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Amid dry weather forecast, night temp drops below normal in J&K

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JAMMU, MAR 27

Amid forecast for mainly dry weather in the next 24 hours, the minimum temperatures recorded a drop in Jammu and Kashmir with mercury settling below sub-zero level in Pahalgam and Gulmarg on Monday.

A meteorological department official here said that Srinagar

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India logs 1,805 new Covid cases in last 24 hours

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NEW DELHI, MAR 27

India has registered 1,805 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the total active case in the country at 10,300, as per the Health Ministry on Monday.

Six deaths have been reported due to Covid-19, as the total death toll reached 5,20,837.

Meanwhile, Nine hundred and thirty two people have recovered during the same period said the health Ministry.

The recovery rate is currently at 98.79 per cent.

In the last 24 hours, 932 cases have been recorded, the total recovered cases stood at 4,41,64,815.

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Rajya Sabha passes and returns Jammu and Kashmir appropriation (No.2) Bill, Finance Bill

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NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha on Monday passed and returned 'The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 2023' and 'The Appropriation Bill, 2023' or Finance Bill 2023 amid the din without any discussion.

These bills were passed amid a ruckus created by the Opposition parties seeking a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani Hindenburg issue.

Both bills were passed by the Lok Sabha last week amid similar pandemonium created by the Opposition parties



on the same issue. Minutes after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman moved the 'The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 2023' and 'The Appropriation Bill, 2023' in the Rajya Sabha, they were considered and returned amid ruckus and sloganeering by Opposition parliamentarians.

The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 aims to authorise payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the

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Lt Governor chairs review meeting of the Department of Industries & Commerce

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JAMMU, MAR 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a review meeting of the Department of Industries & Commerce, at Civil Secretariat today.

The Lt Governor exhorted officials to strive to maintain the momentum of growth recorded in the previous year and build a stronger ecosystem for nurturing start-up culture that would further drive our economic growth.

"Sustained efforts are

required to give a fillip to start-up ecosystem that will further support entrepreneurship, and enable large-scale employment opportunities," the Lt Governor said.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor was informed about the progress made and the milestones achieved towards developing a robust industrial ecosystem in Jammu Kashmir.

Discussion was also held on One District One Product (ODOP) and District Export Plan to realize

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Lt Governor Sinha chairs high-level meeting to review power scenario in J&K

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JAMMU, MAR 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting to review the power scenario in Jammu Kashmir, today at Civil Secretariat.

The Lt Governor appraised the multi pronged strategies to meet the high electric demand in the summer season and directed for integrating reforms for making the Power sector robust and resilient.

The Lt Governor directed for effective enforcement through a dedicated enforcement wing for the detection



of theft of electricity, wrong metering, enquiring into public complaints, unauthorised extensions in load and surprise checking.

The Lt Governor also directed for immediate steps to ensure functioning of all the meters on 11 KV, and repair of the damaged meters

within one month. Smart meters must be saturated feeder-wise to protect consumer interests and quality standards. It will empower the consumers and help them to conserve energy and usage in an efficient manner, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also

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sought a report on steps taken to reduce AT&C losses. He further directed the department to fix the responsibility and draw up an action plan for reducing the losses within a specific timeframe.

The Lt Governor emphasized on training and

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Will migrate to safer place if govt fails to catch attackers, say families of Dhangri Terror attack victims

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JAMMU, MAR 27

Family members of the Dhangri terror attack victims on Monday threatened to migrate from their village to a "safer" place and return the ex-gratia amount if the government fails to catch the attackers and bring them to justice.



Terrorists had struck Dhangri village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on January 1 and targeted villagers and fled before planting an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

While five people were killed in the firing by terrorists, two others died in the IED explosion the next morning. As many as 14 villagers were injured in the twin attacks.

The attackers are still at large. Saroj Bala, who lost two sons - Prince and Deepak - in the terrorist attack, said if the government cannot provide her justice, it should "shoot me dead too".

"We don't need jobs. We don't need money. We need justice by bringing terrorists and their supporters to book.

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SED asks employees to file rectified ITR or face action

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JAMMU, MAR 27

Jammu and Kashmir school Education department has asked all the employees to file rectified ITR of face action in view of claiming refunds on the basis of fabricated documents.

The government in an order said that all the ITO's as well as DDO's of sub-ordinate offices in particular and all employees in general working under the Administrative Department of School Education (Department U7 J&K, are hereby informed that a meeting was convened by Principal Commissioner, Income Tax on 24/03/2023 in his office chamber at Rajbagh Sgr. wherein the DDO's of various institutions attended the meeting.

It said that the chair instructed that the number of income

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Large deficit between demand-availability of organs, tissues in J&K: Principal GMC Jammu

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SRINAGAR, MAR 27

There has been a large deficit between demand and availability of organs and tissues in J&K like other parts of India, Principal Organ/Tissue Transplantation said that there has been a large deficit between demand and availability of organs and tissues in India including Jammu and Kashmir.

Renal and Corneal transplant programme is running

Sudhan Sharma said that GMC Jammu has been working to start deceased organ donation from brain dead persons as well.

Principal GMC while elaborating the importance of Human Organ/Tissue Transplantation said that there has been a large deficit between demand and availability of organs and tissues in India including Jammu and Kashmir.

Renal and Corneal transplant programme is running

successfully in Government Medical College, Jammu. She praised the efforts of GMC administration, faculty and staff for making the best services available to the patients here in Jammu, she said, adding that GMC has also been arranging training for Transplant Surgeons, Nurses and Transplant Coordinators etc. in collaboration with SOTTO J&K at PGIMER Chandigarh and other institutions.

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Online gaming

Bank officer charge-sheeted by CBI for embezzling Rs 55 crore bank funds

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NEW DELHI, MAR 27

The CBI has charge sheeted a bank officer and his accomplice whose rapacious appetite for online gaming lured them to allegedly embezzle more than Rs 55 crore from various accounts, a major chunk of which was funnelled to virtual betting tables, officials said on Monday.

In what transpired to be a tale of avarice and subterfuge, the CBI alleged that accused officer Badarshu Shekhar Mishra and his accomplice Shalish Kumar Jaiswal committed forgery in Punjab & Sind Bank, where Mishra

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Govt endeavors to boost silk production by arming farmers with training, technology

SRINAGAR, MAR 27

The Jammu and Kashmir government is working under a multi pronged strategy towards revival and holistic development of Sericulture sector in the Union Territory.

"Cocoon growers are being facilitated with requisite skill development training, latest technological interventions and related infrastructural support for transforming the sericulture industry in J&K," maintained an official while elaborating on initiatives of

the government in this regard. The futuristic roadmap for holistic growth of agriculture and allied sectors will help in ensuring product quality and quantity besides raising global demand, added the official. He said that the J&K government was working on area expansion under mulberry plantations to increase leaf availability for rearsers and enrich green wealth.

The Forest and Sericulture Departments are jointly working towards achieving J&K's Green Mission besides creating

ensuring marketing support to the cocoon growers in selling their produce in their vicinity.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, maintained during a function that "Our prime objective is to make better the lives of farmers associated with this dream fabric. Besides ensuring uniqueness, beauty and singularity of J&K's crafts dominate the global market."

The futuristic roadmap for holistic growth of agriculture and allied sector will safeguard

the age old skills being transferred from generation to generation. The effort is aimed at to help preservation and promotion of unique and indigenous craft legacy of J&K across the globe.

The government is giving importance to adoption of latest technological advancements in the silk industry to reduce dependence on imported silk. One of the three important centers in the country for Research and Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and IT

intervention has been set up at Kashmir's Pampore.

Recently, the Department of Sericulture, Rajouri, Mulberry Circle Lambergi organized Kissan Ghosti/Scientific interaction under ATMA programme. The main objective of the programme was to educate silkworm rearsers about the latest technology and practice for silkworm rearing.

The farmers were briefed about various projects being implemented under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

In a significant accomplishment, Kandian Lal, a progressive farmer of Lambergi Rajouri, has earned its 90666.50 in 20 to 25 days by selling 87.6kg dry crop. Similarly, Tilk Raj of Lambergi Village of Rajouri has earned its 123356 in 20 to 25 days by selling 131.350 kg of silk.

To cater to the research, training and extension needs of Jammu & Kashmir, the Central Silk Board (CSB) has set up the Central Sericulture Research and

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Progress and promising governance are enigmas of BJP's popularity: Vibodh Gupta

BJP IS COMMITTED TO EMPOWER EVERY SECTION OF SOCIETY: REKHA MAHAJAN

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JAMMU, MAR 27: Progress and promising governance are enigmas of BJP's popularity across the region as the party has made a superiority in the political arena by making the population realize the importance of good governance in the real sense. This was expressed by former MLC and BJP State General Secretary J&K Vibodh Gupta during one-day Parvas in mandals Kunjwani, Gadiagarh, and Mirasabur Pura respectively falls under Jammu District South RS Pura along with BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, District General Secretary Akash Chopra.

By Mayor Baldev Singh Billowaria, DDC Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, Pt. Ashok Khajuria, Municipal Committee Chairman SatPal Pappi, DDC Vidhya Motta, District Vice President Shalpu Gupta other prominent accompanied Vibodh Gupta, during the Parvas in different Mandals.

Vibodh Gupta met several communities. He asserted that the government is devoted to providing all



the basic facilities to people at their doorstep in the shortest period. He said that the union government is committed to equal growth of all sections of society. He urged the concerned officials for proper utilization of resources in a time-bound manner to ensure holistic and sustainable development of the areas plummeted under district Jammu south so that netizens are the ultimate beneficiaries of the development works. While addressing the gathering, Vibodh Gupta insisted the party cadres should reach the doorsteps of the inhabitants to be aware of the centrally sponsored schemes and analyze the data of the dilemmas being faced by the dwellers so that genuine demands are met in a phased manner.

Vibodh also examined the various developmental works being executed by the different agencies. He reiterated his commitment to the development of the Jammu district south under the visionary leadership of Rekha Mahajan.

Vibodh also boosted the morale of cadres and urged them to work hard so that we can reach the target of 50 plus and form the government in J&K with a thumping majority. Rekha Mahajan said BJP is always committed to empowering every section of society and discussed the party's forthcoming programs with the party workers and stressing that BJP's programs are specifically intended to build stronger and better coordination in the organization, cadre, and public. Rekha

said that all the party programs are to be done with the involvement of the ground-level activists and the common masses. "Ground-level programs ensure that the party ideology reaches the public and public's expectations reach the party leadership", she added.

Rekha asserted that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is confident of achieving its target of winning over 50 seats to form the next government with its chief minister for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. "After Jammu now in Kashmir we also have been a stronghold in Valley and I'm confident that the 'lotus' will bloom across the Union Territory in the next Assembly polls", Rekha Mahajan, said.

MUTHOOT GROUP'S BRANCH OPENED AT KATRA

Lucrative and easy Financing is the key to the growth of business: Wazir

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JAMMU, MAR 27: While inaugurating the Muthoot Group's 18th branch in J&K, which deals with Gold loan, Insurance, Mutual Funds, Deventures, Bonds, Gold Jewellery, Money Transfer and other businesses Rakesh Wazir President Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra (HRAK) who is also President Hotels, Restaurants, Industries & Commerce of Jammu Region said that easy and liberal financing is the tool and key to the growth of business.

Methoot Regional Manager Amritsar/J&K Region Rajan Kumar, Cluster Head J&K Arun Kumar Sharma, Chairman HRAK Shyam Lal Kesar, Director Shri Vaishodevi Group Sonia Wazir, Sales Head Amritsar /J&K Region Amardeep Sharma besides prominent people from business and social life were also present on the occasion.

Wazir While speaking on the occasion said that with the opening of this Branch the much needed require-



ment of people and Business Community in particular at Katra would be met because Business Community over here often require short term loans for meeting out day to day requirements like procurement of bulk dry fruit in season and keeping those in cold storages for selling that for whole complete year for meeting out immediate need of people and Business community in particular and with the opening of this Muthoot branch these requirements would be met out and asked for other financial

institutions also to come out with these type of tailor made schemes. Kesar emphasized that India has got lot of gold reserves which are lying idle and their best utilization is the need of hour and lucrative gold financing schemes is the need of the hour where no other security is required and loan is disbursed within minutes and other banks should also encourage it more.

Rajan Kumar said that it is 5300th branch of Muthoot which is being opened here today and with this the presence of

Muthoot Group in J&K, which was there at Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur and other districts and had 17th Branches in J&K as on today will increase its horizon to Reasi district also.

He further said that Group is now pushing its focus to Non Gold business also. Currently Total Assets under Management of the group are 65085 cr.

Mr. Arun Kumar Sharma while speaking on the occasion said Muthoot is providing most lucrative interest rates and other facilities and people should avail those facilities.

GMC CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT ORGAN DONATIONS



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JAMMU, MAR 27: A press conference on 'Organ Donation & Transplantation' under the chairpersonship of Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal, GMC Jammu was organized by State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K at Conference Hall, Super Speciality Hospital Jammu on Monday in presence of Dr. Elias Sharma, Head Urology & Renal Transplant and Nodal Officer SOTTO J&K, Dr. Sanjeev Puri, Joint Director, SOTTO J&K, Dr. Manoj Chhalotra, Medical Superintendent, Superspeciality Hos-pital, Dr. Kailash Thakur, Assistant Professor Surgery and Dr. Raju Bhandari, Consultant Nephrologist, GMC Jammu.

Principal GMC elaborated the importance of Human Organ/Tissue Transplantation and said that there has been a large deficit between demand and availability of organs and tissues in India including Jammu and Kashmir. Renal and Corneal transplant programme is running

successfully in Government Medical College Jammu. She praised the efforts of GMC administration, faculty and staff for making the best services available to the patients here in Jammu. Further GMC has also been arranging training for Transplant Surgeons, Nurses and Transplant Coordinators etc. in collaboration with SOTTO J&K at PGIMER Chandigarh and other institutions.

She apprised that GMC Jammu is the first Hospital to perform live Kidney Transplant in the Jammu Division. While responding to the questions put up by media personnel, she informed that SOTTO J&K established in September 2019 at Super Speciality Hospital Jammu, has been working hard to create awareness of organ donation. It has organized around 140 awareness campaigns and more than 1400 people have pledged their organs for donation during these activities.

Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi in 99th episode of "Nam Ki Baat" on 26.03.2023 fully supported this cause by requesting

people to volunteer for pledging Organ Donation, a noble cause thereby giving life to others in their after-life, she added.

GMC Jammu has done 13 Renal Transplants, all under Ayushman Bharat with logistics provided by the Hospital since its registration from Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in April 2022. Moreover, an Eye Bank has been established in Department of Ophthalmology which has performed 04 Corneal Transplants giving sight to the blind after its registration from DGHS in March 2022.

She also informed that GMC Jammu has been working to start Deceased Organ Donation from Brain Dead Persons diagnosed after Road Traffic Accidents as well as brain haemorrhage etc., who can be potential donors for eyes, kidneys, lungs, heart, liver etc. Families of such persons can donate organs and tissues for saving lives of the end stage organ failure persons, who otherwise are going to die. And she said that these are organs and tissues, other than eyes and kidneys, not utilized by this institution shall be transported to other hospitals by creating green corridor, she added that multiple meetings were organized with stakeholder departments viz. Local Police, Traffic Police, Airport Authority and Airport Security for creation of a green corridor for transporting organs from GMC Jammu to other hospitals within and outside J&K. Soon GMC shall conduct a mock exercise for transport of organs between GMC and Airport.

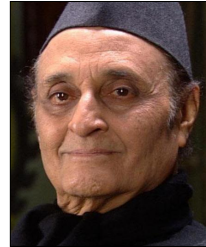
She thanked media persons who joined hands today with GMC Jammu for spreading message to general population of this noble cause "Blood Donation while living and Organ Donation after life" she said.

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NEW DELHI, MAR 27: Dr. Karan Singh, former Member Parliament has emphasized on knowing the facts behind the success story of Project Tiger, which was envisaged after days of research and sheer hard work and finally launched on April 1, 1973.

In a statement issued here today, the former Member Parliament said "On the first of April, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger and, I am sure, many articles will be written about this. However, very few people now recall the genesis of this project in which I played a crucial role.

In the late 1960s when I was in her Cabinet, Indira Gandhi asked me to take over Chairmanship of the Indian Board for Wild Life. The first meeting was simply introductory, but in the second meeting, I realised to my astonishment that till then it was the lion that was our National Animal,



Government of India to change the national animal from the lion to the tiger.

"I took the proposal to Indira ji who got it through the Cabinet and made the necessary amendments. In this way I was responsible for the tiger becoming our National Animal," he added.

The former Member Parliament said, "Immediately thereafter we set up Project Tiger with the Prime Minister as Chairman and myself as Vice-Chairman, and I selected an excellent Forest Officer from Rajasthan Shri K.S. Shankhala as the first Project Director.

We started with 9 tiger reserves, and I had the privilege to inaugurate Project Tiger in the Corbet National Park on first of April 1973.

I mention these facts simply so that when the articles are written they should, in all fairness, mention these interesting facts which are not known to the general public."

JU releases its Environmental Policy



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JAMMU, MAR 27: The University of Jammu under its Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) initiative released its Environmental Policy today. The policy aims to develop an environmentally sustainable and ecologically sound campus.

The Environmental policy of the University endeavours to create environmental consciousness among various stakeholders and strives to continually improve the environmental performance of the University for Sustainable

Development of the campus. The University has committed to make sustained efforts towards the protection of the environment, prevention of pollution and promotion of green energy through appropriate eco-technological interventions. The Environmental policy has been formulated as a part of the green auditing process of University of Jammu for obtaining ISO-14001:2015 certification.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu released the policy and appreciated the efforts of the Green Campus Task

Force (GCTF-JU) and the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) for formulating the Environmental Policy and also for initiating the Green Auditing process for obtaining the ISO 14001:2015 Certification. Prof. Rai assured all kinds of support from his office for various green initiatives to be taken by GCTF-JU for the development of a sustainable University campus. He stressed upon the active participation of the students and research scholars in all the green initiatives in order to stimulate environmental consciousness

and stewardship in the University. "Involvement of students in various environmental domains will inculcate in them a sense of belongingness to the University", emphasized Prof. Rai.

Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Convener GCTF-JU and Head, Department of Environmental Sciences welcomed all the members, and Dr. Deepika Slatiaha, Member Secretary, briefed the objectives laid out in the Environmental Policy.

The event was graced by Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean, Research Studies, Prof. Arvind Jasroja, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Prof. Seema Langer, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Vishavaksha, Prof. Savita Nayyar, Dr. Anil Gupta, Dr. Hema Gandotra, Dr. Rashid Manhas, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Attri and Dr. Meenakshi Khajuria. Besides, University officials including Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Deputy Director, DIQA, Dr. S. Dubeey, Mr. Amit Targotra, research scholars and students from the Department of Environmental Sciences were also present on occasion.

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Zone with the aim of addressing various issues related to the Battalions. The meeting focused on enhancing their functioning, capacity building, and infrastructure. Emphasis was laid on the significance of welfare and mission statement activities to improve the Battalions' performance within their mandated domains. The Commandants were encouraged to personally oversee welfare activities, including health checkups

and preventive measures, to maintain the morale of staff and officers. Additionally, it was instructed to incorporate regular sports activities into the daily routines of personnel, and other regional activities were discussed to improve the work culture dynamics within the Battalions.

The meeting also covered the topic of providing police personnel to local and traffic police for various duties. It was empha-

sized that when assigned to these roles, staff should display exceptional professionalism, discipline, and dedication. Personnel should be thoroughly briefed and sensitized about their duties to ensure they deliver their best performance.

The meeting also discussed the training of PSOs, commandos, and pre-promotion courses for Battalion staff. It was decided that they would soon be started in Sunjwan.

BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan team conducts cleanliness drive at Maha Maya Mata Temple



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JAMMU, MAR 27: In continuation with its Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan program, BJP Swachh Bharat team launched its cleanliness drive during Navratras at Maha Maya Mata Temple.

A large number of volunteers of BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan cleaned the premises of the Maha Maya Mata temple. The drive was led by Er Dil

Bahadur Singh and Er. T.K. Sharma BJP's in-charge and Co-in-charge of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.

While speaking on the occasion Er Dil Bahadur Singh congratulated the people on Navratras and asked the general public to keep their surroundings neat and clean. He also said that their cleanliness drive was started from Bawewali Mata and today they are at Maha Maya Mata temple for the cleanliness drive he requested everyone to cooperate for clean and green Jammu. He further said that we often feel humiliated when we see the ugly pictures of our UT, so it is the right time everyone should come forward to do a little bit of cleanliness drive for their part.

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A Four Day AoL Workshop organised by Gandhian Centre, JU commences

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JAMMU, MAR 27: The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies University of Jammu in collaboration with The Art of Living foundation Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh is organising a four-day The Art of Living workshop titled

"Utkarsha Yoga" for the children of Balgran Jammu, which is a charitable home for destitute children in Jammu. The Utkarsha Yoga Program is a unique blend of breathing techniques, exercises and games that enable children to face today's ultra-competitive world and still retain their confidence and uniqueness.

The core of the program is going to be the Sudarshan Kriya-a breathing technique that removes stress, fear and aggression, and enhances positive emotions. The purpose of the workshop is to build the capacity and empower young minds to bring out the best in themselves.

Prof Naresh Padma, Dean Academic Affairs was the chief guest at the inaugural session. In his address, Prof



Padma highlighted the role of such workshops in bringing the underprivileged sections of societies into the mainstream.

He further appreciated the efforts of the Gandhian Centre in identifying the children of Balgran for taking the training through this workshop. Sh Sameer Bharti ji IFS, member apex body of the art of living J&K was the special guest who in his address highlighted the role of such workshops in developing the moral values of the young minds. Dr Anuja Jasrotia Senior Faculty from The Art of Living provided an overview of The Art of Living Programmes being

held across the globe catering to the diverse sections of society.

Sh Vinod Raina, Secretary Balgran acquainted the audience regarding the objectives and activities of the Balgran. Sh. Ajay Kapoor, state coordinator, Bureau of communications and Projects presented the formal vote of thanks. Earlier Dr Seema Rohmetra, in-charge Director, The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies University of Jammu in her welcome address highlighted the role of such workshops in making value addition to the life of children and youth. She also expressed

her gratitude to the entire Art of Living team and the managing body of Balgran for giving a concrete shape to her proposal regarding the conduct of the workshop. Nearly seventy students in total from third to the seventh standard are going to attend the workshop next three days. Among others who attended the inaugural session included Dr Sapna Sangra, Dr Shubha Vats, Dr Monica Narang from JU, Madam Anju Gupta senior faculty, Sh. Jai Aggarwal Member Apex body, Sunny Assistant faculty, Ranjov, Jogeshwar from AOL, Neha Bharti and Bipasha Raina.

Amazon institute conducts MCC, F&B examination

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JAMMU, MAR 27: Amazon Institute of Hotel Management and Applied Nutrition today conducted the final exam of students undergoing Multi Cuisine Cook (MCC) training and Food and Beverages (F&B) services at Miran Sahib wherein students prepared various dishes and also appeared in theory, practical and viva exam. Ashiq Regoo, senior faculty at Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Srinagar assessed the credentials of students.

These students are being imparted training under the union government's "Humar Se Rozgar" scheme sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India at Miran Sahib. The Amazon institute known for preparing students for the hotel and hospitality industry conducted this final exam under the supervision of Kapil Singh Chib, Principal of the institute, Sadvi Kashyap, faculty of MCC, Deepak Khanna, Manager of the institute and Nirmal Kour.

The students during



their exam prepared mouth-watering three-course Continental dishes as well as three course Indian cuisines dishes which were presented before the assessors for evaluation. The menu included Vegetable and Wonton Soup, White Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread, Russian Salad, Cream of Spinach soup, Vegetable Do Pyaza, Lemon Rice, Fruit Raita and Beetroot Halwa and Puddings of

different flavors.

Senior faculty IHM, Srinagar Ashiq Regu appreciated the dishes prepared by students and said that they are well prepared to be launched in the hospitality industry.

He said the faculty of the Amazon institute have done commendable job in imparting training to the students due to which they were able to prepare dishes of international standard taste. Managing Director of

the institute Ruchi thanked the visiting faculty from Srinagar apprising the students that very soon a placement drive will also be launched wherein good and recognized hotels will be invited to interview students.

She said the aim of this placement drive is to create jobs locally and also encourage the domestic hospitality industry to employ local talent from Jammu and Kashmir.

Guru Ravi Dass sacrificed his whole life by serving society: Sat

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma (CA) released the Music Song "Satguru Kanshi Waley" based on the life of Shri Guru Ravi Dass ji. The song is sung by famous Dogri singer Rajni Sufi.

Academic President of BJP Talab Tillo Keshav Chopra, Purnan Chand Attri, President Guru Ravi Dass Sabha also accompanied the BJP leader during the release of the song. The song was released at Shri Guru Ravi Dass Mandir, Kabir Colony, Talab Tillo.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that Shri Guru Ravi Dass Ji holds a great significance in our society and it is our prime duty to promote his teachings which hold a great religious importance.



He said Guru Ravi Dass sacrificed his whole life by serving the society and we all must follow his teachings which allow us to create an atmosphere of brotherhood and harmony.

He stated that there are still some evils in our society who are trying to deteriorate our culture but with the efforts of such people,

goodness still prevails and overpowers evil in every stream.

Yash Pal Shivgotra, Sachin Nargotra, Krishan Lal Sangral, Rahul Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Sunil Kumar Rana, Amit Meena, Jinder Kumar, Shivo Devi and several others were also present.

BJP deprived people of basic amenities for 12 years in Suchetgarh: Tony

KICK-START CONSTRUCTION OF TUBE WELL WORTH RS 7.23 CR IN CHAKROI

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Taranjit Singh Tony, Chairman Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu and Kashmir for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs, and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh has asserted that Bharatiya Janata Party members being at the helm of affairs in the BDCs and other administrative affairs for so many years failed to do any development in the area and it is only due to his relentless efforts as DDC member that he has made unprecedented development possible in and around Suchetgarh. Tony stated this at a function in connection with the commencement of development work in the area here today.

The senior AAP leader kick started development work of a tube-well at village Chakroi. In his address, Tony said that this tube-well will be constructed with an estimated cost



of Rs. 7.23 cr and on its completion the people of the area shall have a sigh of relief as far as their drinking water problem is concerned.

Tony reiterated his commitment to provide basic amenities to the people. He lamented that it is ironic that people of this area had to wait for 12 long years for safe drinking water which the BJP leaders could not provide to them till date.

Tony said that after two years DDC elections, all round development is

going on in full swing in Suchetgarh be it roads, power infra, upgradation of new power transformers at zero line, clean drinking water through pipes, Installation of new tube wells, new playground for youths.

Tony assured that a new tube-well and OHTs will also be installed in other places to address the problem of shortage of drinking water once for all. More schemes will come up in the new financial year, he added.

The senior AAP leader asked people of the area to support AAP in the upcoming polls for equitable and overall development of J&K.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Roshan Lal, N-Sarpanch Lower Chakroi, Sham Lal Bhagat-Sarpanch Talk Raj, youth leader Mandeep Choudhary, Bawa Singh senior leader, Ch Tarlok Singh, Chairman Chaman Lal Bhagat, Hira Lal Fouji, Ravi and Ramesh.

Adv Purnima, Mahant Bittu release Dogri Bhajan "Mere Sapne Mein Aaye Ram"

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: To celebrate Navratra a new Dogri Bhajan song "Mere Sapne mein Aaye Ram" was released by distinguished guest Adv Purnima Sharma ji and Mahant Rajish Bittu ji along with Song maker Narayan Bharti Ji in Jammu.

Talking to media BJP State Spokesperson Adv Purnima Sharma starts with the blessings of navratra to everyone and praise the makers for their efforts and making such a beautiful song for the same she congratulates and pray for their success as Jammu is place for multiple cultural heritage. Chairman Religious and Heritage Cultural Trust Rud Mahant Rajish Bittu ji praise Narayan Bharti Ji for making such a beautiful Bhajan that not in days of Navaratra and he said that feel blessed to be part of this day. He added that what could be best time to release such a beautiful Bhajan in these days as Ramnavmi is



around. He also thanks Adv Purnima Sharma ji for gracing the occasion and other important dignitaries for their presence.

At last maker of the Bhajan Narayan Bharti Ji thanks Mahant Rajish Bittu ji and Adv Purnima Sharma ji for their presence and making his efforts a success. He request everyone to be part of this Bhajan and make it a hit later he introduced

Bhajan to media and gave the information what it's all about.

Jasvinder Singh Kakru was also present on the occasion and he also gave his best wishes to makers.

The video of the Bhajan will be available on official YouTube channel.

All the distinguished guest release the poster of the devotional song and appeal people to watch and share the video on other platforms also.

Veterinary Aid and Rural Development Camp organised

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, MAR 27: Veterinary Aid and Rural Development camp was organised under the aegis of Udhampur Sub Area by Advance Field Veterinary Hospital at Dabrey village of Udhampur on 27 Mar 2023. Nearly 6200 animals of 240 beneficiary farmers were treated. Apart from onsite specific treatment with assis-

tance of diagnostic lab set up by the hospital, medicines for various disease conditions, nutraceuticals and feed additives were distributed to the farmers. Several minor surgical procedures, vaccinations, pregnancy diagnosis, infertility cases, farriery and dental procedures were performed at the camp.

Civil veterinary administration under the Chief Animal Husbandry

Officer, Udhampur provided necessary support for the camp.

Other state departments involved in rural development like Horticulture, Agriculture, Sheep husbandry put up their stalls at the camp site. Response from the livestock farmers was overwhelming and the interactive session on livestock management was found highly educative for the farmers.

From the Front Page...

Rajya Sabha passes...

services of the financial year 2022-23. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha last week without discussion amid din in the Lower House.

The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 seeks authorisation of payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 2022-23. The Bill was also passed by the Lok Sabha last week without discussion.

The Lok Sabha on March 24 passed the Finance Bill 2023 with several official amendments amid din created by sloganeering by the Opposition parliamentarians who continued with their demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani-Hindenburg issue.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had tabled 64 official amendments to the Finance Bill which was tabled in Parliament on February 1 along with the Budget proposals. (Agencies)

Lt Governor chairs...

the true potential of a district, fuel economic growth and generate employment.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Sh Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Sh H Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Ms Sarita Chauhan, Commissioner/Secretary, Labour and Employment Department; Dr Mandep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr Piyush Singla, Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department, besides senior officers of UT administration were present.

Lt Governor Sinha...

capacity building of PDD staff, online registration of new consumers; massive awareness drive; proper maintenance of power infrastructure and constitution of teams of officers for monitoring physical condition of equipment.

The Lt Governor passed explicit directions for ensuring power supply to new industrial estates and railway tunnels.

The Lt Governor also reviewed the steps taken towards quality control; completion of languishing projects, revenue realization and network strengthening.

Sh. H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department briefed the chair on the effective measures taken to bridge the demand and supply gap.

It was informed that additional capacities were created during the winter to enable peak demand and 10 percent more power was supplied as compared to last year.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh. Shiv Anant Nayal, Managing Director, PDCL; Ch. Mohd. Yasin, Managing Director, KPDCI; Chief Engineers and senior officials attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

Will migrate to...

If they don't address our demand, we will all migrate from here (Dhangri)," she told reporters in Rajouri.

Flanked by a large number of villagers, Bala said though 90 days have passed since the gruesome attack, there were no whereabouts of the terrorists involved.

"We have not received any information about the progress of the case and terrorists involved in the attack so far," she said.

Bala said she appreciated the support provided to the victims' families by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and J K BJP Ravinder Raina. However, contrary to it, the JK DGP said the attackers were Pakistani terrorists and have gone back after the killings, she added.

"How is it that? My son was fired 18 to 20 rounds. Terrorists from across the border would fire a single or twin shot to kill a person but why were so many bullets fired? They (attackers) killed people after checking their IDs," Bala said.

"Even if that is true, what about those who gave them support to infiltrate, guided them and provided food and shelter here," she asked.

"The administration, in order to escape its responsibilities, transferred the SSP and the SHO probing case," Bala said.

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday had said terrorists had infiltrated from Pakistan and killed innocent people in Dhangri village.

Asserting that the victims' families do not need jobs or ex-gratia, Dhangri village sarpanch Deeraj Kumar said that the money will be returned back to the same account where from it was credited if justice is not provided to the families. (AGENCIES)

Large deficit between...

She apprised that GMC Jammu is the first Hospital to perform live Kidney Transplant in the Jammu Division.

She said that SOTTO J&K established in September 2019 at Super Speciality Hospital Jammu, has been working hard to create awareness of organ donation. It has organized around 140 awareness campaigns and more than 1400 people have pledged their organs for donation during these activities.

GMC Jammu has done 13 Renal Transplants, all under Ayushman Bharat with logistics provided by the Hospital since its registration from Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in April 2022, she said, adding that an Eye Bank has been established in Department of Ophthalmology which has performed 04 Corneal Transplants giving sight to the blind after its registration from DGHS in March 2022.

She also informed that GMC Jammu has been working to start deceased organ donation from brain dead persons diagnosed after road traffic accidents as well as brain haemorrhage etc., who can be potential donors for eyes, kidneys, lungs, heart, liver etc. Families of such persons can donate organs and tissues for saving lives of the end stage organ failure persons, who otherwise are going to die, she said.

Sharma added that the organs and tissues, other than eyes and kidneys, not utilized by the institution shall

be transported to other hospitals by creating green corridors.

She added that multiple meetings were organized with stakeholder departments viz. Local Police, Traffic Police, Airport Authority and Airport Security for creation of a green corridor for transporting organs from GMC Jammu to other hospitals within and outside J&K.

Soon GMC shall conduct a mock exercise for transport of organs through GMC and Airport, she said.

Dr. Elias Sharma, HoD Urology & Renal Transplant and Nodal Officer SOTTO J&K, Dr. Sanjeev Puri, Joint Director, SOTTO J&K, Dr. Manoj Chaloitra, Medical Superintendent, Superspeciality Hospital, Dr. Kailash Thakur, Assistant Professor Surgery and Dr. Raju Bhandari, Consultant Nephrologist, GMC Jammu were present on the occasion. (AGENCIES)

was employed, to channel funds from various bank accounts into various betting games online, they said.

Mishra was posted at the North Campus branch of Punjab & Sind Bank at Khalsa College of Delhi University since June 28, 2021. In a statement during bank enquiry, Mishra admitted to having used banking IDs of colleagues to make illegal transfers for online gaming purposes, the officials said.

In the CBI's scrutiny, Mishra was found to have "illegally and without any authority" encashed 32 fix deposits belonging to Khalsa College, maintained at the bank, amounting to Rs 48.76 crore, while also siphoning Rs 6.74 crore from various Mudra Loan accounts, the officials said.

Bank officer...

"During the investigation aforesaid original FDRs are said to have been seized from the Principal of Khalsa College, Jaswinder Singh, out of which 12 FDRs were found to be issued in the name of the Principal, SGTB Khalsa College and rest in the name of student fund, SGTB Khalsa College," the CBI has alleged.

The agency also found that Mishra used the official IDs allotted to the officer of Khalsa College Branch for transferring the funds into 29 different bank accounts.

"It is revealed that no supporting vouchers regarding the aforesaid transfer were available in the record of the bank which confirms that all transactions were executed dishonestly and with mala fide intentions," the agency alleged.

The bank noticed irregularities, forgery, siphoning and misappropriation of funds in various accounts such as RTGS, Inward Parking Account amongst Deposits Customers, primarily of Khalsa College.

"It is further alleged that...Mishra along with unknown person has carried out these unauthorised forgery and fraudulent transactions by using system ID's of other staff members without their authorities," the CBI alleged.

Investigations showed that Mishra has a penchant for online games such as monopoly, Crazy Times offered on the web site "Go247.Live", registered in Curacao in the Caribbean and managed in India by individuals based in Dubai.

Between May 12 and September 14 in 2022, Mishra regularly played online games and transferred the liquidated amount of the said FDR, to the tune of Rs 10.81 crore, in the four accounts provided by the gaming website, they said.

While tracking the website, the central probe agency discovered that Dubai-based individuals Rajat Muralidhar, Nishanth, Rahul Kumar, A Rajath, and Nishanth were managing it in India, they said.

"The aforesaid persons, namely Rahul Kumar and A Rajath, allegedly lured individual current account holders to offer their bank accounts in lieu of commission. These personal bank accounts were used to accept deposits from the customers of the gaming website," the agency charge sheet alleged.

The investigation into the scam revealed that Mishra sanctioned and opened 48 Mudra loan accounts during the period from June 2021 to November 2022, they said. Mishra's alleged accomplice Jaiswal managed eight of these accounts through his relatives and employees.

The proceeds of the loan amount were funnelled into the gaming business site GameKing11, and the rest of the amount was allegedly utilised for illegal purposes other than those for which the loans were sanctioned.

Voice and text chats on WhatsApp showed that Mishra was in regular contact with accused Jaiswal. The contents of these conversations revealed that Jaiswal had asked Mishra to transfer the amount from the Mudra loan accounts to various current accounts.

It was discovered that Mishra carried out transactions in Mudra loan accounts on the direction of Jaiswal without any authority from the actual account holders.

Fraudulent transactions to the tune of Rs 6.74 crore in seven bank accounts were made on the directions of Jaiswal, indicating that Mishra was acting under Jaiswal's influence, and both played an active role in the conspiracy to illegally transfer public money using fake Mudra accounts and identities, they said. (AGENCIES)

SED asks employees...

tax refund claims of employees has increased manifold from last two years as the employees are utilizing the services of some tax professionals wherein TDS deducted from their salaries by DDO is refunded by using various sections of Income Tax on the basis of fabricated documents revealed that Jaiswal had used.

It also said these bogus refund claims have been viewed seriously by the Income tax Department and details of such employees who have claimed refunds have been prepared and intimated to Chief Secretary to Govt. J&K.

"However, it has been felt that before their names are forwarded to their respective departments one time relaxation has been given to such claimants till 31-03-2023 that a rectified ITR as (ITR-U) may be filed otherwise it shall have some serious repercussions followed by Departmental enquiries and imposition of penalties U/S 270(A) and U/S 276 (C) of Income Tax Act 1961," the order said. (KNS)

Govt endeavors to...

Training Institute (CSR & T) at Pampore, Srinagar, in 1994 to revive earlier activities of the CSB in J&K. The institute is actively involved in Research and Develop-

ment besides human resource development through its network of 2 Regional Sericulture Research Stations (RSRS) and 8 Research Extension Centers.

The High Yielding Silkworm hybrids and improved mulberry varieties have been developed by CSR and TI Pampore to increase the farmers' income through Sericulture.

The Central Silk Board is promoting bivoltine production program extending technical support through 6 clusters (including 2 mega clusters) besides extending state of the art soil testing facilities. Due to the continuous efforts of the Institute and technological interventions, the average yield of bivoltine cocoons has been enhanced significantly.

Notably, the Silk Samagra Yojana launched in 2017-18 under the guidance of PM has proved to be a game changer in making sericulture sustainable by supporting country's as well as J&K's silk industry in an integrated manner.

Under Silk Samagra Phase-I, about 900 silkworm rearers have been benefited directly besides establishment of about 618 rearing houses. Besides, the Central Silk Board has allocated Rs 35 crore for J&K under Silk Samagra Phase-II benefiting around 27,000 families involved in Sericulture in the UT.

Amid dry weather...

recorded a low of 3.0°C against 5.7°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 2.1°C against 5.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.6°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of Iminus .8°C against 2.0°C on the previous night and it was 3.4°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kulgam recorded a low of 3.1°C against 4.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.6°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.9°C against minus 1.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 1.6°C against 3.8°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 12.5°C against 11.9°C on the previous night. It was 4.1°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 3.8°C (below normal by 2.7°C), Batote 6.1°C (below normal by 2.4°C), Katra 11.2°C (2.6°C below normal) and Bhadrawah 3.6°C (1.8°C below normal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 3.8°C and 2.0°C respectively.

India logs...

The Ministry said, 1743, vaccine doses of COVID have been administered during the last 24 hours under the nationwide vaccination drive.

So far, over 220. 65 crore vaccine doses were administered across the country.

Meanwhile, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Monday, will hold a meeting with states' health secretaries and senior officers to review COVID-19 preparedness as India continues to report a rise in coronavirus infections.

IGP Armed/IRP...

infrastructure. Emphasis was laid on the significance of welfare and mission statement activities to improve the Battalions' performance within their mandated domains.

The Commandants were encouraged to personally oversee welfare activities, including health checkups and preventive measures, to maintain the morale of staff and officers. Additionally, it was instructed to incorporate regular sports activities into the daily routines of personnel, and other regimental activities were discussed to improve the work culture dynamics within the Battalions.

The meeting also covered the topic of providing police personnel to local and traffic police for various duties. It was emphasized that when assigned to these roles, staff should display exceptional professionalism, discipline, and dedication. Personnel should be thoroughly briefed and sensitized about their duties to ensure, they deliver their best performance.

The meeting also discussed the training of PSOs, commandos, and pre-promotion courses for Battalion staff. It was decided that they would soon be started in Sunjwan.

Jammu SIU...

to investigate the cases in time bound and in professional manner.

The official spokesman said that the SIU Jammu under the supervision of DIG SIU Jammu Zone has launched a special drive to take the anti-national elements (Terrorists) to task by firstly getting Non Bailable Warrant (NBA) against the 13 terrorists namely Shah Nawaz Kanth alias Munna alias Umar of Hullah, Kishtwar, Nayeem Ahmed alias Amir of Near Jamia Masjid, Kishtwar, Mohammad Iqbal alias Bilal of Near Kichitoo Market, Kishtwar, Shah Nawaz alias Naveem of Chirool Padarna, Javid Hussain Giri alias Muzamil of Kundali Pochal, Bashir Ahmed Mughal of Jugna Keshwan, Gazi-ul-Din of Jugna, Keshwan, Sattar Din alias Rajab alias Saifulah of Jugna Keshwan, Imtiyaz Ahmed alias Dawood of Banderna, Kishtwar, Shabir Ahmed of Kithor Bonjwah, Mohd Rafiq Khan of Patnazi Bonjwah, Muzaffer Ahmed of Semma Colony Zeyar Kishtwar and Azad Hussain of Affani Padder.

The process of letter Rogatory has been initiated through the CIO of the case Dy. SP PC Kishtwar, Vishal Sharma.

Besides, the CIO Dy.SP PC Kathua Tilak Raj Bhardwaj produced challan before the Court of NIA Jammu against two militants namely Zakir Hussain Bhat alias Umar Farooq of Near Govt. Primary School Malad, Tehsil Lohai Malhar, District Kathua and Gulam Farid alias Farid Bhat of Bhimber Pakistan who were involved in unlawful activities to flourish the terrorist activities

Police organises seminar on Drug De-addiction

JN NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAR 27

As a part of Civic Action Programme, Police organised seminar/awareness programme against drug addiction at Townhall Ganderal. The seminar was chaired by SSP Ganderal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS along with DySP Headquarters Ganderal Shri Gh Hassan-JKPS. The Seminar was attended by Teachers, respectable Citizens, Media Fraternity, students of Degree College Ganderal & various other schools of the district.

Speaking on the event, SSP Ganderal stated that the co-operation of the people is very pivotal to eradicate the severe menace of drugs from the society. He asked the students that Police is ready to help them in promoting sports & games. He further added drug addiction is a social crime & cooperation of the public is necessary and stressed upon the participants to share all information related to drugs & its peddling in the area with concerned Police units so that Police can act swiftly. He also appealed the participants to extend their help in identifying drug addicts in their localities so that they can be counselled in better ways with the help of Drug De-addiction Centres.

DySP Haps Ganderal also spoke about the sensitive topic of Drugs & its Addiction. He also highlighted the role of school management in identifying such cases and their role in treatment process thereof. Moreover, Psychiatrist Dr. Umar Jan also spoke about the psychological and social aspects of Drug Addiction. He further talked about the socio-economic, Physiological and Psychological causes and also preventive measures of Drug Addiction. The participants were encouraged to adopt positive approaches and to encourage others to do the same in eliminating this severe menace from the society. Moreover, various dignitaries, Social Activists, Artists and students both Boys & Girls of different Schools of the District also three light on this burning issue i.e "Drug Addiction & its negative causes".

At the end of the Seminar, SSP Ganderal distributed Guest of Honour mementos among the Guests for their utmost contribution towards the welfare of the society. Trophies were also distributed amongst the students who spoke on the said occasion. At the end, the vote of thanks was presented by DySP Headquarters Ganderal Shri Gh Hassan-JKPS.

Investiture ceremony held at DPO Budgam

JN NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, MAR 27

An investiture ceremony held at District Police Headquarters Budgam where SSP Budgam Shri Al Tahir Gilani-JKPS accompanied by ASP Budgam Shri Gowhar Ahmed-JKPS presented DGP commendation certificates & medals to 05 officers & officials who have been honoured with the DGP's Medal for their exemplary services to the society and J&K Police during the year 2022.

The officers/officials who were awarded DGP's commendation certificates & medals include DySP Headquarters Budgam Shri Saqib Ganj-JKPS, SHO PS Khag Insp. Bahar Ahmed Khan, SI. Irshad Ahmed, HC Shabir Ahmed and Constable Omer Nabi.

Interacting with the recipients, SSP Budgam congratulated them and their families for this prestigious recognition. He said that DGP's medal is an appreciation of your good work. He wished them good luck and hoped that they will continue to work with same dedication and zeal in future also.

Police organises medical camps at far-flung areas of Anantnag

JN NEWS SERVICE ANANTNAG, MAR 27

Police in Anantnag under the aegis of Civic Action Programme (CAP) organised medical camps at Gawran Kokernag and Kapran Verinag areas of district Anantnag.

The main aim of the medical camps was to provide the basic as well as specialist health care facilities to the downtrodden people of far-flung areas of district at their door steps. Faculty of Doctors like Physician, Gynaecologist, Eye specialist and General Medicine were available for patients. During these medical camps, free medicines were distributed among the people. The Medical Health Camps were attended by local PRIs, officers of Police department and large number of civil society. A total of 744 patients including 274 Men, 320 Women and 150 Children attended the camps.

General public of the area appreciated the role of Police for organising medical camps for Poor People in far-flung areas.

in UT of J&K.

Notably, during the onset of the militancy in the J&K, a large number of militants have crossed over to Pakistan and are now actively involved in reviving militancy in J&K by either sending arms and ammunition through drones or by recruiting new youth through social media and other modes of communication.

The DIG SIU Jammu has impressed upon all his CIOs to investigate every case in a thorough and professional manner so that all the militants who are in their cases could be arrested and those who have sneaked into Pakistan and are actively waging war against the country can be cornered either by issuing red notice through Inter-pol or by issuing LR through the Court of law.

Further, more Challans against the terrorist involved in UAPA cases of SIU Jammu Zone are expected to be produced before the Court of law in a couple of weeks time.

MP Gulam Ali seeks details of projects for promotion of tourism in JK

JI NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAR 27: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Gulam Ali sought the details of projects for the development and promotion of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Er. Gulam Ali sought details regarding schemes promoting tourism in tribal dominated areas, the number of proposals under PRASHAD scheme received from J&K, reasons for delay in sanction of Purmandal-Uttarabini proposal, budget allocated for development of tourism in Doda, Poonch, Kishtwar, Rajouri and Kashmir and status of schemes for pilgrim tourism, Minister for Tourism said that major schemes implemented are Swadesh darshan, PRASHAD, Safe Tourism Destinations for Women, Champion Service Schemes etc.



Union Minister of State for Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy presented elaborate details of various schemes sanctioned for promotion of tourism in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He gave the bifurcation of the budget allocation of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism. Only one work, Hazratbal Srinagar, under PRASHAD, has been sanctioned for whole Jammu and Kashmir. Proposals of Katra-Resai are under sanctioning process whereas proposals for Sunderbani-Rajouri are awaited. It is to mention that under this

scheme places of religious, spiritual and heritage are restored, developed and promoted. Jammu and Kashmir Rajya Sabha MP Gulam Ali Khatana sought answers from the Ministry of Tourism on the specific schemes promoting tourism in tribal areas along with details of employment generated through tourism for tribals through promotion of tourism in these particular tribal areas.

Seeking replies from the ministry about reasons for Purmandal-Uttarabini proposal clearance delay and details regarding tourism budget for Jammu and Kashmir as there has been much delay in the restoration and development of these place of much importance for the people of Jammu and despite visits and assurances by Ministry of Tourism nothing on ground has been achieved though announcements were made in the past.

MP sought in detail the number of proposals received from Jammu and Kashmir under PRASHAD scheme and how many of those proposals been accepted and what is the status right now.

Minister replied in detail about projects under Swadesh Darshan, in all six projects were sanctioned in 2016-17 with a total budget allocation of 519.58 crores of which 434.50 have been release till now. Work is underway on many of these projects and some had been completed.

In addition to these Central agencies for tourism infrastructure development schemes had been provided 17 crores funds for sound and light show at Dal Lake, 5 crore, and for manufacture of Glass Top Coaches, 12 crore.

Modi Govt moving ahead of time to provide all weather road connectivity: Sham Langer

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Sham Lal Langer, Convener BJP Trade Cell, J&K, on Monday said that Centre led by PM Narendra Modi is moving ahead of time in providing all weather road connectivity in J&K.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJP leader said that opening of 15 Tunnel along the NH44 axis in record time is testimony to the fact that central government is creating desired road network in the Union Territory in a fast pace manner and the time is not far when the commitment made by the BJP Government to the



people about all weather road connectivity shall be evident that in the coming years, J&K will have the network of roads which will remain through all the year irrespective of rains, snowfall or any other weather condition.

The senior BJP leader said that government is working with steady pace to ensure all weather roads ready J&K and it is now the matter of few years when the dream of J&K having failsafe road network shall be realized.

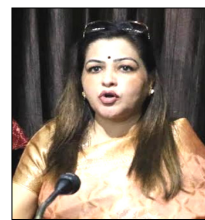
He said that many ongoing road projects in J&K are nearing completion well in advance of the specified completion dates making it evident that in the coming years, J&K will have the network of roads which will remain through all the year irrespective of rains, snowfall or any other weather condition.

The senior BJP leader said that government is working with steady pace to ensure all weather roads ready J&K and it is now the matter of few years when the dream of J&K having failsafe road network shall be realized.

Namrta slams Govt for breaking spine of common people by imposing heavy taxes, hiking toll plaza rates

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Namrta Sharma, President Women Wing Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu and Kashmir has accused the LG Administration of leaving no stone unturned in breaking the spine of the common people by imposing tax after tax on them despite living in miserable conditions due to wrong policies of the Govt. She said that as if all this was not enough that now the Administration has given yet another blow to the people by arbitrarily hiking toll plaza rates.



In a statement issued to media here today, Namrta Sharma said that the BJP Govt at the Centre as well as its proxy Govt in Jammu and Kashmir have failed miserably on all fronts with the people feeling it quite difficult even to fetch a square meal a day.

"The price hike and inflation have crossed all the limits and the common people can't afford the essential commodities. It is really an irony that rich are growing richer and the poor becoming poorer and it would not be

wrong to state that the present BJP Govt is for the rich, of the rich and by the rich thus throwing the democratic principles to tatters," she added.

The senior woman leader of AAP, while accusing the BJP Govt of being just a Juma Govt, said that with eight years of its governance no money has been brought back from Swiss Bank, the doubling of farmers income still continues to be a distant dream so much so that not a single promise made by the BJP in its manifestos has been fulfilled by it and instead it continues to befool the people every day with its false narratives.

However, the people have understood the BJP's game plan and they will teach BJP a lesson in the upcoming 2024 Parliamentary elections as well as in J&K's impending Assembly elections whenever held, she added.

Establish strong connect with farmers' community: Johal to workers



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: The Modi government has done more work in eight years of its rule for making farmers self-reliant than was accomplished ever before and its agriculture-friendly schemes have become the real power of farmers. This was stated by Sarabjit Singh Johal, President BJP Kissan Morcha, J&K and DDC Member while speaking at

the programme in district Srinagar. Bharatiya Janata Party Spokesperson Altaf Thakur and Minority Morcha in-charge Sheikh Bashir were prominently present in the meeting.

Notably, Johal conducted a meeting of BJP Kissan Morcha of six districts of Kashmir Province in which district presidents and workers of all six districts participated.

The senior BJP leader asserted that the Central

Government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done more work in the last eight years than ever before for empowering farmers and making them self-reliant. He said the Government at the Centre stands fully committed to the welfare of the farmers who deserve special attention especially in view of their being the food producers of the nation. He said the government is making every effort to double the farmers' income and boost agriculture economy.

The BJP Kissan Morcha President, J&K, said that the farmers' issues have been best addressed by PM Modi led Govt at the Centre. He mentioned that the schemes and initiatives by the government like Kissan Sammaan Nidhi, Kissan Credit Card, Kissan Fasal Bima, Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), SVAMITVA Yojana, and many more such schemes have been providing benefits to all the farmers of the nation.

Johal asked the Kissan Morcha leaders and workers to establish a strong connect with the farmers' community and ensure that they avail the benefits of the aforesaid schemes. He asked them to take adequate measures in strengthen the base of the Party.

Miss & Mrs North Jammu Season 4 concludes

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: The fashion and modeling event Miss & Mrs North Jammu season 4 concluded today.

Total 15 contestants, 8 miss and 7 Mrs category, participated for the title of Miss and Mrs North Jammu Season 4 which was organised by 999 Production.

Akriti Panotra won the title of Miss North Jammu and Meenakshi Gupta won the title of Mrs North Jammu.

Waqf Board Member and eminent journalist Sohail Kazmi was the chief guest of the event whereas Former Deputy Chief Minister of JK kavinder Gupta, Pooja Gupta (Social activist) were the guest of the honour and Meenu Mahajan was the special guest on the occasion.

Kazmi congratulated the winners and appreciated the effort of organiser for providing a platform to the talented youth. "No doubt such kind of event and initiatives help to motivate the talented youth and also help to give new degree and direction to their



career." Kavinder Gupta stated, "Jammu Kashmir and youth of Jammu Kashmir are the prime concern of Modi Government. Such event not only help to enhance the professional career of participants but also help to fight against Drugs."

The event was conducted at Jammu Club. Jury Members are Manya Singh, Jasmeet Reen, Ashima Sharma, Supreet Kour and Manmeet Singh.

2 ND runner up is Rekha katoch and 1 st Runner Up is Dipanshu in Miss Category of the Show.

Mrs Category Jyotsana is 2nd

Runner Up, Priyanka is 1st Runner up The other dignitaries were Manmeet Singh, Supreet Kour, Rani Bhan, Irfan Choudhary, Gurdheep Kour, Surinder Suri, Nirmal Mahana (AAP Leader), Inderjeet Raina, Madhavu Sharma AIR Broadcaster.

Paramjeet Properties, Kudan Motor, Colour Trends, Dheeraj Studios, J&K Immigration Consultant, 999 fitness were the main sponsors whereas the MJ Colour saloon, Galaxy Enterprises and My Tomorrow Land Bistrot by 999 were the presenting sponsors of the event.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, Anuradha Charak, listens to the public grievances

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister, accompanied by BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak, listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Numerous people, individually as well in the form of deputations, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

Besides various personal issues, other main issues presented related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains



etc. Dr. Nirmal Singh listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others, talking to the concerned authorities, they

pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

"BJP is a cadre-based party and the organization has several grievance resolution mechanisms. We work as a family to serve the masses with full effort, while trying to address every single concern of the people," said Dr. Nirmal Singh.

Anuradha Charak diazied all the issues and conducted the proceedings of the grievance camp.

BJP VDC Cell Convener Basar Raj Thakur and other BJP leaders were also present on the occasion.

Fulfilled near impossible task of connecting Kashmir with rest of nation by train: Kavinder

SAYS MODI GOVT REALISED DREAMS OF J&K PEOPLE

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Monday said that the BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi has realized the dreams and aspirations of the people of J&K. In a statement issued to media fraternity, the BJP stalwart said that Centre has been keen to change the development profile of J&K and for this it has been accomplishing development with an exemplary pace. He said that rail connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar and to

all other destinations across the country is like dream coming true for the people of the country especially those belonging to J&K.

Kavinder said that connecting Kashmir with rest of the country through rails was a near impossible task but with strong resolute the Modi Government has realized the same with extreme levels of proficiency. He said that J&K is about to witness economic boom after the trains start chugging between Jammu and Srinagar as trains bring prosperity along.

The former Deputy Chief Minister

reiterated that the Article 370 was the main bottleneck restraining development in the UT but the farsighted step taken by PM Modi to make this contentious Article of Constitution null and void has removed all the hurdles and today the J&K is moving steadily on the path of development with almost all the residents of the UT extending unprecedented support to government. Kavinder said that PM Modi has been meticulously fulfilling all the promises made with the countrymen and days are not far when his promise of making J&K the best place in the country will be fulfilled.

Raj Rattan lauds boxers Nitu, Sweety for scripting history by winning gold in IBA world c'ship

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Raj Rattan Raina, BJP leader on Monday congratulated boxers Nitu Ghanghas and Sweety Bora for bringing double delight for the country by bagging gold medals at the IBA women's world boxing championship.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP leader said that it is a double delight for India at the women's boxing world championship with Nitu Ghanghas clinching gold in the 48 kg category and Sweety

Bora in the 81 kg final.

He said that this is just the beginning as the sports policy adopted by the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi will change the scenario of sports in the coming time with players excelling in all games and at all levels.

He said that the BJP Government has envisaged everything required for grooming sports person to bring out champions out of normal human beings and the results have started pouring in with Indian sports persons leaving their mark at every interna-

tional sports event.

Raj Rattan Raina said that the way the rest of the country is excelling in sports at international arena, J&K also need to work in the same direction with particular focus on girls and women segments as UT will have to take extra care to surmount the players of other regions.

He said that there is no dearth of funds under the Modi Government to enhance the sports infrastructure but the need is to manage things to bring about the desired changes in the playgrounds of the UT.

J&K embarked upon mission of greater transformation: Danish

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 27: Danish Mishra, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), J&K, has asserted that the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory is moving fast on the path of unprecedented development. He said that this is evident from the fact that investments have gone up to Rs. 6000 crores with the Govt having received 5327 proposals. It is not only limited to investments but even 129 units out of these proposals are already functional as of today.

In a statement issued to media here

today, Danish Mishra said that J&K is receiving special attention of the Govt at the Centre led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with synchronized efforts of the Centre and the UT Administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha J&K has embarked upon the mission of greater transformation with main focus on Industries, Agriculture and Entrepreneurship sectors as these sectors have the great potential of generating huge economy besides creating employment avenues for the youth of this sensitive region that has just come out of the trauma of terrorism. The BJYM leader stated that

the new Industrial policy of Jammu and Kashmir has started paying dividends. It was the result of this policy that after its announcement, the Jammu and Kashmir Government received 5327 applications and investment proposals. He said that while the anticipated investment was Rs. 64058 crore in December 2022, it has now touched Rs. 66,000 crore which is a matter of great satisfaction and an indication that the new industrial policy has proved to be a big success and has been playing a vital role in the unprecedented development in this Union Territory.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

Ladakh needs practical solution to dog bite cases

It is quite unfortunate that the UT administration of Ladakh remained in deep slumber over the growing menace of stray dogs and came out with a vague advisory for general public only after a septuagenarian woman was mauled to death by a pack of feral dogs in the Kargil district's remote Zaskar area on Saturday. The incident was shocking and created a massive outrage in the cold desert of the country with stakeholders accusing the UT administration of being lethargic and ignorant to the serious problem of stray dogs. The authorities in Ladakh administration had disclosed that Leh district reported over 230 dog bite cases till the second week of February this year. The officials claimed that a total of 22,145 stray dogs were sterilised by the Department since 2013. A total of 2,000 dog bite cases were registered at SNM hospital in 2022 from all over the union territory of Ladakh. Going by the number of dog bite cases, it can be safely assumed that the menace of stray dogs have become a major problem in the otherwise peaceful region. Instead of spelling out a solution to the problem, the UT administration issued an advisory for the general public asking them to exercise caution while approaching a stray dog. What was more ironic was that the Department of Animal and Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries remained silent over the possible measures being taken to tackle the problem of stray dogs in the Union Territory. After outrage in the region, the concerned department, in a face-saving exercise, admitted that there was increase in the cases of dog bite in some parts of the UT and issued an interesting advisory for the general public, asking the people to "exercise caution while approaching a stray dog, if they are not familiar with their behavior especially during the early/late hours and walking alone". Some interesting tips to stay safe around stray dogs include, always carry a stick while going for a walk in the morning or evening time, do not approach stray dogs directly. If you see a stray dog, do not approach them directly. Instead, stay at a safe distance and observe their behavior. If the dog seems agitated or aggressive, it is best to stay away and report the same to Municipality/rescue teams in your respective areas immediately. Do not make direct eye contact: Dogs can see direct eye contact as a sign of aggression, so it is best to avoid making eye contact with stray dogs and avoid disturbing their pups. Stay calm and quiet: Dogs can sense fear and anxiety, so it is important to stay calm and quiet around stray dogs. Avoid making sudden movements or loud noises that might startle them. The killing of an elderly woman by stray dogs was not only horrifying but also an eye-opener for UT administration to seriously work out some plans to deal with the problem. UT Ladakh has the highest dog-to-human ratio in India. The birth control method is significantly failing, and it is posing threats to Humans and also to the wildlife of Ladakh. The UT administration should take all stakeholders on board to tackle this problem.

The perils of selective international justice

How can the ICC's arrest warrant against Putin be executed? Can the ICC suo motu act like the West-constituted International Military Tribunal for the Far East (1945), which brought to justice 28 Japanese 'war criminals' and put them to the sword? Assuming that the West-backed ICC does succeed in doing so, will the Bench impart justice objectively and fairly?

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THE International Criminal Court's (ICC) arrest warrant against Russian President Vladimir Putin has given a twist to the Russia-Ukraine war. What's in store for the President of one of the warring nations? Can he be brought to justice? Or will the ICC remain cocooned in its hallowed precincts, in keeping with the tradition of the world bodies of the past 100 years?

It's hard to predict and naïve to visualise a quick and effective implementation of the ruling of a Bench which doesn't have the wherewithal to enforce its verdict. It's because international criminal justice is selective, creating contradictions, confusion and chaos and giving rise to the belief that it's a system of, for and by the privileged to take on the underprivileged, deprived and provoked combatants.

Headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands, the ICC is a "court established by a treaty known as the Statute of the International Criminal Court (effective from 2002), with jurisdiction over genocides, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression." Curiously, the ICC's inception coincided with post-September 11, 2001, developments, when the US, under President George W. Bush, launched the "global war on terror". Will it, therefore, be wrong to perceive that the prime aim and objective of the ICC is to target perpetrators of crime operating in regions located far away from the West?

Today, the ICC has field offices in the Central African Republic, Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Mali and Uganda — in the developing world. Powered and defined by the 1998 Rome Statute and its amendments, "while the ICC is independent of the UN, the Rome Statute grants the UN Security Council (UNSC) certain powers of referral and deferral."

So, who all constitute the Rome Statute? It consists of "123 parties" and the best — or the worst — part thereof is that all Permanent Five (P5) members of the UNSC (France, China, the UK, Russia and



the US) are either virtually conspicuous by their absence or happen to be there with a conditional or token presence. Whereas China is totally absent from the statute, Russia and the US (along with Israel and Sudan) have signed but not ratified the Rome Statute. These four nations declared that "they no longer intend to become party to the statute." The UK and France are signatories to the statute, but "with reservation and/or declaration", thereby reducing the whole institution of the ICC to a sham, which mirrors the past 400 years of arrogance of the exclusive club of western imperial powers.

The situation becomes murkier owing to Ukraine's stand. Kyiv isn't a party to the statute, but it has "accepted jurisdiction of the ICC with respect to alleged crimes committed on its territory since November 21, 2013." Thus, the ICC jurisdiction over Ukraine "extends to action committed by citizens of non-parties to the statute on Ukrainian territory but, since Ukraine itself isn't a party, not to the crime of aggression without a referral from the UNSC." Therefore, an extraordinary situation brings Ukraine under the ICC through an indirect route, without having formally accepted the Rome Statute. The ICC jurisdiction over Ukraine, unlike other contracting and consenting parties,

comes through the New York-based UNSC, thereby making it one of a kind in the midst of universally accepted, so-called international law. Exception, rather than equality, seems to have found favour with western expediency when international law comes to the fore in mainland Europe.

Since contextually and conceptually, we are in the legal terrain pertaining to crime, one cannot avoid the fundamentals of jurisprudence or the principles on which the law is made.

Hence, the alleged crime of Russia, being ongoing and visible, could be referred to for invoking speedy justice. But, does prosecution for murder or manslaughter have a shelf life? Can it fall under the limitation act for being "time-barred"? No. That's the reason, even after being absconding for years, charges against a young murderer can be taken up for imprisonment or capital punishment even in the twilight of his life. In other words, murder/ manslaughter can be punished any time as it doesn't have any time limit for implementation of the judicial verdict.

Coming back to the ICC arrest warrant against Putin, how can it be implemented, by whom, how and when? Can the ICC suo motu act like the West-constituted International Military Tribunal for the Far East (1945), which brought

to justice 28 Japanese 'war criminals' and put them to the sword? Assuming that the West-backed ICC does succeed in doing so, will the Bench impart justice objectively, impartially and fairly?

As of now, a fair trial looks highly doubtful. Everything today, regrettably, appears to be a cacophony of culpability.

"One nation, one man, one army" is cited as the cause of all violence and brutality, mayhem and massacre. In 1945, too, it happened when the jury of the West unanimously found Japan to be a 'war criminal'. The exception, however, was the sole Indian on the Bench: Justice Radhabinod Pal gave a landmark dissent judgment, absolving the 25 Japanese defendants in the case. "I sincerely regret my inability to concur in the judgment and decision of my learned brothers," were the words of the Indian jurist.

That history-making verdict of Justice Pal was significant because when the West atom-bombed two Japanese cities, there was no uproar over a war crime, human rights violation and barbarism on the part of the Occident. Though the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings are not time-barred, history invariably stood for the crime of the West. Hence, any war on western land is a war against the world and deserves a warrant against the Orient.

Improving employability a challenge for Punjab

BS GHUMAN

PUNJAB'S youth are at a crossroads. Large-scale unemployment, exodus to foreign lands, vulnerability to drug abuse and involvement in agitations suggest that all is not well. The need of the hour is to provide opportunities to the youth for actively participating in development activities.

The state government has made a good beginning by providing 26,797 jobs in a year. In February, the state had an unemployment rate of 8.2 per cent, a little higher than the national figure of 7.45 per cent.

According to sources, the state has around 25 lakh unemployed people and, hence, the generation of quality jobs on a large scale is the most challenging task. Employability of the Punjabi youth is also low. It is around 10 per cent in the case of general education and 25 per cent for technical education. Thus, improving employability should also be prioritised. Jobs offered by the agriculture, industry and service sectors are short of choices for the state's youth.

The thrust of the state's model of development has been on agriculture. The job profile of farm operations, however, is not as per the aspirations of the youth. The agriculture sector has produced jobs which have largely attracted migrant labourers. The state's situation is ironical, with growth creating jobs for the migrants



and joblessness for the locals. This phenomenon is also undergoing a change due to rapid mechanisation and, hence, may result in job losses even for migrants.

Barring a few, the existing industries hardly offer decent jobs to the local youth. The industrial sector is dominated by small enterprises using old technologies and employing mainly migrant workers. The service sector, though, is offering around 40 per cent jobs, but technical know-how is not modernised and, hence, the quality of jobs is compromised.

With a view to mitigating unemployment, a three-pronged strategy is suggested. The first strategy is to clear the existing backlog. The second is to prepare the youth for future jobs and the third is to bring structural changes in the economy.

At present, most of the unem-

ployed people are matriculates, Class-XII passouts, graduates, post-graduates and diploma holders. They are qualified in the respective streams but lack skills required in the market.

Job-seekers consider themselves qualified, but job providers regard most of them as unfit for jobs. The gap is widening as educational institutions are following traditional approaches to designing and implementing curricula, while the landscape of the job market is changing fast owing to technological advances.

What is the way out? To clear the backlog, the government should prepare a roadmap in consultation with the industry, educational institutions, sector skill councils and financial institutions. After getting feedback from the stakeholders about skills in demand, the educational institutions should organise short-duration skill

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development programmes with practicum to equip the youth with the required skills. For this purpose, the institutions may set up special-purpose vehicles in the form of finishing schools having the mandate to fill the gaps in the skills the youth possess and those required in the market. For self-employment and startups, the government should provide the seed money and arrange loans from financial institutions.

In order to improve employability, the state's Finance Minister announced two schemes in the 2023-24 Budget — Professional Coaching for Employment, and Soft Skill and Communication Training. The government also announced the Punjab Youth Entrepreneur Programme to "incentivise business ideas".

Preparing the youth for future jobs is a multi-pronged process. Our mindset is mainly trapped in the existing jobs. Enabling students for existing jobs is a good practice, but simultaneously, we should take decisions to invest resources for future jobs. Future jobs are driven by techno-

gies such as artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), 3D printing, robotics, cloud computing, smart sensors, drone technology, cybersecurity technology, blockchain technology and data science.

According to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) report on the future of jobs, the top emerging jobs in the US are of big-data architects, automation technicians and engineers, renewable energy engineers, organisational development specialists, new technology specialists, IT administrators, digital transformation specialists, IT project managers and data analysts.

The universities in the state should join hands to prepare the youth for future jobs. The universities should identify ubiquitous technology-driven courses, research and innovations, depending upon their strengths. They should also restructure the existing curricula in tune with the new jobs. Institutional partnership with the industry and society should be made mandatory.

Another challenge for the state is the obsolescence of the skills of work-

ers due to changing technologies. The WEF, in its report 'Towards a Reskilling Revolution', has suggested innovative methods to identify viable job transition pathways for disrupted workers. By learning from worldwide experience, the state government should incentivise the employers and educational institutions to initiate reskilling programmes for the workers to make them ready for new jobs. Structural transformation of the economy based on the existing technology is not enough to generate quality jobs. The policymakers, like entrepreneurs, should adopt innovations in policies to build a 'new Punjab' in tune with technological advances.

Thus, for creating future jobs in the state, the structural transformation in economy in favour of high-tech industry (Industry 4.0) and the service sector (Service 4.0), steered by digital and smart technologies, should be initiated in a planned manner. The state's Industrial and Business Development Policy-2022 is a step in this direction.

Jodhpur Man Who Threatened Salman Khan Sent To Police Custody Till April 3

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The accused, identified as one Dhakadram Ramil Siyag, 21, was nabbed on Sunday for allegedly sending an email threatening to kill Bollywood mega-star Salman Khan last week.

Cracking into the probe, the Bandra

Police Station registered an FIR on March 18 and with tech-intel traced the email originating to Rajasthan. They shared the information with the Jodhpur Police, who tracked down Siyag and after zeroing in on his location, they went in a combined operation to nab him on Sunday morning. The Bandra Police team said that the arrested Siyag is a history-sheeter and wanted by the Rajasthan and Punjab Police in different cases and has some cases lodged against him in that state.



AMITABH BACHCHAN Does Namaste To Fans In 'Homemade Sling' Outside His Home



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan greeted his fans outside his house for the first time since he injured himself on the sets of 'Project K'.

The cine icon was seen wearing a 'home made sling' as he did namaste on meeting his fans on Sunday, something he would do religiously every week.

The actor took to his blog where he shared a slew of pictures in a white kurta pyjama paired with a jacket. He also wore an ivory coloured hand sling to give support to his arm.

He wrote on his blog: "And the work continues .. the Sunday blessings of the well wishers .. my love affection and gratitude .. they still come .. me in homemade sling and the grey."

It was earlier in March when Amitabh suffered an injury during the shoot of 'Project K', in Hyderabad.

The actor shared his health update on his blog. After consulting a doctor and undergoing a CT scan at AIG Hospital in Hyderabad, he left for Mumbai, where he is taking rest at his home.

The 80-year-old suffered a muscle tear in his right rib cage during an action sequence of the film. He wrote that after the incident the film shoot was postponed.

Baby boom in Hollywood: From Lindsay Lohan, Kaley Cuoco to Rihanna, check out celebs that are ready to embrace parenthood

From Rihanna's second pregnancy to Lindsay Lohan's first baby, many celebrities from the world of Hollywood are expecting babies in 2023. And every outing where they flaunt their baby bumps, makes us excited about the arrival of the little one. As the list continues to grow, we get you a list of celebs who are ready to embrace parenthood, or have just welcomed their bundle of joy.



Alexander Skarsgard
 Actor Alexander Skarsgard has confirmed that he welcomed his first child with girlfriend Tuva Novotny recently. "Thank you very much," Skarsgard said while responding to a congratulatory message by ET. Skarsgard and Novotny were spotted out in November with their baby. He even showed a stuffed

animal he received at the premiere of Succession season four.

Actor Gina Rodriguez is officially a mother! The 38-year-old actor and her husband Joe LoCicero have welcomed

their first child together. According to People magazine, the couple is now the proud parents of a baby boy. It was in July last year when the Jane the Virgin actor announced that she and her husband, who got married in 2019, were expecting their first baby.

Sarah Snook
 Succession actor Sarah Snook is expecting her first child with husband Dave Lawson. It was during the premiere of season four in New York City when she revealed to Entertainment Tonight that they are expecting their first child together.

The 35-year-old pregnant star discussed her baby bump, revealing that she is 32 weeks along. "It's exciting. I feel great," she said.

Nani Denies Clash Between 'Dasara' And Ajay Devgn-Starrer 'Bhola'



Telugu star Nani denied claims about a clash between Ajay Devgn's 'Bhola' and his 'Dasara' as both are releasing on March 30.

"We all love Ajay Devgn and I don't think there is a clash between the two. I would request everyone to go and watch 'Bhola' in the morning and 'Dasara' in the evening."

He talked about his film and shared: "There are emotions that we can easily relate to in the film. It is based on a real story experienced by our director. His father was a worker in the Singareni coal mines so it is based on a real story."

"It has content as well as all the elements of entertainment. It will connect with the masses. There is no one larger than life and every character you will see in the film is relatable. You will cry and laugh with them."

There are 36 cuts in the film and he said there is nothing to think about as 22 cuts are from one dialogue only.

Dia Mirza on her character in Anubhav Sinha's Bheed: I was sobbing while reading the script based on migrant crisis

The mismanagement of the Covid-19 lockdown and the suffering of the underpaid migrant labourers are the central themes of actor Dia Mirza's latest film, Bheed. Though the memories and visual from that time still affect the actor, she remembers how the film's narrative profoundly took a toll on her when she first heard it. "I was deeply moved by it. I was sobbing while reading the script. I thought this is the film that has to be made as it's a film for ages. Stories like this are necessary for generations to reflect, internalize and understand how flawed we as humans can be."

Bheed also focuses on the migrants and tackles the delicate subject of social inequality with heart-breaking visuals and soul-stirring stories. Mirza says that makes the film all the more relevant in today's time. "We need more films like these to understand the social inequalities that we have lived with. We need to recognise they exist

to be able to change it." In the film, Mirza plays a single mother from the privileged class of society.



who amid the lockdown, is desperately trying to get to her daughter. The actor talks about delving deep into the psyche of her character and also points out how the film throws light on the treatment that privileged tend to give to other sections of society.

"There are people who are uncaring of anybody else's predicament in a moment, where they are so consumed by their problems but that's natural.

That's also human. This character helped me understand that as an actor, I do not have to judge the character I am playing. I just have to become the character," she says and goes on, "There are moments in the film, where you will see the grey side of my character, and by extension, the grey side of our society."

Prosenjit Chatterjee Dedicates His 'Jubilee' Look To His Father Biswajeet Chatterjee



Bengali superstar Prosenjit Chatterjee, who will soon be seen playing Srikanth Roy -- the head honcho of a Hindi film studio in the upcoming streaming series, Jubilee -- recently revealed that his style in the series is an ode to his father Biswajeet Chatterjee.

The series, which is set parallel to the evolution of both India and the Hindi film industry, is a layered drama, interwoven with multiple characters.

Speaking of his character, Prosenjit shared, "I was living Srikanth Roy's character for 7 months before shooting (due to lockdown), there were just minor changes when I got back on the sets. In the series, you will see me in a very nice hairstyle. This is dedicated to my father Biswajeet Chatterjee, they used to have that kind of styling back in the days."

The series also stars an ensemble cast of Aditi Rao Hydari, Aparshakti Khurana, Wamiqa Gabbi, Sidhant Gupta, Nandish Sandhu, and Ram Kapoor.

Directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, Jubilee is created by Soumik Sen along with Motwane and is produced by Andolan Films in association with Reliance Entertainment and Phantom Studios. The 10-episode series will stream on Prime Video starting Part 1 on April 7 and Part 2 on April 14.



Cardi B, Post Malone, Gwyneth Paltrow and more: Hollywood celebs and their legal woes

From Gwyneth Paltrow to Bad Bunny, many celebrities from Hollywood are busy with legal woes, some clearing it up, and some settling it. We take a look at a few of the recent cases.

Gwyneth Paltrow
 Actor and Goop CEO Gwyneth Paltrow is now appearing in for the first day of a civil trial over claims she seriously injured a man in a skiing accident in Park City, Utah, in 2016. Terry Sanderson, a 76-year-old retired optometrist, filed the suit against Paltrow, alleging that the Shakespeare

Weekend's copyright legal issue with his 2018 cut Call Out My Name is officially resolved. According to Pitchfork, lawyers for The Weekend and his co-defendants Nicolas Jaar and Frank Dukes, and the legal team of producers Suniel Fox and Henry Strangis filed in court that they have reached a settlement, with the details kept under wraps. It puts an end to the copyright lawsuit initially filed by Fox and Strangis in September 2021, where they accused the My Dear Melancholy track as one that

"contain(s) quantitatively and qualitatively similar material in their respective lead guitar and vocal hooks, including melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic elements distinctive to" their track Vibeking. Bad Bunny
 A former girlfriend of Bad Bunny has filed a \$40 million lawsuit against the Puerto Rican star, alleging he used a recording of her voice in several songs without permission. Carliz De La Cruz Hernandez, who dated Bad Bunny from 2011 to 2016, filed the lawsuit at a Puerto Rican court in San

Juan earlier this month, though the outlet Noticed first reported it just this week. She has alleged that the singer used the recording shortly thereafter without authorization, in the introduction of the song Pa Ti and a few years later in Dos Mil 2016.
 Singer Post Malone avoided a legal trial over circles by opting for settlement. He settled a copyright suit from a musician alleging he co-wrote a 2019 hit but was denied credit and compensation. The terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Diabetes: Eat These 3 Medicinal Leaves To Reduce Blood Sugar Levels



At least 5% of the world's population is suffering from diabetes, according to a report published by National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). Diabetes is a severe disease which causes problems related to the heart, blood pressure, eyes and kidneys. According to the World Health

Organisation, around 422 million people in the world are suffering from diabetes and about 15 lakh people die due to it every year. In India, around 8 crore people have diabetes and according to the reports, by 2045, more than 13 crore people will be diabetic in India.

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diet and a sedentary lifestyle. Due to this, the blood sugar level increases. Health experts say, if we correct our lifestyle patterns and eat healthy food, and indulge in regular exercises, our blood sugar levels can be managed. Research by NCBI has claimed that if some medicinal leaves are consumed, then diabetes can be controlled easily as

these medicinal herbs increase the production of insulin in the blood.
3 Medicinal Plant Leaves to Control Diabetes

ACCORDING TO NCBI RESEARCH, NEEEM LEAVES AND CUSTARD APPLE LEAVES HAVE ANTI-BACTERIAL AND ANTI-DIABETIC PROPERTIES THAT CAN CONTROL DIABETES.

Aloe vera leaves
It has been proven in research by NCBI that aloe vera has hypoglycemic properties, which means it can reduce blood sugar levels. Consuming aloe vera leaves on an empty stomach in the morning can increase the production of insulin, which can control blood sugar and diabetes.

Custard apple leaves (Annona squamosa)
Custard apple also known as Sharifa is a very tasty fruit but its leaves have no less surprising benefits.

According to NCBI, custard apple leaves (Annona squamosa) have anti-diabetic

properties. Sharifa leaves contain photo-constituent properties which help in increasing the amount of insulin in the pancreas. Along with this, it lowers

blood sugar as it also has hypoglycemic properties.

Neem leaves
Azadirachta indica is commonly known as neem. These medicinal leaves have antifungal and antibacterial properties and it has been proven in the research of NCBI that neem leaves can also control diabetes. Chewing neem leaves and consuming its extract early in the morning does not increase blood sugar levels and the pancreas work properly. Due to this, insulin is produced through a natural process. Several compounds have been found in neem leaves which help in controlling blood sugar levels.

Doctor's Kindness Rewarded With Heartfelt Gift from Grateful Patient



The internet offers us a wide range of content, each with its unique essence. Some content is informative, while others are purely for entertainment. And then, we stumble upon content that adds a dose of positivity to our daily lives. Recently, we came across such good news that was all about humanity and relationships. It's a heartwarming story about a doctor and his patient, and we'd love to share it with you. The story begins with a post shared by Dr. P. Kamath on his Twitter handle. Dr. Kamath is the head of the cardiology department at KMC Hospital in Mangalore. In the post, he talks about one of his patients who gifted him a box of dry fruits during Ugadi (Telugu New Year).

According to the post, Dr. Kamath had been treating this patient for almost a decade. However, despite this long association, he had never taken any consultation fees from her, considering her low salary. It was the woman's last day at the bank where she worked as a helper when she presented the box of dry fruits as a token of gratitude for all the doctor's help.

Dr. Kamath shared a picture of the dry fruit box and wrote, "Yesterday, after I had finished seeing all my patients, someone came into my clinic. She has been my patient for more than a decade and works as a helper in a bank. Knowing fully well her salary, I had never charged her for any consultations. She presented me with this jar of dry fruits and conveyed her Ugadi wishes, saying that she had not come as a patient. Today is her last day at the bank, and she is grateful for all my help." Take a look at the heartwarming post below: Take a look at the heartwarming post:

Diet for changing season: 6 superfoods for this spring

Changing season brings a lot of changes in the surroundings. Importantly, it also makes an impact on the body and many times trigger infections and viral fever reducing the immunity of a person.

That is why when the season is turning a new leaf and now that the spring is around, it's time to include some special foods in your diet so that the changes do not affect your health.

Vitamin C-rich foods: Foods that are rich in Vitamin C like bell pepper, orange, amla, cruciferous vegetables, and tomatoes are extremely good for health especially when the season is changing. You must include these foods in good amounts in your daily diet.

Sprouts: Sprouting improves the mineral and vitamin content in moong and matti.

Sprouted moony is especially rich in manganese, phosphorus, magnesium, and vitamin K as well as antioxidants like zinc, iron, and copper that improve the defense mechanism of the body against bacteria and other diseases.

Garlic: Garlic has a naturally occurring chemical called allicin that has anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties and hence helps fight viruses and bacteria. Thus, consuming garlic daily cuts down the risk of getting the flu or cold.

Yogurt: Fermented natural probiotics like yogurt boost immunity with their good bacteria content thereby helping in improving the body's immunity and keeping you safe from flu.

Smelling stinky armpits may reduce social anxiety: Study

Got social anxiety? Well, according to some Swedish researchers, smelling other people's body odour could be an effective anxiety therapy for you. Scientists have been using armpit sweat in their experiments and they have reportedly found that social anxiety can be reduced with the help of human "chemo-signals". The study was done by researchers from Karolinska Institute in Sweden.

The study says that exposure to human

stink reduces social anxiety by nearly 40 per cent when clubbed with mindfulness therapy. According to a BBC report, they are presenting some of their early findings at a medical conference in Paris this week.

The researchers believe that smell activates brain pathways linked to emotions, which eventually offers a calming effect. But the study is in its initial stage and it is far too soon to say if they are right or wrong.

For the study, the researchers asked volunteers to donate their armpit sweat while watching either a scary or a happy movie. Then they looked for 48 women who had social anxiety and asked them to sniff some of these samples, alongside receiving a more conventional therapy called mindfulness, which encourages people to focus on the present moment rather than replaying negative thoughts.

Some of the women were given genuine body odour to sniff, while others

were given clean air instead. Scientists say that those who were exposed to sweat appeared to do better with mindfulness therapy.

Lead researcher of the study, Elisa Vigna, says, "Sweet produced while someone was happy had the same effect as someone who had been scared by a movie clip. So there may be something about human chemo-signals in sweat generally which affects the response to treatment."

Ramadan 2023: WHO guidelines on healthy fasting

Ramadan 2023: The special time of the year is almost here. The largest festival of the Islam community is slated to be celebrated. The holy month of Ramadan of the Islamic calendar is observed by Muslims all over the country by keeping fast from sunrise till sunset.

After a month of fasting, Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated. During Ramadan, Muslims cannot have food during the time between sunrise and sunset. So, they start their fast by having a meal before sunrise, and then break their fast after sunset. Traditionally the breaking of the fast includes having three dates, followed by a feast.

This year, Ramadan will start on March 22 and will end on



April 21, when the crescent moon is observed in the sky. As we gear up to celebrate a month full of festivities, here's a look at the fasting guidelines put forward by World Health Organisation that we must keep

in mind in order to stay healthy throughout the month:

Drinking water:

The fasting starts with suhur – a meal consumed before sunrise, and ends with iftar – the feast consumed to break fast after

sunset. However, in between, we must remember to drink lots of

marked by having a breakfast meal called suhur right before

RAMADAN 2023: FROM AVOIDING SWEETS TO CONSUMING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, HERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT FASTING DURING RAMADAN.

water and stay hydrated throughout the time, to give body the nutrients that it is missing out on.

Fruits: Consuming fruits and vegetables with more water content will help in hydrating the body and keeping it healthy.

Cool and shaded place: With at least 15 to 16 hours of fasting, it is important to stay in a cool and shaded place to keep the body hydrated and healthy.

Suhur: The start of the fast is

important to incorporate vegetables, a serving of carbohydrates and protein-rich food to boost the body with energy.

Sweets: it is also recommended to avoid consuming a large number of sweets after iftar. Consumption of food items rich in fat should also be limited.

Fried food items: It is advised to use other methods of cooking than frying to keep the body healthy throughout Ramadan.

Fast and spurious: Why kuttu atta sends so many to hospital every year

By India Today News Desk: For 65-year-old Anita Thakur kuttu ka atta is the go-to ingredient during the Navratras when most members of her family fast. She lovingly prepares puris, tikis and halwa from buckwheat flour.

Anita Thakur loves crispy puris and that is the reason she opts for kuttu ka atta and mixes it with singhara ka atta (water chestnut flour). Puris from just singhara ka atta aren't that crispy.

Kuttu ka atta or buckwheat flour is one of the popular food ingredients of people fasting during the Navratras. It is especially popular in and around Delhi. In other places, the popular choice is singhara ka atta or water chestnut flour.

Though a good source of fibre, protein, vitamins and minerals, adulterated and old buckwheat flour is behind hospitalisation of hundreds of people every year.

At least 350 people fell sick in



Haryana's Sonipat on Wednesday after eating food prepared with kuttu atta or buckwheat flour on the first day of Navratra. People were hospitalised in UP's Modinagar too.

Every year, around this time of the year, hundreds of people fall sick and have to be hospitalised due to consuming old or adulterated kuttu atta.

Buckwheat flour is made from the seed of a flowering plant and the plant doesn't belong to the grass family. Most cereals belong to the grass family. Buckwheat isn't a popularly cultivated crop in India.

The reason it is so popular as a fasting food among Hindus is that it isn't a cereal. People traditionally avoid

cereals during fasts.

In 2020, world production was 1.8 million tonnes, led by Russia with 49% of the world total, followed by China with 28% and Ukraine with

KUTTU KA ATTA OR BUCKWHEAT FLOUR IS POPULAR AMONG PEOPLE WHO FAST DURING NAVRATRI. BUT WHY DOES FOOD FROM BUCKWHEAT FLOUR SEND HUNDREDS TO HOSPITAL EVERY YEAR? IS IT JUST ADULTERATION OR SOMETHING ELSE?

5%, according to a report by UN agency FAO.

The hulled kernels, or groats, are cooked and served much like rice. Buckwheat flour is used, alone or mixed with wheat flour, to make griddle cakes called buckwheat cakes in the US and Canada, according to Britannica. Around 350 people fell sick in Haryana's Sonipat after eating food prepared with buckwheat flour on Wednesday. People were hospitalised in UP's Modinagar too with symptoms of dehydration, abdominal pain and diarrhoea after eating kuttu atta food. According to doctors, all of

the patients suffered food poisoning. It is suspected that they had fallen sick after eating food made from adulterated kuttu ka atta.

Buckwheat flour is made from the

seed of a flowering plant and the plant doesn't belong to the grass family. "Eating old and adulterated buckwheat flour causes problems in the body," said Dr Anurag Sethi, who works at a hospital in Sonipat. "Today, 60 to 70 patients came to our hospital with complaints of food poisoning," said Dr Sethi.

Dr Sethi said the patients fell ill after eating food from kuttu atta or buckwheat flour. Other than adulteration, problems are also caused due to old stocks of buckwheat flour. "The shelf life of kuttu atta is generally between two and three months,"

Lucky, a grocer from Delhi's CR Park told India Today.

"Buckwheat flour is used only during the Navratras and is in high demand then. So, shopkeepers and

dealers store it and the flour becomes old," said Dr Anurag Sethi. "There is absolutely no problem in consuming kuttu ka atta which is fresh and unadulterated," said Dr Anurag Sethi.

To preserve the quality of kuttu atta, it should be kept away from direct sunlight and moisture. The shelf life of buckwheat flour can be maintained by keeping it in the fridge. Buckwheat flour is dark brown in colour. In the case of adulteration, it might have grey or a light green colour. It is also difficult to bind and knead adulterated kuttu atta into dough.

FOR CONVENIENCE OF PATIENTS AND THEIR ATTENDANTS

J&K Bank installs mobile charging stations at three hospitals under CSR

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: Under its Corporate Social Responsibility, J&K Bank has dedicated 45 Mobile Charging Stations for public utility at three hospitals in Srinagar. These charging terminals have been set-up for the convenience of patients and their attendants visiting these hospitals.

The Bank's Zonal Head Srinagar, Shabir Ahmad and Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital Dr Muzaffar Ahmad Zargar today dedicated these device charging stations to public formally at SMHS Hospital in presence of officials from Bank and the hospital. Pertinently, under the initiative, the Bank has also installed these charging stations at Children's Hospital Bemina and Lal Ded Maternity Hospital, the other two associated hospitals of GMC, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head Shabir Ahmad said, "The situations of vis-



iting a hospital occur unexpectedly and more often than not, the patient or the attendant are caught up in a situation where the battery runs out and phone is rendered useless.", adding, "Taking cog-

nizance of such an exigency, J&K Bank as a socially responsible corporate decided to set up these charging stations inside these hospitals for we believe they can provide much needed relief and support

to both the patients and attendants going through such situations".

Besides lauding the Bank's role in socio-economic development of J&K, Dr Muzaffar Ahmad Zargar thanked the Bank for providing these terminals under CSR. "Since mobile phones have become key means of communication, these charging stations will provide much-needed relief to patients and their attendants facing difficulty in keeping their mobile devices charged during their stay in the hospital", he said.

Notably, the charging stations can be used to charge multiple mobile phones at a time and provide variety of cords that suit widely used handsets.

Placed perfectly throughout the hospitals with a focus on waiting areas where patients and visitors usually spend most of their time, these stations offer easy and convenient charging facilities to the people for their electronic devices while in hospital.

Labour Deptt Ganderbal disburses 9.19 lakh among beneficiaries



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GANDERBAL, MARCH 27: Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah in presence of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Ganderbal disbursed an amount of Rs 4.10 lakh under Death Assistance Scheme to the dependents of two construction workers and an amount of Rs 509500 was also disbursed among the 70 construction workers under Lower Education Assistance scheme benefiting 127 children.

DC Ramban inspects progress on NH-44 four laning project

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RAMBAN, MARCH 27: Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam visited National Highway 44 to inspect various construction sites for the four-lane project. This included the Ramban Fly-Over, which will bypass the Ramban market.

Representatives of the construction companies informed the DC about the progress of the highway and fly-over works. The DC instructed them to expedite the construction of the Ramban Fly-Over to ensure its completion within the given timeline.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that the District Administration is working tirelessly to ensure that the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway four-lane project is completed without delay.

DECC Udhampur organises awareness, counselling sessions for unemployed youth

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 27: The District Employment & Counselling Centre organised awareness counselling sessions at Government Degree College Majalla, Government Degree College Ramnagar and BDO Office Ramnagar. The sessions focused on career counselling and self-employment schemes such as Mission Youth Schemes and schemes run by other departments including PMEGP, Handicraft, Handloom, Fisheries, Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry.

More than 300 unemployed youth participated in the programmes. Deputy Director Employment, Anshuman Singh; Employment Officer, Sh Intayaz Ali and Career Counselling Officer, Navdeep Kour urged the youth to take advantage of the self-employment schemes run by different departments in the district.

The youth were informed about quarterly job fairs conducted by the Employment Department and on-spot registration for JK Employment & NCS Portal was also done.

Doda: 9th NCORD meeting held to combat drug abuse



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DODA, MARCH 27: District Magistrate, Vishesh Mahajan chaired the ninth district-level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) committee meeting to discuss measures for a drug-free district. Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom briefed members on achievements and strategies. A list of suspected drug peddlers and addicts has been made and put under surveillance.

He called for strict legal action and the use of Village Defence Groups for surveillance and informed that an SPO has been booked under the NDPS Act 1985.

The DM directed educational institutions to check students for drug addiction and send addicts to rehabilitation centres. More breath analysers will be purchased and 2000 drug test kits introduced in schools and police agencies, he assured. The DM urged officers to send timely action taken reports on previous decisions and take the campaign seriously. Tehsildars were asked to use drones and Google Maps to locate illegal cultivation.

The DM emphasised awareness activities and directed departments to start campaigns in schools, colleges, and public places. Prabhari Officers were asked to focus on educating school children about the dangers of drugs.

Udhampur administration organises 'No to Drugs' walkathon, awareness rallies

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 27: To raise awareness among the general public, particularly young people, the district administration, in collaboration with Mission Youth J&K and Department of Social Welfare, organised a series of activities including a walkathon and rallies with the theme "No to Drugs" today.

The rally was flagged off from the DC Office Complex by Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna. Scores of young people from various schools and colleges, members of youth clubs in the district, staff, officers and officials from various allied departments took part in the rally.

Speaking to the media, the DC advised the youngsters to channelise their energy into positive pursuits such as studying, sports and physical exercise. She praised the efforts of allied departments in organising this mega youth carnival and said that such events should be held regularly to channel the energy



of young people. Jyotsna also advised young people to lead healthy lifestyles to remain stress-free and focused on their goals.

During the Mega Youth Carnival, various government departments displayed banners about different schemes for youth awareness and educated them about government schemes run under CSR and by the

UT government to help them develop their talents and improve their standards of living in diverse fields.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan; ASP, Anwar-Ul-Haq; District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta besides other officials were present in the culmination ceremony.

Special teams launch intensified Market checking drive across Ganderbal district

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GANDERBAL, MARCH 27: Special teams of District Administration Ganderbal today launched intensified Market checking drive across the district.

The drive was conducted on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyamvir to curb the hoardings and profiteering in Ganderbal markets.

The checking squad under the supervision of Assistant Director FCS&CA Ganderbal, Dr. Naseer Ahmad Baba conducted an intensive market checking in main town and booked several erring shopkeepers found failing to maintain the quality of food items, not displaying rate lists of essential commodities, selling expiry products, besides indulging in practices of illegal profiteering and sale of underweight products.

During the market checking fines were imposed on the erring shopkeepers and rotten vegetables and other items were destroyed on the spot.

Meanwhile, a joint team of revenue, food, legal metrology, MC Ganderbal and police conducted market checking in main markets of town and fine of Rs, 1200 was realized from erring shopkeepers. Further rotten vegetables were destroyed on spot and shopkeepers were directed to display govt approved rate list.

Similarly, intensified market checking was also conducted in Kangan Sub-Division where joint teams including revenue, police, legal metrology, food safety and CAPD imposed a fine of Rs 3800 from erring shopkeepers.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of SAMAGRA Shiksha, District Capex Budget

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RAJOURI, MARCH 27: District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal held a meeting with concerned officers to review the progress of works under the SAMAGRA Shiksha programme and District Capex Budget in the district.

During the meeting, Kundal sought a detailed report from the



officers on the physical and financial progress of works under Samagra Shiksha, District

Capex Budget, UT Capex, DDC, BDC and PRI grants. The officers briefed him on the current status

of these projects.

Kundal instructed the officers to speed up their progress to complete the projects within set deadlines while maintaining quality for better longevity. He made it clear that no laxity would be tolerated. He also instructed them to swiftly resolve any bottlenecks hampering developmental projects to ensure smooth execution of

works. Kundal also asked for proposals for the repair and renovation of unsafe school buildings to be included in the plan.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Chief Education Officer, Sultana Kouser; District Information Officer, Narinder Kumar; and Ex-En PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain.

Ramban: Animal Husbandry Department organises awareness camp, Calf Show

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RAMBAN, MARCH 27: Department of Animal Husbandry organised an awareness camp at Kowbagh today. District Development Commissioner, Mussarat Islam was the chief guest on the occasion.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Dr. Vikas Gupta, PKs, 85 animal breeders including female farmers attended the camp.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Suhail Jan Kawoosa and Panchayat Education Officer, Sajad Ahmad Bakshi were the main speakers. They informed the public about government schemes such as the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and Integrated Dairy Development Scheme. They also encouraged unemployed youth to take advan-



tage of these schemes to generate sustained livelihoods.

The public was informed about the benefits of Artificial Insemination using Frozen Semen Technology and the Sex Sorted Semen scheme for genetic improvement of local cattle breeds. They were encouraged to use Sex

Sorted frozen semen technology from nearby Veterinary Centres for Artificial Insemination.

To boost local milk production, farmers were given free medicines, mineral mixtures and calcium. They were also informed about other beneficial schemes such as Kisan Credit Cards and Livestock Insurance.

UPHC Batamaloo in Srinagar District wins Kayakalp Award

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SRINAGAR MARCH 27: The Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) of Batamaloo in Srinagar District has been selected for the Kayakalp Award in the category of UPHCs for promoting cleanliness, Hygiene and Infection Control practices in Public Health Care in Jammu and Kashmir this year.

The UPHC Batamaloo tops in External Assessment (EA) of UPHCs by obtaining the highest EA score of 87.22 among all 20 Districts of J&K for the year 2022-2023 for showing exemplary performance in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control.

The Kayakalp Awards are given annually to the Health facilities with the highest standards of sani-

tation, hygiene and bio-medical waste management. The Kayakalp Award started in 2015 with the aim of encouraging and incentivising public health facilities in the country to demonstrate their commitment to cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices. Commenting on the Award, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad said that the sincere efforts and hard work put in by our dedicated staff of UPHC Batamaloo have been recognised.

IGR J&K changes Helpline number from 0194-3575911 to 0194-3100104

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: The general public of Jammu and Kashmir are informed that the office of Inspector General of Registration (IGR), J&K has changed the Helpline number from 0194-3575911 to 0194-3100104. The helpline was recently established by IGR office for facilitation of general public to register their complaints and queries and for seeking response and guidance on various issues related to document registration during office hours. The citizens of J&K are therefore informed that they should contact the IGR office on above mentioned helpline number for any future queries.

PF Commissioner holds awareness programme for EPF beneficiaries in Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR, MARCH 27: Provident Fund Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin conducted a two-day tour to district Kishtwar to conduct Nidhi Aapke Nikat, a public hearing cum awareness programme for EPF beneficiaries and stakeholders. The aim was to ensure broad-based participation, awareness, grievances redressal, and information exchange closer to EPFO stakeholders.

About 200 participants including district officers, employees and employers of various establishments, private schools, NHIDCL, and HEPP participated in the outreach programme. During the programme, the majority of grievances of EPF beneficiaries were addressed on spot. The PF Commissioner provided handholding support to the stakeholders and heard their suggestions, inputs and grievances. A detailed insight into various provisions of EPF schemes 1955 and 1995 was given to participants. The role and responsibilities of principal employers and significance of related online portal were also discussed. Issues and problems faced by various organisations in implementing the EPF & MP Act 1952 were heard, and necessary actions taken accordingly.

Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Community Health Centre Katra among 175 facilities of J&K to bag Kayakalp Awards 2022-23

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JAMMU, MARCH 27: Under "Kayakalp Awards to Public Health Facilities" 2022-23, a total of 175 facilities have qualified for Awards under NHM, J&K.

Among the top winners, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar has bagged winner award among the District Hospitals and CHC Katra has bagged winner award among the Community Health Centres.

Pertinent to mention that under the Swachh Bharat Mission for promoting Cleanliness Hygiene and Infection Control in the public Health Facilities (District Hospitals/Community Health Centres/Primary Health Centres/Urban Public Health Centres), Government of India gives awards to those public health facilities that demonstrate high levels of cleanliness, hygiene and infection control after being qualified the three tier Assessment process as per the guidelines, named as Kayakalp Awards.

Mission Director NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan, while giving details, informed that a total of 4 District Hospitals, 23 CHCs, 56 PHCs, 7 UPHCs and about 85 Health &

Wellness Centres have qualified Kayakalp criteria as per the Govt. of India guidelines and Checklist. The award and the incentive involved with the Kayakalp motivates the health care staff to improve the cleanliness indicators and sustain those standards in the health care facilities. Kayakalp award scheme not only encourages the Public Health Facilities to maintain cleanliness, but also creates healthy competition among the public health facilities, which further improves and enables environment for improving the quality of care, she added.

Ayushi said that over the years, the UT of J&K has observed a progressive progress under Kayakalp in the cleanliness of the public health facilities and it is because of the behaviour change and acceptability of Kayakalp among the Public Health facilities of the UT.

The impact of Kayakalp over the years could be observed by the percentage improvement of the cleanliness indicators under Kayakalp over the years.

During the year 2022-23, there is about 58% improvement in the qualified facilities over the previous year.

NSS GDC Khanshab started a national survey on youth

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: Under the supervision of Regional Director NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GOI, NSS volunteers of GDC Khanshab started a three day survey on youth at the adopted village of Katch, Khanshab.

In this regard, an inaugural ceremony was held at college campus, wherein volunteers were provided with necessary stationary items for conducting the survey.

Dr. Nargis Bano, Principal of the institution, conveyed her best wishes & appreciated the role of NSS for its proactive role.

Prof. Zaffar Shadad Khan, Staff Secretary, highlighted the importance of surveys in social science research.

Reasi: Poshan Pakhwada Week celebrated in Talwara



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REASI, MARCH 27: A program celebrating "Poshan Pakhwada Week" was organised by Poshan Project Pouri in panchayat Talwara under Mission Shakti on the directions of District Social Welfare Officer Reasi today. The program was attended by Panchayati Raj representatives, Child Development Project Officer, Sushma Kohli, Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers, lactating mothers and local women.

The public was informed about women-centric schemes all over the country such as the old age and widow pension schemes, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, loan facilities from different departments and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana scheme.

Pamphlets and gifts were distributed among beneficiaries of baby girls and their names were enrolled for Sukanya Samridhi Yojana. Women's grievances were also noted for early redressal.

District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament programme held at Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 27: Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India organised a District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Riwaayat. The objective was to celebrate India's G20 presidency, International Year of Millets and Mission LIFE.

The event was attended by DDC Councillor, Puran Chand as chief guest and Assistant Labour Commissioner, Pradyot Gupta as guest of honour. Superintendent ITI, Er Nareish Singh was a special guest.

District Youth Officer, Khushal Gupta welcomed the guests and participants and explained the objectives of the event. Lectures were given by resource persons Uttam Singh Albelo on G20 and its presidency by India and Prof Sanjay Kumar on International Year of Millets and Mission LIFE.

Young participants spoke and gave their views followed by cultural performances by students. Puran Chand appreciated the initiative by Nehru Yuva Kendra and called for regularly organising such programs for information dissemination.

Pradyot Gupta spoke about government initiatives for uplifting the marginalised and poor, giving detailed explanations of schemes for youth.

More than 1000 participants attended the program anchored by NYK Volunteer, Barsha Sharma and Chairman of Bhartiya Kala Manch, Deepak Kumar. The programme ended with the distribution of certificates and mementos to participants.

KVIB Reasi organises awareness programme for unemployed youth



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REASI, MARCH 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) organised a district-level awareness programme in Talwara today.

The aim of the event was to educate and sensitise unemployed youth in the area about the various self-employment schemes offered by KVIB and other departments.

Sarpanch Talwara village was the chief guest at the event.

During the programme, District Officer KVIB Reasi, Ashwani Kumar spoke to the youth and urged them to take advantage of the schemes available to them.

Representatives from different departments were also present at the event to provide additional information and support.

Director School Education Jammu inaugurates enrollment drive at GHS Ghagwal



J I NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, MARCH 27: Enrollment drive for the academic session 2023-24 was formally inaugurated at Government High School Ghagwal by Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, here today.

Joint Director, HR Pakhroo, Chief Education Officer Samba, Kewal Krishan, Principals, Headmasters and teachers of district Samba were also present on the occasion.

The programme began

with the lighting of a lamp by the chief guest and a welcome address by CEO Samba. A short cultural programme was also organised.

The Director highlighted various schemes for the benefit of students in government schools. He said that enrollment will be conducted by all heads of institutions in all government schools and asked teachers to strengthen their efforts to further uplift the standards of education in government schools.

The Joint Director said that more focus should be placed on pre-primary and primary schools to make a strong foundation.

CEO said that the enrollment drive will make the general public aware of the various benefits provided to students in government schools.

New students namely Saraswati, Jamuna, Simran, Ganga, Yamuna and Muskan were admitted for the upcoming session and were presented gifts by the Director.

Doda administration plans afforestation, other campaigns against plastic use from April

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DODA, MARCH 27: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan held a meeting with members of the District Environment Committee to review the implementation of the District Environment Plan here today. During the meeting, it was decided to plant trees on the bank of Baderwah Nallah and around all water bodies in the district. Intensive campaign against single-use plastic below 120 microns was also planned. It was decided that the Pollution Control Department and other stakeholders will carry out random checks for polythene twice a week at Assar Naka.

The District Mineral Officer informed that e-bidding for mining mineral leases is in progress and that they have intensified their crackdown on illegal mining. The DC ordered the creation of a plan to reduce the harmful effects of construction and demolition waste on the environment. The committee dis-



cussed actions taken regarding solid waste management, domestic sewage management, e-waste and water waste management, plantation drives, medical waste and bio-medical waste. They urged educational institutions to undertake creative activities on cleanliness and waste management to protect the environment for future generations.

Power shutdown

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MARCH 27: Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle Jammu, JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Nanak Nagar, Railway Complex and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 28 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to CTM Factory, GMC, Chackludan, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP 1st and SIDCO shall remain affected on March 28 and 29 from 8 am to 1 pm.

DC Kishtwar interacts with Class 8th toppers



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KISHTWAR, MARCH 27: Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav held an interaction session with Class 8th board exam toppers at the district headquarters today.

Chief Education Officer, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma; Dy CEO, Tirath Lal, parents of toppers; escort

encouraged students to work hard and strive for excellence.

Dr Yadav emphasised the importance of education and urged students to continue working hard.

He assured them that the district administration would provide support to help them achieve their goals.

The toppers shared their experiences of preparing for exams and spoke about their aspirations. They expressed gratitude to their parents and teachers for their guidance and support.

The interaction session was appreciated by all as an opportunity for students to gain inspiration and motivation.

The district administration plans to hold similar sessions in the future to encourage students to excel in their academic pursuits.

Udhampur: Krishi mela cum exhibition held at Panchari



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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 27: Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, organised a Krishi Mela Cum Exhibition at Panchari under the submission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA). The aim was to make farmers, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and entrepreneurs aware of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan as envisioned by the Prime Minister and the UT gov-

ernment. More than 300 farmers attended the event.

Chairman District Development Council Udhampur, Lal Chand was the chief guest and praised the department for implementing farmers' welfare schemes. He was accompanied by Chairman Block Development Council, Jeevan Sharma; Member District Development Council, Jasvir Singh and PRIs members. Representatives of

allied departments installed stalls displaying their activities and mission for the farming community.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Sanjay Anand, presented a welcome and keynote address highlighting schemes to empower the farming community. In-charge AEO Mansar, Dr Salvir Singh Sudan conducted proceedings of the Mela. Vegetable seeds and spray pumps were distributed among farmers.

EPFO organises "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" to resolve Provident Fund related issues of employees in Bandipora.

J I NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MARCH 27: Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora on Friday organised "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" programme in Bandipora as part of district outreach and awareness programme.

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad presided over the inaugural session of the programme in presence of M A Hakak Nodal Officer Coordination Bandipora, ALC and other senior officers.

Officials said the program aimed at providing handholding support to the stakeholders including employees as well as employers besides hearing their suggestions, inputs and grievances.

Experts said issues and problems faced by the organizations in implementing the EPF and MP Act. 1952 were heard, and necessary actions were taken accordingly. "UAN Activation, Bank and Aadhaar Seeding, filing of online claims, filing of e-nominations, e-sign, filing ECR were explained with hands-on demonstration in the programme".

The stakeholders, including



employees and employers, were informed about the different benefits of the schemes and the procedure to avail the benefits. DC Bandipora Dr Owais was present in the inaugural session of Nidhi

Aapke Nikat and thanked CPFC for such a novel initiative. During the programme, several grievances were redressed online where a process was set in motion for redressal of several other grievances.

DRAC approves 9 rent assessment cases at Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, MARCH 27: The District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC), which met here on Friday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dr Owais Ahmad, approved nine rent cases.

The rent cases pertaining to Handicrafts, Sheep and Animal Husbandry, Security Forces, Food I, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs were approved by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the fixation of rent of various structures in which various government offices are functioning.

DC Shopian Chairs DLIMC meeting, reviews "Computerization of PACS"

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SHOPIAN, MARCH 27: To review the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Project "Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies" (PACS), the 2nd meeting of District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (DLIMC) for Shopian was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) at DC Office here today.

The meeting discussed threedare various aspects with regard to identification of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) of Shopian district to be recommended to State Level Implementation & Monitoring Committee (SLIMC) for computerization under Centrally Sponsored Project for Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS).

Addressing the meeting, the DC directed concerned officers to start work on all Primary Agriculture Credit Societies in the district and keep regular monitoring.

He said the scheme has an extremely bright future and needs to focus on it with added dedication.

The DC stressed on proper implementation of all need-based schemes in vogue in a time bound manner as per laid down specification and guidelines. He asked the concerned officers to monitor the recommended PACS as selected by the committee.

The DC further said that all the procurements shall be made in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures,



besides exhorted upon the officers to ensure the proper training under PACS for existing Societies and also took a detailed overview of the key components of the Project.

The DC advised the Cooperative department to ensure maintenance of records of PACS to facilitate the computerization process.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Yar Ali Khan, DDM NABARD, Rouf Ahmed, Dy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Mr Intikhab Hussain Din, General Manager, ACC Bank and PACS Development Officer.

SCERT concludes science workshop series on pedagogy, content enrichment

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) recently organized a series of workshops for lecturers, with the aim of improving the quality of science education at the secondary level.

The workshops for the subjects namely Zoology, Botany, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science were conducted between December 2022 and March 2023 focused on enhancing pedagogical approaches and content enrichment.

The programs were designed to be interactive and engaging, with a focus on providing practical insights into the latest teaching methods and techniques. The programs included workshops, discussions, and hands-on activities that helped the lecturers to gain a deeper understanding of science teach-

ing and learning. During the orientation sessions, the lecturers were encouraged to share their experiences, challenges, and best practices in teaching of various science subjects. This helped to create a collaborative learning environment, where the participants could learn from each other and build a network of like-minded professionals.

The programs covered various topics such as lesson planning, classroom management, assessment and evaluation, and the use of technology in teaching. The lecturers were also introduced to the latest developments in science education, such as inquiry-based learning, flipped classrooms, and blended learning.

"The programs were highly beneficial for the lecturers, as they provided a platform for professional development and growth," said a participating lecturer. "We were able to

acquire new skills and knowledge, which we can apply in our teaching practice to enhance student learning and engagement." Overall, the SCERT's orientation training programs have helped to raise the bar for science teaching in the higher secondary schools. The lecturers who participated in the programs are now better equipped to provide quality education to their students, and to inspire them to develop a passion for science and learning.

The training program was conducted by several experts from prestigious institutions such as Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar, Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (IMHNS), Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST), University of Kashmir (KU), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST),

National Institute of Technology (NIT), along with professors from the higher education department and resource persons from SCERT. The experts shed light on modern concepts of teaching in the light of the newly launched NEP-2020 education policy.

Pertinently, the NEP-2020 emphasizes the importance of science education in promoting critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation, and encourages teachers to adopt a more student-centred approach to teaching. The training program provided an opportunity for lecturers to learn about these modern teaching methods and to develop their teaching skills.

SCERT is the premier education facility responsible for teacher training and research in the field of education. The SCERT team played a vital role in organizing and executing the training program. The team included prominent

faculty members like Dr Sajad Ahmad Mir, Ms. Asima Farooq Shah, Rabia Naseem Mughal, Rizaz Ahmad Dar, Sheikh Gadar, Dr. Anjum Mudisar Gul and Javid Ahmad Dar.

Addressing the participants, Joint Director, SCERT, Mohammad Sharif Dehdar, said the workshops such as these are a significant step towards improving the quality of science education at the secondary level.

"It will help lecturers to gain a better understanding of modern teaching methods and to develop their teaching skills," he said. "This, in turn, will lead to better learning outcomes for students and will help to promote a culture of scientific inquiry and innovation in the valley."

Overall, the program, Dehdar said, is a laudable initiative that deserves recognition and support.

Counseling Prog for CUET-UG aspirants held at Govt Degree College Kupwara

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: One-day counseling program for the aspirants of CUET-UG 2023 was held at Govt Degree College Kupwara.

The program aimed to provide guidance and information about the CUET (UG) admission process, college activities, and other relevant details to the prospective candidates.

Prof. Mohammad Shafi Lone, the Principal of GDC Kupwara welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of the counseling program to help aspirants to take decisions about their future.

Dr. Mehraj Ud Din Sheikh, Head of the Department of Education, gave a brief background of the program, highlighting its objectives and expected outcomes.

A video presentation showcasing the college profile and various activities undertaken by the institution was also played.

Dr. Aabid Hussain Naik, the Convener of the College Admission Committee, then explained the CUET (UG) registration process, including the eligibility criteria, application procedure, and important dates.

The presentation was followed by a question-answer session, where the participants raised their queries and concerns.

Dr. Mehraj Bashir, the Convener of the Counseling Cell, moderated the Q&A session and addressed the participants' doubts and queries.

Finally, Prof. G R Ganie, the Head of the Department of Zoology, delivered the Vote of Thanks. He expressed his gratitude towards the speakers, participants, and organizers for their efforts and contribution towards making the counseling program a success.

AS College organises a mega plantation drive on World Arbor Day



J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 27: Amar Singh College, Srinagar organised a mega plantation drive on the eve of World Arbor Day under the slogan "Each one plant one" in the campus here today.

The main objective of this programme was to make students aware about importance of plants in maintaining ecological balance. This drive was particularly dedicated to G20 for the well being of mother earth so that humanity can thrive in a safe future. G20 has prioritized plantation of all varieties of plants in order to focus on arresting land degradation, ecosystem restoration and climate sustainability. This programme was part of Green Campus Initiative flagged by Principal Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather who inaugurated the event by planting a sapling in college campus.

Faculty members, non-teaching staff members and students participated in the plantation drive with great enthusiasm by contributing their own saplings and planted different kinds of plants which include conifers, medicinal plants, ornamental plants and fruit trees in different parks of the College.

Some of the important plants that were planted in the botanical garden include Petunia, Rosa, Abrattia, Monesra, Thuja, Eunomymous etc.

Training Prog on "Promotion Of High Density Plantation & Rejuvenation of Orchards" started in Budgam



J I NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, MARCH 27: District level training programme on "Promotion of High Density Plantation and Rejuvenation of orchards" was inaugurated by Dr. M Iqbal Baba, Chief Horticulture Officer Budgam at Sheikh-alam-Hall Budgam.

The programme was organized in collaboration with KVK Budgam. Dr Kusrheed Zargar, Assistant Prof. KVK; District Horticulture Officer Mr. Altaf Malladai; District Subject Matter Specialist, Masarat Jabeen and Horticulture Development Officers along with officials attended the said programme. On the occasion, PPP was given by the experts on the subject. During the programme, emphasis was laid on the production of quality planting material, employment generation to boost the economy of the UT Jammu and Kashmir. The main aim the training programme was to take technology to ground level in order to double the economy of farmers and to have inclusive sustainable horticulture development.

DC Bandipora calls for strict action against illegal mining



J I NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MARCH 27: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday directed the concerned law enforcing agencies to keep a close vigil on illegal mining in the district and strictly deal with such illegal activities.

He said this while chairing a meeting to discuss the issues with regard to the mining in the district.

The meeting was attended by nodal officer coordination Bandipora, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Waseem Raja, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Parvaiz Rahim, Joint Director Planning Intiyaz Ahmad, Divisional Forest Officer, District Mineral Officer and other senior officers of the district.

During the meeting, officers informed the chair about various issues with regard to the mining. On spot directions were passed with regard to the resolution of these issues.

Dr. Owais directed the officers of different departments to work in close coordination for better results and early completion of tasks.

He stressed on a strict ban on illegal mining and urged the officers, especially Tehsildars and Mineral Officers, to keep a close watch on their respective areas, especially in the Sumbal Sub division.

During the meeting, DC Bandipora directed the officers to identify state land for extraction of mineral material needed for government works. He directed officers to ensure proper permissions and adherence to mineral and mining rules even for the developmental projects.

IIM Jammu inaugurates leadership course for Kishtwar youth

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, MARCH 27: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu's "Community Leadership Executive Course" for youth from Kishtwar was inaugurated by Director Skill Development, Jammu and Kashmir, Sudershan Kumar. The event was attended by Director IIM Jammu, BS Sahay; Dean of Academics, Jabir Ali and other programme directors and faculty members. The course has been organised in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar, Mission Youth and Government Polytechnic College Kishtwar.

The chief guest highlighted the challenges faced by local



industries in Jammu and discussed potential solutions. He emphasised that the leadership training programme from IIM Jammu would give youth a leading edge in skill development, business incubation, entrepreneurship and the development of skill hubs in Jammu and Kashmir. He urged participants to work towards making Kishtwar hundred per cent literate.

He stated that the programme would pave the way for meaningful outcomes for the people and community of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmir.

Prof Jabir Ali stated that skill development is crucial and encouraged participants to dream big and become "job creators rather than job seekers". He said that the leadership training programme would enhance the skills of youth from Kishtwar and pave the way for sustainable development and growth in Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof BS Sahay engaged in a discussion with participants about their career progression and the challenges they face in their district.

The inaugural ceremony ended on a positive note with a vote of thanks from Programme Director IIM Jammu, Vaseem Akram.

PSPS GCW Gandhinagar hosts awareness lecture on education abroad



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MARCH 27: The Career Counselling and Placement Cell of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhinagar organised an awareness lecture on "Education Abroad Opportunities" in the college today.

The programme began with a formal welcome of the chief guest, Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college; Prof Neelam Bhagat, Associate Professor in the Department of Home Science; and Vinay Kamal, Lead Counsellor of Gateway Abroad Consultants for Higher Education Abroad.

Prof Mahajan encouraged students to break out of their cocoons and fly high in pursuit of their ambitions. She added that a lack of guidance can hinder progress but the efforts of the college's Career Counselling Cell have provided opportunities to students at their doorstep.

In his interactive presentation, Vinay Kamal talked about various courses offered by foreign universities, their selection process and an overview of admission guidance and visa assistance.

He also motivated and informed students about IELTS, GRE and GMAT tests to help them fulfill their dream of pursuing higher education abroad.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Prof Sugandha and concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof Suman Bala.

The entire programme was coordinated by Prof Rajni Kumari, Convener of the Career Counselling Cell, and members Prof Renu Rajput, Prof Malti Rajput and Prof Rajinder Kumar.

DDC Rajouri leads Greh Parvesh ceremonies under PMAY-G, AWAAS Plus scheme

26922 houses completed under the scheme till date

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, MARCH 27: District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kunal attended Greh Parvesh ceremonies for PMAY-G and AWAAS Plus beneficiaries to celebrate the completion of 26,922 affordable housing units for rural poor today.

Kunal congratulated beneficiaries and shared insights about the schemes. The schemes aim to provide affordable housing to low-income families and marginalised communities.

Beneficiaries expressed gratitude towards the Prime Minister and district administration.

Kunal stressed the importance of the schemes and urged beneficiaries to maintain their homes.

ACD Rajouri lauded the efforts of the administration and beneficiaries in ensuring the success of the housing schemes, saying "The completion of the new homes under the housing scheme has brought about a significant improvement in the living conditions of the beneficiaries."

Ramban: Labour Dept releases pending wages to worker

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, MARCH 27: Labour Department Ramban released pending wages to Javed Anjum, a construction worker from Thathi in the Doda district.

The payment was for wages owed by the Power Grid Corporation of India's Batote Wing, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Sushant Mahajan presented Anjum with a cheque for the amount in his office.

Sushant Mahajan emphasised the importance of providing support and guidance to construction workers and highlighted various government initiatives to ensure their welfare.

These include health and safety measures at work sites and a database of registered workers to ensure timely support.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner also stated that the government is running several schemes for the welfare of building and construction workers. The aim is to regulate employment and conditions of service and provide safety, health, and welfare measures for registered workers.

He appealed to construction workers who have not yet registered with the Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOWWB) to do so immediately and take advantage of the government's various welfare schemes.

REVITALISATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

Sports activities, counselling sessions mark Day 1 of 'Festival of Youth' in Kathua

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KATHUA, MARCH 27: The Sports Stadium in Kathua witnessed a wave of enthusiastic participation from youth, as the "Festival of Youth" commenced its activities today. The event was inaugurated by the Additional District Development Commissioner, Ankur Mahajan who also addressed the youth, encouraging them to make the most of the various opportunities presented to them.

While addressing the gathering of youth, the ADDC Kathua said the "Festival of Youth" brought together the youth from various parts of Kathua, to partake in multifarious activities that aimed to promote their physical, emotional, and social well-being.

Some of the major highlights of the event included sports activities, a plantation drive, and coun-



selling sessions on Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan A Nukkad Natak was also presented on the occasion which was aimed at educating the Youth about the perils of drug abuse (Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan) and the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

The sports activities were highly engaging, with various games and competitions being held,

which saw participation from a large number of youngsters.

The resource persons from District Industries Centre, Lead Bank, KVIB, Health and other departments explained at length about the programmes and initiatives offering self-employment opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Assistant Director Employment,

Naresh Gupta also threw light on the umbrella of schemes offered under Mission Youth under which the unemployed youth can avail opportunities under Mumkin, Tejaswini etc where ample subsidy is also provided by which youth can start new ventures to become self-reliant and job providers for others.

Later, the plantation drive was carried out in the premises of District Employment & Counselling Centre. Besides, there were also awareness sessions regarding skill development opportunities and self-employment opportunities for the youth. The event also included scintillating cultural performance by youngsters from Nehru Yuva Kendra which was appreciated by the audience. Pertinently, the programme was part of Mission Youth J&K initiative aimed at revitalisation of Youth Clubs.

GDC Purmandal organises debate competition for Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MARCH 27: A debate competition on the topic "Is Bad Parenting responsible for Drug Abuse among the Youth" was held at Government Degree College, Purmandal today. The event was organised by the NSS Unit in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club and Happiness Club of the college under the aegis of India's G20 Presidency.

DDC Purmandal, Avtar Singh was the chief guest



while Sarpanch Katwala, Sapna Sapolia was the guest of honour.

Twenty students participated in the debate. The first prize was won by Lakshita Sharma of BA

Semester 6th while Ruksana Akther of BA Semester 6th and Supriya Devi of BA Semester 2nd stood 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In his address, the chief guest urged stakeholders to create awareness about illegal drug use and prevention measures. Sapna Sapolia acknowledged the college Principal's efforts in organising the programme.

Principal, Prof Dr Raj Shee Dhar spoke about fighting drug abuse through awareness campaigns and adherence to five pillars: drug detection, network destruction, cult pri detention, addict rehabilitation and zero tolerance policy against drug

abuse.

The proceedings were conducted by Nodal Officer of RRC, Prof Shahima Akhter. A formal vote of thanks was presented by HoD Dogri, Prof Dr Deepika Mehra.

DC Gbl inspects preparation for Ashthami & Nawami at Kheerbawani Temple Tulamulla

CHAIRS MEETING TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOTH DAYS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, MARCH 27: Deputy Commissioner Ganderal, Shyambir today visited Kheerbawani Temple Tulamulla to inspect and finalize the arrangements for ensuing Ashthami and Nawami festival which is to be celebrated on 29th and 30th March. During visit the DC was accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Tehsildar Lar and other concerned.

On the occasion the DC took the round of the premises and inspected the preparation for the cel-



Deputy Commissioner Ganderal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Tehsildar Lar and other concerned.

concerned officers to ensure quality arrangements are put in place on both the days for the convenience of the devotees visiting here.

The DC was briefed by the representatives of Darmath trust regarding the arrangements to be put in place including uninterrupted power and water supply, repairment of street lights, availability of adequate essential food items, sanitation and cleanliness in and around the Kheerbawani Temple, deployment of health teams, adequate transport facilities, security arrangements and other related arrangements.

On the occasion the DC

assured the representatives of Darmath trust that all requisite facilities will be put in place on time.

Earlier, the DC convened a meeting of concerned officers to finalize the arrangements for both the days here at DC Office.

The said meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, ACD, ACP, EO Municipal Council Ganderal, Tehsildar Lar besides representatives of Darmath trust.

During the meeting, the DC gave necessary instructions to the concerned departments for ensuring all facilities are put in place on time.

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