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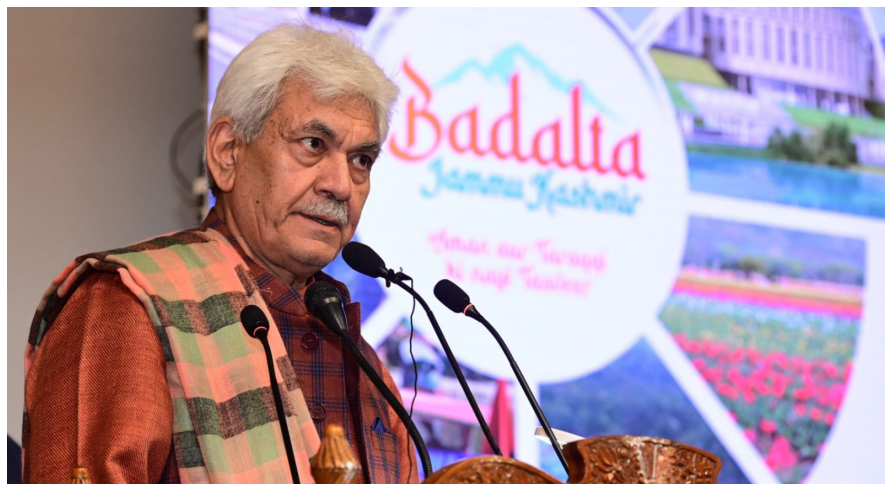
Cop shot dead by terrorists in Baramulla village

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, OCT 31

A policeman was shot dead by terrorists in Tangmarg village of north Kashmir's Baramulla this evening, officials said. An official told the news agency that the cop, namely Ghulam Mohammed Dar of Wailoo village, was shot near his residence. He said that soon after the incident he was taken to a nearby health facility, where he was pronounced dead. The area has been cordoned off and searches have been launched to nab the attackers.

Jammu and Kashmir police wrote on X, formerly known as twitter that, "Injured Police Personnel #succumbed to his injuries & attained #martyrdom. We pay our rich tributes to the #martyr & stand by his family at this critical juncture. Area has been cordoned off. Search operation going on." BMO Tangmarg Dr Saba told KNO that a cop with bullet marks was brought dead to the hospital. KNO

1.3 Cr Citizens got new wings to their dreams: LG Sinha



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the J&K UT Foundation Day celebrations in Srinagar, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the citizens of the UT and shared the extraordinary growth journey of Jammu Kashmir.

In the last 4 years, the grandeur and divinity of the crown jewel of the nation found a new identity, 1.3 Cr Citizens, who are our true Karmayogis got new wings to their

dreams, he said.

He expressed gratitude to the citizens, public representatives, government officials, Police and security forces for their contribution, commitment and dedication in building a peaceful and prosperous Jammu Kashmir.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the UT of Jammu Kashmir has achieved its fullest glory. We have excelled in many areas and building a new J&K in Viksit Bharat, the Lt Governor said.

"Ecosystem, which promoted separatism and

terrorism for almost 70 years, has been successfully dismantled. The age-old ideals of humanism, communal harmony and peace have been established," he said.

Agriculture, Industry and tourism sectors are showing impressive growth. New infrastructure is being built across the UT. This new dynamism is the result of dedication, commitment and hard work of 1.3 Cr citizens, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor highlighted the

LG inaugurates Jhelum Riverfront (Right Bank) Zero Bridge to General Post Office

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Jhelum Riverfront (Right Bank) Zero Bridge to the General Post Office (GPO), today.

The riverfront has been upgraded as a pedestrian and cycling promenade along with parks, and public plazas equipped with public amenities like toilets, seating spaces, and high-quality lighting to the people.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Srinagar Smart City Limited for providing a distinct identity to the city's rich heritage through the prestigious Jhelum Riverfront project.

Srinagar Smart City Limited is also shifting electric and telecommunication utility cables underground in order to make the riverfront a wire-free public space.

Earlier in the month of May this year, the Lt Governor had inaugurated the 6 km-long

J&K police trampled Riyaz Naiko's 'terror', Zakir Moosa's 'ghost', Geelani's 'rigidness': DGP Dilbagh on his Farewell

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 31

Stating that his relation with the police is "eternal", the out-going Director General of Police (DGP) of J&K, Dilbagh Singh Tuesday said that had J&K police lowered the guard during Riyaz Naikoo's 'terror', Zakir Moosa's 'ghost' and Geelani's rigidness, "don't know what would have been the

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R R Swain takes over as 17th DGP of J&K

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SRINAGAR, OCT 31

R.R Swain took over as 17th Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir at a function held at PHQ Srinagar, on Tuesday afternoon.

Spl DG Crime J&K, A.K Choudhary, ADGsP, S. J. M. Gillani, M.K Sinha, Vijay Kumar, Director, Fire & Emergency Services, J&K, Alok Kumar, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce

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Suspected drug addict kills aged mother, minor daughter in Bishnah

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

A suspected drug addict allegedly killed his mother and a minor daughter with a sharp-edged weapon in Jammu's Bishnah area here on Tuesday.

A police official told news agency, that at around 5.00 pm in the evening (on Tuesday), a suspected drug addicted Jagdev Singh alias Michael

of Morchapur, Bishnah, brutally stabbed his 60-year old mother Kamlo Devi and a 3-month-old minor daughter (yet to be named) with a sharp-edged weapon (Kirch) when his wife and other family members were not home.

Soon after getting the information, a police team reached the crime spot to gather information

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Assembly Polls 2023 | Election Commission bans exit polls from Nov 7 till Nov 30 evening

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 31

The Election Commission of India on Tuesday prohibited the publication or publicising of exit poll results from November 7 till November 30 evening in view of the upcoming Assembly elections in five states.

According to the poll body, the ban will remain

in effect from 7 am on November 7 till 6:30 pm on November 30.

"The Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7:00 am on 7th November 2023 (Tuesday) and 6:30 PM on 30th November 2023 (Thursday) as the period during which conduct-

ing and publishing or publicizing exit polls by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the aforesaid General Elections and bye-election shall be prohibited," the official notification issued by ECI read.

An exit poll is a survey

that is conducted immediately after people have voted for their respective candidates. The tool helps in assessing the support for political parties and their candidates.

The election dates for the five states are as follows: Mizoram on November 7, Chhattisgarh on November 7 and November 17, Madhya

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J&K High Court frames guidelines to curb unnecessary arrests

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has framed guidelines and bail of persons accused in criminal cases.

The directions so issued are applicable to all criminal cases where the offence alleged is punishable with an imprisonment term that could extend up to seven years, with or without a fine.

According to a notification issued by the High Court's Registrar General, the guidelines were framed in line with directions given by the Supreme Court in Md. Asfak Alam v. State of Jharkhand, in which the top court had called for authorities to refrain from making unnecessary arrests.

The High Court has also cautioned that any failure to comply with these

guidelines would render the errant police officers liable for departmental action and also for contempt of court.

Further, if any magistrate authorises the detention of an accused without recording reasons, such magistrate would also be liable for departmental action by the High Court, the guidelines added.

The guidelines issued are as follows.

Police officers should not automatically arrest persons accused of the offence under Section 498A of the India Penal Code (IPC), which deals with cruelty to married women by their husbands or in-laws.

The guideline adds that the police must first satisfy themselves that it is necessary to arrest the accused in view of the criteria in Section 41 (when police may arrest without a warrant) of the Code of

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Northern Army Commander visits forward areas in Ladakh

AGENCIES
LEH, OCT 31

Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday visited forward areas of Ladakh to review operational preparedness for the winter season and border defence infrastructure development.

The Army commander

also felicitated the troops of the Indian Army, ITBP and GREF for their relentless efforts.

"The Army commander felicitated the troops of the Indian Army, ITBP and GREF for their relentless efforts in maintaining the highest standards of operational effectiveness under challenging conditions," the officials said.



President Droupadi Murmu will embark on a two-day visit to Ladakh on October 31, an official statement from the President's Secretariat read.

On October 31, the President will grace the Foundation Day celebrations of Union Territory (UT) Ladakh at Leh.

On November 1, the President will visit

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Dr Jitendra addresses IIPA general body, invokes vision for India at 2047

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 31

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also National Chairman Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), has said that the IIPA will work for fulfilling the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for India at 2047. The institution focuses on Capacity Building of Civil Servants, raising awareness and imparting education to help implement the flagship programmes of the Government, said Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the Chairman of IIPA.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Per-

sonnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, was addressing the 69th Annual Meeting of the General Body of IIPA in New Delhi today.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the IIPA has reoriented itself according to the norms of the contemporary times, growing both horizontally and vertically in the recent years.

"Today the IIPA has devised specialized courses for the Armed Forces officers and also the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) while its training programmes now include the IAS probationers and senior Central Services officers as also the Assistant Section Officers (ASOs)," he



said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the IIPA has also contributed to formulating the Mission Karmayogi Praramb and preparing more than 500 videos on the iGOT platform on the

basis of scientific module of upgrading skills. The IIPA is also preparing documentation of the Rozgar Melas.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the last couple of years the IIPA has also been instrumen-

tal in integrating all the other institutions that have the similar mandate. They are also closely associated with the Capacity Building Commission, NBSAA, DoPT, DARPG and the autonomous training

institutes across the country. "Their reach out has increased in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of governance," he said.

All this is helping impart skills to ensure that the employees reorient themselves from being "rule to role" based Karmayogis, he said.

Urging use of technology for delivery of Services to Citizens, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the various branches of IIPA spread across the country will churn out "the torchbearers of Prime Minister's vision for Governance, which is that of Transparency, Accountability, Citizen-centricity."

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in

the last almost 9-10 years, under PM Modi leadership, the Government has undertaken some path-breaking initiatives like doing away with Interviews in lower grade recruitment process, conducting SSC exams in 13 languages with plans to roll out exams in all 22 Scheduled Languages so that nobody suffers disadvantage due to language barriers.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Technology is an important tool in improving Services as deployed in the Integrated CPGRAMS portal and Face Recognition Technology being rolled out by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare.

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J&K shines at National Level, adjudged Best Performing State & UT under AKAM & MMMD programme

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

J&K has emerged as a leader in celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Meri Mati Mera Desh. Chief Secretary of J&K, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, received the prestigious Best Performing State & UT award from Prime Minister on 31st October, which is also its foundation day, at the closing ceremony of Meri Mati Meta Desh at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.

This is in line with the positive spirit in line with progress post August 2019. It has manifested itself many a times during recent times, with performance under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' being the latest evidence of the enthusiasm.

The programme was organized across all parts of J&K with exemplary and vibrant participation of public, in general, and youth in particular. More than 1.75 Lakh events were organized in J&K with unbelievable participation of over 83 Lakh citizens. The UT is proudly standing at the top of the table among all States/UTs of the country.

Likewise, Meri Maa-



tiMeraDesh program celebrated to commemorate the closing ceremony of 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav' started on 9th August 2023 saw an extremely enthusiastic participation here. The programme was aimed at encouraging all citizens to recognize the sacrifices of national heroes (veers) and to pay homage to the soil of motherland. The key components included remembering martyrs, commitment for nation building, renewing the motherland, honoring armed forces and hoisting of symbol of pride- the Tiranga.

Like in AKAM, the participation level of Jammu and Kashmir remained unparalleled. J&K has the distinction of saturation implementation

of many programs and it was no different in Meri MatiMeraDesh with 100% coverage of Panchayats and ULB wards. The UT in its first phase organized over 1.70 Lakh events from 9th-31st August 2023 with an unprecedented public participation.

As part of the 2nd phase of Meri MaatiMeraDesh 100% villages/wards were covered and grand AmritKalshYatras were organized across entire J&K with full public participation. Likewise festive celebrations were also organized in every block / municipal body from 1st to 13th of October 2023 with enthusiastic participation of the public.

The final phase of AmritKalashYatra was organized from Srinagar to

Jammu on 26th Oct 2023 while the Yatra moved from Jammu to National Capital on 27th Oct 2023, and joined the national contingent on 29th October. The mitti from each village of J&K shall now be part of AmritVatika, symbolising unity and integrity.

J&K stands tall among states/ UTs of the country having organized a record of 1.74 lakh events under Meri Maati, MeraDesh Program with a public participation level of over 80% (of total population), which is highest ratio for participation of people in any State or UT.

These milestones are the hallmark of our socio-cultural transformation that occurred here during last 5 years. It has not only provided opportunities of economic upliftment to its people but the dividends are many more in terms of the significant improvement in other indicators of human development index. The same had taken hit due to earlier uncertainty and unrest adversely impacting lives of common citizens of this picturesque region of the country, who are now the biggest beneficiaries of the historic transformation.

Samba Fort Hosts 5th UT Foundation Day Celebrations with Cultural and Historical Exhibits

JNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, OCTOBER 31

The district administration Samba organized a grand event at the historic Samba fort today to mark the 5th UT foundation day. The event was attended by dignitaries such as DDC chairperson Keshav Dutt Sharma, Vice DDC chairperson Balwan Singh, Padamsri Mohan Singh Salathia, DC Samba Abhishek Sharma, SSP Samba Benam Tosh, and Joint Director Tourism Ms Sunaina Mehta..

The event showcased the cultural and historical heritage of Samba district, which is home to many ancient monuments, temples, and art forms. The event also highlighted the transformation and development of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and the district Samba in the last four years

DC Samba .Abhishek Sharma addressed the gathering and said that Samba fort is a hundred-year-old fort of great historic value. He said that the fort has seen the ups and downs of the district and has witnessed its transformation. He said that efforts are being made to restore the fort to its old glory and preserve its heritage. He also said that old heritages like the art of calico printing are



being revived and training is being imparted to the artisans for providing employment opportunities. He also remembered the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for the integration of India and thanked everyone for participating.

DDC chairperson Keshav Dutt Sharma also spoke on the occasion and remembered the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in integrating various princely states and forming one nation. He said that his contributions are countless and invaluable for the nation. He also praised the arrangements made by the district administration samba for the foundation day celebrations.

The event featured various activities such as department stalls, talent hunt, exhibitions of photography, paintings, and handicrafts items in collaboration with tourism department, cultural program by J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages Sub Office Kathua, documentary screening of the transformation of the UT of J&K and the district Samba, nukkad natak on the theme of transformative change in J&K by RDD and social welfare department, distribution of appointment letters to job seekers by DC Samba, and distribution of certificates to artisans who underwent training for calico printing.

Ms Sunaina Mehta ,

Joint Director of Jammu Tourism also addressed the gathering and said that she is fully coordinating with the district administration for restoration, revival, and promotion of the tourism sites of Samba. She said that heritage and religious tourism sites like Baba Chamliyal, Rani Charka, Purmandal Uttarbehni, Baba Sidh Gorla are being prioritized. She said that many good works have been done and many more are in progress.

The event was a great success and received appreciation from all quarters. The event was a testimony to the rich culture and history of Samba district and its potential for tourism development.

UT Foundation Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas witnessed series of colourful events in District Poonch

JNEWS SERVICE
POONCH, OCTOBER 31

In commemoration of the 5th anniversary of Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day and Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the District Administration and District Police Poonch organized a grand 'Run for Unity' rally in Poonch District to observe National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023).

The rally aimed to pay tribute to the 'Iron Man of India' and promote the values of national unity and togetherness among the citizens, especially the youth. The rally commenced from the SSP office in Poonch and proceeded to the Sports Stadium, with participants proudly carrying national flags, placards, and banners to spread the message of national unity. The participants served as ambassadors of unity, emphasizing the importance of unity in diversity.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police Vinay Kumar Sharma, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch Tahir Mustafa Malik, along with other district administration and police officers, accompanied the rally. Students from various



institutions also actively participated, making the event a resounding success.

Addressing the participants, Deputy Commissioner Poonch emphasized the importance of practicing and promoting unity and brotherhood in everyday life, in line with Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's vision for India. He stated that the objective of organizing such activities was to foster a sense of 'One India, One Nation.' The Deputy Commissioner also shed light on the life history and contributions of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

During the event, an oath of unity was administered to the enthusiastic runners, sensitizing them

to identify themselves as Indians before any other identity.

Additionally, a colorful cultural program, titled 'Unity Concert,' was organized at the Sports Stadium in the evening by the Academy of Art Culture and Language in collaboration with District administration Poonch to celebrate the UT foundation day.

The program featured various singers and artists, including Mohinder Soni, Ashan Asgar, Rasmeem Singh, and Nazir Ahmed, who delivered captivating performances. Deputy Commissioner Poonch presented mementos to the artists, appreciating their talent and dedication.

LG flags off 'Run for Unity' to commemorate birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha flagged off 'Run for Unity' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Srinagar.

Citizens from different age groups participated in the run to celebrate the spirit of unity.

The Lt Governor administered 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' Pledge to the assembled gathering at Bakshi Stadium and Raj Bhavan, and paid tributes to the Unifier of India Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

"Sardar Patel with his statesmanship, grit and



courage unified the country and defended its territorial integrity and sovereignty so that the future generations can live in honour, peace and prosper-

ity," the Lt Governor.

He said the citizens of J&K UT must resolve today to work with great unity and single objective to make our nation a developed country by 2047.

"Let us reawaken the values and vision propagated by Sardar Patel and work for peace, harmony and prosperity in the society," the Lt Governor said.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Mandeep Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and senior officers of Civil and Police Administration were present at Bakshi Stadium.

DC Kathua reviews anti-drug measures at District NCORD meeting

JNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 31

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to discuss and review measures to curb the drug abuse and narcotics trade in the district.

The meeting discussed at length the issues related to the incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of drug abuse besides measures taken by law enforcement agencies to curb the menace.

The Assistant Drug Controller informed that a total of 496 CCTV cameras were installed in the pharmacies, which will help to keep a check on over the counter sale of psychotropic drugs. He further apprised that a total of 15 shows cause notice were issued to the defaulters.

The DC directed ADCs and SDMs to keep a strict vigil on the sale of OTCs besides conducting random inspection of pharmaceutical shops to ensure the functioning of CCTV surveillance systems. He further directed SDM Bani to check and prevent the cultivation of the narcotic and psychotropic substances in hilly terrain of the region having a history of reporting such incidents.

While discussing the registration status of existing de-addiction centers operating in the district, the DC was informed by the Medical Officer that there are two registered De-Addiction centers. The DC asked the concerned authorities to take action against unregistered de-addiction centers operating in Kathua.

ACS Home administers Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to officers, officials

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JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

To commemorate National Unity Day, pledge taking ceremony was held in the Civil Secretariat, Jammu wherein Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, R K Goyal, administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to Admin-

istrative Secretaries besides officers and officials. The employees of Civil Secretariat Srinagar participated in the pledge taking ceremony virtually. Similarly, pledge taking ceremonies were held in the offices of Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir besides all Deputy Commissioners. Pertinently, 31st of October

is observed as the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas across the country, not only to mark the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel', the architect of National Integration of Independent India, but also to reaffirm commitment of citizens of India towards upholding the security, unity and integrity of the country.

J&K has made a new beginning in sports: LG

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

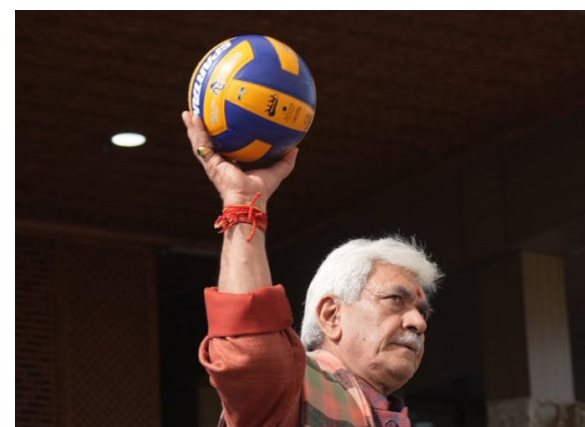
Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated 67th National School Games in Football U19 and Volleyball U17 Boys at Bakshi Stadium today on the occasion of UT Foundation Day.

15000 school Children from Kashmir Division and 2000 athletes from all over the Country are participating in this mega sporting event.

In his address, the Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to participating sportspersons. He said the prestigious sporting event is a collaborative effort between the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K and the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), symbolizing their dedication to grassroots sports.

With 28 states, 8 Union Territories, and several SGFI-recognized boards participating, this event truly represents the diversity and inclusivity of India's sporting landscape, he said,

"Today, the tricolor



is flying high in international sports arena. Eminent sportspersons are emerging from small villages and towns and they have achieved excellence in international sporting events with their spectacular performance," the Lt Governor said.

He said the country is witnessing the resurgence of sports and a robust new sports culture. Our recent successes at the Asian Games and Asian Para Games have kindled high hopes to bring further transformation to achieve new heights in Olympics with the remarkable performance of our athletes, he added.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to create a robust sports ecosystem and realize the true potential of Jammu Kashmir in the sector.

J&K has made a new beginning with sports and sports culture development plan with adequate infrastructure, introducing sports as integral part of the educational curriculum, access to experts and outstanding coaching and providing opportunities to talents across the UT, he said.

In the recently concluded Asian Para Games, promising archer Sheetal Devi from Kishtwar, J&K has created a new history by winning three medals. It is our collective responsibility to identify talent like her and prepare new paths for their future, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor administered an oath to the participants to respect and abide by the rules of the sport and in the spirit of fair play.

The gathering of sportspersons, youth and officers at Bakshi Stadium also took the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge on the occasion.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary GAD, Sh Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Ms Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, officers bearers of SGFI, senior officers of Civil and Police Administration, team managers, coaches, prominent sports personalities and youth in large number were present.

DIPR Jammu celebrates "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas"



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

To mark the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel commemorated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, a simple but impressive function was organised in the Auditorium of Department of Information and Public Relations.

At the outset, the officials paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel which was followed by 'National Integrity' pledge committing to dedicate themselves and their services to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and to strive hard to spread this

message among the fellow countrymen.

The artists of the cultural unit of the department presented mesmerizing performances on the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' theme, filling the atmosphere with patriotic and nationalistic spirit.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director Information Atul Gupta underscored the significance of observing the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

He highlighted the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in fostering the Unity of the nation by bringing together different regions of the great Indian Nation. He said that the leader

worked for national integration and devoted his life to this cause.

The Joint Director appealed to everyone to follow the principles and teachings of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to evolve a strong and united society.

Deputy Director Information (PR) Dr. Vikas Sharma, Deputy Director Central Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director (AV) Dharampal, Administrative Officer Renu Sharma along with Information Officers and other staff members attended the event. Similar, functions were also held in District Information Centres of Jammu division.

Enthusiasm, gaiety marks Union Territory Foundation Day celebration in winter capital Jammu



JINews SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

The Union Territory Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and gaiety across Jammu Division. The main event was held at Teachers Bhawan Jammu, where the Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The celebrations commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, led by the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests present on the occasion. The event showcased a range of stalls established by different departments, including Skill Development Department, Social Welfare, Health, JalJeevan Mission (JJM), Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Agricultural departments, and the Regional Transport Office. The Departments also offered online services to the public. Self-help groups and NGOs also participated actively, displaying their products and crafts.

The Divisional Commissioner commended the departments for highlighting their schemes, initiatives and the entrepreneurs for showcasing their products and services to the public.

The occasion witnessed a scintillating cultural show, featuring Dogri songs by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages besides skits, songs, dances and a cultural costume parade presented by students of different schools.

Documentaries on flagship initiatives of the Government were screened, highlighting projects related to the Smart City, such as the River Tawi front view, smart mobility and data science. The Directorate of Information also screened a documentary providing an insight into the extensive progress made by J&K UT in the past four years.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner also handed over loan sanction letters to beneficiaries from the Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries departments, enabling them to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys. Letters of approval for old age pensions, widow pensions and disability pension schemes from the Social Welfare Department were also presented to the beneficiaries. Specially-abled individuals received keys of tricycles to enhance their mobility and independence.

In his address, the Divisional Commissioner emphasised the completion of different developmental projects in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly proposed for augmenting the infrastructural base in key sectors. He highlighted the ongoing progress in the UT, citing completed projects and those currently under execution. The Div Com underscored the importance of different departments, schemes, and projects in fostering comprehensive development in the Union Territory.

The celebration of the UT Foundation Day in Jammu was a testament to the commitment of Jammu and Kashmir to usher in development and progress across all sectors. The event served as a showcase of unity, innovation, and the dedication of various departments and individuals working towards a brighter future for the Union Territory.

The Divisional Commissioner alongwith Officers and gathering also took unity Pledge to mark the celebrations of National Unity Day.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar, Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Sharma; besides HoDs of various departments, students and general public attended the function.

President of India graces foundation day celebrations of UT Ladakh

JINews SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 31, 2023

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the Foundation Day celebrations of UT Ladakh at Leh today (October 31, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President expressed happiness that her first visit to Ladakh as President of India is taking place on its Foundation Day. The President noted that Ladakh is making rapid multidimensional development. She appreciated the people of Ladakh for moving forward on the path of progress. She noted that the Autonomous Hill Development Councils of Leh and Kargil have continuously strengthened the grassroots democracy and have taken meaningful steps for the development of Ladakh, especially for the youth employment.

The President said that the budget provisions for Ladakh have been increased five times by the Central Government during the last four years. This shows the commitment of the Government for the development of the development of Ladakh. Under this project, Renewable Energy Projects with a capacity of 13000 MW will be connected to the POWER GRID through Inter-State Transmission System.

The President wished that in the journey of building a developed India by the year 2047, Ladakh remains at the leading position in the country on the parameters of Economic, Environmental and Human Development.

happy to note that a lot of emphasis is being laid on the infrastructure development to increase the connectivity of Ladakh. Many new policies have been implemented. She stated that these steps are resulting in the economic progress of Ladakh, especially the development of tourism. But, at the same time, keeping this region clean is a priority for all of us. Emphasis should be on Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Tourism.

The President said that many steps have been taken in line with the goal of developing Ladakh as a Carbon Neutral Region. Public Sector Undertakings have started work for the development of Green Energy. She noted that the world's first High Altitude Green Hydrogen Fueling Station is being set up in Leh by NTPC. Recently, the Central Government has approved the Green Energy Corridor Project in Ladakh. Under this project, Renewable Energy Projects with a capacity of 13000 MW will be connected to the POWER GRID through Inter-State Transmission System.

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National Unity Day: Div Com, IGP flag off "Run for Unity" in Jammu

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

To mark the National Unity Day, a Run for Unity-symbolizing the unity of the nation, was organised today in Jammu to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The "Run for Unity" was flagged off by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Anand Jain.

People from all walks of life, including government functionaries, school children, and the general public participated in the commendable initiative. The run commenced from Gulshan Ground, Jammu and concluded at Maharaja Hari Singh Park.

Heads of different departments, students from local schools, and civil society members made the event a grand success, highlighting the diversity and unity that is the strength of our nation. The "Run for Unity" event serves as a reminder of the importance of



fostering national unity and solidarity, and it is heartening to see people from diverse backgrounds coming together to celebrate and strengthen our great nation.

Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar; besides HoDs of various departments participated.

Floriculture Department celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



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The Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu celebrated "National Unity Day or RashtriyaEktaDiwas" at Directorate of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens, Har-Ki-PoudiBagh-e-Bahu Jammu under the supervision of S. Jatinder Singh, Director General, Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu.

The Director General administered the pledge to all the officers/officials. The nation commemo-

rates RashtriyaEktaDiwas on the occasion of the birth anniversary of SardarVallabhbhai Patel on 31st October, who was the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India.He was a man of courage and determination and in the true sense the"IRON MAN OF INDIA". He was instrumental in uniting all the princely Statesin India.

Interacting with the officers/officials of the Department, he stressed that the purpose for organizing such programmes is to promote National

Integration among Citizens of India as well as maintain Unity and Integrity of the Country. Deputy Director (P&S), Accounts Officer, Floriculture Officer (HQ) & AFO Bagh-e-Bahu were present in today's ceremony along with all the officials of the Directorate.

The observance of the pledge taking ceremony of National Unity Day was also organised in all the Districts of the Division under the guidance of District Officers of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Department Jammu.

5th UT Foundation Day celebrated in District Reasi

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REASI, OCTOBER 31

District Administration Reasi celebrated 5th UT Foundation Day in the Auditorium of District Administrative Complex Reasi.

The event was attended by Chairman, District Development Council Saraf Singh Nag & members of the council, PRI Members, prominent citizens, students of various Higher Secondary Schools as well as Degree Colleges and District Officers.

A documentary on Badalta Khilta Jammu & Kashmir was screened to familiarize the participants about extensive Developmental initiatives as well as positive changes brought in the District during the last four years.

A Cultural programme was organized in which students participated with great enthusiasm displaying the prevalent cultures of the Union Territory and the local culture of the District Reasi.

Later, meritorious students, progressive farmers, entrepreneurs, outstanding Sports persons and the students who have won various competitions in the run up to UT foundation day were felicitated by the District Administration.

GDC Ramgarh celebrates 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'



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SAMBA, OCTOBER 31

The National Service Scheme Unit 'Prabha' of Government Degree College Ramgarh conducted Pledge Taking Ceremony, Unity Run and Awareness Lecture on 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the 'Iron Man of India'. The programme was organized under the supervision and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

The Principal said that National integration is such a force that keeps the society connected to each other and makes them strong. Unity means living together, working, understanding and cooperating with each other. It started within the family that holds every member of the family together. In

today's time, every youth has to unite for unification of the Country, So first of all unity in a family has to be awakened.

About 60 Volunteers from the College NSS Unit ran in the Unity Run with great zeal along with staff of the College. Prof. Sandeep Kumari, HOD Education, Resource Person; delivered a lecture on National Unity. She spoke about Unity in Diversity, how Independence was brought, the Indian Independence Act, and its recommendations. She emphasized how Sardar Patel played a pivotal role in Uniting the Country. The proceedings of the Pledge were conducted by the NSS volunteer, Ms. Chahat Tidyal. All the enrolled students, Faculty members, and non-teaching staff took the pledge. The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Shamsher Lal (NSS PO).

Students of GDC RS Pura discuss various issues with Adv Daksheesh Sharma



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A delegation of students of Government Degree College RS Pura met with Advocate Daksheesh Sharma on Tuesday and discussion were held to work for the betterment of the students. Apart from this, the problems faced by the students were also discussed. On this occasion, Advocate Daksheesh Sharma assured the students that whatever steps will be needed to resolve their grievances will be taken adequately. He further added that students are the future of our country and every efforts have always been made and will continue in

the future to ensure that they will get better education as well as better facilities. He told that the students of Government Degree College R S Pura are getting better education as well as better facilities. If there is any problem, every possible effort will be made to solve it and soon there will be a meeting of students in Degree College R S Pura. A unit will also be formed so that every problem of the students can be solved. On this occasion, students namely Bharti, Pallavi, Manisha Mannu, Sheetal Neha, Nishant, Baljeet Singh, Gurbaksh Sharma, Harsh Chaudhary, Vishal Chaudhary, Amit Kumar, Sahil Kumar and Gurjeet Singh were present.

J&K UT Foundation Day DLSA Reasi conducts cleanliness drive in District Court Complex



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As per the direction of JKLSA, District Legal Services Authority Reasi, while celebrating Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day, organised a cleanliness drive in the premises of District Court Complex under the able guidance of Chairperson DLSA Sonia Gupta (PJ), in coordination with Municipal Commit-

tee Reasi. The programme was also attended by Archana Charak CJM Reasi, other judicial officers and staff members DLSA LADC's, PLV's Committee Reasi and judicial employees. Similar programmes were also organized by Chairman TLSC Katra and Chairman TLSC Mahore. After the conclusion of the programme the participants were served with light refreshment.

Lord's Mark Biotech launches Tinefcon for Psoriasis Management

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Lord's Mark Biotech, a subsidiary of Lord's Mark Industries and a leading Healthcare and wellness company has launched Tinefcon, a patented medicine for treating Psoriasis. Lord's Mark Biotech has signed an exclusivity agreement with INVEX Health Pvt Ltd for patented product developed by Piramal life sciences in India. Tinefcon is being launched as a total solution for Psoriasis in 4 forms such as tablet, cream, shower gel and scalp wash and is priced in the range of Rs. 799 - Rs. 3900.

Lord's Mark Biotech, the exclusive distribution partner for Tinefcon, is mentoring mentors around the country through a scientific sales force exclusively recruited for Tinefcon to deliver a solution for Psoriasis. The company has also established a strong social media campaign to aggressively market Tinefcon online. Tinefcon will also be offered on internet marketplaces, allowing the medical community to reliably recommend it to needy patients.

Lord's Mark Biotech has invested Rs. 20 Crores to market and distribute it extensively in India, the company is expecting a revenue of Rs. 100 crores for Tinefcon by 2025.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sachidanand

Upadhyay, MD, Lord's Mark Biotech, said, "We are pleased to introduce Tinefcon to the Indian market. The launch of Tinefcon is in line with our mission to enrich healthcare discourse in India. With Tinefcon, we offer a comprehensive, safe, and effective treatment of psoriasis. Our goal is to position Tinefcon as the principal choice for psoriasis management. We're looking forward to making Tinefcon a major success in India and reaching out to a wider patient base as we expand our presence."

Tinefcon, is being tested in 500+ patients across India, has been proven to treat psoriasis, and has shown a reduction of 66% in epidermal thickness, improved the Psoriasis Area Severity Index (PASI), and downregulated the psoriatic markers gene in a 12-week clinical study. Tinefcon can be safely prescribed to all patients over 18 years old.

Patient population and frequency of the disease: Psoriasis commonly affects individuals in their 30's or 40's, with males being affected two times more commonly than females. Psoriasis prevalence is 1.6% among people aged 20 to 29 years and 4.3% among those aged 50 to 59 years. 125 million people worldwide—2 to 3 percent of the total population—have psoriasis, according to the World Psoriasis Day consortium.

Minorities received focussed attention during PM Modi rule: MP Khatana

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POKHRAN(RAJASTHAN), OCT 31

Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime minorities benefitted the most as special schemes were introduced for their socio-economic, political empowerment.

He further said that Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minority Communities proved to be a game changer as number of minority candidates in various sectors saw and upward increase. The 15 point programme is an overarching programme which covers various schemes/initiatives of the participating Ministries/Departments with an aim to ensure that the underprivileged and weaker sections of six centrally notified minority communities have equal opportunities for availing the various Government welfare Schemes and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of the Country.

Addressing various public meetings in Pokhran Assembly constituency in support of the BJP candidate Mahat Pratappuri ji maharani, MP Khatana said that programme ensured an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, through



existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment, and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs; Improving the conditions of living of minorities by ensuring an appropriate share for them in infrastructure development schemes; and Prevention and control of communal disharmony and violence.

He said that under the said Programme, various schemes/initiatives are implemented by various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government throughout the country (including Kerala and Rajasthan), for the welfare of notified minorities viz, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Muslims, Buddhists and Parsis.

MP Khatana said that schemes education empowerment, skill development, easy loans provided much needed impetus to minorities for integration in the

national mainstream. He said that in education sector Govt. introduced scholarship schemes like Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship, Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme, provides financial assistance to students from notified minority communities, to pursue higher education such as M.Phil and Ph.D.

In addition, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation implements the scheme viz. Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for meritorious girls belonging to minorities studying in Classes IX to XII. Under Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme which aims to enhance skills and knowledge of students and candidates from minority communities where total annual family income is less than Rs. 6 lakh to get employment in Government Sector/ Public Sector

Undertaking, jobs in private sector, and admission in reputed institutions in technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, added MP Khatana. Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) is a skill development initiative for minorities and aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. A mission has been launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under "Upgrading the Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" scheme to give an effective platform to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted products through "Hunar Haats" organized by the Ministry. Ministry has engaged institutions of national repute namely, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), National Institute of Design (NID) and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) to work in various craft clusters for design intervention, product range development, packaging, exhibitions and brand building etc.

Vikrant Kapoor honours IGP Jammu, discussed various issues of public importance



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JAMMU, OCT 31

A delegation led by Hindustan Shiv Sena state President Vikrant Kapoor met newly appointed Inspector General of Police Jammu Sh. Anand Jain and discussed various issues with him in detail.

During this, Vikrant Kapoor heartily congratulated Inspector General of Police Anand Jain on his appointment and also presented him a bouquet of flowers. During this, Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor and other leaders discussed with the IGP the law and order situation as well as the successful campaign being run by the police against drug

abuse and the efforts being made by the police to stop smuggling of milch cattle. He also discussed with Him in detail about making adequate security arrangements to deal with any untoward incident during the festive season.

After meeting the delegation, IGP Anand Jain assured the Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders that he would adopt a positive stance on the issues raised by them and take effective steps in this direction. Other Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders included in the delegation were Vice President Rohan Malwal, Jammu City President Apoorva Gupta, General Secretary Sagar Sharma and others.

PM Modi fulfilled dream visualized by Sardar Patel: Kapahi, Purnima



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JAMMU, OCT 31

Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K UT and former Deputy Mayor today remembered Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on his birthday by organizing "Run for Unity" Marathon in Jammu East Constituency.

In this connection, Parmodh Kapahi, District President BJP, Subash Anand, Bhubaneswar Singh, Nischal ji, Surinder ji, Somnath ji, Brig Gupta, Jeevan Singh and Gopal Sharma along with hundreds of school students participated in the marathon.

Speaking on the occasion, Parmodh Kapahi

said that in order to give due respect to the architect of modern India, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and recognition to his contribution, BJP celebrated his birthday every year. He alleged that Patel ji was denied due respect for decades together due to the reasons best known to those at the helm of affairs at that time. But PM Modi is very particular about remembering the great contribution of Patel ji. In 1947, there were different languages and cultures but Patel ji unified the whole of Nation with utmost display of statesmanship and now Modi ji has pledged to give him the due respect which he rightfully owned.

JKPCC strongly condemns frequent militant attacks on security forces, targeted killings

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU/SRINAGAR, OCT 30

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee on Monday strongly condemned the militant attack on JK Police officer in Eidgah area of Srinagar and non local in Pulwama District leading to the death of non local and grievously injured officer.

JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani condemned the frequent militant attack on security forces including non locals in strongest words, terming it utter failure of the Govt. The security situation has deteriorated to a large extent attributing to the fear of psychosis amongst the common people

including non locals. Ironically Govt is claiming normalcy whilst our security forces are sacrificing their lives in line of the duty fighting against terrorism. Militancy has revived again due to the failures of the BJP Govt at Centre, Wani added.

JKPCC Chief said that we all are united against terrorism and stand behind our brave soldiers, security forces and JKP personnel. He urged upon the Govt to take immediate measures to curb terrorism and also questioned the tall claim by BJP on return of normalcy in J&K. JKPCC Chief expressed heartfelt condolences to family of slain non local and prayed for speedy recovery of injured JKP Officer.

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1.3 Cr Citizens got...

progressive policies of the administration that have empowered the poor, underprivileged and weaker sections. Common man is at the centre of our development agenda, he added.

Equitable growth for all, dynamic rural economy, empowerment of youth, women and farmers, transparent, corruption-free administration and achievement in social sector to provide quality life is an inspiration for the entire country, the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, beneficiaries under different government schemes shared their success stories in diverse sectors.

The Lt Governor also released an e-Book of Department of Information and Public Relations - '4 Saal Bemisaal' - Journey of Transformation.

A Documentary film by the Information Department on J&K's transformational journey was also screened.

The impressive performances by the artists celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Lt General Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Administrative Secretaries, senior officers of Security Forces, Civil and Police Administration, and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Chairpersons of District Development Councils, Vice Chancellor of various Universities and public representatives also attended the UT Foundation Day celebrations.

LG inaugurates Jhelum...

stretch of the Jhelum Rajbagh Riverfront which was developed into world-class public space with facilities like walkways, cycling, green space, universal access and numerous activities along the way. The Jhelum Riverfront has become a model of urban excellence and a major attraction for tourists as well as the locals.

Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh Athar Amir Khan, CEO Srinagar Smart City; Sh Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and senior officers were present.

J&K police trampled...

situation in the UT today." He, however, said terror, ghost and rigidity was trampled professionally.

Speaking at the farewell function at Armed Police Complex Zewan, Srinagar, DGP Dilbagh Singh, while recalling his career's good and bad days on the last day of his service, said his relation with the police was eternal.

"A policeman is always a policeman," he said as per news agency, adding that he is witness to historical developments that took place during the course of his stint from SSP to DIG to DGP rank. "When I was appointed as the DGP, I thought there were many others who could have been chosen for the post. I thanked God for my selection. As a DGP I always wore a smile on my face and wanted to see the same on the face of my jawan," DGP Singh said.

He said during the past 30 years, police faced a series of challenges bravely and performed the duties like a professional force. "When there were shutdowns on the calls of separatist's, on the deserted streets, one would always find a policeman performing his duties," the out-going DGP said.

He said had police lowered the guard when "Riyaz

Naikoor's terror, Zakir Moosa's ghost and Geelani's rigidity was at its peak, don't know what would have been the situation today in J&K."

"There was a period when there were many commanders of terrorist outfits and their fear was everywhere. In 2018, there were threats to SPOs, who quit in large numbers. Today, we searched whether there is any name of any terrorist commander. Today, all SPOs are back to business," DGP Singh said.

He said during the course of time, police dealt efficiently with Amarnath Land Row, Machil fake encounter, Shopian rape and murder and enforced shutdowns by separatists.

The DGP said during his stint as the police chief of the UT, he maintained a close and friendly relation with the Corps commanders of Kashmir and Jammu. "While we were trying to retrieve DySP Himayun Muzamil alive from the Gadool encounter site, we were also trying to bring back the Colonel and Major also.

Referring to his relation with the police force, the DGP quoted Salman Khan starrer Bollywood movie 'Body Guard' song—"Teri Meri Prem Kahani Hai Badi Mushkil, Dou Lafzon mei ye bayan nah o payay." "My relation with the police can't be explained in just two words," Singh said amid a smile. Recalling the incident on the first of his marriage, he said: "An encounter broke out in the neighbourhood and we had to sleep on the floor."

About the peaceful situation prevailing in the Valley today, DGP said the challenge is not to bring peace but to protect it and make it a permanent feature. "We have succeeded to ensure peace, we need to keep it intact. Terror threats haven't ended. We need to be active and cautious," he said and wished all the best to police force for its future endeavours. KNO

R R Swain takes over...

Vikramjeet Singh, IGP V. K Biridi, IGP (CIV/Hqrs) B.S Tuti and other senior officers from J&K Police were present on the occasion.

On his arrival, R.R Swain as per a statement issued to the news agency was received by senior officers and was presented guard of honour in the PHQ lawns.

He also inspected the guard of honour. A 1991 batch IPS officer R.R Swain before taking over as DGP Jammu and Kashmir remained posted at various important and key positions of Jammu and Police which included SDPO Kothi Bagh, SP Ramban, SP Kargil, SP Poonch, SSP Kathua, SSP Jammu, SSP Srinagar, AIG (P/W) PHQ and DIG Vigilance.

In November 2006 Swain went on deputation to Govt of India where he held very prestigious posts.

In June 2020, Swain joined the J&K Police as head of the CID wing and today took over the charge of DGP J&K. Immediately after taking over the DGP, J&K R.R. Swain chaired a meeting at PHQ which was attended by senior officers of the PHQ and other wings.

The HODs of different wings and senior officers of PHQ briefed the DGP about the working/functioning etc. of their wings and offices. KNO

Suspected drug addict...

about the crime and to record the statements of the witnesses.

Accordingly, the accused, who is at large after commissioning of the crime, has been booked in case FIR number 245/2023 under section 302 of the IPC and 4/25 of the Arms Act registered at Police Station Bishnah.

Meanwhile, police have constituted special teams to trace and arrest the accused. KNO

Northern Army Commander...

Siachen Base Camp and interact with troops. On the same day, she will attend the civic reception to be hosted in her honour at Leh.

The President will also interact with members of SHGs and local tribals.

Earlier, a terrorist was killed after the army and police foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Keran sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said Monday.

"In a joint operation that commenced yesterday, Army and Kupwara Police have successfully foiled an infiltration attempt in Jumagund area of Keran sector in which one terrorist has been killed. Search operation continues," posted Kashmir Zone Police on X.

Assembly Polls 2023 | Election...

Pradesh on November 17, Rajasthan on November 25, and Telangana on November 30.

The counting of votes will take place on December 3 in all the states. Of the five states, polling in Chhattisgarh will be held in two phases.

The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with the announcement of poll dates. These elections are crucial as they are taking place months before the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for April-May next year.

According to the Chief Election Commissioner, nearly 16 crore voters are eligible to vote in these elections.

J&K High Court frames...

Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

Police officers should be informed of the checklist in Section 41 (1) (b) (ii) of the CrPC, which deals with additional circumstances where an arrest is necessary. When an accused is produced before a magistrate for further detention, this checklist and the reasons or materials that necessitated the arrest should also be forwarded to the magistrate.

The magistrate can authorise further detention of the accused only after examining the report furnished by the police and recording its satisfaction on the need for further detention.

If a decision is made not to arrest an accused after the institution of a case, this should be intimated to the magistrate within two weeks. This may be extended by the superintendent of police for reasons to be recorded in writing.

After a case is filed, the accused should be served a notice to appear before the police under Section 41A, CrPC (which deals with situations where the arrest of a person is not required) within two weeks. This time period may be extended by the superintendent of police for the reasons to be recorded in writing. (barandbench)

Dr Jitendra addresses...

Dr Jitendra Singh said, IIPA will be the catalyst instrument in grooming the youth of today to be the architects during Amritkaal to transform India into Viksit Bharat@2047.

GDC Marh celebrates Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Jayanti



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, NSS unit in collaboration with Eco Club of the Government Degree College Marh celebrated National Unity Day.

The programme was inaugurated by Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. In his Keynote address, the Principal said that Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was firm about the need for Indian states to remain united. He had to undertake the difficult task of uniting the princely kingdoms with the Indian Union after independence. His statesmanship and diplomatic abilities were crucial in persuading the princely states to accede to the Indian Union, so safeguarding the nation's territorial integrity.

A plethora of activities were held from 28th to 31st Oct. 2023. On the first day a movie on Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel show-

casing the prime events of his life and achievements was shown to students and was highly appreciated by them.

On Second day NSS Volunteers, Sanjana Devi of 5th Sem, Prerna Balgotra of 3rd sem, Diksha Devi of B.Sc. 3rd sem and Shivani of Vth sem delivered speeches on accomplishments of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel to sem I students.

On the 3rd day, a Run for Unity and pledge ceremony was also organized. 50 NSS volunteers participated in the ceremony.

All the faculty and staff members of the college graced the occasion. The Programme was organized and coordinated by NSS officer Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat and Eco club convener Ms. Anjana Chib. Prof. Anita Kumari (Convenor IQAC), Prof. Imtiyaz Shahid, Prof. Madhvi Parasher, Prof. Ram Dayal, Prof. Shallu Gupta, Dr. Balwider Saini, Dr. Sheetal Devi graced the occasion.

Dheeraj Gupta chairs J&K UT Foundation Day celebration at Environment Park Raika

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology & Environment. Dheeraj Gupta, today chaired J&K UT Foundation Day celebration, organized by the Forest department, at Environment Park Raika.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, PCCF and Director Social Forestry Department; Sarvesh Rai, PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden; Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director SFRI; Vasu Yadav, Chairman J&K Pollution Control Committee; Sandeep Kujur, Director PFP; J. Frankoi, APCCF Jammu, other Regional Heads and senior officials along with representatives from Panchayat Raj Institutions, school children participated in the event.

BDC Chairperson Bajalta, Rehmat Ali, also participated in the event. To mark the 5th Foundation Day of the UT, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge was administered and ceremonial plantation

drive was carried out by Dheeraj Gupta and participants.

The event was organized to commemorate various achievements in Forestry and Wildlife sectors recorded during the past four years.

Dheeraj Gupta, while addressing the event, highlighted various policy initiatives of the government in ensuring transparency and accountability as well as welfare of the staff. He emphasized the tremendous scope for improving the working of Forestry and Wildlife sectors. He appreciated the progress achieved in terms of budgetary allocation, human resource optimization being carried out in the UT during the past



four years.

Principal Secretary reiterated that welfare of the citizens shall be the focus of government for which employees should strive hard to enhance the productivity and output in executing various government schemes.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, urged upon the participants to strive hard for achieving excellence in delivery of UT governments' schemes and programs among the public.

Suresh Gupta, in his address, highlighted the Jan Bhagidari initiatives in the Social Forestry schemes where benefit sharing mechanism is being implemented and

nearly Rs. 6.00 crore benefit has been shared with Village Panchayat Plantation Committees. It aims at improving the ecological security in rural areas along with delivering the economic benefits to local population at their door step, he added.

During the event, various publications highlighting achievements of Forest, Wildlife and Social Forestry Departments were released by Dheeraj Gupta. The publications included Hindi version of Social Forestry Rules, Jan Bhagidari Booklet, Amla pamphlet, compilation of Sacred Groves in J&K, Census Report on Snow leopard, booklet on Soil Conservation works. e-compedium regarding achievements of the Forest Department.

Later, a Nature Trail Walk inside the Environmental Park was flagged off by the Principal Secretary and students from Higher Secondary School Bahu Fort participated in the excursion.

National Unity Day All women bike expedition 'Yashasvini' celebrating Nari Shakti across country culminates its journey

JJ NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCT 31

'Yashasvini', the bike expedition of women bikers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) held in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development culminated its journey at Ekta nagar, Gujarat on the occasion of National Unity Day.

In the event, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi paid homage to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on National Unity Day, at Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. During the event, the Yashasvini CRPF bikers performed their daredevil stunts. The Ministry of Women and Child Development collaborated with the Central Reserve Police Force for organizing a bike expedition, "Yashasvini", a group of 150 CRPF women bikers to celebrate women power or Nari Shakti across the country. Three teams, each comprising 25 Royal Enfield (350 cc) motorbikes and 50 bikers began the journey: Team JK Zone from Srinagar

on 3rd October 2023 and Team NE Zone and Team South Zone from Shillong and Kanyakumari respectively on 5th October. The teams converged at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, for the finale event on 31 October 2023 after covering a total distance of more than 10,000 km.

The Ministry under the banner, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and in conjunction with CRPF, organized events across 22 districts falling on the three routes. During these events, CRPF women bikers interacted with school and college going girls, self-help groups, NCC cadets, children in Child Care Institutions, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan members, anganwadi workers etc. In addition to promoting the CRPF's message of "Desh Ke Hum Hain Rakshak", the women bikers have also incorporated the social message of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao", into their campaign. Displaying the BBBP logo on their uniforms and banners, they endorsed the cause throughout the country.

GDC Vijaypur celebrates National Unity Day



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SAMBHA, OCTOBER 31

NSS Unit of Government Degree College Vijaypur, in collaboration with Department of English, celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) in honor of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's birth anniversary.

The objective of celebrating this day was to educate students of the college about the nation's unity and to spread awareness about the contributions of this great man to Indian history. Emphasis was also laid upon the role of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel (Iron Man of India) in the unification of our diverse nation. NSS volunteers of the college participated in the event with great enthusiasm and zeal.

The staff and students of GDC Vijaypur took the Rashtriya Ekta pledge, reaffirming their commitment to preserve the unity, integrity, and secu-

rity of the nation. They also resolved to actively contribute to ensuring the internal security of the country.

A seminar was also organized by the Department of English where students shared their views about contribution of Iron man's contribution in Indian history. While speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta highlighted the achievements and contribution of the great leader for the amalgamation of a nation which stands for its unity in diversity.

Whole of the event was organized under the able guidance of the Principal of the college. The event was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan, Convenor Cultural Committee and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, HOD English & NSS PO; co-coordinated by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Lecturer Sociology and Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Lecturer History.

DC Rajouri chairs crucial VMC meeting for JNV Kotranka

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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 31

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a vital Vidyalaya Management Committee (VMC) meeting for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Koteranka (JNV) to discuss issues and evaluate the ongoing educational and extracurricular activities in the school.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive review of the educational and extracurricular activities at JNV Kotranka, underlining the significance of a well-rounded education that combines academic excellence and co-curricular initiatives, fostering the holistic development of the students.

The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of introducing yoga sessions within the curriculum of the school. He stressed the significance of



channelizing the energy of students towards a positive and constructive direction, promoting their overall well-being and character development.

Besides reviewing the progress under educational and extracurricular activities, the committee members also raised a number of issues during the meeting. One of the key issues discussed in the meeting was the demarcation of the boundary of the school which is essential to ensure the safety of the students and the school premises. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has directed swift action to resolve the issue of school

land demarcation.

In addition to the demarcation issue, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has also issued explicit directives to address various other vital issues, including irregular water supply and the deteriorating state of the road from Kandi to JNV Koteranka. He has instructed the concerned authorities to take immediate and resolute measures to rectify these critical matters, underscoring his commitment to overall improvement in the infrastructure and services of the region.

In a significant move, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to provide

psychological counseling services to the students. This step underscores the commitment of the administration to addressing the holistic well-being of the students, including their mental health needs.

The meeting served as a platform for open and constructive discussions among the key stakeholders involved in the management and development of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Koteranka. The insights shared and decisions made during the meeting are expected to have a positive impact on the overall educational and extracurricular landscape of the school.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal expressed his appreciation for the active participation of all stakeholders and their dedication to improving the quality of education and student welfare in the region.

This initiative highlights the commitment of the administration to providing holistic education, ensuring the safety of students, and fostering their overall development. It reflects a broader commitment to nurturing future generations who are not only academically proficient but also emotionally resilient.

JD YSSD administers Unity pledge to staff

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On the occasion of National Unity Day to mark the Birth Anniversary of First Home Minister of Independent India Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Unity pledge was administered to the staff of Youth Services and Sports Jammu by Suram Sharma, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports Jammu.

Earlier, "Run for Unity" was also organized by the Department where hundreds of people participated. Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director underlined the importance of Unity Day which is celebrated every year to commemorate Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's Birth Anniversary.

"People without Unity are not a strength unless it is harmonized and united after which it becomes a spiritual power," he added.

Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department celebrates UT Foundation Day/Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



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Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu celebrated UT Foundation Day/Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" at Sheep Husbandry complex today.

Dr Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director highlighted the achievements of Department pre and post 2019 in different areas which has added in transformation of lives of poor masses. Badalta Jammu and Kashmir, Aman aur Taraqqi ki nai Tasveer. He further directed all the officers and offi-

cial to carry out all the Department schemes on the ground for the benefit of the Sheep and Goat rearing community and also creating awareness among the general public.

This day will be marked as a reminder of the strength of our nation and will highlight the resilience of our country towards danger posted against our security, unity and integrity. Unity continues to inspire the nation to stand united and uphold the values that Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, stood for.

All the Officers/Officials

of Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu participated in the pledge taking ceremony.

Those who were present on the occasion included Dr. Tara Chand I/C Joint Director (Ext.) Dr. Surinder Gupta Deputy Director (Central), Dr. Anil Koul, APO, Sh. Satish Sharma Deputy Director (F&F), Ms. Shivali Sethi Deputy Director P&S, Dr. Nasir Altaf Zargar, Technical Officer, Dr. Pankaj Sharma Store Officer, Mr. Asheesh Sharma, Publicity Officer & Ms. Anita Jamwal Accounts Officer.

Ekta Diwas: District Police Doda Celebrates Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's Birthday with Mini Marathon

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The District Police Doda today organized an Ekta Diwas Mini Marathon as a part of the "Run for Unity" campaign. The event was hosted to pay tribute to the great Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, on his birthday. The District Police Line was adorned with vibrant bunting and banners, creating a festive atmosphere.

The event witnessed a significant turnout of students from both government and private schools, who participated in the Ekta Diwas Mini Marathon under the banner of "Run for Unity." The students donned patriotic attire and caps featuring patriotic slogans. During the marathon, the students passionately chanted slogans related to food safety and the consumption of millets while advocating the avoidance of sugar, salt, and junk food.

The Deputy Commissioner of Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, and SSP Doda, Abdul QAYOOM, graced



the occasion with their presence. The event commenced with a unity and integration pledge led by the DC Doda, involving all district officers, police officers, and students. Following the pledge ceremony, the Deputy Commissioner of Doda flagged off the Ekta Diwas Mini Marathon, which included students from various schools and NCC cadets. The marathon route led participants to the Doda Community Hall, covering various routes within the district.

During the Ekta Diwas program at the District Police Line Doda, DC Doda encouraged the students to contribute to the development and integrity of the country. He also commended the district officers and officials for their outstanding efforts in advancing development projects across the district.

This event marked the celebration of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's birthday, celebrated as National Unity Day (Ekta Diwas) every year on October 31st across the country. The program in District Doda, organized under the supervision of District Police Doda, was a beautiful and colorful tribute to the legacy of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and his significant role in fostering unity in India.

DHS-J staff accords warm send off to colleague

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Ramesh Kumar, Gaestner Assistant, posted in the Directorate of Health Services Jammu was accorded a warm send off by officers and officials on his superannuation here at a farewell function.

He has rendered more than 40 years of Service in the Department. He was a sincere and dedicated person. To bid him farewell, a function was organised in the premises of the Directorate. Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated his dedication towards his work. The staff wished him good health and prosperous post retirement life.

EDITORIAL

Control prices of kitchen essentials

The people of this country are heading for General elections to be held in April-May next year. Political slugfest has already begun and so is the issues confronting the people on a day to day basis are getting a centre stage. During the last Parliamentary elections, the BJP-led Narendra Modi government had assured 'Ache din' to the people of this country. There is no doubt that the Central government has taken some unprecedented and tremendous decisions for the welfare of the people but high inflation remains a cause of concern for those sitting in the power corridors and the people who are directly reeling under it. Onion prices have left everyone teary eyes while the rates of green vegetables are also sky-rocketing. If one goes by the reports, the country's benchmark inflation measure, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), grew at 6.8 percent in August, lower than the 7.4 percent print in July but higher than the 6 percent upper limit of RBI's tolerance band. Wholesale prices, as measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), contracted by 0.5 percent in August, making it the fifth consecutive month of contraction. Lest there is confusion, it is important to reiterate that the widely divergent trends in CPI and WPI are not a reflection of prices in wholesale and retail markets. The two indices have very different compositions. For a common man, food prices remain a key concern. In simple terms, inflation continues to remain a problem for critical food items such as cereals and pulses, and it is benign for non-food, non-fuel items. Since last year, quite unpredictable weather conditions have hit the production of vegetables, milk and cereals, thereby leading to inconstant prices of these products. A weak monsoon in several parts of the country and rising crude prices are likely to keep up the pressure on food prices. Food inflation was up 9.94 per cent in August, after a rise of 11.51 per cent in July. Vegetable inflation eased to 26.14 per cent from 37.34 per cent. The consumers have been feeling the pinch as it is directly burning a big hole in their pockets. Ironically, the growers are not the beneficiaries of the price escalation. Unfortunately, the government does not have any check or control over the prices of products in the market. Consequently, the middlemen continue to have a field day. The cost of lunch or dinner has increased significantly in the last few months. If one looks at the ratings agency CRISIL report, it was the high prices of tomato which led to increasing prices of cooked food at the restaurants or eating joints. The tomato crisis of July-August exemplified the inherent unfairness in the farming sector. The prices skyrocketed as weather variations led to crop damage. In north India, these touched Rs 300 per kg. These prices have now come down but it has left no major change in the prices of cooked food. The irony of the subject matter is that farmers remain the net losers if prices surge or crash. For the BJP government at the Centre, the high inflation is also the major cause of concern. They are now trying their best to rein in inflation and they should make it a priority if they really want to outscore the opposition in the next general elections. The government should immediately bring down the prices of onions and other essentials of kitchen as it has the potential of affecting the vote bank of ruling dispensation.

SHAKEEL BIN ALI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a buzzword confined to the realms of science fiction; it's a reality reshaping our world. From virtual personal assistants like Siri and Alexa to the precision of self-driving cars, AI is an integral part of our daily lives. In this era of rapid technological transformation, it's imperative to delve into the profound challenges and exciting opportunities presented by AI.

The AI Landscape

Artificial Intelligence, once an emerging field, has matured into a dynamic and transformative technology. Machine learning algorithms process vast data sets, robots perform repetitive tasks with precision, and AI-driven chatbots assist customers 24/7. These capabilities are fundamentally changing industries and creating new possibilities we couldn't have imagined just a few decades ago.

Challenges on the Horizon

While the potential of AI is undeniable, it is not without its share of complex challenges. We must confront and address these obstacles to ensure the responsible development and deployment of AI:

- **Ethical Concerns:** One of the most pressing issues surrounding AI pertains to ethics. As AI systems become more autonomous and pervasive, concerns about bias in AI algorithms, invasion of privacy, and the potential for AI to be used in harmful or discriminatory ways have emerged. For example, biases in data used to train AI systems can perpetuate and exacerbate existing inequalities, such as racial or gender bias in hiring or lending decisions. Address-

ing these ethical challenges requires transparency, fairness, and a commitment to ensuring AI systems align with our collective values.

- **Job Displacement:** Automation facilitated by AI has the potential to displace many jobs, raising concerns about unemployment and the need for workforce retraining. This isn't merely a theoretical concern; we've already witnessed the impact of automation in industries like manufacturing and retail. However, it's essential to recognise that AI can also create new job opportunities. Instead of replacing humans, AI often augments human capabilities, freeing up employees to focus on more creative and strategic tasks. Preparing the workforce for these changes is critical, and this means investing in retraining programs, fostering adaptability, and nurturing a culture of lifelong learning.

- **Security and Privacy:** As AI becomes increasingly integrated into our lives, we generate more data than ever before. This data, whether personal or corporate, is invaluable and susceptible to breaches. Protecting this data from cyberattacks and ensuring individual privacy are ongoing challenges. Strong security measures, robust encryption, and rigorous data protection regulations are vital to mitigate these risks. AI can also be a double-edged sword in cybersecurity, as both attackers and defenders can leverage its capabilities. The ongoing cat-and-mouse game in the digital realm underscores the need for continued vigilance.

Opportunities Abound
Despite these challenges, the opportunities that AI presents are vast and compelling:

- **Medical Breakthroughs:** AI has made significant inroads in healthcare. Machine learn-

ing models can analyse medical images, detect diseases at earlier stages, and recommend personalised treatment plans. The ability to process and interpret immense volumes of medical data rapidly is revolutionising the field. AI also accelerates drug discovery, reducing development timelines and potentially leading to breakthrough treatments. The convergence of AI and healthcare holds the promise of saving lives and improving patient outcomes.

- **Efficiency Gains:** Businesses across sectors are using AI to optimize their operations. Whether it's predictive maintenance for machinery, demand forecasting for inventory management, or chatbots handling customer inquiries, AI increases efficiency and reduces costs. These efficiency gains can enhance a company's competitiveness and enable them to offer better products and services to their customers. Small and medium-sized businesses, in particular, can benefit from affordable AI solutions that were once exclusive to large enterprises.

- **Sustainability:** AI has a crucial role to play in addressing environmental challenges. For instance, it can optimize energy consumption, reducing waste and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Machine learning models can analyse climate data to predict and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters. Precision agriculture, powered by AI, improves crop yields while minimising the use of resources like water and fertilizers. As the world grapples with the urgent need to address climate change and resource scarcity, AI can be a powerful ally.

The Human-Machine Collaboration

Cricket: In Search Of Its Perfect Format

ROUF MOHAMMAD RATHER

Cricket, a bat and ball sport, is the second most followed sport in terms of fan following in the world, with over two billion fan bases worldwide. It has its origin and developed as a sport in Great Britain in the 17th century. As an amateur sport cricket initially was played with a hockey stick-like bat and a hard leather ball. Then in 19th-century cricket came to be played at a professional level, but only by the elite class.

Cricket's first international match was played in 1844 between what were essentially club teams from the USA and Canada, in Toronto. In 1876-77, two nations England and Australia, which subsequently proved to be the giants of the game played their first Test match at Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia. Since then the game has grown tremendously yet so slowly. From a few countries, cricket is now being played in more than a hundred countries and in multiple formats.

With age cricket developed and got many faces in the form of multiple formats: from timeless Tests to modern-day T10 games.

Cricket expanded to a great extent in the twentieth century. From England and Australia, it expanded to South Africa, West Indies and India, and was only played in Test format. Until World War II, all Tests were timeless Tests. The longest Test match in Australia was the fifth Test between Australia and England in Melbourne in 1929, which lasted for eight playing days. And the last timeless Test match was the first Test between England and South Africa at Durban in 1939, which was abandoned as a draw after nine days of play spread over twelve days, otherwise, the England team would have missed the boat for home.

After that, timeless Tests were made a thing of the past and a time limit came to be introduced in cricket with six days, including rest day, pro-

vided for a Test match to finish. With advancement in time rest days too were scrapped from Test cricket and the time for Test matches to finish was made five days.

Cricket expanded further in the second half of the twentieth century to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and other Asian, African and North American countries. Cricket entered a new era in 1963 when English counties introduced the limited overs variant. And cricket's first premier tournament, the World Cup was played in 1975 in this new variant. This variant came to be known as One Day International or ODIs for short and was played with two innings of sixty overs each. The format gained in popularity and attracted huge crowds as it was much shorter as compared to Test cricket and was much more result-oriented with surety of attaining a result. In the 1990s the number of overs in an innings in an ODI game was reduced to 50 and to this date, the number remains so.

Major breakthrough in cricket was seen in the 2000s when a much shorter format in the form of T20s was introduced. It revolutionised the cricket. The format caught the eye of an average cricket fan and it attracted and attracted huge crowds worldwide. It proved to be the thing which cricket had lacked. Through this very format, cricket got commercialised. T20 Leagues sprang all over the cricketing world, taking the game to newer audiences. But at the same time, it threw cricket and its administrators into a totally new challenge; that of balancing formats at the international level as well as balancing between franchise cricket and international cricket.

With so many formats at international, domestic and franchise levels like five-day Test cricket, four-day Test cricket, One Day Internationals, T20s, The Hundred, T10, and recent one the 6ty, the question arises as to which format the cricket or ICC should adopt at internation-

al level to be the sole format, as fans' interest in all formats is diminishing very fast. Shall it be a longer version; the Test cricket? Or shall it be the ODIs? Or shall it be T20s? Or does cricket need a newer format or an amended/reformed format of any of these? The answers to these questions aren't simple to provide. But what is clear is that cricket needs a shorter, time-bound format to thrive in its traditional and newer audiences. So Test cricket, given its longevity cannot become so.

On the other hand, T20 is too short a format. No doubt it consumes less time (3-4 hours) to complete a T20 match, but the format is not the true representation of this beautiful game, despite its ability to draw huge crowds. And more so a number of milestones and achievements which are associated with the game traditionally are very hard to achieve in T20 cricket, like hundreds, taking five for etc. And in case the playing conditions are balanced a bit in T20s like having more than 70-metre boundaries, playing without fielding restrictions, and allowing a bowler to bowl more than two bouncers per over, then surely the probability of hundred-making in T20s would go very down. So does that make ODI cricket the automatic choice for the sole format? The answer to this question is a big No. At least not in its present form.

The advent and popularity of T20 cricket have affected the ODI format the most. Fans' interest and association with the format have diminished dramatically. Watching a game for eight hours has become an uphill task for the fans. The number of bilateral ODIs and ODI series' being played has gone dramatically down. Many high-profile players are deserting ODI contracts and some others are either retiring too early from the format or are giving preference and prioritising the much shortened T20 format.

Fans, the guiding force behind the popularity of any

One of the key narratives surrounding AI is the fear of humans being replaced by machines. However, a more nuanced perspective reveals that AI and humans can collaborate, with each bringing unique strengths to the table. While AI excels at data analysis, automation, and efficiency, humans provide creativity, empathy, and ethical decision-making.

In healthcare, for example, AI can assist in diagnosing diseases based on medical images, but it's the human doctor who can explain the results and offer emotional support to the patient. In customer service, chatbots can handle routine inquiries, leaving human agents to address complex issues that require nuanced understanding and empathy.

The future is likely to be characterised by a dynamic interplay between humans and machines, where both augment each other's capabilities. This synergy holds the potential to usher in a new era of productivity and innovation.

Education and Preparation

To fully harness the potential of AI, we must invest in education and training programs that empower individuals to navigate the evolving landscape. Preparing the workforce for an AI-driven world is a multifaceted endeavour. It involves:

- **Digital Literacy:** Equipping individuals with the skills to navigate and critically assess the digital world, including understanding how AI impacts their daily lives.

- **STEM Education:** Nurturing interest and aptitude in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics from an early age to prepare the next generation for careers in AI and related fields.

- **Reskilling and Upskilling:** Offering opportunities for individuals to acquire new skills or upgrade existing ones. This is essential for both those at risk of job displacement and those seeking new opportunities in the AI-driven job market.

The Path Forward

As we embark on this AI-driven journey, it is essential to strike a balance between the vast opportunities and the formidable challenges. Collaboration between governments, businesses, educational institutions, and individuals is paramount. Together, we must shape an environment that fosters responsible and ethical AI development and deployment.

Responsible AI development includes the rigorous examination of AI algorithms for biases and discriminatory patterns, transparent decision-making processes, and clear accountability for AI outcomes. As AI continues to permeate our lives, policymakers and industry leaders must work together to create a framework that ensures AI technologies align with societal values.

In this AI-driven age, staying informed is crucial. It involves engaging in discussions about AI's role in society, advocating for policies and regulations that promote ethical AI development, and participating in the ongoing dialogue that will shape the future.

The future unfolds as a rich mosaic, interwoven with both challenges and opportunities. Through collective endeavour, we can chart our course in the era of AI, guaranteeing its advancement bolsters human welfare while expanding the horizons of what we can achieve.

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at the cost of a bowler? Quite often mishits reach boundaries because of fielding restrictions and shorter boundaries. Imposing fielding restrictions is like telling Muhammad Ali to fight with his left hand only. There should be the use of only one ball, so that the spin bowlers who are an important part of the game, remain relevant. More importantly, the over rate of 13 per hour must be maintained at all costs, so that completion of a match within five hours could be achieved. Provisions for fixed drinks breaks should be there and no unnecessary breaks should be allowed.

This reformed ODI format should be called as International Cricket, instead of One Day Internationals. As far as T20s are concerned they need to be abolished at the international level and should only be played at the franchise level and promotional level among the associate nations of the ICC. The ICC World Cup with more than twenty participating nations should be the lone multi-national event to be organised by the governing body. The Asian Cricket Council's Asia Cup should be held every four years in between two World Cup years instead of holding it every year.

With Asia and Africa being the regions of special focus for cricket development, the number of participating nations in the Asia Cup shall go beyond eight. Last but not least, the International Cricket Council, the governing body, must show Positive Discrimination in favour of those nations which have the potential to take cricket to newer heights in their respective countries like Nepal and to those nations which are unexplored and virgin territories in terms of sports, which most of the Asian and African nations already are.

Like millions of fans, I too want cricket to grow and be a truly global game.

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Cong protests UT Divas, demands statehood, Assembly elections

UT divas celebrations adds insult to injury: Vikar Rasool

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Congress today held a strong protest dharna to oppose the celebration of UT Divas by the Govt and the BJP and observed it black day and demanded early restoration of statehood and state assembly elections.

Led by JKPC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani along with Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice Presidents Th. Balwan Singh, Ravinder Sharma besides Vice Presidents, General Secretaries and large number of PCC functionaries, DCC Presidents, DCC Presidents, DCC Presidents, frontal wing heads and senior leaders of DCCs Jammu Urban and Rural, the protest sit in dharna at Shaheedi Chowk was held for over two hours demanding statehood and assembly elections besides restoration of democracy including ULB and Panchayat elections.

A large number of workers including women workers carrying play cards raised strong slogans against UT Divas & BJP Govt. and demanded immediate restoration of statehood and democracy.

Prominent those who attended included Vice Presidents Ved Mahajan, Naresh K Gupta, Yash Pal Kundal, Vinod Sharma, Rajnish Sharma (Mian), Pranav Shagotra, General Secretaries Mohinder



Bhardwaj, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T.S. Tony, Naresh Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Amrit Bali, Shakeel Shah, S. Gurmit Singh, Narinder Sharma, Balbir Singh, Shakeel Mir, Subash Bhagat, Satish Sharma, Thomas Khokhar, DCC Presidents Th. Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Shamsher Chib (Jammu Rural), Sanjeev Sharma (Samba), Pankaj Dogra (Kathua), Vinod Khajuria (Udhampur), Akash Bharat (PYC), Shameema Raina (Mahila) Vijay Sharma (Seva Dal), Ajay Lakhotra (NSUI), Karan Bhagat (SC), Madan Chalotra (OBC), Krishan Bhagat (Ex-MLA), besides Bhushan Dogra, Sanjeev Sharma Panda, Nirdosh Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Th. Hoshiyar Singh, Pankaj Sharma, Satish Shastri, Pawan Bhagat, Paramjit Singh, Jyoti Vaid, Vijay Tagotra,, Vijay Shastri,

Jatin Raina, Ricky Dalotra, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David Babloo, Daleep Kumar, Bhavishya Soodan, Charanjit Bhagat, Sham Mehra, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Farooq Ahmed and others. JKPC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani lashed out at the BJP led Centre Govt. and UT administration for celebrating UT divas, thus adding insult to the injuries of all people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the promise of restoration of statehood on the floor of parliament appears to be another Jumla of BJP Govt as it is for the first time that the UT divas is being celebrated on this day, which clearly indicates that BJP Govt does not want to return statehood to J&K. This is insult to the people of J&K who are hurt by the downgrading of historical Dogra State. He said that Con-

gress shall launch a struggle and take it to the block levels for restoration of statehood and holding of assembly elections besides ULB and Panchayat elections.

Working President Raman Bhalla said that BJP should answer to the people why celebration of UT divas after 4 years and where is the promise of restoration of statehood. The historical Dogra state was downgraded into UT against the wishes of all people of J&K and asked BJP to explain to the people why no restoration of statehood after 4 years. He said people will teach a lesson to BJP for this betrayal besides large scale unemployment and price rise and taxes.

Th. Balwan Singh, Sr. Vice President hit out at BJP for the insult to the Dogra state by disbanding and downgrading into UT. The celebration of UT Divas is adding insult to the people and demanded immediate restoration of statehood and early elections.

Ravinder Sharma termed the UT Divas celebration as a gift of BJP to the people after 4 years and said that people would teach BJP a lesson but Centre is deferring all elections including assembly, ULB and Panchayats.

CUJ holds 8th Court Meeting



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The 8th Court Meeting of Central University of Jammu was held in the university campus under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chancellor, Ambassador G. Parthasarathy. In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain extended a warm welcome to Hon'ble Chancellor and other members of Court for guiding and working relentlessly for the growth of CUJ.

The Chancellor expressed satisfaction at the infrastructural, construction and academic growth of the University. Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor shared his vision of attaining institutional excellence through a collective and collaborative effort. The Vice Chancellor also shared that quantum leave in infrastructure, research and academic excellence.

The Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh took up the agenda item of Court and underscored university perspective plan wherein

construction activities have been prioritized.

After considering the action taking report in pursuance of the decisions taken in the 7th meeting of the Court of the University held on 22nd March 2022, The annual reports of the university for the years 2022-23 were presented before the Court of the university for Consideration. The annual accounts for the financial years 2021-22 & 2022-23 duly recommended by the Finance Committee approved by the Executive Council.

Further the Court was informed that the Progress of HEFA project for construction of university building wherein two hostels (01 Boys & 01 Girls, 500 students each), One Academic Block, One LAB and Library cum Administrative Block total cost of Rs. 123 Crore.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Court about various reforms taken in the University which are adoption of MODDLE LMS which is worldwide accepted MLS: Degrees to

be issued to the students in NAD (National Academic Depository) so that they can access the degree online: Internship of students and Indian Knowledge Systems courses for teaching and research. Further Vice Chancellor Prof. Jain highlighted that four buildings are simultaneously being constructed in the university along with the sports facility basketball and badminton court.

Further the Vice Chancellor informed the Court that Section-8 Company CUJ Site Council is being formed to foster research and development and entrepreneurship to spawn knowledge intensive that would develop relevant innovations useful to the society as a whole. Other achievements in the pipeline are Community Radio, Nano Satellite to be launched and moving towards the NAAC accreditation and other international accreditation bodies. The meeting was attended by Deans, Directors and Officials of the University.

Geography deptt of GCW Udhampur hosts lecture on challenges to Himalayas in India

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The Geography department of Govt. College for women, Udhampur held an insightful lecture on the "Challenges to Himalayas in India". The Event was graced by the presence of Prof. Anjali Mahajan, the esteemed Principal of the College. She emphasized on organizing more such programmes for the benefit of the students and achieving the aim of the education.

Lecturer Divya Sharma, Faculty member of Department of geography presented the formal welcome Address. She expressed her gratitude to all the attendees and emphasized the importance of understanding the unique challenges that the Himalayan region faces.

The highlight of the event was the engaging and informative lecture delivered by Lecturer Roma Gandhi. She shed light on various challenges faced by Himalayas, including environmental issues, biodiversity conservation, Waste management and the impact of Climate change on the region. The HOD, Department of Geography, Assistant Professor Pooja Bharti emphasized on protecting the fragile ecosystem of the Himalayan region by promoting sustainable land use practices.

Lecturer Divya Sharma, department of Geography further conducted the proceedings with formal vote of Thanks.

CUJ celebrates International Youth Day 2023 with a Focus on Green Skills for a Sustainable World



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Red Ribbon Club (RRC), Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS), marked the occasion of International Youth Day 2023 with resounding celebrations. The event was held at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium on October 31, 2023. The theme for International Youth Day 2023, "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World," was at the heart of the event, emphasizing the importance of equipping young minds with the necessary skills for a more sustainable future. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CU Jammu, warmly welcomed Ambassador G. Parthasarathy, Hon'ble Chancellor, CU Jammu, Shri Madan Lal, JKAS, Deputy Director (Finance), JKACS, Dept. of H&ME, Govt. of J&K; Mr. Rahul Gupta, District Social Welfare Officer, Ramban, dignitaries, experts, attendees from JKACS, Faculty and Students to the event.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Nodal Officer, RRC and Associate

Dean, Students' Welfare, CU Jammu, apprised the august audience on the significance of the event and its relevance to the youth in building a sustainable future.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CU Jammu delivered the presidential address, highlighting the university's commitment to fostering the youth's role in building a sustainable world. Chief Guest for the occasion, Ambassador G. Parthasarathy, Hon'ble Chancellor, CU Jammu delivered the keynote address, inspiring the youth with valuable insights and words of encouragement. The inaugural session culminated with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW), CU Jammu, expressing gratitude to all the esteemed guests, organisers and participants for their contribution to the success of the event. The Plenary session was chaired by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, DSW & Co-chaired by Dr. Vinay Kumar, (Assoc. DSW), featuring a panel of distinguished experts who shared their expe-

riences on the theme. The panel included Ms. Pallavi Singh, Director, J&K Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (JKSPYM) delivered a talk on HIV/AIDS & Drugs. Dr. Rohit Lahori, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu shared his views on Palliative Care and its need in modern times. Dr. Shweta Yadav, Faculty of Environmental Science, CU Jammu discussed the role of youth in sustainable development. The event concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Vinay Kumar, Nodal Officer, RRC, who also took the opportunity to distribute certificates to the dedicated Red Ribbon Club volunteers and students for their valuable contributions to the cause and called upon youth to take active participation in Nation building. The International Youth Day celebration at CU Jammu served as a platform to inspire young minds to acquire the essential green skills and activities that promote environmentally responsible behaviours and contribute to the global effort for a greener and more sustainable world.

BSP leaders visit Pakistan firing affected villages

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Bahujan Samaj party Leaders Delegation today visited the Pak firing affected villages and met border dwellers facing the difficult time due to heavy shelling from across the IB.

The senior Bahujan Samaj Party leaders including Darshan Rana, Bishan Dass Bhagat, Raja Singh, Harbans Lal and others during their visit to Bhula Chak in Sai area of R S Pura and Arnia sectors respectively, visited the house of Om Prakash which was badly damaged due to heavy shelling. They listened to their plights as their houses came under heavy firing during ceasefire violation on Thursday night.

BSP Leader Darshan Rana and Bishan Dass Bhagat while calling the border dwellers as frontline warriors, demanded that Government should safeguard the lives and property of people living along borders as they are the first ones who face the brunt of enemy country like the case on Thursday when they were caught



unaware and had to leave their homes and hearth in a hurry.

BSP demanded that the Government should immediately assess the losses and ensure compensation as soon as possible. He also reminded the Government about its promise of providing five Marla plots to border people to have safer accommodation in case of such an emergent situation.

Party Leader Raja Singh condemned Pakistan for pounding mortar shells and bullets on innocent border dwellers for no apparent reason.

He termed the action by Pakistani Rangers as horrendous and ghastly. He however criticized the Government for not doing enough to safeguard the border dwellers as the bunkers which were constructed with much fanfare are proving to be useless as they are inhabitable due to poor maintenance as most of these constructions have been inundated due to rain water. Prominent among those who were present include Harbans Lal, Tarsem Kumar, Raj Kumar and party workers of the areas were also present.

Samvedna Society organizes 77th Free Eye Screening, Checkup camp at Jammu



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Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra Organised 77th Free Eye Screening/Check Up camp for the Devotees, Pujaris and Sewadars of Maa Bawe Wali Temple Bahu Fort, The Camp was Organised in collaboration with Sood Eye Centre (A unit of Agarwal Hospitals) and was inaugurated by Sub Divisional Police Officer East Parupkar Singh (JKPS) accompanying Incharge Police Post Bahu Fort Mandir S.I Lekh Raj and others. A Total of 112 Patients were provided free of Cost "Treatment including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up by a team headed by Dr Rohan Sood M.S Eye Surgeon and Dr Amit Singh M.S Eye Surgeon, Free Medicines were also given to the

patients.

Speaking on the Occasion SDPO Parupkar Singh mentioned the importance of regular check-up camps and said how this noble initiative is contributing to the betterment of mankind. He also lauded the efforts of the Samvedna team and assured full support and cooperation to the Society.

Keshav Chopra intends to organize more such camps in the future thereby keeping up with its commitment to provide best treatment to the common man at their doorstep. "Those who can't afford the treatment we will provide them Free of Cost" Keshav further added. Rohit Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Manoj Tandon, Sushil Gupta, Samiha Khajuria, Pratham Puri, Riya Rakesh and others were also present.

IIT Jammu sets off with 5-day advanced E-SDP program

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, under the aegis of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), has launched the Five-Day Advanced E-SDP Program for 2023-2024. This program is designed to promote entrepreneurial excellence by harnessing smart and sustainable agricultural practices.

The inauguration of this program was graced by Mr Archit Puri, Chairman of CII Jammu & Kashmir and Director of Puri & Puri, who served as the Chief Guest and Instructor. In his inspiring address, Mr Puri shared the remarkable journey of P Mark Food Products, offering insights from his thirteen years of experience in the field of agricultural startups. He highlighted their transformation, from resur-

recting the family flour business to becoming the largest flour mill in a single location in the country, expanding into diverse ventures such as logistics, petrol pumps, and copper rod manufacturing.

Mr Puri emphasized the importance of making deliberate choices in life rather than leaving it to chance. He encouraged participants to consider technical skills as a pathway to secure employment.

Following the inaugural session, the program continued with the second session led by Prof. FA Shaheen from SKUAST Kashmir. His session focused on "Leveraging Entrepreneurial Excellence in Agriculture through Technology and Policy: Jammu and Kashmir's Perspective."

The day's activities also included a group visit to SKUAST (Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences

and Technology) Jammu, led by Dr. Lakhvinder Singh, from IIT Jammu. The insights gained from the field visit helped the participants to understand the practical elements of the theory. This also helped them build Networking Opportunities, and build valuable connections with fellow entrepreneurs and industry experts, fostering collaborative growth and innovation within the agricultural sector.

UT Foundation Day Relief Org holds prize distribution function



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On the concluding day of calendar of events organized by Relief Organization (M) J&K, a prize distribution function was organized at Surya Bhawan Jammu wherein Secretary, DMRR&R, Nazim Zai Khan, distributed prizes among the winners of various competitions.

Relief Organization organized calendar of events for the Kashmiri Migrants in camps and in Migrant Schools. More than 2000 migrant students studying in Migrant Schools participated in the competitions viz,

painting, essay writing, declamation and run for fun. These competitions were held for the age groups of 5-8 years, 8-12 years and 12-16 years. For the first time, Run for Fun race was also organized for senior citizens aged 50 years and above. For more inclusivity, Wheel Chair Race for specially abled and Run for Fun for visually impaired was also organized at Jagti on the Special Track constructed by the Relief Organisation for the purpose.

A total of 200 prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners.

Also 06 wheel chairs were given to the win-

ners of Wheel Chair Race through Social Welfare Department.

As a major initiative towards Swachhta Hi Sewa, Cleanliness competition were held across the zones/offices of Relief Organisation and in Migrant Schools.

Among the offices, office of Camp Commandant Muthi was awarded the Prize of "Swachh Premises" and among the schools Government Mixed Higher Secondary School Purkhoo was awarded the prize of "Swachh School" by the Secretary.

Nazim Zai Khan appreciated the efforts of the

Relief Organisation, and congratulated the winners of the competitions. He assured that the Government is committed towards welfare of migrants and shall support all the initiatives in this regard. Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, K.K Sidha, committed that more such events shall be organized for making the migrants free from stress, encourage all towards physical fitness and Swachhta Hi Sewa Programme. He also sensitized all towards the initiatives of the department and appealed all Kashmiri Migrants to take benefit of the same.

Doda Administration commemorates J&K's UT Foundation Day with a Colorful Mega Event

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DODA, OCTOBER 31

The district administration of Doda, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, orchestrated a vibrant mega celebration event in the Doda Community Hall to mark the Union Territory (UT) Foundation Day of Jammu and Kashmir. The day holds immense historical significance as Jammu and Kashmir transitioned to Union Territory status on October 31, 2019, coinciding with the birth anniversary of the revered Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The UT Foundation Day was observed with great enthusiasm and pride throughout the state.

The festivities kicked off with a pledge ceremony, led by Deputy Commissioner, emphasizing the values of unity and integration. An enthralling video showcasing the tour-



ism potential of the Doda district, known as "Adhbhut Doda," was unveiled at the event. This video highlights the comprehensive progress achieved in the district over the past four years. To add to the vibrant atmosphere, a colorful cultural program was organized by the Academy of Art, Culture, and Language Sub-Office Doda.

The Government departments set up stalls at the Community Hall,

showcasing the latest online services, schemes, and initiatives introduced by the UT government, all aimed at benefiting the public and promoting prosperity and welfare.

This mega celebration of the UT Foundation Day brought together representatives from the district administration, the police department, the education department,

and students from both government and private

schools. It was a momentous event that not only marked the history of Jammu and Kashmir but also reflected the region's progress and its unwavering commitment to unity and development. This event was also witnessed online across all panchayats and 500 other locations, and the celebration had been ongoing for the past six days, culminating today in a grand and colorful event.

DLSA Samba organises series of activities to celebrate J&K UT Foundation Day

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 31

District Legal Services Authority Samba on Tuesday organised a series of events/programmes highlighting the positive changes in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as a part of the observance of UT Foundation Day.

The day was observed as per the directions of JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) & under the directions and overall supervision of Yesh Pal Kotwal, Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (Principal District and Sessions Judge Samba) and Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary.

The day began with a cleanliness drive at District Court Complex and

ADR Centre, in collaboration with Municipal Council Samba, reflecting a remarkable display of community commitment to a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Thereafter, a free medical camp was also organized by DLSA, Samba in collaboration with the Department of Health at District Court Complex. A team of Medical Officers comprising Dr. Akansha Mehra, Dr. Raghavi Mahajan and Jasbir Singh attended the camp and the event was enriched by the presence of Yesh Pal Kotwal, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba, Adnan Syed, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Samba, Preet Simran K. Grover, Chief Judicial Magistrate,

Samba and other Judicial Officers of District Court Complex S, Members of Bar Association Samba, Staff members of District Court Complex Samba and DLSA Samba, PLVs of DLSA Samba and also by the litigants. The medical team conducted 102 OPDs which included BP Checkup and Blood Sugar tests (18 patients of Respiratory Tract infection, 14 patients of Hypertension, 4 patients of Neck pain, 12 patients of Arthralgia, 2 patients of irritable bowel syndrome, 29 patients of Acid peptic disease, 21 patients of Anemia, 14 patients of Hypertension and 6 patients of Diabetes Mellitus).

Besides this, the DLSA Samba also organized a seminar at Dogra Law

College on the topic Positive Changes in Jammu & Kashmir due to shifting of its status from State to UT and also the positive developments in the UT of J&K. Tania Pargal, Panel Advocate, DLSA, Samba was the main resource person in the seminar who highlighted the positive changes like administrative growth, economic and structural growth witnessed in the UT of J&K since 2019 and also the need to abrogate Article 370 and 35 A of Constitution of India in the year 2019. In addition to this, painting competitions, Pledge taking ceremonies and awareness programmes were also conducted by DLSA, Samba in collaboration with the Department of Education.

People fed-up with misrule of BJP's proxy govt in J&K: Tony Prominent people join Congress

JINNEWS SERVICE
RSPURA, OCT 31

Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K PCC and DDC Suchetgarh asserted that people of Jammu and Kashmir are fed-up with misrule of BJP as things are being carried on arbitrarily without considering the woes of common people. He said that Congress is the only party which can ensure justice to the people who have been hoodwinked by regional as well as national political parties including BJP.

Tony was speaking at the joining programme in which prominent people of RS Pura joined the party fold in presence of Corporator Tirath Singh, senior Congress leader of RS Pura and other party workers at Ward No 10 in RS Pura.

Addressing the programme, Tony said that



Baba Sahib Ambedkar, who was apostle of peace and justice.

He asked the present government to immediately resolve the issue of daily wagers and should shun the dilly-dallying policies which have usurped the rights of the people and forcing the common man to lead a life full of injustice and death.

Tony stated that JKPC President Vikas Rasool has opened the gates of Congress for everyone and he has invited everyone to join the country oldest party and assured that all the senior leaders would get a respect and honour in the party.

Those who joined the party fold included Krishan Lehria, ACD Retd., Rampal Tehsildar Retd, Ashok Kumar, Tirath Singh from Azad Congress, Puran Chand, Anil Lehria prominent youth leader and others

people are not only fed with the anti-people policies of BJP at the centre but are also exhausted by BJP's proxy government in J&K, which is directionless and doing experimentation day in day out on people as if they are 'herd of animals'. He asserted that today the whole Jammu and Kashmir celebrated this day as Black Day.

He said that Congress's stand is clear that statehood of J&K should be restored henceforth without any excuse or political tantrum. He said that BJP has done biggest sin by snatching away the status

of state from the people of Jammu, Kashmir and even Ladakh.

He stated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will show the door to BJP as it has crossed all the limits of exploiting the common man over the pointless issues of communal, regional, lingual and other kind of divisive agenda.

Tony said that Congress is the last hope of people across J&K as it is treading to uphold everything inscribed in the Constitution of India, which was very carefully created by the spadework done by

National Unity, fifth JK UT Foundation Day celebrated with verve In Rajouri

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 31

National Unity Day and the Fifth Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) Foundation Day were marked by a vibrant and enthusiastic celebration across Rajouri District.

The event was held at the District Police line Rajouri where the Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal graced the occasion as the chief guest. This momentous gathering provided an opportunity to reflect upon the significance of unity, commemorate the journey of Jammu and Kashmir as a UT, and anticipate a brighter and harmonious future.

As the attendees gathered, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal administered the pledge of unity, emphasizing the importance of fostering a sense of togetherness and solidarity among all participants. This act served as a powerful reminder of the strength that lies within unity, and the role it plays in shaping the progress and prosperity of the region.

The occasion also marked the fifth anniversary of the declaration of Jammu and Kashmir as a Union Territory. It served



as a day of remembrance, reflection, and anticipation, symbolizing the resilience, fortitude, and commitment of Jammu and Kashmir to a harmonious and prosperous future. Jammu and Kashmir, often regarded as the crown jewel of India, boasts unparalleled natural beauty, a rich cultural heritage, and a history as complex as it is compelling.

The transition to Union Territory status on October 31, 2019, was a pivotal moment in the story of the region. It opened a new chapter of integration, development, and peace. The JK UT Foundation Day serves as a reminder of the remarkable strides Jammu and Kashmir has taken in these years, highlighting its journey towards progress and prosperity.

The celebrations were not limited to ceremonial

proceedings alone. Cultural items showcasing the patriotic spirit of the region were also organized, adding an element of vibrancy and festivity to the event. These performances highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and the country served as a reminder of the diverse talents and artistic expressions that thrive within the region.

The National Unity Day and Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day celebrations in Rajouri District were a resounding success, serving as a testament to the spirit of unity, progress, and peace. This event provided an opportunity for the community to come together, reflect upon the remarkable journey of Jammu and Kashmir, and reaffirm their commitment to a harmonious and prosperous

future. Through the collective efforts of its people and the support of the administration, Jammu and Kashmir continue to make significant strides in its development and integration. As the region moves forward, it is essential to cherish and celebrate these milestones, recognizing the immense potential and opportunities that lie ahead.

The National Unity Day and Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day celebrations in Rajouri District stand as a shining example of the region's resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment to progress. It is a testament to the indomitable spirit of its people, who strive for unity, peace, and prosperity.

Among the others present during the event were SSP Rajouri, Amrit Pal Singh; ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser DSWO, Abdul Rahim; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; DCO, Alam Dar; DySP HQr, Mudasar Chowdhury; Officer from BSF, councilors and numerous school students

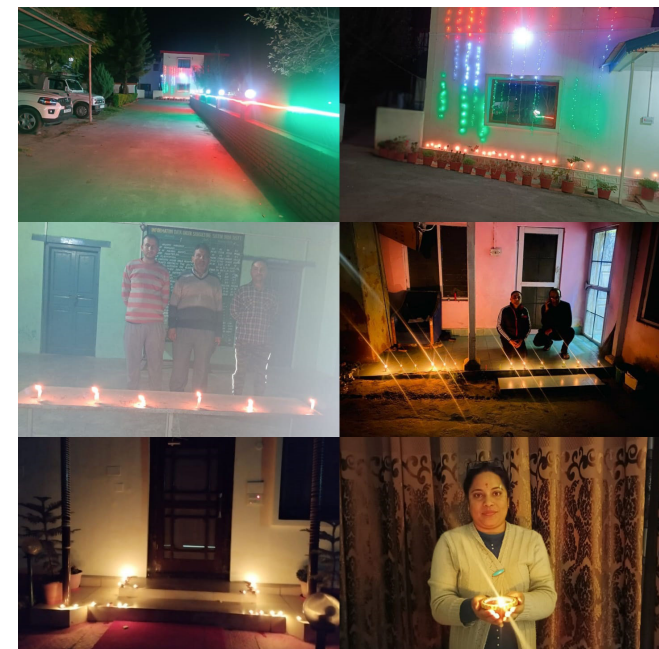
Offices, Panchayats, Houses Illuminated to celebrate J&K UT Foundation Day in Doda

JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 31

In a spectacular display of enthusiasm and patriotism, all government offices, Panchayat Ghars and many houses across the Doda district were illuminated last night to mark the celebration of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) Foundation Day. This unique initiative, taken by the Doda Administration under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, aimed to create a festive and celebratory atmosphere to commemorate this momentous occasion.

The entire district was adorned with vibrant lights and decorations, symbolizing the unity and pride of the people of Doda. The illuminations added vibrancy to the streets and created a sense of joy and festivity among the residents. The celebrations not only showcased the grandeur of the occasion but also served as a reminder of the progress and achievements of the district over the years.

The illumination of all government offices demonstrated the commitment of the administration towards the welfare and development of the region. The buildings were



beautifully lit up, reflecting the spirit of progress and growth that has been achieved under the government's initiatives. This visual spectacle served to inspire and motivate both government officials and the citizens to continue working towards the betterment of the district.

Furthermore, 237 Panchayats joined the celebrations by illuminating their respective Panchayat Ghars, emphasizing the grassroots level development and the strengthening of local governance. The illuminated Panchayats not only depicted the

progress made at the grassroots level but also symbolized the active participation and engagement of the local communities in the development process.

Not limited to government buildings, numerous houses across the district also participated in the celebrations by adorning themselves with lights and decorations. The illuminated houses added a personal touch to the festivities, reflecting the pride and enthusiasm of the residents in being part of the celebration of the J&K UT Foundation Day.

The entire district was witness to this magnificent display of unity and solidarity. The illuminated offices, Panchayats, and houses served as a visual representation of the progress and growth achieved in Doda under the government's initiatives. The celebrations highlighted the collective effort and commitment of the community towards building a prosperous future for the district. The Doda Administration expressed its gratitude to all the

residents for their active participation and support in making this celebration a grand success. It is through such collective efforts and display of unity that the district can continue to progress and achieve greater heights. The Doda Administration extends its warmest wishes to all the residents on the occasion of Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day. It reaffirms its commitment to the overall development and welfare of the district and calls upon the residents to join hands in building a prosperous future for Doda.

Lt Governor felicitates the winner, runner-up and other outstanding players of CRPF T20 Cricket Cup 2023

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 31

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the closing ceremony of CRPF T20 Cricket Cup 2023 and felicitated the winner, runner-up and other outstanding players of the tournament.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the CRPF Srinagar Sector officials, and all the participating players and teams from Ganderbal, Budgam and Srinagar.

CRPF has always lived upto its motto of 'Service & Loyalty' and proven its mettle since inception in 1949 with single vision of 'Nation First'. Its effort to engage youth from Kashmir is creating new environment of peace, prosperity and building moral leadership among young generation, the Lt Governor said.

He called for united



efforts to establish a more conducive environment and provide platforms to nurture the budding sporting talents of Jammu Kashmir in diverse sports disciplines.

"The youth of J&K UT is our most precious wealth. The opportunity to compete in different sports will enable them to bring new

hope, right skills to excel in life, courage to achieve success in every field and become role models for children," the Lt Governor said.

The final was played between MLA Gymkhana Club Budgam and Kashmir Tigers Lal Chowk.

Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Sh Aftab

Malik, Chairman, DDC, Srinagar; Sh Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, DDC Budgam; Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Nalin Prabhakar, ADG CRPF; senior officers of Civil administration, Police and CRPF, sports lovers and youth in large number were present.

Harvinder Singh takes over as new Deputy Commissioner Doda



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DODA, OCTOBER 31

In a significant administrative transition, Harvinder Singh today formally assumed the charge of Deputy Commissioner Doda. The outgoing DC, Vishesh Mahajan, handed over the charge to Harvinder Singh.

Notably, the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh, brings a wealth of

experience to this role, having previously served as the Additional Deputy Commissioner in Jammu and SDM Uri. His expertise and dedication to public service bode well for the continued progress and development of the Doda district.

Meanwhile, Vishesh Mahajan, the outgoing DC of Doda wished the new incoming Deputy Commissioner good luck for his new role.

GHSS Bhatodi organizes Symposium, Run for Unity



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MALHAR, OCT 31

GHSS Bhatodi, Zone Malhar organized symposium and run for unity on eve of birth anniversary of Vallabhbhai Patel which is celebrated as National Unity Day On 30th oct every year throughout India, under the celebration of UT Foundation Day.

During this event different students of four houses participated. Number of the students who participated in this

event is 100. At the end of the event worthy principal Romesh Badyal along with lecturers Raman and Aman Sharma distributed the prizes to the winners. Also all staff members and students took the pledge on National Unity Day.

winner of this event
1 Joginder paul of eco house
2 Taaro Devi of wisdom house
3 Usha Devi Of wellbeing house
4 Surjeet singh of Peace house

Director NIT Srinagar flags off 'Run for Unity' to mark National Unity Day

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SRINAGAR, OCT 31

Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla on Tuesday flagged off 'Run for Unity' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Srinagar.

Prof. Yedla along with the NIT Srinagar community, gathered at Duck Park to mark the occasion. He administered the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' Pledge, emphasizing the importance of unity and integration in the diverse tapestry of India.

After that, the Director flagged off the 'Run for Unity' in which teaching, non-teaching, and students participated, embarking on a journey that symbolized unity and diversity. They were received with a warm welcome upon their return to the NIT Srinagar campus, where their unity and spirit of togetherness



were celebrated. In his key speech, Prof. Yedla paid heartfelt tributes to Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, often regarded as the Unifier of India. His relentless efforts in integrating the princely states into a united and independent India have earned him a revered place in the history of the country, he said.

He appreciated the Department of Physical Education and the NSS for their commendable efforts in organizing the event. Bringing together 500 princely states was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's monumental achievement, and

today, the hallmark of India is its unity in diversity, the Director said.

"Let us exemplify this unity within our campus as a shining example. In the future, I hope to witness increased participation from students, faculty, and administrative staff in upcoming events," Prof. Yedla added.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Yedla, Dean Students Welfare Prof. Abdul Liman, and Dr. Tanveer Rasool, Associate DSW also felicitated position holders from teaching, non-teaching staff and students with mementos and certificates in the boys' student

category, Ravi Chaudhary (BMME-017), Kunal Diwaker (BMC100), and Suhail Hamid (BITE-106) clinched the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively. Among the girls, Rukaya Bano, Kaneez Fatima, and Pooja secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively. Among the teaching staff, Dr. Farhad Illahi (EED) claimed the top spot, with Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raut (CSE) and Dr. Manoj Kumar (MED) securing the 2nd and 3rd positions in the competition. In the non-teaching category, Yasir Ahmad Mir, Ashiq Hussain Mir, and Mohammad Asif Malik took the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Program Coordinator, Dr. Jitendra Gujjar. He extended his gratitude to Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Yedla, for his invaluable support and encouragement in organizing similar events in the future.

Jammu officers to become Ni-kshay Mitras; DM, SSP, CMO, others to take lead

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting of the District TB Forum and TB Comorbidity Co-ordination Committee at district headquarters to discuss their achievements and outline targets aligned with the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program Guidelines.

The District Magistrate expressed the imperative for all government officers to act as 'Nikshay Mitras', extending support to those fighting against TB to facilitate their recovery to full health. He emphasised that the Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police and Chief Medical Officer would spearhead the campaign to decisively combat TB and pave the way for its eradication within the district. Target groups were told to be identified for extensive TB testing, focussing on diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients. The Deputy Commissioner presented strategies for comprehensive patient



sampling and identification, in line with the vision of a TB Mukta Bharat. He assured the committee of unwavering support in their efforts to eliminate TB from the district.

The District Magistrate underscored the importance of mandatory sample testing within target populations as a crucial step in curbing infections in vulnerable sections of the population. The CMO was entrusted with analysing historical data to identify trends that could guide intensified efforts. Discussions centered on strategies for preventive measures and

strategic interventions, furthering the mission to conquer TB.

In a heartening gesture, the District Magistrate pledged to personally adopt TB patients and become a 'Nikshay Mitra,' setting a precedent for all district officers to participate in this commendable initiative.

Sachin Kumar later met with some patients who have successfully recovered from TB. He encouraged them to face the life with renewed vigour and also encouraged the young ones to take ambitious goals in life and study hard. The DM earlier con-

vened a meeting to review the implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act. Renewal of registration and new registration cases were discussed while details of registered genetics clinics, laboratories, ultrasound clinics and imaging centres were also reviewed in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Chief Medical Officer, Dr Harbaksh Singh; District Social Welfare Officer, Mamta Rajput, MS Govt Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Dr Praveen Yogrj besides other concerned officers.

'Vocal for Local' propelling local start-ups to make India Atmanirbhar: Yudhvir

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today extolled the remarkable progress achieved by India under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past nine years.

Yudhvir Sethi along with Parveen Kerni, Mandal President East, Arun Sethi and Vipin Sharma, General Secretaries East, Swarn Singh President Ward 19 and Chaman Angral, Mandal President SC Morcha today visited the Potter at Bus Stand and apprised him about the key achievements of Modi Govt in promoting the local artisans.

Yudhvir Sethi underscored the transformative impact of the Modi government's policies, heralding a new era of infrastructure growth, effective governance, and comprehensive development.

Sethi lauded Prime Minister Modi for ushering in an era of unprecedented development that has fundamentally altered India's trajectory. He emphasized that the Modi government has been characterized by its unwavering commitment to building robust infrastructure, ensuring



economy to reach pinnacle of progress and show the right place to the competitors which have entered the country solely for personal gains.

He reiterated that the idea behind vocal for local is to empower local brands and provide them a nurturing environment so that they can grow to their full potential within the country.

Asking the people to support local products in view of festive season, the senior BJP leader said that the approach under 'vocal for local' can prove out to be instrumental in promoting local start-ups and making India self-reliant, which is the need of the time today. He said that the country needs to focus on becoming self-reliant and help the small scale industries reach a level where they can compete with the global products in the markets across the world and for this success of 'vocal for local' is a must.

good governance, and fostering all-encompassing progress. These pillars have come to define the transformative journey that the nation has embarked upon under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership, he said.

The senior BJP leader laid stress on the call given by PM Modi for self-reliance by coining the term 'vocal for local'. "Through this the PM has stressed on the importance of supporting local businesses and startups and not giving much response to products which are non-domestic", he said, adding that this endeavour has the potential to help the

Keep away status quo lobby: appeals Brig. Gupta

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

Brig. Anil Gupta (Retd.), the spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janta Party has condemned the latest spurt in violence in Kashmir Valley. Terming the incidents as motivated Brig. Gupta has blamed the Status Quo lobby for the attack on a police officer and cowardly killing of a non-local labourer. The incidents are well-timed to take the sheen off from the UT Day collaborations planned by the Administration. Also, there would have the least impact on the splendid tourist season which has begun to decline due to onset of winters.

While sympathising with the victim's family, Brig. Gupta is critical of the status quo lobby and blames it squarely for the latest spurt in violence. Accusing the lobby to be part of the terror support network, Brig. Gupta asserted that they can go to any extent to regain power.

Those who governed and ruled the erstwhile J&K state in the most corrupt and unaccountable manner are eager to return to power so that they can resort to their old ways of manipulation and corruption. Unhappy with the efforts of the present administration to stop the storm of corruption unleashed by them, the group has now resorted to mudslinging stated Brig. Gupta.

FFMA pays tributes to Sardar Patel, Indira Gandhi

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JAMMU, OCT 31

Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) organized a function under its Chairman, Rajiv Mahajan and Patron-in-Chief, Ved Gandotra to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Iron Man and the architect of Modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Floral tributes were paid to the great leader and the re-shaper of Modern India. A two-minute silence was also observed.

Speaking on the occasion, the members praised Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's



farsightedness and authoritarian power, that he met all the heads of the princely and got all the state merged as one great, sovereign Indian State.

Chairman Rajiv Mahajan said that Vallabhbhai Patel contributed significantly to

strengthening the cooperative movement in the country, adding that the country's first home minister dedicated himself to the welfare of farmers.

FFMA also remembered former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's death anni-

versary and paid tribute on this day.

Gandhi created history by providing an able and dynamic leadership to the country and was acknowledged a strong and visionary leader in the world, Rajiv Mahajan said adding that she was truly the leader of the all sections of plural Indian society and stood by her principles and laid down her life for the same, Speakers maintained.

Other members present were R.C Puri and Prof.S.S Bhalwal, Karnail Chand, Parbhat Kapahi, Ravinder Mittal, Pritam Sharma.

Congress observes Indira Gandhi's 39th Martyrdom Day

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

Rich tributes were paid to the former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary today, by the Congress party in Jammu and Sringer party headquarters besides in different dit. And Block Headquarters of the UT.

The Main function was held at PCC HQ Shaheedi chowk, Jammu under the chairmanship of Shri Vikar Rasool Wani - President. Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice Presidents Th. Balwan Singh and Ravinder Sharma, besides Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, Dist. Presidents Jammu Urban and Jammu Rural and other districts, frontal heads, Secretaries and other prominent leaders attended the function.

Earlier floral tributes were paid by garlanding the statue of Smt. Indira Gandhi at Indira Chowk Jammu by the PCC Presi-

dent Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, Ex-PCC President and CWC Member Shri G.A. Mir alongwith Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, senior Vice Presidents Th. Balwan Singh, Ravinder Sharma, Vice President Yogesh Sawhney, Sain Abdul Rashid, General Secretary Narinder Gupta, DCC President Jammu Urban Th. Manmohan Singh, Mahila President Shameema Raina Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Ritu Choudhary & Bhanu Mahajan besides other prominent leaders. Congress Seva Dal has organized the function at Indira Chowk.

Rich tributes were also paid to Sardar Patel, first Dy Prime Minister and Home Minister and one of the greatest stalwarts of the country, on his birth anniversary today. His services in the freedom struggle and in the strengthening and consolidation of the country after independence were recalled.



Addressing the gathering at PCC HQ Shri Vikar Rasool Wani while paying floral tributes to Smt. Indira Gandhi remembered her supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the nation. He said that Smt. Gandhi created history by providing an able and dynamic leadership to the Country and was acknowledged a strong

and visionary leader in the world. She will always be remembered as a leader of masses with strong commitment to the upliftment of poor and down trodden and devotion to the cause of nation and did not succumb against any pressures at the cost of the unity and integrity of the nation. Shri Raman Bhalla

recalled her historical contributions in the form of Shimla agreement, which binds Pakistan to settle all outstanding issues with India including Kashmir through bilateral means, strengthening of Non Aligned Movement (NAM) in the World, besides liberating Bangladesh for which her leadership was commended by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee who compared her to Goddess Durga. He said that Congressmen should remain committed and strengthen the principles for which Indira Ji lived and sacrificed her life.

Prominent those who attended included Vice Presidents Ved Mahajan, Naresh K Gupta, Yash Pal Kundal, Vinod Sharma, Rajnish Sharma (Mian), Pranav Shagotra, General Secretaries Mohinder Bhardwaj, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T.S. Tony, Naresh Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Amrit Bali, Shakeel Shah, S. Gurmit Singh,

Narinder Sharma, Balbir Singh, Shakeel Mir, Subash Bhagat, Satish Sharma, Thomas Khokhar, DCC Presidents Th. Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Shamsher Chib (Jammu Rural), Sanjeev Sharma (Samba), Pankaj Dogra (Kathua), Vinod Khajuria (Udhampur), Akash Bharat (PYC), Shameema Raina (Mahila) Vijay Sharma (Seva Dal), Ajay Lakhotra (NSUI), Karan Bhagat (SC), Madan Chalotra (OBC), Krishan Bhagat (Ex-MLA), besides Bhushan Dogra, Sanjeev Sharma Panda, Nirdosh Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Th. Hoshiyar Singh, Pankaj Sharma, Satish Shastri, Pawan Bhagat, Paramjit Singh, Jyoti Vaid, Vijay Tagotra., Vijay Shastri, Jatin Raina, Ricky Dalotra, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David Babloo, Daleep Kumar, Bhavishya Soodan, Charanjit Bhagat, Sham Mehra, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Farooq Ahmed and others.

Pledge ceremony organized by GDCW, Kathua on "National Unity Day"



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

Government Degree College for women, Kathua organized Pledge ceremony on 31st oct 2023 under the banner of "National Unity Day". The theme of the Pledge was "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" The event was attended by teaching and non-teaching staff along with the students of NCC

and NSS, who gathered to take the pledge for the unity, integrity and security of the nation and vowed to spread the message among the fellow countrymen. The event was graced by worthy principal, Dr. Savi Behl, Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme officer, Dr. Pallavi, Nodal officer of the Shikshit Bharat, Dr. Usha Kiran and other staff members of the college.

Nowshera Forest Division celebrates J&K UT Formation Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, OCT 31

A fervent celebration of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory formation day, the Nowshera Forest Division organized a series of impactful events at the Sunderbani Forest Range. Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer of Sunderbani, along with the Block Officers Rangeel Singh and Rajinder Dev Sharma, led the charge in conducting these programs with the active participation of dedicated staff members. The day commenced with a thought-provoking debate competition held at Government Higher Secondary School Hathal, providing a platform for insightful discussions on environmental conservation, sustainable forestry, and the importance of protecting our natural heritage. Following the debate, a dedicated cleanliness drive took place here at Brevi, highlighting



the commitment of the Nowshera Forest Division to maintaining the pristine beauty of the Sunderbani Forest Range. Volunteers and staff members worked tirelessly to remove litter and maintain the natural surroundings. The festivities culminated with a vibrant and ecologically-conscious 'Green March' through the lush green landscapes of Sunderbani it was conducted in collaboration Municipal Corporation Sunderbani. Participants, including

local communities, forest officials, and volunteers, walked in unity to spread awareness about the significance of afforestation and safeguarding our fragile ecosystems. Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer of Sunderbani, expressed his gratitude to all those who participated and contributed to the success of these programs. He emphasized the importance of conserving the natural wealth of Sunderbani and fostering a strong sense of

responsibility toward the environment. The Nowshera Forest Division's proactive involvement in celebrating the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory formation day underlines the commitment to environmental preservation and community engagement. The whole events were conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Satinder Mourya Divisional Forest officer Nowshera.

Ch. Manmohan honoured during 3rd annual day function of Jat Sansar Patrika

JI NEWS SERVICE
MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP), OCT 31

Ch. Manmohan Singh, President of All India Jat Maha Sabha, J&K, and former Mayor of Jammu, today graced the 3rd annual day function of Jat Sansar Patrika held in Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh.

The event saw a significant gathering of the Jat community from various corners of the country, reinforcing the unity and spirit of the community.

The proceedings commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Ch. Manmohan Singh, who was the chief guest of the event.

A special segment of the event was dedicated to honoring esteemed members of the Jat community, including women who have earned a distinguished reputation in various fields. Mementos were presented by Ch. Manmohan Singh and Anag Pal Rathi in recognition of



their contributions.

The participants have also honoured Ch Manmohan Singh for his distinguished services towards the community.

Ch. Manmohan Singh, in his address, commended Anag Pal Rathi and his dedicated team for their relentless efforts in publishing the community magazine for three successive years. He complemented the members of Jat community who were honoured during the function. He also emphasized the pivotal role played by women of Jat community in the society, stating

that our society is incomplete without women. He encouraged the community women to be proactive agents of change and take a lead role in eliminating drug-related issues in society.

Ch. Manmohan Singh has urged his community to unite for their rights. He said that the Jat community is facing many challenges today, including discrimination, unemployment, and poverty. He called on the Jats to come together and fight for their rights.

Singh said that the Jats are one of the largest communities in India, but they

are still not getting their fair share of resources and opportunities. He said that the Jats are discriminated against in education, employment, and government programs. He also said that the Jats are facing high rates of unemployment and poverty.

Singh urged the community members to unite and fight for their rights, urging government to provide Jat with equal opportunities and resources.

Earlier, Anag Pal Rathi, Editor in Chief of Jat Sansar Patrika highlighted the publication's remarkable three-year journey and the impact it has made in the community. He also expressed his gratitude to Ch. Manmohan Singh, terming him a "strong pillar of the community" for his tireless work and commitment to addressing community-related challenges.

Mohan Singh Bhatti, Chairman of the Border Kissan Union, Jammu was also present.

Mahatma Gandhi National Fellows joint Convocation ceremony held across 9 IIMs including IIM Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

The two-year Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship program concluded today with a joint convocation ceremony held across the 9 IIMs and graced by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, and Hon'ble Minister of State, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Prof. T G Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, Shri. K. Sanjay Murthy, IAS, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, IAS, Secretary MSDE, Secretary MoE, Chairman AICTE, Shri Nilambur Sharan, Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt of India and several officers from Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, (MSDE) and Ministry of Education (MoE). 40 fellows from IIM Jammu cohort were given certificate in Public Policy, and IIM Jammu had organized 5 days pre-convocation workshop for the fellows at IIM Jammu Jagti campus where work done by the fellows in their districts to improve skill ecosystem was presented.

The convocation ceremony of MGNF at IIM Jammu was graced by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director,

IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Programme Director, MGNF, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Programme Director, MGNF, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Shahid Jibran, Program Manager, MGNF. The virtual session commenced with the lamp-lighting ceremony. The MGNF team and IIM Jammu faculty and staff members were present at the occasion.

Prof. Arnab Mukherjee, Program Director, MGNF IIM Bangalore, delivered the welcome address. He mentioned that the Fellowship is committed to developing the next generation of rural development leaders. He mentioned that under the MGNF programme, 650 + districts were covered where the fellows mastered the art of 3P's i.e Planning, Persuasion and Persistence. He mentioned that the programme seeks to empower rural India and aims for sustainable development. The event commenced with the showcasing a video on highlighting the importance of MGNF Programme and the success stories of the fellows from various districts.

Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India in his address, mentioned that the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme



is an ideal example of Skilling and Education as part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He mentioned that Skill development is the backbone of economic progress and the MGNF program equips its fellows with the skills and mindset needed to empower rural communities through sustainable employment opportunities. He reiterated on the MGN fellows for being the torchbearers for "Skill Development" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, IAS, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt of India lauded the collaboration of State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India with Premier Educational Institutions like IIMs putting forward an ideal example of industry and

academia as part of NEP 2020. He mentioned that the MGNF programme jointly conducted by nine of India's premier institutions (IIMs), is a testament to the power of collaborative efforts in driving positive change across the country.

The programme further commenced with the release of the MGNF Report by IIM Bangalore. This comprehensive report showcases the significant work undertaken by Mahatma Gandhi National Fellows across the country, offering insights into the innovative projects, sustainable initiatives, and life-changing milestones that have been executed in rural communities.

Chief Guest Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, and Hon'ble Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneur-

ship, Govt of India congratulated all the fellows on the historic moment of their completion of MGNF programme and awarding of the degrees on the landmark occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. He suggested for linking the academic bank of credit of the fellows, and on adding it on the National Bank of Credit. He also credited the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for pioneering the Digital Skill Revolution and Vishwakarma Yojana in the country with the creation of digital skill India portal in the country.

During his address, he presented an impressive overview into the statistics in the rapid reduction in the unemployment rate in the country from 6% to 3% with an emphasis on women empowerment. He highlighted the government's commitment to equipping our nation's

youth with the skills, knowledge, and determination to drive socio-economic progress in rural communities including the need for constant re-skilling. He urged all the stakeholders for making skilling their mission of life along with joining hands in the futuristic journey for creating a healthy ecosystem in the country.

Shri Nilambuj Sharan, Senior Economic Advisor, MSDE, delivered the vote of thanks and credited the support of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt of India, and the Premier Institutions like IIMs. He praised the MGNF program's emphasis on practical, on-ground learning and wished good luck to all the fellows for their journey ahead.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Programme Director, MGNF, IIM Jammu mentioned about the rigorous academic curriculum and mentorship provided to MGNF fellows, stating that IIM Jammu is dedicated to imparting the highest standards of education, and we have seen tremendous growth and development in our MGNF fellows throughout their journey. He also mentioned about the recognition by Hon'ble President of India for the

MGNF Fellows during the recent held IIM Bangalore convocation. During his address, he mentioned that MGN Fellows have undergone a rigorous two-year training program focused on rural development, policy implementation, and management. With their newfound skills and knowledge, they are poised to lead transformational initiatives in their respective regions.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu in his address expressed his pride in being part of convocation programme and training the MGN fellows. He mentioned that IIM Jammu is committed to nurturing responsible leaders who will contribute to the betterment of society. We are proud to be a part of the MGNF program and look forward to the achievements of our graduates in the years to come. He also urged all the fellows to keep the Nation first and contribute to the progress of the nation and society at large.

Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Program Director of MGNF, IIM Jammu congratulated the graduates and commended their unwavering dedication to the program's goals. He mentioned that the MGNF program is a beacon of hope for rural India, and the graduates who have completed this journey

are equipped to drive meaningful change at the grassroots level.

The event culminated with the distribution of certificates to the MGN fellows by Prof B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, in presence of Prof. Jabir Ali, Programme Director and Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Programme Director, MGNF, IIM Jammu.

The MGNF Convocation witnessed the graduation of a dynamic group of individuals who are now ready to make a significant impact in rural development, policy implementation and management. The journey begins with a firm commitment to Mahatma Gandhi's vision of an equitable and prosperous India.

MGNF is a Certificate Program in Public Policy and Management offered by IIMs. It has been designed at the initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India (GoI) and implemented in collaboration with State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs). The program was hosted by nine IIMs (IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Jammu, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow, IIM Nagpur, IIM Ranchi, IIM Udaipur, and IIM Visakhapatnam) with IIM Bangalore managing the common admission process.

Ground level workers are real game changers in political battles: Kavinder

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DAUSA, OCT 31

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K, Kavinder Gupta asked the party cadre to disseminate information about Modi government's flagship schemes among the common masses to ensure resounding victory of Party in the ensuing political battle in the state.

The senior BJP leader was speaking while addressing a Party's District Body meeting at the Party's district office in Dausa. The meeting was presided over by BJP District President, Dr. Prabhu

Dayal Sharma. Kavinder Gupta, who is also the Prabhari of Dausa District, along with Dr. Pravesh Sharma, President of Kisan Morcha, Delhi, and in-charge of Mahuwa addressed numerous workers and provided guidance for the upcoming assembly elections.

Kavinder Gupta pointed out the crucial role of booth-level workers in winning any election. He highlighted that preparation for the Assembly elections are on the verge, with only 4 to 5 days remaining. Thus, all must work swiftly to activate workers at the booth level.



He asked them to strengthen the organization from the booth-level, and reach out to prospective voters from all segments and age-groups. He laid stress on strengthening organizational setup to the hilt so that the party's triumph in the upcoming political contest could be

ensured. Kavinder said that it is important to bring the voter to the polling booth and efforts should be made by the party workers to meet this challenge with utmost ease through strong resolve and conviction. He also said there is a need to strengthen the

support base and take it to another level in the ensuing poll season. He said that ground level workers are the real ambassadors of the party as their efforts can prove to be the game changer especially to get favourable results in elections.

Dr. Prabhu Dayal Sharma, BJP District President, addressed the workers, emphasizing that everyone should work diligently to implement all the programs and guidelines given by the national and state commands for the organization. He stressed the importance of collective responsibility and that the organization's work cannot be solely reliant on one office-bearer. Everyone must recognize their responsibilities. He also reviewed the organizational activities taking place in their respective divisions with all the present divisional in-charges and coordinators.

DFP&G Jammu celebrates "National Unity Day"



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

The Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu celebrated "National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" at Directorate of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens, Har-Ki-Poudi Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu under the supervision of S. Jatinder Singh JKAS, Director General, Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu.

The Director General, administered the pledge to all the officers/officials. The nation commemorates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October, who was the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India. He was a man of courage and determi-

nation and in the true sense the "IRON MAN OF INDIA". He was instrumental in uniting all the princely States in India.

Interacting with the officers/officials of the Department, he stressed that the purpose for organizing such programmes is to promote National Integration among Citizens of India as well as maintain Unity and Integrity of the Country. Deputy Director (P&S), Accounts Officer, Floriculture Officer (HQ) & AFO Bagh-e-Bahu were present in today's ceremony along with all the officials of the Directorate.

The observance of pledge taking ceremony of National Unity Day was also organised in all the Districts of the Division under the guidance of District Officers of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Department Jammu.

DLSA Baderwah celebrates UT Foundation Day, launched Cleanliness Drive

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BHADERWAH, OCT 31

In a resplendent celebration of unity and progress, the District Legal Services Authority, Baderwah, under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority commemorated the "UT Foundation Day" with a grand event that left an indelible mark on all participants. The event was organized under the able guidance of Pr District and Sessions Judge Baderwah and Chairman DLSA Sunit Gupta. A significant highlight of the event was the gracious presence of Ramesh Lal, Secretary of DLSA (Sub Judge) Baderwah, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Panel Lawyer Advocate Mohd Majid Malik delivered a powerful address that shed light on the remarkable transformation in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir since the year 2019. He said that Jammu



and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 came into force on October 31 and as a result, 37 central laws which were not applicable to the union territory of J&K is now be applicable which included the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, Representation Of People Act, 1950, Census Act 1948 and Prevention Of Corruption Act, 1988, Income-Tax Act, 1961, Protection Of Human Rights Act, 1993, Official Languages Act, 1963, Press Council Act, 1978, Press and Registration Of Books Act, 1867, Insolvency And Bankruptcy Code, 2016, Census Act, 1948, Public Debt Act, 1944, Indian Forest Act, 1927 and All

India Services Act, 1951. Advocate Mohd Majid Malik also informed that according to Section 96 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the Central Government has requisite powers to make adaptations and modifications of the laws whether by way of repeal or amendment. "The UT Foundation Day celebration is not just a mark on the calendar; it's a celebration of our journey towards a more prosperous and harmonious society," emphasized Adv Mohd Majid Malik. As part of the celebration, a "Swachhata Hi Sewa" cleanliness drive was also conducted within the premises of District Court Complex Baderwah.

BJP demeaned Dogra glory by bifurcating J&K State: Rattan Lal

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU OCTOBER 31

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President J&K National Conference today castigated BJP leadership in J&K for rubbing salt on the wounds of gallant Dogras by celebrating Foundation Day of UT of J&K, claiming that the day has demeaned the glory of this marshal community as the erstwhile J&K State was cut into pieces.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior NC leader said that people having the slightest idea of formation of erstwhile State of J&K know well that how bravely Maharaja Gulab Singh and his late General Zorawar Singh had fought to expand his empire from boundaries of Punjab upto China and Tibet making erstwhile State of J&K including Ladakh one of the biggest states in the country (area wise).

He termed it unfortunate that the local BJP leadership backstabbed the valiant people of J&K to allow the Centre to slice State into two UTs and



leaving the people on the mercy of Bureaucrats who uncontrolled inflation and unemployment.

Rattan Lal said that J&K was a prosperous state but by mishandling the situation, BJP government lowered the dignity of people by showing no inclination towards the problems being faced by the people, it has turned them into second class citizens as for every cause whether toll plaza, smart meter mismanagement, recruitment scams, etc. they have to fight for their rights.

The senior NC leader said that BJP leadership knows mistakes it had committed in J&K and that is the reason it is advocating to defer polls in the region as decimation of saffron party is inevitable.

He said that on one side, HM Amit Shah claims that the power in J&K has been divided into hands of 30,000 people but on the other hand BJP Government is shirking to hold polls fearing debacle and in this course has dented the democracy badly.

The Provincial President said under incumbent government development has become elusive with healthcare centres running without medicines, industries becoming defunct with new ventures seen nowhere. The condition of roads, electricity and water supply is also in worse conditions.

"Corruption is also touching skies as the case of IAS Officer Parmar, who became whistleblower in case of rampant corruption in Jal Shakti Department", he said.

Rattan Lal Gupta emphasized that BJP leadership has proved to be a damp squib for J&K and therefore people should give chance to National Conference to once again rectify things and restore pristine glory of J&K and its people.

J&K Police observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

J&K Police today observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) across Jammu Zone of UT. The main function was held Gulshan Ground Jammu

this morning where Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone, Shri Anand Jain -IPS took the salute of the parade and administered oath to the Police officers and Jawans. Different contingents took part in a colourful march

past. Speaking on this occasion, the IGP Jammu said that this function along with other similar functions across the country have been held to pay tributes to the Iron Man of India "Sh. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Ji", first Home Minister of the country who made it possible to integrate 562 States into one unit.

IGP Jammu Shri Anand Jain -IPS said that the present "Shape" of the country is because of his contribu-

tion. To commemorate the huge contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, #RashtriyaEktaDiwas is celebrated wherein we take the pledge for internal security, integrity and sovereignty of the county. J&K Police have given

hundreds of sacrifices for internal security and sovereignty of the country and with today's pledge we will continue to move on the path of our service to the nation with more vigour to strengthen our country; he added

Reasi Police books notorious criminal under Public Safety Act

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 31

Working on multipronged strategy of Reasi Police to deal with the notorious criminals, District Police Reasi booked a notorious criminal of Reasi under Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur.

Umer Waseem Ghani S/O Abdul Ghani, resident of Village Bagga, Tehsil Mahore District Reasi was found involved in many criminal cases: case FIR Nos. 68/2017 U/S 48 A Excise Act and FIR No. 26/2018 U/S 457/380 RPC of PS Mahore, FIR No. 479/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC, FIR No 480/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC, FIR No 478/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC of Police Station Udhampur, FIR No. 115/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC, 104/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC and FIR 116/2020 U/S 457/380 IPC of P/S Chenani, District Udhampur, FIR No. 224/2021 U/S 363/376 IPC, 4 POSCO Act of P/S Nagrota, FIR No 12/2023 U/S 457/380, 34 IPC of P/S Kangra (HP), FIR No. 17/2023 U/S 457/380 IPC of P/S Dharamshala (HP) and FIR No. 90/2023 U/S 382 IPC of P/S Mahore. However in view of his continuous involvement in variety of criminal cases and to safeguard the general public it was necessary to book him under stringent law.

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

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

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION KATRA (Tele- Fax No. 01991-232043 E-mail address eepwdkatra@gmail.com)

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

S. No.	Name of work	Tender cost (Lacs)	Remarks
1.	JE Qtr. and Xen Quarter at Katra(Double Story).(Under M.H. 2216-Housing (A.R)2023-24)	4.92	No response

Keeping in view the above remarks, the tender invited vide this office e-NIT No. 108 of 2023-24 dated 17-10-2023 for the above cited work is hereby cancelled and fresh tender is being invited

No:- 5180-85
Dated:- 28-10-2023

sd/
[Er. Ashwani Kumar]
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division,
Katra

DIP/J-10405/23
Date: 31-10-23

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

S. No.	Name of work	Tender cost (Lacs)	Remarks
1.	Repair of Lanes and Drains at Safaikaramchari Mohalla, W.No.06, Katra. (PART-B)	2.348	No response
2.	Repair of Nallah from the H/o Ram Murti to the H/o Pawan Prohit, W.No.10, Katra. (PART-B)	0.859	No response

Keeping in view the above remarks, the tender invited vide this office e-NIT No. 104 of 2023-24 dated 12-10-2023 for the above cited works are hereby cancelled and fresh tender is being invited

No:- 5174-79
Dated:- 28-10-2023

sd/
[Er. Ashwani Kumar]
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division,
Katra

DIP/J-10406/23
Date: 31-10-23

Men's ODI WC: Shaheen Afridi becomes fastest pace bowler to claim 100 ODI wickets

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, OCT 31

Pakistan left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi became the fastest pace bowler to take 100 ODI wickets during the ICC World Cup 2023 league match against Bangladesh here at Eden Gardens, on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old reached the milestone in 51 matches, surpassing Australia's Mitchell Starc's record of 52 ODIs.

He also became the fastest Pakistani bowler to reach the milestone of 100 ODI wickets, overtaking the record of Saqlain Mushtaq, who took 53 matches.

Afridi trapped Bangladesh led-hand batter Tanzid Hasan in front of the wicket with a beautiful in-swinging delivery swinging back on the



pads. In the very next over, he removed Nazmul Hasan Shanto, courtesy of a ripper by Usma Mir, fielding at the backward square leg, who dived at full length to complete the catch.

Australia withdraws bid for 2034 FIFA World Cup; Saudi Arabia set to win hosting rights

AGENCIES
SYDNEY, OCT 31

Football Australia on Tuesday opted out of the 2034 FIFA Men's Football World Cup bid, paving the way for Saudi Arabia to potentially host the tournament. After successfully hosting the record-breaking FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023, which saw almost two million attendees, Australia's chances of hosting the 2034 Men's World Cup seemed bleak when the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) endorsed the Saudi bid.

"We have explored the opportunity to bid to host the FIFA World Cup and - having taken all factors into consideration - we have reached the conclusion not to do so for the 2034 competition." Football Australia



said in a statement. FIFA has invited bids from the Asia and Oceania regions for confederation rotation and of securing the best possible hosting conditions for the World Cup earlier this month.

Australia, however, will aim to secure the hosting rights for the 2029 Club World Cup and the 2026 Women's Asian Cup, with

Saudi Arabia also bidding for the latter tournament.

"We believe we are in a strong position to host the oldest women's international competition in the world, the AFC Women's Asian Cup™ 2026, and then welcome the greatest teams in world football for the 2029 FIFA Club World Cup," the statement further read.

National Games has a special place in my heart: Rani Rampal



AGENCIES
PANAJI, OCT 31

Former Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal has said she had a special connection with the National Games as it was her performance in these games that earned her a spot in the national camp.

Rani, who holds the record of being the youngest women's hockey player to debut for the Indian senior team, was first scouted for the national team back in 2007 when she was just 14 years old in the Games held at Guwahati, Assam, and her career was fast-tracked thereafter. The 28-year-old has since played more than 250 matches for India and scored over 120 goals during her illustrious career.

But the National Games platform still holds a special place in Rani's life and the former India skipper and now the coach of India's U-17 team is in Goa to lead defending champions Haryana in the 37th edition of the Games.

Haryana made a resounding start to their campaign at the Peddem Sports Stadium with an 8-0 victory over Tamil Nadu with Rani also getting on the scoreboard.

"National Games has a special place in my heart. I first took part in the National Games in 2007 and I was picked for the national camp based on

my performance there. This is the very tournament that opened the doors for the national team for me," said Rani, who is playing in her fourth National Games here.

"Playing for your country is the proudest moment in any sports person's life. But it is always special to remember where it all started and represent your state at any platform and contribute to their success," Rani added.

She had led the Haryana team to National Games glory last year in Gujarat soon after leading the Indian team to fourth spot in the Tokyo Olympic Games. Speaking about the importance for senior international players turning out for their state teams, Rani said:

"When we were upcoming players, having a senior international player in the squad would give us added motivation. This Haryana team has made young talented players and if I presence can help them in any way to excel then what could be a better contribution from me to the cause of hockey."

Rani was happy that Goa was hosting the National Games this year and said it reflects the growing sports culture across the country and hope that the state would produce international stars in the near future.

National Games

52-year-old Bhaskar credits rigorous fitness regime for gold-winning performance in billiards

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PANAJI, OCT 31

Karnataka's Bhaskar Balachandra has maintained a fine balancing act in his life between his role as a billiards player and running his family business of silk sarees.

However, on Monday, it was all about taking care of business on the billiards table as the 52-year-old defeated Maharashtra's Rohan Jambusaria 3-1 in the Men's Billiards 100up format to clinch the gold medal at the 37th National Games at the Peddem Indoor Stadium.

Billiards and Snooker is making its competitive debut at the National Games as it was only a demonstration sport back at the 1997 Games in Bengaluru (then Bangalore). Bhaskar had then won the bronze medal with Ashok Shandilya and Geet Sethi winning gold and silver respectively.

The 52-year-old credited his longevity in the game to the rigorous fitness regime he has followed over the years. "At the peak of my career as a sportsman, I



would run 5-6 kms every day, followed by a 3-hour-long solo practice session. Then a couple of hours were dedicated to sparring with my practice partners. Running, Yoga and regular practice is a must to keep yourself fresh throughout the day."

"The match schedules are so cramped in the Billiards and Snooker calendar that you have to commit 10-12 hours of playing in a single day. You need to be sharp and fresh as you go higher and keep winning matches."

Now, Bhaskar cannot give the same amount of time to the sport as his priority at present is to grow his business. But he

continues to work on his fitness, spending almost three hours a day for training and practice.

"Despite all the training that goes behind winning a National Games medal, I have never really considered myself a full-time professional player as I have to juggle between my work and my game," he said, adding that he is just happy that many young children are taking up the sport.

"There's a spike in the growth of this sport at the local club level in tier 1 and tier 2 cities of the country. Earlier, you had to be the part of some prestigious club to play the game, but now, the trend of local

Snooker and Billiards clubs has made this sport accessible to everyone. This will be beneficial to churn out more professional players at the elite level," he added.

Billiards and Snooker definitely got a boost when Public Sector companies started recruiting cue sports players in 2003. But Bhaskar believes that a lot more needs to be done as only 5-10% players get jobs and play the sport professionally.

"We need a huge boost from the government and all stakeholders for more growth in Billiards and Snooker so that people can make a career in it," said Bhaskar.

Messi wins record 8th Ballon d'Or, Bonmati claims women's award



AGENCIES
PARIS, OCT 31

Lionel Messi won his record-extending eighth Ballon d'Or, while Spain's Aitana Bonmati claimed the women's award.

The Argentine soccer great won the award for his exceptional performance at the Qatar World Cup last year when he led Argentina to the trophy with seven goals and was named the best player of the tournament, Xinhua reports.

Messi has won the most significant individual football award in the years of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021, and now 2023.

"This is a gift to the whole Argentina team for what we achieved," said Messi,

paying tribute to his teammates. "Becoming world champion was the title we were missing. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make Argentina the world champion team."

He also dedicated the trophy to legendary Argentine footballer Diego Maradona, who passed away in 2020 and would have celebrated his 63rd birthday on Monday.

"Happy birthday Diego. This is for you, too," he said.

Norwegian forward Erling Haaland came second for winning the UEFA Champions League, Premier League, and FA Cup title with Manchester City, while Qatar World Cup golden boot winner Kylian Mbappe was third.

Men's ODI WC

'PCB is downgrading the morale of its cricketers', says Danish Kaneria

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 31

Former spinner Danish Kaneria has slammed Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for "downgrading the morale" of Pakistani players at the ongoing ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 by focusing "less on cricket and more on geopolitics".

After a series of lost games, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam faced a lot of criticism over his captaincy skills and his batting. In the latest development in Pakistan cricket, Babar Azam's alleged WhatsApp chat surfaced, followed by Inzamam-ul-Haq stepping down as the chief selector of the national men's team.

Taking to social media platform X (previously



Twitter) Kaneria shared a sarcastic post stating, "While Team Afghanistan is focusing more on cricket and less on politics, Team Pakistan is focused less on cricket and more on geo-

politics. @TheRealPCB is downgrading the morale of its cricketers by constantly issuing removal warnings to the captain in case of poor performance. This is happening when team selection is already in question."

"Babar Azam's private chats have been leaked and Inzamam-ul-haq has stepped down as chief selector after his alleged involvement in player management company. Pakistan's team is going through a worse phase. It is time for some major changes in PCB as well as the team," he added.

Amid all this chaos, there is also a growing suspicion about Babar's white ball captaincy, which is at stake after his team's performance in the ongoing ODI World Cup.

Men's ODI WC

Warner hits back at doubters, says 'I just make everyone look stupid'

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 31

Australia's in-form opener David Warner confidently asserted that his outstanding ICC Men's Cricket World Cup World Cup performance has silenced his critics, making them "look stupid".

Warner has been in exceptional form in the ongoing mega tournament, scoring 413 runs, including two hundreds and a fifty, in 6 matches for Australia.

The opener turned 37 last week but his 50-over batting is as destructive as ever. He has peeled off scores 163, 104 and 81 in his last three starts to be the tournament's second-leading run scorer.

However, the left-hander fell agonisingly short



of becoming the first Australian to score three consecutive ODI hundreds on

Saturday, cracking a rapid 81 against New Zealand in Dharamshala.

Asian Shooting C'ships

Shriyanka Sadangi wins India's quota number 13 with fourth place finish in 50m rifle 3P event

AGENCIES
CHANGWON (S KOREA), OCT 31

Shriyanka Sadangi, secured India's 13th Paris 2024 Olympics quota place, finishing fourth in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) event at the on-going Asian Shooting Championship, here on Tuesday.

Shriyanka shot 440.5, to bow out after the 43rd shot of the 45-shot final, equally distributed between the kneeling, prone and standing positions. Experienced Korean Lee Eunseo won gold while reigning air rifle world champion Han Jiayu of China won silver. China also took the bronze through Xia Siyu.

All Indian women shooters in the 3P competition were on top of their mark from the qualification stage itself. Sift Kaur Samra, India's number one, shot 592 playing for ranking points only (RPO) and to soar to the top of the field.

Ashi Chouksey shot 591 to take the first qualifying spot among contenders and second overall. Shriyanka Sadangi and Ayushi Podder also made the top-eight with scores of 588 and 587 respectively. Manini Kaushik, shooting RPO as well, was 10th



overall with a tally of 586. Shriyanka was the hottest off the blocks among the three Indians in the final beginning with a 10.9. She was second with 51.3 after the first five kneeling shots, while Ayushi and Ashi were lying sixth and seventh respectively.

After 10-shots, Han and Lee were already 1-2 and at the end of it Shriyanka had replaced Ayushi in fourth, a position she would hold till the end.

The Prone position saw Ashibegin her move up while Shriyanka consolidated her fourth spot. Ayushi fell behind to seventh. Lee had taken over the lead from Han.