make proper arrangements for all necessary facilities for Amarnath Yatris, including travel, stay, electricity, water, communication and health.

Shah was told that each pilgrim will have Rs. 5 lakh insurance cover and at various places free Wi-Fi spots have been set up. Meanwhile, Union Home Minister also stated that if there was a need for additional troop deployment for the smooth conduct of Yatra, MHA will keep the additional forces at the J&K administration's disposal. However, sources said that additional forces may arrive in Kashmir in the coming days for Yatra deployment. KNO

### Security of Amarnath yatra...

also been handled well by this government. About the issue prevailing between Indo-Chinese armies on LAC, the Union Minister said that no infrastructure was built on LAC earlier and the infrastructure existing now has only been built in the last nine years by the present government only.

Later, he also held a meeting with beneficiaries at Rajdhani in Thanamandi.

He was accompanied by other BJP leaders including BJP President Ravinder Raina, chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi and other leaders. KNO

### H&ME department elevates...

Government Medical Colleges including newly established Government Medical Colleges as per National Medical Commission's minimum qualification for teachers' eligibility regulations.

A meticulous exercise was undertaken in the Health and Medical Education Department in recent months to proactively attend to and resolve the service matters of faculty members of GMCs.

Notably, the unprecedented elevation of 167 faculty members in old GMCs will aid in enhancement of Post Graduate seats in Government Medical College Srinagar and Jammu, besides motivating the senior faculty members to further strengthen the teaching and research activities in the medical colleges.

The H&ME Department is also referring the vacancies accrued at the entry level in all the new GMCs to JKPCS for fast track selections to conform to the requirements of Medical Assessment and Rating Board of National Medical Commission.

Pertinently, the H&ME Department has already obtained all the requisite permission in favour of new GMCs from NMC. It has successfully operationalised all the new GMCs in conformity with guidelines of National Medical Commission. The Department has also received Letter of Permission (LoP) from NMC for starting MBBS batches of 100 students each in GMC Udhampur and Handwara.

### Headmaster put...

Director said in an order here. The official shall remain attached with the Directorate during the suspension period. Kishwar chief education officer will conduct an inquiry into the matter and furnish the report within a week. (Agencies)

### PM's "Gati Shakti"...

In Gautam Budh Nagar Parliamentary Constituency as part of 'Vikas Tirath' along with Dr Mahesh Sharma, the local Member of Lok Sabha

He added that the policy has lent more power and speed to projects by connecting all concerned departments on one platform. This is the success story of New India where infrastructure is for all without any discrimination, reflecting true social justice and secularism as envisioned by the Prime Minister.

Devender Rana is currently on a month-long visit to the five Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituencies - Gautam Budh Nagar, Bulandshahr, Bagpat, Gaziabad and Meerut as part of the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan launched by the party across the country.

Nicolas, CDO Zurich Airport International AG and Dinesh Jamwal, Delivery Head, Zurich Airport International AG who are developing this state of art International Airport briefed the team about the status of the ongoing work.

Rana referred to the unprecedented development taking place across the country, especially in the wake of investments for modern infrastructure during the past nine years of the Narendra Modi government, saying this will change the face of India in the decades to come. Due to relentless efforts of the Prime Minister every nook and corner of the country is becoming part of its growth story and the people are taking pride in being seen as the citizens of New India across the world. This momentum has to be carried forward by standing like rock behind the Yashasvi Pradhan Mantri, he added.

Giving an overview of the huge infra development, Mr Rana said that over 53000 kilometers of national highways have been added with rural road connectivity increasing to nearly 99 percent coverage through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The speed of highway construction has reached 37km per day. Indian railways also witnessed a massive capacity expansion through line doubling and electrification and the Vande

Bharat Express, India's first indigenous Semi High-Speed trains, is a major 'Make in India' success story. 15 Vande Bharat trains are already operational and 400 Vande Bharat express trains are to be manufactured in the next three years. In the last nine years, the metro rail projects have reached 20 cities. In the aviation section steps were taken to make it affordable and accessible through the Udan project. 74 new airports have been built and operationalized in the last 9 years. Further III waterways were declared as National Waterways.

"Making a mention of development taking place in Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Rana said the World's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge is shining example of the Prime Minister's zest to take India on highest pinnacles of progress.

"Implementation of infrastructure development projects in a mission mode are accelerating the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047," he said, adding that the past nine years will go in the annals of history as a determined effort to steer India towards its destined position in the comity of nations. He exuded confidence that the years to come will witness the nation achieving new milestones under Narendra Modi with focus on welfare schemes, equitable opportunities of progress to all as per his cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

### IAS officer Pawan Kotwal...

Kotwal spearheaded efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure, enhance medical education facilities, and promote the well-being of the people of Ladakh, they said.

His accomplishments in the fields of forest, ecology, environment, and revenue are equally commendable, demonstrating his dedication to sustainable development and effective governance, they added.

### 'National Rozgar Mela'...

of paper-based exams, Regional languages introduced in SSC exams for various Posts leading to increased participation of youth for job posts.

Dwelling on the Administrative Reforms of 9 Years, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Mission Karmayogi" will prove to be a Game-Changing reform visualised and launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for capacity building with a paradigm shift - "rule-based" approach to "role-based" learning. He also informed that Mission Karmayogi Prarambhi, an online module of courses launched to impart initial training to new recruits, apart from IGT Karmayogi APP launched to provide anywhere, anytime learning.

The Minister informed that Capacity Building Commission (CBC) was established for building a credible and uniform approach to capacity building. National standards for Civil Service Training Institutions have been launched by CBC. He said, Centers of Excellence are being set up in every Central Training Institutions. CBC is helping all Ministries/ Departments/Organisations(MDOs) in developing an annual capacity building Plan. A National Training Conclave is being inaugurated on 11th June 2023.

Briefing about several measures undertaken by the Ministry of Personnel, which is the nodal Ministry for personnel management, Dr Jitendra Singh said, DoPT has taken concerted efforts to increase the representation of women in Central Government jobs and to provide them a balance between professional as well as family life.

The Minister cited the example of Child Care Leave (CCL) and said, in continuation of grant of 730 days CCL, some new measures have also been taken and those are like an employee on Child Care Leave may be permitted to leave headquarters with the prior approval of appropriate competent authority, the Leave Travel

Concession (LTC) may be availed, while an employee is on CCL and can also proceed on foreign travel provided clearances from appropriate competent authorities are taken in advance. Moreover, minimum period for Child Care Leave reduced from mandatory 15 days to 5 days and the limit of 22 years in case of disabled child for the purpose of a government servant availing Child Care Leave under the provisions of Rule 43-C of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 has been removed.

Dr Jitendra Singh also underlined that Special Allowance @ Rs 3000/- m.m. to Women employees with Disability has been granted for child care with effect from 01st July, 2022, which will increase by 25% on increase of DA by 50%.

Similarly, the families of missing employees covered under NPS can now get a family pension within 6 months of lodging FIR and not wait for 7 years after which the employee considered deemed dead. Even in cases where the Government servant dies before completing a service of 7 years, family pension shall be payable to the family at enhanced rate of 50% of last pay for first 10 years and thereafter @ 30% of last pay.

Speaking about the transparency and accountability in the governance, Shri Singh said that the benchmark for clean and effective government is the robust grievance redressal mechanism. A 10 step CPGRAMS reforms process has been adopted for improving of disposal and reducing the time lines which has resulted weekly disposal rate upto 95 to 100%. Average disposal time of Central Ministries/Departments has improved from 32 days in 2021 to 27 days in 2022 to 17 days in April, 2023.

Dr. Singh pointed out several complimented the DARP team for the successful organising of Swachhata 1.0 and 2.0 campaigns. For the first time, the realisation dawned in the society that Swachhata could also fetch you money. The Swachhata Campaign 2.0 was conducted in over one lakh office sites, 89.85 lac square feet of space was freed and Rs. 370.83 crores revenue earned from disposal of office scrap including the electronic scrap. Moreover, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, when covid struck, the work in this Ministry did not get affected even for a single day, rather the output sometimes was even more.

Talking about digital transformation, the Minister said that e-Office version 7.0 has been adopted in all 75 Ministries/ Departments of Central Secretariat. This is a commendable achievement that 89.6 percent of all files are being processed today as e-files in the Central Secretariat. In 2022, the DARP has prepared Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) to bring simplicity, efficiency and transparency in government processes and procedures leading to responsive and accountable governance.

Dr Jitendra Singh concluded by saying that innovative changes in National Rozgar Mela, a more robust Capacity Building & Training Framework for Civil Servants from bottom to top rung, more use of technology like Artificial Intelligence and regular holding of "Chintan Shivirs" for free exchange of ideas are way forward for the Ministry.

### SFs nab 'Key conduits'...

conducted by Indian Army along with Police and three main operatives of the cross-border Narco-terror module have been apprehended."

The apprehended individuals have been identified as Shakar Din, a resident of Degwar Terwan Village, Rashid and Shafir, both residents of Kalas Village District Poonch.

"In the search operations warlike stores to include two grenades have also been recovered from the possession of these individuals," he added.

He said that extensive joint search operations are currently in progress while the apprehension of individuals is a major blow to the complex cross-border Narco-terror nexus being operated from POJK.

## Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme organized by Tawi Trekkers commences



JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme organized by Tawi Trekkers, the premier trekking organisation of J&K UT, commenced today with 83 students including 45 girls of St. Xavier Sr. Secondary school, Barnai, Jammu and 3 girls of Army Public School, Damana, Jammu leaving for Dharamshala to participate in the prestigious adventure activity. The group being led by Sonam Sidharth, a seasoned trekker and a mountaineer of Tawi Trekkers and

popularly called mini Israel; Gallu temple, the beautiful Dharamshala stadium, the sacred Norbuling Institute and monastery and Tapovan besides Nagini Devi enroute their return journey to Jammu.

However, the special attraction of the programme is a visit to a sprawling tea garden and a tea manufacturing company where the students shall learn the complete process of production of tea.

Students taking part in this Trekking Programme besides being explained the benefits of such venture in the personality development of a child shall also be taught to respect nature and environment and not create a clutter of litter over in the jungles enroute.

Earlier, the group was flagged off by Ms. Mridhu Padha, Vice Principal of St. Xavier Sr. Secondary School from the school premises in the presence of Ram Khajuria, President, Shavetika Khajuria, General Secretary, staff of the school and a large number of parents of the students. Next group of trekkers comprising students of Oriental Academy Sr. Secondary School, Jammu shall leave for the trek on 13th June, 2023.

## Macadamization works of Rs 65 lakh begins in Jindrah Panchayat

JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** To ensure better roads for the people of Panchayat Jindrah, macadamization works worth Rs 65 lakh were kick-started in Panchayat Halqa Jindrah of Block Dansal in district Jammu. The macadamization of roads from panchayat headquarter Jindrah to Tanina and bus stand Jindrah to Chakki Mandi were started and the total cost of the black-topping on these roads was Rs 50 lakh and Rs 15 lakh respectively.

The black-topping works were kick-started by Anil Sharma, President of All Jammu And



Kashmir Panchayat Conference in the presence of elected representatives of PRLs and prominent people of the Panchayat Jindrah. While addressing the

He assured the locals present in the occasion that he would continue to the struggle for their rights. Sharma also thanked the resident of the Jindrah Panchayat for giving him the mandate to serve them twice.

Prominent people who attended the program and spoke on the occasion were rettd Headmasters, Ganga Dutt Sharma, Ranjeet Singh Jamwal and Chandermolli Sharma, Onkar Singh Jamwal, Pankaj Singh Jamwal, Som Dutt Sharma, Onkar Singh Jamwal, Bodi Raj, Keemat Raj, Ravji Kumar, Noorjamaal, Sai Din, Liaqet Ali, Junad Ali and Mukhtar Ali.

## Amritsar Group of Colleges announces special scholarship for J&K Students



JI NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 9:** Amritsar Group of Colleges (AGC), Amritsar today organized the Press Conference at Press Club, Jammu to start with its Admission Session 2023-2024. Dr. Gaurav Tejpal, Dean Campus Relations represented the Institute during the conference.

Briefing on the occasion, Dr. Gaurav Tejpal, said the objective of this conference is to start with the Admission Session 2023-2024. Adding further, he said that the Institute has always supported and favoured the students from J&K because of their extra ordinary calibre to excel and succeed. He said that the Institute prides itself in sharing that till date 662+ students from J&K have taken admission in various courses of the college. Guiding about various scholarships schemes he further added that keeping in view today's scenario AGC had offered a special fee structure for students of J&K, which has proved to be helpful for both parents and students. Continuing the legacy, the Institute will keep on offering the scholarships to the students who wish to seek admission in the session 2023-2024. Also, the students belonging to

SC/ST Category who wish to take admissions in Amritsar Group of Colleges can register themselves through the J & K Social Welfare Department. The Institute has already started accepting the applications from them. College also provides scholarships to meritorious students and accepts applications through AICTE-PMSSS, AICTE Pragati scholarship scheme, AICTE Saksham scholarship scheme and various other scholarships schemes.

Sharing his views about the Institute, Dr. Tejpal said that AGC is accredited by NAAC Grade 'A' in the third cycle under the Autonomous category. The Institute also boasts itself of being accredited by NBA (twice). AGC has also been conferred with the Autonomous Status by Universities Grant Commission (UGC). He also added that the Amritsar Group of Colleges (AGC) from the past 22 years stands tall as a provider of Quality Higher Education at the National and International Horizon. The group is further approved by the concerned regulatory bodies like AICTE, PCI New Delhi, BCI New Delhi and affiliated to IKG PTU, Kapurthala, PSBT&IT Chandigarh and GNDU Amritsar. AGC's reputation is built on its strengths in the fields of

Engineering, Management, Fashion Design, Computer Applications, Hotel Management, Pharmacy and Law.

Speaking about Centres of Excellence he added that, the objective of each Centre of Excellence (Robotics & Industrial Automation, Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, Big Data (8th Lab in the World And 2nd In India) is to extend a disciplinary and research-oriented approach to teaching and learning which we believe escalates an innovative attitude in students.

Taking in account today's market trends AGC has established a separate department for International Collaboration as well. The Department is catering to the needs of the students who are looking for International Internships and further studies abroad. The Department also addresses collaborative programs like (2+2 and 3+1) with the Universities of International Repute. Under this collaboration various services International Internships, Semester Exchange Programs in countries like Canada, Dubai, USA, and Germany have been successfully arranged.

AGC's slogan Right Place for a Bright Career is self-explanatory for which Amritsar Group of Colleges stands. AGC is gratified to mention that 3958+ students have been placed in more than 282 companies till date. Just to name few students from J&K Tahir Hussain (CE), Akansha Jasrota (ECE), Rajat Bhatti (CSE), Vikram Singh (MBA) have been Placed in BYJU'S, Wipro, TCS at 8 to 10 Lac per annum packages. To set a new benchmark in terms of placements today, AGC Alumni including students from J&K as well are well settled in companies like Google, Amazon, Infosys, TCS, Adobe, Dell, L&T, BYJU'S, Qatar Airways and many more.

## MSCBM Trust's national art workshop 'Kavyabhoomi' concludes successfully



JI NEWS SERVICE

**PAHALGAM, JUN 9:** The week-long National Art Workshop 'Kavyabhoomi' organized by Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable (MSCBC) Trust in collaboration with Petromet LNG at Pahalgam in Kashmir concluded successfully here today.

It is pertinent to mention here that the workshop has been organized to give impetus to the genre of arts in the Valley and to encourage the young and budding artists to explore their hidden artistic talent.

Kamal Kishore Badyal, CEO Education Anantnag and SDM Syed Naseer graced the occasion as special guests on the concluding day of the workshop. They appreciated the efforts of Trust in promoting arts and creating art

awareness among the children of the Valley where major activities for the proper bringing up of the children/ students remained adversely effected for over three decades due to militancy.

They said that Anuradha Rishi, President of Trust has immense talent in the field of arts and she is working relentlessly for promotion of arts across the J&K Union Territory. They said that the Govt must support her in the endeavour of holding more such workshops to enhance the talent of children.

While the renowned artists participating in the workshop remained busy in pursuing their creations towards perfection, the main attraction of the workshop was the participation of school children under the guidance and

supervision of the renowned artists led by Anuradha Rishi. Students of various schools were keen and enthusiastic to learn about the art forms especially the painting.

Prominent among other artists entrusted the responsibility to do the spade work for the national arts workshop were Laxmipriya Panigrahi, Bhakti Vilas Lad, Nilisha J Phad, Kishore Roy, Vikram Nayak, Digbijayee

Khatua, Snober Jeelani Shah, Naushad Hussain, Azim Hassan, Zargar Zahoor and Javid Iqbal. They expressed a lot of satisfaction and happiness in being part of this unique workshop in which not only they got an opportunity to display their artistic creations but also helping the students of the Valley in bringing out their hidden artistic talent.

Digbijayee Khatua a prominent artist from Orissa while thanking the organizers especially the MSCBC Trust said that it was a unique experience amid the scenic beauty of Pahalgam. He said that interacting with school children and teaching and guiding them to enhance their artistic skills was also a wonderful experience.

Zargar Zahoor from Valley said that "we enjoyed being part of this camp in which artists from J&K and outside raised awareness about the significance of art in day to day life. Going to schools and guiding the students in the field of art was a unique experience during the workshop in which every artist worked to complete two artistic creations. The MSCBC Trust deserves full credit for the success of this fruitful workshop."

Anuradha Rishi, President of Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable said that Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust stands fully committed to support the students of J&K by providing them all possible assistance to excel in the field of art. She said that the Trust needs support of the Govt for holding more such workshops regularly across the Union Territory.

## Ab Majid Padder seeks timely completion of SDH DH Pora



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**KULGAM, JUN 9:** Seeking speedy completion of pending developmental projects, the Apni Party's Chief Coordinator / District President Kulgam Abdul Majeed Padder today expressed serious concern over delay in construction of Sub District Hospital DH Pora which has caused great inconvenience to the patients.

"The construction work of SDH DH Pora has been delayed without reason even as its 70 percent work has been completed. The authorities are unable to make the concerned construction officials accountable for delay in the construction work," Padder said, addressing a district level meeting to assess the performance of the party cadre in district Kulgam.

He said that only 30 percent of work of SDH DH Pora is pending

but the authorities are not concerned over the issue which has caused inconvenience to the patients. Expressing his dismay, he demanded that the construction work should be completed within a time frame.

He also said that the unscheduled power cuts and irregular drinking water supply has disrupted normal life and put the people to suffer. As far as the irrigation system in canals is concerned, he said that the canal water does not reach the agricultural fields and the farmers suffer because of the irresponsible attitude of the irrigation department. "The farmers required adequate supply of water from the irrigation canal which is not provided accordingly despite raising voice several times," he said.

Earlier, the Chief Coordinator / District President Kulgam Abdul Majeed Padder presided over the

meeting while the prominent office bearers and leaders who were present on the occasion including Vice State President ST Morcha Mushtaq Ahmed Dhoie, Vice President Kulgam Gull Mohammed Farooq, Vice President Mohammed Amin Bhat, Vice President Lateef Ahmed Malik, Youth District President Kulgam / DDC Devsar B Rezar Ahmed Bhat, District Secretary Kulgam Bakshi Abdul Hamid, Office Secretary Asif Majeed Padder, Zone Incharge Devsar Fayaz Ahmed Shah, Zone Incharge DHPora Abdul Hamid Dar, Zone Incharge Kulgam Tahir Rezar Reshi while taking the feedback from the constituencies, the leaders had through deliberations over important party matters and out lined future strategy to strengthen the party.

On the occasion, the Party District President Abdul Majeed Padder said the Apni Party has a distinction of being J&K only political party that earned people's trust in a very short span of time after it was established on March 8, 2020.

"We are grateful to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for expressing faith in us and trusting our straightforward and candid agenda, even though some miscreants tried their best to spread propaganda against Apni Party at the beginning," Abdul Majeed Padder, urging constituency leaders and office bearers to work hard to strengthen the party at grass root level.

## People are fed up with bureaucratic system hold elections, says Rajesh Gupta

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**JAMMU, JUN 9:** National Democratic Party Indian J&K UT president Rajesh Gupta said, "Election should be held. This government is not the government of the people, it is bureaucracy. People's miseries will not go away until there is an elected government.

For that, it is important that elections take place, people vote and their own government comes into power," Assembly elections should be held in Jammu and Kashmir so that the people have an elected government which only can end the miseries. The bureaucracy has thrown the UT into devastation. He

said that "deteriorating economic condition and rising unemployment" have become the most pressing problems before the UT.

He said the public were fatigued with the "bureaucratic and proxy" rule and called for early restoration of democracy in the Union Territory. Rajesh Gupta said elected representatives alone could appreciate the concerns of the public as against the "outside bureaucrats" who hardly have any accountability to the people.

Claiming that bureaucratic rule in the erstwhile state had proved a "not pro-people", Gupta claimed people were fast losing faith in the present dispensation which had failed to

address even their basic concerns. "With people across the new UT protesting on a day-to-day basis for uninterrupted power and adequate water supply, restoration of roads and other essential services, there did not appear to be any takers for their shrill cries," he said.

Gupta also said it clear before party forum that NDPi is a secular party and respects the integrity and sovereignty of India. He said citing history of autocracy in some foreign countries, they opined that end of an authoritarian government happened following successful mass upsurge. Others who attended the meeting were Umesh Manhas, S.Kuljeet Singh, Tilakraj, Sandeep Anand.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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Finally, some progress on Tawi lake project

It is a matter of satisfaction that after a long wait, the much-awaited artificial lake project has finally witnessed some progress. The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had inaugurated commencement of balance Work of Tawi Barrage last year. This abandoned project has already suffered inordinate delay in its execution due to red tape during the past one decade. The project, which holds great importance from a tourism point of view, has got the attention and priority of UT administration which resulted in the commencement of work on the remaining portion of the barrage. The project delays which were earlier considered a norm is now a thing of the past. If one looks at the statistics provided by the UT administration, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved new strides in project implementation as only 9229 projects were completed in 2018-19 while over 50000 projects have been completed in 2021-22, registering a substantial five-fold increase. This particular project had been waiting for its completion for the last 35 years. The artificial lake project was first approved by then Governor of J&K, late Jagmohan in 1986 and work finally commenced in 2008-09 during the Congress-NC government in erstwhile J&K state. From that year, successive governments failed to complete the project. It has missed several deadlines. First was in 2012, the contractor missed five other deadlines in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, when contractors stopped work. What is more astonishing is that the project was being executed to make Jammu as an 'independent tourist destination'. Even the Centre has disclosed that it did not receive any proposal from the J&K government to build a lake near river Tawi in Jammu. Work on the construction of a barrage on the lake was launched in 2010 and it was scheduled to be completed in 2013. The erstwhile state government had spent Rs 58 crore out of the total Rs 70 crore sanctioned amount so far and it claimed that about 90 per cent work had been completed on the project. The barrage construction was one of the components of the project while work on other components, including bank protection, development of Tawi river front on the pattern of Sabarmati, implementation of flood control action plan and diversion of nallahs (big drains entering Tawi) was planned to be started only after completion of barrage. The Department of Irrigation and Flood Control was monitoring the entire work on the project, the construction of an auto-mechanically operated gated-barrage. It is high time that the government should order a high level probe to fix responsibility for delay in completing this project. The initiative of LG administration is a part of the government's endeavour to develop urban centers as engines of economic growth and make the cities ecologically and economically sustainable. The need of the hour is that the UT administration should take a regular follow-up of the work being executed on the project so that it meets its deadline. The project will surely put Jammu on the global map of tourism after its completion.

AMID CHINESE CHALLENGE, INDIA-US TIES ON THE UPSWING

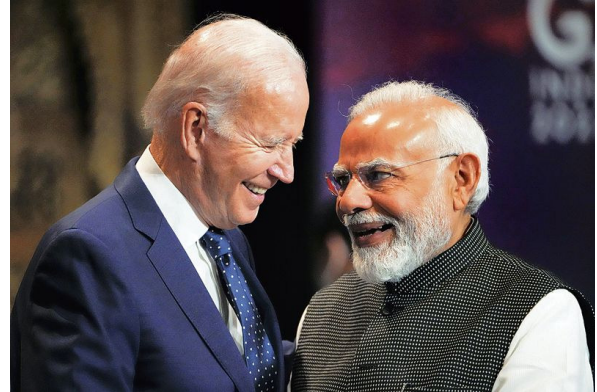
CONSIDERING THE TRANSNATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES, INDIA NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 'FIVE EYES' GROUP.

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THE forthcoming trip of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US and the just-concluded visit of Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi underscore the importance of the India-US ties. While PM Modi will be on his first state visit to the US with varied official commitments, including an address to the US Congress, Rahul has stated that his discussions in the US centred on job creation in India and meeting the Chinese challenge.

The engagement between India, the most populous country, and the US, which accounts for nearly 25 per cent of the global GDP and around 46 per cent of the GDP of the G7 countries, is seen as critical. Over the past two decades and a half, the Indo-US relations have acquired a multi-layered hue in terms of bilateral trade as well as government-to-government engagement on critical issues. The India-US interface now covers a vast ground, encapsulating fields such as health, education, intelligence, cybersecurity, space, energy, defence, counter-terrorism and agriculture. The credit for strengthening this relationship goes to successive Democratic and Republican administrations in the US, as also the then PMs Narasimha Rao, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh, besides incumbent PM Narendra Modi.

Apart from the manifold increase in bilateral trade, a positive change in the India-US relations is reflected in many areas, including in US universities or think tanks. India is increasingly part of the mainstream strategic graduate studies programme. In the past decade, a generation of American scholars has focused on India's foreign policy, security and economic challenges. Much to the chagrin of China, the US government mainstreamed the lexicon of Indo-Pacific and this has brought India at the heart of the Asian strategy of the US. The results are before us. The US, India, Australia and Japan are part of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) in all four countries, there is public goodwill attached with the Quad, in contrast to other fora established recently in Asia. More importantly, as repeatedly pointed out by US Presidents, approximately four million Indian-Americans are the driving force to augment the India-



US relationship. The role of some prominent Indian-Americans who arrived in the US in the 1970s was pivotal in the signing of the India-US nuclear deal. And the bulk of academic as well as professional presence of Indians in the US is now beyond the tier-1 cities. This is demonstrated in the greater visibility of India and its culture.

Apart from looking at the positives, there is a need to make progress in specific areas. First, China poses a joint challenge for different reasons to both countries and there are enough ways to smartly complement each other. The US seeks de-risking rather than decoupling from China's economy, as articulated recently by US National Security Adviser (NSA) Jake Sullivan. That means the US wants to ensure that supply lines are resilient for all scenarios and the chip technology meant for potential military use is guarded. The US is also keen that a portion of the blue-collar industrial jobs returns to America. In this context, capitalising on India's surplus labour requires training in niche areas and investments in diverse areas of mutual benefit. This requires a bottom-up approach that targets India's vast regional diversity and finds nodes of economic convergence with US geographical diversity.

Second, a more relaxed visa

regime for Indians should enable ease of mobility to meet specific demands of an innovation-driven economy. A constant irritant for Indian nationals in the US, putting them at a disadvantage to others in acquiring permanent residency, is the stipulation of 7 per cent quota for each country. Most of these Indian employees have the H1B visa, a non-immigrant visa that allows US employers to employ foreign nationals in specialty occupations in the US for a specified period with several restrictions.

This prevents back-and-forth movement of Indian-origin workforce between the US and India, which is common between western Europe and the US, as mobility is at the heart of new strands of the knowledge economy.

Third, while defence cooperation involves detailed investments and is a long-term project, the scale and quality of intelligence cooperation are important too. In defence, a vast corpus of mechanisms is already at play between the two countries. For instance, the inaugural US-India Advanced Domains Defence Dialogue and the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (CETI) have underlined the robustness of the bilateral relationship. The India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem initiative will be initiated on June 21; it is

aimed at complementing government-to-government collaboration. After the 2008 Mumbai attacks, intelligence-sharing between the two countries has grown exponentially. In international intelligence-sharing, a formulation called 'Five Eyes' exists among the US, the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Considering the complexity of transnational security challenges and the increasing global footprint of Indian economy, the inclusion of India in the 'Five Eyes' arrangement will be a win-win situation. Sometime back, a US Congressional subcommittee had recommended India, Japan, Germany and South Korea as countries with whom 'Five Eyes' can enhance intelligence-sharing. There is still no institutionalised proposal of expanding the 'Five Eyes' mechanism, except a few joint statements issued on particular themes, which include India.

Irrespective of the party in power in the US and India, the relations between the two countries have gained momentum in the past three decades. The scale of a developing country (India) and a developed country (US) provides unlimited opportunities in various arenas of mutual benefit. Specific steps are the need of the hour to make them a catalytic force in the India-US engagement.

Prioritise education to become globally competitive

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The focus should be on a partnership between the industry, universities and the govt for funding and carrying out research.

AN article in India Today states that as per the data shared by the government in Parliament recently, there has been a 68 per cent increase in Indian students going abroad for higher education over the past year - 7,50,365 in 2022 as against 4,44,553 in 2021. The amount of money spent for this purpose, to say the least, must be huge. But, what is to be expected when the education budget of the country has not crossed even a meagre 3 per cent of the GDP (Centre and States combined, as per the Economic Survey) over the past two decades. For all their clamour, no politician or political party has had the foresight to increase the expenditure on education. The health budget is even lower, hovering between 1.5 per cent and 2 per cent of the GDP.

I guess they want to keep us mostly dumb and broken, standing in line waiting for our dollops and the occasional largesse of freebies. Cuddly people are easily channelled into vote banks of caste, religion, tribe, etc. Youngsters have no choice but to go abroad for higher studies in the absence of facilities here. Whatever facilities are available get drastically reduced because

of reservation under various quotas in order to fulfil political objectives. Also, the expansion of quality educational infrastructure has not kept pace with the growth in our population - we are the country with the highest population in the world.

How long will this trend, this exodus of our children to the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, Europe for higher studies and good universities continue? A glance at our educational policies, universities and other places of professional studies does not give one hope for the future. We lack proper facilities, proper conditions for research and development to motivate the youth to think and innovate. Our outdated education system continues to focus on learning by rote which, in today's technology-driven world of cutting-edge research, leads us nowhere. We seem to be bent upon reinventing our past and projecting it as our future. This will not make us competitive in an intensely competitive world; this will not introduce into our universities and labs concepts of quantum physics, AI, nano technology, robotics, etc. which are shaping the future.



Today, we want to compete with the West, with China in all sectors and fields. However, the two prerequisites for progress, education and health, are not on the political radar. We are spending billions on imports of defence material, medical equipment, semiconductors, computers, automobiles, aircraft, ships... name it and we are importing it. This is so because our in-house R&D is negligible. We are already late; we have to

take up modernisation of our industries on a war footing and the path to that is through education and health. The Government of India (GoI) has not been able to motivate the private sector to play a major role in investment and upgradation of industry. The GoI must provide a level playing field for all major industrialists and co-opt the MSMEs in a planned manner. Priority sectors should be identified for support, and growth

incentives should be given. Unless this is done in a planned, time-bound manner as a national cause, we will not be able to sit at the high table. We have been asking the Russians and western countries, from whom we import to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars, to give us the technology for producing these goods in India - with very little success. In the field of computing power, we are still without a supercomputer; in semi-

conductors, we are still in kindergarten trying to establish a goalpost. In the pharma sector, we still depend on China for API (active pharma ingredients) and on western firms for new cutting-edge inventions. The list is long, but it would be wrong to say that nothing has been achieved - our IITs, IIMs, AIIMS are world-class but too few for our needs and more importantly, we cannot retain the talent we train there. Most of the graduates of these institutions leave for higher studies or work in western countries. A conducive work environment and opportunities which would engage and retain this talent are obviously lacking. An ecosystem on the lines of the Silicon Valley has to be built where we not only retain but attract the top minds. Our brain drain is our loss. The focus should be on a partnership between the industry, universities and the government for purposes of funding and carrying out research. This formula has worked in the developed world, where these three operate in tandem.

We should remember that it is not in the interest of foreign powers to let us become self-

ufficient. In the present relationship, they see us as a big market for their produce, from consumer goods to defence equipment. They realise our strategic and geographic position in the world and our worth to them in their looming crisis over China. They see us as a major democratic force in our divided world of autocracies and democracies. The key is to become atmanirbar or self-sufficient, but that will not happen on a whim or a fancy. It is a long route and one defined by the old seer Tagore: 'Where the mind is without fear and the head held high; Where knowledge is free... Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection; Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit...'

The task of bringing hundreds of millions of citizens of our country out of poverty is no child's play. Slogans of cleanliness, women's equality and self-sufficiency cannot be meaningful without providing a wholesome education and healthy environment. Removing the periodic table, Darwin's theory and democracy from the syllabus is hardly the way forward.

## Bloody Daddy movie review: Shahid Kapoor starrer offers a predictable plot, been-there-seen-this thrills

More than anything else, an actioner unfolding over 24 hours needs to gallop along at break-neck speed. *Bloody Daddy*, a remake of the French language *Nuit Blanche*, which in turn was adapted in Tamil as *Thoonga Vanam* starring Kamal Hasan, has all the ingredients of a pacy thriller. But, despite the occasional burst, it slumps back into a been-there-seen-this category, and that's got a lot to do with its run-time of over two hours, flattening a plot that isn't as unpredictable as it thinks it is.

At stake is a bag of cocaine worth Rs 50 crore, and a bunch of cops and crooks are after it, chasing each other through Delhi and Gurugram. The film makes it a point to tell us that it is set after the second phase of the pandemic,

when things had started opening up. After months of forced absence, people want to get back to partying hard, and that, of course, translates into a surge in demand for drugs. The suspense of not knowing which cop is a crook takes the film only that far, because all the signs are visible from the beginning, when an early morning shootout leaves two drug runners dead, and the two people who recover the bag, on the run.

So who amongst the narcotics cops are working for the bad guys? Could it be Sumair (Shahid Kapoor), who acquires a bullet wound within the opening five minutes, and nurses it through the film, as he plays buddy with his young son who is, of course, going to be used as bait in short order. Or Samir (Rajeev Khandelwal) who

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SHAHID KAPOOR IS BLOODY DADDY DIRECTED BY ALI ABBAS ZAFAR

## Kajol shares motion poster of her series *The Trial*, previously deleted social media posts return



Actor Kajol shared the motion poster of her upcoming web series *The Trial*: Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhokha on Friday evening, just a few hours after her cryptic post about facing a tough trail. Earlier in the day, the actor had also deleted all her social media posts. The actor took to her social media accounts to share the motion poster of the series and wrote, "The tougher the trial, the harder you come back! Catch the trailer for my courtroom drama #HotstarSpecials #TheTrial - Pyaar Kanoon Dhokha on June 12th. Coming soon only on @DisneyPlusHS." Soon after the announcement of the series, Kajol's earlier social media posts were restored on her Instagram account.

*The Trial* is the official Hindi adaptation of popular American legal and political drama *The Good Wife*, which starred Julianna Margulies in the lead role. *The Trial*, a Disney Plus Hotstar special, is directed by Supam S Varma, who is also the showrunner for the series. *The Trial* also stars Jisnu Sengupta, Kabra Sait, Aily Khan and Sheeba Chaddha in pivotal roles. The series' trailer will release on June 12. Kajol also has *Lust Stories 2* in her kitty. The anthology has been directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma, Konkona Sen Sharma, R Balki, and Sujoy Ghosh, and stars Neena Gupta, Vijay Varma, Tamannaah Bhatia, and Mrunal Thakur among others.

## Vicky Kaushal says Katrina Kaif likes to watch his dance rehearsal videos but points out his mistakes: 'I get very scared'

Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif kept their romance under wraps until they tied the knot in 2021 and since then, the couple is often heard talking about their love for each other and their domestic life during their film promotions. While promoting his latest movie *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke*, Vicky was asked if he and Katrina discuss the scripts they are offered and the films they are shooting and the actor said that this is a very common discussion in the house. Vicky also said that Katrina likes to watch his dance rehearsals when he is preparing for a song and corrects his mistakes.

Vicky shared with News Tak, "If there is a film where I am shooting a song, she wants to see the rehearsal. Because she is



so good at dancing. When I show her the rehearsal video later, I get very scared. Because she finds out some 36,000 prob-

lems in it. She'll say my hands, my feet, my angles are not right, and I should correct it." The actor shared that they also

discuss film projects when they find a new script. "We discuss a lot. Whenever there's a new script, or when we are thinking about selecting a film, we often discuss it together," he said. Vicky shared that discussing films is a "frequent" thing in their house. He added, "She is a wonderful actor. She's really made a space for herself with her own hard work which is great."

Kriti Sanon-Om Raut's peck on the cheek at Tirupati leads to controversy.... During her appearance on *Koffee with Karan* in 2022, Katrina Kaif had opened up about her love story with Vicky Kaushal and shared that she did not "even know much about him. He was just a name I had heard but had never associated with."

## After watching *RRR*, Chris Hemsworth says it would be 'fantastic' to work with Ram Charan and Jr NTR

Australian actor Chris Hemsworth, who is best known for his role as Thor in Marvel films, is busy promoting his upcoming film *Extraction 2*, and while speaking to an Indian media channel, he heaped praise on SS Rajamouli's *RRR*. He also joined the list of Hollywood celebrities who said that they want to work with *RRR* actors Jr NTR and Ram Charan.

In the interview with News18, Hemsworth said, "Just watched *RRR* recently. I thought the film was incredible. I am sorry I can't remember the two actors' names (Ram Charan and Jr NTR).

Those guys were incredible. So, if I am lucky to work with them that would be fantastic." Earlier, Guardian of Galaxy director and co-chairman of DC Studios, James Gunn said he wanted to work with Jr NTR. He was quoted as saying, "Who is the guy from *RRR* that's so good... What's his name? *RRR*, the big one from last year? With all the tigers coming out of the cage and everything? That guy! I would love to work with that guy someday. So amazing, so cool!"

Even James Cameron, who was impressed by *RRR*, told SS Rajamouli that if the Indian director ever wanted to work in Hollywood, he would help him. *RRR*, which won the Best Original Song award at both the Golden Globes and Oscars, is the latest film to put Indian cinema on the world map.

Also starring Alia Bhatt, Shriya Saran, Ajay Devgn, and Samuthirakani, *RRR* is loosely based on the freedom fighters Alluri Seetharama Raju and Komaram Bheem. The film has music by MM Keeravani, the recipient of both the international awards.

## Maurh movie review: Ammy Virk dazzles in a frustratingly mediocre historical drama

Of late, Punjabi writers have been busy flipping the pages of history to find suitable stories to bring onto the silver screen. The latest in this attempt is *Maurh* (2023), a historical drama based on the legend of Jeona Maugh, a god-fearing, sincere man who takes up arms to protect the victims of oppression and becomes a dacoit.

Written and directed by Bhaninder Maugh, who recently helmed *Saade Aale* (2022), *Maurh* is set towards the end of the 19th century, during the time of British rule. Amidst the rugged, sandy terrain of a lesser seen Punjab, we are told of the dual slavery of the people at the time, towards the colonial masters and the zamindars who ruthlessly fed off the people's labour.

What choice lies with the marginalised who are victims of systemic oppression? Do they cover meekly and remain defeated or do they pick up arms and fight against injustice? This is the pivotal question in the film.

Kishen (Dev Kharrud) has a fiery temperament and refuses to meekly accept brute force. He joins the dacoits and becomes an outlaw. His brother Jeona (Ammy Virk), on the other hand, is a dutiful, god-fearing man who doesn't want any trouble. He goes about his work, minding his own business but when things become too personal and he sees no other way out, he takes up arms to fight for his people.

It is evident that painstaking details have been borne in mind to translate the compelling legend of Jeona on screen. The well-researched production design by Kazi Rafiq Ali is impressive, as is the costume design by Tejinder Kaur, which together brings alive the historical era with authenticity. DI Colorist Prakash Joseph's selection of a subtle sepia tint further enhances the



AMMY VIRK IS MAURH

periodisation of the drama on screen. Sadly, however, despite several outstanding elements in the film, the writing and direction falter and the overall impact of *Maurh* is lost. The slow pace in the first half fails to gather momentum till after the interval. It's almost as if the writer-director was anxious about the two big-ticket stars, Kharrud and Virk, and was at pains to give them both mealy roles. This, frustratingly, compromises the overall narrative.

The first half belongs to Kharrud, who owns his action-hero persona, looks impressive in the rustic get-up and menacingly rams his way through every obstacle. But Virk steals the limelight in the second half as the vigorous, inspirational Jeona, the dacoit with a heart.

## The Crowded Room review: Tom Holland unleashes inner Edward Norton in Apple's addictive mystery mini-series

It's probably no coincidence that Danny Sullivan, played by Tom Holland in the new Apple TV+ mini-series *The Crowded Room*, looks like Arthur Fleck from *Joker*. He has long, greasy hair; a gaunt expression on his face; and a slight, unassuming demeanour. He's the sort of guy you wouldn't notice if he passed you on the street (unless, of course, he was wearing clown makeup). In the extended opening scene of *The Crowded Room*, Danny and his companion, a young woman named Ariana (Sasha

Lane), emerge from the New York subway, pass the Rockefeller Centre circa 1979, and attempt to assassinate a middle-aged man.

Danny misses, and is immediately arrested. Ariana gets away. The investigating officer (Thomas Sadocki) quickly discovers enough evidence to suggest that he might have nabbed a serial killer. He seeks the help of his colleague and girlfriend Rya, played by Amanda Seyfried, who through a series of conversations with Danny tries to understand what led him to

that moment outside the Rockefeller Centre, with a loaded revolver in his hand and vengeance in his heart.

In a rather unusual move, Apple has requested that several plot points not be revealed in reviews. Of course, no reviewer would want to spoil the audience's viewing experience, but Apple's list of unmentionable topics this time is borderline pedantic; critics have also been forbidden to reveal Rya's profession, and to completely avoid any mention of the show's premise, which, by the way, is sort of spoiled in

the opening credits. Or, it will be if you pay close attention to the source material, and then Google it out of curiosity. But — and I cannot stress this enough — you must resist the temptation to do so.

In fact, *The Crowded Room* is best enjoyed completely cold — don't read up about it, don't watch interviews with Holland and the cast, avoid the trailer even. By its very nature as a mystery, the show has been structured in a manner where there's a major plot twist every few episodes. And it makes sense for Apple to be

so careful about protecting the viewer's experience; it's also completely understandable to assume that most people wouldn't be familiar with the source material. But this leaves us in an odd position. While we can discuss the mechanics of the story and the tone, we cannot talk about the specifics.

That opening sequence, elaborately staged in an extended single shot by director Kornél Mundruczó (*Pieces of a Woman*), suggests that you're in for a thriller, but *The Crowded Room* evolves into a



rather sad drama in the middle, before fully embracing the sappy sentimentality at its core towards the end.

## Delhi excise case: SC modifies HC's order granting interim bail to YSR Cong MP's son

NEW DELHI, JUN 9: The Supreme Court on Friday modified a Delhi High Court order granting a 15-day interim bail to Rajgav Magunta, the son of YSR Congress Party MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, in the Delhi excise policy scam case and asked him to surrender on June 12.

The high court had granted interim bail to Magunta after noting that his maternal grandmother had been hospitalised after she fell in the bathroom.

A vacation bench of justices Aniruddha Bose and Rajesh Bindal took note of the submission by Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju that there are others to look after Magunta's maternal grandmother.

The top court directed Magunta to surrender on June 12 in the case.

"Having considered the submissions and also going through the medical documents of the maternal



grandmother of the respondent, in its opinion, the purpose for which respondent has been released could be served if he asked to surrender on June 12, 2023," the bench said.

At the outset, the ASG said Magunta has met his grandmother and now he can return. "These are all tricks to get interim bail because they cannot get regular bail," he said.

ASG Raju had earlier said that a trial court has rejected regular bail as well as interim bail to

Magunta on grounds of wife's sickness. The high court on Wednesday had granted interim bail to Magunta after taking note of the submission that his maternal grandmother has been hospitalised.

Earlier, a trial court had refused to grant him interim bail, saying it cannot be granted because the accused was being prosecuted for money laundering which is a serious economic offence. The trial court had said it was not satisfied with the claimed history of Magunta's wife's

ailment as nothing special or serious was stated about her condition in the documents placed before it. Other family members of the accused can also take care of his wife, the court had said, adding Magunta has not contended that nobody from the family was available to discharge the liability.

According to the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate, which are probing cases against senior AAP leader and former cabinet deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, Magunta and others, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours were extended to licence holders.

The Delhi government had implemented the policy on November 17, 2021, but scrapped it at the end of September last year amid allegations of corruption. Sisodia is currently in jail.

## Delhi court sends man arrested in PFI-linked money laundering case to 10-day ED custody

NEW DELHI, JUN 9: A Delhi court has sent a man, arrested in connection with a money laundering probe against the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), to 10-day ED custody, noting he was non-cooperative during the investigation.

Additional Sessions Judge Shaileender Malik sent Sahul Hameed to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) till June 18. Hameed was arrested on June 7, 2023 in Madurai and was brought to Delhi.

The judge passed the order on an ED application, which sought Hameed's custodial interrogation for 14 days.

"Having heard the submissions, taking into consideration totality of facts and the fact that since accused has been non-cooperative in the investigation up till now for enabling the ED to collect all rele-

vant evidence, police custody of accused Sahul Hameed is given for 10 days," the judge said in an order passed on June 8.

Special Public Prosecutor N K Matta, appearing for the ED along with advocate Faizan Khan, told the court the accused was in the process of collecting illegal money/terror funds from legitimate and illegitimate channels from Singapore and other places.

The central anti-money laundering probe agency said Hameed was deported to India.

Upon receipt of inputs, the accused was intercepted and could not give account of certain activities by him towards collection of funds for PFI, the agency told the court.

The statement of the accused was also recorded wherein he remained evasive in answering questions about certain material aspects col-

lected during the investigation which led to his arrest, the federal agency said.

The ED had registered a case based on an FIR lodged by the NIA for alleged terrorism-related activities punishable under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The ED had alleged that the accused persons associated with the organisation indulged in collecting funds by way of donation, hawala, banking channels, etc. which were being used for unlawful activities and commission of various offences.

It alleged bogus cash donations and bank transfers were found during the probe, and that transfer of funds was done even from abroad to India through a clandestine channel under a conspiracy hatched by office bearers of the PFI over the years.

## Israeli troops fire tear gas to disperse protesters along Lebanon border

KFAR CHOUBA (LEBANON), JUN 9: Israeli soldiers fired tear gas to disperse scores of protesters who pulled the troops with stones along the border with Lebanon on Friday, leaving some Lebanese demonstrators and troops suffering breathing problems.

The tension on the edge of the Lebanese border village of Kfar Chouba began earlier this week over the Israeli military digging in the area that Lebanon claims.

On Wednesday, a Lebanese villager tried to stop an Israeli bulldozer from digging a trench along the border. Once the villager's legs were covered with sand as the bulldozer moved ahead, UN peacekeepers jumped in and convinced the driver to move back. Videos of the elderly man with his legs stuck in the sand dune went viral on social media.

Israel ended an 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon when its troops withdrew from the area in May 2000. Friday's protest took place on the edge of Kfar Chouba, which the Beirut says is Lebanese land occupied by Israel. Kfar Chouba hills and the nearby Chebaa Farms, are areas captured by Israel during the 1967

Mideast War and claimed by Lebanon. On Friday, some of the protesters tried to break through a fence in the rugged area overlooked by an Israeli military post. Israeli forces fired tear gas to disperse them while Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers later moved in and pushed the protesters back. "DO NOT CROSS BLUE LINE," read a banner carried by a UN peacekeeper in Arabic, English and French, referring to the border drawn after Israel's withdrawal in 2000. Israeli troops and several vehicles, including a heavily armed Merkava tank, were seen in the area.

Lebanese troops were on alert in the area and reinforcements were brought in.

In a statement, the Israeli military said protesters tried to damage a border barrier and threw stones at Israeli soldiers in the area. The military said forces responded with "riot dispersal means," which typically means tear gas or stun grenades. The military said it "would not allow any attempt to violate Israeli sovereignty."

Andrea Tenenti, a spokesman for the UN peacekeeping for known as UNIFIL, said peacekeepers are on the

ground working to decrease tension in the area.

"We have urged the parties to utilize our coordination mechanisms effectively to prevent misunderstandings, violations, and contribute to the preservation of stability in the area," Tenenti said. He added that UNIFIL leadership is in contact with the parties, seeking a solution.

"We call upon both sides to exercise restraint and avoid actions along the blue line that may escalate tensions," Tenenti told The Associated Press. The protesters later held Friday prayers in the area and then tried to sneak in again, leading to more tear gas fire.

Friday's tension came a day after the head of the UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon, Maj. Gen. Aroldo Lazaro, chaired a meeting with senior Lebanese and Israeli officers at the UN headquarters along the border.

The general appealed for restraint along the border and work on reducing tensions.

The Lebanon-Israel border has been relatively calm since Israel and Hezbollah fought a 34-day war in 2006. Despite that, there have been tensions.

## Cong dismisses reports of Sachin Pilot floating own party as 'rumours'

NEW DELHI, JUN 9: The Congress on Friday dismissed as rumours reports that its leader Sachin Pilot may announce a separate party on his father Rajesh Pilot's death anniversary on June 11.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal said the party is united and will contest the upcoming assembly elections in Rajasthan together, a day ahead of a programme planned to pay homage to Rajesh Pilot on his death anniversary. "I don't believe in rumours. The reality is that the Congress president and Rahul Gandhi discussed

with Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot and after that we said that we will go together. That is the position of the Congress party," he told PTI.

"In my knowledge, there is no such thing," he said, when asked specifically about reports of Pilot floating a new party.

Venugopal said he has met Pilot in the recent days and there is no such thing.

He also told the media to be optimistic and not believe in such rumours.

"Who told you he is going out of the party. These are imaginary...

rumours. Don't believe these rumours. Be optimistic. Don't worry, we will fight unitedly. The Rajasthan Congress will fight unitedly," he also said.

There are reports that Sachin Pilot, who is engaged in a tussle for power in Rajasthan ever since the Congress won the state in 2018, may announce his own party.

Pilot launched a tirade against the Gehlot government on the issue of corruption and demanded action against those involved in corruption in the previous BJP government led by Vasundhara Rajje.

## Honduran president begins first visit to China since breaking off ties with Taiwan

Taipei, Jun 9: Honduran President Xiomara Castro arrived in Shanghai on Friday on her first visit since China established ties with her nation, pulling it away from her diplomatically Taiwan.

Castro will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping "to jointly plan for the future development" of ties, China's official Xinhua News Agency said.

She will also attend the inauguration of Honduras' embassy in Beijing, according to state media.

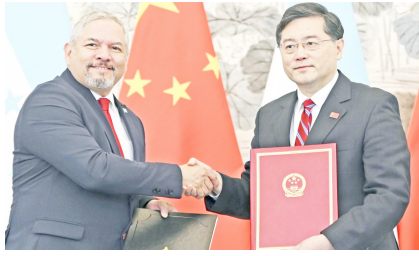
Honduras established formal relations with China in March, becoming the latest in a string of countries to break diplomatic ties with Taiwan. China sees self-governed Taiwan as a breakaway province, to be retaken by force, and prohibits its own diplomatic partners from having formal ties with Taipei.

Beijing has intensified its battle to win away Taiwan's diplomatic allies since independence-leaning Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen took office in 2016.

Since then, China has managed to lure away nine of Taiwan's former partners with a campaign involving billions of dollars of investments.

Beijing's latest victory comes as tensions have risen with the United States in recent months, including over China's increasing assertiveness toward Taiwan and growing influence in Latin America.

"Taiwan is always at the core of US-China tensions," said Alfred Wu, an associate professor at the National University of Singapore who focuses on Greater China governance. "(President) Xi Jinping and his team



will ... spare no efforts, particularly on Taiwan."

China sees pulling diplomatic allies away from Taiwan as worthwhile regardless of the cost, Wu added. Beijing also sees the efforts as a way to counteract increasingly frequent trips by European and US lawmakers to Taiwan.

Such visits, including a visit last August by former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, usually trigger angry responses from Beijing.

Taiwan has only 13 diplomatic partners left: Belize, Paraguay and Guatemala in Latin America, Vatican City, Eswatini in southern Africa, and several nations in the Caribbean and South Pacific.

When Honduras considered the switch to China, its government said it wanted new investment and less debt. The country's foreign minister, Eduardo Enrique Reina, told local media in March that Honduras had asked Taiwan to renegotiate debt

worth USD 600 million and for Taipei to double its annual aid to Honduras.

Taiwan said it had continuously cooperated with Honduras to address the nation's needs. Experts say Honduras is eyeing large investments from China in infrastructure projects including a new hydroelectric dam, part of a larger plan to construct three dams along the Patuca River.

China already invested almost USD 300 million in the first dam, inaugurated in January 2021.

Castro's first stop on her six-day visit to China -- the financial hub of Shanghai -- is another indication the two countries will likely announce fresh economic deals.

She is to spend two days in

Shanghai, during which she is to visit a Huawei research centre and the headquarters of the New Development Bank -- a project by the BRICS developing nations -- before going to Beijing, according to Phoenix TV.

## Punjab's govt seizes 17 000 kg of 'lahan' 320 litres of illicit liquor from Hoshiarpur

CHANDIGARH, JUN 9: Punjab government seized 17,000 kg of 'lahan', used in making illicit liquor, during searches carried out in the last two days in Dasuya area of Hoshiarpur district, an official statement said here on Friday. The Excise Department also seized 320 litres of illicit liquor and equipment used in the distillation of moonshine, it said.

The statement, quoting an official spokesperson of the department, said the teams of excise enforcement, excise officers, and police personnel were deputed to conduct the checking of illicit distillation in Dasuya along the bank of Boas river.

A police dog squad, specially trained to detect 'lahan' was also put under service, he said.

He said the teams covered an area of about 7 km on foot as well as boats in a well-coordinated operation and Terkiana, Kethana, Badaiyan, Dhanoa, Saidpur, and Bikhholw villages in Dasuya were extensively mapped and searched.

"During the searches, it was discovered that the bootleggers had designed a camouflaged modus operandi to carry out the illicit distillation of 'lahan' by digging deep pits, which were not easy to detect visually.

"The dog squad having three dogs displayed extraordinary training skills by sniffing and detecting the stills (bhatts) and pit holes where illicit liquor was being distilled," he added.

"The operation was carried out under the direct supervision of

Finance Commissioner, Taxation, Vikas Pratap and Excise Commissioner Varun Roojam, the statement said. Meanwhile, Punjab's Finance and Excise and Taxation Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the extensive field checking was carried out to curb the menace of illicit liquor and warned of strict action against those involved in the illegal trade.

He also said the excise department has launched a helpline for complaints regarding excise-related crimes.

"Lahan" is a mixture of water, jagery or molasses, and other ingredients that is fermented. As it contains alcohol and impurities that are poisonous, it has to be distilled to obtain spirit.

## Almost 4 lakh diarrhoeal disease deaths can be averted if JJM meet target: WHO study

NEW DELHI, JUN 9: Almost 4 lakh diarrhoeal disease deaths can be averted if 'Jal Jeevan Mission' meets its target of providing clean water to all rural households, according to a new study by the World Health Organization. The government launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in 2019, a nationwide programme that aims to provide all houses in rural areas with safe and adequate drinking water through individual tap connections by next year.

The World Health Organization (WHO) was requested by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to conduct a study to assess potential health gains and associated cost savings due to increased access in safely-managed drinking water services in India. The study found that, on an esti-

mate, if the Jal Jeevan Mission provided safely-managed drinking water to all of India, this would result in averting almost 4 lakh deaths caused by diarrhoeal disease.

According to official figures, till now 62 per cent rural households have been provided with tap water connection. "With universal coverage of safely-managed drinking water in India, almost 14 million DALYs (Disability adjusted life years) from the diarrhoeal disease are estimated to be averted, resulting in estimated cost savings of up to USD 101 billion," the study said. Also, the study said that providing a tap connection to every household would result in significant time saved on water collection (66.6 million hours each day), especially among women.

Presenting the research findings, Richard Johnston, co-lead of WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, said if the world achieves its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targets of drinking water and sanitation, it will be because of India.

"There are two reasons for it -- population and size -- as India is the country with the largest population in the world so what happens in India is important for the world but it is also because India is demonstrating what can be done and what is possible when it makes commitments and investments," he said.

Dr Rajiv Bahi, Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, said these findings are plausible.

## Punjab Govt To Set Up Road Safety Force To Avert Accident: CM Mann

CHANDIGARH: Expressing concern over the fatalities due to road accidents in the state, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday said a Road Safety Force will be formed in the Punjab Police to avert accident.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating a Regional Driving Training Centre here, the chief minister said that on a daily basis around 14 people die in road accidents in Punjab.

Mann said the force will be entrusted with the task of checking rash driving, and streamlining vehicular movement on roads and others to prevent road accidents.

This move will reduce the burden on cops deployed in police stations, Mann

said in an official statement.

He further informed that the Regional Driving Training Centre is equipped with hi-tech technology and it will give major relief to people who want to get heavy vehicle licenses, thereby saving their time, money and energy. Mann said the state government is making all-out efforts to remove the blind spots on the roads to avert any casualties.

"The chief minister said for him morality is paramount in politics and taking even a single penny from the public to him is anathema. He further said that honesty, transparency and responsive administration is the hallmark of his government. Hitting at

the opposition parties, the chief minister said that people have started disregarding him and "hugging each other". Mann was apparently referring to a rare display of bonhomie after years of bitter rivalry between Punjab Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu and Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majitha.

... both of whom had warmly hugged each other at an event recently. Lashing out at previous governments which ruled the state, Mann, without naming anyone, alleged that some politicians established their monopoly over the health, education, transport and other sectors by ruining the government institutions.



# Bankers Seminar on Agriculture Credit Schemes held in Poonch

**ROLE OF BANKS CENTRAL IN NURTURING SELF RELIANT AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTORS: DC**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, JUNE 09: To bridge the gap between banking institutions and the development departments under Agricultural Diversification Project (ADP), the District administration Poonch today organised a Bankers Seminar on Credit schemes for Agriculture and allied sectors at Dak Bungalow Poonch.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary presided over the seminar.

At the outset, DGM NABARD gave a PowerPoint Presentation to apprise the bankers about the need for enhanced credit flows to Agriculture and Allied sectors.

The event was held as part of the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan and with the objective to bridge the gap between farmers and bankers and fostering the flow of credit to agriculture and allied sectors.

A detailed discussion was held on different issues including identification of beneficiaries,



flow of credit for farmers under Holistic Development Agriculture Plan (HADP), assistance under Government sponsored schemes, performances of banks under District Credit Plan (DCP), monitoring initiatives and Credit Plus activities.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Development Commissioner said that projects identified under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors would not only energize the agriculture sector but will also change the economic fortune of the farming community of Poonch district.

between banks and government departments for bringing improvement in C/D ratio.

He directed for ensuring balanced lending in all key priority sectors to promote equitable growth and also emphasized upon the heads of the financial institutions to spread awareness with regard to the welfare schemes sponsored by them among masses so that people can avail benefit for their socio-economic development.

The DDC stressed for a self-reliant and sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture sector. He hailed the role of agriculture and horticulture sectors in creating self-reliant and sustainable employment in the district.

Moreover, He reiterated that for achieving the desired targets under the said sector, the bankers have an important role to play by providing hassle free credit to the farmers.

The District Development Commissioner Yasin M. Choudhary emphasised on simplifying the documentation procedure by the banks for providing the credit loans to the farmers and save them from making frequent visits. There should be no red-tapism and focus should be on improving farmers' experience in availing banking services, he said. He further urged the Bankers and the allied departments to work in tandem to achieve the goals of HADP launched by JKUT Government.

The seminar also included discussions on the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and the problem faced by Farmers for the registration of FPOs. The seminar was attended by Joint Director Sheep husbandry Dr Sanjeev, DDM NABARD Chander Parkash, Chief Agriculture Officer Rakesh Sharma, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr Yusuf, District Sheep husbandry Officer Ashish Mahajan, LDM Ashutosh Koul, AGMO CK Singh, CEOs of FPOs, bankers, officials from agriculture and allied departments besides progressive farmers.

# Inter Zonal tournament for Boys and Girls concludes at Baderwah

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BHADERWAH, JUNE 09: The 6 Day School Level Inter Zonal tournament in the disciplines of Volleyball, Kho, Kho, Kabaddi, Tug of War, TT, Athletic Chess, Carom, for Under 14/17 Boys and Girls concluded at GHSS Boys Baderwah, here today.

Around 1224 students from both Government and Private schools of zone Baderwah participated in the event organised by the department of youth services and sports under the patronage of Director Youth Services and sports Subash Chander Chibber and under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jaffer Haider Sheikh and Vijay Kumar incharge ZPEO Baderwah.

The final Kabaddi match for U14 Girls was won by BVM Gatha by defeating Model Secular, while the final match for U/17 Girls was won by Model Secular by beating GHS Nichla Thala.

The Kho-Kho U/14 Girls was won by the BVM Gatha by defeating RADIANT Academy by 6 points and the U/17 Girls was won by the GHSS Chinta by defeating GHS Nichla Thara by 01 point.

The Volleyball U/17 Girls was won by the GHSS Chinta by beating GHSS Girls by 5 points.

The Carrom U/14 Girls was won by the Ariba Bano of UPS Ulver Dandi by defeating Divya Devi of UPS Lanchan, while in U/17 category, BVM defeated GHSS Girls. In Chess under 14 Girls, GMS Hanga beat BVM Sartingal. In Badminton under U/14 Girls, Zanil Malik from Radiant defeated Akshita from Model Secular. In Kabaddi U/14 Boys, the Model Secular defeated MS Mandir and in U/17 Boys BVM Nagar defeated GHSS Sartingal. In Volleyball U/17, GHSS Sartingal defeated Islamia School. In Tug of War U/14 Boys, Model Secular defeated GMS Sartingal and in U/17 Boys, Model Secular defeated Asraria GHS Sartingal.

# DIET Doda, Pratham Collaborate to Host School Readiness Mela

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 9: District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET) Doda today partnered with the Pratham Education Foundation to organize a School Readiness Mela.

The event brought together Grade 1 children and their mothers to participate in the skill development activities.

The Mela featured multiple stalls, each dedicated to a specific developmental skill. The Reception counter served as the first point of contact for registration. Children's physical abilities were assessed at the Physical Development stall, while their thinking abilities were tested at the Intellectual/Cognitive Development stall. Other stalls focused on Language Development, Math Preparation, and Socio-Emotional skills. Additionally, the Kids Corner, a favorite among children, provided an opportunity for them to engage in drawing activities and enhance their fine motor skills.

Following the Mela, teachers interacted with mothers to discuss the importance of these activities in their child's life and the role mothers play in their studies. This interaction served as a valuable platform to exchange knowledge and insights. To track the progress of Grade 1 children, report cards/progress cards were distributed, ensuring parents were aware of their child's development and learning outcomes. The School Readiness Mela proved to be a fulfilling experience for mothers, children, and teachers, who gained valuable insights into various developmental skills.

# Samba admin establishes facilitation cell to assist setting up of new industries

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, JUNE 09: In a proactive move towards efficient administration, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today announced the establishment of a Facilitation Cell to assist entrepreneurs in setting up new Industries in the district.

The DC was chairing a meeting to review the change in land use cases and its related procedures.

This cell would provide comprehensive support and guidance to entrepreneurs and businesses seeking to establish their operations in the district. The Deputy Commissioner underlined the need to encourage individuals and organizations to take advantage of the facilitation cell's services, thereby creating a favorable environment for the growth of industries in the district. Samba. He stressed on expeditious and time-bound processing of the cases related to change in land use. "The applicants who furnish the requisite documents will experience a faster and smoother processing of their applications," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the stakeholder departments to encourage the entrepreneurs to explore the benefits of the New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development-2021. The scheme provides golden opportunity to individuals and businesses to avail the financial support for starting ventures in various sectors. The Deputy Commissioner asked to encourage interested parties to come forward, embrace partnerships, and leverage this central sector scheme for their respective ventures.

# Government establishes Consumer Commission at Kupwara

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, JUNE 09: In order to redress the consumer complaints and grievances at the district level, the Government today established a Consumer Commission (Consumer Court) at district Kupwara for the convenience of the general public.

In this connection, Peerzada Qaiser Hussain joined today as President of the District Consumer Commission Kupwara and Nyla Yaseen joined as Member of the Commission. Thereafter, the President and the Member of the Commission held an introductory meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagor Dattatray, ADC Kupwara and AD F&S. The general public of Kupwara district is informed to approach the District Consumer Commission Kupwara on Helpline Number 01952-358533 in case they have any grievance/complaint.

# DDC Shopian & Director Horticulture chair District Level Bankers Seminar at Shopian



JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, JUNE 09: With a motive to sensitize financial institutions/ banks on their role in ensuring flexible flow of credit to farmers and farming organisations, a District Level Bankers Seminar was held today at Mini Secretariat, Shopian under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by the Agriculture Production Department. The seminar was jointly presided over by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Ul Haseeb and Director Horticulture, Kashmir, Ghulam Rasool Mir. District heads of agri-allied departments, banks, large numbers of farmers, FPOs, heads of financial institutions besides functionaries of other concerned departments were present in the seminar.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Horticulture Officer, Mohd Ramzan War, said that a total of 47 schemes/ projects have been identified under the HADP and sensitised banks on their role in ensuring credit linkage to farmers and farmer organisations. District Development Manager, NABARD, Roul Ahmad Zangar through PPT presented detailed awareness on various agriculture credit linkage schemes, and enumerated the role of Banks on providing credit linkage to FPOs. During the programme, a detailed discussion was held on various issues including identification of beneficiaries, eligibility and benefits under different schemes, role of FPOs, flow of credit to farmers under government sponsored schemes and various other issues. DDC on the occasion, instructed banks that for achieving the desired targets under the Agriculture linked credit schemes, the bankers have an important role to play by providing hassle free credit to the farmers and all hurdles and loopholes shall be removed promptly for the purpose of accelerating agriculture development of the district. Director, Horticulture on the occasion emphasized upon the need of making Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in the district and called for ensuring balanced lending in all key sectors to promote equitable growth and stressed for a self-reliant, productive and sustainable horticulture sector.

# DC Baramulla chairs DLTF meeting; approves 115 cases under JKREGP for Employment Generation

**Rs. 20.96 Crores Subsidy provided for 1065 Units under JKREGP/ PMEGP during 2022-23**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, JUNE 09: A meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTF) was today chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sushish Asgar at the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

The committee gave approval to clear 115 cases for the year 2023-24 under Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) thereby providing loans among eligible beneficiaries of the district for setting up income generating units.

At the outset, various cases were submitted before the District Level Task Force Committee for consideration of financial assistance from different banks to unemployed

youth of Baramulla for setting up of income generating units including manufacturing and establishment of small units of Dairy, Sheep, Poultry, Grocery Stores, Readymade Garments, Cutting and Tailoring, Bakery, Automobile etc.

The committee screened and scrutinized all the cases and approved 115 cases for credit linkage through financial institutions after thorough analysis of physical and financial viability of proposed projects and the entrepreneurial skills of the applicants. The units are expected to generate employment opportunities for over a large number of youth in the district.

It is worth mentioning here that under JKREGP and PMEGP, a total of 1065 cases were sanctioned in Baramulla district for the year 2022-

23 with an amount of Rs. 20.96 Crores as subsidy thereby providing employment to 1065 youth.

Dr Sushish stressed on the line departments to bring more and more unemployed youth of Baramulla District under the ambit of Government schemes by providing proper training to the beneficiaries under Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs).

Dr Sushish also stressed on the Bankers to ensure speedy disposal of these cases so that the aspiring unemployed youths are in a position to establish their income generating units without any difficulties.

The DDC expressed hope that the units will go a long way in enhancing the socio-economic upliftment of the unemployed youth in Baramulla District.

# One day District Level Bankers Seminar held at GDC Kupwara

**DDC KUPWARA STRESSES FOR PRIORITIZING LENDING TO PRIMARY SECTOR**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, JUNE 09: District Nodal Officer, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Kupwara today conducted a one day District Level Bankers Seminar at Government Degree College Kupwara.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagor Dattatray was chief guest on the occasion.

The programme was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat, all District heads of Agriculture Production Department, DDM NABARD, Lead

District Manager Kupwara, Branch Heads of Business Units of J&K Bank, CEOs of OPOs/ FPOs and progressive farmers of Agriculture and allied sectors.

The DDC while deliberating on the occasion urged the farmers to show interest and invest in Agri and allied sectors. He highlighted the importance of the event, which is aimed to ease out the perplexities and cumbersome procedures associated with credit flow to Agriculture & allied sectors.

The DDC stressed upon the financial institutions to prioritize lending to the primary sector for effective implementation of HADP.

The programme was supervised

by Joint Director Extension, SHD Kashmir, Dr. Basharat Amin Kuthu, nominated by Agriculture Production Department.

On the occasion, a detailed powerpoint presentation regarding Credit Flow, Bankable Schemes, Need for enhanced Credit Flow to Agriculture and allied sectors were presented in the seminar.

Earlier, while welcoming the participants District Nodal Officer HADP Kupwara, Dr. Sheikh Ishrat Mahmood, briefed the gathering regarding registration of the farmers through online mode during ongoing Kisan Sampark Abhiyan- and extensive awareness cum training programmes for farmers

# One Day District level Bankers Credit Seminar under HADP held at Budgam

**DDC distributes KCC Debit cards amongst beneficiary farmers; instructs Banks to ensure timely lending in agri-sectors to implement HADP**

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, JUNE 09: In order to bridge the gap between banking institutions and farming community, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo today presided over Bankers Seminar for Credit in Agriculture and allied sectors at Sheikh ul Alam Hall DC Office, here.

A large number of participants, bankers, FPOs, progressive farmers, District heads of Agriculture production department, besides Lead District Manager & Cluster Head J&K Bank were present in the seminar.

The event was also attended by Joint Director Agriculture Department Kashmir Tabassum Naz who was representing the Visiting Officer for the Seminar.

During the programme, a detailed discussion was held through a powerpoint presenta-



tion delivered by DDM NABARD, Junaid Hakeem on various issues including identification of beneficiaries, flow of credit for farmers under Holistic Development Agriculture Programme (HADP), assistance under Government sponsored schemes (CSS/UT Capex), performances of banks under District Credit Plan (DCP), monitoring initiatives and credit plus activities.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that a total of 29 projects and 47 schemes have been identified under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors and implementation of these projects/schemes would not only energize the agriculture sector but will also change the economic fortune of the farming. He reiterated that for achieving the desired targets under the said sector, the bankers have an

important role to play by providing hassle free credit to the farmers.

To facilitate and uplift poor farmers with credit linking schemes, the DDC instructed upon the bankers to put in added efforts to make ease in credit facilities for the farmers by focusing on potential areas and stressed on better coordination between banks and Government departments

The DDC was also passed on to the District functionaries of Agriculture production department to gear up the field functionaries so that maximum number of FPOs can be formed so that maximum flow of credit can be ensured to the FPOs to boost the overall economy in agriculture and allied sectors.

On the occasion, KCC smart debit cards were distributed among identified KCC holders by the DDC.

It was exhorted upon the participating bankers, departmental employees that processing of applications under various Govt schemes for farmers is ensured in a timely and a streamlined manner and special camps are organised in this regard.

Booklets containing necessary information for all credit schemes meant for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors were also distributed to the bankers for their ready reference.

At the end of the event, Chief Animal Husbandry officer, District Nodal Officer Kisan Sampark Abhiyan sensitised the participants about seriousness of Government towards transforming the agriculture economy of J&K by putting it on a new trajectory of growth, doubling the output of the agri and allied sectors, boosting exports and making the farming sustainable and commercially viable.

## DDC Doda reviews implementation of Agriculture Credit Schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 09: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan on Friday chaired a meeting and sensitization workshop focused on the effective implementation of Agriculture Credit Schemes in consonance with Holistic Agricultural Development.

Attendees included bankers, officials from NABARD and officers from the Agriculture and Allied sectors, alongside progressive farmers who participated both in-person and virtually.

During the meeting, the DDC emphasized the crucial need for seamless coordination at the Tehsil/Block level for the successful implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He urged bank officials and agriculture sector officers to



prioritize the inclusion of small and marginal farmers, and to achieve 100% saturation of benefits under schemes such as the Kissan Credit Card (KCCS) and other central and UT schemes in the Agriculture and Allied sectors. He directed representatives from NABARD, Lead District Manager (LDM) and the Deputy Registrar of the Cooperative

Society and officials from the agriculture and allied sectors to synergize their efforts to realize the desired goals. They were instructed to facilitate the establishment of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) involving marginal farmers and self-help groups (SHGs) for the cultivation of minor forest produce, flowers, fish rearing, vegetable growing

and other agricultural products. Furthermore, LDM Doda and the NABARD representative were assigned the task of setting credit facility targets for farmers at each bank branch in the district, with a focus on supporting and guiding small and marginal farmers. Recognizing the importance of agriculture and allied sectors as government priorities,

the DDC informed attendees that a technical expert committee, led by the Additional District Development Commissioner, had already been formed to give suggestion for effective implementation of HADP. This Committee would identify potential areas in agriculture and allied sectors that could benefit from the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). The committee's responsibilities include providing technical and logistical support to farmers interested in entrepreneurial ventures, addressing the issue of low credit from banks, and resolving any obstacles hindering access to various loan schemes. During interactive sessions, the bankers and departmental officials responded to queries raised by progressive farmers, as well as small and marginal farmers.

## DHS Doda holds one day orientation programme on Tele-MANAS



JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 09: The District Health Society Doda organized a one day orientation programme here in the ANMT School to sensitize the healthcare workers about the Tele-MANAS-a new programme initiated by the Union Government.

The programme was attended by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ab Hamid Zargar, Dr. Zia Shoket Mughal (District Mental Health Officer); Dr. Javed Ahmed Paray; Mohd Shafi Attu (HE); Jahangir Mehta (DPM NHM);

Jonson Chandil (Divisional ASHA Coordinator); Mashood Latif (BMOE NHM) besides MLHPs from Assar, Bhaderwah, Gandoh, Ghat and Thathri block. Other than the topic of Tele-MANAS, the participants were also educated about the NCD programme. Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight and National Digital Health Mission, District Mental Health Officer GMC Doda, Dr. Zia Shoket Mughal, as a Resource Person, briefed the participants about the Tele-MANAS initiative of GOI under National Mental

Health Programme (NMHP) that aims to achieve the objective of up-scaling mental services. He also underlined the responsibility of healthcare workers in implementation of the programme.

He briefed about some common mental health conditions including anxiety disorders, depression etc and stated that mental health can be influenced by a variety of factors, including genetic environment, lifestyle trauma and staying positive & maintaining good mental health is the need of hour for maintaining a balance between personal and professional life.

Dr. Javed Zargar spoke on the occasion about the ongoing Intensified Diarrhoea Control Programme besides DPM NHM Sh Jahangir Mehta, who spoke about National Digital Health Mission programme.

## DDC Doda inspects progress of work on Goha-Khelli stretch of National Highway

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 09: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, on Friday visited Malhori and inspected the pace of progress on National Highway 244.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress and provision of the machinery involved in the execution of the Goha-Khelli Marmat stretch of National Highway.

Accompanied by NHIDCL GM, Col Gill Naginder and Tehsildar besides other concerned, the DC Doda asked to expedite the construction work on the tunnel and the highway.

During the visit to the construction site, the DC Doda urged the local residents residing near the highway construction site to vacate their houses. The request was made in light of the ongoing execution work on

the tunnel and highway. The Deputy Commissioner assured the affected inhabitants that they would receive proper compensation for their vacated houses. He directed the Tehsildar and GM NHIDCL to prepare a compensation report in adherence to the appropriate land records.

This would facilitate payment of timely compensation to the affected residents and allow the execution of the tunnel and highway to proceed smoothly.

The visit highlighted the commitment of the Deputy Commissioner and the authorities involved in ensuring the smooth execution of the Goha-Khelli Marmat highway project. By addressing the issue of houses located near the construction site and promising compensation, DC Doda aimed to alleviate any concerns of the affected residents.

## DC Ramban flags off 1st Batch of Hajj Pilgrims



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 09: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Musarrat Islam along with senior officers flagged off the first batch of Hajj pilgrims to Srinagar, here today.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Hajj pilgrims for getting the opportunity to embark on this sacred journey. He extended his best wishes for their safe and secure pilgrimage and earnestly appealed to them to pray for the peace and prosperity of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The DC extended good wishes to the pilgrims and hoped for their comfortable journey.

Meanwhile, a special prayer was also held in which a large number of people gathered for the prayer for the successful completion of the Holy Haj of the pilgrims.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Gias-UI-Haq, other officers, prominent citizens and a large number of religious leaders, friends and relatives were also present on the occasion.

## DM Pulwama chairs DLSCC meeting, clears SRO 43 cases

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, JUNE 09: A meeting of District Level Screening Com Co-ordination Committee (DLSCC) was held here today under the chairmanship of District Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Bashtar Qayoom.

The meeting cleared most of the cases including cases of death, damages, injury and cases of SRO-43. It also cleared police personnel cases which were approved in favour of the NeKs of militancy victims under Death, Missing, Injured, Damaged and SRO-43 cases as per the guidelines laid under Government Order No. Home-228 of 2017, dated 16-03-2017.

The eligibility including qualification of the applicants was also taken into account while deciding the appointment cases. The Reports from Police, CID and Army were thoroughly discussed while deciding the cases. All the necessary guidelines as per SRO-43 were also kept in view while disposing-off cases.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the District Administration shall ensure there is nil pendency of such cases requiring immediate relief to the people. He stressed the concerned Officers to ensure speedy disposal of all such cases for timely clearance of the cases. Among others, the meeting was attended by SSPs of Pulwama and Awantipora, ADDC Pulwama, CO-44 RR, CO-55 RR, CO-183/182, Bn CRPF, Additional Deputy Commissioners of Tral, Awantipora and Pulwama, Superintending Engineer R&B Pulwama, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Pulwama, Chief Medical Officer, all Tehsildars and various Officers from Police, Army, CID besides other concerned.

## Agri Dept Bandipora organises Awareness programme on Financing & Bank credit to FPOs

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, JUNE 09: Agriculture Department Bandipora in collaboration with NABARD organised an awareness programme for bankers and other stakeholders on financing and bank credit to Farmers Producer Organisation (FPOs) at Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The programme highlighted various agricultural credit linked schemes in providing financial assistance and flow of credit on an easy basis to farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs for promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing productivity.

During the programme, threaded discussions were held for smooth flow of credit for the establishment of agricultural enterprise/units which are to be undertaken under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

On the occasion, Nodal Officer HADP Bandipora (Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora) briefed about the projects to be implemented under HADP.

## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

## NCD, TB screening camps held at Hibrakh, Manjmi Dossa Villages

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 09: Reaching out to the people at their door steps to provide them better healthcare facilities, the health department on Friday organised a day long NCD and Tuberculosis screening and awareness camps at Village Hibrakh Trown and Manjmi Dossa in Medical Block Ghat District.

The camp was held as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner and overall supervision of CMO Doda and BMO Ghat.

More than 300 persons mostly above 30 years of age were examined for NCD as a part of the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The TB screening was also done by the staff and 50 samples of sputum were collected on the occasion for testing. The health department aims to hold screening camps in every nook and corner of the District to detect NCDs such as hypertension.

Diabetes, cancer etc and promote preventive healthcare, as screening plays a pivotal role in detecting patients early and treating them effectively.

Dr Mohd Iqbal, Dr Amjad Iqbal, Dr Madiha Arjumand, Dr Nasir Hussain (MLHP), Ajay Singh (MMPHW) and concerned Paramedical Staff besides local ASHAs of the area rendered their services during these camps.

## NYK ears up to organise Yuva Utsav in Govt ITI Doda on June 13

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 09: Nehru Yuva Kendra Doda, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with Govt. ITI Doda is going to organise District Level Yuva Utsav on the theme "Panch Pran" on 13th June, 2023.

District Youth Officer, Khushal Gupta urged the talented youth (15-29 years as on 01.04.2022) of Doda district to register themselves through the designated google form and get an opportunity to participate in the District Level event. This year the Yuva Utsav has five components i.e. Young Artists Camp (Painting), Young Writers Camp (Poem), Photography Workshop, Declamation Contest and Cultural Festival (Group Dance only).

For Painting, Poetry and Photography contests, the first winner will be awarded Rs. 1000, second winner will get Rs. 750 and third winner will get Rs. 500 along with mementos and certificates of appreciation. In the Declamation contest, the first, second and third winners will get Rs. 5000, Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000 respectively. In Group Cultural contest, the first prize is Rs. 5000, second prize is Rs. 2500 and third prize is Rs. 1250. The winners of each event will qualify for the State Level contest followed by the National Level Yuva Utsav.

Khushal Gupta said that PRIs, ULBs, Civil Society organisations, NGOs and Heads of educational institutions have a major role in ensuring that the talented youth of their respective areas get registered and participate in Yuva Utsav.

## J&K Pollution Control Committee conducts public hearing at village Daboh Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, JUNE 09: Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee today conducted a public hearing for the Environmental Clearance of Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 3/2 and Block 3/5 upstream NHIA bridge Basanter River at Village Daboh, Samba.

A large number of the people of Panchayat Daboh, Kaloha, Mahoregarh, Mannanu etc and local public representatives, including BDC Members,

Sarpanches/Panches and prominent persons of the area participated in the proceedings.

During the proceeding of public hearing, AB Jandiyal (AEE), representing Regional Director, JKPC Jammu, briefed the public about the importance of conducting public hearing & Role of JKPC.

Project consultant from M/s P&M Solution, Noida (UP) gave the details about salient features and Environmental impact Assessment (EIA) & Environment management plan of the project.

All the issues related to mining

were discussed and many queries were raised by the speakers during the proceedings.

Rakesh Dubey, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Samba and Mohammad Sayeed, District Mineral Officer, Samba also attended the public hearing and addressed the gathering.

They assured that all the important issues/ concerns raised by project affected people have been recorded by viedography & will be incorporated in the report to be submitted to the Competent Authority.

## ADDC Ramban flags off exposure tour of Watershed Committee members

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 09: Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Rajinder Sharma today flagged off a batch of members of Watershed Committees of block Uthral for a five-day exposure visit to National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad.

The exposure visit has been organ-

ised by State Level Nodal Agency for IWMP, Chief Executive Officer SLNA, J&K and Project Manager, IWMP Ramban under capacity building programme of IWMP.

The watershed committee members will visit National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj at Hyderabad to learn and gain the knowledge of new methodologies, tools and techniques for further improvement of the area under

Integrated Watershed Management programme (IWMP). The ADDC appreciated IWMP for organising the tour and asked the Project Manager, IWMP Ramban to arrange more such programmes in future for the effective capacity building of all stakeholders under the IWMP scheme.

Assistant Commissioner Development Ashok Singh, BDO and others were also present on the occasion.

## District level Bankers' seminar on credit needs in Agriculture & Allied sectors held at Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 09: A District Level Bankers' Seminar for Credit Needs in Agriculture and Allied Sectors was held today under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The visiting officer, Chief Executive Officer, Livestock Development Board Jammu, Dr. Raman Kumar Gupta, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Shyam Singh and District heads of allied Departments including Horticulture, Animal



Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Head KVK, Marketing officer HPM, Kissan Advisory Board member, Cluster Head J&K, Representatives of FPOs, PMFBY scheme and progressive farmers

attended the event. At the outset, Chief Agriculture Officer, Sanjay Anand welcomed the participants and explained the procedure and scope of the credit linked schemes like KCC,

PFME, AIF, AHDF, FIDE, credit guarantee scheme for FPO, etc.

Speaking at the Seminar, the DDC called for simplifying the procedure for availing the credit by the farmers and to save them from making frequent visits to banks.

He further urged the Bankers and the allied departments to work in tandem to achieve the goals of HADP launched by JKUT Government with the approval of Government of India.

The LDM was directed to facilitate the farmers and sort out the issues at personal level for the welfare of the farming community. The Officers were further

directed to sensitize the farmers in their respective areas about the schemes run by the government.

DMD NABARD, Dr Sidharth Gautam presented a powerpoint presentation on various agricultural credit linked schemes.

An interactive session was and the queries of stakeholders were responded to by the bank officials and District Officers.

The Vote of thanks was presented by Dr Sukhbir Singh, District Subject Matter Specialist. Among others present were DAO (Extn.), ASCO, SMS DL, Agriculture Extension officers, Agriculture Extension Assistants.

# Samba: Bankers' Seminar discusses measures to address credit issues in Agriculture and Allied sectors

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, JUNE 09: A part of series of events being conducted under Kisan Sampark Abhiyan to promote Holistic Agriculture Development Plan schemes, a seminar on Agricultural Credit Linked Schemes was held today in the conference hall of District Administration Complex Samba under the Chairmanship of District Development Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma. The programme was organized by the organizing committee chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, District Nodal officer, Dr Satish

Gangwal (District Sheep Husbandry Officer), Dr Rahul Dev, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Sanjay Verma, Chief Agriculture Officer, Mukesh Sharma, Chief Horticulture Officer and Mrs Farkhanda Malher, Assistant Director, Fisheries. The conference was attended by Visiting Officer District Samba, Ram Sevak, (Director Horticulture Jammu), Supervisory Officer District Samba, Dr Shubhra Sharma, (Director Animal Husbandry Jammu), Dr Vijay Kumar Sharma, Scientist KVK Samba, all the district heads of the banks including DDM NABARD, LDM Samba, Cluster-Head JK Bank, Regional

Head JK Grameen Bank and other heads of Public and Private Sector banks as well as educated unemployed youth and entrepreneurs who intend to avail the benefits of these schemes. DDM NABARD, Shailesh Sharma gave a detailed presentation regarding provision of financial assistance for farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs for promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing productivity. A detailed presentation regarding HADP schemes was also presented by the Departmental heads of Agriculture and Allied Departments. Abhishek Sharma, District Development

Commissioner Samba, exhorted the participating banks to extend whole hearted support to all farmers, especially small and marginal farmers in availing the credit for various schemes under HADP. He also laid emphasis on coordination among the Banks and Departments for spreading mass awareness about agriculture credit and beneficiary schemes. The DDC apprised the participants that a total of seven (7) rounds of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under HADP have been conducted in 62 Panchayats in District Samba in which 8453 farmers participated, a baseline survey of 7787 was completed, 1602 farmers were registered on

Daksh Kisan portal with 412 farmers registering for training in various courses and 49 smart cards were issued. He also lauded the efforts of the officers of all the Departments involved in HADP for their successful implementation of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan in the district and registration of the farmers on various HADP portals (Kisan Sathi and DAKSH Kisan). The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr Rahul Dev, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba and distribution of booklets with information about all the 47 schemes under HADP among the participants.

# DIET Banihal promotes NIPUN Bharat Campaign

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 09: The impact of Janbhagidari G20 events and activities reflected with flying colours in all the educational institutions across district Ramban. The objective of these events is to promote NIPUN-FLN and raise awareness by involving all the stakeholders. The Janbhagidari events will also instill a sense of pride among stakeholders about the G-20 presidency, the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) with focus on Blended Learning. As a part of these events, a massive rally was organised under the supervision of ZEO Batote, Sukh Dev Singh. The main purpose of organizing this rally was to spread awareness about India's G-20 presidency, NIPUN BHARAT, NEP 2020 and the importance of blended learning. Headmaster, teachers, students of Government Middle school Batote attended the rally. Other dignitaries who attended this rally were PRIs, VEC, SMDC members and SHO Batote. Another important event of Toyathon, NIPUN FLN was also organised under the guidance of ZEO Batote. Students showcased their artistic and creative talent in poster making.

# 'Heroes of Kupwara': DC Kupwara felicitates noted environmentalist Abdul Ahad Khan

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, JUNE 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doitode Sagar Dattatray on Friday felicitated noted environmentalist Abdul Ahad Khan of Nagri Malpora (Kupwara) who has spent the past 15 years selflessly planting and nurturing chinar trees, aiming to protect this iconic species from vanishing in the region. In a function at DC office Kupwara, Abdul Ahad Khan was felicitated by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara in recognition of his love for nature, and his



Abdul Ahad Khan (center) is being felicitated by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara (left) and other officials. The group is surrounded by chinar trees and plants.

passion of transforming empty spaces into flourishing lush green forests. Describing the achievements and contribution of Abdul Ahad Khan as historic and commendable, DC said that Kupwara district was proud of him and expressed the hope that Khan will bring more laurels not only to district but to the state of J&K by planting hundreds of more chinar trees and nurturing and preserving them. Dr Sagar said that Khan is a role model and a hero for others. Pertinently, Ab. Ahad Khan has planted more than 300 chinar trees in Hatmulla village on empty spaces free of cost. On the occasion, Abdul Ahad Khan said "we all should plant more and more trees and strive to make the earth green. By planting more trees and protecting and preserving existing plants, trees and forests we can ensure our survival". Abdul Ahad Khan serves as an inspiring example, defying all stereotypes and demonstrating that an unwavering love for a green and clean environment can foster mutual care between humans and nature. Khan's unwavering dedication to this cause has earned him the well-deserved title of the Chinar Man of North Kashmir by the forest department. He proudly shared that he has single-handedly planted and nurtured hundreds of chinar trees, treating them as his own children.

# DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Urs Shah Farid-ud-Din Sahib

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTIWAR, JUNE 09: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today reviewed the arrangements for Urs Shah Farid-Ud-Din Sahib scheduled on 20th & 21st of June 2023, here at a meeting of line departments and representatives of religious organisations. SSP, Khalid Ahmed Powsal; ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC/CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Indrajit Singh Parihar; ACR, Varunjeet Charak; ACD, Sunil Bhatnagar; AD PSC&CS Shafiq Keen; DIO Kuldeep Kumar; EO Municipal Council Nimad Sen; Representatives of Anagat Board, besides concerned District Officers attended the meeting. The DC

reviewed the arrangements like accommodation for devotees, power & water supply, firewood, stocks of ration and LPG, Sanitation, Security, Medical care, transportation, fire tender and traffic management. Necessary directions were given to the concerned District Officers and they were asked to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are placed well in time. The SSP Kishtwar informed the meeting that fool proof security arrangements will be placed during the Urs Days at the venue and the Shrines. The DC directed Executive Engineer PHE to ensure availability of sufficient drinking water for devotees/Ziarsens at the shrines of Astan Bal, Astan Pian and other places along with the provision of

water tankers. EO Municipality was also directed to ensure proper cleanliness around the shrines and line lining of the roads leading to the shrines. Further, ARTO, DTI, SHO and manager bus stand were directed to devise a transport plan viz. arrangement of additional buses for smooth and free movement of pilgrims, management of Traffic and Parking of vehicles. Executive Engineer JPDC, Kishtwar was directed to ensure uninterrupted Power Supply at both the shrines and places of stay of Ziarsens besides also directed to keep genset available at both Ziarsats. The DC also directed health authorities to establish first aid camps and ensure basic medical

facilities including an Ambulance for both the shrines. Various other arrangements were also discussed in the meeting which includes temporary toilets, parking facility of passenger vehicles, establishment of control room constituting representatives of all the concerned line departments and installation of Public Address System and CCTV camera at required places. It was also given out in the meeting that Administrator J&K Waqf Board Kishtwar (ACP) shall be the Nodal Officer for implementation of decisions and directions, deployment of Magistrate duties besides issue the necessary permissions to Vendors for installing stalls at specific locations.

# 9 years of Modi Govt happening for Panchayati Raj in JK: DDC Vice Chairperson Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 09: Juhii Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson District Development Commissioner Udhampur today said that there was a sea of change in the very realm, perspective and perception of Panchayati Raj in J&K in 9 years of PM Shri Narendra Modi's Government. She was addressing an interaction meeting with PRIs in Block Khood of Tehsil Majlata. Empowerment of the people till the grassroots level has been the hallmark of the Modi Sarkar which was achieved by introduction of various innovations, techniques and empowerment measures, she said. She further noted that the elected PRIs have been involved in the process of decision making in

almost all the spheres of governance concerning aam aadmi and more so the center in focus of Panchayati Raj is the Gram Sabha. The concept of achieving rapport with the last man in the last row has been achieved by metamorphosing the very concept and idea of Panchayati Raj in J&K. Meanwhile, a variety of issues were projected by the PRIs of tehsil Majlata. They demanded expediting the JIM works, early installation of transformers under PMDF at Sen, Nardi, Samaga, Batata and under RVV at Thalora, Kagole and especially in SC Basti Khood. They further demanded release of pending payments for the works done under the bad pocket initiative done in Dudu Basantgarh area and upper areas of Khood Block. The People further expressed

concern over delay in the start of the linkage project of Manwal Pingar road. The said road stops almost 3 KM short from the holy shrine of Sri Pingla mata. People also vouched for forest clearance for Thial to Chountra Mata road. Issues of Sehla to Lyani road, Chore Motu to Jofar road via Soan, lack of water connectivity in Soan, chore motu and Garh Samnabhar area, provision of Mobile connectivity towers in Mottu, Chore-Panjan, G.S.Banj and S.K.Bair were also raised. Mrs Pathania ensured the PRIs of taking up these issues with the administration for their quick resolution so that the developmental activities can accelerate in the area. The Vice Chairperson also took review of the ongoing Special camps for registration of beneficiar-

ies under AWAS Plus. She asked the PRIs and the officials of Department of Rural Development to ensure complete transparency in registration of beneficiaries under the scheme so that all deserving can reap the benefits of this welfare scheme which was started with the vision of 'Housing for all'. The proceedings were piloted by the BDO Majlata/Khood Mr. Vishal Sadhotra. Prominent among those who remain present include Sarpanch Mr. Ramesh Chander Gupta, Sarpanch Mohal Lal Sharma, Sarpanch Raman Khajuria, Sarpanch Chaman Singh, Sarpanch Surinder Kumar, Sarpanch Feroz Din, Naib Sarpanch Nimrata Lal, Naib Sarpanch Tirth Ram, Naib Sarpanch Charan Das and various other PRI members of Tehsil Majlata.

# ECO Club GDC Udhampur launches 21 day Mission LiFE activities with signature campaign

JJ NEWS SERVICE

ECO Club GDC Udhampur launches 21 day Mission LiFE activities with signature campaign. UDHAMPUR, JUNE 09: In the continuation of the series of awareness programs under India's Presidency

of India envisages a thrust on the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle For Environment). The Mission LiFE was introduced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, at the World Leader's Summit at Glasgow in 2021 UNFCC COP 26, where

He gave a clarion call to rekindle a global pursuit to adopt sustainable lifestyles and practices. To materialize this and to usher a mass mobilization for the Mission LiFE, the Eco Club organized today an awareness cum signature Campaign.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY									
Notice Inviting Tender									
Sr. DEE/TRD/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date 03.07.2023 at 15:00 Hrs. only Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.									
Tender No.	Name of work	App Cost (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website	Particulars
504-TRD-FZR-2023-24	CHE Modification work at Karapur (KRE) station / yard in c/w P/1 work on Amrisar (ASR) Pathankot (PTK) section over Firapuz division.	₹9,25,466.17p	NIL	Up to 03.07.2023 15:00 Hrs	1,38,500/-	09 Months	03.07.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.irps.gov.in	
505-TRD-FZR-2023-24	TRD work in c/w Augmentation of homing shed capacity of Electric Loco Shed, Ludhiana from 175 to 200 Locoos over Firapuz division.	4,70,364.73	NIL	Up to 03.07.2023 15:00 Hrs	9,400/-	06 Months	03.07.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.irps.gov.in	

Note: If Tenderer's may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through a payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway.  
No.504 & 505-TRD-FZR-2023-24 Dated: 09.06.2023 1771/2023

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D. DIVISION JAMMU**  
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

E-NIT NO GWD/IS OF 2023-24 DATED: 08.06.2023

On behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu invites tender by e-tendering mode from reputed and registered firms with PHE/I&FC Deptt. J&K Govt. as a Drilling Agency who have sufficient experience in the field of drilling and are well equipped with drilling rigs suitable for ODEX method.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Qty.	Estimated cost (value of work) (In Rs.)	Earliest Money (In Rs)	Validity of Rates
Deep Drilling of 125 mm dia Bore Hole by using ODEX method including providing, installation, testing, commissioning of Mark II Hand Pump and connection of platforms at Higher Secondary School Kad in District Udhampur on Turkey Basis (EPC) under Capex Budget 2023-24	Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu	500.00 (Non-Refundable)	01 No.	Rs. 4.25 lacs	₹ 2% of the quoted rates in shape of Fresh CDR/FDR (linked to Executive Engineer PHE (M) GWD Division Jammu)	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024

- The complete bidding process shall be online.
- Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://tenders.gov.in> from 08.06.2023 to 19.06.2023.
- The pre bid meeting if desired by the participating firms shall be held in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 12.06.2023 (1300 hrs).
- The bids shall be submitted/uploaded from the website <http://tenders.gov.in> from 13.06.2023 (1500 hrs) to 19.06.2023 (1800 hrs).
- The complete bidding process shall be online and scanned copies of the following documents will have to be uploaded before due date:-
  - Copy of treasury e-Challan/receipt for Rs. 500.00 against the cost of tender document under the receipt Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (M) Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu indicating name of work to be executed. It may be noted that the receipt of the e-challan should be of the date after the issuance of publication of the e-tender.
  - The tenders shall be accompanied with an earnest money of 2% of quoted rates in the shape of CDR/FDR, from a scheduled Bank payable in JAMMU. The CDR/FDR shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu, valid for a period of 12 months from the last date of submission of bids. The earnest money deposit shall be refunded in favour of unsuccessful tenderer immediately after finalization of the tender, whereas it shall be retained in case of successful tenderer till signing of agreement and furnishing of performance security.
  - Copy of tender documents, terms and conditions duly signed and stamped (each page) by bidder.
  - Scanned copy of Experience certificate of having completed one similar work during last five financial years. The experience certificate shall have been issued by an officer of the rank not below an Executive Engineer of any Government Department/Semi Government/PSUs.
  - Scanned copy of Registration of Water Well Drillers issued by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu. In case the bidder is not able to furnish the Registration with the cover 1st of this bid document he can produce the same before the opening of cover 2nd of this bid document.
  - Scanned copy of latest financial year return certificate.
  - Scanned copy GST return in FORM/GST-3B of the latest quarter.
  - Scanned copy of documentary proof of ownership or on hire basis of requisite machinery like Air Rotary (ODEX) Drilling Rig. In case of a firm having these machines arranged on hire basis the firm shall produce a copy of an agreement with the actual owner (Registered Drilling Firm) of the machine for lease of the machinery and expertise, duly attested by a Magistrate First class valid for a time period of not less than 06 months from the last date of submission of bids.
  - Average annual financial turnover during any three financial years out of the last 05 years, ending 31st March of previous financial year, issued by a registered Chartered Accountant under his seal and signature shall be Rs. 25.0 lacs.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 21.06.2023 (1500 hrs). If the offers happen to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working day during the office hours.
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu. If the offers happen to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working or as to be decided by tender opening committee.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.
- Account Head: Capex Budget 2023-24
- AAA No. 06 - PDA of 2023 Dated 30.05.2023
- Status of Funds: Available
- Technical Sanction No. GWD/34 of 2023-24 Dated 06.06.2023

GWD/1023-25  
DATED: 08.06.2023

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
JAL SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D. DIVISION  
JAMMU

# IIM Jammu signs MOU with LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD to Startup Ecosystem Development

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 09: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD to set out a framework for the participants to cooperate in investment promotion J & K.

The MoU was signed at a Mega event for start-ups in Jammu on 09th June 2023. The organizations will jointly conduct studies, research, and organize various capacity-building activities across the districts of Jammu and Kashmir with an aim to identify investment opportunities and measure the potential of growth in various sectors of the industry. The MoU was signed in the



presence of Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu by Cmr Keshavn Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, and by Sunil Shah, Director, LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said that the signing of

the MoU will open new avenues to showcase business opportunities in J&K to potential investors, creation of start-up ecosystem, and drive strategic sector-specific investments from private sector stakeholders across India and the world. The Institute along with the LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD,

will try to leverage this partnership by working in the continued interest of the people of Jammu, and Kashmir and thereby paving the path for sustainable development for the nation and the globe.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sunil Shah, Director, LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD expressed his happiness for the signing of the MoU with IIM Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

He mentioned further that the collaboration with IIM Jammu will help us to develop our competence in many key areas ranging from research, Institutional knowledge, development of entrepreneurship, and Institutional development. This partnership will lead to a significant exchange of synergies between both Institutes.

As part of the MoU, a review shall be undertaken to view schemes & policies of the government with respect to industrial growth and investment promotion in J&K and students will truly benefit from such activities as this will help them to understand these dynamics.

The MoU signing ended on a positive note.

# DC Jammu visits Yatri Niwas

REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHRI AMARNATH JI YATRA 2023



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JAMMU, JUNE 09: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar to inspect the arrangements for the comfortable stay for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023 pilgrims.

She also convened a meeting with senior officers from concerned departments to review the arrangements.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the establishment of registration counters for tatkal registration of the pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner also discussed the requirement of other facilities like accommodation, barricading, security arrangements, wi-fi and other facilities, power and water supply etc near the Registration Counters.

The cleanliness, sanitation, hygiene and medical facilities at these counters were also discussed in the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner also allotted separate duties to senior officers of different departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made for smooth conduct of Yatra well before the commencement of Yatra.

SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli, ADC ADM Sandeep Seointria along with other senior officers from concerned departments were present in the meeting.

# Directorate of Rural Sanitation J&K hosts one day orientation programme for Swachhata Interns

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JAMMU, JUNE 09: A One-day orientation of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-interns (under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-Internship) 2023 was organized by the Directorate of Rural Sanitation J&K, here today.

The Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj have enrolled youth for promoting Swachhata in the villages.

Under this Voluntary internship, interested youth, including Research Scholars enrolled in the Colleges/universities and were invited to work in the villages to carry out specific activities, especially to generate awareness for improving the sanitation and hygiene in the villages. The



enrolled youth are expected to devote at least 100 hours to Swachhata over a period of 02 months.

A number of swachhata interns from Districts of Jammu, Samba and Reasi attended the programme in person, while interns from other districts of JKUT joined the Orientation Programme online.

Rural Sanitation J&K Charandeept Singh briefed the participants about different

aspects of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin. He explained in detail the work that was being done by the department for attaining the goal of a Swachh JKUT, where all villages have attained the parameters for being declared ODF Plus Model Villages. He further informed the students how they could contribute in spreading awareness among the masses to trigger a change in sanitation related behavior. He also explained how

the interns can actively involve themselves in IEC activities and target behavior around open defecation, hygiene practices, Solid Waste Management among other behaviors. It was suggested that these young interns could conduct door to door campaigns and organize Waste collection drives, Mobilize Community and Panchayats to build Compost pits and organize cleanliness drives of Street/ drains etc.

Through various Audio Visual aids participants were acquainted with the different aspects of SBMG and the infrastructure/assets being put in place such as Soak Pits/ leach Pits/ Magic Pits/ Plastic Waste Management Units by the department. They were also informed that the department

has already declared over 6000 Villages as ODF Plus in the Aspiring category and to achieve the goal of 100% ODF Plus Model saturation, the cooperation of these youngsters is required. An interaction was also held with the students who shared their experiences of the work that they have already done and their plans ahead to make SBMG Mission a JAN ANDOLAN.

The programme was also attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Jammu, Deputy Director Rural Sanitation Jammu, District Panchayat Officer Jammu, District Panchayat Officer Samba, Block Development Officer, Directorate of Rural Sanitation JK & Field Officer Rural Sanitation Jammu.

# Government Polytechnic Jammu organises Yoga Camp



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JAMMU, JUNE 09: Government Polytechnic College Jammu, in collaboration with the Department of Ayush Jammu and Kashmir, organized an iconic Yoga Camp in the institution, here today. The camp was organized under the guidance of Principal Er Arun Bangotra Government Polytechnic College Jammu and under the supervision of Director J&K Ayush Dr Mohan Singh & DAO Dr Vandana Dogra. A large number of students of Government Polytechnic College Jammu participated in the camp.

The event was organized to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga among students. The students performed key asanas and taught each other different methods of meditation. They were also given pamphlets to make them aware of the mindful and therapeutic aspects of yoga. Speaking on the occasion, Er Arun Bangotra highlighted the benefits of Yoga and appreciated the efforts of the team members of Ayush Department for the successful event. He stressed on the need for coordination between the educators and youth to make Yoga a part of their life. He also shared that the people have widely accepted the effectiveness of Yoga as a form of therapy. He further stressed on making physical activity and yoga part of day-to-day life.

# NHM organizes orientation workshop on PC & PNDDT, Act

Secretary Health emphasizes strict implementation of Act, says any violation shall be dealt stringently

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JAMMU, JUNE 09: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhopinder Kumar, today chaired one day orientation workshop organised by National Health Mission, J&K, an effective implementation of PC&PNDDT, Act 1994 at Convention Centre, Canal Road, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Bhopinder Kumar emphasized upon the importance of effective implementation of PC&PNDDT Act. He said that the child sex ratio is an important indicator of social health of any society and any kind of decline in the sex ratio can be detrimental for demography of the region which can ultimately imbalance the whole system of the mankind.

Secretary said that the government is quite serious and firm enough for taking any measures required for balancing the sex ratio. He said that to usher a healthy child sex ratio and curtail the menace of sex selection, implementation mechanism of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 needs to be



strengthened at all levels. He further stressed upon the officers to ensure no violation of the Act takes place in first place and any violation in this regard shall be dealt stringently.

Secretary emphasized for evolving a robust mechanism to curb all illegal practices. He also stressed that regular meetings of Regulatory Bodies/Committees should be conducted at all level. He also asked for ensuring regular inspections/surprise visits by the Appropriate Authorities at each level. He said that the religious leaders, schools, colleges and Panchayati Raj Institutions should be involved for spreading awareness about female foeticide and its consequences.

Speaking on the occasion, Ayushi Sudan, Mission Director, NHM, J&K, informed that a defined regulatory mechanism has been established under the PC&PNDDT Act and regulatory bodies/committees have been

constituted at all levels. These committees, including UT Supervisory Board, UT Level Task Force, Divisional Advisory Committees, Divisional Appropriate Authorities/District Appropriate Authorities, have been entrusted with the task of strengthening the mechanism of implementation of PC&PNDDT, Act. There is need of collaborative approach on part of all stakeholders for effective implementation of the Act, she maintained.

Iat Hamid, Lead Consultant, Gender and PNDDT, MoH&FW and Dr. Saroj Agarwal, Consultant with Director General Health Services, Haryana were resource persons during the workshop who gave detailed PowerPoint Presentation on different aspects of PC&PNDDT Act, rules, maintenance of record, powers of search, seizure, Supreme Court Directives and other important concerns.

# PPSPS Govt College for Women organises students' visit to IIM Jammu

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JAMMU, JUNE 09: Department of Chemistry, in collaboration with IQAC, of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women today organised students' visit to IIM Jammu to participate in the Symposium on Drug Discovery & Skill development on High end Research under One Week One Lab programme. Dr. Sunil Kumar Dubey, General Manager, Medical Research R&D Healthcare Division Emami limited Kolkata



was the chief guest at the inaugural session. He delivered a plenary lecture on Pharmacokinetic Pharmacodynamic Modelling and Simulation of Phytophar-

maceuticals. He shared his expertise in designing new drugs. Dr. Prason Gupta, Dr. Parminder Pal Singh & Dr. Qazi Naveen Ahmed were also the lead speak-

ers. During the visit, the Students were made aware about the designing of new drugs, various aspects of preclinical drug development, the role of CSR-

IIM Jammu in the drug development from natural resources.

The students also visited various labs working on isolation, identification and characterization of Natural products.

The visit was conducted smoothly with the support of Dr. Deepika Singh, Principal Scientist & Head Quality, Management & Instrumentation division CSIR IIM, Jammu. Dr. Indu khajuria, Dr. Deepika Gupta & Dr. Shally Chadha from Department of Chemistry accompanied the Students.

# State Taxes Deptt organises workshop on Cyber Security at Jammu

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JAMMU, JUNE 9: State Taxes Department J&K today organised a workshop on Cyber Security under 'Stay Safe Online Campaign' of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), GOI for the officers and officials of the department at Excise and Taxation Complex, Rail Head here.

The workshop was held under the supervision of Commissioner State Taxes, Rashmi Singh and Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

Addressing the workshop, Dr. Rashmi Singh highlighted the significant role played by the State Taxes Department in safeguarding citizens' financial information and ensuring the integrity of tax systems. She added that this workshop will serve an opportunity to foster dialogue and share best practices among participants from diverse sectors, including government agencies, private enterprises, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra said that with the rapid advancement of technology and increased reliance on digital platforms, there is dire need for proactive efforts to protect sensitive data from cybercriminals.

Vikas Razdan, cyber security expert, SIA Jammu was resource person for the workshop. Through this workshop officers/officials were made aware about the cyber frauds/ crimes and related issues and preventive measures to be kept in mind while surfing online via different modes viz the use of Android phones, personal desktop, tabs etc.