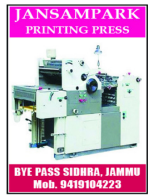




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## Maha CM Shinde meets LG seeks land in Srinagar for 'Maharashtra Bhavan'

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MUMBAI, JUN 11

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and urged him to provide land in Srinagar to set up 'Maharashtra Bhavan'. Shinde met Sinha in Srinagar and handed over a letter to him with the request, a statement from Shinde's office said. The chief minister said the Maharashtra Bhavan will help promote cultural exchange and boost the economy through tourism activities. Shinde said it will help showcase Maharashtra's art, culture and food in Kashmir.



JNEWSSERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 11

### J&K situation a lot improved: Maharashtra CM Shinde

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved a lot.

Shinde, who arrived in Srinagar on Sunday, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here. He said that an extraordinary increase in the number

of tourists depicts that the situation has improved in Jammu and Kashmir. Shinde also urged the Lieutenant Governor to provide land for the construction

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## Proud to serve nation that's marching forward with undeterred resolve: PM

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JUN 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said he is proud to serve a nation that is marching forward with undeterred resolve and asserted that every stride the country takes is a testament to the strength and spirit of the people. The prime minister's remarks



on Twitter with the hashtag '9YearsOfIndiaFirst' come amidst BJP organising various programmes across the country as part of a mega public outreach to mark nine years of the Modi government. "Proud to serve a nation that's marching forward with undeterred resolve. From

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## In Swipe at Congress and DMK, Shah Dubs them '2G, 3G, 4G' parties

AGENCIES  
VILLORE (TAMIL NADU), JUN 11

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday took a swipe at the Congress and DMK over dynasty politics and alleged corruption, calling them "2G, 3G, 4G" parties and said the time has come in Tamil Nadu to throw away these



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## Court rejects closure report in Soldier's murder case in J&K; ordered fresh investigation

JNEWSSERVICE  
JAMMU, JUN 11

A court here has rejected the closure report in a 17-year-old murder case of a soldier in Banihal township of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed dissatisfaction with the police probe, saying it raises serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone. Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Banihal, Manmohan Kumar also directed the Superintendent of Police, Ramban to monitor the investigation in the case and conclude it within a period of three months. Sepoy Yuvraj Uttam Rao of the 17 Rashtriya Rifles was found dead in the sentry post with several bullet injuries on his chest inside a camp in Banihal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on May 19, 2006.

"There are discrepancies in the (police) investigation as at one point Investigating Officer (IO) observed that some unknown officials have killed the deceased and simultaneously IO himself has concluded that death might be an act of terrorists.

"However, IO has not collected any evidence that there was any transgression or attack in the army camp on the fateful night. The role of terrorists in the killing is also ruled out as the holes were detected in the roof of the sentry post which seem to have been fired from inside the sentry post instead of outside as the tin shed was opened towards outside," the court said in its order on Friday.

The court said the probe of the case remained inconclusive for nearly 17 years and the investigating agency observed that someone from inside the camp had committed the offence but they were unable to find out the accused.

"The investigation in the case has reached a dead end without identification of the offenders... the excuse of the IO that it is not possible to trace or identify the accused is preposterous, as the deceased was not alone in the camp, there were a number of Army personnel along with officers on duty then and there," the court said.

It said investigations conducted by the IO's show total reluctance on

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## Army exposes ISI's dangerous move to involve women, juveniles in terror network

JNEWSSERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUN 11

A 'dangerous move' by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and heads of terror groups to rope in women and juveniles to carry weapons and messages has come to light amid a decline in the use of traditional means of communication by terrorists in Kashmir valley, a top army officer has said. The General Officer Commanding of Srinagar-based 15 Corps, also known as Chinara



Corps, Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla also said the forces need to be cautious as people sitting across the Line of Control (LoC) are busy scheming and planning to disturb the prevailing peaceful atmosphere.

"Today's threat, as I see it, is involving women, girls and juveniles in carrying messages, drugs or, at times, weapons. So far, the army has detected some cases highlighting an emerging trend that in itself is a dangerous move that Pakistan's ISI

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## Cloudy weather with chances of showers at some places over J&K; MeT

JNEWSSERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 11

Weather generally remains cloudy but cooler than the previous day with light rain at some places over Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, Meteorological department said.

Light Rain lashes at some places of Jammu, Akhnoor and Katra while it is cloudy at rest of the places currently, the MeT office said. Today the weather is likely to remain generally

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## Security conference held for successful conduct of Amarnath Yatra

JNEWSSERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUN 10

A security conference was held here on Saturday for the successful conduct of the upcoming Amarnath Yatra, a defence official said.

Srinagar-based PRO defence Col Emron Musavi said a joint security conference of officials of security forces and the civil

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## Conjuring Magic | J&K Artist turns stones and sand into unique art forms

JNEWSSERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUN 11

With every stone or rock he collects from trekking routes in the mountains of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, Manzooz Ahmad Bhat is meticulously carving out a space for himself in the world of mosaic art.

The 34-year-old from central Kashmir's Ganderbal district uses mortar to grind stones and rocks collected from various mountains and extracts vibrant and natural colours to create his art, which seems to have aroused interest at an exhibition here.

Bhat said paintings and unique art forms have always inspired him, and his creations are now admired by many. He is now considered to be the only artist in Kashmir to create such pieces. "The art is made from stones. The stones are collected from trekking routes in Gangbal, Tarsar, Marsar, Gaddar, Vishnugar,



and Sonamarg (in Ganderbal), and mostly from Ladakh," Bhat said here on the sidelines of the exhibition organised by the department of handicrafts and handloom.

Acquiring the right stones is difficult, he said, adding it takes a lot of time to find them.

Explaining the process of his art, Bhat said the stones he uses are the ones that can be crushed but are not so soft. After collection, the stones are crushed, graphs drawn on plywood and then the crushed stones are converted to painting, he added.

A self-taught artist in this art form, Bhat said his family has been a pillar of support.

"My family has always been my supporters, they have helped me reach this platform. My seven-year-old daughter is learning this art from me. Many people approached me to learn this art. But it requires patience and so, many of them walked away," he said.

Bhat said three to four months of commitment is required towards one piece of art.

Having won many admirers over the years, Bhat now wants to showcase his creations on the national and international stage.

"As an artist, I want to showcase my art at the international and national levels and want to reach out to people who have an eye for it. The Department of Handicrafts, Kashmir, has helped me to showcase my artwork in this

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## Simran Bala from Rajouri, the only girl from J&K to crack UPSC CAPF

JNEWSSERVICE  
JAMMU, JUN 11

Simran Bala, hailing from the border town of Nowshera in Jammu and Kashmir, has become the first girl in the Union Territory this year to crack Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Examination.

She has secured an All India Rank of 82 among 151 candidates who qualified for UPSC CAPF this year.

"I am the only girl from Jammu and Kashmir to crack this examination this year. I feel very proud and grateful. Being from the border area of Jammu and Kashmir, I have seen cross-border firing in my region, this has motivated me to join the CAPF so that I can serve in the border area as well," Simran Bala said.

"My dream has been fulfilled. I have been appointed as an Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces. I will fulfil my duty with full zeal. My family and my neighbours



are proud on my success," she added.

Speaking about his journey, Bala said, "I studied till Class 10 here following which I went to Jammu for my higher secondary education. Then I completed my graduation from Gandhinagar. I was in my last semester when I started preparing for this exam and cleared it, by god's grace in the first attempt."

"My parents, teachers and many people supported me. Hard work, perseverance and consistency helped me in my approach towards this exam," she said.

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## India ready to help in times of crisis: Jaishankar

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 11

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said that India is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever there is a crisis.

Addressing a G20 development ministers' conference in Varanasi, Jaishankar

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## Wholesale drug store sealed in Rajouri

JNEWSSERVICE  
JAMMU, JUN 11

A wholesale medical agency has been sealed after 110 strips of a drug were recovered during an inspection in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, a police

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## Manjit Singh seeks review of CUET for J&K students

J NEWS SERVICE

**HIRANAGAR, JUN 11:** Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu and Former Minister S. Manjit Singh has demanded review from the Govt with regard to the holding of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a workers meeting, the former minister said that the hundreds of students were compelled to appear in the examination centers established across the country.

The meeting was organized by Provincial Vice President, Ex-MLA Prem Lal at village Haria Chak in Marbeen Tehsil in Hiranagar, Kathua district.

The meeting was also attended by Senior Provincial Vice President Jammu Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial President Youth Wing Jammu, Vipul Bali, District President Youth Wing Samba, Mangat Ram and others. "The children who had cleared their 12th class exams used to take admissions in their local Govt colleges which were an easy process and it would not put additional financial burden on them. Hence, the process would allow even the poorest to



get admission and continue higher education," he said.

He said that "Equal opportunity was provided to all the students who wanted to pursue their higher education for BA or B.Sc. However, the CUET has compelled the parents to send their children out of J&K to appear in the exams, and the process of appearing in the entrance exams itself is costly."

He said that the Govt should review the decision and the students of J&K should be allowed to get admissions in their respective colleges to ensure that the quality education is provided at the doorstep and no discrimination is made on the name of financial background.

Meanwhile, Manjit Singh demanded full-fledged release of the pending package for the refugees.

"Then Central Govt had sanctioned a financial package for the refugees but the sanctioned package was not released although the first installment was given to some of the refugees," he said.

He demanded that the Govt should not delay the disbursement of the package amount in favour of the refugees.

Besides, Ex-MLA Prem Lal expressed anguish over the Agniveer recruitment policy for the Indian armed forces.

"The border area youth often join the Indian Army but after the new recruitment policy was launched

in the country, the youth feel their future is unsafe because of only four years of service," he said.

He said that the Govt of India should provide a permanent service in the Indian Army to the aspiring youth as it provides a sense of security and stability to the young generation.

Ex-MLA Faqir Nath also highlighted issues of growing unemployment and inability of the Govt to address the burning issues of employment to the youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also demanded that transparent recruitment should be conducted on all the vacant posts, and the Govt should give heed to the demands of the protesting aspirants.

## Changing J&K one of major achievements of PM Modi Government Slathia

J NEWS SERVICE

**VIJAYPUR JUNE 11:** Former minister and Senior Vice President BJP, Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today spelled out the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his nine year government, saying one of the major highlights has been restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir, making it safe destination for travellers and investors from across the world.

Addressing people during Maha Jansampark Abhiyan, to mark the completion of the nine years of the Modi government, along with senior BJP karyakartas at village Swankha in the Ramgarh Assembly Constituency, Mr Slathia referred to the recently concluded three day Working Group meeting of G20 Conclave in Srinagar and said this reflected the changing times in Kashmir and invokes deep yearning for peace and stability.

He said more than doubling of the investment in J&K to Rs 75,000 crore by this year end, five times the investment happened in the past 74 years holds promise about the huge turnaround in the economic and developmental scenario in the Union Territory. While the influx of tourists has crossed all time high mark of 1.80 crore last year, this year the numbers are expected to go over two crore, which reflects the success of various initiatives taken during the past nearly four years, post abrogation of Article 370, he added.

Slathia also noted with satisfaction the efforts being made to harness J&K's huge potential optimally, saying the target to double the generation in the next three years and three times in seven years will make a huge difference as far as meeting the domestic requirements and in turn giving fillip to economic landscape of the Union Territory. He hoped that the power generation on Tawi basin will prove a game changer not only in terms of achieving self-reliance but also generating jobs



for the local skilled, unskilled and educated work-force.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new era of hope and promise with the era of despondency becoming a nightmare of the past. He dwelt in detail about various path breaking measures taken across Jammu and Kashmir during recent years with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He said the investments will manifest in industrialization on a mega scale thus opening vistas of opportunities for economic empowerment and generation of jobs for professionals, technocrats, educated unemployed besides skilled and unskilled workforce.

Slathia asserted that the BJP believes in inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, with every segment of society, irrespective of region, religion, race or caste having equal opportunities to prosper and progress and equal rights in the governance. The people's power will triumph under the cherished agenda of Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, he maintained.

Slathia said the Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar (self-reliant)

Bharat is Sashaktikaran (empowerment) of all, irrespective of religion, region or caste. It is with this mantra that every BJP Karyakarta is reaching out to the people, making them aware about the schemes tailored by the government for their welfare, listen to their problems and make every effort in getting these resolved by taking up the grievances or issues with appropriate forums in the administration, he added.

The Senior Vice President emphasized the need for sustaining the prevailing era of peace and harmony, saying this is key to taking the Union Territory to a new era of progress and development. A situation has to be created, towards growth in the traditional sectors for generating employment. Large scale investments mean wider opportunities to prosper, he said, adding that a grand beginning has already been made due to concerted efforts of the Centre and the UT administration and this momentum has to be taken to its logical conclusion, Mr Slathia added.

Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion included EX Minister Chandar Parakash Ganga, Davinder Kumar Manyal, DDC Chairman Keshav Sharma, DDC Member Anita Choudhary, Asha Rani, Subhash Bhagat, Sarabjeet Singh Johal and others.

## Opening of Tirupati Balaji Temple will boost

### J&K's economy: Raj Rattan Raina

J NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina expressed his belief that the opening of the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu and Kashmir will have a positive impact on the region's economy. He highlighted that the temple's establishment will not only promote spiritual tourism but also contribute significantly to economic development and generate employment opportunities within the Union Territory.

In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader emphasized that the Tirupati Balaji Temple will act as a catalyst for spiritual tourism, attracting devotees from all corners of the

country and beyond. This influx of pilgrims will lead to increased footfall, resulting in a surge in demand for various services and amenities in the region. The associated growth in hospitality, transportation, and allied industries will consequently create numerous employment opportunities for the local population, thus bolstering the economy of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Furthermore, Raina underscored that the opening of the temple signifies a turning point for the Jammu region, which has historically faced the repercussions of Kashmir-centric policies. He credited the positive change to the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir,

which has paved the way for unprecedented development and progress in the Union Territory. He acknowledged the proactive and people-centric policies of the BJP government at the Centre as instrumental in achieving this transformation.

The BJP leader expressed his optimism that the Tirupati Balaji Temple's presence in Jammu and Kashmir will not only foster spiritual enrichment but also contribute significantly to the region's economic growth. He called upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir to embrace this opportunity and work collectively to harness the full potential of this momentous development.

## Langeh chairs Sanyukt Morcha meeting

J NEWS SERVICE

**RAMBAN, JUN 11:** Neelam Langeh, President BJP SC Morcha and former MLA today chaired a meeting of Party's Sanyukt Morcha to discuss the upcoming programmes for the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan, marking the 9-year anniversary of Narendra Modi's term as Prime Minister of India.

During the meeting, Langeh urged party workers to ensure success of the upcoming programmes, which will be held in Ramban and Banihal. In addition, he asked party workers to educate citizens about the successes and achievements of the Prime Minister during his tenure.

Langeh said that the outreach campaign is an initiative designed to connect with the people of India and spread awareness about the achievements of the BJP government. The programme will continue upto June 30 this month.

The former MLA termed the nine years of

### FINALIZE UPCOMING PROGRAMMES FOR BANIHAL, RAMBAN UNDER MAHA JAN SAMPARK ABHIYAN



Modi Government as a golden period for India's progress and development. He praised the Modi Government's achievements across various sectors such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, foreign policy, and many more.

He strongly believed that the government has not only laid the foundation for India's growth but has also set India on the path of becoming a world leader.

He also highlighted the various initiatives and programs launched by the

Modi Government such as the Swachh Bharat Mission, Digital India, Make in India, Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, and others. He said that these programs have brought significant changes in the lives of the people, especially the disadvantaged sections, and have raised the bar of governance and accountability. Langeh added that the Modi Government's efforts towards transforming India into a digital and self-reliant country have been incredible.

At last, Langeh said that the upcoming programmes in Ramban and Banihal promise to be a significant part of the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan, and the BJP Sanyukt Morcha is committed to making them a resounding success. On this occasion, District President Rajeshwar Bhagat, District Secretary Jagdeep Singh, Balbir Singh and Parliamentary Constituency In-charge Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Vice President Suraj Singh and the heads of various District Morchas were present.

## Natrang stages Hindi play 'Teen Apaahij'



J NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** Natrang presented a scintillating performance of the play 'Teen Apaahij' in Hindi, written by Vipin Kumar Aggarwal under the direction of Neeraj Kant. Speaking on the occasion Director Natrang, Padmasree Balwant Thakur said that such intellectual plays written by the top writers of the country carry immense value both for the performers as well as the spectators. Its performance and viewing should be encouraged by all means to create a healthy literary and cultural environment in the city. We choose such challenging creative writings aimed at raising the intellectual levels of both the performers

and the audience. The play was assisted by Sushane Dulloo and Vanshika Pandoh.

The play 'Teen Apaahij' set at a crossroad, three characters Kallu, Khaluu and Gallu are shown sitting under a lamp post doing nothing and just passing comments and judgements on everything. In a highly symbolic manner, the playwright has tried to expose the aimless and directionless system be it political, social or spiritual. This sickening system has rendered the youth of this country not only helpless but also has turned them handicapped. The infection of sadistic corruption has entered into our thoughts and this poison will never allow any new thought, revolution

and initiative to take birth in our minds. The three characters in the play communicate with each other in an incoherent manner and nothing matters to the audience. Yet, they constantly have the feeling that there is something to what is happening around us.

The meaning of freedom, the meaningless speeches of the leaders, Indianness, our country, language, class, all are debated and it seems to be aimless even though everything is necessary. Passivity, meaninglessness, confusion, fatigue etc. of a large section of the society are pushing this society and the country towards collective disability.

In fact, the author wants to show that in the process of becoming modern, the society today is forgetting its human nature and has reached the era of complete disability.

Natrang experimented this production with new generation of actors being freshers, three characters were excellently played by Vishal Sharma, Abhimanyu Choudhary and Sumit Bandral. They were supported by Sheryar Salaria as Drumbeater and Kushal Bhat as Cyclewala. The lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was scored by Aadesh Dhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Mahikshit Singh.

## Thakur Sabha Bani felicitates Jyoti Thakur for outstanding academic achievement

J NEWS SERVICE

**BANI (KATHUA), JUNE 11:** Thakur Sabha Bani today honoured Jyoti Thakur for her remarkable academic performance in the 12th-grade non-medical stream.

Jyoti Thakur, daughter of Champa Devi and Rattan Singh from the picturesque village of Gatti in Tehsil Bani, District Kathua, has emerged as a shining beacon of success, bringing great honor to her village.

With an exceptional score of 81 percent marks in her 12th-grade examinations, Jyoti Thakur has exhibited immense dedication, perseverance, and a thirst for knowledge.



President of Thakur Sabha, Darshan Manhas, expressed his heartfelt admiration for Jyoti Thakur's accomplishments and emphasized the significance of such exemplary individuals for the

growth and development of the nation. He encouraged the children of the area to draw inspiration from Jyoti Thakur's success and to strive for excellence in their own endeavours. Darshan Manhas believed that nurturing the younger generation and providing them with the right opportunities and encouragement will contribute to building a stronger and brighter future for the entire nation. The felicitation ceremony witnessed the esteemed presence of various distinguished members of Thakur Sabha, including Jaswant Singh (Naib Sarpanch Bani), Lekh Raj Sundharm (Secretary, Thakur Sabha), Roshan Manhas (Sarpanch, Panchayat Chndal, Member, Thakur Sabha), Bal Krishan (Member, Thakur Sabha), and Kaka Ram (Member, Thakur Sabha).

# MP Khatana concludes two days tour of Bandipora



**JAMMU SERVICE**  
**BANDIPORA, JUN 11:** As part of BJP Mega outreach programme on completion of 9 years of PM Narendra Modi govt. MP Rajai Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today concluded his two day visit with a largely attended beneficiaries meeting at Town hall here today.

Er. Gulam Ali said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been emphasizing on Make in India, Atma Nirbhar Bharat so that youth doesn't run after government jobs but should become job giver. Govt of India has launched various initiatives to empower the youth and Mudra Loan, Hunar Haat, Skill India schemes, Udaan schemes are a step towards that mission to empower youth. He said that youth of Kashmir has now understood the forces inimical and are now focusing on their future and making Kashmir a peaceful and prosperous. MP Gulam Ali said that for connectivity of remote and inaccessible areas of

Jammu and Kashmir, Govt of India has sanctioned more than 3000 mobile towers for the 4G mobile connectivity. He said that what the previous governments could not achieve in 70 years, Narendra Modi led govt has made it possible in mere 9 years. Various delegations met MP Khatana and highlighted demands of Bank branches, Health centres, Panchayat Ghars and play grounds. He assured to take up the matter with concerned authorities. District President BJP Bandipore, Naseer Ahmed Lone, Mahila Morcha president Dr. Roza, Zahoar Ahmed Chopan, Mohd. Iqbal, Mohd Yaqoob, Ainaaz, Kaiser Ah Rather, Mohd. Altaf Ganai, Mukhtar Ahmed Wani, Gh. Rasool Mir, ADDC Aijaz Khan accompanied.

# Deputy Mayor kick starts black topping work on Mahakali Nagar to Gaushala Gadigarh Link Road

**JAMMU SERVICE**

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** Continuing to provide better development as well as basic amenities to the people of Jammu, Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria kick started the black topping work on Mahakali Nagar to Gaushala Gadigarh Link Road in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. These development works will be done under the supervision of the Public Works Department (PWD) at a cost of about 25 lakhs. Speaking on the occasion Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that a delegation from the area had approached him and the delegation apprised that even after many years of independence, the construction work of paved road from Mahakali Nagar to Gaushala Gadigarh Link Road could not be completed. The Deputy Mayor Jammu said that on this he immediately directed the officers to prepare the estimate of the said road in the area and today with his efforts the construction work of black topping on the road was done.



The Deputy Mayor Jammu said that our effort is to get development done at the doorstep so that the basic facilities related to development can be provided. The Deputy Mayor Jammu said that the development works marks a significant step towards improving the infrastructure and connectivity in the region, benefiting the local residents and enhancing their overall quality of life. The Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria further said that the most important aspect in the development of any area is its connectivity i.e. road. This is the reason why the central government is laying special emphasis on improving the roads in every area so that the traffic can be improved. He directed the officers of the concerned department to complete the works within a given time frame and ensure the quality of work. He said that the local people should personally monitor the quality of ongoing development works in the areas so that the pace of development could be improved. Deputy Mayor Jammu said that earlier in the name of development only drums and plates were visible on the walls but development has been started to the ground level by the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi. He said that the general public was exploited by the Congress on the name of development while no development was done on ground but today whether there is a problem of water or the transformer gets burnt everything gets done on one message. The locals thanked the deputy mayor for accommodating their long-standing demands and said that the Congress party had previously declined to undertake development work in said area. However, after being appointed Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria immediately began paving the road with black topping in the area on priority. The local people also extended full support to the Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming elections. Corporator Anil Masoom, Gadigarh Mandal President Vijay Sharma, Ramesh Gupta, Pushkar Sharma, Kulwant Singh, Pawan Sharma, Ved Prakash, Indra Khajuria, Meshwar Nath, Babal Raina, Suraj Prakash, Sunil Dutt and others were present.

# MRM resolves to donate and serve cows on Eid ul Zuha

**JAMMU SERVICE**

**BHOPAL, JUNE 11:** Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-linked Muslim Rashtriya Manch has resolved that its members will donate and serve cows on Eid Ul Zuha, a senior leader said on Sunday. They have also resolved to participate in Yoga Day programmes, RSS leader Indresh Kumar told reporters on the concluding day of the Manch's 'Abhyas Varg' or brainstorming session held in Bhopal. Kumar said all Hindusians have common roots and DNA. "The people in the country dream in Hindustani and not in foreign languages," he added. He said confusion prevails among people over Eid Ul Zuha, which some people call Bakra Eid. "Bakra, which some people understand as goat but in the Arabic

world, Bakra stands for cows. The Manch has approved a proposal that its members will serve and donate cows and not sacrifice them. The Manch will appeal not to sacrifice cows," he said. Kumar said 2,500 units of the Manch will celebrate Yoga Day as yoga is a way to heal body, mind, and soul and has nothing to do with religion or caste. He said Manch members have also resolved to celebrate Raksha Bandhan, which is not a religious festival. "Raksha Bandhan is a festival of women's respect and security and a large number of Muslim women observe it," Kumar claimed. He said the Manch will hold big programmes at 100 places on Raksha Bandhan to remove discrimination based on religion and caste to make the world free of riots. A public contact campaign will

be organised between August 20 to September 30 this year during which Manch members will reach out to 15 lakh families with a resolve to make the country free of strife, discrimination, and pollution and to spread brotherhood, Kumar added. He said more than 100 new workers of the Manch have been given the responsibility at the national, zonal and state levels to hold the upcoming programme. During the four-day session, the Manch passed 11 resolutions including upholding the idea of "one nation, one law" by celebrating diversity. "Resolutions on population control, love jihad, Uniform Civil Code were also passed," a release said. Muslim intellectuals including former vice-chancellors, professors, lawyers, and doctors put their views at the session, it said.

# OBC & Minorities organised Round Table Conference for protection of Constitution & Democracy

**JAMMU SERVICE**

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** 11th Round Table Conference was organised today at Hamirpur Khour by Dalit, OBC, Minorities, a wing of All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations for protection of Constitution, Democracy under the slogan of "Sath Chalao Milkhar Lado". RK Kalsotra State President Confederation & DOM (Dalit, OBC, Minority) and his Sate Team including S. Kulkarni, S. Giani, Dr. Ramesh Kaithi & Mohit Chandan were welcomed by the organisers at Hamirpur by Coordinator Gopal Dass and other participants. At the outset Kalsotra presented the National & State agenda which included Protection of Constitution & Democracy, Naming of New Parliament building as Dr B R Ambedkar, Stoppage of EVM, Collegium System & Reservation in Judiciary & higher education, Stoppage of privatisation, restoration of statehood, 27% Mandal Commission Report, Prohibition on Dalit oppression (Atrocities on Minorities), Land allotment, Reinstatement of backlog posts, and in addition to this Ut-Sate issues like Shaheed Bhagat Amar Nath who laid down his life for the start of reservation policy in J&K, a holiday for 1st June on his sacrifice Day, and Baglihar Hydro

Project to be named as Shaheed Bhagat Amar Nath Hydro Electro Project along with this all Shamlat, Custodian allotment to be regularised and where allotment were made possession to be given to SCs, Restoration of Promotions, Clearance of pending backlog, At par Compensation of 10 lacs instead of 5 lacs to Dipu (SC) & govt job who killed few days earlier in Kashmir by militant, Restoration of 5 years age concession to SC/ST & 3 years to OBC, at par with UPSC & Recruitment Boards, Representation in PSC/SSRB, caste-based atrocities on SC/ST increasing, Recently a Corporator of Jammu is attacked and on 9.05.2023 a case under SC/ST Atrocity Act registered by police SHO, P/S, Thathri, on the complainant by Sarpanch namely Lakshmi Chand S/o Ram Saran caste Megh R/o Chagsoo Tehsil Bella (Doda) but still no arrest as been made. Kalsotra apprised the participants at on 8 June 2023, he met with Arun Mehta CS UT-J&K & submitted a Memorandum on the agenda above mentioned. We need support to raise the issue at National and State level to pressurise the ruling govt to implement all our issues. He apprised that at National level, Confederation has called a Bahujan Sansad on 2nd July 2023 at Constitution Club, New Delhi to

# NC pays floral tributes to Afzal Beigh, Mohiud-Din Shah on their death anniversaries



**JAMMU SERVICE**

**JAMMU JUNE 11:** Rich tributes were paid to Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Ghulam Mohiud-Din Shah on their 41st and 19th Death Anniversaries respectively during a function held at Sher-i-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu. Addressing the gathering, Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta said that late Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Mohiud-Din Shah

would be remembered for a long time to come for their historical role which they played during their lifetime by serving the state in various capacities. He said Mr Beigh was Architect of land reform act and abolition of big landed Estate Act. He was also close associate of late Sher -I- Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and remained with him for a long time in jail also. He was instrumental of 1975 accord between late Prime Minister Smt. Indira

Gandhi and Sher -I- Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah referring to late Mohi -ud-Din Shah. The Provincial President said these two leaders served the state and that they were part of movement launched under the leadership of late Sher -I- Kashmir in J&K State in the early forties. True tributes would be to follow their path and complete the work which they could not complete during their life time. Among those who were present on the occasion include Bimla Luthra Ex ML, Ashok Dogra, Waris Gill, Revaz Ahmed Hakkil, Reeta Gupta, Dr Vikas Sharma, Baldev Raj Retd Master, S. Aya Singh, Jagga Ram and others.

# SS(H) hold Protest against imposing tax on Langar committees

**JAMMU SERVICE**

**JAMMU JUNE 11:** Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today convened meeting of heads of various villages of Arnia to mobilize public opinion against Govt's move to charge taxes from Langar committee offering free Langar for forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. Speaking on the occasion, Kesri said that government should abolish the toll tax imposed on langar committees, adding that there is no tax on any Haj pilgrimage in Jammu and Kashmir, there is no tax on the Church, on the Gurudwaras, on the contrary, these people were being given subsidy, so why tax on Hindu temples or pilgrimages. After the meeting Shiv Sainiks torched effigy of Lieutenant Governor in Arnia Chowk to express their resentment against imposing tax on langar committees. They warned govt against levying any tax on Langars failing



which Shiv Sena will gherao the Governor House in Jammu with all the Shiv Sainiks. Kesri asked Govt to direct Deputy Commissioners concerned to facilitate all the service providers so that the facilities created at each location are appropriate and sufficient for both the devotees and facilitators. He urged them to work in coordination with each other and use the work window very efficiently so that every facility is ready by mid June in any case. He said the concerned officers should make sure that the pilgrims do not face any hardship on account of basic amenities like drinking water, seating arrangements. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Vijay Luthra, Balwant Fauji, Captain Gara Ram, Rajesh Kumar, Jagar Singh, Labba Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Jyoti Devi, Darshana Devi, Rajni Devi, Poli Devi besides others.

# IIT Jammu Unveils State-of-the-Art Abrasive Water Jet Machine at Jagti

**JAMMU SERVICE**

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu) marked a significant milestone as it inaugurated the highly anticipated Abrasive Water Jet Machine, the JetCut 15F-15, at its Jagti campus, on Wednesday.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu, and Prof Eric Lima, Mechanical Engineering Department, The Cooper Union, New York, USA. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students, staff, and faculty members, all excited about the prospects that this cutting-edge technology brings to the institution. This innovative technology not only aligns with the institute's commitment to excellence but also positions IIT Jammu as a pioneering institution at the forefront of industrial advancement.

The JetCut 15F-15, an exemplary outcome of the Make-in-India initiative, reigns as the star of this newly established facility. With its remarkable capability to fabricate any intricate profile on materials up to 200 mm thickness, the JetCut 15F-15 sets a new standard in precision cutting. This innovative technology not only aligns with the institute's commitment to excellence but also positions IIT Jammu as a pioneering institution at the forefront of industrial advancement.

# Weeklong STC on 'Discretization Techniques' concludes at NIT Srinagar

JNEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 11

The weeklong Short-Term Course (STC) on "Discretization Techniques" organised by Department of Mechanical Engineering, concluded on Sunday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The STC focused on Discretization Techniques, included Finite Element Method (FEM), Finite Volume Method (FVM) and Finite Difference Method (FDM).

The STC was held in an online mode, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of various discretization techniques widely used in engineering and scientific applications.

Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr) Sudhakar Vedla was the Chief Patron of the STC. Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, Dean Research and Consultancy Prof. M F Wani, Dean Faculty Welfare, Prof. G A Harman were the Patrons of the STC.

The Head of the department Prof. Adnan Qayyum was the Chairman of the STC. Dr. Ved Prakash served as the convener, ensuring smooth coordi-

nation and management throughout the event.

Dr. Mohsin Khan and Dr. Manoj Kumar were the coordinators who worked tirelessly to make this STC a resounding success. Their expertise and dedication were instrumental in providing participants with an enriching learning experience.

The valedictory session of the STC was presided over by the Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Sudhakar Vedla, who was the chief guest on the occasion.

He appreciated the efforts and dedication of the organizing committee for undertaking this significant endeavour. The Director recognized the value of such specialized courses in enhancing the knowledge and skills of the participants.

"Short-term courses are beneficial for the participants to enhance their skills and stay up-to-date with industry trends. These courses focus on specialized technical skills and developing expertise in respective areas," Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Vedla said.

In his message, Dean R&C Prof. Wani said STC's

was designed to provide participants with exposure to the latest developments in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

"NIT is committed to serve as a platform for sharing knowledge and imparting skills through STC, workshops, skill development programs, etc," he said.

In his message, Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari also appreciated MME department for organising this STC. The institute is committed to take all possible steps to empower society, he said.

Prof. Bukhari said the institute plans to keep organizing these programs in future also with full vigor.

Head of the Department Prof. Adnan Qayyum congratulated the organizing team for their efforts in organizing and executing this short-term course on Discretization Techniques.

"The response from the participants was overwhelmingly positive, and they found the course extremely valuable for their professional careers," he said.

Prof. Adnan said the short-term course witnessed a significant level

of success and received commendable feedback from the participants. The course content was meticulously designed to cover both theoretical concepts and practical applications of FEM, FVM, and FDM, he said.

The participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to interact with the esteemed experts and gain insights into the latest advancements in discretization techniques.

The experts who delivered lectures were faculty members from reputed institutes like IITs, NITs and R & D Organizations. They guided the participants and were highly knowledgeable and experienced in their respective fields.

Convener of the workshop, Dr. Ved Prakash said during the STC, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of FEM, FDM, and FVM.

"They learned to apply these methods to solve PDEs and simulate physical systems and got hands-on experience using simulation software to advance their research and professional careers," he said.

# Kashmir University wins 'GATI Achiever' award, secures top position in academic institutions category

JNEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 11

The University of Kashmir has been selected for the 'GATI Achievers' award by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, securing top position in the 'Academic Institutions' category for its contributions in upholding its commitment towards gender equity and promotion of women in all spheres of sciences, especially in the STEM disciplines.

The DST, which announced the results on June 10, 2023, has been honoring the prestigious Gender Advancement in Transforming Institutions (GATI) programme in partnership with the British Council for 30 top research institutions, institutions of national importance and academic institutions of the country.

All these institutions were selected for the programme in August 2021 through a rigorous screening process for which around 190 institutions were invited to submit

the Expression of Interest (EoI) applications.

Under the programme, the University of Kashmir is committed to the key charter principles of the programme which draws inspiration from the Athena SWAN (Scientific Women's Academic Network) framework of the UK Advance Higher Education, which has been successfully engaging in gender equity programmes in research and academia in several countries including UK, US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Notably, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir Prof. Nilofar Khan—the first woman Vice-Chancellor of the University—has been keenly monitoring the programme and has approved several key action plans to be implemented during the current phase of the programme.

The University has successfully worked towards the objectives of this programme which mainly deal with creating a database of gender status over the previous five years in

University's various sectors ranging from UG/PG programmes, research and postdoctoral programmes, teaching and research faculty, non-teaching staff, officers and leadership positions at various hierarchical levels.

It also includes highlighting important measures and best practices prevalent in terms of gender equity and identifying the gaps across its main and satellite campuses. The University has constituted a high-level committee—GSAT (GATI Self Assessment Team)—that plays a pivotal role in improving the gender progression and promotion in tune with the requirements of the programme.

"The GATI Achiever award is a great milestone achieved. We look forward to attaining the objectives of this flagship programme and create a robust gender climate in our University, institute for other academic institutions of the country in general and the GATI team of the University for the achievement."

Registrar KU, Dr Nisar A Mir, also complimented

GATI team for working towards realising the GATI objectives with new initiatives and plans.

Prof Rabia Hamid, Head, Department of Nanotechnology, KU, is the Nodal officer of the programme. Recently, she also represented the University as part of a national delegation led by DST's WISE KIRAN Division head, Dr Nisha Mendiratta on an invited visit by British Council to UK Higher education and research institutions, for knowledge exchange between GATI participant members and Athena SWAN KU members.

With GATI Achievers award to its credit, the University of Kashmir—apart from working towards the implementation of the GATI action plans—may also now see a wider role beyond the Pilot programme, as a torchbearer institute for other academic institutions of the country in general and the UT of J&K in particular, to bring gender advancement measures within their policy frameworks.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### Proud to serve nation...

multilateral platforms to Atmanirbhar Bharat to 'Make in India', every stride is a testament to the strength and spirit of our people," Modi said in a tweet. The prime minister also shared a write-up on his government following a nation first approach and prioritising national security. (Agencies)

### J&K situation...

of Maharashtra Bhawan in Srinagar for the convenience of tourists visiting Kashmir from the western state. The Lieutenant Governor assured the Maharashtra Chief Minister full cooperation in this regard. The Chief Minister said the construction of Maharashtra Bhawan will boost the economy of Jammu and Kashmir and help in showcasing the art and culture of his state.

### In Swipe at Congress...

and give the power to a "son of the soil". Addressing a public meeting here to highlight the nine years of the BJP-led NDA government's achievements, he also lashed out at the two opposition parties at the Centre for opposing the abrogation of Article 370 and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "uniting Kashmir" with India by a stroke of the pen.

"Congress and DMK are 2G, 3G, 4G parties. I am not talking about the 2G (spectrum allocation scam), 2G means two generations, 3G means three generations and 4G means four generations," he said.

"The Maran family (of the DMK) is doing corruption for two generations. The Karunanidhi family is doing corruption for three generations. The Gandhi family is 4G. Rahul Gandhi is fourth generation and for four generations they are enjoying power," Shah said attacking the two parties.

He said the time has come to "throw out 2G, 3G, 4G and give the power in Jammu to a son of the soil." Asking the crowd if Article 370 should have been removed or not and "if Kashmir is ours or not," he said both Congress and DMK opposed the abrogation of the Article which gave Jammu and Kashmir a special status.

"Both these parties - Congress and DMK - were against its abrogation. With one stroke of pen on August 5, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra modi ended Article 370 and united Kashmir with India," Shah added.

Earlier in the day, Shah attended a meeting of the BJP's Tamil Nadu leaders, including its state president K Annamalai, in Chennai. (Agencies)

### Court rejects closure...

their part to unravel the truth or lack of modicum knowledge of law needed to investigate an offence like murder.

"The casualness and callousness of the police is reflected from the fact that they are not able to identify the accused within the four walls of a camp. The court is dissatisfied with the manner in which the police were dragging its feet in failing to make proper investigation, raising serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone," the court said.

The court said it is astonished to note that the closure report was kept at Police Station Banihal for six years after the completion of the investigation, as the closure report was prepared in 2016, but presented before court in 2021.

The case demands further investigation in order to do justice, the court said. "Much time has passed and there is undoubtedly an urgency in the matter now therefore, this court directs that further investigation must be concluded within a period of three months from today and the police report be filed before the court concerned where after the matter shall proceed in accordance with law." (Agencies)

### Army exposes ISI's...

and heads of 'tanzeems' (terror groups) have adopted. We, along with other agencies, are jointly working out on this," Lt Gen Aujla said.

Asked if it means that terror groups have stopped using mobile communication, the army officer said the Technical intelligence signatures have reduced considerably. Also, many Over Ground Workers (OGWs) who acted as conduits for them have been picked up. "Therefore, now women, girls and juveniles have been roped in as an alternative to mainly carry messages," the top army officer in the valley said.

As part of the deradicalisation strategy, the army, with the cooperation of the Union Territory administration, has undertaken a series of initiatives - one of which is the 'Sahi Rasta' (right path) programme that has in recent times proved to be a game changer in the right earnest.

"We have come a long way in ensuring peace and stability in Kashmir, but I will be naive to claim an early victory as we feel that every gain needs to be cemented before achieving lasting peace in the Union territory," he said.

Without naming Pakistan, Lt Gen Aujla said the challenge is that the neighbouring country has not given up on its intent and is repeatedly creating trouble on both sides of Pir Panjal. The latest infiltration bid in the Machil sector of north Kashmir is a testimony of his blatant indulgence.

He stressed that all security agencies, including those from the Union Territory administration, were well geared up to thwart any nefarious designs of the adversary.

"The propensity of infiltration along the Line of Control in Kashmir may have shown some decrease but there have been some attempts in South of Pir Panjal as well as neighbouring Punjab.

"We need to be cautious and not let our guard down at any cost. National security is our prime responsibility. We will leave no stone unturned to maintain it," he said.

"We are cognisant of the likely threats from across and accordingly ensure to the best of our abilities that the current peace and normalcy achieved through collective efforts is not put at risk by inimical elements," he said.

He said the mounting pressure and actionable intelligence-based operations have kept the terrorists on their toes and a majority of them have either "migrated out of the valley or have been lying low".

The "invisible form of terrorism is a cause of concern and we are jointly working towards weeding out this phenomenon", the officer said.

"It is difficult to give the exact number of terrorists either local or foreign but to my estimates, it is definitely at its lowest since the past 33 years," the officer said.

The terror attacks and encounters between terrorists and security forces have witnessed a decline in Kashmir this year which reflects a positive sign and augurs well towards peace and normalcy in all spheres and domains, he said.

The officer said there is a perceptible shift in the sentiments of the local population towards violence which is highly commendable and "the challenge for us is to sustain it in the coming times."

The need of the hour is to strengthen the confidence of the population with the security forces and the relevant government machinery, he said.

"After all, if we have been able to reach this point, it is thanks to the cooperation of the people," Lt Gen Aujla said.

Based on the changing security environment, "we have also amended our methodology and given in for more people-friendly operations," the officer said.

"I am optimistic that collectively we will be successful in ushering a new normal of peace in Kashmir in the days to come," he said.

Lt Gen Aujla complimented the synergy between all

security forces in ensuring an incident-free G-20 meeting held recently in the valley. (Agencies)

### Cloudy weather...

Cloudy with the chance of light rain in some places over Jammu and Kashmir and the day will be Cooler than yesterday.

The Met office said on June 12 weather likely to remain dry but a brief spell of Shower, thunderstorm mainly towards evening can't be ruled out, although chances are less 20-30 percent while intermittent light rain likely at scattered places of Jammu and Kashmir from June 13-17. Overall there is no forecast of any major rainfall this week.

The day and night temperature recorded 2-3 degree Celsius above normal in Jammu and Kashmir during the past 24 hours.

Srinagar recorded a low of 16.6 degree Celsius which was 2.3 degree Celsius above normal of 14.3 degree Celsius on Sunday. The maximum temperature was also 2.3 degree Celsius above normal of 28.0 degree Celsius. Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 14.8 degree Celsius and it was 1.9 degree Celsius above normal of 12.9 degree Celsius.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 10.3 degree Celsius and it was 2.1 degree Celsius above normal of 8.2 degree Celsius for the tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

Kokernag witnessed a low of 14.6 degree Celsius which was 2.5 degree Celsius above normal of 12.1 degree Celsius. While Kupwara had a low of 16.0 degree Celsius and it was 3.4 degree Celsius above normal of 12.6 degree Celsius.

Gulmarg had a low of 11.0 degree Celsius which was 2.2 degree Celsius above normal of 8.8 degree Celsius, the Met office said.

### Security conference...

administration was aimed to increase synergy, interaction and coordination for a smooth and incident-free annual pilgrimage.

The 62-day yatra to the 3,880-metre high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas is scheduled to start on July 1 from two routes - the traditional 48-km Nunwan route in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and the 14-km Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

Deliberations were held on important issues of mutual interest impacting the security of the yatra, the PRO said in a statement.

He said the meeting stressed the need for harmonious functioning of the government and security agencies to make the event successful.

In view of the prevailing internal security situation, an overview of the security was also undertaken to ensure a complete synergy between security agencies and the civil administration for a coordinated effort towards the achievement of the laid down goals for a smooth and incident-free yatra, Col Musavi said. (Agencies)

### Conjuring Magic | J&K...

exhibition, I am very thankful to them," he said. Bhat said he met with the Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Mehmood Ahmed Shah, who was inspired by his work.

"The director gave me a registration number and asked me to show my artwork. After seeing my work, he welcomed my initiative, work of art and encouraged me as well. This is a one-of-a-kind art form. I want my art to reach the every art lover," he said.

Shah said his department was trying to promote art that is not much recognised or known to people.

"This is our seventh exhibition here. As the diversity of art is very rich, we are trying to help artists in showcasing their craft.

"We are trying to connect them with buyers as well

as an e-commerce platforms. We need to glorify our artisans and give them a platform for the dissemination of their artwork at international and national levels," the official said.

Shah said his department is planning to connect Bhat with people so that he can promote his work. "He is the first artist in Kashmir who is making such amazing pieces, and we want people to buy and appreciate his art," he added.

Irfan, a visitor at the exhibition, said he found Bhat's theme and idea impressive.

"He (Bhat) has been inspired by the mosaic art form, which is a rare art form and there are around 19 mosaic artists in the whole world. So, now we have one in Kashmir," he said. Another visitor at the exhibition, Nowshbeeba, said she was very overwhelmed.

"This is the first time I have seen this kind of art. Stone and stand emulsion has been used together. It is very inspiring for new artists who want to come into this field," she added. (Agencies)

### Simran Bala from...

Speaking about her unique achievement she said, "This is an all-India level examination. It does not matter whether you are from a border area or from any metropolitan city you will be able to crack the exam thanks to the age of internet."

For the aspirants, her message was, "If you have got it in you, you will be able to crack it. You need hard work, an honest approach and good health."

The Union Public Service Commission announced the CAPF Final Result 2021 on June 2. A total of 151 candidates have cleared the examination. (Agencies)

### India ready to help...

said that India can be trusted in times of crisis.

"You will remember Indians stranded in Ukraine were brought back. Residents in Sudan were also brought back through Operation Kaveri. Countrymen were brought from Ukraine through 90 flights. There was an earthquake in Nepal, then there was a storm in Myanmar," he said.

The G20 development ministers' meeting under India's G20 presidency is being held between June 11-13 in Varanasi, which Jaishankar is chairing.

The meeting is happening at a time when developmental challenges are mounting, leading to economic meltdowns in the global economy.

"Supply chains across the world have also been impacted due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and even environment too is getting adversely affected."

### Wholesale drug...

official said on Sunday.

Two brothers running the drug store were detained as the recovery of unaccounted strips raised suspicion of the use of these tablets in drug abuse, he said.

According to the official, a joint team of police and the Drugs & Food Control Organisation raided the agency, dealing with wholesale of medicinal drugs, in the town on Saturday.

"During inspection and verification of premises, 110 strips of drugs (Tapendadob) were recovered having no required details about purchase, sale raising suspicion of misuse of this drug," the official said.

Taking note of it, the medical agency has been sealed as per the law of the land and two of its owners, both brothers, were detained, the official said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said the action followed an ongoing drive against drug abuse in the district.

"The war against drugs is among the top priorities and strict action against those involved in luring youth in addiction is being taken," he said. (Agencies)

## Chanakya IAS Academy Jammu centre conduct Toppers talk on IAS/JKAS



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**JAMMU, JUN 11:** Civil Services Exam preparation needs a dedicated approach while preparing for the exam and only the right guidance can help students prepare in the right direction. And, Considering this need of right guidance for all the serious Civil Service aspirants in Jammu, Chanakya IAS Academy Jammu organized an

exclusive seminar with the toppers of CSE Paranjit Kaur (UPSC AIR 11th 2022) Nitin Singh (UPSC-AIR 32) AND Mohd Irfan(UPSC-AIR-476). The Seminar was held at Chanakya IAS Academy, Jammu. The motivation for hundreds of Civil Services aspirants, Successful candidates, while addressing the candidates, shared their rich experiences while also shedding light on impor-

tant tips on how one should approach the exam and the important factors needed to prepare well for the Indian Administrative Service and Kashmir Administrative Service.

The seminar began with the success stories of all the toppers of CSE 2022 followed by a deeper insight into the Civil Services Exam and the duties that must be followed during the job. Moreover, the partic-

pants were encouraged to actively participate and bring forward their queries which were further answered by both the toppers.

## Bhagat Mahasabha Phallian Mandal celebrates 625th Prakash Utsav of saint Sant Kabir



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**JAMMU, JUN 11:** In which followers/devotees of Sant Kabir from different parts of Tawi Island villages participated and paid homage to the Great Saint of Bhakti movement. The programme started

with the garlanding of the portrait of Kabir ji, Maharaj followed by the satsang regarding the teaching of Sant Kabir Sahib ji. Sh. Bodh Raj Bhagat National Vice President Bhagat Mahasabha spoke on the occasion and demanded a Gazetted Holiday on Kabir jayanti in J&K. Mohinder Bhagat, State President, also addressed the gathering and appealed to Honourable Governor for the restoration of reservation in promotions. Er. Pawan Bhagat also

greeted the gathering on the occasion and asked people to follow the teachings of Sant Kabir ji.

During the programme Shri Baru Ram, Ex Sarpanch was unanimously elected President of Bhagat Maha Sabha unit of Phallian Mandal, whereas Shri Ram Lal was elected as General Secretary. Er. Sudesh Bhagat, Vivek Bhagat, Sunesh Bhagat, Shri Manoj Kumar Tony, Shri Bishan Dass, Sarpanch, Shri Madal Lal, Chairman, BDC and Shri Sansar Chand were also present. Before the culmination of the programme Gura ka Langar was served among the devotees.

## Model Academy NCC wing attended training camp at Nagorta

**JAMMU, JUN 11:** A ten days Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) was organised by 1 / J&K Naval Unit, under the aegis of GHQ Srinagar under the command of Captain Kapil Sharma from May 29 to June 7, 2023, camping ground Nagorta Jammu. Around 225 cadets from different colleges and schools of Jammu and Kashmir took part in the camp. Around five girls (JW's) and three boys (JD's) NCC cadets of Model Academy school participated in the camp.



The camp covered amalgamate of several physical and academic training activities. All the cadets underwent training in various fields which included PT, parade training, map reading, field craft, boat pulling, firing, drill, classroom instructions, guest lectures besides being exposed to camp life and tak-

ing part in sports activities, and cultural events like singing and dancing.

The main aim of the camp was to inculcate good qualities of leadership, team spirit, cooperation, discipline, character building, secular outlook, spirit of adventure, sportsmanship, ideals of selfless service and a sense of patriotism among the cadets.

The management appreciated the enthusiasm and discipline displayed by the cadets and the role of NCC in honing the talents of young and budding minds.

All the cadets were honoured with certificate of merit.

## Youth should focus on sports to stay away from drugs: Vijay Sharma

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**JAMMU, JUNE 11:** Dangal was organized by Baba Abbotmal Ji Dangal Committee in Chak Bhagwana area of Akhnoor. DSP KD Bhagat was present as the chief guest on this occasion. Apart from them, Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi, Vice Chairman DDC Suraj Singh, Chairman Dangal Committee Satish Master, Vice Chairman Vishal Uppal, Ajay Sharma, Sarpanch Sapna Sharma, members Billu Uppal and Arun were present.



that the youth should concentrate on sports to stay away from drugs. Through sports, youth can not only keep their body healthy but can also bring laurels to the country. Praising the efforts of the members of the Dangal Committee, he said that the members of the committee are providing a platform to the talent of the youth by organizing such programmes. Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi said that in today's time where the youth are wasting their lives by falling into drug addiction, the Dangal Committee is doing a commendable job by organizing such programs for the youth. Is. Vijay Sharma said that the youth should use their energy for the service of the country.

## Craving for unprecedented progress, PM Modi carving new India: Kavinder

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**JAMMU, JUN 11:** Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Sunday said that craving for phenomenal progress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been carving out new India, which shall be comparable to the devel-

oped nations as people have already started experiencing the change on ground.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing a small gathering after inaugurating office and studio of Jagao Jammu News here at Sarwal.

The senior BJP functionary said that India has

made many strides in the last nine years under the realms of PM Modi and it is the responsibility of every nationalist citizen to provide another term to BJP in 2024 to allow the party to continue with its revolutionary initiatives to help the country touch pinnacle of progress in the coming time. Kiran Verma, owner of the Jagao Jammu earlier welcomed Kavinder and other guests and assured that he will try to work with added zeal while upholding the principles of journalism. He assured to live upto the expectations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir by fulfilling responsibility without diluting the standards or any kind of bias.

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## Modi's dynamic leadership shapes Inspirational New India in last 9 years: Priya Sethi

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**VIDISHA (MP), JUN 11:** Inspirational new India has emerged under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last nine years. The country has witnessed tremendous growth and development, transforming into a global powerhouse and inspiring the world. The government led by PM Modi has taken several significant steps towards socio-economic and political reforms, bringing transformational changes that have uplifted the lives of millions of citizens.



This was stated by Priya Sethi, National Executive Member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former Minister of J&K while interacting with media persons here at Vidisha Madhya Pradesh today.

The former minister said that the administration's focus on inclusive development, innovation, and entrepreneurship has fueled India's rise as a global leader in the 21st century. The launch of flagship initiatives like Make in India, Digital India, and Skill India has given a big push to the country's economic growth and job creation, she said, adding that the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Ayushman Bharat Yojana initiatives have ensured the health and wellbeing of millions of people. Such initiatives have made India a beacon of hope and transformation, inspiring millions around the world, she said.

The senior BJP leader said that PM Modi's visionary leadership, his dedication to the country and tireless work has put India on the path of progress, inspiring the world with its story of determination and success. The former minister said that the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has recognized agriculture as a significant area of development

and introduced several innovative schemes such as the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana and the Insurance Scheme for Crop Damage to ensure that farmers receive better yields and higher returns on their crops. These programs have led to a significant boost in agricultural production, she added.

"Significant improvements in healthcare have also been implemented in the state, resulting from new hospitals and clinics, upgraded medical facilities, and programs aimed at preventive healthcare. The government's focus on education has led to improved quality of education in the state through initiatives such as the 'Shiksha Mission' and the 'Medhavi Chhatra Yojana'," she added. "Under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, India is looking beyond women empowerment and towards women-led development. From proper toilets, tap water connections and freedom from smoke-filled kitchens to encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit in women and equal opportunities for being inducted into the armed forces - over the last 9 years of the Modi government, India's Nari Shakti has become fundamentally secure, fundamentally empowered and fundamentally Aatmanirbhar," she said. Priya Sethi said that the BJP has implemented a range of policies and schemes promoting business investment, establishing industrial zones, and devel-

oping small and medium enterprises, leading to significant job creation and an overall improvement in the state's employment rate.

"To achieve women empowerment, the BJP government has implemented schemes such as the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao,' and 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana' which aim to improve the health and education of girls, prevent discrimination against girls, and reduce the female infant mortality rate," she said.

She said that the MP Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Women Safety Wing are some of the essential measures executed by the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh to combat crime in the state. The state under the BJP rule has also been recognized for The Indore model of making cities garbage-free, she added. She also lauded the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for dedicating 'Shri Mahakal Lok' in Ujjain, an unprecedented event, and a significant milestone in India's spiritual history. Priya Sethi believes that all these measures are indicative of the Modi government's dedication to bringing prosperity, progress, and development to Madhya Pradesh and that the state is on the path to fulfilling its potential. Priya Sethi concluded by stating that the Modi Government's nine years have been a golden period for India and its citizens. The government's vision of transformative reforms, innovative policies, and inclusive development has brought massive changes in the lives of the people and put India on a path of progress and prosperity, she added. Among those who were present in the press conference include Member of Parliament Ramakant Bhargava jee who spoke on the achievements of His constituency and Add Choudhary Mukesh State Vice President BJP was also present.

## Public Welfare Schemes have revolutionized the lives of the people under Modi regime: Darakhshan

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**PULWAMA, JUN 11:** Minister of State & Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today chaired the Beneficiaries Meet organized by Bharatiya Janata Party at Pulwama in South Kashmir. BJP District President Pulwama Mohammad Lateef Bhat, Party Incharge for Shopian Sajaad Ali Raina & DDC Member Avtar Singh also participated in the Programme. This programme was organized by the party in connection with completion of nine years of government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Beneficiaries of government schemes from all the tehsils and blocks of the district participated in the Convention. In her address Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that the public welfare Schemes of Modi-Govt have provided immense opportunities to

the youth for creating employment for themselves & for others. "Public welfare schemes like Ujjwala Yojna, Aawas Yojna or the Ayushman Bharat have changed the lives of the marginalized people in the country. J&K has seen unprecedented social change after the implementation of all central government schemes and programmes of Narendra Modi led government," said Dr Andrabi. Dr Darakhshan said that the visionary schemes like Jan Dhan, Digital India, Khelo India or Skill India schemes have transformed the lives of all sections throughout the country. These public welfare schemes have created possibilities of developments and opportunities for the people in all sectors. After the interaction with the beneficiaries, Dr Andrabi spoke to media and said that she was thrilled to listen to the success stories of the youth.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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## Water-a catalyst for discord in Asia

It has been rightly said that the third world War, if it takes place, will be fought for Water. In India too, water is going to be the most critical factor in the national security of the country in 21st Century. Water, being a strategic asset, has become a major source of discord within SAARC countries and India's relations with China and Pakistan, though India lives in a water-stressed region. India is the fastest growing economy and it would have to demonstrate its leadership qualities in South Asia. It should lead in the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC). That's the way out. Otherwise, the other prospect is the spectre of war looming large. The country's water requirements owing to the daily needs of ever growing population, energy requirements, food security through agriculture produce and the quality of life have expanded, while the water resources have shrunk due to various man-made and natural reasons. This is the reason that there is an urgent need to improve water management within the country and the people at the helm of affairs should keep in mind that there is no other substitute to it. Importantly, India would need to heighten its diplomacy particularly with its neighboring countries and play a dominant role in shaping the water management policy. Its criticality can be sensed from the fact the way the states within the country are angry with one another over the waters of the rivers, and the neighboring countries are demonstrating their water super power status in an aggressive manner. China's reluctance to listen to the Indian concerns over the damming of the Yarlung river- which is known as Brahmaputra in India - is a worrying scenario. China has not entered into any agreement with any of the countries downstream. India should up its diplomatic ante to claim its due share in the waters of the trans-boundary rivers. China's dams and plans to divert the water of the rivers flowing out of the Tibetan plateau to meet its own needs in the northern region should not be taken lightly or business as usual. On the other hand, Pakistan is making all out efforts to redefine the terms of the diplomatically and politically weak Indus Water Treaty (IWT). In fact, India should step up the diplomatic efforts and see to it that the generosity shown by New Delhi in ceding 80 per cent of water under the Treaty is rectified. This World Bank brokered treaty of 1960 has become an albatross around the neck of India. As a responsible member of the international community, India cannot deprive its western neighbour of what is due to it in terms of water flowing from its six rivers. But then it takes two hands to clap. Pakistan has mounted a fierce campaign of terrorism to put India into corner on the issue of water. Islamabad refuses to recognize the impact of climate change on the water resources, particularly glaciers. She should be made conscious of climate change. The opacity of China is worrisome. So is the attitude of Pakistan, which knocks the doors of international court at the drop of hand. India cannot, and should not give in to such pressures. It would have to either use deft diplomacy or guard its water resources with all the might at its command. Water will be a tool of bargain in the 21st century when it comes to the relations between nation states. India's water issues with Pakistan and China have the potential to become catalysts for conflict.

# HOW THE FAMED KOH-I-NOOR KEPT CHANGING HANDS

MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH IS THE ONLY OWNER OF THE KOH-I-NOOR WHO EARNED THE GEM HONOURABLY AND THEN WISHED TO DONATE IT TO A SHRINE NOT OF HIS FAITH

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IN 1739, when Nadir Shah of Persia (Iran) looted the diamond from the Mughal king in Delhi, over two lakh people were said to have been slaughtered. The Afghans became the owners of the Koh-i-Noor when Ahmed Shah Abdali, Nadir's bodyguard, removed it from his master's tent following the leader's assassination. The story of the Koh-i-Noor, a diamond mined in India, is not all gold and blood. It has an element of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's benevolence, long overlooked.

In Afghanistan, by the turn of the 18th century, Ahmed Shah Abdali, the persecutor of the Sikhs, was long dead. His grandsons, claimants to the throne, commenced a round robin of blinding and ousting. In 1809, Shah Mahmud expelled his brother Shah Shuja-ul-Mulk from Kabul. Shuja departed with 600 wives, numerous retainers, and a cache of jewels, including the Koh-i-Noor.

Shah Shuja sent his family to the Sikh empire while he headed towards Attock, a territory under Afghan control. The horrendous torment inflicted by the Afghans on the Sikhs gave the latter every reason to kill and plunder their oppressors, as was the norm, but the Sikhs did not indulge in wanton violence.

The governor of Attock and his brother, the governor of Kashmir, had rebelled against Shah Mahmud. Shah Shuja assumed that they would assist him. Instead, in an attempt to extract the Koh-i-Noor, Shuja was imprisoned first in Attock and then in Kashmir. Fearing for her husband's life, Shah Shuja's favourite wife, Wafa Begum, pledged the Koh-i-Noor to Ranjit Singh for rescuing her husband from Kashmir.

Shah Mahmud ordered his army to march to Kashmir to punish the rebellious governor. The path to Kashmir lay through the Sikh empire, which forced the Afghans to seek Ranjit Singh's cooperation. The Sikhs and Afghans agreed to march jointly to Kashmir and share the booty. Shah Mahmud's army, led by Fateh Khan Barakzai, retook control of Kashmir but refused to share the spoils with the Sikhs.

The Sikh army, the Khalsaji, under Diwan Mohkam Chand, rescued and escorted Shah Shuja from



Kashmir to Lahore, the capital of the Sikh empire. Ranjit Singh told Wafa Begum to honour her pledge, but the Shah employed tactics to avoid parting with the gem.

First, Shah Shuja unsuccessfully tried to convince Ranjit Singh that the gem was pawned in Kandahar. Then Shuja attempted to pass a large topaz as the Koh-i-Noor. On discovering that the Shah was fooling him, Ranjit Singh put him under house arrest. Finally, the Maharaja offered Shah Shuja three lakhs and a jagir worth Rs 50,000 in exchange for the Koh-i-Noor (when the cost of a 10-gram gold coin was Rs 15). In response, Shuja requested a grace period of 50 days, hoping it would suffice to execute Plan C. Had Shuja's strategy succeeded, Ranjit Singh would not have been alive to take possession of the gem.

The Sikhs had decided to block Fateh Khan's passage on his return from Kashmir at Attock. Shah Shuja knew of this.

The East India Company's records reveal that when the Khalsaji was engaged at the Attock frontier, Ranjit Singh's perfidious gem had mysterious overtures to the Company for the extripation of the Sikhs from the Punjab. The Company received copies of letters allegedly written from

Lahore by Shah Shuja to Fateh Khan Barakzai, asking to be rescued. The letters confirmed that under Fateh Khan's instructions, Shuja had recruited 500 Hindustanis, and if given more money, he could engage another three to four thousand men. It would be easy to kill Ranjit Singh, as he often rode out with just a few attendants, and to capture Lahore. Shuja was confident that the Khalsaji would disperse when it heard the news of the capture of Lahore and the murder of their king. Unfortunately for Shah Shuja, neither the Company nor Shah Mahmud took the bait.

On June 7, 1813, after the expiry of the grace period, the exiled Afghan king grudgingly surrendered the Koh-i-Noor diamond to Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

Shah Shuja's conspiracy came to light in Lahore later. Pir Bakhs, the Kotwal, investigated the matter. Hari Singh Nalwa, the rising star of the Khalsaji, brought Shah Shuja and his Qazi before Ranjit Singh.

The Maharaja asked the conspirators what punishment would befit a guest who behaved treacherously towards his host.

Shah Shuja absolved himself of involvement and acknowledged that his men had committed a crime.

"If left to me," said Shuja, "I would instantly hang the conspirators." Ranjit Singh merely imprisoned Shah Shuja's men, and two months later, the Shah stood surety and obtained their release.

Ranjit Singh's possession of the Koh-i-Noor lent the gem fame and visibility. The Maharaja wore it on state occasions, either as a sircaph or a bazband. He also decorated Lali, his favourite horse, with the Koh-i-Noor. After Ranjit Singh's demise, the British took possession of the gem from his 10-year-old son and gifted it to Queen Victoria. A fleeting glimpse of the Koh-i-Noor in the Tower of London requires a hefty entry fee.

Indians believe that the sizeable diamond that came to be called the Koh-i-Noor in the 18th century once belonged to Lord Krishna. In 1839, on his deathbed, the Sikh monarch wished that his 'talismanic pledge of power', the Koh-i-Noor, be donated to the Krishna temple of Jagannath Puri in Odisha.

Ranjit Singh is the only owner of the Koh-i-Noor who earned the gem honourably and then wished to donate it to a shrine not of his faith.

The writer has authored books on Maharaja Ranjit Singh & Hari Singh Nalwa

# THE TRANSLATOR'S WORDS

They are the unsung heroes who, while making literary texts in alien languages accessible to readers, also have to tread lightly upon a linguistic and cultural minefield. Translators have two reputations to take care of: That of the writer whose works they render in another language, and their own

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TRANSLATORS don't play second fiddle to authors, insists Angela Rodel, who shared this year's International Booker Prize with Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov. Rodel, who translated Gospodinov's novel 'Time Shelter', stressed that "all translation is a duet whose true beauty would not be possible without both voices or melodies coming together". Daisy Rockwell, who shared the same prize the previous year with writer Gjetanali Shree for the Hindi novel 'Tomb of Sand', used the analogy of ballroom dancers to describe this rather symbiotic relationship. Likening the author to Fred Astaire and the translator to Ginger Rogers, Rockwell said in an interview that the "translator must follow the author's lead, but do everything backwards, in high heels".

The underlying message is that while authors and translators complement each other, the latter has to be a little more mindful too. Translators, after all, have two reputations to take

care of that of the writer whose works they render in another language, and their own. They are the unsung heroes who, while making literary texts in alien languages accessible to readers, also have to tread lightly upon a linguistic and cultural minefield.

Any translator will tell you that the creative process is as agonising as it is exciting, as it is with any writer. To recreate from one language to another with minimal erosion of the nuances of language, culture and context isn't the only hurdle. It is a challenge to retain the uniqueness of the author's voice, especially when that voice is dear and familiar to readers in the native language. Now this is tricky territory, because readers and critics in the source language are bound to make comparisons, and sometimes the criticism can be odious. Gregory Rabassa, the English translator of some of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's works - most notably 'One Hundred Years of Solitude' - even had a name for such cavilling critics: Professor Horrendos. Marquez though was most



effusive in his praise for Rabassa. In an interview with The Paris Review in 1981, the Nobel laureate said, "My books have been translated into 21 languages and Rabassa is the only translator who has never asked for something to be clarified so he can put a footnote in. I think that my work has been completely re-created in English." Admitting that

there were parts of the book which were difficult to follow literally, Marquez added, "The impression one gets is that the translator read the book and then rewrote it from his recollections."

It's true that the Colombian writer had his own quirk. Another of his acclaimed translators, Edith Grossman, once

revealed that Marquez wasn't too fond of adverbs in Spanish that ended in -mente (whose English equivalent would be -ly). So this meant that instead of the word 'slowly', she had to use 'without haste', and 'hastily' became 'with more haste' and so on.

Closer home, too, it's a veritable maze for Indian translators.

Aniruddhan Vasudevan, who translated Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's 'Pyre', which was also longlisted for this year's International Booker, recalls fretting over the word 'aadu' in an earlier work of the author. While he confidently took the word to mean goats, it actually referred to sheep in the Kongu region to which Murugan belonged. Rakhshanda Jalil, in an interview, mentions how even a simple Urdu word like 'yaar' resists translation because when rendered as buddy, bro or the more closer equivalent mate, it acquires a jarring westernised twang. Similarly, Jerry Pinto has observed how the endearing quality of 'te' in Marathi cannot be meaningfully supplanted in English.

So while translators grapple not just with the linguistic calisthenics, they constantly worry over the possible desecration of a work's cultural import during translation.

Often, they have to hammer down their own creative urges and know where to draw the line in their practice. They cannot be bound too tightly to the words in

a text, nor stray too far from it. No wonder then that Rabassa termed translators trusty prisoners of the author.

But of course, there are exceptions. Jay Rubin, while translating Haruki Murakami's three-book work 'The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle' from Japanese, is said to have cut 25,000 words simply so that it could work in the American context and be published as a single volume in the US.

Murakami himself has translated from English into Japanese several books, including F Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby', which he regarded as a huge creative influence on his career.

Good reading, therefore begets good writing. While no translation can be perfect, it is also undeniable that translators act as that sturdy bridge between languages and cultures. And for that alone, they make the world of literature much richer. Rabassa gets the last word when he says that "translation always helps us to know, to see from a different angle, to attribute new value to what once may have been unfamiliar".

## 'Toughest trials of my life': Kajol deletes Instagram posts, but is it a promotional strategy for 'The Good Wife'

Kajol has left the internet confused with her latest post on Friday. She took down all her posts on Instagram and left the netizens with a post which reads "Facing one of the toughest trials of my life", on a plain black background. She has further captioned the post as "Taking a break from social media". But one can't stop but wonder about this 'trial', as the actress is all set to be seen on Disney plus Hotstar's new show Good Wife, directed by Suparn S. Varma, which is a legal drama.

The show is an adaptation of Robert King's 2009 show by the same name. The original drama features Juliana Margulies as a wife and mother who is in charge of taking care of her family

and resume her career in law after her attorney husband's political scandal lands him in jail. Can the 'trial' in Kajol's post indicate a trial in her upcoming legal show?

The actress has also informed her about social media break on Twitter, too, with a similar post and caption, the difference being that all her tweets are still intact. The actress's last tweet was a shoot she had done for LifestyleAsia with the female cast of her upcoming show Lust Stories 2 on Netflix. The actress has not given any explanation even with her comments section flooding with thousands of fans sending her love and prayers. Actress Gauhara Khan is also on the list as she sends her prayers to the Dilwale actress.



## SRK's fans create Guinness World Record for most people performing his iconic pose



Superstar Shah Rukh Khan's fans on Saturday registered a new Guinness World Record ahead of the TV premiere of his blockbuster movie 'Pathaan'.

Three hundred fans of the Bollywood star gathered outside his sea-facing bungalow Mannat in suburban Bandra here, and stood with their arms outstretched to establish the world record for "Most people performing the Shah Rukh Khan Pose simultaneously".

Much to the fans' delight, Shah Rukh also joined them in the celebration as he appeared on the platform constructed in the compound of his residence.

According to videos circulating on social media, the 57-year-old actor waved at the admirers and then greeted them with his signature open-arm pose. He also performed the hook step of 'Jhoome jo Pathaan', the hit song from 'Pathaan'.

The record was created to celebrate the television premiere of 'Pathaan', which marked a comeback for Shah Rukh after his absence from leading man roles for more than four years.

The globetrotting spy thriller, directed by Siddharth Anand and produced by Yash Raj Films (YRF), will be screened at 8 pm on June 18 on Star Gold.

## 'ARNOLD' REVIEW: NETFLIX DOCUSERIES CHRONICLES SCHWARZENEGGER'S SUCCESS STORY

Netflix's latest documentary series Arnold unveils the remarkable journey of a man who surpassed boundaries and emerged as a symbol of leadership. Through a flawless combination of narrative, candid interviews, and a sprinkle of nostalgic charm, this documentary transports audiences on an exciting expedition, tracing Arnold Schwarzenegger's journey from the rural landscapes of Austria to the pinnacle of the American dream.

Released on June 7 on Netflix, the series consists of three episodes with a run-time of an hour each.

All three episodes of Arnold devotedly focus on one phase of his career at a time namely his incredible body-



builder era, film star era and his political career. The series takes off by pro-

viding a glimpse into Schwarzenegger's early years, offering a vivid portrayal of his modest beginnings and the determination that propelled him forward.

There is a swift breeze of nostalgia while he reflects his origin, family and parts of his childhood. As we navigate through the challenging terrain of his teenage years, we witness the unyielding spirit of a youngster who refused to settle for ordinary. Through candid interviews, Arnold acquaints us with a vibrant array of individuals who played significant roles in Schwarzenegger's life.

From steadfast friends to formidable adversaries, and from esteemed co-stars to perceptive observers, their firsthand accounts intertwine to create a vibrant

tapestry that emphasises the true essence of his remarkable journey. The original clippings of Schwarzenegger from the media gives more of a realistic touch to the series.

There is extensive light on director James Cameron's experience with Schwarzenegger along with titbits of the challenges the latter faced in convincing filmmakers and viewers of his acting talents. Keeping aside all of his professional life, the series has also covered his personal life including his marriage to Maria Shriver, who was the niece of John F. Kennedy, which kept Schwarzenegger amid conversations regarding politics. His own prior interest in the matter later led to the next point in his career.

## British Rap Artist Stefflon Don Visits Sidhu Moosewala's Village, Pays Tributes



Acclaimed British rap artist Stephanie Allen, aka Stefflon Don, on Sunday paid tributes to famed Punjabi singer late Sidhu Moosewala on his birthday by visiting his family home in a village in Punjab's Mansa. Hundreds of fans and followers of Shubdeep Singh Sidhu, widely known by his stage name Sidhu Moosewala with a huge fan base running into millions, who was shot dead in Mansa district on May 29, 2022, had started gathering at the late singer's palatial house in Moosa village since morning. Accompanying the late rapper's father Balkaur Singh Sidhu and mother Charan Kaur Singh, Stefflon Don mingled freely with the crowd of Moosewala's followers. In a set of videos streaming online, Stefflon Don was seen moving through streets of the Moosa village along with Punjabi producer Sandy Jora. Besides "Invisible", Stefflon Don has worked with Moosewala on "47". Moosewala's mother Charan Kaur penned an emotional note on his birthday in which she said her son was born to guide the world to follow the path of truth.

## Sanjay Kapoor on being 'patient' with acting career You have to be ready when your time comes

Not the lack of offers, but the dearth of substantial roles made Sanjay Kapoor take a step back from his career as a hero, says the actor, who is now happy to have found his groove with performance-oriented characters. Sanjay started his acting career with "Prem", which began filming in 1989 but released in 1995. He followed it up with popular titles such as "Raja", "Aazaar" and "Sirf Tum", before he decided to wait for "correct projects". "It is important to be patient. I am not saying a miracle happens, but if you are sincere and hard working you will get those opportunities. That's what happened to me, I am a living example of it... You have to be ready when your time comes," he told PTL.

"As an actor, I did not



do something that I will not be proud of to be associated with. Hits and flops are not in your hand, but to be part of the correct project is in your hands, and that's what I did." In the 2000s, the 57-year-old shifted towards character roles, starring in "Darna Mana Hai", "LOC Kargil", "Luck By Chance", "Lust Stories", series "The Fame Game" and "The Gone Game", among others.

Sanjay said he tried his best to steer clear from "crappy roles" as "once you get into it, then it becomes impossible to come back."

Close to two decades after his debut as a hero, the actor said he has finally reached a stage where he can avoid being repetitive.

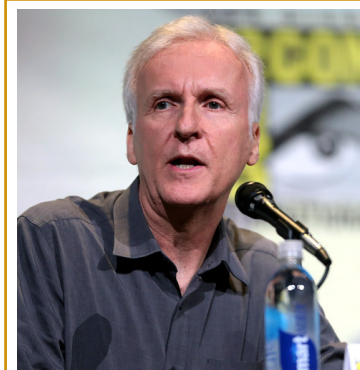
"With every role, there is something new that I am giving as an actor. It is not repetitive. For instance, 'The Fame

Game', 'Gone Game' are all different."

Sanjay's latest film is "Bloody Daddy", which started streaming on JioCinema on Friday. The actioner, directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, features Shahid Kapoor in the lead role.

It follows the story of Sumair (Shahid) as he faces off against Gurugram's white-collar drug lords, deceitful friends, murderous boss, murderous narcs, and both corrupt and honest cops - all during one fateful night.

Sanjay plays the role of the drug lord named Hamid. "I was happy he (Zafar) thought about me to play Hamid. It sounded very exciting when I heard a few scenes at that time. I have played negative characters but not someone, who is suave and has some sort of kindness (to him)," he said.



## JAMES CAMERON FEELS HE 'WALKED INTO AN AMBUSH' IN ARGENTINE LITHIUM DISPUTE

Movie director James Cameron says he feels he "walked into an ambush" this week during a visit to Argentina in which he believes there was an attempt to use his image as an environmentalist to give a positive spin to lithium mining operations despite Indigenous opposition.

Cameron, the director of "Avatar" and "Titanic," said Friday he would now devote attention and money from his Avatar Alliance Foundation to support Indigenous communities opposing lithium opera-

tions in South America. "Ironically, the outcome of this is that I am now aware of the problem and we will now assist through my foundation with the issue of Indigenous rights with respect to lithium extraction," Cameron told a group of journalists gathered in his hotel room in the capital of Buenos Aires Friday evening. Cameron came to Argentina this week to speak at a sustainability conference in Buenos Aires on Friday.

"I believed that I was coming here to make a kind of motivational speech about

environmental causes," Cameron said. As part of the visit, Cameron traveled to northern Jujuy province Thursday to visit a large solar power plant with Gov. Gerardo Morales and says he was never told lithium would be part of the discussion.

After Cameron's visit, Morales wrote a message on social media thanking Cameron for the visit, writing that the province was looking to "transform the energy matrix" through projects such as the solar power plant and "lithium extraction."

The director received a letter that a group of 33 Indigenous communities from the area had written to him a few days earlier asking him to either cancel his trip or meet with them so they could explain their long-held opposition to lithium mining projects they say affect their land rights and negatively impact the environment.

"I feel like I walked into an ambush," Cameron told journalists after meeting with local environmentalists, saying he was unaware of controversy involving lithium projects. "I

feel like I was put into an optic that had meaning that I wasn't aware of."

Although Cameron says he "doesn't know the exact architecture" of how the "ambush" happened, he feels there was an effort to use his image not just because of his support for environmental causes but also because of the overarching message of "Avatar."

"Avatar" is the highest grossing film in history. It is about the conflict between an extraction industry and the rights of Indigenous people," Cameron said.

## 'Never Have I Ever' season 4 review: A happy, predictable finale



Mindy Kaling's Never Have I Ever has been delightfully consistent throughout with every season offering a fair share of humour, romance, sentimentality, and a lot of teenage drama. The fourth season makes no exception, and the characters are seen moving into their senior years at school with Devi's (Maitreyi Ramakrishnan) constant attempts to become the "sexy successful senior" accompanied by her infamous screw-ups.

But before the kids of Sherman Oaks bid goodbye to their school life, they still have to get past their senior year. Yes this means, Devi has to deal with another set of awkward scenarios and their chaotic aftermaths. But the final season also calls for the characters to make major life decisions, creating a lot of anticipation among the audience.

The first episode of season 4 takes off exactly where the last episode of season 3 left us, which was when Ben (Jaren Lewison) and Devi had their first time in his place. And it is a crazy ride from here for Devi. Paxton Yoshida (Darren Barnet) who had left high school and the show, as per our assumption, was also not making an unexpected entry yet again, and does not fail to add to the action in Devi's life. With college acceptances right around the corner, there is a lot of pressure among the characters about applying and getting accepted into their dream colleges. While Devi puts all her energy into getting accepted into Princeton she also realises that she is not ready to move away from her home and family.

With 10 episodes to wrap up every character's journey, and give each of them happy endings, the final season fails to surprise us. Unlike the previous seasons, the ending was rather predictable, leaving the audience expecting the expected. Things felt rushed through towards the end, leaving no scope for a deep dive into anyone's life. The finale just offered quick glimpses of their life changes like moving out, budding romances, celebrating each other, and their much-awaited prom and graduation.

# Karnataka: Govt launches 'Shakti' scheme, free bus travel for women from today

**KARNATAKA:** Women in Karnataka can travel for free in government buses in the state from Sunday, with the roll out of the first of the five poll guarantees of the ruling Congress -- the "Shakti" scheme. This free travel service will benefit more than 41.8 lakh women passengers every day and would cost the state exchequer an estimated Rs 4,051.56 crore annually, officials said.

The scheme is available for women, who are domiciled in Karnataka, for the journey within the State limits after 1 pm today.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched the scheme, which will provide free rides for women and girl students of the state in government buses, from the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha, the seat of Karnataka legislature and secretariat here. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy were among others present at the event, where the logo of the Shakti scheme was unveiled, and Shakti smart cards were symbolically issued to five women. Women can apply for the Shakti Smart Card by registering on the Seva Sindhu government portal, to avail the benefit of the scheme.

As per the CM's directions, district in-charge ministers launched the scheme in their respective districts across the state. The government noted that this scheme would reduce the travel expenses of working women from poor and lower middle class, and as the savings can be used for household expenses, the scheme has brought smiles on women's faces. "We have implemented the Shakti scheme today, at a time across the state, as promised..." Siddaramaiah said as he hit



out at the opposition for criticising his government with respect to implementation of guarantees and accused them of trying to create "confusion" among people.

"Noting that women comprise half the population of the society and this scheme has been named 'Shakti' to empower them, he said, "our government's aim is to strengthen women and ensure their active participation in the economic activities."

Other guarantees will also be implemented as per the timeline announced, he told reporters after the launch. 'Shakti' is the first to be rolled out, among the five guarantees announced by the Congress ahead of the assembly elections.

The other four guarantees are -- 200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi), 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya), Rs 3,000 every month for unemployed graduates and Rs 1,500 for unemployed diploma holders, both in the age group of 18-25 (YuvaNidhi).

According to officials, all women, including girl students, without any discrimination on the basis of caste, religion, caste, can avail the facility. Gender Minorities are also included in the scheme, they said. The free travel service can be availed in city transport, ordinary and express buses which accounts for 18,60,000 buses in all four state-owned Road Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTCL, NWRKTC and KKRRTC). "Free travel for women" stickers have been put up on buses which are included in the scheme, officials said and added that it would not cover luxury and inter-state buses.

The CM also clarified that, if a passenger has to cross the state border while travelling from one district to another district of Karnataka in RTC buses, they won't be charged, but this exemption is limited up to 20 kms. Until smart cards are issued, free bus travel can be availed by producing a valid photo identity card issued by Government of India, Government of Karnataka or Government-owned offices, and getting a zero value ticket, officials said.

# Doesn't Suit Any Leader to Criticise Own Country Abroad: Shah Slams Rahul

**PATAN/NANDED, JUN 11:** Union home minister Amit Shah accused Rahul Gandhi of criticising India and discussing its internal politics during his foreign visits. Shah emphasised the importance of discussing Indian politics within the country and urged Gandhi to remember that the people of India are closely watching.

He highlighted the changes brought by the Modi government and criticised the Congress for constantly discussing anti-India matters. Shah also addressed Gandhi's criticism of the new Parliament building and accused Congress leaders of opposing Prime Minister Modi's initiatives.

He praised PM Modi's work in improving the



lives of marginalised communities and emphasised India's progress in various fields. Shah urged the people of Gujarat to support the BJP and ensure victory in all 26 Lok Sabha seats in the upcoming 2024 elections. He referred to the development in Gujarat under Modi's leadership, which transformed the "Gujarat model" into the "India model." Shah called on people to unite and choose between Modi and Gandhi for the prime ministerial position in 2024, highlighting the widespread support for Modi wherever he goes. In a rally at Nanded, the Union minister said Uddhav Thackeray had agreed on Devendra Fadnis's name as the Maharashtra CM in 2019, but he betrayed the BJP after the 2019 Assembly elections. The BJP leader further said that the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance has been restored after the formation of the Eknath Shinde government.

Shah said, "In 2019, when I was the BJP president, I had gone to Thackeray at his residence along with Fadnis. In the meeting, it was decided that Fadnis will be the CM if the NDA returns to power. Thackeray had agreed to it. But after the results, he joined hands with the Congress and NCP to become the CM himself."

In 2019, BJP-Shiv Sena alliance had got clear majority by winning 161 out of 288 seats.

However, realising that the BJP (105 seats) cannot form the government without Shiv Sena (56 seats), Thackeray snapped ties with it. He became the chief minister with Congress (45 seats) and NCP (54 seats).

# People's trust 'biggest asset for me' will not back down on demands: Sachin Pilot

**DAUSA, JUN 11:** Dissident Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Sunday said people's trust is the "biggest asset" for him and asserted that he will keep fighting to get them justice and not back down on his demands.

He has been attacking the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan over alleged inaction into charges of corruption levelled by him against the previous Vasundhara Raje-led BJP dispensation.

"God gives the biggest justice and if not today, then tomorrow justice will be done," said Pilot, who has been engaged in a power tussle with Gehlot since the Congress formed government in the state in 2018.

The state's former deputy chief minister has also demanded disbanding of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission and its reconstitution, and a compensation for those affected by government job exam paper leak cases.

Addressing a programme here on unveiling a statue of his father and former Union minister Rajesh Pilot on his death anniversary at the Gurjar hostel here, Sachin Pilot said his father saw many ups and downs through his political career but he never compromised on his

ideals and self-respect, and left an indelible mark with his working style.

"Those who are in politics today, we may have a different thought process and ideology, but the collective purpose should be clear in politics," he said, adding that "today, the need of this country is to speak fearlessly, to support truth and honesty, and not to compromise even in adverse circumstances".

Sachin Pilot also said as Rajasthan Congress chief, he had also taken on the BJP when it was in power in the state. He was removed from the party post as well as deputy chief minister in 2020 after he led a revolt against the Gehlot government.

Earlier, there was intense speculation over Sachin Pilot announcing his plans about his political future at this programme.

However, the Congress has exuded confidence that a "positive solution" would be found to the intra-party discord in Rajasthan and rubbished reports that he will float a new party.

The Congress leader said, "I believe that whether we are in any position or not, the public always weighs what you have said and what you used to do. For me, credi-

bility among the public is the first priority. People's trust, promises made to them and credibility are the biggest assets in politics."

"In the coming times also, your trust is the biggest asset for me, I will never let it decrease, I will promise," he said and added that no matter what situation, it is his promise to fight for the people and get them justice.

Sachin Pilot accused the previous Raje government of being involved in corruption and made a veiled attack on Gehlot for his reaction to the demands raised by him regarding compensation to candidates over paper leak cases.

After Sachin Pilot made the demands on the completion of his five-day Jaipur-Ajmer "Jan Sangharsh Yatra" a last month, Gehlot at a public event in the Rajasthan capital on May 25, without naming his former deputy, had said demanding compensation for candidates who have suffered from paper leaks is a sign of "mental bankruptcy".

"The central government says that if the poor get some help, then there will be financial bankruptcy. I say that if there has been a betrayal with the youth, and if we help them, (they) say that it will

be mentally bankrupt," Sachin Pilot said. He said that for helping the poor and the youth, one should have a high heart.

He said he had protested against the Raje government on different issues but never used any indecent or abusive remarks.

Sachin Pilot said that many people come into politics, become pradhans, pramukhs, lawmakers, ministers, chief ministers or the prime minister, but they come and go. "In the last 20-22 years, since I have not done any such thing which has led to decrease in trust," he said, adding, "On my promise, I have neither backed down before nor am I going to back down now. No matter what situation, this is my promise to get justice and fight for you..."

Sachin Pilot said.

Targeting Raje, he said that "even today, I say that you had allotted mines, and cancelled them when they were caught" and asserted that every mistake demands a punishment. "We might talk about anything with each other, but the one who gives the biggest justice is the one with the 'Neeli Chhatriwala' (the almighty), if not today then tomorrow justice will be done," he said.

# AAP rally: Kejriwal's attempt to cover up his corruption alleges BJP



**NEW DELHI, JUN 11:** The BJP on Sunday accused AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal of trying to cover up his government's corruption with his rally at Ramleela ground.

In a press conference at BJP headquarters, Delhi state president Virendra Sachdeva and MPs Manoj Tiwari and Ramesh Bidhuri said that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) under Kejriwal has transformed into a "Khas Admi Party."

Tiwari said the Ramleela ground needs to be purified with Ganga Jal after Kejriwal's rally.

"I recall Kejriwal sharing days with Anna Hazare during India Against

Corruption days at Ramleela ground and claiming to be against corruption.

He was again heard screaming from Ramleela ground, this time to cover up his corruption," Tiwari said.

The northeast Delhi MP also accused Kejriwal of being a "political tourist" visiting different cities of the country while turning blind eye to such problems of Delhi as dirty water supply and pollution in Yamuna.

Sachdeva said AAP was no longer working for the common man and its only aim now is to "rob" the people of Delhi.

"Kejriwal has ashamed Delhi people with low standard of his speech at the rally and asserting there were hundreds of Sisodias and Jains in his party. Did he mean to say the entire AAP is corrupt?" Sachdeva said.

Bidhuri alleged that Kejriwal's claim that his rally will be attended by one lakh people was belied by a person who set up tents there and who told him that payment was made for 10,000 chairs only.

The BJP had put up posters and hoardings at various vantage points outside Ramleela ground where AAP's rally against recent ordinance by the Centre was held.

In the rally, Kejriwal said Centre's ordinance was an insult to the people of Delhi.

"The BJP can abuse me and I don't mind that. But I won't tolerate the insult of the people of Delhi," he said.

The posters and hoardings of BJP sought to corner AAP and Kejriwal over renovation of Delhi Chief Minister's official residence with a cost of Rs 52 crore.

# Priyanka to kick-start Congress' MP poll campaign today with Jabalpur rally

**JABALPUR, JUN 11:** Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will kick off the Congress' campaign for the year-end Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls from Jabalpur on Monday after praying at the banks of the Narmada river, a party leader said. Jabalpur is at the centre of the state's Mahakoshal region, which has a sizable number of tribal voters. In the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress won 11 of the 13 Scheduled Tribe reserved seats in the eight-district division, with the remaining two bagged by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Priyanka ji will launch the party's campaign and Sankalp 2023 by addressing a public meeting on Saturday at Shahid Smarak at around 11.15 am. She will land in Jabalpur at around 10:30am and head to Gwarighat to pray to Narmada river, Jabalpur Mayor and Congress' city chief Jagat Bahadur Singh told PTI on Sunday.

En route to the rally venue eight kilometres



away, she will garland a statue of Rani Durgavati, who attained martyrdom fighting the Mughals, he said, adding the rally will be attended by at least two lakh persons.

"People in Mahakoshal area or Jabalpur division having eight districts feel neglected by the BJP. We did well (last time) in the area. This time around we are going to sweep the polls," he claimed. Asked why she picked Jabalpur for the party's campaign launch, Congress Rajya Sabha member from MP and senior Supreme Court lawyer Vivek Tankha said the rally is being held in Mahakoshal as Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra

did not pass through it. "The rally in Mahakoshal area will help the Congress in neighbouring Vindh and Bundelkhand regions. Moreover, there is strong anti-incumbency (against BJP government) in Mahakoshal and a large chunk of traditional tribal voters of Congress dwell in this region," he said.

MP has six regions, namely Mahakoshal, Gwalior-Chambal, Central India, Nimar-Malwa, Vindh, and Bundelkhand. Mahakoshal or Jabalpur division comprises Jabalpur, Katni, Seoni, Narsinghpur, Balaghat, Mandla, Dindori, and Chhindwara districts and has 38 Assembly seats.

In the last Assembly polls, the Congress won 24 of these seats while the BJP managed to win 13. One seat was bagged by an Independent candidate.

In the 2013 polls, the BJP won 24 seats and the Congress had to manage with just 13 victories.

With wins in Mahakoshal in 2018, the Congress was able to form a government in MP under Kamal Nath, though it fell in March 2020 after MLAs loyal to Jyotiraditya Scindia walked out and joined the BJP. When contacted, leading Hindi daily Dainik Bhaskar's Jabalpur edition resident editor Manish Gupta told PTI the party which performs well in three out of the six regions of MP would come to power. "It is a challenge for the Congress to keep its seats intact in the coming elections in Mahakoshal. Priyanka Gandhi is coming here to consolidate her party's position in Mahakoshal region bordering Vindh and Bundelkhand," he added.

# Thousands brave punishing heat to attend AAP rally against Centre's ordinance

**NEW DELHI, JUN 11:** Delhi Sunday saw a resolute gathering of thousands at Ramliya Maidan to voice their discontent against a recent ordinance issued by the Central government that effectively granted control over the bureaucracy in the national capital to the Lieutenant Governor.

Undeterred by the scorching temperatures that reached a blistering 43 degrees, men, women, children, and the elderly filled the venue, while many others stood outside on the roads under trees. Some covered their heads with scarves and splashed water on their faces to combat the harsh sun.

Inside the maidan, many stood near coolers and fans while others used makeshift paper fans. AAP workers lined the roads, distributing water pouches and bottles to the supporters. Sporting the distinctive signature caps of the Aam Aadmi Party, the party supporters carried the tricolour and marked their participation through the lens of their smartphones.

The protesters chanted "Kejriwal jindabad" and anti-BJP government slogans, their collective voice reverberating through the streets surrounding Ramliya Maidan.

Among the attendees were voices praising Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal's "commitment to improving the lives of the poor people in the city".

Many expressed happiness over the strides made in healthcare and education under the AAP government's tenure.

"My grandchildren studied in a private school earlier. We shifted them to government schools in Karol Bagh last year. We had never imagined government schools could provide such good education," said Mukhtar Beig, a 68-year-old AAP supporter.

"But the BJP doesn't wish good for the poor people. They arrested Delhi's education minister Manish Sisodia under a frivolous charge to stop the work being done by the AAP government. People are not fools. They know the truth."

Radhika Sharma, a 38-year-old teacher from east Delhi, praised the AAP's efforts in improving the educational system.

"Kejriwal and his government have revolutionised education in Delhi. The transformation I've witnessed in many students is remarkable. The attempts to undermine these efforts are deeply concerning," she said.

The rally was also an opportunity for supporters to highlight the AAP government's achievements.

Naveen Kumar, a 45-year-old busi-

nessman from south Delhi, commended the efforts to uplift the healthcare sector.

"The Mohalla clinics and government hospitals have been a boon to the common man. I've personally experienced the excellent healthcare services they provide. It's a shame that the LG and the BJP are trying to disrupt this progress," Kumar said. Some people alleged that the BJP catered primarily to the interests of the affluent.

Phulkar Singh, a 55-year-old farmer who travelled from Punjab's Sangrur to attend the rally, criticised the saffron party, stating, "The BJP is anti-poor. They prioritize the needs of industrialists and corrupt individuals. We need a government that works for the common man, and Arvind Kejriwal has proven his dedication to our welfare." Aarti Gupta, a 40-year-old social worker from West Delhi, said the LG and the BJP were engaged in a political game to stifle the progress made by the city government.

"The LG's interference in our government's affairs is a blatant attempt to obstruct the good work being done by Arvind Kejriwal. We will not stand idly by while they play dirty politics at the expense of the people's welfare," Gupta said.



# Delegation of Religious Leaders calls on Lt Governor

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: A delegation of religious leaders, led by Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan today.

The members of the delegation including scholars, preachers and Ulemas of Kashmir Division, discussed various mat-



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terials of public importance, and the significant role of religious leaders in promoting spiritual

heritage and social harmony in the region. The Lt Governor assured all support and assistance from UT administration in furthering the spirit of unity, fraternity and brotherhood in Jammu Kashmir.

The delegation was comprised of Syed Ghulam Jeelani Andrabi, H.P. Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Mohd Yousuf Baba, Bilal Ahmad Dar, Showket Ahmad Bhat, Showket Samad and Bilal Ahmad.

# Delegation of Bio-enzyme Entrepreneurs Academy of India calls on Lt Governor

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: Delegation of Bio-enzyme Entrepreneurs Academy of India (BEAI), led by its President, Ms Priti Rao, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today at Raj Bhawan.

The members of the delegation including Sh Shrekanth RG and Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat, a noted Environmentalist, discussed with the Lt Governor the promotion of sustainable solutions using Bio-enzymes and various pressing environmental issues in J&K.

They also briefed the Lt Governor on the BEAI's endeavours to train the youth in enzyme technology and extending support to budding entrepreneurs under Skill Development programs, and the remediation activities being carried out in J&K UT.

The Lt Governor assured the delegation that their valuable suggestions and inputs will be taken into consideration for strengthening the efforts of environment conservation and protection.

# Art of Living conducts "India meditates" prog in meadows of sonamarg, Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: In the first of its kind Art of Living and JK Water sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association, conducted a programme "India meditates" in the meadows of Sonamarg Ganderbal to celebrate 75 years of independence under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Apart from mental health awareness, the basic aim of programme was to teach and train youth of J&K to tackle the stressful and challenging situations at different stages of life and to help young minds to internalise meditation in their life styles for experiencing improved health, peace, happiness and become aware of their inner latent potential.

The event witnessed participation of more than 250 individuals from across J&K.

Bilquis Mir, an international player of Kayaking and Canoeing was also the part of the event. Speaking on the occasion she said "we are all aware of the tremendous rise in anxiety disorders, depression and other health ailments globally and in J&K."

"Hence the mental fitness and mental health awareness becomes the priority to be dealt with", she added.

Mir further emphasised that mental fitness is the most essential component for achieving targets in one's life and such programs should be held in frequency across J&K and pan India.

Miss Vandana Dafari, the Regional Director for Art of Living conducted a Divine session of meditation for inner wellness and peace.

The participants shared their sense of serenity and joy, immediately after completion of the session.

The Vice President for J&K Water Sports Kayaking and Canoeing Association Ferooz Ganderbal and district President Ganderbal Water Sports Shreyar Majeed Dar played a vital role in the successful conduct of event.

Ganderbal appreciated the initiative taken by Art of Living and said that we are very hopeful to conduct such more programs in near future in district Ganderbal, as peace is the only way to prosperity.

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 11: A District Level Bankers' seminar on Agriculture credit linked schemes was held today here under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The visiting officer Director Agriculture Jammu , K K Sharma was also present.

ADDC, Sham Lal, Chief Agriculture Officer, ( Nodal Officer HADP); Amjad Hussain Malik, Bankers, Progressive Farmers besides other stakeholders were also present.

A detailed insight into the procedure and scope of the credit linked schemes like KCC, PFME, AIF, AHDF, HDE, credit guarantee scheme for FPO, etc. were given in the seminar.

The Director Agriculture elaborated in detail the objectives of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan in 29 projects and its implementation through Agriculture credit to be given by various Banks.

The District Development Commissioner Kishtwar emphasized on simplifying the documentation procedure for providing the credit loan to the farmers and 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 DDC also asked the Agriculture and allied sector officers to pay special attention to the Indoor Saffron Cultivation and repair of Kulis in convergence with MGNREGA in the District for the larger benefit of farmers.

DDM NABARD, Nikhil Sharma presented a powerpoint presentation on the agriculture credit linked schemes. The District heads of allied Departments including Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Marketing officer HFM, Kissan Advisory Board members, Cluster Head J&K bank, Representatives of FPOs, PMFBY scheme, CSC coordinator and progressive farmers also participated in the event.

Vote of thanks was presented by the Chief Agriculture

# DSEJ inspects under progress work in Jammu Zone Schools

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 11: Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Sharma, visited different government schools of zone Jammu to evaluate and take first-hand appraisal of the works under progress in these institutions. He was accompanied by Manta Sharma, Deputy Director Planning, DSEJ and the officials of the Engineering Wing.

Ashok Sharma divulged that 21 Higher Secondary Schools falling within the Jammu City Municipal lim-

its are receiving a face-lift, repair, renovation, new constructions and will be upgraded with the addition of fully functional new age smart classrooms. A total of 286 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Smart classrooms are being constructed in these 21 Higher Secondary Schools with the aim of providing digital education to the needy sections of the society and reducing the technological and logistic gap.

These works have been taken up under the Smart

City Project.

The visiting team inspected and took stock of the work under progress. Sharma interacted with the staff members, workers and other stakeholders and gave on-spot directions while making suggestions to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of education for the students. He asked everyone to work hard, diligently and give their hundred percent so that the work can be completed in the stipulated time frame.

"I am delighted to see the

extent of development of the new structures at these Higher Secondary Schools," Sharma said. "The students of Jammu deserve access to high-quality education facilities, and it is inspiring to see the progress we are making towards that goal."

The Smart City Projects in Jammu are an integral part of the government's vision for the city. These projects aim to improve the quality of life for citizens through better infrastructure, increased efficiency, and improved access to essential services.

# SDM Srinagar, Chairman, Aryans flag off 2nd Shikara race at Dal Lake

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: The Sub-Divisional Magistrate East Srinagar, Murtaza Ahmad on Sunday flagged off the 2nd Shikara Race here in world famous Dal Lake in presence of Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Dr. Anshu Kataria.

The rally attracted the attention of hundreds of tourists and locals who enthusiastically witnessed the event.

After the culmination of the race Imran achieved 1st position while Shahid and Javed got 2nd & 3rd positions respectively. The winners were rewarded during the felicitation ceremony by SDM and other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, SDM Srinagar congratulated the winners and said that Kashmiri youth have great potential in every sphere to lead the country.

He underlined that Kashmiri students are multi-talented who have proved their mettle in all fields at national and international competitions.

He further lauded the Aryans Kashmir students for performance in academics as well as in innovations. He also appreciated the copy right awarded to Aryans Shikara app by Govt. of India and termed it as remarkable step.

# Deputy Commissioner Rajouri inspects examination centre for EMR admission Test

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today visited Government Degree College (GDC) Rajouri to inspect the ongoing examination for admission of students to Ekalavya Model Residential schools for Gurdhanbala and Hubbi.

The EMRs is being conducted as per the previous year practice and this year only one centre with three sub-centres, was set up at Government Degree



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri inspects examination centre for EMR admission Test.

College Rajouri. As many as 756 students had applied for the exam of which only 738 took the

examination staff and the arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the examination. He also interacted with the students and wished them luck for their future endeavors.

The Ekalavya Model Residential schools are an initiative of the government to provide quality education to the students belonging to the tribal communities. These schools provide free education, accommodation, and other basic facilities to the students.

# Justice Wasim visits Kupwara; reviews functioning of District Court Complex

INSPECTS ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING OF COURT COMPLEX

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, JUNE 11: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Administrative Judge District Kupwara) visited the District Court Complex Kupwara and reviewed the ongoing construction work.

On his arrival, the Administrative Judge was warmly welcomed by Principal District & Session Judge Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum; Additional

Session Judge Kupwara, Khem Raj Sharma, Additional Session Judge Handwara, Umi Kulsom, CIM Handwara, Vishesh Pharihar; Sub Judge Kupwara (Secretary DLSA), Manzoor Ahmad Khan; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray; SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; Munsiff Kupwara, Munsiff Sogam, Munsiff Tanglar, Munsiff Handwara, besides, President Bar Association Shafiq Ahmad Shah, members of Bar

Association Kupwara and other officers of administration. On the occasion, Guard of honour was presented to the chief guest by the district police Kupwara.

Justice Wasim also planted a tree within the Court premises.

Thereafter, construction work of the court building was brushed up and executing agency was given instructions for the speedy completion of the work.

Later, Justice Wasim called up

a meeting with the heads of District Administration and stressed upon them to provide all required infrastructure like electricity, seating arrangements for the litigants, water facility, installation of CCTV Cameras, Solar system, renovation of court buildings etc at District Judiciary so that the judicial officers do not face any difficulty in dispensing justice.

A separate meeting was also held with judicial officers of district Kupwara and instructions were conveyed to them to mitigate the problems of poor litigants by providing speedy justice to them.

Justice Wasim also held meeting with the bar members and paid attention to their problems and assured for placing their concern before the relevant wings. Afterwards the Administrative Judge visited Handwara Court complex and issues pertaining to court building, lawyers chambers, litigants shed and residential quarters of the judicial officers were taken up with the Administration.

# Magam Sports Stadium comes live with T-20 Cricket Tournament

COLLABORATION FOR SPORTS IS THE WAY FORWARD: SECRETARY SPORTS COUNCIL

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: One of the major sports events in district Budgam under the umbrella of the 'Jnan Bhaaghidari' campaign kept Sports Council's Magam Stadium on the cusp of some thrilling cricket encounters between teams from many districts of J&K.

The local organizers teamed up with J&K Sports Council under the My Youth My Pride vertical of special activities for the Magaam T20 Knockout Cricket Tournament which witnessed the participation of seventy-four teams and as many as 1480 players, compared to sixty-four teams in the last edition which was also a massive hit among the cricketers circles. The tournament was played in a league cum knockout format. J&K Sports Time was the media partner for the event which

played an important role in streaming live matches on social media platforms throughout the tournament.

Winners of the coveted tournament will earn a cash bounty of rupees one lakh while runners fifty thousand and twenty thousand to go into the kitty of runner-up and team placed third respectively.

Every match of the tournament attracted a crowd of thousands to the ground and as per the organizer of the events, the cumulative figure of cricket enthusiasts thronging the ground during the event will easily run into lakhs.

The Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull presided over the final match ceremony as the chief guest while Parveez Rasool international cricketer was the special guest, and Managing Directors from Cricket Academy of Pathans Pune and Jaipur units

were guests of honor on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Nuzhat Gull highlighted the importance of collaboration of sports events for team spirit and camaraderie between people from different backgrounds. She also emphasized the importance of promoting gender equality in sports and supporting women in sports. The chief guest congratulated the organizers for the professional approach and urged all participants to continue pursuing their passion for sports and strive for excellence.

The final match of the T-20 tournament was played between Shining Star Pampore Cricket Club and Green Line Cricket Club Srinagar. The match was in progress when a report was being filed.

Meanwhile, the National Wushu coaching camp that commenced at Sher-i-Kashmir

Indoor Stadium Srinagar earlier this month is in full swing. The camp shall conclude in the first week of August. The two-month preparatory camp of the Indian Wushu team for the forthcoming 19th Asian Games to be held in China and the 16th World Wushu championship in the USA shall select the best players after putting them through the battery of selection trials even as players are taught the nuances of the game by a group of elite coaches, including National Wushu Coach and Dronacharya awardee Kuldeep Handoo as well. Pertinently the Sports Authority of India had sanctioned the National Wushu coaching camp at Srinagar on the recommendation of the Wushu President Mr. Bhupender Singh Bajwa during the CTC Meeting held in New Delhi earlier this year. The Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull thanked the

Wushu Association of India and Sports Authority of India for conducting a national camp in J&K. She said the move comes in the wake of the fact that J&K has set up some world-class sports infrastructure in recent months in almost all districts of the union territory and we are prepared to host not only national events but international events in near future.

The Wushu Association of India and the Wushu Association of J&K have thanked Lieutenant Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha, Sarmad Hafeez Secretary Youth Sports, and Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull for support in organizing the camp in Srinagar.

Forty-five campers including seven coaches and two supporting staff are a part of the camp besides players who have a record of bagging medals at international events.



# Sigdi B1 becomes first Nasha Mukht Panchayat of District Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 11: Panchayat Sigdi B1 of Sub Division Chatroo of District Kishtwar has achieved a significant milestone for being provisionally declared as the first Nasha Mukht Panchayat of the district. This momentous achievement was officially announced by Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav, in presence of SSP Khail Ahmed Poswal-here at the 10th Narco Coordination (NCRD) Committee meeting held here in the DC Office Complex.

Besides, the meeting was attended by ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; SDM Padar/DPO ICDS, Dr. Rishi



Kumar Sharma; Tehsildar HQ Chandar Shekhar Sharma; Dy COMO, Nodal Officer Addiction Treatment Facility ATF District Hospital Kishtwar Dr. Arif Rashid, CEO, along with heads of educational institutions, ASHAs, AWWs, and other members. The Deputy Commissioner termed this as a remarkable

accomplishment and the result of various interventions and a comprehensive approach adopted in the Panchayat Sigdi B1.

Civil & Police administration, along with other stakeholders, including ASHAs, AWWs, parents, teachers, Addiction Treatment Facility, religious groups, and Panchayat Raj institutions, worked collectively to the instructions issued by the Government from time to time, under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, to achieve a drug-free panchayat.

DC Kishtwar further informed that the journey towards becoming a Nasha Mukht Panchayat involved three stages. Firstly, the panchayat passed a resolution

during the Nasha Mukht Diwas held on 15th March, 2023 emphasizing its commitment to combatting substance abuse.

Secondly, a line listing of all addicts and peddlers/addicts was carried out besides police established the nakas and surprise checking of youth & suspected peddlers was done.

Thirdly, the village surveillance team was constituted comprising PRIs, ASHA, Anganwadi, VDCs, Chowkidars and Lambardars to ensure contact monitoring and inputs from ground. Moreover the Intensive testing procedures were conducted to ensure that the panchayat was truly free from substance abuse.

# Director Information J&K reviews functioning of District Information Centres

JI NEWS SERVICE



JAMMU JUNE: Director Information, Department of Information Public Relations (DIPR) J&K, Manu Sherpa today reviewed the functioning of all the District Information Centres, here at a meeting held in the Media Complex Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

The Director, while reviewing the functioning of various District Information Centres of Jammu and Kashmir divisions, stressed upon the officers to carry out their duties with professional acumen by projecting the people friendly policies.

Referring to the upcoming Annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2023, he directed the District Information Officers who are on Yatra route of SANJY-2023 viz DIOS of Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban, Anantnag and Ganderbal to put in place all the arrangements for said Yatra, especially related to awareness of the pilgrims.

Joint Director, HQ DIPR, Naresh Kumar; Joint Director Jammu, Atul Gupta; Deputy Director (AV), Deepak Dubey; Deputy Director (PR), Jammu, Dr Vikas Sharma; Administrative Officer, Renu Sharma; Account Officer Hitesh Choudhary, Field Publicity Officer, Jammu, Mukesh Sharma, Information Officer, Sachin Bali and the District Information Officers of Jammu division were present in the meeting in person. The Joint Director Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam and District Information Officers of Kashmir Division attended the meeting virtually.

# Srinagar Admin conducts surprise inspection of over 3 dozen Petrol Pumps in the City

**FINE IMPOSED ON ERRING PETROL PUMP UNITS AFTER CONDUCT OF DELIVERY TEST, FILTER TEST AND ON SITE INSPECTION**

**PETROL PUMP OWNERS ASKED TO ENSURE FUEL QUALITY, ACCURACY OF DISPENSING UNITS AND PRESCRIBED PUBLIC AMENITIES AT FILLING STATIONS**

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR JUNE 11:- On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Assad, surprise inspection of all the Petrol Pumps operating in Srinagar District was conducted in order to ascertain the accuracy and fidelity of fuel dispensing units, Fuel Quality and all basic facilities mandatory at filling Stations.



Srinagar comprising Assistant Controller Legal Metrology, Food Safety Officer, Tehsil Supplies Officer, SHO, under the supervision of Tehsildar concerned. The checking teams inspected over 3 dozen Petrol Pumps across the District.

In South Tehsil of Batpora, Zakura and District 3(Nine) filling Stations operating at MA Road, Dalgate, Sonwar, Batamalloo, Karan Nagar areas were inspected.

Likewise 12(Twelve) Petrol Pumps were checked in Central Shalngang Tehsil of the District which include filling Stations at HMT, Zainakote, Hokersar, Bemina, Barkhana, Tengpora bypass, Bagh-

During the inspection, the delivery test was conducted by test measures of 5-Litres and 10 litres. Filter test for checking adulteration was also carried out and some samples were lifted by the Teams for further examination.

The inspection teams also took stock of the mandatory basic facilities available at the petrol pumps like Free Air facility, Free drinking water, Fire Extinguisher, Toilet facility for Ladies and Gents. Besides random check on delivery of each petrol pump were also checked.

During the drive, few petrol pumps were served notices for not having free drinking water facilities available and were directed to ensure the facility within 7 days. In addition, deficiency on nozzle of some petrol pump was also found which was seized by the inspection team on the spot. The fine to the tune of Rs 10,000/- was also imposed on the owner of filling stations operating in Batpora.

Nandsingh, Shalngang and Qamarwari. In Panthachowk Tehsil of the District 6(Six) petrol pumps operating at Sempora, Panthachowk and Pandrethan areas were inspected. Similarly, in Tehsil North of the District 3(Three) filling Stations operating at Batpora, Zakura and Habak were inspected. In Khanyar Tehsil of District, 2(Two) filling stations in Rainawari and Munawrabad were also inspected. While 2(Two) Petrol pumps operating at Soura and Baghi-Ali, Mardan Khan of Eidighah Tehsil and 2(Two) Petrol Pumps in Hyderpora and Baghat Barzulla areas of Chanapora Tehsil were also checked.

# Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals; Police arrests 04 persons, seizes as many vehicles



JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, JUN 11: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have arrested 04 persons and seized as many vehicles in Baramulla.

A police party of 15 Kunzer under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg, seized 04 vehicles (tippers) and arrested 04 persons for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Bungam Pariswani Kunzer. They have been identified as Zahoor Ahmad Malik son of Mohammad Akbar Malik, Waseem Ahmad Reshi son of Ali Mohammad Reshi, Gulzar Ahmad Malik son of Abdul Rahman Malik, all residents of Mohamamad Akbar Ganie residence of Bungam Kunzer.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Kunzer and further investigation has been initiated.

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

# Police arrests 04 drug peddlers including a woman in Kulgam & Baramulla; Contraband substances recovered

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUN 11: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 04 drug peddlers including a woman in Kulgam & Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

Police Station Kulgam received an information that 02 persons namely Manzoor Ahmad Naik and Ali

Mohammad Naik, both sons of Gulam Qadir Naik of Naikpora, Kulgam have hoarded contraband substance at their residential houses. Subsequently, a special team headed by DySP HQRS Kulgam accompanied by SHO Police Station Kulgam and concerned Executive Magistrate raided the specific locations. During search, 41 Kgs and 34 Kgs of poppy straw were recovered from respective residential

houses. Both the drug peddlers have been arrested and shifted to police station.

Moreover, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Kulgam during patrolling at Rangrezpora Kulgam intercepted a suspicious woman carrying a nylon bag. She has been identified as Rafeeqa Akhtar wife of Mashooq Ahmad Shah resident of Rangrezpora Kulgam.

During search, 14.4 Kgs of

Poppy Straw was recovered from her possession.

She has been arrested and shifted to Women Police Cell Kulgam where she remains in custody.

Similarly in Baramulla, a Police party of PP Palhallan received an information that Javid Ahmad Mir @Jai Kandur son of Mohd Ramzan Mir resident of Khambiyarhallan has hoarded psychotropic substance at his residence.

Accordingly, a Police party along with concerned Executive Magistrate raided the specific location. During search, 9 syrups of Codeine Phosphate was recovered. He has been arrested and shifted to police station.

Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

# Central Nodal Officer ISA-CTR convenes meeting with Ramban admin

ADVOCATES AFFORESTATION WITH ANAR DANA TO SERVE DUAL PURPOSE OF SOIL/WATER CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 11: Director (Law & Order), Internal Security-1 Division, Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), Catch The Rain (CTR), Nishtha Tiwari, along with Scientist Central Ground Water, Chandreyee De, who are on three day visit to Ramban district, convened a meeting with senior officers of district administration here.

She had a detailed assessment of various crucial aspects of JSA including status of its implementation in the district. She also reviewed the financial and physical progress achieved, so far, in the district under the programme. She appreciated the efforts of district administration and other stakeholders in effectively implementing the Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the district.



Nishtha Tiwari asked the stakeholders to understand the need for water conservation, its judicious use, protection of water sources and rain water harvesting to make safe and sufficient water available for our future generations. She stressed on coordination of stakeholders with defined SOPs and nodal point (Single point of contact) which is crucial for thorough implementation of Water Conservation Plan and protection of environment.

take up afforestation with this product which can serve dual purpose of soil and water conservation besides facilitating economic growth of the nearby people.

Development Commissioner Ramban, Mnsarat Islam, presented a detailed report on steps being taken up by the district administration to harvest the rain water and recharge ground water in the district in order to come out of the present status of water stressed district. He informed that Jal Shakti Kendra is functioning from DC office Complex and water conservation plan is operational in the district.

DC further informed that the district has 57738 households and 48.56% of them are being provided FHTCs under JIM. Besides, there are 88 ongoing projects under JIM in the district to provide safe drinking and

tapped water to every household in the district.

He said the district has restored and created numerous new water harvesting structures under RDD, IWMP, Horticulture, Soil Conservation, Agriculture, Jal Shakti, Forest and other departments. Furthermore, 107 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed in the district during last financial year to conserve water and recharge ground water along with the protection of fragile ecosystem of the region.

He apprised that extensive awareness campaigns are being run in schools, villages, public places, Block Diwas programs, Gram Sabhas and Pani Samitis to imbibe in them the habit of water conservation.

Besides, print, electronic and social media platforms are being used to spread the information among the masses.

# Unauthorised parking Over 30K vehicles kept along roads to be removed to decongest Shimla

SHIMLA: In a crack down on unauthorised parking, over 30,000 vehicles kept along roads in the Himachal Pradesh capital will be removed, an action, authorities say, will ensure smooth flow of traffic amid a huge influx of tourists to the hill city to beat the heat.

This kind of parking on both sides of a road makes the passage way narrow, leading to traffic jams and snarls, officials said, adding that the situation worsens during the weekends when a large number of people visit Shimla. With the plains in northern India witnessing a heat spell and summer vacation in schools, people prefer spending time in hill states such as Himachal Pradesh, where the weather is pleasant.

In the last 48 hours, from Friday, about 54,000 vehicles have entered the state capital, the officials said, pointing out that Shimla has 12 authorised parking lots and a limited number of "yellow line" demarcated parking spaces along roads with a total capacity of just 4,500 to 5,000 vehicles. There are over 1.25 lakh vehicles registered with a Shimla number plate and those parked illegally along roads number 60,000, according to police data.

# Overcast conditions grass on pitch influenced decision to bowl first: Dravid

London, Jun 11: Head coach Rahul Dravid defended India's decision to bowl first in the World Test Championship Final against Australia, saying the call was dictated by overcast conditions and grass on the pitch.

In pursuit of a record 444, India were bowled out for 234 in the first session of the 234 day itself to lose their second WTC Final in a row by a massive margin of 209 runs.

Dravid was posed some tough questions by Sourav Ganguly, who commented during the WTC Final. Ganguly asked his former teammate Dravid the logic behind the reason to bowl first and he responded by saying that the decision was not about "tackling pressure".

"We decided to bowl first in the Test match because the conditions were overcast and there was quite a lot of grass on the pitch," Dravid said.

"So, we thought that it would get easier to bat on later in the pitch and that was the same case here also. Most teams in recent times have opted to field first in England," Dravid said.

"We thought that it was a great decision when Australia were at 70/3 and then we leaked a lot of runs in the next two sessions. Even if we would have gotten them out by 300, we would have been in the game. We could have had a chance in the fourth



Dravid said the team was confident of chasing down a 300-plus target in the fourth innings.

"We had hoped that however behind we were, we could've shown more fight but we knew we needed exceptional performances. It was not a 469-run wicket. We gave away a lot of runs - bowling was disappointing. We played some poor shots yesterday," Dravid said.

Dravid was further asked about the lack of an ICC trophy that has eluded the team for 10 years now as the Champions Trophy in 2013 remains India's last victory in a global event. "You have a good point that we haven't won a major ICC trophy since 2013. We are getting close. We are getting to the semi-finals, we are getting to the finals, but I don't think we played our best game in the

last five days. We will be going through the data, the numbers, and stats...we will look back and see."

"We have been at our best, in the T20 World Cup but we are getting close," said Dravid.

Shifting the debate on the failure of the famed top-order, Ganguly asked Dravid about their lack of success in crucial matches, which has let India down regularly in the recent times.

"Our top five are all very experienced. These same players have won in Australia, in England. This is not up to their high standards. Some of the wickets have been quite challenging. This was a good pitch I'll admit. But some of the other places it's been tough."

"I will say that there have been better conditions at times when we played in South Africa or others. Even in India pitches have

been tough. Taking this into account, averages have dropped across the board, not just for us."

"Every match is important and you need to win every match."

"Average is low for every player across teams. But as you said, you (Ganguly) are correct. If we give runs to our bowlers, it's a plus point. Harbhajan felt good when we piled up runs," he said.

Barring Chuteswar Pujara who was playing county in England, India literally had zero preparation as the players flew straight after the IPL 2023.

Asked about the preparation, Dravid said, "The schedules are so tight and you need to be better prepared due to the packed schedule."

"No complaints, I wanna congratulate Australia for the cricket they have played. No excuses, no complaints, but they were the better side on this day."

Questioning India's tactics in producing rank turners at home, former India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh said it gave them "fake confidence". "By winning a match in two-and-a-half days while playing on those bad wickets, where the ball turns from day one, you cannot give yourself fake confidence."

"You have to get used to it, you have to slog it out for five days. You will be better prepared than Indian fast bowlers don't bowl in India only."

# WTC final: Green's contentious catch to dismiss Shubman Gill sparks social media debate

LONDON: Chants of 'cheat, cheat, cheat' echoed at the Oval Cricket Ground on Saturday when Australian all-rounder Cameron Green dismissed Indian batsman Shubman Gill with low catch. Gill was in disbelief when he was dismissed for 18 in an opening stand of 41.

The catch became a controversial one as the ball seemed to be touching the ground.

Later, Gill expressed his disappointment by sharing screenshots of catch in social media which shows that the Aussie had grounded the ball before completing the catch.

The controversial dismissal of Gill has become a social media debate with many criticising the catch.

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma was seen having a chat with on-field umpires regarding the catch during tea break.

"At the time I definitely thought I caught it. I think



in the heat of the moment I thought it was clean," said Cameron Green after the play. "It was left up to the third umpire and he agreed."

"Obviously the Indian crowd are so passionate and obviously one of the favourite guys Shubman Gill got out, and I think that's what they were all kind of looking forward to watching, so it is what it is and we move on," said Green.

Meanwhile, reacting to the catch, BCCI president Rajeev Shukla told ANI that "We should not create

a dispute over this. We should accept the decision of the Third umpire."

Though it was a close call, reportedly, the camera angles suggested that the ball was touching the grass.

"They (umpires) could have taken more time. They could have zoomed in. It is not normal match, it is a WTC final."

Could have checked more," said Indian pacer Mohammed Shami.

The not-out signal from the field umpires to the TV umpire could have gone in favour of India. Gill was batting well with his

partner Rohit. The final call was with TV umpire Richard Kettleborough, who adjudged it as a fair catch.

Former Australian captain Ricky Ponting spoke about the issue on the commentary. "When I saw it live, I knew it had carried to him on the full, but I wasn't sure what the action was after that from all replays we have seen. I actually think some part of the ball did touch the ground and it is the interpretation of the umpire that as long as the fielder has complete control of the ball before the ball hits the ground then it is out," he said.

"That must have been what the umpires' interpretation was and I think that is exactly what happened," he added.

India reached 164/3 in a 444-run chase on Day 4 of the World Test Championship (WTC) final.

## OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOREST PROTECTION FORCE GAMMA UNIT J-02, SIDHRA, JAMMU

### TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No.- 01 of 2023-24 Dated:- 07-06-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Government/Central Government Organizations for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Advised Cost (Amount in lacs)	Earnest Money @ 2% of the advertised cost (Amount in rupees)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (Amount in rupees)	Time of Completion (Days)	Receiving /Opening Authority
1	Construction of Patrolling path including inspection points along the boundary of FPF Gamma Unit J-02 Sidhra	10.00	Rs.200000/-	"C & D" only	Rs.600/-	150 days	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

Position of funds: Partially Available  
Position of AA / TS: Accrued

Publishing Date	07-06-2023
Download Start Date	07-06-2023 from 5.00 P.M
Bid Submission Start Date	07-06-2023 from 5.00 P.M
Bid Submission End Date	30-06-2023 upto 1:00 P.M
Date of opening of Technical / Financial Bid (online)	30-06-2023 at 01.05 PM (in the office of the Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Jammu)

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website:- [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 30-06-2023 at 01:05 PM in the office of the Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Jammu in case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids must be uploaded along with cost of tender document as shown against the work in the shape of Scanned copy e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury favouring to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit, J-02, Sidhra, Jammu, by crediting the requisite charges to the MH 0406 - FOREST (Revenue). Scanned copy of the earnest money / bid security in shape of CDR / FDR to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit, J-02, Sidhra, Jammu, shall also need to be uploaded.
- The amount advertised has been worked out at par as per the analysed rates of Forest Department J & K State and PWD Schedule of rates 2022.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act, bidders can get Digital Signature Certificate from approved vendor.
- The Bidders have to submit their financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

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## DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM JAMMU

E-NIT INVITING BIDS FOR OUTSOURCING OF COMPLETE BEDDING FACILITY TO BE PROVIDED TO THE YATREIS ON HIRE BASIS DURING SHRI AMARNATH JI YATRA, 2023 (IF REQUIRED).

e-NIT No.06of 2023 Dated: 08-06-2023.

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited from registered Firms/Agencies/Companies for providing complete bedding facility to the yatris on hire basis during Shri Amar NathJiYatra, 2023, if required.

S.N o.	Name of the Work	Cost of tender document	Earnest money	Time and date of opening of Bid	Security deposit	Class of Firm/Agency
1	Outsourcing of complete bedding facility to be provided to the yatris on hiring basis during Shri Amar NathJiYatra 2023, if required.	Rs.500/-	Rs.5,000/- (five thousand only)	22/06/2023 at 1400 Hrs	Rs.50,000/- (Security deposit refundable)  (only from successful bidder)	Registered agencies/Firms/s/Companies

- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 08/06/2023 to 21/06/2023 at the cost of Rs.500/- to be deposited in the shape of treasury challan pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu which is to be deposited in MH-1452 in any Govt. Treasury.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 08/06/2023 to 21/06/2023.
- Bids shall be opened on line in the office of Director Tourism, Jammu on 22/06/2023 at 1400 Hrs. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> containing qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, conditions and other details.
- Bid must be accompanied by EMD amounting to Rs. 5000/- (five thousand) as specified in column 4 of the table payable at Jammu.EMD will have to be in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu. The EMD of unsuccessful tenders shall be released after finalization of the tender.
- The security deposit as mentioned in column 6 of the table shall be obtained only from the bidder who will be declared as L1 after opening of financial bid.
- The hard copies of Technical Bid will be obtained only from the bidder who will be declared as L1 after opening of financial bid. However, following documents have to be uploaded by the bidder at the time of submission of their bids online.
  - Two years experience in providing bedding/tentage facility to Govt. Department (copy of job order/ agreement to be enclosed).
  - Copy of Treasury Chalan worth Rs. 500/- as a cost of Tender Document deposited in Treasury under MH-1452 (Non Refundable in any circumstance).
  - Copy of EMD (worth Rs. 5,000/-). However, the original CDR/FDR has to be submitted to this office once declared H1.
  - GST Registration Certificate.
  - PAN Card of agency/proprietor.

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# Advisor Bhatnagar visits Naranag, Ganderbal

ASSESSES DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, INTERACTS WITH PRI REPRESENTATIVES, LOCALS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, JUNE 11: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today visited Naranag area of Ganderbal district, and assessed development needs of the area besides interacting with PRI representatives and locals to take stock of their issues and concerns.

The visit is part of UT administrations' commitment towards ensuring good governance at doorsteps of common masses.

During the interaction with locals, Advisor Bhatnagar discussed wide range of issues like access to quality education and healthcare, mobile connectivity, environmental preservation and promotion of tourism in the area. The local residents shared their



challenges, aspirations, and suggestions to further improve overall development and well-being of the area.

While interacting with the PRI representatives and locals, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that the present LG led administration is committed towards welfare of

all sections of the society. Since the past three years, the administration has reached to the doors of common masses through various programs like Back to Village, Block Divas and others.

He added that government is focusing on collaborative efforts between the government and the

public towards a shared vision of progress and prosperity.

Advisor assured the members of PRIs and locals that the government is dedicated to serve the people and ensuring that their voices are heard. He added that the present government has pledged to prioritize grassroots engagement and create an inclusive and transparent government system across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the interaction, the PRI members and locals raised various issues and concerns related to developmental needs of their area.

Advisor and sought immediate redressal of their grievances raised.

Advisor, while interacting with the PRI members, highlighted

that the present government has empowered the Panchayat Raj Institutions and their views and suggestions are part of the core development plans of the government. He assured them all issues would be redressed within shortest possible time.

Later, Advisor also inspected the infrastructure of Government Primary School and Government Middle School. He directed the concerned officers to keep all the basic utilities functional in the premises of these schools.

Advisor Bhatnagar also inspected the under construction health facility being established in the area. He directed the concerned executing agency to expedite the pace of works on this building so that it can be dedicated for public use at the earliest.

# Congress Gears Up for Upcoming Local Body Elections

Congress Holds Meeting at Ward No. 2, Jammu East in Preparation of Local Body Elections



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) has started preparations at the ground level for the upcoming local body elections in Jammu & Kashmir. In lieu of these preparations, the party members on Sunday held a meeting at Ward No. 2 Jammu East Constituency. The meeting had been organised by Ward President, Ward No. 2 Surinder Dogra (Shinda).

V.S.Manhas, ( Sr. Congress leader) Sat Pal Sapolia, ( Sr.Vice President DCC Urban) Jugal Sharma Gr. Sect. DCC, R.F.Magotra Sr. Vice President DCC, Ram Magotra President Ward.No-1, Ravi Pandotra, R.S.Baru, Shishu Pal Dr. Rattan Lal, Vinod Kumar, Permethd Gupta, Sanjay Puri, Rihit Chopra, Rajiv Sharma, Parav Saini, Raj Kumar, Bharat Bushan, Sunil Sharma, Durga Singh, Suraj Parkash, Raghunantam, Sanjeev Badgotra, M.B.Sharma, ,Pankaj Abrol, Amit, Shiv Kumar, Sudesh Dogra, Anu Kour, Rattan Lal Tak, Vijay Subash Chander, Sarush, Ankit Khana, Karan, Nisha, Sandhu, Sunil, Aryan, Rohit, Neelam, Akshay, Rohit, Jiginder Dogra, Lakshmi, Lakshmi and many other prominent members attended the meeting.

As part of the mass-contact program, District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) will be holding such meetings in each ward in Jammu District to prepare for the elections and spread awareness among the people. The leaders will meet people in person at the ground level to lay a strong foundation, it was said during the meeting. The party will be working on this outreach initiative to provide people with a platform to voice their genuine concerns which are being ignored by the BJP government. There are many challenges confronting the public, Congress will work to combat them at the ground level, it was said during the meeting.

# Doda: Functioning of Revenue Department reviewed

DC VOUCHES FOR TIME BOUND SERVICES DELIVERY, TRANSPARENT WORKING, CITIZEN FIRST APPROACH

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BHADARWAH, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today chaired a meeting of the Collectors and Revenue officers (ADCs, ACR, SDMs, and Tehsildars) here in the Dak Bungalow Bhadarwah to discuss the proliferation of the digitization of revenue records, retrieval of balance encroached state land and speedy disbursement of compensation to rightful owners.

During the meeting, the challenge of staff shortage and the issues regarding the maintenance and up-gradation of the digitised record and timely disposal of applications of the common people through online mode were discussed threadbare.



The Deputy Commissioner also deliberated upon the status of land acquisition and the collectors finalised the rates for few acquisition cases in the final stage.

Meeting also discussed the status of the available funds, disbur-

sal and the liability to be paid by the indenting departments. It was further enjoined that the collectors shall write to the indenting departments to release the balance amount so that the people are paid their compensation.

The Deputy Commissioner assessed the status of issuance of land passbooks, conduct of Gridwari (land survey), Agricultural census, geo referencing of the land and other issues of public interest. He instructed the Revenue officers to ensure to protect the evicted state land, kachcharia (grazing land), and common land, emphasizing the importance of not allowing any new encroachment.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the timely disposal of applications seeking online services for land records, Change of Land Use (CLU) and all services covered under PSGA.

To ensure the quality and timely completion of work, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Revenue officers to personally monitor the activities within

their jurisdictions. He also commended the overall functioning of the Revenue department and urged the Tehsildars and other Revenue officers to streamline and shift completely to e office and ensure that digitised land records are easily accessible to the general public.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized on the immediate resolution of public grievances and instructed the officials to intensify anti-encroachment drives, prioritizing the removal of encroachments from public utilities and along National Highways.

The meeting was attended by ADC Bhadarwah, SDMs Gandoh, Thatri and Assar, ACR Doda and all Tehsildars of the district.

# Several MNCs, National Companies offered placement in Job Fair at Amar Singh College



JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR JUNE 11: A Job cum Employment Fair was today organised by District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC), Srinagar in the premises of Govt. Amar Singh College Srinagar in which several reputed MNCs and National level companies took part to offer placement for different jobs.

The purpose of fair was to provide platform to job seekers and Employers. The event was attended by Director Employment, Nisar Ahmad Wani, Principal Amar Singh College, Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Deputy Director Employment Srinagar, Dr. Sheeba Inayat, coordinator placement cell Dr Arshid Masoodi.

There was an overwhelming response from the job seekers who expressed satisfaction after having interaction with these companies. As many as 380 candidates participated in the fair in which over 72 candidates were shortlisted while 47 received on-spot job offer letters. Director Employment J&K, Mr. Nisar Ahmad wani said that the purpose of organising such Job fairs is to provide platform both to the job providers and jobseekers so that they could interact with each other and also to acquaint the youth to become entrepreneurs by setting their business units through self-employment schemes.

# CJM Kishtwar reviews implementation of Juvenile Justice Act

Takes stock of working of DCPU, CWC, JJB and other stakeholders

JJ NEWS SERVICE



KISHTWAR, JUNE 11: Chief Judicial Magistrate/Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board Kishtwar, Mahmud Anwar Alnasir, today took stock of working of Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and the implementation of Juvenile Justice Act. The meeting was attended by ASP Kishtwar, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Chairperson and Members CWC and JJB Kishtwar, CPOs, DYSSO Kishtwar, CEO Kishtwar, District Child Protection Officer Kishtwar, DySPs, SHO, Special Juvenile Police Officers, Standing Medical/Counseling Board members, Superintendent of Child Care Institutions, LCPO, PO NIC, PO IC of DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar and other staff members.

The meeting focused on spreading of awareness and protection of the rights of victims and children in need of care and protection, with particular emphasis on overnight custody arrangements for victims/survivors and the reporting of POCOS cases within 24 hours before the Child

Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU).

During the meeting, several key directives were issued to improve the overall functioning of the system. These directives include the establishment of a fully equipped video conferencing system, along with a dedicated internet facility at the JJB. Furthermore, discussions were held regarding the establishment of child-friendly rooms at the JJB for children in conflict with the law (CCLs).

Additionally, the meeting addressed concerns related to the roles and responsibilities of Social Workers and Counselors and measures taken by the labour department in coordination with the District Child Protection Unit to prevent child labor in Kishtwar District were also discussed. Several upcoming activities were outlined during the meeting, including intra-CCI socio-cultural and sports activities/competitions for

children in need of care and protection (CNCs) placed in various CCLs, a pre-tourism preparatory camp for CNCs, an inter-college/higher secondary debate competition and a symposium as well.

The meeting also emphasized the importance of providing an updated list of drop-out children and the implementation of free and compulsory education for CNCs/CCLs in both private and government schools/tutors.

The reporting of child marriage cases by staff members of the School Education Department via the Chief Education Officer (CEO) and Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) as Protection Officers under DV, Act. Furthermore, the Chair highlighted the significance of preventive measures against minors engaging in stunt driving and driving vehicles, especially in the vicinity of schools and tuition centers in the town area of Kishtwar.

# DC Rajouri inspects Progress on Nagrota to Thathi Badoon PMGSY Road

BT WORK COMPLETED; BERM & DRAIN CLEARANCE WORK IN PROGRESS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 11: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress of 9 KM Nagrota to Thathi Badoon road being constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) at an estimated cost of Rs 4.7 crore.

During the inspection, the Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri informed that the work of blacktopping on the road has been completed while BERM and drain clearance work is in progress.

The road, once completed, would benefit nearly three thousand souls. The DC asked the concerned authorities to ensure timely completion of remaining work on the project. The Deputy Commissioner stressed on quality of work as per the required standards set under the PMGSY guidelines. The PMGSY road in Nagrota to Thathi Badoon is expected to provide better connectivity to the residents of the area and improve access to essential services. Once completed, it is expected to foster economic development in the area through increased business and trade.

Officers accompanying the DC during the visit were Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri; Shahid Mustafa; Assistant Executive Engineer PMGSY, Mohd Qasim and JEE, Zaffar UI Haq.

# Forest Protection Force Reporting Centre inaugurated at Yusmarg

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 11: Director/ APCCF Forest Protection Force (FPF) F. Frankoi today inaugurated the newly constructed FPF Reporting Centre at Yusmarg.

On the occasion Frankoi said that all possible measures are being taken for strengthening of forest protection grid in Budgam District especially in vulnerable areas so that menace of anti-forest activities are brought to zero. He directed for use of modern technologies for forest protection like use of surveillance drones, wireless systems, GPS etc.

He stressed for intelligence sharing to be done between FPF and forest territorial for strengthening forest protection network including round the clock functioning of forest control rooms and FPF Reporting Centres, increasing mobility of FPF personnel jointly with outreach frontline staff.

Frankoi directed for organizing an forest programme on creating of Forest based livelihoods especially for womenfolk in consultation with local panchayats. While interacting with tribal community, he directed for initiating Forest based livelihood support programme to address poverty related issues of Tribal and local communities.

He also directed for development of Biodiversity Conservation and Eco-recreation Park, Greening of barren slope through different Agroecological and Bamboo based interventions around FPF Reporting Centre to give boost to tourism sector in Yusmarg area.

Director FPF was accompanied by Ifran Rasool Wani, Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Kashmir, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, Deputy Director Forest Protection Force, Budgam, Mohd Ashraf Katoo, DFO Budgam and other senior Officers of the Department.

# Pardesh Vishwakarma Sabha Under the Presidentship of Shashi Verma

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JAMMU: Pardesh vishwakarma Sabha today ie 11 June, 2023 Organized an impressive function at its head office Vishwakarma Mandir, Gurha Morh, Bakshi NagarJammu Under the Presidentship of Shashi Verma.Pardesh vishwakarma Sabha today ie 11 June, 2023 Organized an impressive function at its head office Vishwakarma Mandir, Gurha Morh, Bakshi NagarJammu Under the Presidentship of Shashi Verma President and Sh. Rattan Lal Chargotra as Chief Guest.

PVS honoured the recently



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retired Govt. Employees and appreciate their devotion, dedication and discipline while performing their duties during their service tenure. Vice president PVS Raj Kumar Chalotra requested the retirees just like they give

their best in services now it is the time to serve for the community and pay back to the society in which you are born. Following Govt. retirees who pledged for the upliftment of the sabha are Amarjeet Verma, Rampal

Chargotra,Master Krishan Lal, Pawan Kataria, Darshan Lal, Kulbhushan Chalotra, Subhash Chalotra, Ramesh Chalotra, Dwarka Nath, Darshan Chalotra, Parveen Chalotra, Ashok kumar Chalotra, and Gopal Krishan Kataria. On the occasion Chairman PVS Sh. Lakshpal Rai (Ret. DC) Nominate Sh. Rattan Lal Chargotra and Sh. Puran Chargotra as Vice Chairmen of the Sabha. PVS also honoured Sh. Bhagat Ram ji from paloura as Apni Party nominated him as Chairman OBC Community of UTJK. Mahila wing of the Sabha under the presidentship of

Vandana Sagar Chargotra also nominate Smt. Nirmala Chargotra as vice chairperson, Smt. Tara Devi as Vice Chairperson, Smt. Shashi Bhatti as Vice President, Ms. Renu Chalotra Secretary, Ms. Ritika Verma Gen. secy, Ms. Santosh Chargotra Advisor, Ms. Veena Chalotra Advisor.

Other prominent person who attended the programme are Vijay Verma Gen secy PVS, Shash Chargotra, Sh. Rakesh Chalotra, Charanjeet Chargotra Bitta, Advocate Amarjeet chargotra, Havan Verma, Jaipal Chargotra Anil Salaria and others.