

Govt. Post Graduate College, Rajouri organises Grievance Redressal Camp



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RAJOURI, MAY 09: Women Development Cell in collaboration with NCC Unit (SW) organized a Grievance Redressal camp under the patronage of the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Shamim A Azad. The camp was organized to interact with the girl students of the college and redress their grievances. The camp was attended by colossal number of students with enthusiasm wherein

the students put forth their grievances and presented various suggestions for making the campus more dignified and more congenial for the girl students. Prof. Salma Farooq, Coordinator, women Development Cell and NCC Officer (Girls/Wing) briefed the audience about the significance of organizing the camp for developing self-confidence among the students and for asserting the importance of economic, social, racial and gender equality among the students. NCC cadets played a spectacular role in motivating the girl students to stand up for themselves to feel empowered in today's contemporary world full of challenges. Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Shamim A Azad, interacted with the students and emphasized for the need of organizing such camps for making the institution a safe place with friendly environment for the students. He further stressed

on maintaining health and hygiene among the students and the role of Women Development Cell in accomplishing the same. He further promised to consider the suggestions put forth by the students and also assured that their grievances will be redressed at the earliest in the interest of the students and the college. The event was attended by the members of Women Development Cell: Prof. Supriya Gupta, Prof Rabia Kouser, Prof Asia Rashid, Prof. Fatima Parveen, and other prominent faculty members of the college including, Dr Shameem Akhter, HOD, Zoology and Prof Mohd Saleem Wani, Assistant professor, English. Prof. Supriya presented the formal vote of thanks. The camp concluded with the rally by NCC cadets with theme Empowering Women and Gender Neutrality.

Kavinder calls on MoS Finance Dr Bhagwat Karad, appeals to bring investors in J&K



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MUMBAI, MAY 9: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Singh today called on Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr.

Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad at Mumbai and discussed present political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir. Kavinder, who visited Mumbai held exclusive meeting with the Union Minister of State for Finance and appealed him to bring investment in J&K as the avenues have been established by the government by scrapping the biggest hurdle in the path of Union Territory's development viz Article 370. He

said that the scenario is totally changed in J&K with vistas of opportunities waiting for the business giants to establish their ventures in the most beautiful region of the world. The senior BJP leader said that unlike the successive governments the incumbent dispensation is offering all the benefits under its ease of doing business initiative therefore he asked MoS Finance to encourage those having potential to invest in J&K. After listening to Kavinder Gupta, the Union Minister assured to convince and convey the message to the leading investors of the country to take steps in the aforesaid direction.

The Literary Club, JU organises "Andaaz-e-Nigارش: A Multilingual Writing Workshop"



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JAMMU, MAY 9: A three-day workshop for amateur writers, "Andaaz-e-Nigارش: A Multilingual Writing Workshop" organised by The Literary Club under the aegis of Utsaah, the Clubs commenced at University of Jammu. Mr. Pritam Katoch, an eminent stage, radio, and television artist as well as writer, is the resource person for the three-day long writing initiative. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts and Head, Department of English, University of Jammu. Ms. Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer, Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu formally introduced Mr. Pritam Katoch to the audience and congratulated him for his four decades of work and stressed on the importance of practical learning through such workshops. The programme concluded with the concluding remarks and the official vote of thanks being offered by Dr. Sadat Shah, Coordinator, The Literary Club, University of Jammu. It is to mention that the workshop has garnered a diverse set of student participation from across the 39 departments of the University. The objective of holding this workshop is to provide a platform to the students to hone on their latent writing talent. The smooth functioning of the programme was facilitated by the members of The Literary Club, University of Jammu. Among others Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. Garima Gupta, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Pardeep Kumar, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Mr. Raj Kumar, and Dr. Pallavi Gupta were present on the occasion.

workshop, Mr. Pritam Katoch, while addressing the gathering emphasised the relevance of having young ignited minds with innate talent in such initiatives for the furthering of the literary traditions through passing on the baton to the next generation. In her presidential address Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head, Department of English, University of Jammu congratulated the Literary Club, University of Jammu for the organisation of the three-day literary initiative. In her address, she also discussed some of the nuances of writing. Earlier, Prof. Satnam Kour, Chairperson, Club Cluster, University of Jammu in her welcome address, appreciated the commendable effort on the part of the Literary Club in encouraging, shaping, and nurturing of the young minds in order to turn their raw latent talent into a well-defined skill. She expressed a need for directing such talent towards a meaningful direction. She emphasised on the inherent nature of such talent and expressed a wish to see great writers emerge from this workshop. Ms. Ifra Kak, Cultural Officer, Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu formally introduced Mr. Pritam Katoch to the audience and congratulated him for his four decades of work and stressed on the importance of practical learning through such workshops. The programme concluded with the concluding remarks and the official vote of thanks being offered by Dr. Sadat Shah, Coordinator, The Literary Club, University of Jammu. It is to mention that the workshop has garnered a diverse set of student participation from across the 39 departments of the University. The objective of holding this workshop is to provide a platform to the students to hone on their latent writing talent. The smooth functioning of the programme was facilitated by the members of The Literary Club, University of Jammu. Among others Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. Garima Gupta, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Dr. Pardeep Kumar, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Mr. Raj Kumar, and Dr. Pallavi Gupta were present on the occasion.

Chandel pays tribute to Maharana Pratap on his birth anniversary

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JAMMU, MAY 09: BJP Hindust leader Mr. Raju Chandel talking to reporters in Jammu today said that Sanatani Hindu brave emperor Maharana Pratap, who had defeated the Mughals, today is the birth anniversary of such a great warrior, while saluting him, I want to say that today the number of Jaichand's children in the country has increased wildly, which is making the country hollow.



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Jaichand's children are the most engaged in Jammu and Kashmir, who eat food from India and sing songs from Pakistan. Jaichand was the biggest traitor in the history of India, who betrayed Sanatan Veer Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap and got him killed at the hands of the Mughals. Has happened and history is being repeated when Mughal culture civilization tries to weaken Sanatan Dharma, similarly traitor Jaichand and his progeny leave no stone unturned to weaken India's warriors and Sanatan Dharma. Chandel said that now the time has come that Jaichand and his children should be completely eliminated in the field of politics and in the field of terrorism. Will be able to do otherwise like Sanatani Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap these traitors will continue to harm Indian warriors and true patriots. Chandel said that the image of Sanatani Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap is visible in the future Chief Minister of Bharatiya Janata Party of Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, the state president of Jammu and Kashmir, has increased, due to which Ravindra Raina as the most popular leader of Jammu and Kashmir is the Chief Minister. Will be seen serving as the opposition, no matter how much the opposition may beat its head, it is to be cleaned and in the center also in 2024, the government of the Bharatiya Janata Party will be formed.

Chandel said that the development of Jammu and Kashmir will be the basic mantra of victory in the civic elections of Jammu and Kashmir. Most of the civic body elections seats for the development work done in Jammu and Kashmir by the glorious Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi Bharatiya Janata Party will win And in the assembly elections also, the Bharatiya Janata Party got more than 50 seats. Lotus will bloom today, the way brother Ravindra Raina's popularity is rising among the people of Jammu and Kashmir, it seems that the deposits of the opposition parties will be forfeited after the assembly elections this time. Talking to reporters, Chandel said that the BJP government at the center is completely happy with the way the popularity of Ravindra Raina, the state president of Jammu and Kashmir, has increased, due to which Ravindra Raina as the most popular leader of Jammu and Kashmir is the Chief Minister. Will be seen serving as the opposition, no matter how much the opposition may beat its head, it is to be cleaned and in the center also in 2024, the government of the Bharatiya Janata Party will be formed.

SMVDSB organises interaction cum mega feast function at Banganga

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KATRA, MAY 09: As a part of recognition to the Best Performing Unit during 2022-23 and as a continuous endeavour towards employee welfare, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board today organised an interaction cum mega feast (Bada Khana) function at Banganga.



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Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, accompanied by a team of officers, had an interaction session followed by a mega feast with the employees at Banganga. The CEO and the team of officers comprising Navneet Singh, Additional CEO, Dr. Sunil Sharma; Dr. J.C. Mehra, Joint CEOs; Vishavjeet Singh, Dy. CEO and other concerned officers of the Board participated in the interaction programme aimed at recognition of the good work done by the employees and removing their difficulties. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Executive Officer extended his gratitude to the Chairman, SMVDSB (Hon'ble LG, JK UT) for his continuous support and guidance under which a plethora of initiatives for facilitation of pilgrims and welfare of staff are being undertaken by the Board. Besides, developmental initiatives in the form of additional accommodation for pilgrims as well as employees, he enumerated various significant measures for the general welfare of the Shrine Board employees which include enhancement of hardship allowance posted at Higher Altitudes, promotions of various groups of employees, restructuring of various cadres for latter promotional avenues, one time relaxation in qualification, revision of scales, besides, Medical Support Policy for employees and their dependants. While underlining the efforts made by the field functionaries, he lauded the round the clock services dedicated to ensure facilitation of pilgrims visiting the Holy Cave Shrine. The CEO interacted with the staff in regard to skill upgradation of the employees, personnel related matters of staff, welfare initiatives for Swachhta Sahayaks and other staff, sanitation aspects, etc. The CEO also gave awards to some of the employees as a token of appreciation for their outstanding performance and devotion to duty and also disbursed scholarships to the wards of Swachhta Sahayaks. Among those who participated in the interaction included staff of the Board posted in the Banganga Sector and the families of Swachhta Sahayaks posted and residing in the area.

Eduhub Institute organised free mega workshop for aspirants on "All About CUET 2023"



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JAMMU, MAY 9: Eduhub, a leading educational institute of Jammu, recently conducted a free workshop lecture on the CUET UG. The workshop aimed to provide aspiring undergraduate students with the necessary knowledge and skills to ace the entrance exam. The workshop lecture was held on the 8th and 9th of May 2023 and was attended by over fifty students from various schools. The workshop was conducted by a team of experienced and qualified faculty members who provided valuable insights and tips

and anxiety during the exam. In addition to the lecture, Eduhub also provided students with study materials and practice tests to help them prepare for the entrance exam. The study materials included textbooks, sample papers, and mock tests that closely resembled the actual exam. The students who attended the workshop found it to be highly informative and useful. Many of them appreciated the efforts made by Eduhub to provide free and valuable guidance on the entrance exam. The workshop lecture was conducted in both English and Hindi to ensure that all students could benefit from it. The bilingual approach was appreciated by the students, who found it easier to understand and grasp the concepts in their native language. "We are committed to providing high-quality education to all our students. The bilingual approach was adopted to ensure that students from all backgrounds could benefit from the workshop," said Rumit Gupta. He added that Eduhub plans to conduct more such workshops and lectures in the future to help students prepare for various entrance exams. The institute aims to provide free and valuable guidance to all aspiring students and help them achieve their academic goals.

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DC reviews Transport regulation scenario in Kathua district

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KATHUA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of concerned officers here in the DC office complex to take review of the transport regulation and services scenario in the district. At the outset,

RTO Kathua, Sunil Kumar gave a detailed account of the functioning of the department including the status of road transport connectivity in the district. While giving details of the physical achievements, RTO Kathua apprised the Deputy Commissioner that teams of Motor Vehicle Department has collected Rs 5380

lakh of Revenue in last fiscal where in funds to the tune of Rs 624 lakh were collected as fees, Rs 4522 lakh as taxes and Rs 203 lakh as Fine/Penalty. Besides, the RTO also informed that 12 vehicle related services and 11 Driving License related services are being provided to the public through online mode.

Natrang felicitates Sunny Mujoo



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JAMMU, MAY 09: Natrang felicitated Sunny Mujoo-A prominent dancer and choreographer for his contribution in the enrichment of traditional dance traditions of Jammu and Kashmir. The felicitations were done by Natrang Director Padmashree Balwant Thakur in an exclusive function at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. He was joined by senior functionaries of Natrang which included Neeraj Kant, Anil Tickoo, Sanjeev Gupta, Pankaj Sharma and the new team of dancers and choreographers currently working with Natrang Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur said that this has always been an endeavor of Natrang to recognize versatile talents in various fields of performing arts and felicitate them so oth-

ers also get inspired by such aspiring cultural activists. Speaking about Sunny Mujoo, Balwant Thakur said that he is a witness to his performances in both the houses of British Parliament (UK) and historic Trafalgar square, London where he performed as the lead dancer showcasing the diverse dance traditions of Jammu and Kashmir before global audiences. He is a multifaceted artist having worked immensely as an actor, model, dancer and a choreographer. As a theatre artist, he achieved a lot of success. Fact remains that it was theatre which groomed him as an artist. He worked as a child artist with Song & Drama division. Further, he worked with other groups as an actor. 'Baby' & 'Ravmutt Batt' are one of the best plays of his theatre work. He was

awarded with certificate of merit by Academy of Art Culture & Languages for best acting in the play 'Baby' & 'Ravmutt Batt'. Besides this, he also worked with Natrang under the direction of Padamshri Balwant Thakur and acted and performed in Bawa Jitto, Jammu Kashmir Festival, 'Rangla Jammu' & Bhaderwah Festival. In television, he started his acting career from the age of 9 years in 1994 as a child artist in Telefilm 'Parvas' for DD1. He also enacted in many short films & Ad films as a child artist. He also performed in TV serial 'Lavaris & Radha' for Doodarshan Jammu. He also worked in different TV serials for Star Plus under the guidance of KK Raina (Safed Jharna ka Matmela Pani Maldeed's Maika serial for Zee TV also). Moreover, he also performed in many serials for DD Kashmir such

as Phuley, Gulrej, 31 ki Raat, Raaj teerangini, Hawacin, Lawaris & many more.

Prominent amongst those who attended this felicitation function included Meenakshi Bhagat, Sadhvi Verma, Aashima Dutta, Radhika Sharma, Rishika Koul, Ankita Sharma, Ganeev Arora, Shaista Mir, Jeevika Misri, Kanika Chib, Sukriti Jasrotia, Ankeeta Langeh, Palshin Dutta, Akanksha, Akshra Jamwal, Sheetal Thapa, Akriti Panotra, Anshika Wazir, Vrinda Badyal, Shavi Sharma, Mehak Singh, Gouravi Sharma, Aarti Thakur, Kriti Singh Thakur, Bhawana Sarnagal, Razia Akhter, Neha, Kanapreet Kour, Muskaan Sharma, Radhika, Sushant Singh, Pankaj Handoo, Devam, Ravi Ahriwar, Karan Kumar, Amit Gill, Aryan Chalotra, Sachin Mehra, Gaurav Bharti, Sahil Narwalia, Vansh Pandotra, Rahul Kalotra, Sahil Banotra, Arun Dev Verma, Arun Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Aditya Bharti, Mihir Gujral, Aryan Dev Singh, Jiteshwar Kumar, Sheryara Salaria, Amit Singh, Vishal Sharma, Rumla and Anshu Rajput.

Apollo Hospitals organizes awareness program on Thalassemia

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JAMMU, MAY 9: As a part of Apollo's initiative of providing advanced treatment to people across the country, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals organized an awareness event around the rising case of Thalassemia patients across India and the advanced media treatment available that provides cure for all.

The initiative was led by, P Shivakumar, Managing Director, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, Dr Gaurav Kharya, Advisor, Bone Marrow Transplant & Cellular Therapy and Senior Consultant, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Immunology, Dr Amit Mahajan, Senior Consultant, Paediatrics Oncology and Hematology and Dr Shanthi Bansal, Director Medical Services.

The conference focused on the signs and symptoms, treatment modalities, and diagnostic tests to promote treatment for Thalassemia. Over the past year, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals has witnessed some challenging cases of Thalassemia and provided treatment via the advanced medical facilities available at the hospital. A recent case that involved a 5-year-old female child suffering



from a known case of Transfusion Dependent Thalassemia who received regular blood transfusion and iron chelation therapy. The female child underwent a T cell depleted haplo-identical donor (transplant using a family member whose tissue type is half-matched to the patient) bone marrow transfusion with the help of her donor brother. The transplant was successful and her bone marrow shows 100% functional cells from her brother. Addressing at the conference, Dr Gaurav Kharya, said, "Thalassemia major is a preventable illness, thus more efforts and awareness is required to help people understand the ways of preventing thalassemia.

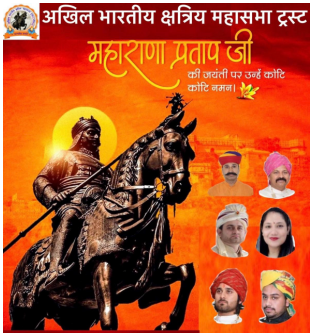
Having said this there are a large number of kids who continue to suffer from thalassemia with huge psychological and financial burden leading to poor quality of life and decreased life expectancy. Just like being preventable, for kids affected with thalassemia major, it is very much a curable disease by offering a bone marrow transplant using either HLA identical or haplo-identical donor. The purpose of this conference is to spread awareness and allay anxiety about BMT as a cure for thalassemia major."

Thalassemia, we know that people are not only very fearful, but also there are a lot of misconceptions regarding its treatment. While we have observed major advances in the management of Thalassemia, however, myths and misconceptions regarding treatment and rigorous care for the patients and their caregivers can compromise their quality of life in a detrimental way. The importance of awareness programs that highlight the latest developments in thalassemia care and treatment cannot be overstated. Additionally, it is crucial for the community to be informed about the preventive measures available for this disease."

ABKMT celebrates Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap with Traditional fervour

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JAMMU, MAY 09: Akhil Bhartiya Kshatriya Mahasabha Trust today celebrates the Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap with Traditional fervour, paying tribute to the Great Rajput Ruler. Speaking on the occasion, organised by the Jammu & Kashmir unit of the ABKMT at Ghou Manhasa Jammu here, Rishipal Singh Parmar (National President ABKMT), Amit Manhas (National General Secretary ABKMT) & Mreegank Manhas (Aadil Manhas)(President Jammu & Kashmir ABKMT) talked about the significance of the Rajputana History and said that The Legendary Maharana Pratap was a True Patriot who initiated



the first war of independence. Adish Jamwal, Shivam Jamwal, Romesh Kumar & other members stressed that the youth of the coun-

try needed to imbibe the spirit of the Mewar ruler, Rana Pratap's defiance of the mighty Mughal empire, almost alone and unaided by the other Rajput states, constitute a glorious saga of Rajput valour and the spirit of self sacrifice for cherished principles. The Akhil Bhartiya Kshatriya Mahasabha celebrated the honor of social warriors by celebrating the Birth Anniversary. On this occasion, Manhas requested the public to follow the path of our ideal great warrior, Kshatriya Kulbhusan, immortal sacrifice, ardent patriot and self-respecting national pride, the brave son of Mother India, Maharana Pratap ji on his birth anniversary.

Sahil releases devotional Dogri Song "Kaliveer da Akhada"

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JAMMU, MAY 09: Sahil Mahajan (BJP JK UT Cell Convener/Sanskrit Art and Culture Cell)Rajveer Manni (Chairman Maa Bawe Wali Records), Meenakshi Sharma Mangar Maa Bawe Wali Records),Narinder Lovely (Singer & Composer),Vivek Mehra releases Devotional song "Kaliveer Da Akhada"

Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Mahajan complimented the singer making such a beautiful devotional song besides musicians and composer on the release. Observing that music knows no boundaries, the senior BJP leader said it binds the people in a unique cord and generates harmony in the society. "And, when music relates to spirituality, it directly

touches souls and creates an aura free of tension and hatred. Sahil Mahajan said while releasing devotional musical Song Sung by Ravinder Gupta , Music Ashh K, Lyrics Sonu Raipuria ,Video Director K.K.Malhotra ,Producer Rajveer Manni .Project by Sahil Mahajan and Released under Banner Maa Bawe Wali Records. Sahil Mahajan lauded the

efforts of Ravinder Gupta, saying his quest for devotional songs holds a promise to be a leading artist in the near future. "Devotional music quenches the spiritual thirst of devotees", he said, wishing the young singer a bright future. He said music plays pivotal role in preserving culture and taking it beyond boundaries. The Senior BJP leader said that the Union Territory has no dearth of talent but the only need is to identify and polish it by expert hands. He also hoped that the album will inspire young artists of the UT to explore their hidden talent and make their niche in the society. He hoped this would go a long way to promote local talent and said that youth should be educated about our traditional values which are the foundations of our age old heritage.

JK Montessorie school celebrates validation ceremony

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JAMMU, MAY 09: JKMS held Validation cum-Geeta Dixit Memorial Scholarship Ceremony in the school auditorium today. This was an important occasion in the academic calendar of JKMS since it celebrated the successful achievement of the Meritorious Students of 8th and 10th Board Results. I.D. Soni, Ex Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, a renowned Social Worker and an eminent Educationist graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Neelam Nargotra, Corporator, Ward No. 40 and Dr. Vinod Sharma, Health Officer, Municipal Corporation Jammu presided over the function as the Guests of Honor. To bless and encourage the students, Chairman of the school Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Director Mrs. Rajni

es by the students. The audience was enthralled by the energy and melody of the items . Amidst heavy applause the ceremony was inherently a spectacular show. The Chief Guest announced Geeta Dixit Memorial Scholarship for the Meritorious students. The Chief Guest, Sh. I.D. Soni, emphasized on the importance of discipline in the life of the students and advised them to grow up to become good human beings. The Guest of Honor, Dr. Vinod Sharma said it is important to keep our body fit. He suggested small steps which the students can follow to prevent spreading of diseases. He said the need of the hour, is to discipline ourselves so that we can help the society in bringing the balance in the changing environment. Mrs. Neelam Nargotra, the Guest of Honor, also congratulated the high Academic Achievers and highlighted the devoted work done by the teachers in excellent academic standards in the school. She congratulated the Management for launching Scholarship for the benefit of students. Rolling Trophy, for the competitions held under YTS Forum, was launched today in the name of Mrs. Geeta Dixit by the School Management, sponsored by Dixit family. It will be a tribute to her selfless service towards the institution during her lifetime.

BJP fulfilled promise of three-tier democracy at grassroots level: Surjeet

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SAMBA, MAY 9: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fulfilled its commitment of providing three-tier democracy at grassroots level in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This was stated by Surjeet Choudhary, Convener BJP Panchayati Raj Cell while addressing a meeting of party workers at Samba. Gurdeep Saini, Rameshwar Dutt and Daljeet Singh, Co-Convenors of Panchayati Raj Cell; Sangathan Mantri Interjeet ji, District President Kashmiria Singh, District Convener Giridhari Sharma, DDC Subash Bhagat, DDC members, BDC members, Panchs & workers. Surjeet Choudhary said that the Government led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has strengthened the grassroots democracy in the UT and has given more powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the culture of work has changed and the dynamics of development has improved. The present government at the Centre has empowered the people in the real



sense and the three tier system of PRIs has been established across Jammu and Kashmir. The PRI representatives have been empowered to such an extent that they can now take decisions independently without any interference of the Centre and State, which is proving to be a real game changer thus speeding up the development without any chance of siphoning of funds as local governance is monitored by the people at local level", he maintained. Senior BJP leader Interjeet said that

what BJP government has given to J&K and what is in the offing is something which no other political party in the country can even imagine as the same has been experienced by the people in the last over 70 years when dispensations of different hues and shades ruled the erstwhile state of J&K. Gurdeep Saini also asked the party workers to celebrate nine years of Modi Government at the Centre in a big way from May 15 to June 15 under the name 'Nav Saa-Bemisal. "

Seminar & Rally on Women Empowerment organised at Anantnag



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ANANTNAG, MAY 9

On the 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, a rally and a seminar on women empowerment was organised today by Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation (RRLF) in collaboration with District Library Anantnag & Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Lal Chowk Anantnag.

The rally was flagged-off by CEO Anantnag in presence of Librarian, District Library Anantnag and Principal of the GGHSS from the lawns of the School and after moving from main town Anantnag, the rally culminated at District library Anantnag.

Speaking during the Seminar, Chief Guest of the function, CEO Anantnag, Kamal Kishore said that women have an important role in building a strong society and they need to be empowered so that we have a better society to live in. He also discussed the contribution of Raja Ram Mohan Roy for the empowerment of women folk.

Kisan Sampark Abhiyan continues at Ganderbal



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GANDERBAL, MAY 9

The Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (Farmers Orientation) under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADD) continued at the three venues across three blocks of district Ganderbal. The HADD is aimed at pushing the agriculture and allied sectors to a new trajectory of growth with economy, ecology and equity as its guiding pillars.

The programme was held at three venues across the district at Barsoo, Arhama A and Fraz Hakim B.

The participating farmers were made aware about the programmes under the HADD by means of Audio visual aids, which shall be implemented in the coming five years.

Lectures regarding the programmes and schemes were delivered by the team of Resource Persons from agriculture and allied departments.

The event witnessed a huge participation of farmers' mostly unemployed youth at each venue and more than 200 farmers were registered for the baseline survey by the Skill gap study resource persons.

Pamphlets containing information of all the schemes and projects under the HADD were distributed among the participating farmers.

Union Joint Secretary e-reviews implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan

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BANDIPORA, MAY 9

Union Joint Secretary and Central Nodal Officer for Distribution, Amitabh Ranjan, today virtually chaired a review meeting on Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in Bandipora to access the impact and progress of the programme across the district.

The meeting was attended by District Development Commissioner, Dr Owais, ADDC, Ali Afsar Khan, various stakeholders including government officials, engineers, and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

Dr Owais, on the occasion, informed 133 sites have been identified under Amrit Sarovar, of which, 59 have been taken up with competition of 49, so far in the district.

The Jal Shakti Abhiyan is a flagship program of the Government of India aimed at ensuring water security and water conservation and projects undertaken in the country. The program aims to create awareness about



the importance of water conservation, promote water harvesting and improve the infrastructure for water storage and distribution.

The meeting focused on progress achieved, so far, under Jal Shakti Abhiyan in Bandipora district. Besides, the meeting assessed and discussed the impact of program on ground besides identifying any challenges or issues that need to be addressed.

Amitabh Ranjan appreciated the efforts of district administration and the stakeholders in implementing the Jal Shakti

stakeholders to work together to achieve the common goal of water conservation and water security in the district.

While concluding the review meeting, Amitabh Ranjan appreciated the efforts of the district administration and said that the meeting was a significant step towards achieving the program's objectives in the district.

Earlier, DDC presented a detailed report on progress achieved under the program including the number of water conservation structures built, amount of water harvested and the number of households that have been provided with access to safe drinking water. He said that geo tagging at most of the places has already been completed besides encroachment drives around the water bodies have also been conducted successfully.

DDC informed that youth across the district are being involved in different sports activities including football, cricket and other games.

DC Kulgam reviews functioning of Education department

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KULGAM, MAY 9

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting of the officers of the Education Department to review the overall functioning of the department in the district.

During the meeting, the DC enquired in detail about the number of schools, enrollment of children, facilities of electricity and drinking water in these schools besides functioning of labs etc.

Through a powerpoint presentation, the CEO informed the chair that there are 814 government schools in the district with a total enrollment of 90574 students in these schools.

He also shared that 29539 text book sets from 1st to 8th were provided.

The DC emphasized upon the officers to ensure quality of teaching learning process and instructed them to start a school for the specially-abled Children.

He also stressed officers to take concrete and coordinated measures to strengthen the education



and put in extra efforts to increase enrollment in Government schools.

He also stressed upon the importance of regular

and effective monitoring of the schools for better outcome and instructed the CEOs to conduct frequent visits to schools in their jurisdictions.

While reviewing the functioning of Eklavya Model Residential School Tangmarg, the DC emphasized the significance of providing quality education to tribal students.

He further stressed the importance of ensuring that the students have access to all necessary resources to excel in their academic pursuits, including extracurricular activities.

He emphasized for developing a much better, conducive and attractive atmosphere in schools to ensure that all schools have electricity and toilet facilities.

During the meeting the DC also reviewed progress and achievements recorded under UT Capex, District Capex, SAMAGRA and other components during the financial year 2022-23.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rath; JDP Zahid Sajjad; CEO, Mushtaq Ahmad Qadri; ZEOs and other concerned officers.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

G20 Summit : 2 day...

Groups of the G20. The Youth20 (Y20) Engagement Group will organize discussions pan-India, to consult the youth of the nation on ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action. Y20 will provide a platform for youth to express their perspectives and ideas on G20 priorities.

Under the Youth 20 Summit-2023, for the upcoming few months, there will be consultations on the five Y20 themes along with various discussions at schools, colleges, universities, urban local bodies and professional associations, across States and UTs in the run up to the final Youth20 Summit.

The focus of the activities will be on building a shared vision of youth for good governance and democracy and in using technology to improve skills across the board.

The five Y20 themes are Future of Work; Industry 4.0, Innovation, & 21 Century Skills, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life, Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War, Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Well-being & Sports: Agenda for Youth

Distinguished experts from the fields of Climate Change, Environmental activism, Disaster Management and Rural and Urban Development including Dr. Julia Osterman, Post-Doc Fellow from University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Dr Robert Pal, Associate Professor and the Director of Restoration at Montana Technological University, USA; Dr Akhilesh Surjan, Charles Darwin University, Australia; Dr Maikudi

The Youth20 Consultation will provide opportunities for collaboration and networking with other stakeholders and contribute to the development of youth.

All relevant stakeholders are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, network and engage with one another through active participation and make this a meaningful and exciting event.

The Youth 20 Consultation will also provide a platform for youth to join open discussions, presentations and interactive sessions that will focus on addressing newer environmental challenges and formulating a youth-driven and youth-centric roadmap to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Ravej Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director, Youth Affairs and Prof. Nilofar Khan, Chancellor, University of Kashmir will be the other dignitaries who will attend the event.

Danasabe Lawa, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria, will be gracing the event to deliberate on the theme in the different panel discussions to be held during the Consultation. It is also a great opportunity to receive insights from leading experts from IITs and other institutions of national importance in the country during

the technical deliberations.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofar Khan thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Chancellor, Manoj Sinha, for giving this great opportunity to the University of Kashmir to organize this historical event. (Agencies)

It's Best Time...

and astrophysics, geomagnetism, advanced materials and nano science and technology - and so on. Most research institutions in the DST family are basic research institutions. The only exceptions are SCTIMST-Trivandrum and ARCI-Hyderabad. SCTIMST-Trivandrum is the national torchbearer in the field of indigenous biomedical device development which has helped lower the cost of healthcare for a large number of our citizens.

The Minister recalled that in the COVID-19 pandemic scenario, SCTIMST had evolved a fast track method to come out with many products, some of which have already been commercialised and started getting used for the management of Covid-19 pandemic. ARCI-Hyderabad has carved a very special place for itself as a premier technology development and transfer organisation in the area of advanced materials. These Research Institutions have an impressive portfolio of research publications and awards and honours earned by their scientists and their products, he said.

The Minister said that the 3 specialised knowledge institutions and S&T service organisations - TIFAC, NECTAR and NIF - are unique in their own ways. TIFAC approaches technology forecasting in different sectors in a very structured fashion involving all stakeholders and has also promoted new instruments of technology development and diffusion across the country. The Technology Vision document of 2035 by TIFAC is one of its significant achievements. NECTAR is unique in sourcing technologies for finding solutions to problems specific to the North Eastern States. NIF is a unique body which scouts for grassroots innovations and helps develop them further into viable, technology-backed products or processes.

Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that all the 5 premier science and engineering professional bodies of the country, viz. INSA-Delhi, IAS-Bangalore, NASI-Allahabad, INAE-Delhi and ISCA-Kolkata belong to the DST family. Most of these are again very old organisations established by eminent scientists and individuals, including the Indian Science Congress Association which is just past a century old.

The Minister said that recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Modi has approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) to aid scientific and industrial research and development in quantum technology. It'll be implemented by the Department of Sci-

ence & Technology (DST). The mission planned for 2023-2031 aims to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT).

The Minister said that few among AIs are working in different aspects of Quantum technology like IACS, Bose Institute, IASST (developed carbon quantum based imaging and detecting probes for nuclear hydrogen peroxide detection in living cells); A cluster of labs at RRI is in the forefront for developing quantum communication technologies; (S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS) is into harnessing quantum entanglement for futuristic energy storage technology.

As also involved in International programmes or collaboration with other countries like the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), Aditya-L1 Mission, Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer and a next generation Ultraviolet space mission.

AIs have taken the lead in supporting Startups as well as Grassroots Innovators in emerging technologies. Among AIs, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Trivandrum has secured 9th Rank under Medical category in National Institutional Ranking Framework.

Talking about Technical Research Centres, Dr Jitendra Singh said that this programme was launched as a follow-up of the budget announcement made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister of India in his Budget Speech in FY 2014-15. Five Technical Research Centres (TRCs) were established with a mission to provide techno-legal-commercial and financial support to scientists, entrepreneurs, and business fraternity to achieve translation of research into products and processes for greater economic and societal benefits in 5 DST institutions at a total cost of Rs. 467 Crores namely, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrum; International Advanced Research Cent for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad; Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru; Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata; and S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata during FY 2015-16.

The Minister urged all the R&D institutions to work in collaboration mode so that DST can utilise the resources and manpower optimally and think for the revised mandate for the Amrit Kaal.

JPDCI Jammu...

relevant information which shall lead to overall improvement of power supply and services provided by JPDCI Distribution. No calls shall be received on this number and only text and multimedia messages shall be entertained.

2 militant associates...

a terrorist associate of LeT, identified as Tanveer Ahmad Wani, a resident of Daramdola Shopian.

He said further investigation is going on in the case.

NIA conducts raids...

of these new terror outfits.

"These cadres and workers have been found involved in collection and distribution of sticky bombs/magnetic bombs, IEDs, cash, drugs and small weapons, as well as in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in J&K. Investigations have further revealed that Pak-based operatives were using drones to deliver weapons, bombs, drugs etc. to their operatives and cadres in the Kashmir valley," the NIA said.

NIA had earlier, on May 2, conducted raids at 12 locations in Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the seizure of incriminating material and digital devices, in the terror conspiracy case it had registered suo motu on June 21, 2022.

The case (RC-05/2022/NIA/JMU) related to the hatching of a conspiracy, both physical and cyber space, and plans by the proscribed terrorist organisations to unleash violent terrorist attacks in J&K with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms. The plans are part of a larger conspiracy by these terrorist outfits to commit acts of terror and violence, in association with local youth/overground workers, to disturb peace and communal disharmony in J&K. (Agencies)

Azad for airlifting...

parts of Kashmir valley, the hailstorm has damaged the crop of mustard oil and the government shall compensate it so that farmers won't be in distress."

He said, the paddy crop has been hit hardest, and many farmers will need to replant their crops, the government must stand by the farmers who suffered losses of paddy grains due to the adverse weather conditions.

"They should be adequately compensated and provided with the paddy seed so that they could replant the crops," he stated. (Agencies)

Common uniform for...

and accoutrements have specific association to respective arms, regiments and services in the Indian Army. (Agencies)

NC, Cong deprived people of development: Yudhvir

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 9: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President said that the successive regimes headed by the Congress and National Conference had deprived the people of Jammu and Kashmir of benefits of development.



The senior BJP leader was speaking during his visit to Panchayat Mora Sarah of Village Pargalta on the outskirts of Jammu city. Haroon Chowdhury Parbhari BJP ST Moarcha, Mohan Lal Verma Sarpanch & OBC President Bajalta Mandal, Ajay Sharma Bajalta Mandal President, Abdul Hussain Jammu District ST President Sunny Sharma Bajalta Mandal General Secretary, Attar Hussain Bajalta Mandal President ST accompanied the senior BJP leader.

Yudhvir Sethi came down heavily on the NC, the PDP and the Congress, saying they have kept J&K hostage for more than seven decades and alleged that the two families conspired to deprive people of development. He expressed gratitude to the PM Modi for abrogating Art 370 which has stalled the development process in Jammu and Kashmir and

deprived people of their rights in the last over 70 years. Sethi said that few dynast families devoted J&K in whatever way they could without paying any heed towards people's miseries. "Corruption and nepotism used to rule the roost during NC, Congress and PDP's regimes as these parties seldom care of people and their problems", he said, adding that the people of Panchayat Mora Sarah are the proof of that and the inhabitants of Mora Sarah are still deprived of basic amenities. The senior BJP leader assured the people of the area that their basic issues related to road, power and water will be resolved by

taking up with the administration on priority basis. He said that BJP will be remembered for his historic step to remove Article 370 in the times to come and people of J&K will remain grateful to the party for accomplishing this near impossible task of freeing up the region from the clutches of this contentious provision of Constitution.

Yudhvir Sethi said BJP believes in the principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, asking people of the area to strengthen the hands of PM Modi in the upcoming polls and wipe out such persons who only focus on vote bank politics.

Bukhari appeals PM Modi to hold Assembly Elections in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 9: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to hold early Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir.



"The Assembly Elections should be held as early as possible in Jammu and Kashmir. We have expectations with the PM that he will fulfill his promise," Altaf Bukhari said while addressing a one day worker's meeting in Chatha, Sotwari.

The meeting was organized by Provincial President Jammu, Women Wing, Pavnnet Kour.

Bukhari recalled how they were warmly welcomed by the Prime Minister in the month of March 2020 following the abrogation of Art 370 and Art 35A to discuss the public issues.

"We met the PM as the people in J&K had apprehensions that outsiders will settle here. When the people were in complete despair, we came out to represent them. Accordingly, the PM promised protection to the land and jobs for the locals of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. He further said that the statehood should be restored to win the confidence and hold elections to end the growing public concerns with regard to various issues. He said that "We saw truthfulness in the eyes of the Prime Minister. Therefore, we expect from the PM that assembly elections will be held and people will be given the right to elect their Govt." Meanwhile, he said that the LG Govt that they have cornered the J&K Administrative Services, and J&K Police Services Officers and replaced them with the imported IAS and IPS officers who are unfriendly with the people of both the regions.

"It a matter of grave concern that the JKAS and JKPS officers have been sidelined by the Govt. However, these officers must get ready to take the responsibility. They are the backbone of J&K," he said.

He asked the people to bring change in the governance whenever the Assembly Elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The J&K BJP has failed to bring any kind of change. It is dependent upon the national level politics. They just implemented their political agenda to gain vote bank politics across the country, but failed in Jammu. The Jammu people trusted BJP because

they contested the last assembly elections against the dynastic rule but after the assembly poll results in 2014. They joined one of the two dynastic (NC and PDP) political parties i.e. PDP within 24 hours and formed a coalition Govt that brought disaster for the people of two regions in an unexpected manner," he said.

He stated that the biggest disaster for the people was abrogation of Art 370 and Art 35A and then the process of importing IAS/IPS officers from across the country by undermining the competence of the JKAS/JKPS officers who deserved to be given better places to address the unexpectedly growing issues. "J&K BJP cannot do justice with the people of Jammu especially when the Recruitment Scams, issues of Jammu Businessmen, Tourism Sector, Hoteliers, Transporters, Travel Agents, rise of influence of non-local mafia and contractors in Govt sector have surfaced. It shows the BJP has failed miserably," he said. Besides BJP, he stated that "The NC, PDP, and Congress Party have hands in glove. They have ruled J&K by adopting the policy of divide and rule on the name of region, or religion. This divisive policy is responsible for terrorism in Kashmir as well as in Jammu."

"Therefore, there is a need to end the politics of hate and division. The Apni Party which has no tainted record should be elected to form the next Govt," he added. He further said that "The people should support the Apni Party to form the next Govt in J&K so that we could work for their equitable development, protect their resources, through the contractors from outside, protect the jobs in the private sector, and work for the business, and other sectors." He said that the BJP has been directly ruling J&K for the last several years, but they have brought miseries with the imported IAS/IPS officers. "The JKAS/JKPS officers have been sidelined by give postings

to the bureaucrats from outside J&K. These imported officers are unfriendly with the local population and force them to stand in queues for long hours," he said. When the inefficiency of these IAS/IPS officers is highlighted before the public, he said, they launch an anti-encroachment drive and displace the poor people from the small piece of land they have been holding for decades.

"We want to assure the people that we will not allow snatching of even an inch of land from them. These officers who have been harassing the people would be held accountable," he said. He further referred to the concerns of the people with regard to the Smart City Project in Jammu which had completely failed before its take-off. He pointed out that the authorities have brought selective contractors in Jammu to benefit them.

He however assured the people that the Apni Party will regularize the land under possession of the people and they will not be evicted from their land.

"The roads are in bad shape, and the condition of the residential colonies within the municipal limits has not changed with the smart city projects. The project seems to be benefiting the officers in Jammu Municipal Corporation, and the non-local contractors. However, their nexus will be exposed and the officers will be held accountable for their failure to develop Jammu," he said.

He also referred to the concerns of the people regarding implementation of property tax, underdevelopment, lack of tourism, poor business etc in Jammu and criticized the BJP for exploiting the public emotions for their votes. He said that the local brick kiln industry is in shabby condition because the authorities have imposed strict rules to get clearances from multiple agencies, while the bricks are brought from Punjab getting all facilities and support of the Govt.

BJP vouches for safer places of posting and accommodations for reserved category & KP employees

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 9: Jammu based reserved category employees as well as Kashmiri Pandit employees deserve to be posted at safer locations in Kashmir. Moreno, provisions for their safer accommodations also need to be made.

A deputation of employees had called on the BJP office during grievance redressal proceedings at BJP headquarters.



Ranbir Singh Pathania, former MLA & J&K BJP Spokesperson, was all praise for the UT dispensation for giving land rights for WPRs. This speaks of conviction and commitment of the government, which is committed towards welfare, and well-

being of the people, especially flagging issues, which have been left unredressed since decades and decades.

Anuradha Charak, Vice President, focused on new techniques and best practices as to how we could address the public issues in a more efficacious way.

Amongst other general issues pertaining to land encroachments, demarcations, appointments, verifications, ex-gratia to accident victims, relief to cross-firing victims, proper convening of Gram Sabhas in Pulwama, drinking water, building permissions, staff short-

age, proper voltage electricity, were projected by a number of deputations who called on in the BJP office with references and telephone calls to concerned officials.

Vikas Choudhary, Secretary BJP remained present and piloted the proceedings.

NC will ensure job & land rights of J&K residents: Rattan Lal

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu today asserted that the Party will protect jobs and land rights of permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir if voted to power in the upcoming Assembly elections in the state. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior NC leader said that presently there is huge resentment among people across Jammu and Kashmir against BJP for not fulfilling promises made with people after August 5, 2019. He strongly opposed the new laws imposed in Jammu and Kashmir and anti-people and anti-youth decision taken by the government at the Centre since August 5, 2019. He said not to talk of the fulfillment of the tall promises, the incumbent Govt has miserably failed even to safeguard the rights of permanent residents of Jammu and

Kashmir over the land and jobs in this Union Territory. He said that the non-locals have been allotted land and provided jobs in J&K thus usurping the rights of the natives which is intolerable. Rattan Lal Gupta asserted that the failure of the government can be well gauged from the fact that the unemployment graph in the state keeps on pushing upward with each passing day as the Central Govt despite multiple promises made in this regard failed to bring job oriented policies for youth of Jammu and Kashmir. As if all this wasn't enough that the Govt created congenial atmosphere for the Jammu and Kashmir to become a hub of recruitment scams thus plunging the future of the youth of J&K into darkness as a result of which the youth of J&K is engulfed in utter despair and pessimism. He said that these youth are today much vulnerable to get lured towards drugs and other anti-social activities. Since Govt has also miser-

ably failed to eradicate drug menace therefore it is wholly and solely responsible for spoiling the future of the youth in J&K, he added.

The senior NC leader stated that the youth do not have the option of getting jobs in industries as promised by the Govt at the Centre as no major industry has been established in J&K post abrogation of Art 370. He asked the Central Government to establish units in J&K under the Central Govt Undertakings so that local youth of J&K will get jobs in their native region. The Provincial President appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Dr Feroq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in the upcoming elections and said that the Party will ensure that the rights and privileges of the people of Jammu and Kashmir will be safeguarded under the Constitution of India, if voted to power and also shall roll back anti people laws including property tax.

DPAP begun 4 days extensive tour of Ramban Constituency

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 9: In a move to extend the political outreach in Jammu and Kashmir, Democratic Progressive Azad Party on Tuesday began a four day tour of Ramban constituency. During the four days of tour the senior political leaders including Vice



Chairman GM Saroori, General Secretary R.S Chib, Provincial President Jugul Kishore Sharma, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal President P.R. Manhas, Arun Singh Raju Secretary, Th Dharan Chand Distt President, Feroq Katoh VP Province, Ch Feroq Secretary Province & others would meet the people, apprise them of the party agenda.

"The tour is aimed to meet the people, discuss with them and apprise them of our political agenda. We would also listen them and understand their issues and problems and subsequently seek their redressal from the concerned authorities," Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori said. He said the tour of leadership will continue for four days. However, in some days party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad would be addressing a massive gathering in the constituency. R.S. Chib said that the Ramban constituency needs a lot more to be done and it

is ignored by the successive governments though they have come and exploited the people politically. "If we count here the mega projects which have been in the larger interests of people, all of them are sanctioned during the tenure of Ghulam Nabi Azad when he was the chief minister. Since then no such big projects are approved or build up to benefit the people," he said. He said the common people can't even travel on roads which have big potholes. "Talking about the hospital and educational infrastructure." If we are elected to power, Jugul Kishore said, we promise under the dynamic leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad Ramban district would be developed as a model district in Jammu and Kashmir. He said given the developmental and infrastructural works undertaken by the government of Ghulam Nabi Azad previously, the people are very grateful and desiring for the return of same era. "People

have not forgotten the works done by Ghulam Nabi Azad and are desiring for the return of same golden era. We are hopeful of sweeping entire Chenab valley given the faith and trust reposed by people in Ghulam Nabi Azad's leadership," he said. "The membership drive would be further intensified in the district and our district leadership is already working on that." Said party chief spokesperson Salman Nizami. Among others present on the occasion were, Fayaz Naik DDC & VP Zonal, Dr Asif Khan Zonal VP, Alyas Banihali, Munner Bhatt, Danish Choudhary, Arif Salaria, Sheikh Shabir, Giridhari Lal Bahu, Bhudai Singh Manhas, Beer Singh bahali, Gurjeet Singh Drora, Surjeet Singh, Feroq Wani & others.

Dogra Degree College organises Investiture ceremony & PTTM

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Dogra Degree College Organized Investiture Ceremony and Stake holder meet on 9th of May, 2023 marking the formation of a new senate. To scale the heights and reach the pinnacle of success, the college always strives to inculcate a sense of commitment and responsibility among the students with their heads held high as the future leaders. The investiture ceremony was held with such a motto to invest the students with a sense of responsibility and duty. The ceremony started with the welcome speech by Ms. Aditi Khajuria, Faculty in English. The chief guest for the occasion was Chairman Th. Gachain Singh Charak ji and the guest of honour was, Prof. Darshana Sharma, Director, Dogra Education Trust and Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak ji, Secretary Dogra Education Trust.

Dr. Bela Thakur, Principal, Dogra Degree College in her address to the audience presented a power point presentation highlighting the achievements and various events, activities and programmes of the college and encouraged the students about righteousness, responsibility, integrity and leadership. They are a rare combination of valor, humility, and competence. The students of the college welcomed the parents and guests by presenting a Ganesh Vandana. Ritika Kundal, student of BA 6th semester was selected as a President, Mansakshi Thakur, BBA 4th Semester selected as Vice-President and Daksha Koshal, B.Com 2nd Semester was selected as a Secretary of the student council. Also the student representatives of various committees were selected and felicitated with badges by the dignitaries present. The event was followed by Oath taking conducted by Mr. Balwant

Singh Parihar, Convener of student Council, where the students pledged to carry out duties assigned to them with sincerity, and efficiency. The College auditorium buzzed with enthusiasm and pride. The president of the student council shared her experiences in the college with the other members of student council. Her words affirmed their mission and pledged to keep the flag of the college flying high. Thereafter, an open house parents interaction with the college administrators was put forward to share their experiences and grievances regarding academics and curriculum. The administrators addressed the parents and considered their concerns. The guest of honour, Prof. Darshana Sharma, Director DGC & CD and Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak ji, Secretary Dogra Educational Trust said that each student is unique and sky is the limit for them.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle Jammu, JPDCI has informed that the power supply to Muthi, Barnai, of Chandan Vihar, Upper Muthi Matodtor Stand, Lower Muthi, KC Door, PHE Lower Pumping Station, Sharda Colony, Patoli, Part of Barnai and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Bhagwati Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 10 from 7 am to 11 am. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to CMT Factory, GMC, Chackidan, Godrej Factory, and Industries under SICOP-1st and SIDCO shall remain affected on May 10 from 8 am to 1 pm.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

Need to improve water management

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

The challenge of deterring Pakistan is complex

IF THE GOAL OF THE INDIAN ARMY IS TO DETER PAKISTAN FROM ATTACKING OUR FORCES IN J&K, SURELY IT WOULD WARRANT RETALIATION EVERY TIME A MAJOR ATTACK TAKES PLACE. IF PAKISTAN GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT RETALIATION IS NOT AUTOMATIC, ITS CALCULATION WILL BE SIMPLE - GO AHEAD AND TAKE A CHANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PATTERN IN THE PAST DECADE REVEALS INDIA'S CONFUSED SIGNALLING ON THE SUBJECT.

MANOJ JOSHI

On May 5, five soldiers were killed and an officer injured in Rajouri's Kandi forest region while conducting a search operation. Almost certainly, the attacks were executed by jihadists who have come across the nearby Line of Control (LoC) from Pakistan.

Two weeks earlier, on April 20, five Indian soldiers belonging to the Kashtriya Rifles had been killed in an ambush on a road from Bimber Gali to Surankote in a nearby area.

The only official reaction we have had so far are the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's fulminations at the SCO summit in Goa and a visit by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to condole with the forces who suffered the casualties. Even though it is election season, there has largely been silence from the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister.

Recall that four years earlier, on February 2019, in retaliation for a bomb blast that killed 40 jawans in Pulwama, India had launched a retaliatory air attack on Balakot in Pakistan. An event that triggered a sharp India-Pakistan aerial battle that led to the shooting down of a Pakistani F-16 and an Indian MiG-21. Likewise, in 2016, a Pakistani attack on an Indian brigade headquarters near the LoC in Uri that killed 19 Indian soldiers led to simultaneous cross-border raids 11 days later. But these were passed off as pre-emptive 'surgical' strikes, rather than retaliatory action by the Indian Army.

So, can we expect an Indian retaliatory strike in the coming days? Despite the fact that this is election time, the incidents don't seem to figure in the Karnataka campaign rhetoric, unlike the Uri and Pulwama terror attacks that played a significant role in campaigning for the 2017 UP Assembly and then the 2019 General Election.

What is the government's calculation in choosing to retaliate or not to do so? Is there a threshold? As for the numbers, the death toll of 10 in the past two weeks or so looks no less substantial than that of 19 in Uri and 40 in Pulwama, and all the attacks are attributed to Pakistani jihadists. Or, is the process entirely subjective, driven by political con-



pulsions of the day? If the goal of the Indian Army is to deter Pakistan from attacking our forces in J&K, surely it would warrant retaliation every time a major attack takes place. If Pakistan gets the impression that retaliation is not automatic, its calculation will be simple - go ahead and take a chance. Unfortunately, the pattern in the past decade reveals India's confused signalling on the subject. The Indian reaction to similar incidents has ranged from indifference and passivity to aggression, with no clear redlines visible. Two months after the so-called surgical strikes, in November 2016, the Jaish-e-Mohammed launched a strike at Nagrota, the headquarters of the Indian Army's 16 Corps, near Jammu, killing 10 soldiers. There was no reaction by India. In 2017, there were several cross-LoC Border Action Team (BAT) attacks by Pakistan, resulting in the killings of Indian soldiers, but again there was little response. In early 2018, there was an attack on the Surujwanj camp near Jammu, housing soldiers and their families. As many as 11 soldiers and a civilian were killed, but still there was no reaction. Trying to connect this to the government's Pakistan policy is a bit of a challenge. Let us begin with the Prime Minister's

outreach at the time of his installation in 2014, when he invited Nawaz Sharif to attend. This was followed the next year by his surprise visit to greet Sharif on his birthday on December 25. Then, following the January 2016 Pathankot attack, came the big shift.

In Kashmir, the Army initiated Operation All Out to crush the insurgency, and the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control began to break down with numerous instances of violations. In 2018, the ceasefire had broken down and had to be renewed by the Directors General of Military Operation of the two sides. In February 2021, this ceasefire was yet again renewed and has been largely holding since.

Relations have been in deep freeze. The heads of government have not met since 2015. No official-level talks have taken place for nearly a decade. Terrorism has become a major item of India's global toolkit. It figures in almost every bilateral or multilateral summit, even though terrorism is no longer a significant threat in India, but cross-border attacks are.

There have been recent reports that speak of efforts made by Modi to develop a backchannel in 2017 which clearly didn't work. Later, NSA Ajit Doval and former

Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Bajwa went along a backchannel that led to the LoC ceasefire of 2021. But these efforts have foundered and their thrust seems to have been more at conflict management than conflict resolution.

True, the challenge of deterring Pakistan is a complex one. It ranges from dealing with nuclear weapons, large-scale conventional threat and groups of proxy warriors who carry out small-scale cross-border attacks.

While on the nuclear and conventional front there is a measure of stability, we have not been able to devise a formula for getting Pakistan to cease and desist from conducting the last named type of attacks. The botched Balakot strike, where we lost a fighter jet and a helicopter to 'friendly fire', has not helped.

The options before us are two. First, to undertake a policy of relentless retaliation against cross-border attacks and be prepared for any escalation that could come with it. Or, second, to work through a mix of diplomatic and kinetic means to reduce violence on the borders and hope it can be completely eliminated over time. What we cannot afford to do is to muddle along and simply hope for the best.

The elusive public intellectual in our times

THE BELIEF THAT POETS AND WRITERS HAVE TO TAKE POETRY BEYOND THE REALM OF THEIR PERSONAL PLEASURES, DESIRES, PASSIONS AND FRUSTRATION IN ORDER TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION IN 1936. IT SHIFTED THE POLITICAL DISCOURSE AWAY FROM COMPETITIVE RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM TO POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION, CLASS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POET IN A CRISIS-RIDDEN SOCIETY.

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In 1993, while delivering the BBC Reith Lecture, Edward Said asked: "How do we balance creativity with commitment to the vulnerable?" He added: "Real intellectuals are never more themselves than when, moved by metaphysical passion and disinterested principles of justice and truth, they denounce corruption, defend the weak, defy imperfect or oppressive authority."

The notion of the public intellectual emerged in December 1894 in France. An army Captain, Alfred Dreyfus, was accused of treason. Allegedly, he had sold military secrets to the Germans. Anti-Semitic organisations, for example newspaper La Libre Parole edited by Edouard Drumont, tom-tommed the disloyalty of French Jews. Some defended Dreyfus. The evidence against him was scanty and another officer, Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, was accused of treason. Esterhazy was acquitted in a court-martial.

The injustice was so palpable, the racism so stark, and public

prejudice so unmistakable, that intellectuals could no longer confine themselves to the ivory tower. Distinguished novelist Emile Zola wrote an open letter titled 'J'Accuse' published in Clemenceau's newspaper L'Aurore. He attacked the army for covering up the mistaken conviction of Dreyfus. This set off another storm with the right wing accusing Zola's supporters of discrediting the army and weakening the nation. The liberal left spoke of defences of individual freedom against the combustible rhetoric of national security. The right wing used the term 'intellectual' with contempt for them, intellectuals were anti-national. They continue to be so in today's India.

But intellectuals have always dismissed these attacks as irrelevant to their task - engaging with injustice, arbitrary power, individual liberty, and religious conflict. When philosopher and writer Jean Paul Sartre died in 1980, around 50,000 people attended his funeral. Sartre had argued that the intellectual had no right to be at a distance from



controversy. S/he simply did not have the privilege of being detached. Abandoning self-reflection, the public intellectual had to take hold of the era to change society. There could be no private life of the mind in abstraction from social and political issues and struggles.

Earlier, in 1935, French intellectuals had organised an International Writers Association for the Defence of Culture in Paris. The conference

witnessed the largest mobilisation against the rise of fascism - the harbinger of brutal regimes in the world. Held in June at the Palais de Mutualite, the conference was attended by hundreds of writers. Sajjad Zaheer and Mulk Raj Anand, who were to play a major role in turning the course of literature and Urdu poetry in India, participated in the conference, along with Aldous Huxley, EM Forster, Boris Pasternak, Bertolt Brecht

and others. The controversies that erupted during the proceedings spilled over into the streets of Paris. Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet historian, journalist and writer, declared that any form of art which was not a weapon against the exploiter was nothing but a useless knick-knack. He was publicly attacked by Andre Breton, French surrealist writer and poet. Ultimately, the conference could not create a coalition of anti-fascists. All participants

hated fascism, but they could not agree on the desirability of the Soviet model of instrumentalist culture. Reportedly, surrealist Rene Crevel tried to mediate between the surrealists and communists but failed. In despair, he returned to his apartment and committed suicide by turning the gas on. He left a note pinned on to his lapel that read: 'disgust'. Some great debates on the social responsibilities of writers and poets were taking place in India at that very time. The belief that poets and writers have to take poetry beyond the realm of their personal pleasures, desires, passions and frustration in order to connect with others led to the formation of the Progressive Writers' Association (PWA) in 1936. It shifted the political discourse of the 1930s away from competitive religious nationalism to poverty, discrimination, class and the responsibility of the poet in a crisis-ridden society. The members could not have read Italian communist Antonio Gramsci, whose Prison Notebook was published in English only in the 1970s, but

they also believed in what he, jailed in Mussolini's infamous prison system, had written. The intellectual has to create an environment for social, economic and political transformation. Progressives have to intervene in political life. KA Abbas, a member of the PWA and the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA), wrote in his autobiography, I am Not An Island, about the Bombay of 1946. Bombay was a city divided between Hindus and Muslims. At that time, the PWA and IPTA organised a peace march in which 52 cultural organisations, including Prithvi Theatres, took part.

The Kapoor (Prithviraj, Raj and Shammie), Dev Anand, Balraj Sahni, progressive Urdu writers and poets - Sajjad Zaheer, Majrooh Sultannpuri, Ali Sardar Jafri, Kaifi Azmi, Sahir Ludhianvi - as well as Marathi and Gujarati writers marched in a procession from Bunder to Bandra. They sang songs of love, harmony and peace, all to heal the wounds of communal hatred in the city.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA SAYS SHE FELL HARD AT RECENT EVENT BUT KIND PAPARAZZI PUT DOWN CAMERAS: 'I'VE NEVER SEEN IT IN 23 YEARS'

Priyanka Chopra revealed that she fell down at Love Again premiere in New York. She also talked about how the kind paparazzi refused to click her photos. Actor Priyanka Chopra has revealed that she fell down during the recent premiere of her film Love Again in New York. In a new interview, Priyanka said that she fell down 'all the way to my butt'. The actor was left surprised when the paparazzi instead of clicking her pictures, put down their cameras. She also added that her husband-singer Nick Jonas 'swooped in' to help her.

Last week, Priyanka and Nick attended the premiere of Love Again as they arrived hand in hand at the

event. The film stars Priyanka and Sam Heughan in lead roles with Nick having a cameo appearance. For the occasion, Priyanka wore a bluish blue gown with a puffy skirt and a giant bow on her back.

She styled her hair straight and wore a simple necklace. While Nick wore a grey suit, Sam opted for an all-black suit.

In an interview with ABC's The View, Priyanka said, "I haven't talked about this because I try and look for this thing every day on social media. But, I was wearing really high heels in this dress for it to look as tall as it did and you know, the red carpet is full of press people, everyone is clicking pictures, fans.



'DAHAAD' A CLUTTER BREAKER FOR ME ACTOR SAYS SONAKSHI SINHA

Actor Sonakshi Sinha says her streaming debut "Dahaad", which will see her in the role of a cop hot on the heels of a serial killer, was a true 'clutter breaker'. The upcoming Prime Video crime-drama series is created by filmmakers Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti. Kagti also directs the eight-part show with Ruchika Oberoi of "Island City" fame.

"When I met her (Zoya), I told her that there was a period when I had started saying no to every film offer that came to me because nothing was exciting enough for me to get up and be that character for 30 to 40 or 90 days. It (Dahaad) was a no-brainer. I said yes immediately," Sinha told PTI in an interview.

The actor said she was getting "mundane" offers, but the show came as a welcome change. "On paper, the character (Anjali Bhaati) was so powerful. For me, as an actor to be able to do that kind of role, it was just so exciting at that point of time in my life, where I was. I was being offered repetitive things. This was truly a clutter breaker," the 35-year-old actor said. Sinha, known for films such as "Dabangg", "Loota", "Kalank", "Rowdy Rathore" and "Son of Sardaar", said she was not concerned with the medium. In fact, the show came to her even before the OTT boom happened during the pandemic.

"She (Zoya) came to me before the pandemic. The whole OTT boom happened much later. I said yes to it even before that. As an actor, I see it as a role, not the platform. Is it good enough for me to do it? Is it really shaking me up, like, I have to be this character? Whether it is an OTT (project) or a film, it doesn't really matter."

In "Dahaad", Sinha plays a feisty cop trying to solve a case where women are mysteriously found dead in public bathrooms. From being a restless actor, Sinha said, she has evolved into someone who wants to portray strong women on screen. Which is why, the actor, who started her career in 2010 with Salman Khan-starrer "Dabangg", decided to focus on quality projects.

"I was a restless actor. I would just work to be working. In fact, in my first few years, I did so many films, like, in ten years, I had done about 30 films. I worked like crazy. Then came a point, when I started doing solo films. It was like, I tasted blood.

Producers Guild of India raises strong objection on 'state-enforced' ban on The Kerala Story, says it is 'distressed'

A MID CALLS for a ban on Sudipto Sen's film "The Kerala Story", the Producers Guild of India has issued a statement raising 'strong objection'. On Tuesday, the official Twitter account of the Producers Guild of India shared the statement. It captioned the post, "Official Statement by Producers Guild of India." The statement read, "The Producers Guild of India is distressed by, and would like to record its strong objection to, state-enforced bans on The Kerala Story. As emphasized by us on several occasions in the past, film releases are regulated by Censor Board and any film that complies with this statutory requirement should face no further hurdles in having the paying public decide on its



fate." It also added, "Of course, the audience can choose to watch or ignore any film but that is a choice that should be theirs to make, not one that is imposed on them by any party other than Censor Board. We call upon all the relevant authorities

banned the film in the state. Speaking about the film's director Sudipto Sen told news agency ANI that the decision was "politically motivated", urged her to watch the film and then take any decision. The Kerala Story, which hit the theatres on Friday, has been facing protests across the country due to its storyline.

The film stars Adah Sharma, Yogita Bihani, Siddhi Idnani and Sonia Balani in the lead roles. The controversy surrounding the film started when its trailer claimed that 32,000 women from Kerala had gone missing and joined the terrorist group ISIS. This statement triggered a heated political debate and many leaders questioned the veracity of the claim.

I have felt uncomfortable sharing or celebrating 'Afreem Afreem' song: Lisa Ray

Actor Lisa Ray says she wants to be free of her "association" with iconic Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan song "Afreem Afreem". A mix between indie pop and fusion music, the 1996 ghazal track was sung and composed by Khan with lyrics by Javed Akhtar. Ray, who was a model when she featured in the music video, said she "inwardly" cringes whenever the song is played as part of her introduction at public events. "I have to confess I have felt uncomfortable sharing or celebrating the #AfreemAfreem breakthrough video of the 90s and iconic song by maestro #nusratfatehalikhan because I was so strongly identified with it," the 51-year-old said in an Instagram.

"Today, as great troubadours I listened to in my youth are passing into the light, I recognise the power of a song to evoke an emotional response in the audience that is tied to who you once were - to a moment in time that is often defined by hope, wonder and the optimism of youth," she added.

Hearing "Afreem Afreem" today is no longer about a personal association but represents a universal rite of passage, Ray said. "... In the same timbre of falling in love for the first time, writing your first poem, reflexively planning your future - a pitch, a note, a video that reminds us of a world of beauty and possibility and innocence that once was.

"But truly, what would be a revelation today is others also comprehending this truth and freeing me from an association with the song, for the reasons and more above (I'm just walking around in the desert after all)," she added.

Vivek Agnihotri asks Mamata Banerjee for withdrawal of her comments on The Kashmir Files, sends legal notice

Day after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced a ban on The Kashmir Files, the Kashmir Files director Vivek Agnihotri has revealed that he has sent a legal notice to her for her comments made about him and the film. He along with Pallavi Joshi and Abhishek Agarwal have asked Mamata to "tender unconditional apology" by "withdrawing all the allegations" against them and their films on May 8.

During her address to the media while announcing a ban on The Kashmir Story, Mamata had said, "What was 'The Kashmir Files'? It was meant purely to humiliate a particular section of society. What is 'The Kerala Story'? It is a distorted story."

Sharing a four-page-long notice sent to Mamata, Vivek wrote on Twitter on Tuesday, "BREAKING: I have, alongwith @AbhishekOffice & Pallavi Joshi, sent a LEGAL NOTICE to the Chief Minister, Bengal @MamataOfficial for her false & highly defamatory statements made with malafide intention to defame us & our films #TheKashmirFiles & upcoming 2024 film #TheDelhiFiles."



Through their advocate, Vivek has said that Mamata called The Kashmir Files "a conspiracy" and that it is mostly fiction and planned. Addressed to Mamata, the notice read: "You had tweeted the same and also made statement on floor of the assembly without taking the name of the movie. You 1971 titled Delhi Files but when they announced the project in Kolkata, they were "attacked, abused, threatened of FIRs" by Mamata's party members.

It claims that with stroke of single statement made by her, "all the hard work, commitment, truthfulness" of the filmmakers got damaged bringing bad name to movie and their and "the same is irreparable." As per the notice, Mamata prevented the making of The Delhi Files only to "gain easy popularity among the so called seculars in the country" and "to see that the Bengal genocide does not see the light of the day and to keep the public at large in dark on the said issue."

When Sai Pallavi revealed why she doesn't wear short dress in films



Actor Sai Pallavi, who rose to fame after playing the character of Malar teacher from Premam, has a strict no short dress policy in her films. In a promotional interview during the release of her Telugu film Virataparvam, Pallavi had opened up on the reason behind why she doesn't wear short dresses in her films and also explained how uncomfortable she was made to feel the one time she wore one in a dance video. Sai Pallavi, who has last seen in the critically-acclaimed Tamil film Gargi, turned 31 on Tuesday. Since her acting debut in Malayalam coming-of-age drama Premam, Pallavi has maintained a very clean image on screen through her characters, including what she wears on screen.

Explaining why she has a no short dress policy in her films, Pallavi had said in an interview to Galatta that she had a terrible experience the one time she wore it for a competition. "When I was studying in Georgia, I learnt Tango. For a performance, I had to wear a slit dress and I even took permission from my parents. Even they were ok with it. Later, when my first film Premam released and I was applauded for my performance, my tango dance video went viral. People started pausing the video and commenting on my slit dress. In my mind, it felt like I was being objectified and made me very uncomfortable," she said.

"Since that incident, I chose to be this way. I didn't want to do something and later not feel ok about it. Also, we can't judge someone's character by what they wear. If you go and ask my parents, they'll say I shut at times and lose my cool. What I wear doesn't necessarily reflect my personality," she added.



BHUMI PEDNEKAR BACKS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN INDIA, SAYS SHE'S 'AN ALLY OF THE COMMUNITY'

BHUMI PEDNEKAR SHARED HER SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN INDIA. SHE PLAYED A LESBIAN IN BADHAAI DO (2022) FOR WHICH SHE WON A FILMFARE AWARD.

Bhumi Pednekar won her third Filmfare Award for her performance in Badhaai Do (2022). She picked up the Best Actress (Critics) trophy playing Suman, physical education teacher and a lesbian who marries a policeman Shardul (Rajkumar Rao), who is gay. Both are hiding their true selves from their families. The actor came out in support of same-sex marriage which is currently being debated at the

Supreme Court in India. She stated she was an ally of the community and said we should not have any biases on others' lives.

This was Bhumi's second Best Actress (Critics) trophy; she previously won it for her role in Sonchiriya (2019). She also won the Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut in 2016 for her first film Dum Laga Ke Haisha opposite Ayushmann Khurrana. After winning the award for Badhaai Do, Bhumi

had also posted on Instagram that the film's team stood by their queer friends and hoped that the film contributed into making this world a fair and equal place for all.

In an interview with ETimes after her Filmfare win, Bhumi stated, "I just feel love is love and as individuals we should all have equality in every aspect of life. I feel God made us from the same thread and it is not up to us to have biases and pass judgements on what somebody's life deserves to be. I'm an ally of the community."

She also added, "Winning the Filmfare is more like a personal victory but the love the film got as a whole is a victory for the community. The success and love the film has received makes you realise that our country is changing and our cinema is part of the changing narrative like in so many of my other films in the past. Badhaai Do is an extremely important film for me, as I have a part of my soul attached to it, given that I have so many friends who are from the LGBTQIA+ community. I got a chance to represent them in a small way and it makes me feel that I'm part of the solution to their challenges." Earlier this year, Bhumi was seen in the films Bheed and Awaah. She also has the features, Bhakshak, The Lady Killer and Meri Patni Ka Remake, both with Arjun Kapoor, due to be released later this year.

"Dream Of Every Citizen Of Karnataka Is...": PM's Final Push Before Voting



BENGALURU: Making a strong pitch for the return of the BJP government in Karnataka a day before the Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today that the affection he has received in the state over the last few days has been unparalleled, and it has strengthened the resolve to make it number one across all sectors.

He also sought their blessings in the mission to make the state the number one in the country. "Dream of every citizen of Karnataka is my dream. Your resolve is my resolve. When we come together and set our minds to a goal, no force in the world can stop us," he wrote on Twitter. In an appeal to "brothers and sisters" of the State, he sought their blessings in the mission of making Karnataka the number one state in the country, PM Modi said.

"My appeal is for the bright future of Karnataka. It is for the bright future of your family, especially the younger generations," said the Prime Minister, who addressed 19 public meetings and held six roadshows in the State ahead of the polls.

Stating that the people have always showed him with love and affection, he said it feels like a divine blessing to me. "Ye Baariya Nirdhara, Bahumataada BJP Sarkara" (This time's decision: Majority BJP government) - this call of the people of Karnataka is still echoing in my ears." In our "Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal", we Indians have aimed to make our beloved country a developed nation, and Karnataka is keen to lead the movement to realise this vision, PM Modi said.

India is the world's fifth-largest economy, our next aim is to reach the top three. This is possible only when Karnataka rapidly grows to become a USD one trillion economy. "You have witnessed the work of the 'Double Engine' BJP government over the last 3.5 years.

Our decisive, focused and futuristic policies are imparting momentum to the growth of Karnataka's economy," the Prime Minister said. Despite the Covid pandemic, he said, Karnataka has received over ₹ 99,000 crore annually as foreign investment under the BJP government. It

was just around ₹ 30,000 crore under the previous government. This shows the BJP's commitment to Karnataka's progress and to a bright future for the youth.

"We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in investment, industry and innovation. We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in education, employment and entrepreneurship", PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister said the government is working to empower the farmers with a 'Beej Se Bazaar Tak' vision. Through new irrigation projects, expansion of storage facilities, increasing ethanol blending, usage of nano urea and modern technology such as drones, the BJP is committed to making Karnataka the number one in agriculture.

The decisions taken by the 'double engine' government to boost connectivity, 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business' have built a strong foundation for Karnataka to become India's number one state, PM Modi further said. The cultural heritage of Karnataka has always inspired the nation as well as him personally. Jagajyothi Basaveshwara, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, Shri Kanakadasa, Onake Obavva - this land has given us many greats. Guided by their legacy, the BJP is working to build a modern Karnataka that would make them proud, he added.

The BJP government, the Prime Minister said, would continue to work to create next-gen urban infrastructure across Karnataka, modernise transport, raise the quality of life in rural and urban areas, and create new opportunities for workers and youth.

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"Tolerant Muslims Wear The Mask As It Gets Vice President Post": Minister



Mughal period... the deeds of Aurangzeb. Sometimes, I wonder how did we survive." Baghel said India's bad days began in 192 AD when Muhammad Ghori defeated Rajput King Prithviraj Chauhan.

Mr Baghel also raised the issue of religious conversion to allege that the number of people who have been converted to another religion through "gandakabeer" (amulets) is larger than those under the swords.

"Be it Khwaja Gareeb Nawaz Saheb, Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia, or Saleem Chisti... Still today, people from our community go there in large numbers seeking children, jobs, tickets (to contest election), ministerial berth, elevation from a minister of state to a cabinet minister," he added.

The minister said members of the minority community feel that since they were "rulers" for such a long period, how could they become "subjects".

"The solution to the problem lies in providing good quality education. It can give some solution to the problem one day.

"If they study in a madrasa, they will learn Urdu, Arabic and Persian. All literature is good but with such study, they will become Pesh-Imam. And if they study physics and chemistry, they will become Abdul Kalam," Mr Baghel added.

NEW DELHI: Stoking a controversy, Union Minister Satya Pal Singh Baghel claimed that "tolerant Muslims can be counted on fingers" and it too "was a tactic to lead a public life wearing a mask" as it leads to Vice-President, Governor or Vice-Chancellor posts.

But the real face of such "so-called intellectuals" from the community gets revealed after they complete their term in office or retire, he alleged.

The Union Minister of State for Law and Justice made the comments on Monday while addressing the Dev Rishi Narad Patrakar Samman Samaroh - an event organised by the RSS's media wing Indraprastha Vishwa Samvad Kendra to present awards to journalists.

"Tolerant Muslims can be counted on fingers. I think their number is not even in the thousands. And, that too is a tactic to live in public life wearing the mask as it route leads to the house of vice president, governor or vice chancellor," Mr Baghel

said. "But when they retire, they give real statements. When they leave the chair, they give a statement which shows their reality," he added.

The Union Minister's remarks came after Information Commissioner Uday Mahurkar, in his speech at the event, said that India must fight Islamic fundamentalism but the "tolerant Muslims should be taken along". Referring to Mughal emperor Akbar's efforts to foster Hindu-Muslim unity during his rule, Mr Mahurkar claimed that Chhatrapati Shivaji had seen him in a "positive light". "Akbar tried his best to achieve Hindu-Muslim unity," he said.

Dismissing the remarks, Mr Baghel, however, termed Akbar's efforts mere "tactics" and alleged that the Mughal emperor's marriage with Jodha Bai was part of his "political strategy".

"It did not come from his heart. Otherwise, the massacre of Chittorgarh would not have happened," he said, adding "Look at the

"Block And Report": WhatsApp Responds To Complaints Over International Calls

NEW DELHI: With over two billion monthly active users, WhatsApp has become a popular platform for scammers to dupe people. Of late, many WhatsApp users in India have reported receiving missed calls from unknown international numbers. These calls, both audio and video, often originate from countries like Malaysia, Kenya, and Vietnam, Ethiopia as indicated by the ISD codes given. There is no information on who these callers are and what their agendas are. Several users have been taking screenshots of their call records and flooding Twitter with their complaints and grievances.

WhatsApp Issues Statement Responding to the concerns, WhatsApp issued a statement and advised users to immediately block and report suspicious accounts so that required action can be taken.

"At WhatsApp, the safety of our users is at the core of everything we do and we have devoted efforts to empower users with resources and tools that equip them to safeguard

themselves from scams. WhatsApp is an industry leader in preventing abuse, among end-to-end encrypted messaging services and over the years we have made significant product investments and launched user awareness campaigns that empower users to stay safe. Blocking and Reporting suspicious messages/calls is an important step to effectively combat scams and when users receive calls from unknown international or domestic phone numbers," WhatsApp said in a statement to media. Users have also been advised to take advantage of the app's privacy controls and keep personal details visible to only their contacts to help safeguard their accounts. "Additionally, we have consistently invested in Artificial Intelligence and other state-of-the-art technology, data scientists and experts, and in processes, in order to keep our users safe on our platform. Our monthly user safety report that we publish in accordance with the IT Rules 2021, contains details of the user complaints received and the corresponding action taken by

WhatsApp, as well as WhatsApp's own preventive actions to combat abuse on our platform. As captured in the latest Monthly Report, WhatsApp banned over 4.7 million accounts in the month of March alone," the statement added.

The company also stated that it has launched a safety campaign "Stay safe with WhatsApp" to educate users about its in-built product features and safety tools like Two-Step Verification, Block and Report, and Privacy controls, as safeguards to help protect users from online scams, frauds, and account compromising threats.

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Karnataka Muslim Quota: Supreme Court Takes Exception To Political Remarks

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court today took serious exception to political statements being made on an ongoing case related to the withdrawal of four per cent reservation for Muslims in Karnataka. More sanctity needs to be maintained when there is a court order, the court said, while adjourning to July the pleas against the Karnataka government's decision to scrap the decades-old four per cent reservation in the OBC category for Muslims in the state.

Public statements should not be made on sub judge matters, the court said, adding that they have nothing to do with politics. The petitioners complained about a recent statement made by Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue ahead of the May 10 Karnataka elections. Senior Advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for the petitioners, said Mr Shah was "proudly saying" that his party has withdrawn the quota to Muslims. "Why, when the matter is sub judice, should such statements be made by anyone?" Justice BV Nagarathna asked. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the government, claimed the court



wasn't told about the content of Mr Shah's remark. "If someone says they are principally against religion-based reservation, it is completely justified," Mr Mehta argued, after which the court said it just wants discipline to be maintained. "You saying that four per cent reservation is unconstitutional, from this point as SC and counsel appearing in this case. You can make this statement. But someone else from a public place making a statement...completely different," Justice BV Nagarathna told Tushar Mehta. Tushar Mehta sought deferment

due to an ongoing hearing in the same-sex marriage case.

The bench directed that the interim orders passed in the last hearing would continue till further orders and listed the matter in July.

The top court had said Karnataka's earlier regime granting four per cent reservation to Muslims will continue till May 9, the eve of polling for assembly elections, after the state government had sought more time to file its reply.

On April 26, the Karnataka government told the top court it has taken a "conscious decision" to not continue with reservation on the sole basis of religion as it is unconstitutional and it has, therefore, scrapped the provision of a four per cent quota for the Muslim community.

The state government filed its reply to a batch of petitions challenging its two orders dated March 27, scrapping the four per cent quota for Muslims in 2B category of the Other Backward Castes and granting benefits of increased quota to Vokkaligas and Lingayats in admissions and appointments to government jobs.

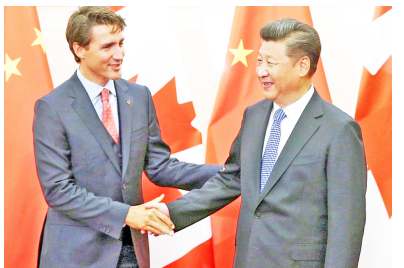
China Expels Canada's Top Diplomat In Tit-For-Tat Move

Shanghai: China said Tuesday it was expelling Canada's consul in Shanghai, in a tit-for-tat move after Ottawa announced it was sending home a Chinese diplomat accused of trying to intimidate a lawmaker.

The expulsions have plunged the two nations into a fresh diplomatic row after years of souring relations. They follow an outcry in Canada over allegations that Chinese intelligence had planned to target MP Michael Chong and his relatives in Hong Kong with sanctions for sponsoring a motion condemning Beijing's conduct in the Xinjiang region as genocide.

In response, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said Toronto-based Chinese diplomat Zhao Wei - who allegedly played a role in the scheme - would have to leave the country. Canada, she said, would "not tolerate any form of foreign interference in our internal affairs".

The Chinese foreign ministry on Tuesday condemned the decision to expel Zhao, and said it had ordered Canadian consul Jennifer Lynn Lalonde to leave the country by May 13.



Jennifer Lynn Lalonde, consul of the Consulate General of Canada in Shanghai persona non grata," the ministry said in a statement.

And foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin urged Canada to stop "unreasonable provocations". "If the Canadian side doesn't listen to this advice and acts recklessly, (China) will take resolute and forceful retaliatory measures, and all consequences will be borne by the Canadian side," Wang told a regular press briefing. A single police car was parked outside the Shanghai

office building where the consulate is based, AFP journalists saw.

Inside, appointments appeared to be running as normal, and staff at reception said they were unaware of Tuesday's developments.

Neither Canada's foreign ministry nor its embassy in Beijing replied to requests for comment from AFP. "We remain firm in our resolve that defending our democracy is of the utmost importance," Joly said Monday, adding that foreign diplomats in Canada "have been warned that if they engage in this type of

behaviour, they will be sent home". "Playground for interference" Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has faced growing pressure to take a hard line on China following revelations in recent months that it sought to sway Canada's 2019 and 2021 elections in his party's favour. Relations between Beijing and Ottawa have been tense since Canada's 2018 arrest of a top Huawei executive and the detention of two Canadian nationals in China in apparent retaliation.

All three have been released, but Beijing has continued to blast Ottawa for aligning with Washington's China policy, while Canadian officials have regularly accused China of interference.

After China's ambassador was summoned last week over the latest interference allegations, Beijing on Friday slammed what it called "groundless slander and defamation" by Canada. The Chinese foreign ministry insisted the scandal had been "hyped up" by Canadian politicians and the media.

Suspect In US Mall Shooting That Left 8 Dead Had Been Kicked Out Of Army

WASHINGTON: The man suspected of murdering eight people at a Texas shopping mall was kicked out of the US Army in 2008 less than three months after joining, a spokeswoman said.

Mauricio Garcia, 33, was shot dead by police after opening fire with a semi-automatic rifle in the parking lot of Allen Premium Outlets north of Dallas on Saturday afternoon. "Mauricio Garcia entered the regular Army in June 2008; he was terminated three months later without completing initial entry training," US Army spokeswoman Heather Hagan said in a statement, without specifying why he was removed.

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ed three months later without completing initial entry training," US Army spokeswoman Heather Hagan said in a statement, without specifying why he was removed. "He was not awarded a military occupational specialty. He had no deployments or awards," Hagan added.

US media and the independent Bellingcat research site reported that Garcia had a page on a Russian social media site that expressed neo-Nazi and misogynistic views, and revealed Garcia's concerns over his own mental health. The profile included photos of a shirtless torso bearing Nazi tattoos, though it was unclear if the person pictured was Garcia. US law enforcement officials declined to comment on the page, but one said media reports of Garcia's far-right leanings came out of a document leaked from the investigation, which is being handled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, along with the FBI.

A GoFundMe page appeared to confirm that three of those killed in the shooting were Korean American parents and their three-year-old son.

"After being released from the ICU, their six-year-old son William is the only surviving member of this horrific event," the page said.

Mining Dept finalises Jammu Sapphire Detailed Exploration Strategy

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Secretary, Mining, Amit Sharma, today chaired a meeting here at Civil Secretariat held regarding finalisation of strategy for conducting detailed exploration study of 'Jammu Sapphire' located in Padder area of Kishtwar district.

Among others the meeting was attended by experts from Mining department, Director Geology and Mining, O P Bhagat, Additional Secretary, Mining, Arun Kishore Kotwal, Director Geological Survey of India (GSI).

J&K, Ajay Kumar, General Manager, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL) P Ravindran, MD J&K Minerals Limited, Vikram K Gupta, geologists and others.

The GSI team made a detailed presentation about the exploratory studies conducted by them during last two to three years in Khan area of Padder regarding presence of Sapphire and Ruby like precious gems in different Adits, mostly in Corundum form.

Later, MECL team made a presentation on detailed exploration plans of this Central PSU

who has been assigned the task of conducting detailed exploration in the upcoming summer months in the area, as a specialist, purely on scientific lines, by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Amit Sharma revealed that different Steering Committees at the Policy level and the Execution level shall be created by the government so as to ensure hassle free completion of this project in a time bound manner before the end of this working season. He further mentioned that detailed timelines shall be shared by MECL, the adherence of which shall be reviewed on a weekly basis by the government. Secretary also asked the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav, to extend full support to the Working Group led by Director Geology and Mining for this upcoming detailed exploration of Padder Mines in Kishtwar. Being initiated by MECL through NMET Funding on scientific lines, this initiative is first of kind launched under the visionary leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and guidance of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun.K Mehta. The visiting officers of MECL assured that they will use best machinery and experienced work force to make this operation a huge success.

Later, Secretary also advised MD, JKML to share all past experiences which they gained while exploring and mining Sapphire in Padder during last few years so that MECL exploration goes on smoothly and they can improvise upon same by using latest methodologies, drone surveillance and similar techniques for achieving multiple success in the challenging limited time.

Awareness Program on hazards of Drug Abuse held in GDC Sunderbani

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, MAY 09: NSS unit of Government Degree College Sunderbani, in Collaboration with Gayatri Pariwar organised, One-day Awareness Programme on the hazards of Drug Abuse, here on the College campus.

Nearly 100 students from all the semesters participated in the awareness programme. The Programme started with a welcome address by Prof. Beant Singh, Department of Punjabi. Madan Lal Sharma and others from Gayatri Pariwar explained about the ill effects of drugs and alcohol. They motivated the students to spread awareness about the hazards of drugs among their friends, peers and family members. The College Principal (Prof.) Minne Sharma encouraged students to get help from their parents and teachers when they face difficult life situations as adults tend to provide better life advice than their peers. She also appreciated the efforts of the managing committee for conducting the programme. The entire programme was organised by Prof. Sham Lal NSS PO and Prof. Beant Singh Conventor Eco Club.

Health Department Doda conducts Special camps for Nomads

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MAY 09: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan, the health department organized a series of health awareness and medical checkup camps in the higher reaches of the District Doda to reach out to the nomadic people residing there with no access to the Medicare facilities . The camps were held under the supervision of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar and guidance of respective BMOs.

"The department organised special health screening/ checkup camps for the nomadic population living in high altitude meadows and struggling with their health issues 'with no access to health care,' the CMO informed.

During the camps, free medicines were also distributed among the nomads by the health teams.

Meanwhile, the DC has asked the health department to conduct such health camps in different areas on regular intervals to provide healthcare at the doorstep of the nomads. The nomadic community appreciated the efforts of the District Administration and Health Department for such a people friendly health initiative.

District Hub for Empowerment of Women Reasi organises mega awareness program at Panchayat Siria

JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, MAY 09: District Hub for Empowerment of Women Reasi, on the direction of District Social Welfare Officer, organised an awareness camp at Siria Panchayat. During the awareness camp, Gender Specialist Rita imparted information regarding various women centric schemes to PRI members and local women.

She informed the participants about the process for availing benefits of Tejaswini, ISSS, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Benefits of Labour card under JKBCWC, skills development courses under PMKVY, SBI RSETI and on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan etc.

At the end of the program, the cases of skill development courses, PMMVY and pension were noted down and the women participants were provided the information about eligibility criteria, documentation and procedures to online apply to avail benefits under different schemes.

SNAYI 2023: Registration of service providers to begin soon at Ramban: ALC

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, MAY 09: Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC), Ramban Dr. Shushant Mahajan today said that the registration of Workers who want to render their services for Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra 2023 would be started soon in the district. While briefing the media persons here, the ALC informed that the office of Assistant Labour Commissioner invited to all the service providers who are domicile of district Ramban i.e.

Pony Walla, Pithu Wall, Palki wala, Helpers, workers besides others who want to render their services for Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra 2023.

He also informed that the registration counter for online registration has been established in the ALC office. "Interested persons are requested to visit the ALC office for registration on all working days between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm along with the relevant documents including, Police verification report from concerned Police station, Fitness certificate of Animals (Horse, Pony) from concerned Veterinary doctors, Aadhar card, 16 Digit Bank account number, E-Shram card, 3 passport size photographs and Blood group test report" he elaborated.

He said that the government has initiated the online provision to ensure hassle free registration of the service providers as per the guidelines and norms .

He added that after proper verification of the service providers from the concerned police station, the department would issue laminated I-cards to avoid any tempering.

The department has also taken up the digitization of registration work to maintain proper record and to ensure that the task is completed without duplication.

The government is also providing prompt and hassle free registration and other services to the intending service providers as per the guidelines / norms on one counter" the ALC further said.

He maintained that any service provider who is a domicile of district Ramban shall not be allowed to work or render any service during Amar Nath Ji Yatra 2023 without obtaining registration number from this office.

250TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY JK's educational institutions join nationwide campaign on 'Women Empowerment'



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 9: Awareness rallies on "Women Empowerment" were organized by the students of various educational institutions across J&K for the second consecutive day today to commemorate 250th birth anniversary of Raja Rammohun Roy, the father of Modern India. These rallies are being jointly organized by the Department of Libraries & Research, J&K and the School Education Department, J&K under the aegis of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Ministry of Culture, Govt of India.

The objective of these rallies is to make aware the society, especially women, about their empowerment, their rights and promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others.

In Srinagar, an impressive rally

was taken out by the students of Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Chanapora. The rally was flagged off from GGHSS Chanapora, Srinagar by Mr Sameena Wani, Principal of the Institution. The rally culminated at the District Library Srinagar where it was welcomed by the Deputy Director, Libraries & Research Kashmir, Sheikh Zahoor, I/C District Librarian, Rufaida Shaheen and other staff members.

Around 250 students from Complex Head Chanapora participated in the rally, carrying banners, posters and placards and chanting slogans about ending gender discrimination and empowering women. The program was hosted by the lecturers of GGHSS Chanapora, Ms Anjum Sahar and Ms Najma Sahar and the inaugural address was presented by Vice Principal of GHHSS Chanapora, Mr Tahirul Hamid. Many teachers and students also spoke on the occasion and three

light on the contribution of Raja Rammohun Roy in the uplift of women and empowering them. Ms Rifat Saroor lecturer economics presented her poem in Kashmiri relevant to the occasion. Principal GHHSS Chanapora, Dr Sameena wani who was also the chief guest on the occasion presented a poem 'Mujai Naaz Hai' inspiring girls to be proud of being born and brought up as women. The vote of thanks was presented by Ms Shagufa Banhali, lecturer Commerce.

Another rally was organized by the students of Govt Model Girls Higher Secondary School, Rainabagh Anantnag. The rally started from GMGHS Rainabagh and culminated at District Library Anantnag.

Another similar rally was organized by the students of Govt Higher Secondary School Nehama in district Pulwama. In Jammu, a mega awareness rally of students on Women Empowerment was organized by the District Library Kathua. The rally was flagged off by Shri Raghunandan Singh, Vice-Chairman DDC Kathua.

Director, Libraries & Research, Mohammad Rafi while appreciating the heads of the participating educational institutions for successful conduct of the program at their respective schools, expressed gratitude to Prof A P Singh, Dctor General, Raja Rammohun Roy for his unflinching support towards development and expansion of library activities in J&K including upgradation of infrastructure.

Day long Workshop on Drug Abuse organized at Kishtwar

DC, SSP ASK SOCIAL, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN HANDS TO ERADICATE THE MENACE

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, MAY 09: The Social Reforms and Charitable Organization Kishtwar in collaboration with Gandhian Societies Trust India on Tuesday organized a one day workshop on Drugs Abuse here in the premises of Ashiana Home. Students from different schools and colleges, besides Public representatives, civil society members, Government Functionaries participated in the workshop.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav was the Chief Guest and Senior Superintendent of Police, Khalil Poswal was Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that district administration along with police and public is going to involve the parents, religious preachers, teachers for the eradication of this social evil. He lauded the role of Social Reforms and Charitable Organization for doing noble work to eradicate the social evils and work for the special children, downtrodden people and needy women.

The SSP urged the people to share the information about the perpetrators of drug abuse in their areas to bring them to the book. He informed that the Police Administration has intensified the crackdown against drug trafficking and awareness campaign to educate the youth about hazards of drugs.

On the occasion, certificates were distributed among the participants. The women achievers were also honoured by the Organization for their outstanding achievements. Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal GDC Kishtwar, Dr. Shahnam Laila, Gynecologist, District Hospital, Hamida Begum Retired Teacher and Vijay Mala Sen, the renowned social worker.

Rajinder Kumar, Trustee Gandhian Societies expressed gratitude to the administration, participants and assured that Gandian Societies Trust will extend its full cooperation for organizing such programmes in future.

Director reviews functioning of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Jammu, Rifat Kohli today reviewed the functioning of the Department with regard to implementation of ongoing departmental schemes here at a meeting of all the Assistant Directors of Jammu Division. The meeting had threadbare discussion on several issues regarding the functioning

of the Department which interalia included digitalization of services, i.e. supply chain management, District wise market checking and aadhar seeding of left out beneficiaries if any; during the aadhar seeding drive.

The Director impressed upon the concerned Officers to update consumers ration cards; if any left out on priority.

During the meeting, the Director held interaction with the Officers and enquired regarding the availability and distribution of foodgrains in all the Districts particularly in far off places and winter zones areas. She also stressed upon redressing the public grievances on priority. The Assistant Director apprised the Director in detail the working/functioning of the Department in each Districts and the parameters which need special attention and the Director stressed for time bound implementation of all the schemes and

to achieve targets in a time bound manner. Regarding construction of food stores and office accommodation, the Assistant Directors were asked to expedite the process of identification of State Land free from all encumbrances on priority and submission of DPRs of already identified works.

It was directed in the meeting to ensure implementation of supply chain management on real time basis besides to make endeavors for 100% door step

Education Deptt issues guidelines for seeking Permission, Affiliation & Recognition of Private Schools

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Section 11 of Jammu & Kashmir School Education Act 2002 provides that no school shall be established, run or maintained without permission of the Competent Authority. The procedure to be followed for grant of permission to such schools is enshrined in Rule (4) of School Education Rules 2010. Further Section (12) of the said Act provides that only such private schools, which are recognised, shall be permitted to function.

These instructions have been issued from time to time for strict compliance by the competent authorities.

However, it has been observed that some institutions are still running without permission or undertaking classes/courses for which they have not been permitted in terms of law/rules. Accordingly, the Education Department has

enjoined upon all the private schools/institutions to run only after seeking proper permission from Competent Authority through online portal <https://sch.edujammu.nic.in/pvt/school/>. It has further asked the private schools to impart education for those courses/classes for which they have been permitted under law/rules;

Display the recognition and affiliation status issued by competent authority on their sign boards, Register on Adharshila (online monitoring Portal) www.sch.edujammu.nic.in/adharshila along with their recognition/affiliation order and ensure that the error free information of all the students is updated on the portal, get Management Committee Certificate renewed after expiry of every 03 years and recognition/ affiliation after expiry of every 05 years.

Further, the department has impressed upon the parents of the students to ensure that the schools in which their wards are seeking admission are recognized/affiliated by Director of School Education/ Chief Education Officer/ JKBOSE/ CBSE etc. as the case may be.

Meanwhile, the Chief Education Officers/ Zonal Education Officers have been asked to ensure that no un-recognized school is allowed to run within their respective jurisdiction.

The CEOs shall also ensure that the schools are undertaking only those classes/courses for which they have been permitted by the competent authority under rules.

Various sports activities conducted at Budgam

JI NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, MAY 09: The Youth Services and Sports department, Budgam today organized various sports activities in various Zones of the district.

In Zone Dreygam inter school competition of Tug of War and Yoga, boys U/14 and U/17 were held at HSS Parneawa. The said competition was inaugurated by ZPEO, Tariq Ahmad. More than 200 participants from various schools participated in the said events.

Zone Soolbugh conducted an inter school zone level tournament in the discipline of badminton U-14/17 Boys at NIET Institute Soolbugh, in which 115 students of different schools of zone participated.

DC Srinagar flags off Walkathon to create awareness on 'G-20 Summit'

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Moham-mad Ajiaz, Asad Tuesday morning flagged-off a Walkathon from Indoor Stadium here to raise awareness among people regarding the importance of the 'G-20 Summit', as Srinagar District is hosting some meetings/ events of the ensuing mega event. The Walkathon was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Office Srinagar from Indoor Stadium to Youth Hostel Srinagar, and 500 students from various educational institutions of the district and staff of DYS&SO, Srinagar participated in the event.

The DC, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, briefly explained the importance of G-20 Presidency with India. He complimented the participants and YS&S Department for organising the Walkathon and said that it will help to create awareness among the students regarding G-20 Summit, besides general public will have the proper knowledge regarding the summit.

The walkathon started from Indoor Stadium and reached Rajbagh Bagh and moved from Presentation Convent to Silk Factory, Lal DED Hospital and finally concluded at Youth Hostel Srinagar.

The students were seen holding placards/banners and also raised slogans to create awareness among the people regarding the G-20 Summit.

The Walkathon culminated at Youth Hostel where District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Srinagar Balbir Singh and other Officers/Officials sensitized participants about the importance of raising awareness regarding the hazardous effects of drug addiction and the need for a collective effort to combat the issue.

DC Kathua reviews Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra arrangements

CALLS FOR TAKING ALL PREPARATORY STEPS TO ENSURE SMOOTH ARRIVAL & TRANSIT OF PILGRIMS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rakesh Minhas on Tuesday chaired a meeting of officers to review the arrangements being put in place for smooth conduct of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023. It was decided in the meeting that Registrar Suresh Chander will be the overall Nodal Officer for SANJY-2023, while DC State Taxes, Ranjeet Singh will act as Nodal Officer for Lakhampur Facilitation Centre.

The DC, while reviewing progress of the arrangements, directed the concerned departments to focus on completion of remaining works well before the commencement of the Yatra keeping in mind the increased influx of pilgrims being anticipated due to easing out of Covid restrictions.

It was decided in the meeting that District Administration



Kathua will prepare a contingency plan to accommodate 7500 pilgrims in wake of halt of Yatra due to inclement weather or any other emergency.

For smooth issuance of RFID tags to the registered pilgrims, the district administration has decided to double the number of counters to six at Lakhampur Facilitation Centre as this will lower the rush at Jammu Base

camp. The DC impressed upon the stakeholder departments to submit action plans related to provision of safe drinking water, power supply, Medical facilities, sanitation, installation of toilets, Sanitation facilities, lodging and langar facilities, Traffic and security arrangements etc. He directed the departments to work in tandem for finalising the necessary arrangements at the earliest.

The DC also stressed on training & sensitization of Staff to facilitate the yatriss besides maintaining proper Cleanliness and Sanitation in Lakhampur corridor and along the yatra routes.

He further directed Municipal authorities, PWD, NHAI and RDD to ensure proper functioning and maintenance of public toilets during the entire period of Yatra. Directing the concerned officers of NHAI & Tourism department, the DC called for ensuring installation of digital screens, hoardings and signages at Lakhampur and at important points on Yatra route across the district. It was given out in the meeting that cultural programmes will be held at Lakhampur on opening day and during Yatra time for the entertainment of the Yatriss.

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Reasi admin asks Rafters to operate in River Chenab with all safety measures

REASI, MAY 9: District Administration Reasi has asked the Rafters to observe and adopt all safety protocols while operating their rafts in the River Chenab for offering rides to the tourists. As many as 14 Rafters are involved in Rafting activities in River Chenab in District Reasi which are carrying Rafting from village Nambal to famous religious spot Dera Baba.

Chairing a meeting here today, Additional Deputy Commissioner Reasi Abul Star held a detailed discussion with the Raft ride providers and issued certain directions to them with regard to observance of safety protocols. They were directed to refrain from plying of rafts when there is heavy flow of water in the river, during rainy season and also when warnings are issued by the NHPHPC authorities/District Administration regarding rise of water level due to opening of floodgates of the Salal Power Station.

Besides, Rafters were directed to furnish details with regard to Name, Address, Registration with Tourism department and details of the safety equipment.

The rafters were directed to put all safety measures in place for the safety of the tourists.

Dir Tourism holds consultations with representatives of hotel industry

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 09: Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob today held extensive consultations with members of various associations representing the hotel industry of Kashmir and sought their feedback on various issues.

The representatives of hoteliers apprised the Director Tourism about the ongoing tourism scenario in Kashmir Valley and sought continued support from the Department in maintaining the tempo of tourist footfall. The Director Tourism assured the hoteliers that the Department would continue to support and encourage them so that the local tourism industry thrives and gets a big boost. He assured the delegation that all the genuine issues raised by them would be looked into on priority for redressal.

Earlier, the delegation brought many issues confronting them into the notice of the Director Tourism and sought their redressal.

DC Reasi reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission works

JJ NEWS SERVICE

REASI, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal, today reviewed the progress of water supply projects taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide safe and adequate drinking water facilities to all the households in the district.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of the physical and financial progress of works on Babbar Brahma and Kundar Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). While majority of the works have been completed under JJM, the DC reviewed the progress of balance undergoing works at few places. The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Reasi, Rakesh Kumar Gupta, briefed that with completion of Rs 5.56 crore project of Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) at Babbar Brahma around 300 households will get tap water connections while around 239 households would be provided water supply connections after Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Kundar taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.1.43 cr.

The DC was apprised that pace of work on the twin projects is in full swing and more than 500 households in Babbar Brahma and Kundar would be provided safe and adequate drinking water.

Power shutdown

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 9: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Stations Hutmarrah, Aishnuagam, Salia, Batkoot, Sallar, GIS Pahalgam shall remain affected due to carry out Branch Cutting of tress coming in the alignment/ Vicinity of 33 Kv line on May 12 from 12 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, in order to carry out Branch Cutting / punning of tress laying in the vicinity of 33 Kv lines the power supply to receiving station BAKM, Rainawari, Khanay, Barbarashah, Bessant Bagh, Fateh Kadal, Khayam & Takenwari shall remain affected on May 14 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving stations Habak and Hazrabal shall remain affected on May 16 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving stations Ahamadnagar, Umerhair, Gulabag, Kawdara and Mughal Masjid shall remain affected on May 17 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving stations Saura and Zoonmar shall remain affected on May 18 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving station Awantabihawan shall remain affected on May 20 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving stations Zakura and Burehama shall remain affected on May 21 from 9 am to 3 pm; receiving stations TRC, Nedous, Rajbagh, Centaur, Buchwara, Dalband, Brein, Nishat, Shalimar and Harwan shall remain affected on May 10 from 9 am to 3 pm; Likewise, the power supply to 33 KV Line Pampore-SIDCO shall remain affected on May 10 from 9 am to 5 pm and 33 KV Line Awantipora-Awantipora shall remain affected on May 11 from 9 am to 5 pm due to carry out Branch Cutting of tress laying in the vicinity of these lines. Similarly, in order to facilitate Branch Cutting of tress laying in the vicinity of 33 Kv lines, the power supply to receiving stations Changmud, Ashuji, Devsar, Kellam and Gopalpora shall remain affected on May 11 and 13 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, to carry out augmentation works of 33 Kv lines, the power supply shall remain affected to receiving stations Handwara, Chogul, Phuropheth, Zachaldra, Chanjimulla, Adoora, Tanghard, Keran, Kralpora, Trehgam, Karhama and Taratpora on May 11 and 13 from 10 am to 4 pm and receiving stations Rohama, Chalkro, Ganpora, Hadipora, Waterygam, Hachipora, Safapora, Seer, Jagir and SIDCO shall remain affected on May 11 from 10 am to 4 pm.

DC Poonch flags off mega Students Rally on Int'l Red Cross Day

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, MAY 9: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, flagged off a mega Rally of Students here from Krishan Chander Park Poonch to mark International Red Cross Day.

The event was organised by the Education Department in collaboration with the Red Cross Society. The purpose of the rally was to highlight the importance of the International Red Cross Day and to create awareness about the activities and contribution of the organization towards humanity. The rally was attended by a large number of students and teachers from various schools in the district. The students were seen holding placards with messages promoting blood donation and the services of the Red Cross Society. They also chanted slogans in support of the cause. Speaking on the occasion, DC Poonch appreciated the efforts of the education department in organizing the rally and encouraged the students to continue their participation in such events.

Chief Education Officer Poonch, Bisamber Dass, highlighted the importance of the day. He spoke about the history and significance of International Red Cross Day and how it is celebrated all over the world.

The rally passed through different parts of Poonch town and culminated at Girls HSS Poonch.

Many teams of the students were also constituted to raise funds for the cause. On the occasion, Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq also highlighted the importance of Red Cross Day in Dena Nath Girls Hr. Sec. School Poonch.

Doda Admin launches E-Kaksha under ADBHUT Doda initiative

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today inaugurated the E-Kaksha (Online Classes) to reach out to the students of far flung areas of the district with subject experts by using ICT labs available at DIET Complex. The move will help to provide students of the far off schools education at par with students studying in the reputed institutions of the



mitigate the deficiency of teaching staff, especially subject specific teachers we have launched e-Kaksha by engaging the teaching staff of the schools falling within the Doda Municipality area under ADBHUT Doda initiative," the DC said. He urged the teaching staff to bring the students on this platform to update their skills in the field of education and make them capable of competing with fellow students at UT and national level.

UT. On the occasion, a live demonstration of virtual platform developed to impart quality and inspiring education to the students of rural schools, classes shall also be used for their career counselling by the reputed Career Counsellors, he said. "To

Doda Admin establishes 5-Naka camps to provide first aid to migratory animals

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MAY 09: In pursuance to the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Animal Husbandry Department Doda, under the supervision of Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Mayan ul Din Gures, has established 5 Check

posts/Nakas along the migratory routes to provide first aid to the migratory animals and to ensure proper tagging of all migratory cattle to check the illegal trafficking of cattle in the district. The check posts have been established at Trunkal Bridge Assar, Khlilani Check Post, Bhagwah, Thathri, and at Basti

Bhadrawah. Sufficient staff from the department have been deployed at each naka on rotational basis to provide first aid to the migratory cattle and also to tag and keep record of the migratory cattle heads, said CAHO while apprising about these check posts.

DC Poonch chairs NCORD meeting

URGES STAKEHOLDERS TO LAUNCH MASS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG MENACE

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, MAY 09: District Magistrate Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, convened the Naxco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting here in the DC office Poonch and discussed the action taken by the designated members on the directions issued on the previous occasions. A detailed discussion was also held to formulate the future course of



action against the drug abuse in the district.

The meeting discussed three-bare incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern, age group of addicts, hot spots of drug use and

cultivation of illicit poppy, cannabis in the district. The members of the Committee presented the latest report in the district regarding control on drug addiction and drug trafficking.

DySP (HQ) Afrat Hussain, intimated that in a stringent action against drug peddlers during the current calendar year, 22 FIRs were registered and 38 persons were arrested under NDPS Act during the action against drug peddlers. The DC directed the officers to set up Anti-Drug Clubs in every Degree/Polytechnic College, Higher Secondary and High School of the District. He further directed to constitute

Village/Mohalla Committees that shall identify and report about drug addicts and peddlers in their respective areas to the police. He also directed the Social Welfare Officer to distribute pamphlets in Hindi/Urdu/English among the general public and install hoardings in every Tehsil Headquarters of the district to encourage the public to join hands with the administration in the fight against drug abuse.

JMC acquaints students about Animal Birth Control Program

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: Awareness cum interaction programme was organized today by the Veterinary section of JMC in collaboration with DPS School, Jammu.

The main motive of the programme was to educate the school students regarding the importance of the Animal Birth Control Program being implemented by JMC in collaboration with Friendscoes-SECA in all the 75 wards of Municipal Corporation, Jammu and its impact on society.

Joint Commissioner (H&S), JMC, Kulbhushan Khajuria graced the event as a chief guest. Other dignitaries present included Principal DPS School, Ruchi Chabra, Health Officer JMC, Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma & Dr. Divya Sharma, VAS JMC & other officials of JMC & faculty members of DPS were also present.

MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma acquainted the faculty & students about the Animal Birth Control Program & its progress in Jammu. He said out of about



40,000 stray dog population in Jammu city, approximately 32000 have already been sterilized & vaccinated under the ABC programme being run by JMC. He

laid emphasis on the fact that as per ABC (Dog) Rules, 2023, stray dogs are not being dislocated from one locality to another. They are only being captured for

sterilization & vaccination and are released back in the same area with a permanent identification mark i.e. "Right Ear-notch".

Health Officer, JMC Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma further guided the faculty & students about rabies prevention, control and immediate steps to be taken in case of dog bite.

VAS, JMC Dr. Divya Sharma presented a powerpoint presentation on implementation, objectives, various Animal Welfare activities & success of ABC/ARV programme run by Jammu Municipal Corporation in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 within JMC limits.

She also demonstrated how the stray dog population can be controlled in a time bound manner via effective ABC programme implementation that will also curb the spread of rabies both in humans as well as animals.

upto the grass root level which is very important for the successful implementation of ABC programme within JMC limits. He thanked the Principal & all the faculty members of DPS School for their support in organizing such awareness programs for the students.

He further requested the general public/ Resident Welfare Associations/ AWB/ Local animal activists for their cooperation for the effective implementation of ABC/ ARV programme in Jammu city. He also advised the Veterinary wing to organize such kind of awareness cum interaction programs with students in future also.

Ruchi Chabra, Principal DPS School, Jammu presented her perspective about the ABC/ARV programme being implemented by JMC to control the menace of stray dog in Jammu city and its importance to curb the spread of rabies in both human as well as animal population.

She also extended her gratitude towards the JMC authorities for organizing such an extensive & informative session on ABC/ARV programme for students of her school.

All the state squads for the 2023-24 Australian domestic season

FIND OUT WHO HAS BEEN ON THE MOVE AHEAD OF NEXT SUMMER

MELBOURNE: With the new MoU signed last month, the states have been busy compiling their playing squads for next season. This is how they are shaping up.

CA = Cricket Australia contract, R = Rookie contract, ACT
Women Alisha Bates, Paris Bowdler, Kayla Burton, Rebecca Carter, Grace Dignam, Holly Ferling, Angie Genford, Amy Hunter, Carly Leeson, Grace Lyons, Katie Mack, Olivia Porter, Chloe Rafferty, Jannatul Sumona, Gabrielle Sutcliffe, Annie Wikman
In Jannatul Sumona, Grace Lyons, Paris Bowdler, Grace Dignam, Amy Hunter
O Ange Reakes (retired), Matilda Lugg (retired), Zoe Cooke (Queensland), Amy Yates

New South Wales
Men Sean Abbott (CA), Jackson Bird, Pat Cummins (CA), Joel Davies (R), Oliver Davies, Ben Dwarshuis, Jack Edwards, Matthew Gilkes, Chris Green, Ryan Hackney, Ryan Hadley, Liam Hatcher, Josh Hazlewood (CA), Moises Henriques, Baxter Holt, Daniel Hughes, Hayden Kerr, Nathan Lyon (CA), Blake Macdonald, Blake Nikitaras, Jack Nisbet (R), Kurtis Patterson, Ross Pawson, Will Salzman (R), Jason Sangha, Tanveer Sangha, Lachlan Shaw



(R), Steven Smith (CA), Mitchell Starc (CA), Chris Tremain, Hunar Verma (R), David Warner (CA), Adam Zampa (CA)

In Jackson Bird, Joel Davies, Chris Green, Blake Macdonald, Ross Pawson
Out Trent Copeland, Liam Doddrell, Michael Neser (CA), Jimmy Peirson, Will Prestwidge (R), Matthew Renshaw, Gurinder Sandhu, Jack Sinfield (R), Mark Stokette, Bryce Street, Connor Slyke, Mitch Swepson, Hugh Weibgen (R), Tom Whitney (R), Jack Wildermuth
In Ben McDermott, Aryan Jain, Hugh Weibgen, Tom Whitney
Out Kane Richardson, Sam Heazlett, Sam Truloff, Matthew Williams

Women Georgia Adams, Jade Allen, Maitlan Brown, Erin Burns, Stella Campbell, Lauren Cheate, Sarah Coyte, Hannah Darlington, Ashleigh Gardner (CA), Alyssa Healy (CA), Saskia Horley, Ebony Hoskin, Sammy-Jo Johnson, Anika Learywood (CA), Moises Henriques, Baxter Holt, Daniel Hughes, Hayden Kerr, Nathan Lyon (CA), Blake Macdonald, Blake Nikitaras, Jack Nisbet (R), Kurtis Patterson, Ross Pawson, Will Salzman (R), Jason Sangha, Tanveer Sangha, Lachlan Shaw

Queensland
Men Xavier Bartlett, James Bazley, Max Bryant, Hugo Burdon (R), Joe Burns, Jack Clayton, Blake Edwards, Liam Guthrie, Aryan Jain, Usman Khawaja (CA), Matthew Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne (CA), Ben McDermott, Michael Neser (CA), Jimmy Peirson, Will Prestwidge (R), Matthew Renshaw, Gurinder Sandhu, Jack Sinfield (R), Mark Stokette, Bryce Street, Connor Slyke, Mitch Swepson, Hugh Weibgen (R), Tom Whitney (R), Jack Wildermuth
In Ben McDermott, Aryan Jain, Hugh Weibgen, Tom Whitney
Out Kane Richardson, Sam Heazlett, Sam Truloff, Matthew Williams
Women Bonnie Berry, Zoe Cooke, Sianna Ginger, Lucy Hamilton, Nicola Hancock, Grace Harris (CA) Laura

Naomi Stalenberg, Molly Strano, Rachel Trenaman, Elyse Villani, Callie Wilson
In Beth Lane, Lizelle Lee, Tabitha Saville, Lauren Smith
Out Sarah Coyte (NSW), Maisy Gibson, Emma Thompson (retired)

Victoria
Men TBC
Women Sam Bates, Sophie Day, Nicole Faltum, Tess Flintoff, Poppy Gardner, Kim Garth (CA), Ella Hayward, Olivia Henry, Milly Illingworth, Meg Laning (CA), Rhys McKenna, Lucy Molinuev, Jasmine Nevens, Rhiann O'Donnell, Ellyse Perry (CA), Georgia Prestwidge, Sophie Reid, Annabel Sutherland (CA) Tayla Wareham (CA)
In Georgia Prestwidge, Poppy Gardner, Milly Illingworth, Jasmine Nevens
Out Makinley Blows (retired), Lucy Cripps, Tiana Atkinson

Western Australia
Men TBC
Women Chloe Ainsworth, Charis Bekker, Zoe Britcliffe, Matilda Carmichael, Piepa Cleary, Maddy Darke, Ashley Day, Amy Edgar, Lisa Griffith, Alana King (CA), Lily Mills, Beth Mooney (CA), Taneale Puschel, Chloe Piparo, Poppy Stockwell, Georgia Wylie
In Chloe Ainsworth
Out Sheldyn Cooper

Jofra Archer returns home from IPL to 'focus on his rehabilitation'

MUMBAI: Jofra Archer has flown home from the Indian Premier League (IPL) to focus on his rehabilitation with four games remaining in the group stage of the tournament. Archer has been recovering from right elbow surgery, an ECB statement said. "However, pushing through the discomfort whilst recently playing, hoping it will settle, has proven challenging. Therefore, it has been agreed for him to return to the UK for a period of rest and rehabilitation to give him the best opportunity for a full recovery." Archer, who has been replaced at Mumbai Indians by his England team-mate Chris Jordan, will return to the UK this week and work on his rehab with the ECB medical department and how county, Sussex. Archer has played five of Mumbai's ten matches this season and has struggled to make an impact, taking two wickets and conceding 9.50 runs per over - though has regularly bowled at lengths in excess of 90mph/145kph. After playing in Mumbai's opening



game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, Archer experienced discomfort in his right elbow. He briefly travelled to Belgium to visit a specialist during a short lay-off, and returned to the side just under three weeks later. He has played in four of their last five games, but will not take part in Tuesday night's game against RCB at the Wankhede Stadium or in their final three league fixtures. Mumbai said in a statement that Archer's "recovery and fitness con-

ditions to be monitored" by the ECB's medical team. "Jofra will return home to focus on his rehabilitation," the franchise added. Archer told ESPNcricinfo in a recent interview that he retains ambitions as an all-format cricketer, heading into a year which sees England involved in a home Ashes series and their defence of the 50-over World Cup. Rob Key, England's managing director of men's cricket, said earlier in the tournament that the ECB were speaking to Mumbai Indians "all the time" and that they had been "a brilliant franchise to work with" on Archer's return to fitness since they bought him at the mega-auction in early 2022. The ECB have been approached for comment. Jordan, Archer's replacement, has been with the squad on standby for the last two weeks. He went unsold at December's auction but has previously played for Chennai Super Kings, Punjab Kings, RCB and Sunrisers Hyderabad, and joins for a fee of INR 2 crore (£200,000 approx.).

DC Srinagar reviews progress of 11th Agriculture Census of District

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR MAY 09:- A meeting of District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) for Reviewing, & Monitoring the progress of the 11th Agriculture Census of Srinagar District was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting among others was attended by District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Anika Mushtaq, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Raies Ahmad, Chief Agriculture Officer, Manohar Lal, All Tehsildars of Srinagar District and representatives from the Office of Financial Commissioner Revenue.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a Thesil-Wise progress of the data captured in Phase-I for Agriculture Census 2021-22. The DC was apprised by District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Anika Mushtaq regarding the collection of data about the number of Agricultural Operational Holders, its land utilization, Tenancy status and irrigation facilities available etc. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner asked the Officers of Revenue Department to complete the Census exercise and uploading of data entries on the given portal by or before May 12, 2023. The DC also asked the Assistant Commissioner Revenue to monitor the progress regarding Agriculture Census on a daily basis so that the process is expedited under a set timeline. The DC said that the enumerators (Patwaris) are supposed to upload the data entries (Survey Numbers) on the given portal which is accepted or rejected by the supervisors (Tehsildars).

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes awareness program under SVEEP

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, MAY 09: NSS Unit and IQAC Cell, Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur, in collaboration with District Election Department, Udhampur organized one day Awareness Programme under the banner of Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

The programme was organized under the able guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj. The guest of the event was Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, Assistant Commissioner Revenue.

The event was started with a keynote address by Prof. Hans Raj Principal, he emphasized that the purpose of the programme was to educate the students regarding electoral literacy and also to empower them with the knowledge to participate effectively in the election process so that no voter would be left behind.

Further, Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, the main speaker of the event, initiated his talk with the introduction of the theme "SVEEP". He highlighted various articles related to elections enshrined in the Constitution of India. He motivated the students to ensure their enrollment in the electoral polls in order to enhance the participation in forthcoming elections for stronger democracy. He also urged the students not to indulge in drug addiction and devote time for physical activity and sports everyday to keep them selves fit to make India a fit nation.

The other members of the District Election Department present on the occasion were Puraan Chaud, Naib Tehsildar Tikri, Milap Singh Gardwar Neeli Nallah. Ramesh retired Teacher-Senior citizen, Vijay Kumar Nambardar, Vidya Nath Nambardar and Booth Level Officers were also present on the occasion. The whole event was organized by Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani, Prof. Shaista Yasmeen and Manisha Kancharu.

Kishtwar: Kisan Sampark Abhiyan enters 3rd phase Farmers' orientation program held across 7 designated Panchayats

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, MAY 09: The 3rd phase of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) was today carried out at 7 designated Panchayats of District Kishtwar under the close supervision of District Development Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav and Nodal Officer, Amjad Hussain Malik.

The farmers were oriented about various interventions envisioned under HADP and different government schemes meant for their uplift. The training was conducted by field functionaries of Agriculture Departments and allied sectors.

Preety qualifies PhD in Education



J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Preety Sharma, Head Department of Education, KC College of Education, Jammu D/o Smt. Sudesh Sharma and Sh. Romesh Sharma R/o Muthi Jammu, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education from Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University, Jaipur. Under the supervision of Prof (Dr) Manju Sharma.

Boult still has a 'big desire' to play ODI World Cup in India

NEW DELHI: Trent Boult still has "a big desire" to represent New Zealand at the 50-over World Cup in India later this year, and remains hopeful that he will add to his 78 Test caps. Boult was released from his central contract last August at his own request in order to spend more time with his family and increase his availability for franchise leagues around the world. He has not played any international cricket since New Zealand's T20 World Cup semi-final defeat to Pakistan in November and has not played a Test match in nearly a year, with New Zealand prioritising contracted players in their selection. But, in an interview with ESPNcricinfo in Jaipur, where he has been representing Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, Boult expressed his hope that he will return to India in October-November for the ODI

World Cup. "I've still got that big desire to play for New Zealand," Boult said. "It is what it is: I've made my decision. It has been lucky enough to have any of New Zealand's past 16 Test matches, and I wasn't part of it." But he retains hope that he will be considered for their home Tests against Australia and South Africa in early 2024. "Hopefully not, no," he said, asked if he had played his final Test match. "There are some big Tests coming up next year. Australia and South Africa are due to travel to New Zealand. And Test cricket is still my favourite format. "I've played nearly 80

Tests and had some pretty great times in the Black Cap, but they said that, if I chose to move away from that contract, my time in it would be limited. And I'm pretty sure they've never had anyone play Test cricket that isn't contracted - so that probably makes it hard as well." Boult has played in the Big Bash League and the ILT20 since stepping away from his national contract, and is likely to play in at least one other league later this year.

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.- 776/W/168/WA-1/FZR/11-2023-24-ADEN-LDH

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Work	Single Bid System

Date of Uploading Tenders: 08.05.2023
Bid Starting Date: 17.05.2023
Bid Closing Date/Time: 31.05.2023

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	41-2023-24-ADEN-LDH	Providing 6.795 Km RCC wall at vulnerable location/ trespassing locations in the approach of major cities i.e speeds raising from 110 KMPH to 120 KMPH between 381.00 to Km 427.00 (U & D N) side On SNL-JUC section under ADEN/LDH

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of completion
44214598.65	60 Days	08 Months

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Corrigendum

With respect to the e-NIT No. 10/WLWJZ of 2023-24 i.e. Appointment of agency for conceptualization, designing and implementation of NIC building at Jammu Zoo, Nagrota, Jammu, due to administrative reasons, the bid submission end date is hereby extended till 11-05-2023.

No. WLWJZ/401-402
Dated: 08/05/2023
DIP/J-1173/23

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Corrigendum

With respect to the e-NIT No. 13/WLWJZ of 2023-24 dated: i.e. Erection of chain link fencing at Kamini nallah and Khanpur nallah at Jammu Zoo, only contractors with class A and B can participate in the bid.

No. WLWJZ/ 373 - 376
Dated: 06 /05/2023
DIP/J-1176/23

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Additional Wildlife Warden,
Jammu Zoo, Jammu

DISHA meeting: MP Jugal Kishore Sharma reviews implementation of central schemes in Poonch District

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, MAY 09: Member of Parliament (15) Jammu-Poonch Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at a meeting held in Dak Bunglow Poonch.

At the outset, District Development Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary presented the status of the sector-wise developmental achievements and implementation of central and UT sponsored schemes in the district through a PowerPoint presentation.

The chair was informed that against the total target of 30594 units District Poonch has constructed 23275 units under PMAY-G & Awaaz Plus, out of which 11802 units were completed in the financial year 2022-23.

Similarly, 13206 works have been completed under MGNREGA in the year 2022-23 generat-



ing 22.78 Lacs PDS against the target of 20.71 Lacs PDS.

"Against the target of construction 75 Amrit Sarovars, 110 stands will be completed in the year 2022-23. District has achieved 104% saturation of families under Ayushman Bharat, for which the district has been Awarded by Hon'ble LG of UT in Nov 2022" the DC said and highlighted many other achievements.

Stressing on speedy completion of all ongoing works and projects, the MP reviewed implementation and progress recorded under Ayushman Bharat/JK SAHEH Scheme, PMGSY, SBM, JJM, RDSS, PMKSY, ICDS MGNREGA, PMAY, and other schemes.

Detailed review of achievements of different departments including R&B, PMGSY, PHE, Horticulture, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Animal and Sheep Husbandry was also taken by the chair.

While praising the District Administration Poonch for timely execution and completion of works and successful implementation of schemes, the

Member Parliament laid emphasis on working in close coordination with elected representatives to maintain the pace of development works and timely removal of bottlenecks.

While reviewing achievements under different schemes, the MP directed the officers to expedite the augmentation of the road network, especially PMGSY roads. He further directed for completion of Mandi-Chandak road and Mandi Bridge before Shri Buddha Anamath Ji Yatra. He also directed concerned officers to resolve the genuine issues raised by the members of the DISHA committee.

The MP emphasized on sustenance of developmental activities and improvement in education, health and PHE sectors besides road connectivity to ensure better facilities to the people of Poonch. He also directed officers to adhere to timelines set for achieving allocated targets. The Member Parliament said that transparent

G-20 SUMMIT Govt. appoints Jt. Director Information Kashmir as Nodal Officer & SPOC

SRINAGAR, MAY 09: The Government of UT of J&K today appointed Mohammad Aslam, Joint Director Information Kashmir as Nodal Officer and Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the forthcoming G-20 Summit in the UT of J&K.

The Joint Director Information Kashmir has been assigned the role of ensuring proper implementation of the comprehensive Media plan, covering all activities for information dissemination and proper coverage of the G-20 event.

He has also been tasked to ensure proper coordination and liaison with the Tourism department and other stakeholders.

J&K Bank opens 5 banking touch-points for public in Doda



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: As part of its mission to ensure ease-of-banking for people through its traditional and alternative banking channels, J&K Bank today commissioned five new banking touchpoints at various places in Doda region of Jammu Division.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunil Kumar e-inaugurated these touch points in the presence of Zonal Head (Doda/Kishtwar) Fayaz Ahmad Bhat. Good gatherings of Bank's valuable customers, elected public representatives and local residents attended the e-inauguration ceremony at the sites of the new touch-point.

The newly inaugurated banking touch points include an Easy Banking Unit (EBU) at Patnazi in Kishtwar district besides four Cash Recycler Machines (CRMs) that have been installed by the Banker at Thatri and Pasri-Adda Bhaderwah in Doda, while at Gool and Banihal in Ramban district. The touch-points have been established thoughtfully in key areas so as to serve the people more efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Sunil Kumar said, "We are delighted to dedicate these five new banking touch points for people in the Doda Region. These new additions reaffirm our commitment to reach the unreached and provide convenient and accessible banking services to the people across our area of operations. We believe these touch points will significantly improve banking experience of people through traditional and alternate channels."

Urging the people to use digital banking and alternate channels for easy and swift banking, the Zonal Head said to enhance public convenience further, the Bank is in the process of expanding its infra-structure, both in physical and digital domains of banking across J&K and beyond. "I hope these new touch points will make banking more convenient for our customers and stimulate economic activities in the area," he added.

DC inspects Market areas in Samba township, directs for 100% litter free zones

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of Samba market to take stock of the cleanliness and sanitation.

During the tour, he inspected the drains and flyovers in the vicinity and observed that there were major blockages in the free flow of drain water due to polythene, waste material, and other debris. He also noted that during rainy days, the nearby lanes get submerged in water due to poor drainage.

The DC directed the Executive Officer of the Municipality Council Samba to ensure that there is zero littering and zero garbage in the drains and that the drains are free

from blockages due to garbage.

He also issued directions to the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to clear the blockages caused by concrete debris and repair the channels.

The DC stressed on the importance of immediate compliance with the directions by the officers concerned and urged them to take swift action to ensure that the cleanliness situation in the area is improved.

He also appealed to the people to not litter the area and to cooperate with the administration in maintaining cleanliness.

To address the issue of waste management, the administration has started door-to-door waste collection in the area. The DC warned that strict action, including the

DC Kathua reviews functioning of Urban Local Bodies

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today reviewed the functioning of Urban Local Bodies here at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of DC office complex.

CPO, Chief Executive Officer, Kathua MC, EO Hiranagar, EO Lakhanpur, EO parole, EO Basohli, EO Billawar, Manager Housing Colony Kathua were present.

A detailed review of overall functioning of Urban Local Bodies including sanitation and waste management was held. The meeting also reviewed the progress on other major projects being executed by municipalities for augmentation of development infrastructure and amenities in urban areas of the district.

The DC also held detailed deliberations on revenue collection, PM SVANidhi, PMAY-UI besides taking appraisal of ongoing works under My Town My Pride, IDMI, 14 F C etc. The concerned executing officers advised the Deputy Commissioner about the progress and expected time of completion of the under execution works.

Education deptt invites entitled candidates to avail free admission in Private Tuition Centres for session 2023-24

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 09: The Education Department has invited entitled candidates to avail free admission in Private Tuition Centres for session 2023-24. In terms of Rule 4(e) of J&K Regulation of Private Tuition Center Rules, 2010, the

private tuition/ coaching centres imparting coaching for various academic/competitive examinations mandatorily require to admit 10% of students who belong to Destitute, Orphan and Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAV), Priority Household (PHH) candidates

for Secondary, Higher Secondary level or other undergraduate competitive courses.

Accordingly, all the candidates desirous of availing the aforementioned coaching facilities are hereby informed to submit their applications as per the prescribed format, along with qualification certificate of the

previous class and supporting documents viz; Destitute Certificate, Orphan Certificate, Ration Card of Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAV), Priority Household (PHH), as the case may be, through email at lpstduc.dse@gmail.com or in person during office hours in the Private Section of Directorate of School Education, Muthi, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the issuance of this notice. The list of provisionally registered private tuition/ coaching centres can be accessed on the official website of this Directorate (www.schedujammu.nic.in).

DC inspects healthcare facilities in District Hospital Samba

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, MAY 09: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, today visited the District Hospital Samba, to review the hospital's infrastructure, availability of medical staff and equipment, and other related parameters. During the visit, the DC inspected the hospital premises, including the wards, operation theatre, emergency section, and medical stores.

He also interacted with the patients to understand their healthcare needs and listened to their feedback regarding the quality of healthcare services provided by the hospital. The DC emphasized the importance of providing timely and quality healthcare services to the people of Samba and directed the hospital administration to take necessary measures to ensure that patients receive the best possible care. He also reviewed the progress of various ongoing and proposed healthcare projects in the district and urged the hospital administration to ensure that these projects are completed on time and with the highest quality standards.

The DC assured the people of Samba that the administration is committed to providing quality healthcare services to all and will take all necessary steps to ensure that the district hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and staffed with well-trained medical professionals. DC also took stock of the hospital's preparedness to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. He directed the hospital administration to ensure that all necessary precautions and protocols are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the hospital premises.

The DC also interacted with the hospital staff to understand the challenges they are facing in providing healthcare services in the midst of the pandemic. He appreciated their dedication and hard work in these difficult times and assured them of the administration's support in their efforts to combat COVID-19. The DC urged the people of Samba to continue following COVID-appropriate behavior, such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance and getting vaccinated, to stay safe and prevent the spread of the virus.

He emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to work together to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of the community.

DIET Kishtwar launches 'Stay Safe Online' campaign and 'G20 Digital Innovation Alliance'

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, MAY 09: DIET Kishtwar today kicked started a mega Stay Safe online and G20 Digital Innovation Alliance awareness campaign for teachers and society in general as per the schedule issued by SCERT Jammu & Kashmir.

India has taken over the Presidency of the G20 for one year from 01 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 and during this presidency period of G20, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is running a campaign titled 'Stay Safe Online' aimed at creating awareness among citizens including specially-abled persons to stay safe in an online world with widespread use of social media platforms and rapid adoption of digital payments.

Citizens of all age groups, covering rural and urban areas, with special emphasis on children, students, women, teachers, faculty, senior citizens, specially-abled persons, officials of Central & State Governments etc. are invited to participate in the Stay Safe Online campaign.

DIET Kishtwar started this campaign under the aegis of SCERT, J&K and today conducted an offline workshop for

TEACHERS OF ALL ZONES SENSITISED ABOUT CYBER SECURITY



100 teachers of different zones of district Kishtwar, who attended the workshop as per the calendar issued by SCERT J&K which is being implemented in all the educational institutions across district.

The special guest of the one day workshop was Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Khali Poswal, who deliberated upon various types of cyber-crimes viz Cyber Bullying, child pornography, Cyber Grooming, online sextortion, phishing, etc. The said programme was aimed at spreading awareness about cyber crimes and staying safe on online campaign and make the participants understand the concept of protection & prevention of Internet-connected systems, including, hardware, software, and data from cyber-attacks. He advised the teacher community to be aware while surfing the internet and not to fall prey to cyber criminals.

He further appealed to them to spread the awareness amongst others especially among school children regarding the day to day risks associated with online campaigns and digital transactions and social media applications in

use.

The officer further sensitised the participants about several relevant laws and sections under IPC, CrPC and also about the site <https://cyber-crime.gov.in>.

The safety measures with regard to social media sites were explained to them like double lock of profile and privacy setting etc.

Senior Lecturer DIET Kishtwar Riaz Ahmed Butt also imparted a lecture on G-20 Presidency which will provide an opportunity to showcase India's leadership inter-alia in climate action and climate commitments and in many other fields. He gave an in-depth insight about the G-20 presidency and its scope in India beside other important relevant issues with regard to the schedule of Stay safe online campaign issued by SCERT, J&K.