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## 5.4 Magnitude quake hits Doda, tremors felt in parts of North India

**JNEWSSERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 13

A 5.4 magnitude earthquake hit Doda in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, forcing people in parts of the union territory to rush out of their homes in panic and causing damage to some buildings, officials said.

The tremors were felt across Delhi and other parts of North India, and in neighbouring Pakistan.

The National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said the 5.4 magnitude earthquake struck the region at 1:33 pm. Its epicentre was in Doda.

The earthquake struck at a depth of 6 kilometres, it said.

In Doda's Bhadrawah



town, a few buildings developed cracks due to the tremors.

The false ceiling of a ward of the sub-district hospital collapsed.

Some of the debris fell on patients recuperating in the hospital ward, an official said.

Panic-stricken school-children gathered in fields in the Bhadrawah valley

and teachers were seen consoling a few of them who were sobbing.

Officials in Doda said they are assessing the damage caused by the earthquake.

Tremors were also felt in Chamba in Himachal Pradesh, about 150 km from Doda.

"Things in my kitchen were shaking due to the tremors," said Nandini, a resident of Shimla.

The earthquake was also felt in parts of Punjab and Haryana but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property.

"The tremors were mild and I felt them while I was sitting on a chair," said Baldeep Chand, a resident of Chandigarh.

## Lt Governor Reviews Arrangements ahead of Shri Amarnathji Yatra

**JNEWSERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, JUNE 13

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha visited Pahalgam, today and reviewed the arrangements and ongoing works ahead of Shri Amarnathji Yatra, starting from 1st July.

The Lt Governor conducted on-site inspection at Nunwan and Chandanwari Base Camps and reviewed ongoing works and logistics, lodging, health and other facilities that have been put in place for the comfort of pilgrims.

Subsequently, a meeting was held that was attended by Sh Atal



Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Sh Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B); Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir and Sh Vijay

**Lt Governor's message on World Blood Donor Day**

**JNEWSERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, in his message on World Blood Donor Day, expressed gratitude to the voluntary blood donors for their selfless service to humanity.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: We are truly grateful to the voluntary blood donors for their

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## 2 terrorists gunned down near LOC in Kupwara; operation continues



**JNEWSERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUN 13

Security forces on Tuesday shot dead two terrorists near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Machhal area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district,

police said here.

The Kashmir Zone Police announced the development on Twitter but did not clarify if the ultras were infiltrators or locals.

"Two (02) terrorists

## PM Modi distributes 70,000 appointment letters, says 'Rozgar Mela' becoming new identity of BJP government

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, JUN 13

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at "dynastic" political parties for promoting "nepotism and corruption" in recruitment to government jobs, and said while such parties "looted" youth with their "rate cards" for various posts, his government is working to "safeguard" their bright future.

Addressing the newly-recruited government employees after distributing appointment letters to over 70,000



people, he said dynastic parties had betrayed the youth by encouraging

corruption and nepotism in the recruitment

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## Our vision is to develop one database for all residents of UT: Chief Secretary

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today emphasised upon the officers of the IT Department to make it their goal to develop a master database for all purposes.

Dr Mehta made these remarks while reviewing the functioning of IT Department and the impact of online services in the efficient delivery of services to people here.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; CEO, JaKeGA; Scientists from



NIC besides other concerned officers of the IT Department.

The Chief Secretary maintained that a single database would bring a lot of ease to common masses by aiding them in not filling the similar details every time they apply

for different services. He enjoined upon them to create such a mechanism after studying different models adopted by States/UTs in the country. He also advised them to carry out a field survey to see the impact of online

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## HM Amit Shah announces 3 major schemes worth Rs 8,000 Cr for disaster management

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, JUN 13

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday announced three major schemes worth over Rs 8,000 crore that would cover the modernisation of fire brigade services in all states, flood mitigation in seven major cities and prevention of landslides in 17 states.

Addressing a meeting of the ministers of disaster management of states and Union Territories, Shah also appealed to ensure there is zero loss of life due to any disaster anywhere in the country.

"For the modernisation and expansion of fire



brigade services, about Rs 5,000 crore assistance will be given to all states. We have prepared a detailed plan and will be forwarded to you. To mitigate the danger of floods in urban areas, in seven major cities - Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Pune - Rs 2,500 crore will be given. Its detailed plan will be sent to you.

"To deal with landslides in 17 states, almost Rs 825 crore will be given by the central government," he said.

The home minister said everyone's aim should be to ensure that no life is lost due to any disaster.

"All of us together, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all the chief ministers are working on the ground. We will have to work more and march ahead forward," he said. Shah said the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has visited those states where seven nuclear power

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## 16 Railway stations to be equipped with CCTVS in Jammu division

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JAMMU, JUN 12

The security scenario will further be augmented with installation of Closed Circuit Cameras (CCTVs) at 16 identified railway stations in the Jammu Division.

A senior railway official said that CCTVs are being installed at 16 railway stations of Jammu division falling under Ferozpur Division.

He said that the installation of CCTVs is being done under the Railway Department under Nirbhaya Funds that is being utilized towards enhancing safety and security on trains with

a special focus on female travellers.

"The CCTVs will be installed at Kathua, Vijaypur, Bari Brahmana and other small railway stations of Jammu division," said an official.

He added that a joint control room will be prepared for every three stations, adding, "The expert team of Railway Protection Force (RPF) will keep an eye on every activity at the platforms."

"Northern Railway has nodded for the project and by January 2024, the work of installing CCTVs is expected to be completed," they added. The

official said, "The video surveillance systems will be installed at 169 stations under Ferozpur division. In Jammu and Kashmir, there are 27 NSG categories and three NSG categories i.e. a total of 30 railway stations."

So far 16 railway stations of Jammu division are being equipped with the system, adding, "as trains have brief halts at small railway stations including Bari Brahmana, Vijaypur and Majal-ta, so chances of crime at such locations are much higher but with installation of CCTVs the security grid will be strengthened at these small stations."

## Amit Shah to address mega rally on June 23: Raina

**JNEWSERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 13



Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Jammu on June 23 to address a grand public rally, the day coinciding with the Bala-dan Divas of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee. This was informed by Jammu and Kashmir BJP Presi-dent Ravinder Raina while

chairing a meeting held at party headquarters in Jammu.

The meeting was organized in connection with the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan programme being held on the completion of nine years of governance under PM Narendra Modi, which was addressed by BJP

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## NIA attaches 2 more properties in Hurriyat terror funding case in Kashmir

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NEW DELHI, JUN 13

A day after attaching 17 properties of terror financier Zahoor Ahmed Shah Watali, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday attached two more properties, belonging to another accused, in connection with the Hurriyat terror funding case in Kashmir.

The properties of All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) separatist leader Mohammad Akbar Khan-day include nine kanal



land and a 2-storeyed house in Srinagar.

These have been attached on the orders of the Special NIA Court,

New Delhi, under section 33(O) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Khanday, currently

jailed in Tihar and facing trial in the terror funding case, was the spokesperson and media advisor of the Hurriyat Conference (G).

He was raising and collecting funds from within India and abroad through various illegal channels and was using the same to sponsor and promote separatist and terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khanday, who was closely connected with other separatist

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## Amarnath Yatra | Over 60k security personnel to be deployed from Lakhanpur to cave shrine

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JAMMU, JUNE 13

In a bid to augment security arrangements for the pilgrims, more than 60,000 security personnel from the para-military forces will be deployed from Lakhanpur to the Cave Shrine during the 62-day long Shri Amarnath Yatra starting from July 1. The deployment is expected to be made from June 20.

"The tight security



arrangements are being made for an upcoming Shri Amarnath Yatra starting from July 1," official sources said on Tuesday.

They said that more than 60,000 security per-

sonnel mostly from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) besides companies of ITBP, BSF, SSF, CISF will also join them to strengthen the security structure during the yatra period.

"Security is always a challenge every year because attempts to disrupt the smooth conduct of the yatra by the anti-national elements cannot be ruled out but our security forces are

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# 'Youth, business community frustrated under LG regime': Former Minister

'NC BELIEVES IN EQUALITY, COMMUNAL HARMONY': BABU RAMPAL



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: The National Conference is committed to ensure peace, progress, prosperity, stability and equality among all the sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir. It was said by former Minister and President Central Zone (Jammu, Samba, Kathua) Babu Rampal while addressing a meeting at Old City in Jammu which was organized by Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District Urban Dr Vikas Sharma.

While speaking on the occasion Babu Rampal said that Sher-e-Kashmir late Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah was a great and visionary leader who throughout his life fought for social justice & welfare

of the weaker and down-trodden sections of the society. He said that Sher-e-Kashmir always stressed upon communal harmony and integration of all the three regions of Jammu and Kashmir besides equality among all sections of the society. "Similarly Dr.Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah carried forward the legacy of Sher-e-Kashmir with same spirit and dedication" Ram Paul added.

"The people of J&K were promised that they will get jobs, development, peace, prosperity and many other things after the abrogation of J&K's special status, but nothing happened on the ground and people are running from pillars to post to get their things

done", Rampal lamented. Lauding the pro-people work done during the NC rule, he said that his party leadership knew the ground realities and framed the policies in such a way that people of J&K irrespective of region, religion, caste and creed benefited equally. "NC reads the pulse of people in the true sense of the term but the present government has not took all decisions in a hasty manner just to fulfill their political agenda," he added.

"The law and order situation has deteriorated, the business community is incurring losses, unemployment rate is highest in the country, corruption and scams are happening everywhere, administrative & bureaucrats are not being held accountable.

This is the state of affairs in J&K," Rampal said. Babu Rampal urged upon the youth to get ready for playing a vital role to bring change. He said that the present scenario of Jammu and Kashmir has pushed the youth towards depression and anxiety as they are worried about their future presently looming in darkness.

Ultimately, He asked the party workers of J&K to remain united and work with zeal and dedication for ensuring the welfare of the common masses of J&K and to strengthen the JKNC party at the grass root levels.

Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC, in his address, said that the present pressing circumstances have made the lives of people worse than hell and we should beware of such destructive forces which bring hatred amongst peace loving people. He reiterated the resolve of the NC party to put in backbreaking painstaking efforts to restore statehood keeping the destructive elements at bay. Later, during the meeting, Sh. Hemraj was appointed as zonal joint secretary JKNC.

# NC, Congress, PDP always promoted familyism, ignored people : Jugal



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JAMMU, JUN 13: Bharatiya Janata Party District Jammu East Assembly Constituency organized Labharthi Sammelans at City Palace Kachi Chawani Mahajan Hall Shalamar and at Balajta in Jammu East Constituency in which Senior BJP Leaders Yudhvir Sethi, Former Minister Sat Sharma, Former MLC Vibodh Gupta, Former Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma were also present.

Today Raji started from Heritage Raghunath Ji Temple and took on foot from City Chowk, Purani

Mandi, Rajtilak Road, Rani Parak to Kachi Chawani. Labharthi Sammelans held at City Palace Kachi Chawani, Mahajan Hall and Balajta. Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore interacted with Beneficiaries of Welfare Schemes launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. He said schemes launched by Modi Ji brought a revolutionary change and today can be observed from every last man standing in a queue. He said that every poor person is getting benefits without differentiation of any caste or creed. He said that NC, Congress and PDP always

promoted familyism & ignored people. He said that they always tried to broke unity of people on the name of caste & family. They always done dirty politics for gaining vote bank. But now time has been changed and people are much aware about the development works done by Modi Government. He said that only the Bharatiya Janata Party is taking care of people and outreaching the people under 'Sampark' & 'Se Smarthan' programme. Yudhvir Sethi State Vice President BJP said that only the Bharatiya

Janata Party has tried to stop the corruption. He said that Congress and NC increased corruption in every department. They always stopped the development of people. They have given fake slogans and befooled people but now Bharatiya Janata Party and Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji has taken oath for the development of people.

District President BJP Pramod Kapahi, Prabhari Rajeev Charak, Mandal President Parveen Karni, Ramana Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Mahila Morcha Savita Anand, Senior BJP Leaders Kuldeep Gupta, Rajesh Raina Raju, Karan Singh, Bawa, Sakina Bano, Som Khajuria, Arun Sethi, Corporators Anil Massom, Akshay Sharma, Narotam Sharma, Dinesh Gupta, Hari Om Sharma, OBC Morcha Ashok, ST Morcha Abdul Hussain, Vishal, Rohit, Anuradha, Saroj, Gaurdas, Jyoti, Vipran Sharma, Rajeev Sethi, Sunny Sharma, Panch Ashok, Gourav, Sarpanches Panches and others also present at the occasion.

# BJP holds Beneficiary Sammelans in 11 assembly segments

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: BJP Jammu and Kashmir organized beneficiary Sammelans in eleven assembly segments across the Jammu region, which were addressed by senior leaders of the party.

At Jammu East, MP (Lok Sabha), Jugal Kishore Sharma along with, BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, district Prabhari Rajeev Charak, District President Pramod Kapahi and other senior leaders besides Mandal Presidents were present.

At Akhnour, former Minister Sat Sharma, along with former MLAs Rajiv Sharma, Dr. Krishan Lal Bhagat, and Shiv Dev Singh, Jinderjeet Sharma, DDC Member Suresh Sharma, Praduman Singh, Brijeshwar Singh and Jagdish Bhagat, Mannohan Singh, all DDC members, BDC members and Mandal Presidents were present.

In these Sammelans, BJP leaders interacted



with beneficiaries and addressed a massive gathering of beneficiaries.

Similarly, beneficiary Sammelans were also held at Rajouri, Darhal, Akhnour, Katra, Gulabgarh, Kishtwar, Indermal, Basohli, Suchetgarh and Doda. Jugal Kishore Sharma, on this occasion, said that the Narendra Modi government has completed nine years and this period of governance has been splendid as many historic decisions were taken in matters of development and welfare of the masses. Modi government

schemes have aimed Antodaya, hence benefited everybody in the nation, said Jugal.

Sat Sharma said that while working on the principle of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas," launched a large number of welfare schemes with the sole objective of improving the living conditions of the poor and helpless people. A large number of the people have benefited from the schemes and a change is visible in their socioeconomic lives, he said.

BJP leaders also asked

these beneficiaries to educate the other needy people around them about welfare schemes and also extend help in applying for the same. He said that the party activists are already in public to extend help and anyone can contact them.

He further said that the Modi government has been appreciated for its good work, but the opposition parties cannot digest the growing popularity of the PM and are indulging in false and misleading campaigns, but will not succeed as the people are the best judge.

# CAO, Kathua, SDAO, Hiranagar hold extensive tour of Border areas

J I NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, JUN 13: Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua along with Sh. Ashwani Sharma Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Hiranagar performed extensive tour of Zero Line Villages Karol Krishna, Karol Maitrain, Chak Changa along International Indo Pak Border.

During the whirlwind tour, Team comprising Ashwani Sharma SDAO Hiranagar, Narayan Singh, JAEO and Sanjay Kumar, Agriculture Extension Assistant met with the farmers of the Border areas as Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Kathua welfare is ready to help the farmers in cultivating their land along Indo Pak International Border during Seasonal Sowing of Mash and Wheat during Kharif 2023 and Rabi 2023-24 as a frontline organization.

During his visit Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua discussed the needs and requirements of the farmers, so that, a strategy for sowing Mash crop along Indo Pak International border shall be adopted in coordination with Border Security Force and District Administration for successful sowing of Mash Crop during Kharif 2023.

Sehdev Singh and Pritam Singh farmers of the area, apprised Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua about the nitty-gritts and problems faced by farming community while utilizing their land across the fence. They presented dire need of mechanized farming such as use to tractors, combine harvester, Rotavator, Super-seeders along Border areas to accomplish cultural practices at faster pace.

Nanak Chand, a prominent citizen and President Border Union Kathua also raised issue regarding entry-exit timings to the fields at security gates of fence along International Indo-Pak Border. He said, entry exit timings fixed by Border Security Force are sometime troublesome



and shall be fixed in coordination with farming community thus concordant with the timings of cultural practices, especially during Sowing and Harvesting time of crops. He also praised Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sh. Sanjeev Rai Gupta for his consistence support, motivation and relentless efforts. Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Hiranagar during his address, also assured full cooperation and support to the farming community.

# Tribute paid to Lt Sh. Shankar Chand by SGRDS Khour

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU JUNE 13: A humble tribute was paid to late Sh. Shankar Chand Bassoan R/O Vill Badhan who was Sr vice president of Shri Guru Ravi Dass sabha khour and expired in a tragic accident on 30-04-2023. He was a great social activist. He dedicated his whole life for the uplifting of needy persons and for abolishing social evils. He always remained in forefront to spread the mission of Baba sahib Dr B R Ambedkar and other bahu-bhan Nyays. A Langer and sweet and cold water Shakeel was arranged by the sewadars namely of Shri Guru Ravi Dass sabha khour namely Babu Ram, Sanjeev Kumar, Ganesh Kumar, Naveen Angral, Pawan Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar. While speaking on this occasion Sh. Sham Lal Bassoan, younger brother of Sh. Shankar Chand said that his brother was ever ready for the cause of poor masses. He with the help of



his associates organised many events for spread the mission of Baba sahib. He devoted much time for the development of mandir complex of Shri Guru Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj khour. Late Sh. Shankar Chand along with his team organised two mega motorcycle and car rallies on the eve birthday of baba sahib Dr B R Ambedkar for awakening bahujans regarding constitutional rights. The students of Bahujan Samaja obtaining more than 80% marks were felicitated during year 2022 and team mission Ambedkar has also decided to felicitate the students 10th and 12th belonging to Bahujan Samaj obtaining more than 80% marks will also be felicitated this year (2023). Sh. Ram Nath president Megh Sabha and Sh. Arun Radha spoke on this occasion and threw light on works being done by late Sh. Shankar Chand. Prominent persons who paid tributes included Capt Ashok Kumar younger brother of late Sh

Shankar Chand, Madan Lal president Shri Guru Ravi Dass sabha khour, Janak Raj, R P Bhagat, B L Radha, Ram Dass, Ravinder Bassoan, Dilip Bassoan, Vikram Bassoan, Bansil Lal and others. The women belonging to Bahujan Samaja from khour and adjoining area also paid rich tributes to late Sh. Shankar Chand. Everybody in one voice said that contributions of late Sh. Shankar Chand will be remembered for ever.

# YCET organizes "Session on "Emerging Trends in CAD/CAM/CAE/PPM"

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: During the first session, the Department of Civil Engineering, Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET), in collaboration with CADD Centre, Jammu, organised a "Session on "Emerging Trends in CAD/CAM/CAE/PPM" for Civil Engg, Mechanical Engg, and Electrical Engg. students. The second session was held on "Live Wire Software" in Online Mode, and it discussed ChatGPT, AI, ML, and Data Structure for Computer Science Engineering stu-

dents. The session began with welcome address by Er. Rajnish Magotra, HOD (Civil Engg) and Er. Dinesh Gupta, Dean (Academics), presented bouquet to the resource person Mr. Surjeet Kumar (Manager, Revenue Growth and Operations, New Delhi) and Er. KR Sharma, Professor, Mechanical Engg. Presented bouquet to Mrs. Anjali Chopra, Director, CADD Centre, Jammu.

The programme commenced with the presentation of Mr. Surjeet Kumar (Manager, Revenue Growth and Operations, New Delhi) as a resource

person, who discussed with the students in detail about various technologies and softwares being adopted by Civil Engg, Electrical Engg, and Mechanical Engg. fields. He said that due to the introduction of various softwares engineering works have become much easier and faster. He discussed in detail about CAD, Staad Pro, Etabs, MX Roads, Product Design cycle with CAD/CAM/CAE and said that for getting good placement, knowing about such softwares and technologies is must. During this session he discussed about various

types of internships provided by the CADD Centre.

The session was very informative and interactive. The management extended best wishes for organizing such session which is very beneficial for students as well as faculty. The other dignitaries present were all the Hod's of various departments, faculty members. The programme was coordinated by Er. Kumar Rishabh, AP. The session was ended with a formal vote of thanks by Er. Manjula Sharma, Assistant Training Placement Officer, YCET, Jammu.

# Modi Govt's nine years a basket full of achievements: Kavinder Gupta

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday termed the nine years' tenure of Modi Government in office as basket full of achievements.

He was addressing a small gathering during an interaction with ace table tennis player and present Indian team selector Satbir Singh.

Kavinder said that under BJP's Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan, party leadership is holding interactions with veteran leaders of the party, prominent personalities and eminent sportspersons of the region. In this regard, the party leaders had visited Satbir Singh to dwell on the achievements made during the last nine years of Modi regime.

Kavinder termed the meeting as very fruitful and said during the aforesaid meetings with prominent personalities various significant and knowledgeable facts of BJP's feat have come to fore making a strong bond of new workers with the party.

It is pertinent to mention that Satbir Singh had represented J&K for more than 15 years in table tennis



from 1979 to 1994 and also in 1997. He was India's top notched player in sub junior category and was national champion in 1980's nationals in Bengaluru. He also won juniors doubles national title in 1983. He had also played for India in 1982 at Ankara in world junior championship and won gold for India. He played for India in senior against Japan in Lucknow in the years 1984 and 1985. He had also represented Delhi for two years. A student of Nagbani School Jammu till 10th

class and thereafter joined Modern School Delhi and completed studies upto class 12th. He completed graduation from SRCC in B. Com (honours) in 1986.

Others present during the interaction include Rekha Mahajan, Vinay Gupta, Rikki Gupta, Rahul Kumar Corporator, Shaileja Gupta, Pushpinder Singh, Rachit Khosla, Lucky Puri, Narinder Koki, Sandeep Gupta, Rohin Chandan, Bharat Bhushan and Ashok Kumar Vistarak.

# CCI delegation call on J&K Bank MD,CEO

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: A delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu today called on the J&K Bank MD and CEO Sh. Baldev Parkash at Zonal Head Quarters to discuss various issues faced by the business community. Mr. Arun Gupta while expressing gratitude to the MD and CEO for providing an opportunity to interact and raise the issues concerning the business community of Jammu and said that the customer services at operative level needs to be improved and made more responsive.

Arun Gupta also urged the MD and CEO J&K Bank that the Repo rate of RBI is 6.5% whereas other banks are charging 8.5% to 9% but J&K bank is charging 10%. The same should be slashed down and the interest rate for startups should be reduced and the processing charges should also be brought at par with other banks.

Further Sh. Arun Gupta apprised the MD and CEO J&K Bank that the parties who have availed the bank



limit from J&K Bank after mortgage of their leasehold properties and the properties that comes under the purview of Khad Land should not be disturbed as the government is very soon coming up with a policy to extend their lease period and also declare a land policy regarding the Khad land.

Arun Gupta also said that the cheque bouncing charges should be charged from the party whose funds are in sufficient and not from the party depositing the cheque and the cheque books should be issued free of cost.

Arun Gupta further requested the MD and CEO J&K Bank to announce one time settlement scheme for the NPA accounts so that the said

account holders can avail the facility to settle their NPA Accounts.

Arun Gupta also requested the MD and CEO J&K Bank to install the ATM Cash Vans at Base Camp for Amarnath at Bhagwati Nagar, Pahalgam and Baltal for the benefit of Amarnath Yatries.

The MD and CEO J&K Bank Sh. Baldev Parkash assured the delegation that the issues raised/discussed in today's meeting would be considered by the bank on merit and resolved in a time bound manner.

Those who accompanied the delegation also include Sh. Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Sh. Manish Gupta, Secretary General CCI, Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI and Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI.

# NDPI Chief praises PM's "decisive leadership" hints to support BJP

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JAMMU, JUN 13: National Democratic Party Indian J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta while addressing to NDPI office bearers and executive members here on Tuesday hail the prime minister for his "decisive leadership" to bring about a change in people's mindset and in the life of a common man.

Gupta said public in general require a very decisive leadership and India after a long time not only has a government with full majority but also a leader who is recognised as a global leader.

Speaking at the NDPI functionaries meeting, Rajesh Gupta said all

opposition and corrupt parties are trying to unite against Prime Minister Narendra Modi to defeat him in 2024 General elections but it will be like "Mungeri Lal ke haseen sapney."

He said Prime Minister Modi has brought in a change in the mindset and earned the trust and faith of the people of this country through his unflinching Seva Bhaav'. Compared to earlier governments when corruption was rampant, there is not even a whiff of corruption since 2014, he added.

Claiming that the Government of India led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched some important schemes including

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana, Rural Toilet Scheme; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana, Labor Card Scheme etc.

NDPI General hinted that in coming Presidential elections NDPI may extend their support to BJP in J&K for the well-being of Jammu and Kashmir UT.

Others who addressed the meeting were Umesh Manhas, S.Kuljeet Singh, Tilakraj, Sandeep Anand, Rajiv Luthra, Sanjeev Luthra, Kanta Sharma, Shabana Zahoor, Daljeet Kaur, S. Prithpal Singh, Gulam Rasool, Abdul Majid, Ramesh Kumar and Saiyam Anand.

# NDS demands mega project for river Tawi

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Historical and Religious aspects of Tawi . He on behalf of NDS demanded ten years Mega Project for River Tawi on "Integrated Watershed Management" basis to restore the erstwhile pristine glory of Tawi.

B.S.Jamwal described Tawi as lifeline of Jammu and emphasized upon making Tawi restoration measures a persistent campaign . Chander Mohan Sharma called for constituting a separate " Shrine Board" for Tawi which should Manage the entire catchment area of Tawi on sustainable basis. Rajinder Sharma Hon'ble Mayor spelled out a well thought over road map for Tawi. He said that Polythene Bags Free campaign of Jammu Municipal Corporation is gaining success with the support of people. He apprised that all the Eighteen Affluent Prone Nallahs presently draining in to River Tawi are being taken at a common point with separate tubes to a common point and the entire affluents shall then be treated and pure water so generated shall be used for various purposes. He sought support of the people for making River Tawi a clean and Vibrant River .

A Two minutes silence was Observed to Pay Homage to Veteran Folk Singer Late Surinder Singh Manhas. The Vote Of Thanks was extended by Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS .

Lycrist and Music Composer Conducted the Programme . The Poets who recited their poetry include Randhir Singh Raipuria, Bishan Singh Dardi, Om Vidyarthi , Kalpana Gupta "Rattan", Sudershan Kumari' Darshi", Dr Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Raj Rishi Sharma , Dr Sushil Bhola , Yash Pal Yash , Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila , Madan Magotra , Balwan Singh Jamwal , Usha Kiran "Kiran" and Capt.Lalit Sharma . At the outset poet plants were presented to the Guests as Mementoes . Dr Samia Mohan presented her introductory note on origin and importance of Tawi which was applauded by all .

Capt.Lalit Sharma IFS , PCCF(Retd) and Convener NDS in his opening remarks covered the Social, Environmental, Economical

# Notorious criminal booked under PSA: Reasi Police

J I NEWS SERVICE

REASI, JUN 13: Working on multi-pronged strategy of Reasi Police to deal with the notorious criminals, today District Police Reasi booked a notorious criminal of Reasi under Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Amphalla Jammu.

Makbool Ahmed @Tian S/O Alam Din Caste-Gujjar R/O Gran Morh Reasi was found involved in many criminal cases: CASE FIR NO -115/2022 US 379/201 IPC, FIR NO 303/2022 U/S 457/380 IPC FIR NO 91/2023 US 457/380 IPC OF PS REASI. However in view of his con-



tinuous involvement in variety of criminal cases and to safeguard the general public it was necessary to

book him under stringent law.

On the directions of Sh Amit Gupta-JKPS Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi his dossier for Public Safety Act was framed and sent for necessary detention order to District Magistrate who formally issued the order of their detention under the PSA. Today by the order of Smt Babila Rakwal District Magistrate Reasi, he was arrested and lodged in District Jail Amphalla Jammu under Public Safety Act.

SSP Reasi while sharing the details conveyed that Reasi Police is committed towards the safety of the public and to eradicate notorious criminal from the society.

# Chaos over CUET centres exposed incompetence of Govt: Rattan Lal Gupta

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: Rattan Lal Gupta, NC Provincial President Jammu on Tuesday termed the government as incompetent for allowing chaos in Common University Entrance Test (CUET) as thousands of students were allotted exam centers outside the state, causing inconvenience and distress. In a statement issued to media persons, the senior NC leader said that students are facing undue harassment as they are forced to move out of the state to take entrance exams for getting admissions in university. He said that sequence of events unraveled the truth about the glaring lack of communication between the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Jammu and Kashmir Government, particularly the Higher Education Department (HED) regarding the conduct of the CUET UG-2023 exam. Why this system is introduced without creating infrastructure to hold CUET in J&K?

Rattan Lal said, it is uncalled for that no prior communication was made between the NTA and the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Government regarding the allocation of exam centers outside the region as this serious oversight only came to light after media reports highlighted the issue, leading to dilemma among the aspirants,



whose number is in thousands. He said that such irresponsible attitude towards the issue of vital importance shows that the government is indifferent towards the woes of the common man as students hailing from far off places have to visit cities in different states to appear in the CUET exam, giving a tough time and also affecting the performance badly. It is also unfortunate that most of the students could not appear in CUET and will waste one year of their studies.

Rattan Lal also highlighted the grave injustice faced by students residing in far-flung areas of the state. He stated that it severely disadvantages students from remote, inaccessible and backward areas of Jammu region. He questioned how students who have not even traveled to Jammu before can be expected to

appear for an examination held outside the state specially the girls students of most far off and backward areas.

Rattan Lal emphasized that this arrangement puts undue burden on students who already face various challenges, including limited access to resources, infrastructure, and transportation facilities. Holding the exam outside the state further exacerbates the difficulties faced by these students and is a clear violation of their rights to equal educational opportunities.

He demanded that those responsible for this lacuna should be taken to task as there is need for responsibility. He said that the government's phlegmatic attitude in handling this significant issue concerning the future and career of the young lot shows how lethargic the helmsman is with regard to the prospects of nation builders of the coming times.

The Provincial President said that if the government had dealt the case proactively, the problems of the students could have been alleviated and the unnecessary stress and inconvenience faced by them during the crucial examinations were also assuaged but the government being inept allowed things to deteriorate thus forcing the CUET aspirants to face undue trauma and inconvenience.

# JU and ISRO come together to promote Space Science Education, Capacity Building and Research

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: The university of Jammu and Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO) have arrived at an understanding to initiate collaborative programs with regard to fostering of Space Science Education. ISRO shall also be offering internship to JU students apart from mentoring and capacity building for faculty of Jammu University.

These progressive decisions were arrived at in a meeting of senior academicians from J&K comprising of Vice Chairman of Higher Education Council Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor Jammu

University Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor IUST Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo.

(Members of Higher Education Council J&K) with Prof N.Sudhir Kumar Director Capacity Building & Public Outreach, ISRO.

Prof Umesh Rai Vice Chancellor University of Jammu in a statement issued to media has expressed gratitude to ISRO for agreeing to enter into academic collaboration with University of Jammu that would not only bring the two institutions closer but would usher in an era of academic pursuits in various facets of science, space, education and research.

This would also include research projects to be mentored by faculty of Jammu University, ISUT and ISRO. These initiatives shall also be incorporated in the forthcoming 'Design Your Degree' programme of Jammu University that will give the students a wider scope to choose the subjects of their liking.

ISRO has also been generous with regard to according to Prof Dinesh Singh's request for hosting students who shall be visiting ISRO as part of forthcoming 'College on Wheels Train' initiative.

The students during their stay shall visit various facilities at ISRO including a visit to Sriharikota.

# Baru starts black topping of main Hazuri Bagh road at Bohri

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: JP senior leader and JMC Councillor ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru along with BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra started the black topping of Hazuri Bagh main road after the expansion of Bohri Chowk.

While initiating the work, Sanjay Baru said that during the last 9 years, the residents of India have witnessed a golden era; an era which is led by unprecedented growth, development and resurgence of India. He said that the Modi government started its course with 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas' and the joining of 'Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' has

led to the inclusion of every person from the most neglected part of the society.

Baru further said that while Bharat has just completed 75 years of freedom from the British rule, now it is high time to contribute our energy in these 25 years of Amritkaal for further strengthening of Bharat. Amritkaal starting from now until 2047 belong to remake and rebuild Bharat, which will be based upon our rich culture with ultra modern scientific advancements in the reach of common masses as well as Self-reliant Bharat, which treats every being with concern and which is full of energy, free from disease and poverty. While

starting the black topping of Hazuri Bagh road, Baru told that this work was delayed due to the need to cut some trees at main Bohri Chowk and shifting of old electricity and ISNL poles, upgradation and widening of Hazuri Bagh road. Now after the completion of all these works, today black topping of this road started with the estimated cost of 47 Lakh rupees by PWD department, he said. On the occasion, Shopkeepers and local Residents appreciated the BJP and especially the local Councillor for his efforts for upgradation, widening and black topping of Hazuri Bagh road and expansion of Bohri Chowk by cutting the tree and removing the electric poles.

# Div Com, ADGP review Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra arrangements

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JUNE 13

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar alongwith Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023.

The meeting was attended by IG CRPF, Mahesh Laddha; Inspectors General (IG) of Border Security Force (BSF), D K Boora; IG Traffic, Bhim Singh Tuti; DIG Traffic, Shridhar Patel; DIGs of Jammu Samba Kathua Range, Reasi Udhampur range, Ramban Kishtwar range, Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioners of Udhampur, Kathua, Samba and Ramban, Joint Director Information, ADC Jammu, besides senior

officers of Army, JPDCI, Jal Shakti, PWD, Tourism, Health, NHAI, and other concerned departments while outstation officers participated through video conferencing.

The Div Com emphasized upon the stakeholder departments to synergize efforts to make adequate arrangements well in advance for smooth conduct of the holy Yatra.

Directions were issued for expediting sanitation work, face lifting and other works required at Yatri Niwas.

The Div Com directed Deputy Commissioners to identify locations for accommodation, holding spaces in their respective districts.

The DCs were further directed to identify suitable places for langars and accommodation of devo-

tees, vehicles holding in their respective districts.

Threadbare discussions were held on the important issues, while the Div Com reviewed registration arrangements including RFID, security arrangements, transportation facilities for sadhus and yatrias, setting up of langars and their permissions, accommodation for sadhus and Yatrias, sanitation, hoarding and lodging facilities at yatri niwas, besides public address system.

The Div Com also reviewed in detail parking arrangements at Bhagwati Nagar, security arrangements and installation of CCTVs, medical facilities, provisions of water, power supply etc.

The Div Com instructed the Traffic Department to formulate a traffic plan for



smooth flow of traffic on important routes.

The Div Com also directed JMC for cleanliness and beautification of city and other related works,

while PWD was directed to ensure blacktopping of the approach roads well in advance to ensure traffic worthiness of the same.

While reviewing transportation facilities, the Div Com asked MD JKRTC to make provisions of additional buses at Yatri Niwas and en-route the districts.

the DCs to ensure functioning of toilet complexes and install an adequate number of mobile toilets and water coolers en-route the highway for the convenience of the pilgrims.

He asked DCS of Ramban, Samba, Udhampur, Kathua and Jammu to conduct visits to identified lodgement centres and ensure the availability of water, power and toilets at each centre.

The Div Com also reviewed in detail about the facilities at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar and issued directions for putting in all necessary arrangements in time.

The Div Com directed NHAI to ensure cleanliness of National Highway in view of construction work executed. He directed to remove unwanted construction materials from

the road.

The Div Com instructed all the concerned departments to expedite the works to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well before commencement of the Yatra.

ADGP issued directions for proper security arrangements, Traffic arrangements, Proper handling taking over, CCTV installation on Langar and Lodgment centres. He also directed concerned officers to ensure Cut off time is followed properly.

ADGP also stressed on setting up of joint control rooms at Jammu and Ramban comprising of officers from Army, CRPF and police. He emphasized on close coordination among all the security agencies to ensure smooth conduct of Yatra.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### Lt Governor Reviews...

sections of tracks, deployment of trained manpower, Helpdaps operations, health facilities, water and power supply at transit camps and halt points, allotment of tents and shops, Disaster Management, contingency plan for accommodation, etc.

The Lt Governor directed the concerned departments to make all necessary services accessible to the pilgrims at railway station, airports, on travel routes and Yatra base camps.

The Lt Governor impressed upon the officials to create a strong healthcare and health emergency infrastructure with additional teams of doctors and nursing staff. He further asked them to harness the benefits of technology to deal with any emergent situation.

Proper arrangements for regular ambulance, Helicopter service and oxygen cylinders must be ensured, the Lt Governor told the officials.

He also took stock of the arrangements being made for drinking water and sanitation and facilities for sanitation workers deployed to ensure cleanliness at the Base Camps.

The Lt Governor passed explicit directions for the Camp in-charge and concerned officials for operationalization of Sheshnag and Panjtarni camp by 20th June.

It must be ensured that the Track is through for ponies, Pithoos from Chandanwari to holy cave well before the commencement of the Yatra, he said.

The Lt Governor set the deadline of 20th June for the completion of various works including snow clearance at Mt Top, Panjtarni and other such areas, completion of emergency landing platform at holy cave; boundary walls, safety railing on vulnerable stretches; water supply and installation of RO in every camp.

Power supply and illumination in every camp should be done by June 17th. Health facilities and availability of health equipments should be ensured. SOP by Health Department to be made operational at each camp, the Lt Governor told the officials.

The Lt Governor directed the JPDCI and Jal Shakti department for engaging skilled manpower and day-to-day monitoring of water and power logistics.

The Lt Governor emphasized on involvement of members of the PRIs and Civil society in successful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

We must learn from the challenges of last year and take comprehensive measures accordingly. All the concerned departments, CAPFs, J&K Police, Army and other stakeholders should work in close coordination for making best arrangements to ensure smooth pilgrims. A feedback on tracks from civil administration, Security forces should also be taken, he added.

Work on the Steel girder bridges will be completed well before the commencement of the Yatra, it was informed.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to lay special focus on Sanitation, Quality of tents, fire extinguishers and ensure adequate gaps during installation of tents. No unauthorised tent should be installed. Strict enforcement of SOPs and guidelines must be ensured near holy cave, he added.

The Lt Governor directed the Irrigation and Flood Control department to complete the Nallah works by June 25th.

Instructions were also passed pertaining to installation of LED at various locations with pre-recorded messages and information dissemination, upgradation of Signages and information boards, besides ensuring strong telecom and mobile connectivity.

Sh Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism Department; Sh Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, senior officials of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, Civil Administration, Police, CAPFs and Army also attended the meeting.

### Lt Governor's message...

selfless service and saving precious lives. On this day, let us rededicate ourselves to help those needing blood and create awareness about safe blood, blood products and the importance of regular donation.

"The slogan for World Blood Donor Day, this year, is - Give Blood, Give Plasma, Share Life, Share Offer. There is a need to create mass awareness and encourage more people, especially the youth to come forward and voluntarily donate blood to save lives," the Lt Governor said.

### 2 terrorists gunned...

have been neutralised in a joint operation of Army and Kupwara Police in Dobanar Machhal area (LoC) of Kupwara district. Search still continues," it tweeted.

### PM Modi distributes...

process. Recruitment process earlier used to take one to one-and-a-half years, but now it gets over in a few months transparently, he said.

"I have seen how dynastic political parties promoted nepotism and corruption in all systems. When it came to government jobs, these parties encouraged nepotism and corruption. These dynastic parties have betrayed crores of youth," he said without naming any party.

In 2014, when our government came, transparency came and nepotism is also ending in the recruitment process, he asserted.

The prime minister said India is now a more stable, safer and stronger country than it was a decade ago, asserting that decisiveness has become the identity of the Indian government.

There are new employment opportunities in both the private and public sectors, he said, adding there are also self-employment opportunities with initiatives like the Mudra Yojana, Start Up India and Stand Up India.

"There has never been such confidence for our economy in the past. On the one hand, there was a slowdown due to the pandemic and on the other hand, the supply chain was affected due to war (Ukraine). Despite all these challenges, India is taking its economy to new heights," he said.

The decisions of our government has made lakhs of opportunities available in the private sector, he said.

Modi said the 'Rozgar Mela' has become the new identity of the BJP and NDA governments.

"This is a very crucial period for those stepping into governmental roles as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal' has started, where our recruits have before them the goal of making India a developed country in the next 25 years," Modi said.

Political corruption, malpractices in schemes, misuse of public funds, used to be the identity of previous governments, he said.

"Today, India is known for its political stability. This means a lot globally. The Indian government is known for its decisiveness...The Indian government is identified with its economic and progressive social reforms," he said. (Agencies)

### Our vision is to...

services on common masses. He made out that these services were aimed at rooting out corruption and bringing government at the doorsteps of people. He noted that an objective assessment on ground should be made to gauge its real impact on ground.

The Chief Secretary also stressed on constitution of 2-tier review committees headed by Administrative Secretary, IT and other high ranking officers for monitoring the breach in timelines in delivery of services as per the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA). He asked them to put to notice the officers/officials found violating the timelines set under this Act for different services. He asked for making it a feature to assess the performance of officers annually.

Dr Mehta also asked for launching a massive campaign to sensitize people about the benefits of online services. He reiterated that the campaign like 'Say Yes to Digital, No to Bribe' would encourage people to seek their rights more forcefully. He told them to start seeking the feedback of applicants about services they availed through IVRS and other interactive methods so that their point of view regarding the depth and quality of services is known.

On the occasion the Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress made in rolling out of IT initiatives like 'Mobile Dost' App, Digital Surveillance for monitoring violations of building permissions, Digital DPRs/estimation of works, online Parivartan Pehchan Patra, use of Artificial Intelligence in assessment of official processes and performance of employees besides rolling out of most anticipated 'IT Vision-2047'.

Dr Mehta said that the time has come to assess overall preparations vis-à-vis future readiness of J&K. He observed that the technology holds the key to create J&K happier and progressive in the times ahead.

Providing the details the Commissioner Secretary, IT, Prerna Puri informed the meeting that out of 303 services guaranteed under PSGA, J&K has already inte-

grated 103 services with the Auto-appeal system. She also gave out the additional 122 services would be integrated with this auto-escalation mechanism in the days to come. She further said that the remaining services would be taken on-board over this platform before end of the month.

She also apprised the meeting that besides the RAS the Department is soon going to offer people to give their valuable feedback through IVRS. She also revealed that the auto-appeal system would be having a dedicated dashboard to give insight about the status of timely delivery of services.

It was given out that the 'Mobile Dost' App, a reliable mobile friendly version of all the online services with additional features like services related to Tourism, travel, jobs, weather news updates etc would be launched by the end of this month so that people of J&K are able to carry government offices in their pockets in real sense.

### HM Amit Shah announces...

stations are being built and it sent a strict protocol to these states for adoption so that any incident of possible disaster could be avoided.

"I appeal to all those concerned states to make it a priority. Before the commissioning of the nuclear power plants and before the generation of power, whatever disaster prevention measures have to be taken, should be taken. It is utmost necessary for all of us," he said.

The home minister said that in the last nine years, the central government along with the states have made a lot of achievements towards disaster management, but no one should be complacent because disasters are constantly changing their nature and their intensity is also increasing.

"That's why we all have to keep expanding our preparations. Disaster management is not a new concept in our country. There are documents available from Chanakya's Arthashastra to the works of state administration of mythological times, all of them talk about disaster management," he said.

Shah said during COVID-19 pandemic, under the leadership of PM Modi, along with the chief ministers of the states, the country successfully faced the worst epidemic of the century.

In that difficult time, it is an excellent example before the world how the Centre, the states and the people could fight against a disaster on all fronts together, he said.

He said earlier, the country's approach on the disaster was relief-oriented and reactionary and it used to work only on relief and rehabilitation.

In the last nine years, everyone came together and have implemented early warning system, prevention, mitigation and preparedness based disaster management, he said.

Responding some state ministers' suggestion for enhancing compensation to farmers who face natural disaster, the home minister said the central government would examine it seriously but states should also enhance their budgetary provision for it.

Talking about the model fire bill, disaster prevention policy, thunderstorm and lightning policy and the cold wave policy formulated by the central government, Shah said majority of the states have either not implemented them or work plans have not been formulated.

He appealed to all states to work on them on priority and appreciated those who have already implemented or formulated the work plans.

Shah said under the 'Aapda Mitra' scheme, one lakh youth volunteers are being prepared in 350 disaster-prone districts and this has yielded good results to deal with many disasters which is positive and encouraging. (Agencies)

### Amit Shah to address...

President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, and General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta.

Senior leaders including Chander Mohan Gupta, Sham Lal Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, Arvind Gupta, Munish Sharma, Rakesh Mahajan, Arun Dev Singh, Parmesh Mahajan, Abhijeet Jasrota, Anush Mahajan, Neeraj Anand, and Ved Sharma attended the meeting.

Ravinder Raina, while speaking in the meeting, said that mega public rallies are being organized at each parliamentary constituency. In the Jammu parliamentary constituency, a mega public rally will be organized in Jammu city on June 23, which will be addressed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He said that leaders and activists of the party have to devote more and more time to mobilize the public to come to rallies and

listen to Amit Shah.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, said that while celebrating nine years of the Modi government, the party has witnessed massive response from the public and is working to boost the morale of its activists at the grassroots level.

He said that the people in large numbers should reach the rally venue, for which proper work needs to be done well in time.

He said that the ongoing Maha Jan Sampark has charged every leader and activist of the party and as such, there is great enthusiasm among them. They are reaching the people with the task of highlighting the achievements of the Narendra Modi government and welfare schemes launched during the past nine years.

Vibodh Gupta, in the meeting, said that while going public with the splendid works of the Modi government. The party functionaries should also highlight the Jammu visit of the Home Minister and appeal to the public to come and listen to the visiting minister.

### NIA attaches 2 more...

leaders of the APHC, was operating in close association with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and he used to collect funds for unlawful and violent activities.

NIA investigations have revealed that Khanday was also actively involved in activities aimed at the secession of Jammu and Kashmir in the Union of India.

The case, filed suo moto by NIA in May 2017, relates to terrorist and secessionist activities being carried out by ISI-backed proscribed terrorist organisations in Jammu and Kashmir.

These banned outfits, including Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) etc, were using the APHC as a front for their activities, NIA investigations have revealed.

They were spreading terror and perpetrating violence in the Kashmir valley by promoting and conducting attacks on civilians and security forces.

The agency has so far filed Chargeheets against 17 persons, including Hafeez Saeed, the Amir of Jamaat-ud-Dawah and LeT and an UN-listed terrorist, as well as Mohd. Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin, the Chief of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM). (AGENCIES)

### Amarnath Yatra | Over 60k...

capable enough to handle any situation," said an official.

He said that this year, more than 60,000 troops are being deployed from Lakhampur to the Amarnath Cave Shrine not only as a security measure but also to smoothly facilitate the yatra.

"Additional companies of the CRPF are expected to arrive by this week and the deployment will be made from June 20 along the highway and twin Baltal and Pahalgam routes leading to the cave," they said.

"Apart from routine deployment, sniper and sharpshooters will also be deployed at many locations while the Amarnath Yatra convoy will be escorted with security personnel laced with technical gadgets," they said.

"As last year incidents of sticky bomb blasts, smuggling of weapons through drones and other incidents were reported, so security remains a challenge but we are ready to welcome the pilgrims and they can come for the yatra without any fear to pay obeisance at the cave shrine," said an official.

"Not only in the hinterland, security has also been beefed up and tightened along the Line of Control and the International Border to foil any mischief made from across the border," he added.

Meanwhile the administration has established five 'Tatkal' (urgent) registration counters at prominent locations of Jammu city.

"In all five counters have been established for Tatkal registration of the pilgrims at Vaishnava Dham, Mahajan Sabha, Panchayat Char and two at Geeta Bhawan and Ram Mandir for the registration of Sadhus," an official.

The online helicopter tickets booking will also commence this week for the yatra.

The booking for Baltal, Pahalgam and Srinagar routes will commence this week and more than four lakh pilgrims are expected to visit this year.

Administration has also planned 'Jammu Darshan' for the pilgrims to boost tourism and attract more tourists to Jammu and Kashmir.

So far, around 3 lakh pilgrims have reportedly registered themselves online for the yatra. (Agencies)

## Dy Mayor inaugurates "SATVA Fashion Studio"



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, inaugurated the grand opening of the "SATVA Fashion Studio" at Trikuta Nagar in Bahu constituency near BJP Head Office. Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria was the Chief Guest and the event was attended by a large number of dignitaries including former Chairman JMC Ajay Gupta, and other prominent citizens of Jammu. The "SATVA Fashion Studio" owner Kanika & Raveena was welcomed & honored Baldev Singh Billawaria Deputy Mayor

Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria said we should fulfill the dreams of prime minister Narendra Modi Bhai "Atmanirbhar Bharat, which translates to 'self-reliant India', is a phrase the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi Ji and his government used and popularized in relation to the country's economic development plans "by encouraging people to start their own business. He also appreciated the efforts of the owner for taking such a big step and gave his best wishes to the store. He expressed his hope that the store will soon become a popular

destination for fashion lovers in Jammu. He said that such initiatives will help in the development of the city and will generate employment opportunities. He also said that the store should provide quality products at reasonable prices so that the citizens get the best value for their money. He also urged the citizens to help in the development of the city and make it a better place to live. He said that it is our duty to make Jammu a beautiful and vibrant place to live. Billawaria said he would take all necessary steps to ensure that the youth of Jammu receive the best possible education, training and

employment/business opportunities. He said that the store will be a great addition to the city and will be beneficial to the citizens.

He also appreciated the efforts taken by the store owner to promote the development of the city. Baldev Singh Billawaria Deputy Mayor, Jammu said that Youths should be groomed to become talented as they are the backbone of the nation. Kanika & Raveena the owner of the store said that they are happy to open the store and have already created a buzz among the fashion conscious people of Jammu with its unique offerings and wide range of choices in clothing.

They said that the store will be providing quality products at reasonable prices and he hopes that the citizens of Jammu will be benefited from the store.

The customers can enjoy the latest trends in fashion, from traditional and ethnic to western wear, at the store. They also thanked the Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria and the guests for attending the event and wished them luck.

## Shiv Sena initiates "Pehli Roti Gau Mata Ki" Campaign on Aditya Thackeray's birthday

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 12: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) has initiated the "Pehli Roti Gau Mata Ki" campaign under the Gau Mata Seva program on the occasion of the party's National Youth Wing Chief Aditya Thackeray's birthday today.

As part of this campaign, "Gau Mata Roti Seva Tiffin" set up outside every major temple in Jammu City today.

Manish Sahni, President of Shiv Sena J&K, stated that on the occasion of Aditya Thackeray's birthday and as a way to revive the tradition of the "Pehli Roti Gau Mata," this campaign has been launched.

Inaugurating the campaign today, Gau Roti Seva Tiffins were placed at 10 temples in Jammu city, including Shiv Mandir in Trikuta Nagar, Shiv Mandir at Tawi Bridge, Shri Hanuman Mandir Purani Mandir, Parth Mandir.

Every alternate day, the collected Rotis will be delivered to Gau Shalas (cow shelters).

Sahni highlighted that according



to the traditions of Sanatan Dharma (Hinduism), the Pehli Roti made in a family belongs to the cow. In Hinduism, the cow is revered as a sacred mother, and according to beliefs, 33 crore deities reside within the cow. This directly implies that by feeding the cow, one is providing food to the 33 crore deities, he added.

He said feeding the cow with Roti brings prosperity and abundance to the household and invokes the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth, within the

home.

Sahni further mentioned that under this campaign, instructions have been given to all district units to install Gau Roti Seva boxes outside major temples and schools. He appealed to the public to actively participate in this campaign by offering Roti Seva. On this occasion president Mehila wive Meenakshi Chibber, Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, vice President Balwant Singh, Sanjeev Kohli, Rajesh Handa, Uma Devi, Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple were present.

## Mega State/UT Level Conference under the aegis of CBSE in light of G20 organized by DPS

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: Delhi Public School Jammu hosted a groundbreaking U.T/State Level Mega Conference on 12 June, 2023, under the aegis of CBSE in the backdrop of G20.

The conference brought together education experts, policymakers, teachers, and school administrators from across the state to discuss and deliberate upon the key aspects of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Program (FLN), National Education Policy (NEP-2020) and G20. This extraordinary event marked a significant milestone in the school's commitment to global education, by bringing together around 100 delegates from different districts of J&K which comprised of educators and experts from various fields to create a platform for knowledge exchange, dialogue, and collaboration.

The mega conference aimed to provide a platform for meaningful discussions, exchange of ideas, and collaborations among stakeholders to deliberate on and explore innovative ideas, best practices and challenges in the field of education as well as the developments in Indian Government initiatives, including its active participation in the G20, the implementation of NEP, and the significant strides made through the FLN platform. It fostered an environment conducive to exploring innovative approaches, addressing challenges, and charting a path towards transforming the education landscape in J&K.

The event commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a melodious song sung by the school choir. Subsequently, a formal welcome address of the guests and the dignitaries was presented by Ms. Ruchi Chhabra, DPS Jammu. In her



welcome speech, she elucidated the significance of the event and the need of the hour to work on self-improvement for achieving the desirable learning outcomes and to treat challenges as opportunities to learn, adapt and develop problem-solving skills.

The conference set off with an insightful keynote address by Ms. Sunita Rani, Under Secretary, CBSE. In her address, she stressed the need of shifting the approach from Curriculum Centric Pedagogy to Child-Centric Pedagogy. This was followed by an address by Dr. Reva Sharma, Director-Trainings, J&K-IMPARD, wherein she urged the audience to save the environment by adopting the Sustainable Development Goals and highlighted the key points of FLN and NEP and its implementation. Also, there was a talk session by Padmasree Mohan Singh, a renowned Dogri Author, Producer and Director.

While presenting an insightful talk in Dogri, Mohan Singh Ji laid stress on giving instructions to children in their regional language for effective learning. He also appreciated DPS for making efforts in carrying forward the legacy of Dogra Culture.

The students and teachers of DPS Jammu presented an engaging Puppet Show Activity demonstrat-

ing the pedagogy of learning through storytelling and the power of narratives in shaping young minds. Also, to delve deeper into the desirable topic of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) Program, Ms. Preeti Amber, Ms. Kamini Sawhney and Ms. Richa Gupta presented a PPT on FLN. This was followed by an Expert Talk on FLN by Dr. Gurmeet Kaur Gill-a distinguished FLN resource person, that augmented the knowledge on FLN. She laid impetus on ELPS- Experience, Language, Pictures and Symbols for making the teaching-learning process more effective.

Furthermore, the mega conference displayed robust discussion on the NEP-2020 and its effective implementation. Ms. Deepthi Kandhari and Ms. Meenakshi Jamwal from DPS Jammu shared their expertise and experiences on the nuances of incorporating NEP into the educational landscape through a Power Point Presentation. Also, Shivagan Kohli from class IX shared his experiences about the Summer Internship Program at Modblo, a renowned furniture factory at Bari Brahmana. This program was a hands-on workshop designed to empower students with practical strategies and was an initiative by the school for the effective implementation of NEP.

## NSS unit of DCE organises two days "Free Health Check-up Camp"



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUN 13: NSS unit of Dogra College of Education organized two days "Free Health Check-up Camp" for local community people in village Bhatiyari on 12th & 13th of June, 2023. The camp started with formal welcome address by Mrs. Sarika, Lecturer, Dogra College of Education.

In her address she gave a detailed account of activities organized by the NSS unit of the college and stressed on the need to organize

health checkup camp to promote social consciousness and sense of responsibility and awareness towards the health of the individuals. At the outset of camp, saplings were presented to the Doctors.

During the first day of the NSS camp, free health check up for local community people was organized by the team of doctors deputized by Black Medical Officer, Parmadal (BMO) comprising of Dr. Shobkie, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Mr. Jasbir Rana (Pharmacist) and free medicines were distributed to the community

people under the guidance of the doctors and the pharmacist.

On the second day, NSS volunteers gave awareness to the villagers about cleanliness, sanitation and various types of diseases. Door to door campaign was also conducted, in which NSS volunteers informed the people about the medical camp. About 65 local villagers of Bhatiyari along with 25 NSS volunteers were present in the camp. Prominent among those present in the camp were Bawishan Singh, Sarpanch of Bhatiyari.

Archana Jamwal, Sarpanch Chack Avtara, Sunil Singh Choudary, Naib Sarpanch, Chack Avtara. Bishan Lal Choudary, Sarpanch, Horsa Dabbar, Sarpanch of the village Bhatiyari commended the efforts of NSS unit of Dogra College of Education for undertaking social outreach activities for the benefits of residents of village Bhatiyari.

The camp was concluded with vote of thanks presented by Amarjeet Kour, NSS Programme Officer, Dogra College of Education.

### "CENTRAL MINISTERS GO BACK: JKNPP"

## BJP Dismantled J&K, ravaged its economy and devastated its youth: Harsh Dev



J I NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUN 13: Accusing the BJP of having ruined J&K in the name of reorganisation, the NPP President and former minister led a massive

protest in Udhampur raising slogans against the BJP government at the centre. The protesters wearing black bands and carrying black flags, raised slogans of "BJP Hai Hai", "Central Minister go Back", "J&K

sath, experiment karna band karo", "Students aur youths ka shoshan karna band karo" etc

Speaking on the occasion JKNPP president Harsh Dev Singh, said that central ministers were reg-

ularly visiting J&K and holding political rallies in the UT at the taxpayers expense without paying back anything to the erstwhile state.

He said that crores of rupees had been spent on the sabbaticals of these central ministers by a cash starved UT like J&K without it receiving any special central grants from the visiting politicians.

He said that the J&K economy had plunged to an all time low with unemployment rate having beaten all records, and daily rated, casuals and contractual and even the Mgnrega workers without wages for months and years together.

Some partial/minor damages have been noticed in some government and Private buildings in the Tehsil. Some minor cracks were also reported in government and private buildings from Gandoh, Thathri and other areas.

assess the damages caused due to the earthquake that shook the area today. It was informed that there were no reports of loss of life from any part of the district. However, some houses/buildings have developed cracks due to heavy jolt of the earthquake.

## Poonch: District Society for Prevention of Cruelty against Animals discusses Action Plan

J I NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, (Chairman District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, DSPCA), Yasin M.Choudhary today chaired a meeting of Society for Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals here in his officer chamber and reviewed implementation of the Prevention of cruelty against animals Act 1960.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik; Additional Superintendent of Police, Mushim Ahmed; Divisional Forest Officer, Poonch, Suresh Manda; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Shehik Mohammad Younis; Superintendent Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Shaid Latief; Warden WildLife, Executive Officer MC Poonch and other concerned officers were present.

During the meeting, the DC directed for provisioning of logistic facilities,

such as operation theatres and post-operative wards for the sterilization and immunization of stray dogs.

The CEO Municipality was directed to ensure cleanliness of the premises and installation of necessary lights in post-operative wards. The officials also discussed the registration of the Canines and Pet Population in the Municipal areas of Poonch and Surankote. The Deputy Commissioner directed the AHD to update the managing body of the society by including in it animal lovers and persons directly and indirectly involved in animal welfare. The renovation of designated animal shelter at Kankote and the need of an Ambulance/rescue van was also discussed in the meeting.

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The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced plans to create awareness regarding animal rights and fundraising through public donations. The officials emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts among all allied departments and pledged to work together towards their implementation. In his concluding remarks, the District Development Commissioner urged officials to take quick decisions on matters under their jurisdictions and reiterated the need for coordinated efforts among all allied departments.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

Govt should clean on drive against encroachers

The Division Bench of J&K High Court has expressed displeasure over the government's report in allowing 49 politicians, mainly BJP leaders, to have official bungalows. The UT administration has been asked for the reasons that led the politicians and former bureaucrats to enjoy the government accommodations in violation of the rules. In December last year, the Division Bench had clearly stated that the security assessment and entitlement to government accommodation are two different issues and cannot be intermingled. What is ironical is that the Estates department, according to a RTI reply, had disclosed that eviction notices were issued to former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta, Bali Bhagat, Sunil Kumar, all BJP leaders, and others whereby all of them were directed to surrender their Ministerial bungalows by or before December 21, 2018 and in default, the Estates Department would initiate eviction proceedings under rules including charging of penal rent as described under SOP. Till date, the unauthorised occupants have not vacated the Ministerial bungalows nor the estates department initiated eviction proceedings against them. In November last year, authorities had shown some spine while acting against the political leaders who had been "occupying" government accommodations "illegally" by serving them notices to vacate residential quarters. This was not for the first time that these political leaders were asked to vacate their residential quarters, yet these leaders ignored such diktats because of their strong influence over the bureaucracy. At that time, there was a lot of hue and cry over the decision with opposition groups describing the drive as "selective". At that time, the notice was issued to the former chief minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti and others for vacating the government quarters located in Housing Colony at Khanabal in the south Kashmir district. Other than Mufti, the notices have been issued to ex-MLAs Mohammad Altaf Wani, Abdul Rahim Rather, Abdul Majeed Bhat, Altaf Shah, and Abdul Kabir Pathan, former MLCs Bashir Shah and Choudhary Nizamuddin. Mufti was also served an eviction notice for her 'Fairview' residence at the high security Gupkar area of the city in October last year. The decision to ask these political leaders to vacate government accommodations sounded good but it lacked determination because the politicians having strong influence remained untouched. The need of the hour is that the Government should treat all the people belonging to other political parties, including BJP and Congress, on similar lines without any bias. There is no rationale for allowing some political leaders to stay in government accommodations and enjoy all facilities at the cost of taxpayers' money. This should have been stopped earlier but the then government never mustered courage to act against the political personalities for compulsions best known to them. The UT administration should come clear and clean while acting against the "encroachers" of government bungalows and send a message that it is not biased and prejudiced against anyone.

BEYOND FAÇADE OF NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

POLITICAL DEMOCRACY IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CULTIVATING THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION

AVIJIT PATHAK

It is always easy to get carried away by a spectacle. Not surprisingly, the nation - even though tormented by heightened socio-economic inequality - loved to watch the gorgeous inauguration of the new Parliament House: the drama with its carefully packaged religious symbolism. And it would not be wrong to say that there were many who were simply hypnotised by the way PM Modi's dramaturgical performance added yet another dimension to the spectacle: yes, it almost looked like his 'coronation'! However, those who have the eyes to see beyond the visual politics of images ought to acquire the courage to raise critical questions, act like organic intellectuals, converse with the people and communicate a simple yet profound truth - the personality cult associated with PM Modi does by no means enrich the spirit of democracy; it is dangerous to project a democratically elected Prime Minister as the 'messiah' of the nation. Or, for that matter, the Parliament building is not just a piece of architectural marvel; nor is it about the pride of the 'supreme leader' - his Mann ki Baat, the never-ending applause from his devotees, and associated noise of populist politics.

The increasing use of the coercive apparatus of the state to silence dissenting voices is becoming the new normal.

Parliament is essentially about debate and dialogue, humility and the art of listening, informed opinion and responsibility of decision-making and ethical responsibility and commitment to the people. Hence, the fact that we have a new Parliament House does by no means ensure that we are enriching the democratic culture.

Yes, there are political theorists and social scientists who have been repeatedly reminding us of the rise of populist politics, the cult of narcissism, the might of majoritarianism, the rise of hyper-nationalism and the steady erosion of the democratic culture in many countries throughout the world. Moreover, the increasing use of the coercive apparatus of the state to silence dissenting voices or the steady decline of press freedom is becoming the new normal. Is it that we too are



moving in the same direction? It is important to ask this disturbing question, even though India is known for the carnival of elections characterised by populist speeches, roadshows, huge rallies and manifestos with big promises. But then, think of the pathology: narrow parochial identities in the name of caste and religion are activated and used instrumentally by the political class; politicians with a criminal background are elected comfortably; riots, cross-border tensions and surgical strikes are valorised as 'masterstrokes' for winning the elections in the name of nationalism. Institutions such as the Election Commission and the CBI are fast losing their autonomy through politically manipulated appointments. Defection is a preferable strategy to destabilise governments as there are MLAs and MPs with no conscience who are ready to be bought and sold as marketable commodities. Amid the normalisation of this pathology, it is possible to deny that we are fast moving towards some sort of electoral autocracy?

Well, you and I can appreciate the grandness of the new Parliament House. However, the real challenge is whether we can see beyond the facade of a building, work on ourselves, internalise democracy as a way of life through meaningful education and socialisation in an inclusive public sphere, and make our

representatives accountable. Yes, the representatives we send to Parliament can truly behave democratically, participate in socially relevant and informed discussions on our collective destiny, and serve people only if we, far from being reduced to passive spectators or empty vessels, cultivate the spirit of democratic education. After all, we get the leaders we deserve. For instance, if we allow ourselves to be impressed by loud religious slogans and the rhetoric of nationalism, or if we think that the shining anchors of toxic television channels are our primary educators, we will continue to see a bunch of zealots in the new Parliament House. Or, if we see ourselves as passive devotees waiting to be salvaged by a 'messiah', we will worship authoritarian/narcissistic personalities. Hence, political democracy is impossible without democratic education.

To put it simply, democratic education is about the constant cultivation of a set of skills - say, the ability to interrogate the ideologies of domination and repression; the intellectual clarity to distinguish the light of truth from the false glitz of power; the art of informed debate, dialogue and conflict resolution; the willingness to transcend the superficially constructed dualities such as rights vs duties, or freedom vs responsibility; and the ceaseless effort to live as an alert and awak-

ened citizen. Needless to add, if the gospel of neo-liberalism continues to transform us into atomised and selfish consumers, or if the madness of religious fundamentalism/hyper-nationalism clouds our vision and thinking, it will be almost impossible to cultivate the spirit of democratic education.

Not surprisingly, in recent times, we have witnessed the growing assault on the idea of liberal and politically vibrant universities. We have seen a steady erosion of critical pedagogy amid the marketisation of all sorts of education - shops and strategists whose only task, it seems, is to tempt young students with all sorts of placement and salary package 'mythologies'. The resultant intellectual void is conducive to the growth of authoritarianism. You and I might acquire technical skills, pass all sorts of examinations, and decorate our CVs with degrees and diplomas.

Yet, we can continue to worship demagogues with narcissistic traits, regard those who are fighting for the rights of Adivasis, Dalits and minorities as 'anti-national', and equate development with just a set of external markers - say, a tall statue, a spectacular temple, a speedy train, a smart city, an international summit in the Kashmir valley or, for that matter, a new Parliament House. What else do authoritarian leaders need from us?

A revamp of medical education is needed

THE QUESTION IS HOW MANY MORE DOCTORS ARE NEEDED EVERY YEAR AND WHETHER WE ARE IN A POSITION TO EMPLOY THEM ALL PRODUCTIVELY.

RAKESH KOCHHAR

RECENTLY, two contrasting news items were published. One said the government had given sanction to 50 new medical colleges, which would increase the number of MBBS seats to over 1,07,000. The other said 38 medical colleges had failed to meet the criteria for the continuation of recognition to them to admit fresh students and over 100 more colleges faced similar action. The colleges were found to be non-compliant with the norms laid down by the National Medical Commission (NMC). The lapses included non-compliance with biometric attendance by the faculty. This could be due to an actual shortage of faculty on the rolls or its non-availability due to commitments elsewhere. Pertinently, most government and private college teachers are allowed to do private practice or they do it on the sly. India and Nepal must start talks on Agnipath urgently. The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare had in June 2022 informed Parliament that there were 13,08,009 registered allopathic

doctors in India. Assuming 80 per cent availability (the rest having retired or died or migrated), that makes more than 10 lakh active doctors. When over 5.65 lakh Ayush doctors are added to the overall pool of doctors, the House was told that India easily met the WHO standard of one doctor for 1,000 people.

The number of medical colleges has increased from 387 in 2014 to 695 in 2023. The government had recently proposed to convert over 75 district hospitals to medical colleges and many such conversions have taken place. A district or an ESI hospital cannot be overnight converted into a college. The kind of infrastructure, trained faculty and work culture needed is totally different.

At the current rate of over one lakh MBBS doctors graduating every year, in the next five to seven years we will have over 15 lakh of them. Assuming that India's population reaches 150 crore by then, we will have one MBBS doctor per 1,000 people. That raises the question of how many more doctors are needed every year and whether we are in a position to employ them all



productively.

Currently, an MBBS student has little exposure to the practical aspects of medicine as he is preoccupied with efforts to get into the post-graduation course. The number of postgraduate (PG) seats falls short by one-third of the undergraduate seats. A majority of MBBS students aspire to do PG courses and, they should do so. There is a need to let them choose the sub-

ject according to their aptitude. The number of PG seats could be altered as per the regional or national needs. For example, for Community Health Centres, we could have PGs in family medicine. For developing emergency medical services or trauma services, corresponding proportion of PGs would be required. Only those with an aptitude for teaching and research should be trained as teachers.

In healthcare, there is an urban-versus-rural dichotomy. While almost two-thirds of the country's population resides in rural areas, less than 30 per cent of the doctors work there. As per the Rural Health Statistics, 2021-22, there is more than 50 per cent shortage of doctors at Community Health Centres. Additionally, the distribution of healthcare workforce across the states is skewed. Though

Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Delhi have one doctor for 350-750 people, Jharkhand, UP and Bihar have one doctor for 3,000-8,000 people. Strikingly, 40 per cent of the doctors in Karnataka are in Bengaluru alone, leaving many rural areas understaffed. On the other hand, Kerala, with better infrastructure, has hardly any rural vacancy. Is the government's policy to increase the MBBS seats an effort to push the doctors to rural areas once the cities are saturated? Doctors hesitate to go to rural areas because there is no infrastructure or support system, no compensation for the hardship and poor family life. Rural jobs are all in the government sector, with inadequate remuneration which falls short of the expected 'return on investment', especially if a doctor has graduated from a private college.

The other aspect of medical education is the quality of doctors being produced. While the curriculum needs to be revised periodically, it should give more emphasis to practical aspects, especially in handling problems peculiar to India. The pace of creating new colleges is not

matched by the availability of infrastructure, equipment and trained medical teachers. A telling example is that there are hardly any applicants for posts of superspecialist in many state government colleges, but the new AIIMS institutes are able to get them because the latter have infrastructure, equipment and freedom to work.

The NMC has succeeded in regulating entry to MBBS through NEET, but with nearly half the colleges being private and students with very low ranks getting admission in them, there is little uniformity in the standard of education. There has to be uniformity as well in infrastructure, teaching and training with modern teaching aids. One wonders why telemedicine is not being used widely and why the same content cannot be taught across the country. Surprisingly, some states have gone retrograde by introducing teaching in regional languages.

What is needed is a revamp of medical education in India, like it was done in the US following the Flexner Report in 1910. Medical curriculum was revised, the number of colleges trimmed from 155 to a few score and min-



## I live in the moment memories are for the retired: SRK

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan on Monday said he prefers to live in the present as clinging to memories is for people who have "retired". During an #AskSRK session on Twitter, the 57-year-old star was asked by a fan if he was someone who gets attached to memories of the past. Shah Rukh responded: "No I live in the moment. Memories are for the retired." The actor said one thing he would want his and Gauri Khan's children-- Aryan, Suhana and AbRam -- to learn from him is the "patience to deal with nonsense". Suhana is set to debut in the film industry as an actor with Netflix's "The Archies" movie, while Aryan is writing and directing a series, reportedly titled "Stardom". Shah Rukh said he is proud of Suhana as a father, but is more excited about "The Archies" being a Zoya Akhtar directorial. "Father bias and excitement will

always be there but looking forward to a Zoya Akhtar film actually," he wrote. Teasing his upcoming films -- "Jawan" with Ailee and Rajkumar Hirani's "Dunki" -- the superstar said he is excited about both the projects. He said "Jawan" was a taxing project for him physically, but the film is "absolutely ready steady po!" now. "Jawan for sure lots of action," he wrote in response to a query on the more difficult project between "Jawan" or "Dunki". But being able to bring Hirani's vision on screen was equally challenging, said the superstar. "To keep up with all the wonderful actors in the film and create the world Raju wanted.", Shah Rukh's last big screen release was blockbuster hit "Pathaan", which earned over Rs 1000 crore at the global box office. "Jawan" will hit the cinemas on September 7, while "Dunki" will arrive in theatres in December.



## Dharmendra reveals how grandson Karan Deol introduced fiancée to family: 'He told his mother, who told Sunny, who told me'



Veteran actor Dharmendra has spilled the beans about his grandson, Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol's wedding. According to reports, Karan is all set to tie the knot with Binal Roy's granddaughter Drisha Acharya and the wedding festivities are expected to begin on June 16. Dharmendra called Karan a very good and caring person. He also said he is very happy that he has found his partner. The actor, when asked about how he learned about the situation, he revealed Karan first told his mother (Sunny's wife Pooja Deol), who then told Sunny, who then told him. Dharmendra expressed his approval, stating, "Go ahead if Karan likes her." The actor also met Drisha and the meeting took place at his residence. He added that the couple has his blessings. Karan and Drisha, who have been childhood sweethearts, reportedly got engaged recently. On Karan's birthday last year, Sunny penned an emotional note for his son and dropped unseen pictures with him. He wrote, "As a director I pushed your limits, and made you do everything. You rapped off of high peaks in the Himalayas, jumped into frozen lakes, swam in Grade 6 Rapids water streams, got stuck between rocks, got hurt, but kept going on and on without a second thought just because you believed in me. I know if s a lot of hard work, keep going, respect elders, be kind and standup for what is right! Happy Birthday, son."

## VISITING 'AMAZING INDIA' ON A DIET NOT HELPFUL: MISS WORLD KAROLINA BIELAWSKA

From chicken tikka masala to "colourful" Bollywood movies, reigning Miss World Karolina Bielawska has a list of things that she loves about India and would like to explore during the month-long competition for the 71st Miss World to be hosted here later this year. The Polish model, who calls herself a fan of Indian non-vegetarian delicacies, said while India with its world class hospitality, makes for an "amazing host" for the Miss World competition 2023, visiting it on a diet is not "helpful". "I am a huge fan of tikka masala, and also love butter chicken. It is not very helpful to be on a diet when you are in India because your food is absolutely delicious and I love spices. I love spicy food," the 24-year-old told PTI in an interview.



Touted to be the 'most travelled' Miss World, Bielawska hopes to "discover" India as much as possible during her month-long stay for the competition later this year. Bielawska, who recently shared her pictures wearing a pastel green lehenga

by Falguni and Shane Peacock on social media, now wants to don a saree. "That was the first time I wore like a traditional Indian clothing and I would love to wear a saree one day as well. I am looking forward to it." Her preferred travel destinations include a must-visit tourist place like Agra and the little-explored Manipur for its natural beauty. She also wants to revisit Mumbai and Goa. "I would love to go to Manipur and Agra to see Taj (Mahal) and discover Goa a little bit more. So there are many places ... Also Mumbai, I think there is so much more to see. We were there very quickly, very briefly. So, I hope that during this one month festival we would be able to discover as much as possible," she added.

## There aren't any villains in 'Past Lives' says actor John Magaro



Actor John Magaro says his upcoming film "Past Lives" is full of characters who are fighting complex emotions such as jealousy and anger. Directed by first-time filmmaker Celine Song, "Past Lives" is an emotional romantic drama which tells the story of two childhood sweethearts Nora and Hae Sung, played by Greta Lee and Teo Yoo, who meet after a gap of 20 years. "Long lost feelings and forgotten memories begin to crop up as the two take a look at the past they left behind," read the synopsis of the film. Magaro, best known for his work in "Unbroken" and "The Umbrella Academy", plays Nora's novelist husband Arthur in the movie. "There aren't any villains. But there are people who are filled with pride and people who are jealous and envious and angry, but they have to fight through those emotions. What Celine does is portray two really good men -- they're really kind, generous men -- who are able to put their childish jealousies and insecurities behind them because they care about this woman," the American actor said in a statement. PVRINOX Pictures will release "Past Lives" in India.

## Kangana's comments in Interview post-Sushant Rajput death nothing but lie: Javed Akhtar to court



Veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar on Monday told a Mumbai court that certain comments made by filmstar Kangana Ranaut during an interview to a news channel after the death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput in June 2020 were "nothing but a lie". Akhtar made the remarks when he appeared before Andheri metropolitan magistrate court in suburban Mumbai for cross-examination by defence lawyer in a defamation case filed by him against Kangana. The 76-year-old lyricist-poet had filed a complaint in the magistrate's court in November 2020, claiming Kangana had made certain defamatory statements against him in a television interview, which allegedly damaged his reputation. In the interview given to a news channel in 2020 after the death of Rajput, among other statements, Kangana

had claimed Akhtar asked her to apologise to co-star Hrithik Roshan, who in 2016 filed a lawsuit against her seeking an apology after public spat over a statement on their alleged relationship. "Once Javed Akhtar called me to his house and told me Rakesh Roshan (father of Hrithik Roshan) and his family are very big people. If you don't apologise to them, you will have nowhere to go. They will put you in jail, and eventually, the only path would be that of destruction... you will commit suicide. These were his words. He shouted and yelled at me. I was shaking in his house," Kangana had told the news channel. During cross-examination on Monday, Kangana's lawyer Rizwan Siddiquee asked, "Is it true that you have not disclosed the true fact of the meeting with her because whatever Kangana said in the interview is true." The veteran lyricist volunteered and said, "Whatever Kangana said in the interview is a lie and nothing but a lie." The court recorded it was not true that Akhtar did not disclose the correct sequence of the meeting held sometime in March 2016. Further responding to a question on the meeting held at his house, the well-known lyricist said the "Queen" actor had come to his house to explore some kind of a solution to settle issues with her co-star. The question posed to him was whether Kangana and her sister Rangoli came to his house "obediently". Akhtar responded by saying, "You expect obedience from Kangana, it is not called obedience, but possibility for something...some kind of a solution. Physical reality is they came to my house, but obedience is a notion only in mind."

## AR Rahman's daughter Khatija to debut as composer with Tamil film 'MinMini'



Music maestro AR Rahman's daughter, singer Khatija Rahman, is making her debut as a composer with upcoming Tamil movie "MinMini". The film is directed by Halitha Shameem and features Esther Anil, Gaurav Kalai and Pravin Kishore as lead characters. Halitha shared a photograph with Khatija from AM Studios, owned by the singer's Oscar winner father. "So happy to be working with this exceptional talent, Khatija Rahman for #MinMini. The euphonious singer is a brilliant music composer too. Some great music is underway!" she wrote. Khatija thanked the filmmaker for the opportunity. "Thank you so much for having me on board for "MinMini" and for your kindness and trust and support. It's been a journey growing with the film and working with you," Khatija wrote on Twitter. Khatija is the eldest daughter of Rahman and Saira Banu. The couple also shares daughter Raheema and son AR Ameen. "She made her singing debut with the song "Pathiya Manidha" from superstar Rajnikanth's 2010 blockbuster "Enthiran". In Hindi, she sang the "Rock a Bye Baby" from the 2021 Kriti Sanon-starrer "Mimi" in Hindi. Her latest song is "Chinnanjiru Nilave" from Mani Ratnam's blockbuster epic "Ponniyin Selvan: 2". Halitha's last directorial venture was "Loners", a segment from the 2022 Tamil anthology series "Putham Pudhu Kaalai Vidiyaadhaa".



## SCRIPT WILL ALWAYS BE MY HERO: KAJOL ON SERIES DEBUT WITH 'THE TRIAL...'

Ahead of her series debut with "The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka", actor Kajol says her creative choices are dictated by the story and not the medium. The 48-year-old actor has two back-to-back OTT releases -- Disney+ Hostar series "The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka" on July 12 and the second edition of Netflix's acclaimed film anthology "Lust Stories" on June 29. The actor, who made her OTT debut with the 2021 Netflix film "Tribhanga", said she wants to collaborate with

"good people" whether it is for films or for streamers. "... I have always thought that whenever I work, I will do something, which I enjoy the most, work with good people and that script will always be my hero. Whether it is for an OTT platform or a film, for me a role is a role," the actor told reporters at the trailer launch of "The Trial...". Directed by Suparn S Varma, "The Trial - Pyaar, Kanoon, Dhoka" is the Indian adaptation of the popular American legal TV drama "The Good Wife", which

revolved around a woman who returns to being a practising lawyer after her husband, a former state's attorney, is imprisoned for a sex and corruption scandal. Kajol said when she was offered the Hindi adaptation of the 2009 critically-acclaimed drama, she was curious to understand how the show will be adapted for the Indian audiences. "The original show, I loved it. The character was amazing, the concept was fabulous but I did have a question about how it will be adapted in Hindi. That's when Suparn came in,

the narration came in for the script." For me, it's really about a script, the script is never about one character, it is always about everyone's character. And all the characters in this series, in the adaptation, is so well-rounded and well written. I loved the script. My script is my king," she said. Varma, best known for "The Family Man" season 2 starring Manoj Bajpayee, said the Indian series is completely different from the original CBS series, to suit the cultural landscape of India. He also said the team made

a conscious decision to not have the similar title for the Hindi remake of the show. "We had the luxury of watching the entire seasons, so we could take that and start putting arcs of the characters and give more gravitas. The show is also different, the case needs to represent what's happening in society today and make it more contemporary. There is no western gaze at the characters, so you see Noyonika in an Indian avatar, the challenges that she would face as a Indian woman, mother and wife are vastly different.

# Vivekananda Reddy murder case: SC defers hearing on plea challenging anticipatory bail to YSR Congress MP to June 19

NEW DELHI, JUN 13: The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred to June 19 a plea moved by the daughter of late MP Y S Vivekananda Reddy, challenging a Telangana High Court order that granted anticipatory bail to YSR Congress Party MP Y S Avinash Reddy in the murder case of the former parliamentarian.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Ahsanuddin Amanullah, which did not allow senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, representing petitioner Suneetha Narreddy, to argue the matter owing to the summer vacation, said since the matter involves a number of technical aspects, it would be better if she is assisted by a senior counsel.

"We are not allowing the senior counsel to argue during the vacation, so as to give the junior counsel a chance. If we allow senior advocate Sidharth Luthra to argue the matter, he would be charged for discrimination. We will list the matter before another bench next week, so that the petitioner can be assisted by a senior counsel as the case has many technical aspects," the bench said.

Narreddy, who argued her petition in person, said the top court had directed



the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conclude its probe in her father's murder case by June 30 but the high court, on the other hand, had granted anticipatory bail to the respondent number 2 (Avinash Reddy).

Justice Amanullah said the CBI is not present before the court and the agency can very well say whose custodial interrogation is required and whose is not.

"It is for the CBI to take up the matter. It cannot be a case of ego clash and someone is put behind bars," the bench said, adding that it will also not be appropriate to tweak an order of the coordinate bench issued in the matter, by which it was directed that the investigation be completed by June 30. Narreddy urged the court to issue a notice to the CBI seeking its reply and claimed that the federal agency has told the high

court that the accused is not cooperating with the probe. "Sorry, we are not inclined to issue a notice," the bench said as it listed the matter for hearing on June 19. On June 9, the top court had agreed to hear Narreddy's plea after Luthra mentioned it for urgent listing. "The accused is the principal conspirator in my father's murder. The high court did not grant interim protection initially. Now, the high court has gone on the basis of media reports," Luthra had told the top court.

The Telangana High Court granted anticipatory bail to Avinash Reddy on May 31 and directed him not to leave the country without the CBI's permission till the investigation was complete. "The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and appear before the CBI every Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm till the end of June

2023, and shall regularly appear as and when he is required for investigation," the high court had said.

The petitioner shall be released on bail in the event of his arrest by the CBI on the execution of a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the federal agency, the high court order had said.

Avinash Reddy, a cousin of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, is under the CBI scanner and has been examined by the agency several times this year. Avinash Reddy's father Y S Bhaskar Reddy was arrested by the CBI on April 16 in connection with the killing of Vivekananda Reddy. Vivekananda Reddy, one of the brothers of late Andhra Pradesh chief minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, was found killed at his residence in Pulivendula in Kadapa district on the night of March 15, 2019, weeks before the Assembly polls in the southern state. The case was initially probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the state Crime Investigation Department (CID), but was handed over to the CBI in July 2020.

# Understanding Trump's move to run for US presidency as criminal defense strategy

WASHINGTON: What does a country like the United States, which has spent the last two centuries trying to export the idea that its constitution is the greatest founding document of humanity have ever conceived, do when one of its own is bent on destroying it in order to save himself?

That may just be the situation the great power finds itself in as Donald Trump, the twice-indicted former president of the United States, faces a second set of indictments, this time from federal agencies on top of the state charges levied against him in New York state. He is reported to be "very jacked up" and ready for a fight, setting up an existential question for America and the western world.

In a stunning display of politicalchutzpa and strategic maneuvering, Trump is openly anchoring his criminal defense strategy on winning the American presidency in order to shield himself from criminal prosecution and prison. It is an audacious gambit.

There is nothing in the US Constitution or law that prevents it. Trump's exploitation of the presidency as a shield against criminal charges is a real threat to American institutions and democracy itself, say political opponents, mostly from the Democratic party but notably, some from his own party. Let's consider it. For Trump, it is a calculated game.

By occupying the highest office, he would strategically neutralise the authority of the US Justice Department, withdrawing authorisation for any action or prosecution against himself, thus freezing all action by the country's top law enforcement agency, which would be under his control.

This calculated move would cap-

italise on the expansive powers of the American presidency and allow him to leverage the presidency as an impenetrable fortress against legal consequences.

The implications are stunning. Looking at Trump's actions through a Game Theory framework, we can take a look at his Machiavellian approach and the significant implications for the American system.

Trump's tactics undermine the principles of justice, imperil the independence of law enforcement agencies, and manipulate public sentiment to rally blind support.

Trump has always been a master communicator and it is clear he is also a savvy analyst of public perception. He is utilizing these skills to exploit perceptions, suspicions, and public sentiment, using them as mere game pieces in a more high-stakes game that pits him against the future of the United States.

One of Trump's most remarkable feats has been his ability to sway public opinion, convincing a substantial portion of Americans that he is a victim of an unjust system.

Despite the weight of multiple federal and state charges hanging over him, Trump's popularity among his base and within the Republican party has only solidified.

He is the choice of the vast majority of polled Republican likely voters. A CBS poll after his federal indictment shows him with 61 per cent support.

He has successfully portrayed himself to his supporters as a target of biased persecution. This manipulation of public sentiment undermines the very basis of legitimacy of the American justice system, with wide ranging implications of eroding trust and fueling a danger-

ous narrative of victimhood that has his MAGA (Make America Great Again) base seeing itself as the victim through Trump.

To understand this better, we need to unpack the Game Theory dynamics.

In Game Theory, players seek to maximize their impact while minimising potential costs. By skillfully leveraging his political influence Trump aims to use this fervent base of support to buttress a view of the American system that benefits him at the expense of the country.

To outside observers, this magnifies the inherent weaknesses in a system that was touted to the world as the greatest constitution, written by the wisest of men humanity has produced at the founding of a nation.

That has been the American narrative, but Trump's calculated approach exploits all the weaknesses and loopholes within the constitutional framework, posing a potentially formidable challenge to the principles that have been at the core of America's self-appointed role of moral leadership in the world.

At home, this threatens the very foundations of American democracy, eroding democratic institutions and undermining the rule of law.

Trump's immediate statements as he announced his own indictments are clearly a political rather than a legal strategy. He declared himself "an innocent man" casting doubt on his alleged wrongdoings and fanning the flames of resentment and distrust. "This is unprecedented election interference," said the leading Republican candidate for the presidency, "I did nothing wrong, I will fight these actions like I have been fighting the last seven years."

# LOCs restrict people's free movement cannot be issued at random: Cal HC

KOLKATA, JUN 13: Observing that a Look Out Circular (LOC) restricts a person's free movement and the right to travel, the Calcutta High Court has said it should be issued only in exceptional circumstances.

LOCs are issued where it is apprehended that the persons concerned might not return from abroad to India, the high court said.

Quashing an LOC issued against a couple who had been deported from a flight to the United Kingdom on account of it, Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya said these have an inexplicably long shelf-life.

"Look Out Circulars which have the effect of restricting a person's free movement and the right to travel should only be issued in exceptional circumstances," the court observed.

Justice Bhattacharya also observed that banks have been given untrammelled powers to issue, use and exploit the lock-in power of an LOC "without sufficient recourse being provided in law to the person at the receiving end of it."

The court noted that as per Official Memoranda (OM), an LOC is supposed to remain in force until and unless a deletion request is received by the Bureau of Immigration from the originator and that no LOC will be deleted automatically.

It said although there is a provision that the originating agency has to

review the LOC on a quarterly or annual basis and submit proposals for its deletion, this is "sadly" found to be absent in most cases.

"This spells dangerous repercussions on the person's right to freely move across and beyond the country and remain mobile," the court observed.

The petitioners had obtained loans from a consortium of 11 banks for the expansion of businesses.

It was noted by the high court that the petitioners have settled the claims of all the banks except the bank on whose behalf the LOC was issued and two other maintainings that there is "something draconian and uncivilised" in a person being deported from an aircraft without being informed of the reason for such, the court said, "This is against the principles of natural justice and fair play in action where the fundamental right to travel and the right to life is inexcusably compromised and with impunity." The court observed that the extreme repercussions of issuing an LOC must hence be regulated to give it form and certainty and not be the norm for recovery of outstanding payments to the bank.

"Isolated and few-and-far between cases of persons fleeing the country cannot be the uniform rationale for issuing LOCs left, right and centre," Justice Bhattacharya said.

Passing judgement on the petition on June 9, Justice Bhattacharya said that the bank, in this case a PSU, cannot have any continuing reason to interfere with the petitioners' travel outside the country.

The court directed that the bank and

the other respondents, including the immigration authority, will not continue to give any further effect to the LOC preventing the petitioners from travelling outside India.

The court noted that as per Official Memoranda (OM), an LOC is supposed to remain in force until and unless a deletion request is received by the Bureau of Immigration from the originator and that no LOC will be deleted automatically.

The court said that LOCs cause "immediate and irrevocable violation of a person's fundamental right of movement."

Maintaining that there is "something draconian and uncivilised" in a person being deported from an aircraft without being informed of the reason for such, the court said, "This is against the principles of natural justice and fair play in action where the fundamental right to travel and the right to life is inexcusably compromised and with impunity." The court observed that the extreme repercussions of issuing an LOC must hence be regulated to give it form and certainty and not be the norm for recovery of outstanding payments to the bank. "Isolated and few-and-far between cases of persons fleeing the country cannot be the uniform rationale for issuing LOCs left, right and centre," Justice Bhattacharya said.

# You cannot hide behind advisories Venugopal slams Scindia over high airfares

NEW DELHI, JUN 13: Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia should take concrete action to control rising airfares rather than "hiding behind" advisories and quoting "random figures," Congress leader K C Venugopal said on Tuesday, firing a fresh salvo in the war of words between them.

Venugopal and Scindia have been sparring on Twitter since Sunday over the state of the aviation sector.

On Monday, the minister hit back at the Congress general secretary (organisation), saying he was "cherry-picking" facts to attack the BJP government while forgetting the "step-brotherly" treatment meted out to civil aviation during the UPA rule.

Tagging Scindia's long Twitter post from Monday, Venugopal tweeted that this entire "flight price fiasco" is unravelling the "criminal extent" to which the Ministry of Civil Aviation "neglected" passenger welfare and the aviation sector.

"The more we dive deeper, the greater the mess we see. You have opened a Pandora's box. @JM\_Scindia ji," he said.

As per the ministry's own affidavit in the Jet Airways insolvency case, airport slots are neither assets nor rights

of the airline, but mere permissions granted on a 'use it or lose it' basis, Venugopal said.

"In 2020, then MoS Civil Aviation @HavjeeppSPrati ji, in response to a Parliamentary Question, stated that Jet Airways slots were being reallocated on a temporary basis. In this case as well, if GoFirst is not using its slots, these must be allocated to other airlines on a temporary basis. Why is the govt treating the GoFirst crisis differently?" he said.

Venugopal also termed "laughable" Scindia's assertion that the AERA (Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India) is an independent body.

Venugopal said the AERA is run by a sitting IAS officer and its other officers are appointed by the government, which also determines its budget. Is it independent in the same way that the ED, CBI and IT Dept are independent, the Congress leader asked. "You conveniently skipped the part where it was the Modi government itself which hiked the excise on ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) from 8 per cent to 14 per cent. After ATF constitutes nearly half the cost of operating an aircraft, these

seemingly small changes make a huge impact," Venugopal said in his tweet on Tuesday, hitting out at Scindia.

"You cannot hide behind advisories which have no legal bearing and quote random figures that fly in the face of exorbitant prices faced by consumers on a daily basis.

Unless you take concrete action, and not create paper tigers, this crisis will not be solved," the Congress general secretary said.

Hitting back at Scindia for his criticism of the UPA government's handling of the aviation sector, Venugopal said that as far as the growth of the aviation sector under the UPA is concerned, the number of Indians traveling by flights grew from 30.3 million on 2003-04 to 91.8 million in 2010-11.

He said there was a 300 per cent increase, facilitated by historically high levels of economic growth and the creation of the Indian middle class.

"It was during the UPA era that low cost travel boomed, with the rise of Indigo, Spice Jet and Go Air (then a flourishing venture), along with the expansion of existing airlines, which ensured the Indian middle class took flights for the first time," Venugopal said.

# Dorsey attempting to cover up past misdeeds 'Twitter files' had exposed misuse of platform: Anurag Thakur

SHIMLA, JUN 13: The "false" allegations made by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey were an attempt to cover up past misdeeds and Twitter's internal communications had exposed that the platform was "misused and there was bias and tinkering", Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said here on Tuesday.

Thakur said many "foreign forces" get active at the time of elections to vitiate the democratic process and build tension, but such attempts have failed in the past and would not succeed in the future also.

"Such elements within the country and abroad will never be able to destabilise the nation which is being led by a strong leader," the minister told reporters here.

Dorsey, who quit as Twitter CEO in 2021, claimed in an interview Indian government "pressured" the company



with threats of a shutdown and raids on employees if it did not comply with requests to take down posts and restrict accounts, a charge rubbished by the government.

"Jack Dorsey has woken up after deep slumber and is making allegations to cover up his black deeds," Thakur said.

The allegations made by the former owner of Twitter "are false and an attempt to cover up the past misdeeds and the Twitter files have exposed that this platform was misused and there was bias and tinkering", the minister alleged. After taking over Twitter, billionaire Elon Musk had in December last year released 'Twitter files' - controversial internal communications under the previous leadership on how it handled matters related to suspension and banning of accounts.

Thakur said the government will ensure that provisions of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution are not violated, stressing that the law treats everyone as equal.

Referring to the stir by wrestlers, Thakur said that he had talks with three wrestlers and, on their demand, an ad hoc committee was constituted to carry out the day-to-day activities of the wrestling federation.

# 'Developing process to provide remedy for Indian students facing deportation', says Canadian minister

The Canadian government is developing a process to ensure that a large number of Indian students facing the prospect of deportation on charges of obtaining visas using fake admission letters will get an opportunity to prove that they were taken advantage of, immigration minister Sean Fraser has said.

The Indian students, mostly from Punjab, face deportation from Canada after the authorities here found their admission offer letters to educational institutions fake. The matter came to light in March when these students applied for permanent residency in Canada. Responding to a question in Parliament on Monday, Fraser, the

Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser assured that the "innocent students, who are the victims of fraud", would be allowed to "prove that they were taken advantage of." The government will develop an "appropriate remedy" for them, he said while noting that many students were "dealing with serious mental health concerns with the uncertainty they are struggling with." "We'll put a process in place to allow them to prove that they were taken advantage of and provide an appropriate remedy for them," Fraser said in response to a question by Jenny Kwan, a member of the opposition New Democratic Party. The minister, however, reiterated

that the fraudsters or those complicit in fraudulent schemes would bear the consequences of not following Canada's laws. India has repeatedly been urging Canadian authorities to be fair and take a humanitarian approach since the students were allegedly victims of some agents. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said that India has taken up the issue with Canadian authorities. "If there were people, who misled them (the students), the culpable parties should be acted upon. It is unfair to punish a student who undertook education in good faith," he said in New Delhi. "We are in touch with Canada on the issue," he said.

# Here is what to expect during Donald Trump's Miami courtroom appearance

WASHINGTON: Former President Donald Trump will appear before the federal courthouse in Miami on Tuesday to face charges in the classified documents case. This will be Trump's second courtroom appearance this year, the first in April in a New York courthouse on charges of falsifying business records.

Trump, who is the Presidential candidate for 2024, landed in Miami on Monday on his private plane from a resort at Bedminster in New Jersey, where he had been staying.

Though Trump "has been charged with 37 counts of unauthorised release of national security information, the court hearing will clarify the

charges. Trump has already made it clear that he would plead not guilty to the charges.

The GOP front-runner is also expected to address his followers after he flies back to Bedminster after the indictment. The case pertains to Trump illegally storing dozens of highly-sensitive documents at his Florida resort, refusing to return them to the FBI and National Archives. His courtroom appearance is likely to witness protests by his supporters with many tagging at the probe by "special counsel Jack Smith, as an act of war."

While the former president is expected to surrender to U.S. marshals at local time 3 pm, here is what to

expect from his courtroom appearance. Though criminal defendants are often handcuffed and photographed for a mug shot, it is unlikely that Trump will be subjected to the same, since the main purpose of the same is identification. Trump, already the most popular face in the US, wouldn't require it. In April, during the first indictment at NewYork, Trump was fingerprinted but not handcuffed or photographed.

In Miami too, he will likely be fingerprinted as it is standard practice for processing federal criminal defendants. However, there is still ambiguity on whether or not Trump's DNA profiling will be carried out.



# Empowering Voices for a brighter Future: DC B'pora interacts with school children

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BANDIPORA, JUNE 13: In an effort to foster meaningful connections with the future leaders of society, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad on Tuesday participated in an engaging and informative session with students of Hope School of Merit Ashtangoo at Mini-Secretariat, Bandipora.

The session commenced with a warm welcome and an introduction to the role and responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner's office besides witnessing an active exchange of ideas and perspectives, as students eagerly shared their thoughts, concerns, and aspirations with the DC.



The school children also visited various offices located at the mini-secretariat Bandipora and interacted with officers/officials. It is worth mentioning here that

know how of Government functionaries.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the interactive meet was aimed to encourage and inspire young minds and highlight the importance of civic engagement.

Dr. Owais highlighted the role of future generations in driving positive change within their community and emphasized the power of collective action and encouraged the students to actively participate in initiatives that promote inclusivity, environmental sustainability, and social harmony. He said that such sessions serve as an excellent opportunity for the administration to connect with the younger generation, nurturing their sense of civic responsibility and inspiring them to

become future leaders and change-makers within the community.

The DC expressed appreciation for the students' active participation in public meetings, and collaborating with community leaders to contribute towards building a brighter future for all.

Chairman of the school, Junaid Ahmad said that this initiative of District Administration proved to be an insightful and empowering experience, laying the foundation for a stronger relationship between local government and the youth and expressed his gratitude to the District Administration for the novel initiative.

# Batch of 139 Haj pilgrims leave from Doda

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DODA, JUNE 13: A batch of 139 Haj pilgrims was accorded warm send-off by the district administration and locals today. The batch includes 87 male and 52 female pilgrims hailing from different parts from the district.

The Haj pilgrims were flagged-off from Dakbanglow by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan in presence of SSP, Abdul Qayoom; President MC, Ved Parkash Gupta; ACP, Ashfaq Khanji (Nodal Officer); GM, DIC, Idrees Lone and other officers.

The DC along with SSP and others interacted with the Hajis and wished them a safe journey. A total of 166 Haj Pilgrims are going for the Haj pilgrimage from Doda, out of which a group of 20 Pilgrims have already left for the holy city of Mecca and 7 pilgrims are leaving on 22nd of June.

The District Administration has made all the arrangements for the convenience of the pilgrims and a dedicated control room under the supervision of Nodal Officer (ACP Doda) has been established to take calls 24\*7 from Hajis and their families.

While parting, DC and SSP requested them to pray for the peace, prosperity, and progress of our country, UT, and the district. A similar farewell function was organised by the sub-district administration Bhaderwah. People from different areas of the mountainous Tehsils gathered at the historical Jamia Masjid Bhaderwah and accompanied the pilgrims to the old bus stand where they boarded the vehicle.

ADC Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dilmir, along with other officers including ASP Vinod Sharma and Naib Tehsildar, gave a warm send-off to the pilgrims, congratulated them and wished them a safe journey.

# DC Kathua discusses arrangements for International Yoga Day activities

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KATHUA, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrangements for "International Day of Yoga" to be observed on 21st June 2023 in the district. It was decided that the event will be organized at Sports Stadium Kathua where a Mega Yoga session will be held to commemorate the day.

During the meeting, DC directed the department of AYUSH to provide yoga instructors whereas the Health department will ensure participation of trainees and staff along with deployment of Ambulance. The concerned stakeholder departments were asked to make all the necessary arrangements viz. Police department was asked to make provision of security especially at the Parking facilities, the Education Department will ensure the participation of students from educational institutions involving NSS/NCC volunteers, IIT, Polytechnic and Degree Colleges.

Other departments viz. PHE, ICDS, are directed to look after the water arrangements and public mobilization respectively besides cleanliness and wide publicity of the event are to be ensured by the Municipality and Information department.

During the meeting DC called for inter-departmental coordination besides ensuring mass participation of people from all walks of society for the success of the event.

Members of social organizations like Sant Nirankari, Patanjali and Yoga enthusiasts assured full cooperation to the administration by ensuring participation of people, helping in wide publicity and providing other logistic support for the success of the event.

ASP, ADC, CEO, District Ayush Officer, Executive Engineers, Officers of Police Training School, CEO Municipality, DYSSO and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

# Kathua admin finalises arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2023

Efforts afoot to revamp Lakanpur corridor to provide best facilities to pilgrims: DC



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KATHUA, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting to finalize the arrangements for smooth conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023. DC State Taxes, DFO ICDS, Registrar (Yatra Officer), GM DIC, CPO besides other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

At the outset, the DC impressed upon all the concerned officers to speed up the revamping works including augmentation of amenities/ facilities to give lakanpur corridor a new look where yatra receive warm reception and hassle free access to the amenities. The DC, while reviewing the arrangements directed the Nodal Officers to personally visit the facilities including designated lodgment centers to ensure all amenities are in place for the facilitation of yatra. The DC impressed upon the stakeholder departments to ensure provision of safe drinking water, power supply, Medical facilities, toilets, Sanitation facilities, lodging and larger facilities, Traffic and security arrangements etc. He directed the departments to work in tandem for finalizing the necessary arrangements at the earliest. Directing the concerned officers of NHAI & Tourism department, the DC called for ensuring installation of digital screens, boardings and signages on Yatra route across the district. The DC directed MC Lakanpur and Hiranagar to maintain proper sanitation in their respective areas with special focus on conducting anti-polythene drives.

# Central Nodal Officer JSA,CTR visits Gool; inspects development projects under JJM, Amrit Sarovars

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RAMBAN, JUNE 13: On day 3 of their tour to the district, Director (Law & Order), Internal Security-I Division, Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyaan (JSA), Catch the Rain (CTR), Nishtha Tiwari, along with Scientist Central Ground Water, Chandreyee De, today conducted an exhaustive tour of Sub Division Gool.

During the visit, CNO, Scientist CGW and members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan interacted with the PRI members and took stock of their issues and concerns.

# J&K Pollution Control Committee conducts Public Hearing at Village Pandgour Samba

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SAMBA, JUNE 13: Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control committee today conducted a public hearing at Village Pandgour, Samba for the Environmental Clearance of Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 2/4 and Block 2/6 Downstream NHIA bridge Basantar River. People of Panchayat Pandgour and adjoining area, their public Representative, Sarpanches/Panches and reputed persons of the area participated in the proceeding.

During the proceedings of the public hearing, AB Jandiyal (AEE),

They inspected various ongoing development projects being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission besides inspecting Amrit Sarovars of Rural Development department in the sub division. During the interaction with PRIs and locals, CNO and Scientist CGW emphasized the need and importance of water conservation, water harvesting and improvement in infrastructure for water storage and distribution.

They asked the PRIs to plan GPPD, MGNREGA and other development schemes for creation of infrastructure required for water conservation and rain water harvesting in the district.

representing Regional Director, JKPC Jammu, briefed the public about the importance of conducting public hearing & Role of JKPC.

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

All the issues related to mining were discussed and many queries were raised by various speakers during proceedings.

Mohd Sayeed, District Mineral Officer, Samba and Kishan Lal (Tehsildar), representing Deputy Commissioner Samba, also attend-

ed the public hearing and addressed the gathering & assured that all the important issues/ concerns raised by project affected people are recorded by viedigraphy & will be incorporated in the report to be submitted to the Competent Authority, Deepak Abrol Divisional Officer JKPC, Samba (South) also briefed the public about the public hearing/ Environment Clearance individually and also replied to queries raised by the public during the proceeding.

Subash Chander (Draftsman) JKPC, Samba (South) anchored the proceedings and presented vote of thanks to the chair as well as all the participants.

# Doda Admin discusses Swachhta Plan, Waste management, garbage collection gets major focus

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 13: District Administration Doda has mapped out a plan to make the district a model one in terms of Swachhta (Cleanliness).

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan chaired a meeting of the stakeholder departments here today in his Office Chamber to discuss the action plan for making the district 100% polythene free and clean.

It was informed that the district shall purchase garbage collection vehicles (Small), one each for every block. The Committee also considered buying

2 to 3 Tippers to be used for the collection of garbage from the far-off areas. It was decided in the meeting that all the Segregation Sheds, Compost Pits, MRFs, and other assets created for waste management shall be geo-tagged and used meticulously and in the best possible way to get the desired results. The concerned have been asked to take due care of black and grey water handling and its proper disposal.

The DC impressed upon the officers to ensure the general public participation, payment of user charges, and the use of managerial powers by the BDOs is essential to ensure clean Doda.

Plastic disposal in the areas of the district/ block /villages, which are more visible like Highways, Hill Stations, Picnic Spots, Public Places, etc, shall be given priority.

The door to door collection agencies finalised for seven blocks shall ensure proper collection of domestic waste. The committee was asked to ensure that the left over blocks also get the door to door garbage collection agency.

ADC, ACD, and ACP were asked to personally monitor the implementation of swachhta plan and review the progress on a daily basis so that the desired results are visible on the ground.

Special focus on IEC activities will be given on educational institutions, gram shabhas, block diwas programmes, and at public places. Special attention be given to sensitise the women folk of the village. Women Officials of the line department were asked to create social media groups to reach out the women from the villages and make them aware of the swachhta campaign.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda Pran Singh, CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, ACD Doda Phulail Singh, ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji, EO MC Doda, Ex En REW and other concerned officers and officials.

# DIET Doda, Pratham Collaborate to Empower Grade 1-3 Mothers with Developmental Skills Workshop - Part 2

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DODA, JUNE 13: District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET), in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation Doda, on Tuesday organized the second empowering workshop for mothers of children in grades 1, 2, and 3. The workshop, held across 10 educational zones in District Doda, aimed to discuss the developmental skills goals of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN.

Acknowledging the crucial role of mothers in their children's lives, the workshop emphasized the



importance of their involvement in nurturing and shaping their young ones. The first five years of a child's life are a critical period for brain development, as synaptic networks are still forming. During this stage, children are highly receptive to human

contact and interaction, making it essential for parents to engage them in cognitive, social, and emotional activities that will shape their future selves. The workshop highlighted the significance of maintaining communication between mothers and their

child's teacher. By staying updated on their child's classroom learning, mothers can reinforce and transfer this knowledge in the home setting. This collaborative approach extends the teaching beyond the classroom, resulting in a more positive learning experience for children. Ultimately, it helps children perform better in school, fostering their confidence and overall ability.

Prominent attendees at the workshop included Chief Education Officer Doda, Paruhath Gouria, Principal DIET Doda, Sandhya Malhotra, Pratham District Coordinator Pankaj

Sharma, District Nodal Officer Jambhagidari, Kismat Singh, and Asstt. Technical District Nodal Officer, Chander Parkash. Their presence and active participation further strengthened the commitment to empowering mothers and leveraging their vital role in their child's education. These community meetings and mother's workshops represent a continued effort to bridge the gap between government schools and communities. By bringing together education professionals, mothers, and other stakeholders, these workshops contribute to achieving the goals of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN. They also foster a strong partnership between schools and families, leading to the holistic development of children and the realization of educational targets. The collaboration between DIET Doda and Pratham exemplifies their dedication to equipping mothers with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively support their children's learning journey. By nurturing a strong bond between schools and communities, we move closer to the vision of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN, ensuring a brighter future for our children.

# Atal Dulloo discusses sponsorship of projects under NABARD funding

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat to review sponsorship of projects under NABARD funding.

ACS had an overview of ongoing projects under NABARD in different departments. He also held detailed discussion regarding progress achieved, so far, on various projects in agriculture and allied sectors, as well as SKUAST Jammu and Kashmir.

Dulloo also reviewed status of sponsorship of projects to NABARD for 2023-24 besides taking stock of implementation of new projects to be submitted to the Finance Department.

On the occasion, ACS approved several projects to be undertaken in the Union Territory under NABARD.



Emphasizing the importance of timely action, Dulloo urged upon the CGM NABARD to prepare a final list of projects and submit it to the finance department as soon as possible.

In a separate meeting, ACS reviewed implementation of e-NAM (National Agriculture

Market) in the Union Territory. He assessed the status of registration of farmers, traders and commission agents during discussion with the concerned officers.

Regarding apple marketing, the ACS instructed the Director Horticulture (P&M) to organize a buyer-seller meet prior to the harvesting season.

This proactive approach aims to maximize the benefits for stakeholders after the harvest season, he maintained.

Among others the meeting was attended by Director General Command Area Development (CAD) Jammu, Director

Sericulture J&K, Director General, Sheep Husbandry Kashmir, Director Sheep Husbandry, Jammu, Director General Planning APD, Director Planning ASH&F/Horticulture, Special Secretary (All) APD, Director Finance APD, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Managing Director, Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, MD HPMC, Director Fisheries, Director CAD Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir/Jammu, CGM NABARD Director Horticulture (P&M), State Coordinator e-NAM, National Coordinator e-NAM, President Fruit and Vegetable Association Parimpora and President Fruit Mandi Narwal Jammu, both in person and through video conferencing. The outstation participants attended the meeting via video conferencing.

# DC reviews implementation of Self-Employment Schemes in Rajouri district

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of self-employment generation schemes in the district. The meeting took a detailed review about the employment generation under Munim, Tejaswini, PMEGP, DIC, KVIB, and other self-employment-oriented programs. The officers from the concerned departments provided the update on the status of coverage of beneficiaries under these schemes. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to ensure maximum coverage of unemployed youth in the district and directed officers to work in close coordination to help them enroll in these schemes. He also stressed the importance of creating a supportive and enabling environment for entrepreneurship and job creation in the district. The Deputy Commissioner urged officers to identify potential areas for and devise strategies to promote employment among the youth. He emphasized the importance of educating the unemployed and educated youth of the district about the various self-employment generation schemes and motivating them to avail the benefits of these programs.

By promoting entrepreneurship and employment opportunities, we can create a brighter future for our youth and contribute to the overall economic development of the district. The efforts of the District Administration to ensure the effective implementation of self-employment generation schemes in Rajouri district demonstrate its commitment to the well-being of the community.

Officers who attended the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid, GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma, DDE, Qadeer Ul Rehman, DDO NLRM, Javid Ul Sofi, PO DUDA, Kavita and other concerned officers.

# District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting held at Shopian

DDC EMPHASIZES UPON DIVERSIFYING COURSES, BASED ON MARKET DEMAND

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, JUNE 13: The District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting was held here today with District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb in chair to review the performance of Jammu and Kashmir Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI).

Director RSETI Shopian, Nazir Ahmed Bandh briefed the chair about the functioning of the Institute and put forth a comprehensive note on its functioning. He briefed the house about the progress of RSETI, for the quarter ended 31st March, 2022-23.

The DDC stressed upon better coordination among line departments for imparting the training programmes related to various self employment activities in the district.

He impressed upon the concerned RSETI to introduce and diversify the courses which are in consonance with the District Skill Development Plan. He also stressed the need to conduct a survey of the district for a unified skill development plan and held more and more awareness programmes to motivate the unemployed youth to generate employment for themselves and others too.

The meeting was informed that during the year 2022-23, a total of 441 candidates were imparted training, comprising 15 batches against a target of 400 candidates.

All the line departments and banks were asked to provide credit linkage to the candidates trained by RSETI who want to pursue business ventures.

On this occasion, two successful entrepreneurs in women tailoring also expressed their satisfaction saying that by establishing their Tailoring Units and availing of loan facilities, they were able to earn 3000 monthly to earn their livelihood and also to generate employment avenues for others also.

The DDC directed the concerned to encourage such beneficiaries by providing them each and every possible help so that they may be able to give fillip to their established units.

The meeting was attended by the Cluster Officer, JK Bank Bashir Ahmed Bhat, Lead District Manager, Feroze Ahmed Bhat, Officers from line departments and other officials of various banks.

# GHSS B'pora organises Awareness rally regarding G20, NIPUN & NEP

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, JUNE 13: To conduct various activities of Janbhagidari events on theme 'Ensuring Foundation Literacy and Numeracy especially in the context of blended learning', the Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Bandipora today organised a series of activities, here.

The GHSS in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora organised a rally involving students, teachers, parents, SMC members and Municipal Council members. The rally started from the GHSS premises, passed through the main market, Gulshan Chowk, and culminated back at GHSS. Hundreds of students participated in the rally carrying banners, and placards related to NEP, G-20, NIPUN BHARAT MISSION, FLN and chanted different government schemes in vogue. ACR Bandipora highlighted the importance of Janbhagidari events for school education, tourism, and other developmental projects.

The rally was attended by the Chairman Municipal Council Bandipora Basharat Hussain Nasir, ACR Bandipora Shabir Ahmad Vani, members of legal service authority and members of civil society Bandipora.

# Arrangements for Int'l Yoga Day 2023 activities finalised at Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaisya today chaired a meeting of officers of line departments to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements for the smooth celebration of International Yoga day here in his office Chamber. Three day discussions related to the venue of event, participants, Stage, refreshment, publicity, parking, security and other necessary arrangements.

# DC Doda finalises arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha 2023

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, today discussed the arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha at a joint meeting of departments here in the Conference Hall of DC office.

Threadbare discussion was held regarding arrangements to be put in place by the concerned departments, including availability of essentials, transport arrangements, and cleanliness. The DC exhorted upon the officers of essential services departments to take measures for providing uninterrupted power and drinking water supply and availability of essential commodities in the market at reasonable prices. He instructed the Executive Officer of the Municipal Council to start cleanliness and sanitation drives around Masjid, and streets. Ex En Jal Shakti department Doda was directed to make proper arrangement of water and sanitation in the Slaughter House.

The Fire and Emergency Services Department was asked to keep fire tenders ready at vulnerable places, especially in the town, to deal with any eventuality.

Further, directions were issued to the concerned officers to intensify market checking on profiteering, hoarding, and black marketing. The Officers of Municipal Committee, JCS&CA, Legal Metrology, Food and Drug control, and Police Departments were asked to check and ensure that products are sold strictly in accordance with the notified rates.

Moreover, the DC appealed to the public to buy the products at already notified rates and maintain cleanliness and discipline.

The DC also directed the regulating authorities to effectively enforce the traffic decongestion plan to avoid traffic jamming in the market places during the Eid days.

The meeting was attended by SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, ADDC Doda Pran Singh, ADC Doda Dr RK Bharti, ADC Bhaderwah Ch Dil Mir, ACR Doda Sanjeev Kumar, ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji, GM DIC Idrees Lone,

# ADDC reviews implementation of Measles, Rubella Elimination programme in Ramban district

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, JUNE 13: Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Rajinder Sharma convened a meeting of the District Task Force to review the progress made towards Measles-Rubella Elimination in the district.

The meeting was attended by PO ICDS Jhangir Hashmi, CMO, Dr Kamal Zadoo, Medical Superintendent DH, Dr Virender, DIO Dr. Bashir Ahmed, BMOs, and other officers of concerned departments attended the meeting. A detailed discussion was

held on different aspects related to the implementation of the road map formulated by the Government for Measles, Rubella Elimination.

During the meeting, the ADDC discussed the strategic objectives of the programme with the District Task Force comprising officers of different departments regarding Measles Rubella Elimination in district Ramban.

The Health Department was directed to take all possible measures and give focused attention to the Measles, Rubella Elimination in the District. He further directed to start

the process of vaccination at the grassroots level and targeting 0-5 years.

The ADDC stressed on the active participation of educational institutions in spreading awareness and sensitizing students about the infection of Measles and Rubella.

The ADDC asked the concerned officers to identify the target groups, conduct surveys, and prepare separate plans for vulnerable groups.

The CMO was asked to start an awareness drive involving ASHAs and Anganwari workers to make the public aware.

# MVD Kulgam organizes Awareness programme on Drug Abuse & its prevention

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, JUNE 13: Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Kulgam in collaboration with NGO, South Asia Center for Peace and People's Empowerment (SACPPE) today organized an awareness programme at AKTO office, Kulgam.

Programme was attended by drivers, members of the transport association and locals of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, ABR Ahmad Kripak AKTO Kulgam emphasized on the social and moral responsibility in preventing drug abuse.



'This indicates the understanding that tackling drug abuse is not just a legal or enforcement issue but also a societal concern that requires active participation from everyone,' he said.

Drug Control Officer of Anantnag/Kulgam, Ghulam Mustafa Khan underscored the importance of creating awareness and providing education on drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

# Doda Admin finalises arrangements for tourism, Yoga Day event at Jai Valley

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 13: Doda administration is all set to host another mega event at Jai Valley on the International Day of Yoga to attract the fitness freaks, nature and yoga lovers and to promote eco-tourism in the region.

The administration is expecting more than 5000 tourists from different parts of the country and some foreign tourists. The event is a joint venture of administration and stakeholders involved in the tourism business and will give the district a distinct identity in the tourism sector. The infor-



mation was given by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan. He revealed that the

that the arrangements have been discussed and finalised with the concerned stakeholders and shall be put in place in advance. It was informed that the event shall be managed by Youth Service and Sports and Ayush departments under the supervision of ADC Doda Chowdhary Dil Mir. All the officers and officials were asked to attend the event. Security, traffic management, temporary toilets, setting of food and local product stalls, and other logistics were discussed in detail during the meeting. The DC has extended an open invitation to all and has urged to sched-

ule the date for the event and be part of the first of its kind Yoga/Cultural/ Tourism event and expedition in the heavenly abode at Jai Ghati. The meeting was attended by SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, ADDC Doda Pran Singh, ADC Doda Dr RK Bharti, ADC Bhaderwah Ch Dil Mir, ACR Doda Sanjeev Kumar, ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji, GM DIC Idrees Lone, DTO Doda Muzaffar Hussain, SE PWD SE JSD, AD Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, CAO, CHO, DYSSO, CAHO, DIO, EO MC Doda and other concerned officers.

# Students, who couldn't appear in CUET 2023 to be given opportunity to take admission in subjects, colleges of their choice--Principal Secretary

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: The government has announced that the students, who could not appear in the recently held Common University Entrance Test (CUET) 2023 due to allotment of examination centres in distant towns and cities, shall be given an opportunity to take admission in subjects and colleges of their choice. Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar, while conveying this information, said that the CUET, as per the NEP 2020, is a standardized entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) that aims to streamline the admission process for undergraduate and postgraduate courses being offered by Universities across the country. This test will assess the knowledge, aptitude and interest of the applicants, providing a fair and equitable evaluation platform for all the candidates. Last year, more than 200 universities (including 47 central universities) participated in the

CUET. The process will give an opportunity to the students from J&K to take admission in prestigious Universities and Colleges of the country.

The Higher Education Department of J&K has taken strenuous efforts for implementation of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for the academic session 2023, following the guidelines outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and Government's commitment to inclusivity.

A total of 87309 (Eighty-seven thousand three hundred nine) unique candidates have been registered from the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the CUET (UG) 2023.

The examination centres were randomly allocated based on availability of requisite infrastructure within the geographical boundaries of J&K and the exam dates were announced by the National Testing Agency. However, some students were

allotted centres outside the UT of J&K.

Taking cognizance of the peculiar situation and resentment against the same at the time of scheduled G-20 event in Kashmir after the intervention of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, NTA deferred the CUET (UG) examination for the students of J&K and implemented a centre reallocation process exclusively for J&K students and issued new dates for conducting the examination.

Further, in order to save the travel and logistical challenges faced by students while appearing for CUET (UG) 2023 in the examination centres located outside the UT of J&K, the department augmented the requisite infrastructure in the shortest possible time.

After a thorough examination, it has come to the notice of the department that some students from Jammu division, after reallocation of centres were still allotted centres outside the UT of J&K and had discrepancies in the examination dates in cer-

tain subject combinations.

Allaying the fears of students community in this regard, Principal Secretary HED assured that sufficient opportunity would be given to such candidates for admission in the under graduate programmes in various Degree Colleges of the UT based on their merit in the 12th class examination.

# DC reviews progress of work on GMC Udhampur campus

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaisya today chaired a meeting of officers and field functionaries of PWD Department to review the progress of ongoing execution work of Government Medical College Udhampur Campus Building here in his office Chamber.

# Div Com calls for immediate measures to ensure power, water supply in Jammu division

**Asks to Set up control rooms, appoint nodal officers to streamline public services**

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, JUNE 13: To ensure regular supply of power and drinking water and address any emergent crisis situation in Jammu division, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar today chaired a high-level meeting with Deputy Commissioners and Chief Engineers of Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited and Jal Shakti Department.

In a move aimed at ensuring accountability, the Div Com directed that each district must have a designated nodal officer from within Jal Shakti Department or JPDCI to act as a single point of contact in case of any irregularity in supply of these essential amenities. He also directed that a control room be set up and the contact number be widely published for the convenience of the public.

The nodal officer would also provide a daily report to the Div Com office regarding any issue pertaining to water or electricity supply and any unusual power curtailment or related issues. The Div Com directed officials of JPDCI to stick to a well publicised curtailment schedule to ensure that the public doesn't suffer indefinitely. He also called for coordination between mechanical and civil divi-

sions of the Jal Shakti Department.

The Div Com took stock of available stock replacement and replacement rate of machinery in all districts. He was directed that a scheduled power-cut of 2 hours has been earmarked for urban areas with smart meters installed and 8 hours scheduled cuts for rural areas. The Div Com was also apprised about the status of pending machinery purchases by the JPDCI. He was assured by engineers that the damage rate of transformers has greatly been reduced and the time taken to replace them has also been reduced to 2 to 4 hours in urban areas and to less than a day for rural areas.

Managing Director JPDCI assured the Div Com that no industries would be made to suffer besides the common public as all their power requirements would be expeditiously met.

The Div Com also directed that dedicated and uninterrupted power be supplied to Government Medical College Udhampur. It was decided during the meeting that water filtration plants would be exempted from scheduled power cuts.

The Div Com has also asked the Managing Director of JPDCI and Chief Engineer to visit District Doda to address its most pressing power-related issues.

The Div Com gave specific instructions to the Jal Shakti Department to rationalise its men and machinery and to give special attention to remote and Kandi areas. The department was also directed to identify and penalise illegal irrigation pumps so that genuine consumers are not faced with difficulties.

The Div Com reviewed the status of water supply tankers of Jammu Municipal Corporation and Jal Shakti Department and emphasised that these services be ensured around the clock for areas facing acute water shortage. He also called for immediate steps to plug water supply leakages within Jammu City.

The district administrations were also directed to make demand for essential supplies like poles, wires etc. and other bare minimum requirements to be fulfilled immediately.

The Div Com made special mention of water supply in Katra and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan. He said that water supply must be ensured in these two vital areas of the division.

Those present at the meeting also included senior officers of JPDCI, Power Development Department and Jal Shakti Department besides Deputy Commissioners and other district staff who participated virtually.

# Udhampur admin finalises activity plan for Int'l Day against Drug abuse

**Mass awareness events being held across all blocks**

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13: To discuss the activity plan and arrangements for the observance of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking under the aegis of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Jyotinder Singh Jasrota chaired a meeting of officers of various line departments in his office chamber.

Detailed deliberations were held on various aspects related to Participation of different institutions in the awareness activities planned for

International Day Against Drug Abuse on 26th of June 2023. Block wise awareness activities, Role and responsibilities of all stakeholders, organizing the district level programme on 26th June etc were discussed in detail. During the meeting, Information, Education, GDC Boys & GCW were directed to organize theme based cultural programmes to foster a sense of responsibility in the civil society towards fight against the drug menace in the District.

The meeting decided to rope in people from all walks of life and sensitize the targeted groups about the ill effects

of drug abuse. The officers were asked to ensure that the primary objective of creating awareness among the public about drug abuse is achieved. The ACD was directed to conduct awareness programmes/activities and sensitize the general public about the ill effects of drug abuse in coordination with allied departments in all blocks of the district and host zoom meetings with BDOs regarding observance of International Day against drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

Mission Youth was directed to organize sports events.

# DMO Jammu seizes 04 vehicles involved in illegal mining

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, JUNE 13: District Mineral Officer (DMO) Jammu, Dr. Gulshan Kumar today seized four vehicles including one excavator for indulging in illegal mining in the district.

The vehicles and the excavator were seized during raids conducted by the District Mineral Officer Jammu and his team at Bhalwal, Chinore and Domaia area.

The excavator was seized for excavating ordinary earth and three other

vehicles were also seized for illegal transportation of minor minerals. The seized vehicles were handed over to Concerned I/C Police Station for custody till the realisation of penalties from violators.

Strict penalties have been imposed on the violators and instructions have been passed to the violators to not engage in illegal mining activities otherwise strict action shall be taken as per mines and mineral (Development and Regulation) act, 1957 of the Geology and Mining department.

The general public have been requested to purchase the material from legal source only and transport the same with valid portal generated e challan.

DMO informed that a total of 03 excavators and 16 vehicles have been seized in three days during operations conducted by team of DMO office Jammu at various location of the district. The operation was conducted on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa to curb the menace of illegal mining in the area.

# DC Srinagar reviews scheme wise performance of Rural Development Sector

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: In order to assess the scheme-wise performance of Rural Development Sector and review the implementation of the schemes under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-II in Srinagar Panchayats, the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Tuesday chaired a meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner was given a detailed appraisal about the schemes being executed under the RDD sector in all Panchayat Blocks of Srinagar District including Physical and Financial progress of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-II, CD, Panchayats, progress of e-tendering under Area Development Programme(DDC, BDC, PRI Grants), progress of e-tendering under Aspiration Block Development Programme, Aspiration Panchayat Development Scheme, Progress of MGNREGA and PMAY(G).

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers to prioritize implementation of all schemes and of Rural Development and lay focused thrust on expediting the works being executed under Swachh Bharat Mission(SBM)-Grameen and Aspiration Block Development Programme(ABDP) in all Panchayats of the District.

Stressing on accelerating the pace of all developmental works, the DC directed the implementation agencies to redouble their efforts to ensure cent percent saturation of all the deliverables under the programme in all Panchayats in all 4 blocks of the District.

The DC sets a timeline of June 30, 2023 for achieving 100% targets under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-II so that tangible results are achieved on the ground for overall benefit of the general public. With regard to works being executed under Aspirational Block Development Programme, the DC said ABDP is a game-changer in empowering people of rural areas and urged the officers to ensure its effective implementation.

While reviewing implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-II 2022-23, the DC was apprised that out of 202 CSCs Tended, construction of



15 CSCs has been completed with an expenditure of Rs 48 lakh, while work on remaining 4 CSCs will be completed shortly.

Regarding construction of IHHLs, it was given out that against the target of 479 IHHLs, as many as 472 IHHL have been physically/financially completed and also Geo tagged and work is going on left out 7 IHHLs.

The DC also took stocks of segregation sheds and was informed that out of allotted 13 segregation sheds tendered out, 9(nine) sheds have been completed at a cost of Rs 20 lakh.

With regard to the construction of Individual Soakage Pits, the DC was also informed that as many as 5982 number of Individual soakage pits have been taken up in all Blocks of the District out of which 2947 Individual Soakage Pits have been completed while construction work on 3035 Individual Soakage Pits in under progress.

Similarly, works related to construction of a total 10 number of Community Soakage Pits Tended out, 4(four) Pits have been completed.

The DC was further informed that the work for construction of 4689 number of Individual Compost pits has been taken up in the Srinagar Panchayats and as many as 1105 pits have been constructed while work is under progress to construct remaining pits. Likewise, Community Compost Pits have also been completed in the Panchayats of Srinagar District.

While reviewing the status of Individual Household Assets, the DC was informed that 4690 Assets have been created.

The progress of achieving the target of ODF Plus villages, the DC was informed that all 26 villages of

Srinagar District have been declared ODF Plus and out of 26 villages 9 villages have been kept under Aspiring, 10 villages under Rising and 7 villages under Model categories.

During the meeting, the progress achieved under MGNREGA and man days generated so far in all 4 Panchayat Blocks of the District was also discussed.

The DC also reviewed physical and financial progress made under Area Development Fund(District Capex)-2023-24. He was informed that as many as 497 works have been kept in the plan for the current fiscal by RDD and other allied Departments in Srinagar District. He was also informed that 420 numbers of estimates have been framed so far and Administrative approval for 201 works has been received while tenders have been floated for 117 works.

While reviewing status of the works taken up in Harwan, Khonmoh, Srinagar and Qamarwari Panchayat Blocks the DC was informed that 664 developmental works have been targeted for financial year 2023-24 in Srinagar Panchayats and as many as 21 works have been completed out of 57 works started as on date.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, District Chief Officer, Executive Engineer, REW, Srinagar along with Engineering Staff, Block Development Officer, Harwan, Srinagar, Khonmoh & Qamarwari along with VLWS, District Officer, NRLM, Srinagar and other concerned.

# District Jal Jeevan Mission Poonch organises Jan- Sabha

**PRACHAR RATH FLAGGED OFF AT SURANKOTE**

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

POONCH, JUNE 13: District Jal Jeevan Mission Poonch on Tuesday organised a Jan- Sabha here in Dak Bunglow Surankote. PRI Members of Pani Samities and employees of the department along with the general public participated in the event. The Jan Sabha was presided over by Shah Nawaz Choudhary, DDC Councilor Surankote, while Er. Rajinder K. Sharma, Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch was the guest of honour. Muzaffar Hussain, IEC coordinator, briefed the audience about the JJM Mission, while Waseem and Imtiaz Ahmad, highlighted the role and responsibilities



of Pani Samitis. Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Poonch, while addressing the audience, stressed on the role and the support from public in implementing the JJM in the district ensuring early completion of all the schemes under JJM, a flagship program of the Government to provide HAR GHAR NAL SE JAL. Shah Nawaz Choudhary, DDC Councilor Surankote addressed the audience and appreciated the efforts of Government and Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch in particular for reaching out to the Public and putting his best Efforts in implementing the schemes.

Er Riyaz Ahmad XEN, AEE Er Abdul Gafour among Junior Engineers of Surankote also remained

present in the Jan Sabha.

Major highlight of the event remained the flagging off of a Prachar Rath as a part of the IEC activities as awareness program for Jal Jeevan Mission was Flagged off by Shah Nawaz Choudhary DDC Surankote and Er Rajinder K Sharma, SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch, in the presence of PRIs and general Public. The Prachar Rath moved through the surankote Market and rally was taken raising the slogan of JJM. The Prachar Rath shall be moving to all the villages in the Surankote to create awareness among the people for schemes launched by Govt for the public, Jal Jeevan Mission Program, Role of the Pani Samities, judicious use of water and catch the rain under Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

# Camp held in Suchetgarh to verify claims for disbursement of Land compensation

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

SAMBA, JUNE 13: A special camp was today organised in village Suchetgarh for verification and collection of account numbers of rightful claimants for disbursement of compensation in respect of land acquired by collector land acquisition, Assistant Commissioner Samba Dr. Kusum Ghosh along with supporting revenue staff.

The camp was organised to disburse compensation with full efficiency and redress the grievances of locals. In addition, the ACR gave a patient hearing to other land related grievances of the villagers and redressed the same on the spot.

Naib Sarpanch, Panch and other prominent persons of the area were present in the camp. The ACR along with her team members conducted field verification of BOP Saroj and 135 ft border fencing along with company commandant 125 bn, Naib Sarpanch and revenue field officials.

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Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel parcel in VP by Train No. 1241415, 1242721, 1565251, 1565453 & 1565655		
2	Auction catalogue No: FZRPACRCL37	23.06.2023 at 11:00 Hrs
Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel parcel in Train No SLR compartment 1878-F1, 1276-F1, 1810-F1, 1810-F2, 1810-F1, 1810-F1, 15708-F1 & 12504-F1		
3	Auction catalogue No: EA-FZR-OH-23-9	23.06.2023 at 11:00 Hrs
Name of work: Allotment of Commercial Publicity rights through Static Media at Ry. Stn. FZR Cantt.		
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Name of work: Allotment of Commercial Publicity rights through 25 LED Screens at Ry. Stn. FZR Cantt.		
5	Auction catalogue No: FZRCIQAARNO-7	23.06.2023 at 12:30 Hrs
Name of work: Allotment of Cuck room at SVD Katra Railway Station FZR Cantt.		

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# J&K IASOWA organises awareness prog on environmental issues, SUP free habitations

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Indian Administrative Service Officers' Wives Association (IASOWA) organised an awareness programme regarding environmental issues and Single Use Plastic free habitations. During the event, the Association also organized a plantation drive and interactive session to mark the importance of plastic free

environment in tune with the theme (#Beat the Plastic Pollution) of 'World Environment Day 2023'. The programme was aimed at to raise awareness about sustainable development and community participation in environmental management and conservation, particularly need for weeding out single use plastics from our lives.

The event was organised at Srinagar under the supervision of Dr. Amita Mehta, President IASOWA and

attended by Dr Tabassum Ganai, Ruchi Gupta, Rajni Shaltendra, Dr. Mehak Shahid, Anika Kar, Dr. Sadaf Aijaz and Dr. Irizia Jeehan.

The participants emphasized the need for public outreach and stakeholder participation in matters related to environmental well being, which is the basis for healthy living. They discussed plastic pollution issues besides deliberating on its impact on our planet.

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**ETENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No: 776-W/1690A-IFZR-60-2023-24-ADEN-LDH 61-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 62-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 63-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 64-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 65-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 66-2023-24-ADEN-LDH and 67-2023-24-ADEN-LDH acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) in following dates: 09-07-2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/sealed bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against the tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Bank cheque, Deposit receipts, PFR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
09.06.2023	09.06.2023	03.07.2023
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	60-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions, and alterations to existing structures, emergent works Zone No. 1 2023-24 at service buildings & emergent works Zone No. 4 2023-24 of staff quarters in colony no. 1 to 13 at Luthiana in the section under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,24,98,418.15	60 Days	12 Months
2.	61-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures & emergent works under zone no. 3/2023-24 at service building and staff quarters on LDH (excl)-SNL section at Luthiana in the section ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,29,97,838.15	60 Days	12 Months
3.	62-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures & emergent works Zone No. 1 2023-24 at Station Building & other service buildings from ASE, IEC & FZP section in the section of SSE/WIPGW under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,59,98,468.22	60 Days	12 Months
4.	63-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works Zone No. 1 2023-24 at service building & staff quarters on LDH (Excl.) -SNL section at Luthiana in the section of SSE/WIPGW under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,44,96,505.47	60 Days	12 Months
5.	64-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works Zone No. 1 2023-24 at Station Building & other service buildings from ASE, IEC & FZP section in the section of SSE/WIPGW under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,74,98,140.57	60 Days	12 Months
6.	65-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions, and alterations to existing structures, emergent works Zone No. 2 2023-24 at Station Building & other service buildings from ASE, IEC & FZP section in the section of SSE/WIPGW under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1,47,98,140.57	60 Days	12 Months
7.	66-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Ordinary repair and maintenance as well as new works, additions, and alterations to existing structures, emergent works Zone No. 1 2023-24 at service buildings & other service buildings at Luthiana in the section of SSE/WIPGW under ADEN/LDH
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
99,99,867.14	60 Days	12 Months

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# Advisor Bhatnagar reviews performance, functioning of Polytechnic Colleges of J&K

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today held a detailed meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review performance and functioning of Polytechnic Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon; Director SDD, J&K, Sudershan Kumar, Principals of Polytechnic Colleges of all districts both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar conducted a comprehensive review of performance



Advisor Bhatnagar (center) reviewing documents with officials during a meeting at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

# MP G A Khatana reviews developmental activities of Kupwara

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, JUNE 13: Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing developmental works in district Kupwara.

The MP took the review during a meeting of all District and Sectoral officers, here.

Addressing the meeting, the MP said that the aim of taking the review meeting is to learn

about the issues and difficulties faced by people on the ground so that they could be facilitated by proper redressal.

He said that PM Narendra Modi has a vision of serving the last man in the row and administration is the medium through which this can be achieved.

He asked all the officers to have a vision for uplifting the standard of living of the common masses especially people belonging to poor sections so that they could be benefited at large.

Er. Khatana impressed upon

the officers to become people friendly and serve them with dedication and compassion.

The MP took a detailed review of different schemes department-wise including School Education, Health, RDD, PDD, Agriculture, ULB, Food, Transport, Tourism, Social Welfare, Labour department, Employment and Sheep/Animal Husbandry.

He asked PDD to ensure that inflated bills are not raised against the poor consumers and complaints are redressed as soon as possible. Jal Shakti dept was

asked to provide clean drinking water, while animal husbandry dept, was asked to devise strategies to become self sufficient in meat production and improve quality of sheep, goat.

During the meeting, the ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat presented a detailed powerpoint presentation and apprised the MP about the development profile of Kupwara district.

He also highlighted the significant accomplishments in different sectors of the district during which the MP took detailed feed-

back from the concerned district officers regarding their developmental activities on ground.

Later, the ADC expressed gratitude towards the MP for taking the review meeting and assured him for implementation of his directions passed in the meeting.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, ID Planning SE (Hydraulic), Engineers from (KPDCL), R&B, CMO, ACR, ADC and concerned district officers.

# DC Rajouri inspects progress of work on Bindi Bridge, JJM Scheme Badhoon-A

Calls for Quality Work, Timely Completion of projects



JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress of work on Bindi Bridge and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme Badhoon-A- two mega projects taken up under PWD(R&B) and Jal Shakti Sector in the district.

During the visit to Bindi bridge, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) informed that the estimated cost of the project is Rs 29.2 crore. He further informed that the abutment work has been completed, while the launching work is currently in progress. On its completion, the bridge is expected to benefit around 15,000 people of the area by providing improved surface connectivity.

At Panchayat Badhoon-A, the DC inspected the pace of progress on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 1.9 crore. The Water Supply Scheme aims to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to the population of around 4200 people in the area. The Deputy Commissioner was informed that the work on the scheme is progressing well and is expected to be completed in four months.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed satisfaction over the progress of work on both projects and emphasized their importance in improving the lives of people in the district. He urged the officials to ensure that the construction work is completed within the stipulated time frame with best quality of work.

The construction of the Bindi bridge and the JJM scheme Badhoon-A are crucial infrastructure projects that will have a significant and positive impact on the lives of people in the area.

# Workshop on "NSQF compliant courses - NEP-2020" organized in GCW Gandhi Nagar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 13: Skill Development Cell and IQAC of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhinagar, organized One Day workshop on NSQF compliant courses vis a vis NEP-2020 in collaboration with G.K Educational Trust, here today. A total of 301 students participated in the workshop.

Ramesh Chander, Additional District Development Commissioner, Jammu was the chief guest of the event. The Programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a bouquet presentation to the chief guest. The Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan presented the welcome address and encouraged students to come forward for skill oriented courses which the college organizes from time to time.

Dr Renu Sharma coordinated the proceedings of the event. In technical session-I, resource persons including Dr. Shahid Mushtaq from Central University Jammu, Dr. Jagreet Singh from GKM Science College and Dr. Jaya Bhasin from Central University of Jammu gave a detailed insight into the importance of Vocational Education and NSQF



framework and its inclusion in New Education policy. They also discussed implementation of NSQF in higher education. In the second session chairman G K Educational Trust, Sh. Gourav Khajuria and Dr. Anju Koul, Skill Coordinator of the College, interacted with students and motivated them to come forward and join such job oriented courses. They further reiterated that they will coordinate under the guidance of esteemed Principal in organizing NSDC certified, job oriented courses in future for students of the college. In his address, the Chief Guest apprised the students about the importance of such courses in creating a skilled workforce that will be key to the development of the Nation.

# Inter - School Zone Level sports competition held at Kishtwar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, JUNE 13: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Kishtwar today started the Inter School Zone Level multi-sports Competition for Kishtwar & Nagseni Zones.

This prestigious event showcased

the immense talent and competitive spirit of the participating youth.

Hosted under the guidance of DYSSO, K.L Sharma, and in the presence of Dewar Chand, Zonal Physical Education Officer Kishtwar and Suresh Chander Parihar I/c Zonal Physical Education Officer (Activity) Zone Nagseni, the competi-

tion witnessed intense contests in the disciplines of Kabaddi, Kho - Kho, Volleyball, and Badminton.

In all 315 U14 Boys and Girls students of Zone Kishtwar and 45 U 14 and U 17 (Boys & Girls) students of Zone Nagseni participated in the event, representing different schools of the twin Zones.

# PSPS Govt Women College empowers students with free coaching classes for Common University Entrance Test

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JAMMU, JUNE 13: The Department of Computer Applications and Career Counselling Cell of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhinagar, in collaboration with esteemed faculty members, organized a series of free coaching classes to prepare students for the upcoming Common University Entrance Test (CUEET) for postgraduate courses in Computer Applications. The initiative aimed to equip 6th-semester students with the necessary knowledge and

skills to excel in their academic pursuits. A total of 16 students actively participated in the coaching classes, which were conducted from May 25th to June 5th, 2023 under the visionary leadership of Prof. Minu Mahajan, the esteemed principal of the college.

Prof. Rohit Gupta, the Head of the Department of Computer Applications, served as the dedicated resource person, guiding and mentoring the students throughout the coaching program. The coaching classes were conducted in the state-of-the-art smart classroom of the college, equipped with contemporary audio-visual

aids to facilitate effective and engaging learning experiences. Prof. Rohit Gupta leveraged various teaching methodologies to cover essential topics such as computer fundamentals, computer architecture, binary arithmetic, and binary logic. The students benefited immensely from the comprehensive curriculum and interactive sessions, which fostered a deep understanding of the subjects.

The successful execution of these coaching classes was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Career Counselling Cell and the Department of

Computer Applications. The organizing committee, consisting of Prof. Rohit Kumar (Convener), Prof. Rohit Gupta (H.O.D., Computer Applications), and esteemed members Prof. Renu

Rajput, Prof. Mali Rajput, Prof. Suman Bala, Prof. Rajinder Kumar, Prof. Neelam Thappa, and Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth functioning of the program.

# Land Conversion meet held at Kupwara; 03 cases approved

KUPWARA, JUNE 13: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat today convened a meeting of District Level Committee for Land Conversion (DLCLC) to review the cases pertaining to conversion of agricultural land into non-agriculture purposes. As many as 27 cases were put up for discussion; of which 3 cases were approved by the committee. On the occasion, the ADC directed the concerned officers for issuance of the pending NOCs well within the timeframe.

# Amar Singh College organizes inter-college Painting Competition

Renowned artist Masood Hussain graces the occasion



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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: To bring forth the socio-cultural and historical legacy of Vitasta, commonly known as River Jehlum, and its impact on the life and imagination of the people of Kashmir, a one day district level Inter-College Painting Competition was organized by Cultural Wing of Amar Singh College under the aegis of 'Vitasta Festival'.

Principal, Amar Singh College, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir in his inaugural cum welcome address threw a detailed light on the relevance of the event and the historical role of the river Vitasta in supporting the life and civilization in Kashmir from prehistoric times to this day.

Prof. Ajaz also pointed out some practical concerns with regard to shrinking banks and lost beauty of river vitasta. He asserted that youth have an important role to play in the revival of lost beauty of Vitasta - the Jhelum.

At the outset, Prof. Hena Amin, Convener Cultural Committee introduced the judges of the event, Masood Hussain, renowned Kashmiri Artist, Prof. Arshad Soled artist and Professor, Department of Applied Arts, Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASSE), M.A. Road, Srinagar and Dr. Abdul Waheed Bhat, Head, Department of History, Amar Singh College, Srinagar, to the audience. Principal of the host College, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir presented mementos to the judges as a token of regard and respect. During the day-long competition, around 20 students from various colleges of district Srinagar participated in the event and described the River Vitasta on canvas through their artistic and imaginative power.

# Dr Langer delivers lecture to JKAS trainee officers at IMPARD

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer, today delivered a thought provoking lecture during the Training Course for JKAS Officer Trainees at J&K IMPARD.

During the lecture, Secretary focused on the intricate process of planning in the government, providing valuable insights into the overall development scenario of Jammu and Kashmir and its economic status.

He elaborately explained the concepts of GSDP, per capita income, sectoral contribution, budget preparation, revenue and capital receipts/expenditure, fiscal deficit, tax-GDP ratio, debt-GDP ratio and related issues to the probationers in a simple and lucid manner.

Dr Langer's expertise and in-depth knowledge deeply engaged the officer trainees, offering them a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in driving development initiatives.

Following lecture, Dr Langer also interacted with the officer trainees and discussed various issues and exchanged experience and ideas.

Dr. Jahan Ara Jabben and Dr. S. Khurshid Ul Islam, the coordinators of the course, ensured smooth organization and execution of the lecture.

# Workshop on making Green Bouquet, Green Rakhi organised at PSPPS GCW Gandhinagar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, JUNE 13: Institution innovation club of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhinagar organised a one day workshop to acquaint students with the skill of making Green bouquet and green Rakhi. More than 90 students and 5 faculty members participated in the workshop. Prof. Anupama Sharma Convener of institution innovation club formally welcomed the Resource person, Pankaj Kumar from Mahil Fine Arts group Jammu.

Pankaj deliberated upon the need of promoting skill enhancement of students and how it will become a powerful vehicle to speed up innovation, creativity and productivity.

# NYK Doda hosts Yuva Utsav to rekindle spirit of patriotism, foster values of Indian freedom struggle among youth

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, JUNE 13: Nehru Yuva Kendra today organised a mega program Yuva Utsav to rekindle spirit of patriotism and foster values of Indian freedom struggle among the youth by engaging them in various activities.

The program featured young artist talent hunt, young writer talent hunt, photography talent hunt, declamation talent hunt. The event was held under the chairmanship of District Development Council Chairman, Dhananar Singh Kotwal. A large number of students of different schools participated in the program and exhibited their talent in the series of activities.

The DDC Chairman, while speaking on the occasion, motivated the students to use their energy in nation building and promote the spirit of patriotism in the society.