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LG Manoj Sinha visits World skill centre in Bhubaneswar

AGENCIES
BHUBANESWAR, NOV 3

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Manoj Sinha, who is on a tour to Odisha, visited the World Skill Center on Friday.

He explored various advanced laboratories and interacted with students about the different skill courses offered at this premier skill destination of India, located in Bhubaneswar. He was welcomed with Guard of Honour upon his arrival at the facility.

"There is a requirement for talented youth in the development of the country and the state. I



am happy to see the World Skill Center playing a big role in this regard. Here, the youth of Odisha have been given a platform to take their skills to new

heights by getting industry ready training" said the Sinha.

Sinha further thanked the Govt of Odisha and ITEES Singapore for such

a massive infrastructure. He was all praise for various courses offered under the School of Engineering and School of Services at

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India establishing defence wings in new locations around world: Army Chief Gen

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 3

India's outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations as well as peaceful resolution of disputes and adherence to international rules, Chief of Army Staff Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Friday, against the backdrop of the festering border row with China in eastern Ladakh.

In an address at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, Gen Pande also said that India is establishing defence wings in new locations around the world and that the Army is keen to enhance the scope and scale of joint military training and exercises with



friendly foreign partner nations.

Delving into current geo-political upheavals, he emphasised on the need to take note of growing salience of national security in international affairs and the "renewed currency" of hard power.

The Chief of Army Staff described India as

the "bright spot" amidst dependency and geopolitical flux.

"Our outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, equality of all, peaceful resolution of disputes, avoidance of use of force and adherence to international laws and regulations,"

Gen Pande said without making any specific references.

The Chief of Army Staff said India's commitment towards positively engaging all stakeholders has been "unwavering and enduring" over the years.

"In the military domain we understand our role in the emerging multilateral architecture. We are keen to enhance the scope and scale of our joint training and exercises, interoperability, sub-regional perspectives and sharing of best practices with friendly foreign partner nations," he said.

"To give fillip to our defence cooperation outreach, we are establishing defence wings in new

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Joint Action Employees Forum suspends strike following assurances from Divisional Commissioner Jammu

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 3

In a significant development, the Joint Action Employees Forum has decided to suspend their ongoing strike after a productive meeting with the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar.

During the meeting, a range of important issues were discussed, and the forum presented their demands.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu, in response, patiently listened to all the demands and provided assurance



to the forum members. He assured them that all their genuine demands including issues related

to GP fund cases, Gratuity and SRO 43 cases, would be consideration for resolution.

In light of these assurances, the office bearers of the Joint Action Employees Forum have taken the

decision to suspend their strike, marking a potential breakthrough in addressing the issues raised by the forum.

Chairman, Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum, Ganesh Khajuria, President Medical Employees Federation, Sushil Sudan, President State Forest Employees Union, Suresh Sharma, President Clerical Union, Anish Sharma, President Power Development Employees Union, Gurmeet Singh, Provincial President Employees Union, S Gurmeet Singh and other members were present in the meeting.

Revenue Department acts tough against PSGA defaulters

JINNEWSERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 3

Revenue Department, acting on directions issued by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, in a recent review of the department, has directed the Deputy Commissioners to act tough against defaulters of Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011 and initiate disciplinary action.

In a communication issued to the Deputy Commissioners, a list of 57 Revenue Tehsils, where an inordinate delay in delivery of online Revenue Services has been noticed,

has been shared with the Deputy Commissioners with directions to issue notices to the concerned officers and solicit cause of delay. Further, they have been directed to proceed and take warranted action under the provisions of Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011.

Speaking on the sidelines of review of activities being undertaken by sub ordinate offices as part of Vigilance Awareness Week, Secretary, Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, said that the Government is fully committed towards providing time bound services to citizens and officers

acting casually in disposal of services will be taken to task. He said that regular monitoring of online service delivery is being undertaken.

Secretary reviewed the activities being undertaken as part of Vigilance Awareness Week and was informed that while integrity pledges were organised in Revenue Offices at Tehsil, Niabat and Patwar levels, awareness camps were also held to acquaint people with the services being provided online. They were also informed that under PSGA, 2011 time bound service

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No Medicines, Electricity, Water: Farooq urges India to stand up against situation in Gaza

JINNEWSERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 3

National Conference (NC) patriarch and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, Farooq Abdullah, called on fellow countrymen to rise against the sorry state of Gaza amid Israel's raging offensive against terrorist group Hamas.

Addressing a press conference after chairing a meeting of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, on Friday, the NC stalwart also pointed to alleged concerns over

the supply of water and electricity in the besieged Hamas-controlled territory.

"Look at the condition of hospitals, there are no medicines, there is no electricity, water. I feel people across the country should stand up against this (the situation in Gaza)," the NC patron said.

The meeting was held at Abdullah's Srinagar residence on Friday.

NC Lok Sabha MP Hasnain Masoodi, former chief minister and People's Democratic presi-

dent Mehboob Mufti, and CPI(M) leader Yousuf Tarigami, among others, were present at the meeting.

After the Centre abrogated Article 370, thereby stripping the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of its special status guaranteed by a constitutional provision, on August 5, 2019, all mainstream Opposition parties in the Valley, including the National Conference, PDP, Peoples Conference and the CPI(M), came together to form the PAGD. The Gupkar alliance, as it

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Crisis of trust in Indian politics deepened because of Congress: Singh

AGENCIES
JAIPUR, NOV 3

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh alleged on Friday that the crisis of trust in Indian politics has deepened due to the Congress.

He said due to the difference in the words and deeds of political leaders, the public's trust in the country's politics as well as its leaders has gradually eroded.

"Due to the difference in the words and deeds of leaders, the public's trust in Indian politics and its leaders has gradually eroded. And the crisis of trust in Indian politics has deepened due to the



Congress," Singh said, addressing a public meeting in Rajasamand district of Rajasthan in support of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Deepthi Maheshwari in the upcoming state Assembly polls.

Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the

BJP have taken the crisis of trust in Indian politics as a challenge.

The veteran BJP leader said everyone knows about the promises made by the ruling Congress in Rajasthan ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls and whether those were honoured or not.

He said whether it is an individual or an organisation, everyone should honour the promises they make and there should be no difference in their words and deeds.

The 200-member Rajasthan Assembly will go to polls on November 25 and the counting of votes will be taken up on December 3.

IPS Officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar appointed as joint director of CBI for 5 years

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 3

IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar appointed as Joint Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of five years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, a government notification said on November 3.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Personnel & Training for Induction of Shri PrayIn Madhukar Pawar, IPS



(KTK:2003) to the post of Joint Director, CBI for a period of five years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the official statement read.

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Dr Jitendra addresses IAS trainees, points out 'democratisation' of civil services

AGENCIES
KEVADIYA (GUJARAT), NOV 3

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that in recent years there has been a sort of "democratisation" of Civil Services and other avenues due to technology driven accessibility to preparatory material which has, of late, enabled even the aspirants from remotest parts of India to make it to IAS and other All India Services.

This new trend will have a bearing on our future as well, said the Minister. Technology has been the biggest leveller, with mobile phone and internet

penetrating the countryside and everybody gaining access to knowledge, he said.

"The demography of the entire Civil Services has changed, - you have now toppers from Punjab, Haryana, even three Civil Services Exam toppers were all girls this year, from different States of India, earlier it was confined to a handful of States," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space was addressing



the IAS Probationers at the 98th Foundation Course of Lal Bahadur Shastri

National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), bringing together 560

Officer Trainees from IAS including 16 Civil Services of India and 3 Civil

Services of Bhutan, being conducted at Kevadiya, Gujarat.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the last 9-10 years, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has "cautiously introduced" fundamental changes in Governance and the grooming of Civil Servants. Symbolically, "PM Modi has moved India out of Delhi" and many events are now being organised across the country, he said.

"So, this is a kind of a new dimension, and I think it's very much in keeping with the world order today... We have to live up to the global bench-

marks and the global parameters," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the focus of the Government, under the leadership of PM Modi, has been on transparency, accountability and in-time delivery of services by the Government.

"PM Modi has stressed that the age of working in silos is over and today it is the 'Whole of Government' approach," he said.

India's Vaccine Success story and Covid management, Chandrayaan and Aditya-LI solar missions or the SVAMITVA Land Mapping scheme are best examples of the Govern-

ment, Scientific Laboratories, Academia, Startups and Industry, all pooling their resources to achieve success.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Civil Services officers have to turn into instruments of public service delivery of the Government's citizen centric schemes.

The DoPT Minister said that the three-month mandatory stint of new IAS Officers with the Central Ministries / Departments was a visionary idea by PM Modi in 2015 to expose them to the top echelons of the Government at the commencement of

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DC Doda chairs introductory cum review meeting

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DODA, NOVEMBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh today chaired an introductory cum review meeting to get information with the district's developmental team and to assess the progress of upcoming developmental projects. The meeting served as an opportunity for the officers to interact with the new DC and discuss their achievements, challenges, and future plans.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC welcomed all the officials and impressed upon them to get all the approved works physically completed by the 30th of November 2023. He urged to work hard, with dedication and coordination for the inclusive development of the district. He highlighted the importance of teamwork and emphasized the need for effective coordination among all the departments to



achieve desired outcomes.

He further reviewed the progress on Mega Projects taken up in the district which include, Government Medical College Doda, National High Altitude Medicinal Plant, Alternate National Highway 244 under execution by NHIDCL, Multi Storey Car Parking at New Bus Stand Doda, Bus Stand Thathri, Shopping Complex Doda, PMGSY roads, JIM, MGNREGA, PMAY,

SBM, and other such projects.

He also reviewed the progress on works taken up under the District Capex budget and other schemes. The DC reviewed the progress of ongoing projects and sought updates from the officials regarding their implementation. Sector wise overview of RDD, Elementary Education, Higher Education, Health, Agriculture and allied sectors, PWD,

PDD, PHE, FCS&CA Department, Labour and Employment department was taken and officers were asked to remain prepared for the detailed review one by one in coming days. He stressed the need for timely completion of projects and directed the concerned officials to ensure that all necessary resources are made available to expedite the work.

In addition to reviewing ongoing projects, the DC also discussed the challenges faced by the departments and sought suggestions from the officials to overcome them. He encouraged open and honest dialogue, creating an environment of transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, the DC emphasized the importance of citizen engage-

ment and urged the officials to actively involve the PRIs and local communities in the decision-making processes. He highlighted the need to address the grievances and concerns of the residents and ensure their participation in the development initiatives.

The DC encouraged the officials to think creatively and explore new approaches to solve problems. He emphasized the significance of innovation in ensuring effective and sustainable development.

The introductory cum review meeting provided a holistic overview of the progress made in various sectors in Doda district. It served as a platform for the officials to discuss their achievements and challenges and find collaborative solutions. The meeting demonstrated the DC's proactive approach towards effective governance and his commitment to the overall development of the district.

Ace Para Archer accorded warm reception, felicitation on her triumphant return to Jammu by Kishtwar admin team

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 3

In an extraordinary celebration of exceptional talent and unwavering determination, Sheetal Devi, a 16-year-old armless archer hailing from the remote village of Loidhar, Tehsil Mughal Maidan was warmly received and felicitated upon her triumphant return to Jammu Airport by a team of senior functionaries of District Administration Kishtwar.

Sheetal Devi, a living embodiment of indomitable human strength, etched her name in the annals of history by winning a gold medal in the compound open archery event at the prestigious Asian Para Games held in China.

The team comprising Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal, together with a team of officer of District including Deputy District Election Officer Kishtwar



Naresh Kumar, Nodal Officer AYUSH Vikram Singh Jamwal besides ZPEO Inderwal Deep Kumar and Incharge Machail Mata Yatra Cell Lovemeet Kotwal received the Ace Archer at Jammu Airport and extended their heartfelt congratulations to her for this extraordinary feat.

Sheetal Devi's journey is a testament to the indomitable power of the human spirit. Born without hands (Phocomelia) in a remote village in Kishtwar, she defied all odds to attain international recognition.

Her exceptional talent was first noticed by the

India Army during a camp in 2019 amidst the rugged mountains of her homeland.

Since then, she has made a remarkable mark on the global stage, further supported by the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, which offered infrastructure for her training in Katra.

Sheetal Devi's remarkable achievements stand as a shining example and an inspiration to all, underscoring that with unwavering determination and the right support, one can overcome any obstacle on the path to achieving greatness.

SKUAST-K holds EAP for Tribal Farmers of Budgam

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 3

SKUAST-K, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Budgam today organized a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) on 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Milk Processing and Value Addition Industry' for tribal farmers of Shanglipora, Khag Budgam.

The awareness programme was approved by Director Planning and Monitoring SKUAST-Kashmir and sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), GoI.

The programme was designed to sensitize and build entrepreneurial mindset among the farmers/rural youth in the dairy industry. A total of 70 tribal farmers/rural youth from the said area were sensitized. During the programme, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Lone (Sr. Scientist & Head KVK Budgam) stressed upon the need of upskilling of youth for instilling an entrepreneurship spirit among the people especially in Dairy Industry.

Course Coordinator, Dr. Mir Nadeem Hassan (Scientist Animal Science) provided an overview of the programme and delivered lectures on Processing and Value Addition of Milk and Development of Market Linkage in Milk Industry for Better Profitability.

Dr. Shafkat Wani (Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Animal Husbandry Department) discussed different schemes offered by the Govt. of J&K in Dairy Sector for the benefit of rural youth.

During the programme, Mudasir Ahmad Dar (Entrepreneur) also shared his Dairy Entrepreneurship Journey Experience for inspiration of farmers who attended the programme.

The programme was also attended by other faculty members of Kendra.

Distt. Admin. B'la organizes Interaction programme under Vigilance Awareness Week-2023

JNEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 3

As part of ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week 2023, a series of activities are being organised by all government offices to mark its observance in Baramulla district.

At Dak Bungalow, the District Administration Baramulla organised an interaction session with Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf and Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina holding day long interaction with RTI activists, Social activists and Complainants to foster transparency in the government system.

The day long interaction session was held on the theme 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation'. On the occasion, the event united a diverse



group of participants, voicing their perspectives and advocating for a robust strategy to combat the scourge of corruption.

Their unified presence and active engagement served as a powerful testament to a collective dedication towards forging a society that thrives on transparency and integrity.

Various departments including Revenue, R&B and Transport departments imparted necessary training with regard to the online services being provided by them.

Interacting with the participants, the ADDC said that various major initiatives have been taken to curb corruption and highlighted the measures

that the government has undertaken towards its zero tolerance policy for corruption.

During the session, the ADDC also underscored the significance of the programme and called upon the Officers/officials to maintain integrity, transparency, accountability and justice at all levels while implementing Government schemes so that people do not face any inconvenience.

ADC Baramulla also spoke during the workshop session and termed technological interventions of Institutes such as BEAMS, DBT, PROOF, PAY-SYS, Online Revenue Services etc. a major step towards transparency in Government offices.

He further added that these portals have been designed to establish an accountable, transparent, and corruption-free Governance Architecture.

DC Bandipora chairs DRAC meeting; approves 14 rent assessment cases



JNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 3

The District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC), which met here today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad, approved 14 rent cases. The rent cases pertaining to Health, Education, FCS&CA, Sheep, and Horticulture besides others were approved by the committee. The Committee discussed the fixation of rent of various structures in which various government offices are functioning across the district.

15 cases were taken up for discussion in the meeting, out of which 14 cases were approved.

Addressing the meeting, the DC asked the officers to pay rent to the concerned owners of land and

structures on time and ensure the safety of the government/rented property. He further asked the intending authorities to pay the approved rent along with the arrear after the title verification certificate is issued from the concerned Tehsildar.

Dr Owais Ahmad, on the occasion, urged the concerned authorities to prioritize ground floors for accommodation of government offices for the convenience and ease of the general public, especially specially-abled persons.

The meeting was attended by ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi, Joint Director Planning Imitiyaz Ahmad, Tehsildar Bandipora, CMO, DySP DAR, Executive Engineer R&B besides other concerned officers of various departments.

GDC Vijaypur students shine in inter-college sports competition



JNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 3

The students of Government Degree College Vijaypur brought laurels by bagging five medals including two gold medals and three silver medals in inter-college sports competition organized by University of Jammu.

The College won the medals in the kick-boxing championship/tournament. Overall in all the sports championships GDC Vijaypur clinched second best rank in inter-College Sports Meet.

Vivek Rai of semester V bagged Gold medal in 63kg weight category; Aditya Rai of semester V bagged Gold medal in 64kg weight category; Parul Singh Naranja of semester V won Silver

medal in 66kg weight category; Akash Sharma of semester V won Silver medal in 57kg weight category; Vansh Sharma of semester V won Silver medal in 50kg weight category.

Kavya Charak of semester V and Rupaank Aryan of semester III won first position each in Painting Competition and Essay Writing Competition in Divisional Level Competition organized by GCW Parade, Jammu on the eve of JK-UT Foundation Day 2023.

Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta congratulated all the members of Sports committee, Cultural Committee and other staff members of the college and all the participants who brought medals and positions to the college.

DC Ramban chairs maiden meeting with District Officers



JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today chaired an introductory meeting with district officers here in the Conference Hall.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohita Sharma, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, ADC Harbansh Sharma, ACR, SDMs, Tehsildars and other District Officers attended the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to focus on an effective public service delivery system to redress grievances of the general masses, especially basic issues of deprived sections of the society on priority basis. The Deputy

Commissioner said that UT administration has issued a clear direction to all the Departments to focus on communication with the public and improve public welfare in all respects.

The Revenue Officers including SDMs and Tehsildars were asked to regulate the working of the line department in their respective jurisdictions.

Stress was laid on prompt response to public issues at all levels leaving no room for any complaint in terms of power and water supply besides traffic regulation on NH-44.

Meanwhile, the SSP appraised the DC about law and order and general security scenario in the district and the

action taken by the police department in this regard.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the Ramban police for taking swift action against drug paddlers and other criminals to bring down crime rate in the district.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the premises of the District Administrative Complex.

He passed on the spot direction to maintain cleanliness and sanitation in and around the offices. He directed ADC to ensure proper management of parking space by separating officers' parking and general parking.

He also directed the ACD to develop the spring situated in DAC premises as an Amrit Sarovar.

DC Reasi directs for timeline completion of development projects

JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 3

After taking over as Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today convened an introductory meeting with officers of line departments here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

While interacting with District and Sectoral officers, the Deputy Commissioner took a brief on working and current issues of the departments. He enjoined upon them to make endeavours to ensure prompt execution of works and holistic development of the district. They were directed to ensure the Completion of the projects of their respective departments within the fixed timeline,



Routing of all the files through e-office mode, Ensure punctuality of the staff of their respective departments and presence of District Officers. He directed the officers not to leave the station without permission and maintain cleanliness in the offices. He further asked officers to ensure close interdepartmental coordination for planned execution of works and

development in the district, to work with utmost dedication and zeal to provide hassle free delivery of services to the people. He called for maintaining accountability and transparency in the working of all Government offices. He stressed upon regular monitoring of developmental works in far flung areas and reporting by the concerned executive engineers.

5-day Theatre workshop concludes at GCW Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 3

A five day Theatre Workshop organized by Department of Music and Students Welfare Committee, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare University of Jammu, concluded here today on the GCW campus.

Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, Prof. Monika Chadha, was the special guest on the occasion.

Prof. Monika Chadha lauded the efforts of Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu and Department of Music GCW Udhampur for organizing such a wonderful workshop, which gave opportunity to the participants of affiliated colleges with University of Jammu.

She said that the Training Outreach programme is an initiative by the



Department of Students Welfare University of Jammu. She said that like this programme would kindle an interest for cultural, literary, fine-arts activities amongst the students which is also an important aspect for their holistic personality development. She further said that participating in such a performing arts workshop is a positive sign of the development of art and culture.

Prof. Chadha added that the participants have benefited a lot from this workshop and all the participants have learned different techniques of theatre, which must have instilled confidence in them. She

urged the departments to organize more such programs in the near future as well.

While speaking on the occasion, Principal GCW Udhampur, Prof. Anjali Mahajan congratulated the organizers for organizing such a meaningful workshop. She said that theater is a place where diverse individuals come together, and in doing so, you have created a unique family bound by a shared passion.

Prof Mahajan informed that throughout the workshop, participants have explored the vast landscapes of emotions, delved into complex characters, and discovered the trans-

formative power of storytelling. The stage has been your canvas, and each performance a masterpiece in its own right, she added.

As many as 50 students from different colleges of district Udhampur affiliated with University of Jammu have participated in the workshop. The students who participated in the workshop from different colleges were GDC Ramnagar, GDC Chenani, GDC Neeli Nallah, Shivalik College of Education, GDC Udhampur, Kalra College of Education, Bhartiya College of Education and Bhaskar Degree College Udhampur respectively.

The workshop was coordinated by Assistant

Professor Department of Music, Mr. Yash Kumar, Assistant Professor Dr. Kewal Kumar and Drama Instructor /Incharge Training Outreach Programme Students Welfare University of Jammu, Mr. Sumeet Sharma. Welcome address was presented by Prof. Yash Paul, Member IQAC and the programme was anchored by Anisha Bhat, student of Semester 5th of GCW Udhampur.

Among others, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, Prof. Sarika Manhas, HoD Music Dr. Seema Sharma, HoD Botany Ashni Devi, Convener Students Welfare Committee GCW Udhampur, Dr. Meena Gupta, HoD History Yash Paul, PO NSS Prof. Rajinder Singh, Drama Instructor Mr. Sumeet Sharma, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Ms. Nitika Sharma, other senior faculties and a large number of students were also present on the occasion.

DC Reasi inspects progress of blacktopping on Katra-Reasi road, circular road Katra



JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan today inspected the progress of blacktopping of Reasi-Katra road and directed for completion of the work between Nou Devian to Baradari Bridge by November 30th.

He also inspected the damaged patch of circular road Katra. He was informed that the work stands allot-

ted and shall be started on 7th of November. He directed the Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Katra to ensure that the work starts on the given date and is completed at the earliest. He further directed that the work of the construction and Black topping should be executed in the double shifts. The Deputy Commissioner also took a round of the Katra town and inspected the condition of roads, status of

cleanliness and also the movement of vehicles into and out of the town. He gave instructions to all the concerned to ensure that Katra town which is visited by around One Crore people gives a good feeling to the visiting pilgrims. He was accompanied during his visit by SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Katra & Reasi and EO Municipal Committee Katra.

85 model villages, vital infrastructure being developed in tribal areas

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 3

Secretary, Tribal Affairs and ECo Mission Youth, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary along with Dy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal reviews the progress on various developmental projects for tribal welfare and emphasised on roadmap for implementation of new schemes and projects on tribal villages.

Director, Tribal Affairs, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, Director TRI, Mukhtar Ahmed, Joint Director Planning, Shama un Ahmed, Dy Director Dr Abdul Khahir, Addl DC, Superintending Engineer PWD, ExEns of PWD, JPDCL, Ground Water Div, DFO, DSHO, CEO and other district and sectoral officers briefed about progress under various schemes.

Secretary highlighted that UT government led by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has initiated special measures for empowerment, welfare and development of tribal population which is reflected in statutory and fiscal policies introduced



over last three years especially in infrastructure, migration, forest rights and education sectors.

Dr Shahid emphasised on outcome based planning for community development through vital infrastructure creation in education, connectivity and essential services sectors. He asked the departments for concerted efforts to develop 85 villages with substantial tribal population for which funding has been made by both Central and UT Governments and 32 villages have released funds as well. He asked the officers for effective measures to revamp education infrastructure for which department has already provided funds.

Dy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal briefed about initiatives in various sectors

including construction of hostels, transit accommodation at Kandi and Thanamandi, EMRS at Gurdan Bala and Kandi, model village development and animal/ sheep husbandry sectors. He shared the roadmap adopted by the district administration this year for substantial improvements in developmental facilities and infrastructure in education sector.

Pertinently the tribal affairs department has sanctioned 4 new hostels with cumulative project cost of Rs 18 Cr being constructed at Sunderbani, Nowshera, Budhal (New) and Khwas, besides restart of hostel at Koteranka foreclosed earlier. Two transit accommodations are coming up at Kesri Hill and Thanamandi for migratory population at a cost of Rs

7 Cr. Departments in the district administration were asked for ensuring planning convergence in development of amenities in each of the 85 approved villages for community assets and empowerment through education. An outlay of Rs 32 Cr has been approved for development of these 85 villages on modern lines.

The meeting was briefed that under CapEx plan of tribal affairs departments more than 30 villages are being provided potable drinking water facilities during current year, road and infrastructure in 37 villages, establishment of dairy and sheep units, smart classrooms, community halls and other infrastructure projects for community benefit.

Secretary also emphasised on formulation of Tribal Sub Plan by all the departments out of their budget as per Government of India guidelines and underscored the importance role of Panchayati Raj Institutions for earmarking funds proportionate to tribal population on plan formulation which is a pre-requisite for release of additional grants.

Two days HRD training programme on Integrated Pest Management held at Kakapora, Pulwama

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 3

Under a reach out programme and to put the expertise at disposal to farming community, the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Srinagar, Govt. of India, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in collaboration with State Agriculture Department, Sub-Div Kakapora, conducted two-day training programme on "Integrated Pest Management" (HRD) at Village Kakapora, Block Kakapora of Pulwama.

Programme was presided by Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya, Assistant Director (PP), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.

In his keynote address, Dr Mithilesh presented the importance of effective management of pests in the farm field with use of scientific and technologi-



cal interventions.

Tariq Rasool Rather, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology SKUAST who was invited as a guest expert in his presentation gave a detailed account in managing various pests taking in account the localised circumstances.

A large number of

farmers took part in the programme wherein they were made aware regarding the concept of IPM and objective of organizing such a programme.

They elaborated in full detail the techniques of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and when as well as at what stage the

use of chemicals, while seeing ETL level, use of pheromones traps, light traps, delta traps and yellow sticky traps should be made.

Moreover, Mohd Shafi Wani, AEA Kakapora also made the farmers aware regarding various Cultural, Mechanical, Biological and Chemical control measures under IPM techniques for the welfare of farmers.

Progressive farmer Ghulam Nabi Ganaie also appreciated the Department for conducting such programmes for welfare of farmers and asked the farmers to come forward to take maximum benefits from the departmental schemes.

Assistant Plant Protection Officer (PP) Haroon Rashid Hakla along with Scientific Assistant, AEO Kakapora, SMS, JAEO were also present during the programme.

Special Lok Adalat on Matrimonial, MACT, Bank Recovery Cases, Criminal Compoundable Cases and other Pre-Litigation matters held at Kathua

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 3

Under the insightful directions of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and also under the radiant guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua Ashok Kumar Shavan, (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua), a Special Lok Adalat on Matrimonial Cases, MACT, Bank Recovery Cases, Criminal Compoundable Cases, and other Pre-Litigation matters of the calendar year 2023.

The Special Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua) Ashok Kumar Shavan, today with the ceremonial lighting of lamp in District Court Complex Kathua where

in his address to the mammoth gathering he threw light on the purpose of holding Special Lok Adalat.

Six Benches for settling the referred cases were constituted in which Bench No. 1 was comprising of Ashok Kumar Shavan, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kathua and Surinder Kumar Thappa, Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua; Bench No. 2 was comprising of Kusoom Pandita, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Kathua and Cheena Sumbria, Munsiff JMIC Kathua; Bench No. 3 was comprising of Swati Gupta, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua and Neena Thakur, District Mobile Magistrate, Kathua; Bench No. 4 was comprising of Jeevan Kumar Sharma, Munsiff JMIC, Basohli, Advocate Shub Kumar, President, Bar Associa-

tion Basohli; Bench No. 5 was comprising of Jyoti Bhagat, Munsiff JMIC, Billawar and Mrs. Poonam Gupta, Addl. Special Mobile Magistrate, Billawar; Bench No. 6 consisted of Rimpi Rani, Munsiff JMIC, Hiranagar and Vijay Kumar, President, Bar Association Hiranagar.

Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Kathua coordinated the Special Lok Adalat of the calendar year, 2023 organized at ADR Centre, District Court Complex Kathua. The matters placed before the Benches included Hindu Marriage Act (HMA), Motor Vehicle Act, MACT Cases, Bank Recovery (both pre-litigation and post-litigation) matters, Criminal Compoundable, and also Traffic Challans. A total number of 384 cases were taken up for amicable settlement out of which 273 cases were settled and an amount of Rs. 90,03,994/- was realized as settlement amount.

es, 2 cases titled Neeraj Vs Balbir and Romesh Kumar Vs Meena Kumari were resolved amicably.

The cases filed by either party were for seeking the divorce and by the efforts of the bench, the dispute was resolved by resumption of their marital relation saving their home and further married life. So it has proved to be an effective Special Lok Adalat.

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 3

As part of the capacity building programme (CBP) for digital transformation, the Registration Department organized training and interactive sessions on implementation of e-office for its staff in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA).

The training programme was organized at Meeting Hall DC office Srinagar here today on

the directions of the Secretary Revenue, J&K and was attended by AIGR Kashmir, Sub Registrars of Kashmir Division and their staff.

The e-office aims to enhance transparency, increase accountability, assure data security and data integrity, promote innovation by releasing staff energy and time from unproductive procedures, transform the Government work culture and ethics and promote greater collaboration in the workplace

and effective knowledge management. The technical experts from JaKeGA gave a detailed presentation on the steps involved in operation/usage of e-office, dos and don'ts of the process and troubleshooting tips to ensure on-spot resolution of any technical glitches and errors.

Speaking on the occasion, AIGR Kashmir mentioned that e-office under the National Governance Plan initiative of the Government of India aims to support governance by

ushering in more effective and transparent inter and intra government processes and also stressed upon the participants to make use of this opportunity to clear all their doubts about the use of e-office in routine official business.

On this occasion, the participants expressed profound gratitude to the Department for conducting such brainstorming sessions and expressed hope that such events will be regularly organized in future also.

Dist Admin Budgam accords warm farewell to outgoing ADC

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BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 3

The District Administration Budgam organized a farewell function for the outgoing Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Dr. Nasir on his transfer as the Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo, Additional District Development Commissioner, Budgam, Dr. Akramullah Tak; Chief Planning Officer, Rafiq Ahmad; all SDMs, all Tehsildars and other officials

of various departments were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Budgam said that outgoing ADC worked with zeal and honesty in the district. He said that all the assignments given to officer were completed sincerely and well in time.

The DC further said that the workmanship and honesty of the officer will be remembered in the district.

District administration is wishing him the best on his transfer and promotion as ADDC Shopian, the DC added.

Meanwhile, all offi-

cers present in the function extended their best wishes to Dr Lone for his new assignment.

Dr. Nasir thanked the District Administration

for their active support and cooperation during his tenure. He also expressed his gratitude to the people of Budgam for their love and affection.

NOTICE

I, Pavitar Singh Chib, S/o Uttam Singh, R/o 106-A Uttam Nagar, Kunjwani By-Pass Jammu, have lost my leather Wallet containing my Aadhaar Card (No. 924212139723) and the PAN Card of my wife, Ranjna Charak (No. AOVPC191K) on October 28, 2023. The Wallet also consisted of a HDFC Credit Card, an Axis Bank Credit Card and a J&K Bank ATM Card. Whoever finds the wallet kindly contact me at my mobile number: 7006056394. I am also lodging a formal complaint with the concerned police station.

Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023

GAD, ACB jointly organise 'Training-cum-Workshop on Preventive Vigilance' at Civil Secretariat

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 3

To mark the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023, General Administration Department (GAD) in collaboration with Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), J&K organised 'Training-cum-Workshop on Preventive Vigilance and role and responsibilities of CVOs/DVOs' at Civil Secretariat, Jammu as well as Srinagar.

The workshop was chaired by Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma. Director, ACB, Anand Jain; SSP, ACB, Dalip Kumar; AIG (Policy), ACB, G.S. Ghuman, officers of GAD, officers and officials of different Departments participated in the workshop.

In his address during the workshop, the Commissioner Secretary appreciated the sea change that has occurred



in the functioning of Government departments. He focused on fast disposal of complaints especially related to Revenue, Welfare and other public oriented works.

Director ACB, in his address, spoke in length about healthy work culture and importance of honest and credible officers who play instrumental role in functioning of various Government departments. He laid emphasis on the mechanism of CVOs/DVOs who have been pivotal in time bound disposal

of complaints related to departmental working.

SSP, ACB, Dalip Kumar and AIG (Policy), ACB, G.S. Ghuman also spoke on the occasion as guest speakers.

During the training programme, the speakers focused on different facets of Vigilance with special emphasis on Preventive Vigilance measures. It was highlighted during the workshop that corruption is an all common phenomenon which knows no boundaries and barriers and all efforts should

be made to curb this menace. They highlighted that the institution of Departmental Vigilance officers is a step towards utilizing officers in field within the concerned department to provide a helping hand to curb corrupt practices.

They added that Vigilance is to be recognized as a management function in every sector of governance and we have to build structure, process and systems in such a manner so as to prevent leakage which adversely affect productivity and profitability.

During the workshop, the participants were also enlightened about the detailed procedure regarding conducting of Regular Departmental Actions besides emphasizing on the importance to conclude RDA in a time bound manner.

Action ordered against erring Ration Dealer in Doda District



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 3

On a specific complaint of less weightment of foodgrains by the storekeeper of Government Food Store Bhatyas, the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, deputed a joint team of Legal Metrology Department Doda, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department Doda and Revenue officials of the area to conduct Surprise inspection of the aforementioned Food Store at Bhatyas.

During the inspection of the premises of the store, it was found that the storekeeper was

using two Electronic weighing scales, and both the weighing scales were unverified and were weighing less in terms of standard weights of the Legal Metrology department.

Both the electronic scales were seized, and further legal proceedings have been initiated against the defaulter storekeeper. A show cause notice has been served by Assistant Director FCS&CA Doda to the concerned Storekeeper. Instructions have been passed to all the Tehsil Supply Officers to verify and calibrate weighing scales from the Legal Metrology Department.

Awareness drive on corruption held at Civil Secretariat by students to mark Vigilance Awareness week 2023



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 3

In connection with observance of Vigilance Awareness week, 2023, students from different schools of Jammu and Srinagar conducted an awareness drive on menace of corruption at Civil Secretariat, Jammu as well as Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

During the drive, the students, who were assigned as 'Vigilance Ambassadors', distributed pamphlets in different offices of Civil Secretariat and apprised the officers and officials regarding the menace of corruption and ways to curb it in Government offices.

While felicitating the 'Vigilance Ambassadors',

Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma, appreciated the active participation of these students in awareness drive. He also commended the participating educational institutions in this drive.

Pertinent to mention, Government SRML Model Higher Secondary School, Parade, Jammu and Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu participated in the drive at Civil Secretariat Jammu while as Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Amira Kadal, Srinagar and Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar participated in the drive at Civil Secretariat Srinagar.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

LG Manoj Sinha visits...

WSC. A new course on Vertical Transportation has been introduced under School of Engineering (SoE) from the Academic Year 2023-24 at the World Skill Center. Sinha went to various departments of SoE including Electrical Technology, Mechatronics, Mechanical and Electrical Services along with Vertical Transportation. He was happy to see the various ultramodern equipment provisioned there for the skill development of youth.

To develop the overall skilling ecosystem in the state, trainers from government ITIs and polytechnic colleges in the state undergo training under 'Training of Trainers' programs conducted routinely at the World Skill Center. Sinha highly appreciated this initiative.

India establishing defence...

locations around the world," he said. "The challenges we face are significant but so are the opportunities and collective wisdom and strength," the Army Chief added.

Gen Pande highlighted the "unprecedented churn in global landscape" that has set into motion a chain of events as well as some new trend lines.

"Amongst others, we need to take particular note of the growing salience of national security in international affairs and the renewed currency of hard power," he observed.

"The pandemic which began as a health crisis ended up as a national security event. Close on the heels of cataclysmic events in Ukraine, we are now faced with an escalating conflict in West Asia," he said.

Gen Pande said these instabilities and challenges are compounded by "notable economic turbulence and weaponisation of multitudes of attributes and domains, from information to supply chains."

"Issues like radicalisation, terrorism, piracy, illegal migration, refugees and climate change add to the bouquet of global concerns," he said.

Talking about India's rising stature, he said it has a credible voice at the world stage, "one that is distinct, rooted in Indian ethos and effective in articulating the concerns of the Global South."

"India shares common interests and values such as democracy, human rights and rule of law with our partners and like-minded countries. This alignment of shared values creates a solid foundation for cooperative security efforts," Gen Pande said.

"The spin-offs of these collaborative efforts are not restricted to security but transcend into the economic realm, innovation and technology, capacity building, multilateral problem solving and diplomacy as well," he said and added, "Our initiatives are bedrock in the Indian way."

The Chief of Army Staff said technology is driving geo-politics like never before transforming not only strategic competition but also war fighting.

"In fact technology is emerging as a new strategic arena of geo-political competition even as grey zone contestations in non-traditional domains seem to be expanding so is the probability and the arc of all out conflict," he said.

"Amidst such despondency, it is my belief that India remains a bright spot."

The Chief of Army Staff noted that not only is the "Cold-War" peace dividend "dwindling, the world seems to be fracturing in myriad ways."

He said "new divisions" are coming to the fore between the East and the West as also between the global North and the Global South.

"An agile, resilient and consumer-driven economy has enabled us to brave the economic downturns of the Russia-Ukraine conflict," he said.

The 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue' has been organised by the Indian Army in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).

The Dialogue aims to carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific with a focus on crafting a roadmap for

collaborative security measures in the region to fortify India's position as a "ready, resurgent, and relevant" stakeholder in the region. (Agencies)

Revenue Department acts...

delivery has been guaranteed and they can appeal in case of an inordinate delay in delivery of service.

Dr Singla also reviewed the processing of Regular Departmental Action / Complaint cases in the department. He was informed that in the last few months 80 cases have been taken up and 20 cases have been disposed off in this week alone.

Secretary, asked for expedited processing of the under process cases. He said such actions are important for creating effective deterrence.

No Medicines, Electricity...

came to be known, was formed through the joint initiative of Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti.

The alliance put forward the demand for the restoration of Article 370 and statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

On October 19, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, sought to weigh in on the perceived changing face of the Valley since the abrogation of Article 370, saying there's been a "change in people's thinking" in the Union Territory and they "want peace and tranquillity".

He added that development could follow only after peace and tranquillity are restored to the Valley.

Earlier this month, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the erstwhile state has attained new heights in development and growth after the abrogation of Article 370, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Centre defended its decision to abrogate Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir saying post the withdrawal of the special status, the street violence orchestrated by terrorists and separatist elements has become a thing of the past.

Since 2019, when Article 370 was abrogated, the entire region has witnessed an "unprecedented era of peace, progress and prosperity", Centre said during a hearing in the Supreme Court earlier this year.

After the abrogation of Article 370, life in the erstwhile state has returned to normal after three decades of turmoil, the Centre stated further in an affidavit to the Supreme Court.

A number of petitions were filed in the top court, including those by private individuals, lawyers, activists politicians and political parties challenging the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, by virtue of which Jammu and Kashmir was split into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The Centre stated further that schools, colleges and universities have been operating sans strikes during the last three years. (Agencies)

IPS Officer Pravin Madhukar...

Earlier in May this year, the Centre had appointed Praveen Sood, the incumbent director general of police (DGP) of Karnataka, as the next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a two-year period.

Sood took over the charge following the completion of tenure of present CBI chief Subodh Kumar Jaiswal on May 25.

As per the norms, the CBI director is selected for a fixed tenure of two years by a panel which includes the prime minister, CJI and the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha. The tenure of appointment can be extended for a maximum period of five years. (Agencies)

Dr Jitendra addresses...

their training. "Assistant Secretaries are expected to give their inputs for improvement in various Flagship Programmes in dif-

ferent Ministries/Departments of Government of India. This not only gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their skill and talent but also an opportunity to make a presentation before the Prime Minister of India, which is an opportunity that might have eluded their senior batches," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the posting of Assistant Secretaries in Government of India had been introduced, primarily with two objectives. First, that the young officers could get an exposure of the working in Government of India instead of going straight to the State Government. Secondly, it also helps in enabling the newly selected IAS officers to find their mentors and anchors among their seniors in the Union Government, to whom they can reach out at time of need.

"These young officers are privileged because before beginning their posting, they get an opportunity of meeting the senior Secretaries and Ministers in the Government of India, whereas their seniors from earlier years would sometimes never get such an opportunity throughout their career and even if they got an opportunity like this, it would be much later in career during their term of deputation to the Centre," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the role of Indian Administrative Service has evolved over time, - having descended from the colonial British era "Indian Civil Services" to the present day IAS. The basic difference is that while the district head during British rule was described as 'Collector' who was expected to raise revenue for the Empire, in Independent India he is known as 'District Development Commissioner' and is expected to generate revenue for the welfare State, he said.

"With the change of times, with the change of priorities, the accountability having increased, transparency has gone up manifold, technology taking up many of what was not there earlier on, it has to be inevitably evolving all the time," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the entire concept and format of the PM Excellence Awards has undergone a revolutionary change after 2014. The objective of the Scheme is to encourage constructive competition, innovation, replication and institutionalisation of best practices.

The process and selection of PM's Excellence Award have been institutionalised and now this is based on the performance of the district, rather than that of the District Collector or individual civil servant. He said, another improvisation brought is to assess the scale and rating of the implementation of Flagship Schemes in the district.

Referring to the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Modi government amended it after 30 years in 2018 with an aim to punish bribe givers for the first time. At the same time, provisions have been made to provide adequate safeguards to the honest officers who are performing their task with integrity, he said.

"In order to give a work friendly environment, it is equally a responsibility of the government so that we can have the best of the potential of the officers," he said.

Lauding NBSAA for devising the Foundation Training Module as the 5th edition, AARAMBH 5.0, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the theme of "Harnessing the power of disruption" is apt as these young officers should be able to delineate the disruptions that continue to reshape the present and the future and to define pathways to harness the power of disruption in the realm of governance, for Inclusive Development.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi turned Swachhata into a mass movement. "Can you imagine, the Special Campaign 3.0 earned Government a revenue of Rs. 500 crore just by sale of office scrap," he said.

Describing them as torch bearers of PM Modi's Vision, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this generation of IAS officers will be privileged to be the architects of Viksit Bharat@2047 when the country celebrates its Centenary of Independence.

Elderly man dies after being hit by load carrier in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, NOV 3

An elderly man was killed after being hit by a load carrier in central Kashmir Ganderbal district on Friday, officials said.

An official told the news agency that the man was trying to board a bus when load carrier hit him in Wusan area today, resulting in grievous injuries to him. He said that the man was shifted to PHC Wusan, where from he was referred to SKIMS Soura for further treatment, however, he succumbed to his injuries. The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Yousuf Sheikh (80) of Wassun Ganderbal. KNO

9th Episode of Phone Live-in Grievance program receives overwhelming public response; More than 40 calls received



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 3

In a resounding testament to community engagement, the 9th episode of the Phone Live-in Grievances program in Rajouri witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of public response, with more than 40 calls flooding in from residents across the district.

This innovative initiative, designed to provide an immediate platform for district residents to voice their concerns and obtain swift solutions from the district administration, drew enthusiastic participation from individuals across the district.

Led by the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, callers were given the full opportunity to voice their concerns on a wide spectrum of issues. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal exhibited remarkable patience and unwavering commitment in addressing each caller's concerns, providing invaluable guidance and support to resolve their problems. In direct response to the concerns of the residents, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal assured them that

prompt and effective measures would be taken to address their issues within specified timeframes. He further encouraged residents to continue providing feedback and suggestions, underscoring the constructive role these inputs play in enhancing governance and development in the district.

The Phone Live-in Grievance Program stands as a shining beacon of the continuous efforts of the district administration to enhance public service delivery and fortify the government-citizen relationship.

The resounding success of this program has earned widespread acclaim, serving as a direct avenue for individuals to voice their concerns and seek redressal directly from the District Administration. It has made significant contributions to augmenting transparency and accountability within the district administration.

The 09th episode of the Phone Live-in Grievance Program represents a momentous milestone, reaffirming the unwavering commitment of the District Administration to actively engage with the people of Rajouri.

Vigilance Awareness Week

DC Rajouri flags off Mega Walkathon

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 3

In a resounding display of commitment to eradicate corruption and foster a culture of transparency, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today flagged off a mega Walkathon as a part of a variety of activities being organised in the district under the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week.

The event saw enthusiastic participation of officers and officials representing different government departments. The Walkathon aimed to spread the resounding message, "Say No to Corruption & Commit to Nation," commenced from the Sports Stadium in Kheora and culminated at the Dak Bungalow in Rajouri, covering a considerable distance symbolizing the journey towards a corruption-free society.

The Deputy Commissioner flagged off the Walkathon with a motivating address emphasizing the importance of



integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life. He urged every individual to contribute towards a corruption-free nation, as this is crucial for the overall development and prosperity of the region.

The participants of the Walkathon displayed their unwavering commitment to the cause, carrying banners with slogans promoting ethical conduct and denouncing corruption. Their collective energy and enthusiasm left a lasting impression on the onlookers and conveyed the message that corruption has no place in the society. The event served as a platform for building awareness about the det-

rimonental effects of corruption and the importance of staying committed to the nation's progress. The Walkathon was not just a symbolic gesture but a call to action, urging citizens to report any instances of corruption and uphold the values of honesty and integrity.

As Vigilance Awareness Week continues, the District Administration of Rajouri is determined to take the fight against corruption to new heights. Various awareness programs, seminars, and workshops are being organised during the week to engage with the community and educate them about the perils of corruption and the means

to combat it.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed his gratitude to all participants for their unwavering support in making the Mega Walkathon a grand success. He encouraged everyone to carry forward the spirit of the Walkathon by actively participating in the events and initiatives scheduled for Vigilance Awareness Week.

Among the others present during the event were the Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Rahim; District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Sunil Samyal and other concerned stakeholders.

Vigilance Awareness Week- 2023

One day Capacity Building Workshop organised for DVOs, field staff at Jammu

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 3

As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023, a one day Capacity Building Workshop for DVOs and field staff was today organised by Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) here in J&K Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground.

This year the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week is "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation". The workshop was attended by the Departmental Vigilance Officers, DIG Jammu, SSP Jammu, Jurisdictional SPs, SDPOs, SHOs, Investigating officers of Police Stations of Jammu, Officers and officials of ACB. A Large number of students from Law School, University of Jammu, KC Law College and Dogra Law college also participated in the event.

Tahir Khursheed Raina, Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Jammu was Chief Guest and Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner was Guest of Honour on the occasion.

In his deliberations on



the menace of corruption, the Judge emphasized that eradication of the corruption is not only the duty of the Government, Need of the time is to make concerted effort against the corruption on all fronts. "This lofty objective is not to be left to be achieved by the Govt. agencies and the courts only. This lofty mission will start firstly by addressing our own selves to be an epitome of honesty, and then comes the family, followed by the society and the nation as a whole to join the crusade against corruption," he said.

He said that Fundamental to the solution of the problem is to strengthen the moral conscience of

the individual and create an environment where corruption is viewed as a crime and a sin. India is a country where religion and spirituality is respected and revered. God consciousness, fear of God and sense of accountability for one's actions needs to be developed and inculcated in all citizens.

He further said that corruption is not just about exchange of money but at a deeper level it is a poison that contaminates all systems. He emphasized that we should join our Leader Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi's resolve to get rid of corruption, nepotism and appeasement. As these three evils are hindering the progress of the

country. He also addressed the questions raised by the audience pertaining to the subject.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, in his address, said that regular alert notes and advisories issued by ACB are of great help to all the field formations. He elaborated how the use of technology can help to monitor the working of government employees. He maintained that each and every office procedure should be diarized and the same will help to fix the responsibility of erring officials in case of any lapse on his part.

Dalip Kumar, SSP ACB Jammu gave a brief presentation on the working of ACB.

Director ACB Anand Jain also laid emphasis on corruption free society and asked audience which included officers from Police and ACB to work in fair and transparent manner which will help in eradication the corruption. He also emphasized the leverage of technology in fight against corruption.

ACB organises workshop on Vigilance Awareness Week at Doda

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DODA NOVEMBER 3

A workshop on the theme 'Say no to corruption; Commit to the Nation' was today organised by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory here in the conference hall to observe Vigilance Awareness Week. This annual event, held from October 30 to November 5, 2023, is designed to raise awareness among government employees about the perils of corruption and the importance of integrity and ethics in public service.

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh chaired the workshop organised by the Anti Corruption Bureau Jammu and Kashmir. The DC, while interacting with the officers, said that corruption is a serious menace spoiling the society.

The key speakers of anti corruption bureau Jammu and Kashmir were the DSP and Inspectors from the ACB, J&K, who delivered lectures on the menace of corruption.

The ACB officers told in the meeting that during the observance of vigilance awareness week from 30th of October to 5th of November, the debates, skits and different cultural items are being organised across the UT to promote and highlight the fall out of menace of corruption.

The ACB officers listed tested methods to control corruption, such as preventive vigilance, participative vigilance, and punitive vigilance. They also highlighted the role of anti-corruption agencies in keeping a check on misuse of power by government officials, as outlined in Section 2, of the Prevention of Corrup-

tion Act. The workshop discussed different forms of corruption, including embezzlement and fraud and identified factors such as greed, monopoly, and lack of transparency as root causes.

The workshop shed light on the consequences of corruption, which include arrest, loss of reputation, social sanctions, low self-esteem and depression for those involved.

The ACB officers stressed that ethical values play a crucial role in preventing corruption, alongside vigilance, adherence to rules, promotion of e-governance, and the imposition of appropriate punishments. The workshop further emphasised the importance of strengthening departmental vigilance frameworks to combat corruption effectively. The event was attended by several

district officers and representatives of concerned departments, all aiming to address and tackle corruption issues in the region. Discussions also centred on the functioning and execution guidelines of the Anti-Corruption Bureau in Jammu and Kashmir.

The SSP Abdul Qayoom also spoke on the menace of corruption and its remedy. He said that across the district in all offices of the police department has installed CCTV cameras The SSP Doda also informed that, he is going to install the CCTV cameras in district police Lines in coming days to keep strict vigilance on the menace of any type of corruption.

The ADC Doda Ravi Kumar Bharti appreciated the Anti corruption bureau Jammu and Kashmir for organising a vigilance awareness workshop in the district.

Seminar on 'NEP-2020 aligned Innovative Pedagogy & Internship' held at GCoE M.A Road

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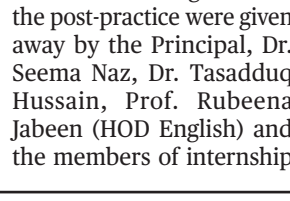
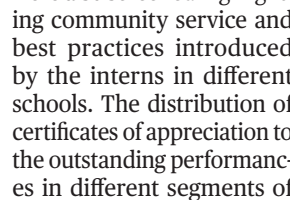
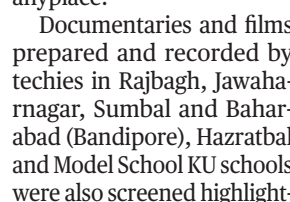
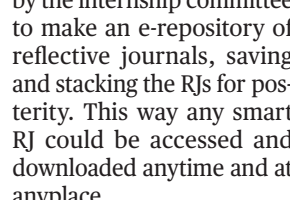
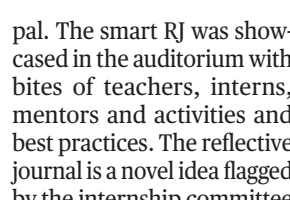
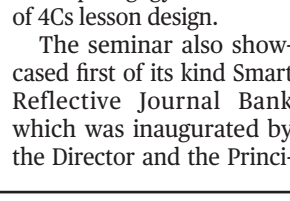
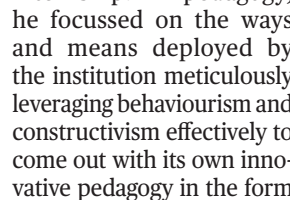
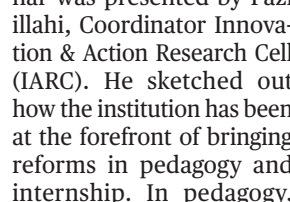
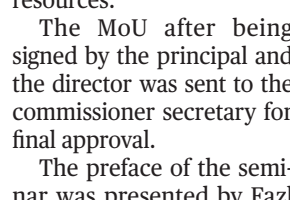
A seminar on 'NEP-2020 aligned Innovative Pedagogy and Internship' was today organized in the auditorium of Govt. College of Education (GCoE) M.A. Road Srinagar by Innovation & Action Research Cell (IARC) of the institution, here.

The seminar was presided over by Dr. Tasadduq Hussain Mir, Director, School Education Department Kashmir. Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, Principal of the institution drew the context of her talk across various developmental fronts from infrastructure and development of labs in the ECCE segment of school education.

She invited the attention of the audience towards the initiative of the host institution for starting NEP-20 aligned OI year Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program for preparing teachers for the foundational stage of school education.

She also proposed deputation of the first batch of teachers from the school education department to the institution for enrolment in the programme. This, she stated, will supply the much needed human resource to the school education at the now mainstreamed foundational level.

The seminar proceeded to the signing of MoU between the host institution and the school education department. The MoU includes, among other things, deepening of collaboration and cooperation in the domains of the teacher preparation program of B.Ed. Bringing into purview the newly intro-



duced ECCE program, the MoU embraces conduct of short term mutual programs in the form of seminars, workshops and conferences by sharing infrastructure and resources.

The MoU after being signed by the principal and the director was sent to the commissioner secretary for final approval.

The preface of the seminar was presented by Fazl illahi, Coordinator Innovation & Action Research Cell (IARC). He sketched out how the institution has been at the forefront of bringing reforms in pedagogy and internship. In pedagogy, he focussed on the ways and means deployed by the institution meticulously leveraging behaviourism and constructivism effectively to come out with its own innovative pedagogy in the form of 4Cs lesson design.

The seminar also showcased first of its kind Smart Reflective Journal Bank which was inaugurated by the Director and the Princi-

pal. The smart RJ was showcased in the auditorium with bites of teachers, interns, mentors and activities and best practices. The reflective journal is a novel idea flagged by the internship committee to make an e-repository of reflective journals, saving and stacking the RJs for posterity. This way any smart RJ could be accessed and downloaded anytime and at anyplace.

Documentaries and films prepared and recorded by techies in Rajbagh, Jawaharnagar, Sumbal and Baharabad (Bandipore), Hazratbal and Model School KU schools were also screened highlighting community service and best practices introduced by the interns in different schools. The distribution of certificates of appreciation to the outstanding performances in different segments of the post-practice were given away by the Principal, Dr. Seema Naz, Dr. Tasadduq Hussain, Prof. Rubena Jabeen (HOD English) and the members of internship

committee. The guests also released the 'Internship Bulletin' Dr. Tasadduq Hussain in his presidential address congratulated the host institution for organizing a function of this kind that brings two organisations mandated to work towards a common goal on the same page. He promised all out support and agreement from his side towards collaboration, conduct of internship, deputation of trainees for ECCE programme and other programs compliant to the common agenda. He also sought greater synergy in conducting programs once the MoU between the parties becomes operational.

At the end, the Director, the Principal, the faculty and other functionaries of the school education department observed exhibits of TLMs and learning resources displayed in the institution. The interns familiarized the guests with the purpose, material and learning outcomes realized using these learning resources.

RICM organizes one-day Training Programme for Management of Cooperative Societies at Anantnag



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Cooperative department Anantnag under the aegis of Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM) Chandigarh today organized a one day training programme for the Board of Directors, members of the PACS/Dairy Cooperative Societies at Super Bazaar Complex, here. Speaking on the occasion, the Director RICM Chandigarh gave a detailed overview of the initiatives being taken by the Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India for realizing the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India 'Sahakar se Samridhhi'.

He told the gathering that adoption of Model Bye Laws, updation of data of Cooperative Societies on National Cooperative Database portal, operationalization of Prime Minister's Jan-aushadhi Kendras (PMJAK), Common Service Centres (CSC), Prime Minister's Kissan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSK), Computerization of PACS, Petrol/

Diesel Retail outlets, LPG Distributorship and operation and maintenance of Piped water supply scheme in selected Panchayats by PACS will help in generating income avenues and making PACS as economic vibrant entities.

He further stressed the participants for disseminating the information of initiatives among the members at grassroots level for reaping the benefits through PACS.

Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Muzaffar Ahmad Beigh also spoke on the occasion and thanked Director RICM for his valuable suggestions for making a vibrant Cooperative Movement in the District.

The programme was attended by Director RICM, Chandigarh; Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Anantnag, Assistant Registrar Hq to Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies, Kashmir, Faculty Member RICM, field functionaries of Cooperative Department and Board of Directors/Members of PACS/Dairy Societies.

Director Agriculture Jammu inspects Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore



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Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu Ram Savak today reviewed the functioning of Seed Multiplication Farm, Chinore during his visit to the border area.

The Director Agriculture inspected the ongoing field activities at the farm. He also evinced keen interest in latest machinery being used at the farm like Super seeder, combines, seed drills, trans-planters, multi-crop-threshers, tractors, potato planters, ridgers, offsets etc. and said that efficient use of the machinery should be ensured. There is still much scope to boost production and productivity through implementation of latest farm production techniques, he added.

The Director also reviewed the production status of Kharif crops and passed instructions for mechanized sowing for Rabi crops. Issue of expanding irrigation facilities at the farm was also discussed on the occasion.

Further, the Director was apprised about the developments made in the quality seed production of crops at the Farm despite being located at a vulnerable international border and having limitations of staff shortage.

It was informed that about 2265 acre land is being covered under different varieties of Wheat, Fodder, Oilseeds and Pulses during the current Rabi season. It was further informed that foundation and breeder seed of elite and high yielding varieties of wheat, oats, berseem, mustard and pulse crops are being raised and multiplied at the farm for supply to the farmers.

Others who accompanied the Director Agriculture during his visit included Joint Director (Extension), R.K. Hataishi, Joint Director (Farms/SLUB), Mahesh Verma, Farm Manager SM Farm Chinore, Kuldeep Raj, Agriculture Engineer, Brij Rana, besides others.

EDITORIAL

PSGA—hold govt officials accountable

The government staff needs to be responsive and accountable while serving their duties. In 2011, the then state government headed by former chief minister Omar Abdullah introduced the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) to ensure the delivery of services within specified time. The PSGA stipulated that all major public services, including ration card, domestic electricity and water connections, PRC and driving licenses should be delivered within a specified time frame of 30 to 45 days. After the initial hiccups including shortage of manpower, the Act was rolled down with much fanfare but there had been no check on the functioning of government servants. It is great to hear that the vital Revenue Department, acting on directions issued by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, in a recent review of the department, has directed the Deputy Commissioners to act tough against defaulters of Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011 and initiate disciplinary action. For the purpose, the administration had started an online portal for tracking and monitoring of Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) applications. To begin with, the portal has been launched for 14 Services pertaining to the Revenue department, which mainly include extracts of various revenue papers, Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC), demarcation of land, various other certificates etc. The Deputy Commissioners have been shared with a list of 57 Revenue Tehsils, where an inordinate delay in delivery of online Revenue Services has been noticed, with directions to issue notices to the concerned officers and solicit cause of delay. Further, they have been directed to proceed and take warranted action under the provisions of Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011. This action should have been taken much earlier to restore the dwindling faith of the people in the government machinery. Recently, the Secretary Revenue Dr Piyush Singla, who is dynamic and energetic officer, declared that the Government is fully committed towards providing time bound services to citizens and officers acting casually in disposal of services will be taken to task. For this, regular monitoring of online service delivery is being undertaken. The activities being undertaken as part of Vigilance Awareness Week were reviewed and it was informed that while integrity pledges were organised in Revenue Offices at Tehsil, Niabat and Patwar levels, awareness camps were also held to acquaint people with the services being provided online. They were also informed that under PSGA, 2011 time bound service delivery has been guaranteed and they can appeal in case of an inordinate delay in delivery of service. In the last few months 80 cases have been taken up and 20 cases have been disposed of in this week alone. The PSGA should be used to ensure service delivery by making it consumer-friendly. Secondly, the government should ensure that no laxity at any level is tolerated while ensuring timely delivery of services to the people.

SYED FURKAN

Years have passed since the Indian government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made a historic decision regarding Jammu and Kashmir. Introduced two significant resolutions: The first one revocation of Article 370 and provision that granted special status to the region, and the second one divided the state into two Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

This decision sparked a lot of speculation and criticism, especially with the aim of provoking the people of Kashmir. Various international platforms were used to incite unrest in Kashmir. In anticipation of potential law and order issues, the Indian administration deployed a significant number of forces, drawing from past experiences. Some radicals predicted widespread violence, believing that bloodshed would occur and thousands would take to the streets.

However, contrary to these predictions, Kashmiris did not repeat history by succumbing to external pressures. They refrained from following the path of conflict and remained calm, displaying resilience in the face of adversity. This restraint and maturity exhibited by the people of Kashmir defied the expectations of those who anticipated a violent response, showcasing their commitment to peace and stability.

This move fulfilled a long-standing demand of the ruling party, BJP, and its ideological parent, RSS, which had been advocating for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the rest of India. Article 370 and its companion, Article 35A, had given the state special privileges, making it operate differently from other Indian states.

Interestingly, Article 370 was initially meant to be a temporary provision, but it continued for nearly 70 years. On August 5 last year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced resolutions in Parliament, leading to the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status. This historic decision came into effect on October 31.

Previously, Jammu and Kashmir had its own constitution and legal code, distinct from the rest of the



country. The revocation of Article 370 means that the region is now fully integrated into India, making laws and policies uniform across the country.

This move is seen as a significant step toward national unity and equal rights for all citizens. It paves the way for development, investment, and progress in Jammu and Kashmir, aligning it with the rest of the nation. Prime Minister Modi's government believes that this decision will usher in a new era of prosperity and peace for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, bringing them the same opportunities and benefits enjoyed by citizens in other parts of India. Modi dispelled every misperception about the abrogation by steering Kashmir toward the path of peace, progress, development, and prosperity.

Security and Stability: The challenging task was to provide safety, security, and equality to the dejected and rejected people of Kashmir. Utmost, Modi changed the history of the culture of hartals, protests, and violence. Thirty-two long years of turmoil, violence, and hartal culture were eliminated. This not only paved the way for daily workers and businessmen to flourish in the economy but also made children and students happy to attend their schools, engaging in these activities uninterrupted, without any interference from separatists and politicians. Modi took control of Kashmir and removed the

weeds from the flowers of the paradise, Kashmir.

Voices of Hope: Education and Youth Empowerment:

The abrogation of Article 370 ushered in a significant transformation, especially in the education sector in Kashmir. The newfound peace and stability filled the hearts of Kashmiris with hope and optimism. The once dilapidated educational system underwent a thorough overhaul. Long hartal calls were eliminated, making education more active, and cultural programs, workshops, and other activities resumed. This positive change opened up wide horizons for students, expanding their aspirations.

The removal of Article 370 removed barriers that had limited educational opportunities for Kashmiri youth. They could now pursue education in esteemed Indian universities without discrimination, broadening their horizons and enhancing their prospects for a better future. The Indian government initiated the establishment of new schools, colleges, and vocational training centres in Kashmir. This expansion provided students with diverse educational choices, allowing them to explore various fields and skills.

With increased investments and focus on the education sector, the quality of education significantly improved. Better infrastructure, qualified teachers, and updated

curricula ensured students received a high standard of education, preparing them for competitive exams and future careers. Additionally, the introduction of online attendance for teachers enhanced the learning experience, promoting regularity and engagement.

The government introduced scholarships and skill development programs tailored for Kashmiri students, providing financial support and training in various fields. These initiatives empowered youth to become self-reliant and contribute meaningfully to society.

Furthermore, new initiatives in school education in Kashmir were launched. Technical and higher education institutions received attention, leading to the establishment of engineering colleges, medical institutes, and universities. Specialized education opportunities enabled Kashmiri students to excel in diverse fields, fostering pride and confidence.

This improved educational landscape encouraged entrepreneurship among Kashmiri youth. Access to quality education and skill development led to the emergence of young entrepreneurs, starting businesses and contributing to the region's economic growth.

As the education sector flourished, career opportunities diversified. Kashmiri students found employment not only within the region but also across India, broadening

their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and work environments.

This transformation in the education sector instilled hope among Kashmiri youth. They now believed in a future where opportunities were not limited by geographical boundaries but were defined by their skills, talents, and aspirations. The removal of Article 370 opened doors to a brighter and more promising tomorrow, empowering Kashmiri youth to dream big and achieve their goals. Besides education opportunities, youth empowerment in mission youth and youth clubs have been introduced wherein youth will be provided special assistance for their engagement in different fields.

Now, in the fourth year after the abrogation, what we observe is that all the speculations have proven wrong. Instead, Kashmir has seen new hopes and expectations under the leadership of Narendra Modi. Students are happy in schools, street vendors earn their bread and cater to their families, people walk freely and enjoy every moment. There are no restrictions during the night and day. Srinagar has become an ideal place to visit, and tourist flow is always high. Safety and security have instilled trust in everyone, and sports, culture, and other activities for the promotion and upliftment of society have flourished.

In the last four years, the Union Territory of

Jammu and Kashmir has remained on top among all other Union Territories of India in implementing central schemes and achieving positive outcomes. Young people actively participate in events, programs, and workshops both inside and outside the region. The curb imposed by radicals has no place, terrorism is at its lowest ebb, and peace prevails all over the state. This peace has led to development, welfare, and prosperity. The Modi-led government has made it clear that Kashmiris, who have been provoked, radicalized, and incited with misinformation and misinterpretation of many things, resulting in violence and unrest, have been misled. This ideology of provoking and inciting Kashmiri people became evident when Kashmiris learned to distinguish between friends and foes.

Honestly, the credit goes to Narendra Modi, who clarified to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as those living across India and the international community, that Kashmir is an integral part of India. This integration happened due to the brutal role of raiders who invaded in 1947, and this situation continued until 2019. People have witnessed Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, infiltration, and drug trafficking in Kashmir and cannot sympathize with the Kashmiri people. Killers cannot be considered friends. Instead, those who have fought for development, welfare, peace, and unity have been exemplified by one and only one leader: Narendra Modi.

In the last three years, there has been a mushroom growth in tourism, with a recorded flow of tourists to prominent places due to the introduction of 72 newly designated tourist spots. This has also led to the opening of the latest border tourism initiatives. Youth engagement in different centrally sponsored schemes and the policies implemented by the UT government have played a significant role. The G-20 has become a dream come true for businesses and foreign exchange. The infiltration rate has dropped to zero. Violence has no place now, as Kashmiris have witnessed significant violence and realized its perpetrators. It is time to support our leaders in building our state into a valley of paradise.

Empowered Minds: Conquering Poverty, Achieving Prosperity

ARSHAD KHAN

Poverty, a wretched affliction, is undeniably pervasive in our society. Yet, there exists a curse more insidious and pernicious than material lack. It is the poverty of the mind, a state of destitution in intellect and perception. This affliction renders individuals bereft of knowledge, critical thinking, and the ability to perceive the world with depth and nuance. Those afflicted by this poverty of the mind are trapped in a narrow worldview, unable to comprehend the complexities of society and the human experience. They lack the intellectual tools necessary to navigate the challenges of life, perpetuating a cycle of ignorance and limited opportunities. This poverty of the mind stifles creativity, innovation, and progress, hin-

dering the advancement of society as a whole. It is a curse that perpetuates inequality, as those with limited intellectual capacity struggle to break free from the chains of their own ignorance. To combat this curse, it is imperative to prioritize education, critical thinking, and the cultivation of intellectual curiosity. Only by addressing the poverty of the mind can we truly uplift individuals and create a society that thrives on knowledge, understanding, and empathy.

A person with a sound and lucid mind possesses an extraordinary power. This formidable weapon enables them to confront and conquer any form of poverty, emerging triumphant and prosperous. Their intellect serves as a guide, allowing them to navigate the treacherous waters of life, defying the odds and amassing great

riches. With their mental acuity, they are able to analyze situations, make informed decisions, and take calculated risks. They understand the value of education and continuously seek knowledge to expand their understanding of the world. They are resourceful, finding innovative solutions to challenges and leveraging their skills and talents to create opportunities for themselves. Their ability to adapt and learn from their experiences enables them to overcome setbacks and setbacks, ultimately leading to their success. With their sound and lucid mind, they possess the power to transform their circumstances and achieve lasting prosperity.

A person with an impoverished mind is burdened by numerous troubles. They perceive threats and difficulties

where there are none, due to a constant state of paranoia. Even the wisest individuals are viewed with suspicion, as the impoverished mind sees evil in the hearts of sages. Additionally, they believe their closest companions have ill intentions, turning friends into enemies. They scrutinize every action and intention, convinced that a sinister conspiracy lies behind each one. This mental state causes immense distress and hinders their ability to trust others. The impoverished mind is plagued by a distorted perception of reality, leading to a constant state of fear and anxiety. It is a challenging and isolating existence, as they are unable to form genuine connections and live in constant suspicion.

The perpetual turmoil and impoverishment caused by such a state of mind is evident,

dear readers. Despite the abundance of material wealth, the impoverished mind remains trapped in destitution. Complaining becomes a constant companion, negativity the default mode of thinking, and toxicity the prevailing disposition. Unfortunately, gratitude eludes them entirely. Their lack of appreciation for the blessings in their lives perpetuates their state of impoverishment, both mentally and emotionally. This mindset hinders personal growth and prevents them from experiencing true fulfillment. The constant focus on what is lacking rather than what is present leads to a never-ending cycle of discontentment. It is crucial to recognize the power of gratitude and its ability to transform one's perspective. By cultivating a mindset of appreciation, one can break free from

the chains of perpetual turmoil and impoverishment, and instead embrace a life of abundance and contentment.

I urge you to be extremely careful and attentive. The poverty of the mind is a curse that can strip even the richest of individuals of genuine prosperity. We must work towards developing a mind that is abundant and fertile, one that is not burdened by negativity and doubt. It is only through this that we can truly rise above the constraints imposed by both material and intellectual poverty. By cultivating a rich and expansive mind, we can unlock our full potential and achieve true prosperity. So, let us be cautious and vigilant, guarding against the poverty of the mind, and strive to create a mindset that is free from limitations and open to endless possibilities.

Energy drinks may harm your heart: Study

CONSUMING too many energy drinks in a short timespan may increase blood pressure and disrupt heart rhythm, a study has found. For the study, published in the Journal of the American Heart Association, enrolled 34 healthy volunteers between the ages of 18 and 40 years. Participants were randomly assigned to drink 32 ounces of one of two commercially available caffeinated energy drinks or a placebo drink on three separate days.

The drinks were consumed within a 60-minute period but no faster than one 16-ounce bottle in 30 minutes. Researchers at the University of the Pacific in the US measured the electrical activity of the volunteers' hearts by electrocardiogram, which records the way a heart is beating. They also recorded participant's blood pressure. All meas-

urements were taken at the study's start and every 30 minutes for four hours after drink consumption.

Both energy beverages tested contained 304 to 320 milligrams of caffeine per 32 fluid ounces. Caffeine at doses under 400 milligrams is not expected to induce any electrocardiographic changes. Other common ingredients in the energy drinks in the study included taurine (an amino acid), glucuronolactone (found in plants and connective tissues) and B-vitamins. The placebo drink contained carbonated water, lime juice and cherry flavouring.

In participants who consumed either type of energy drink, researchers found that the QT interval was six milliseconds or 7.7

milliseconds higher at four hours compared to placebo drinkers. The QT interval is a measurement of the time it takes ventricles in the heart (the lower chambers) to prepare to generate a beat again. If this time interval



either too short or too long, it can cause the heart to beat abnormally. The resulting arrhythmia can be life-threatening.

The results of the study confirm previous findings

and suggest that the QT interval changes are generally sustained over the four-hour monitoring period rather than being a short-lasting effect after consuming 32-ounces of an energy drink. Researchers also found a statistically significant increase in systolic and diastolic blood pressure in participants who consumed the energy drinks.

"We found an association between consuming energy drinks and changes in QT intervals and blood pressure that cannot be attributed to caffeine," said Sachin A Shah, a professor at University of the Pacific. "We urgently need to investigate the particular ingredient or combination of ingredients in different types of energy drinks that might explain the findings seen in our clinical trial," said Shah.

The study is the largest controlled study of the effects of energy drinks on the heart and blood pressure in young healthy volunteers. "Energy drinks are readily accessible and commonly consumed by a large number of teens and young adults, including college students. Understanding how these drinks affect the heart is extremely important," said Kate O'Dell, a professor at the University of the Pacific. "The public should be aware of the impact of energy drinks on their body especially if they have other underlying health conditions," Shah said. "Healthcare professionals should advise certain patient populations, for example, people with underlying congenital or acquired long QT syndrome or high blood pressure, to limit or monitor their consumption," he said.

Drugs for eye treatment may harm growing infants: Study

RESEARCHERS have found that a few drugs used for treating retinal diseases may mix with breast milk, further causing a safety issue for the growing infants. Ranibizumab and aflibercept are medications used to treat several retinal diseases. They contain an agent called anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF), which blocks the eye's production of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF is a protein that stimulates the development of blood vessels but is associated with retinal diseases in high quantities.

VEGF is present in breast milk and plays an important role in the development of an infant's digestive system. As a result, anti-VEGF drugs in a nursing mother raise concerns about possible adverse events in a developing infant if the drugs were to pass into breast milk and suppress VEGF. The study published in the journal, 'Ophthalmology' is a first-of-its-kind study led by St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

"As retina specialists, we often tell our pregnant or nursing patients that there's a risk of a small amount of these drugs making its way into the breast milk, but we can't be sure," said Dr Rajeev Muni, co-lead author, a vitreoretinal surgeon at St. Michael's and a project investigator at the hospi-

tal's Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute.

"We don't want these patients to lose their vision so we make a decision, despite limited information," added Dr Muni. Hoping to change this, Dr Muni and Dr Verena Juncal, co-lead author and a retinal fel-

"These results definitively show us that the drug reaches the breast milk," said Dr Juncal. "We realise that some readers may question the small sample size, but if the drug reaches the breast milk in three patients, it'll reach in 30 patients



low at St. Michael's, measured the concentrations of retinal medications in the breast milk of three lactating patients following injection of anti-VEGF therapy. The team found that the drugs were excreted into the breast milk within the first couple days following injection, with a corresponding reduction in VEGF levels. They also found that the amount of medication detected in the patient who continued to breast-feed was significantly lower than the other two patients, suggesting that the medication was constantly excreted and ingested by the infant.

because it's the same biological process." As the first study to evaluate the presence of Health Canada approved anti-VEGF therapy in human breast milk, these results provide a resource for ophthalmologists and retina specialists counselling pregnant and nursing patients. "I'm comforted knowing that other pregnant or nursing mothers with retinal diseases will have the information needed to make an educated decision about whether to consider nursing while receiving these medications," said Lisa, one of the three study participants, who didn't want to reveal her surname.

Women who suffer childhood trauma likely to deliver first baby earlier life, outside marriage

WHILE childhood trauma is known to have poor impact on a woman's midlife health, a new study has uncovered the reason behind it and found that these females are more likely to have their first child both earlier in life and outside of marriage - factors associated with poorer health later in life.

These results suggest that early trauma - such as the death of a parent, physical abuse or emotional neglect - may affect young people's decision-making in ways that they can't entirely control. "It's easy to tell teens that they shouldn't have kids before marriage, but the message won't be effective if they haven't developed the capacity to do that because of the trauma they experienced in childhood," said lead author, Kristi Williams, professor of Sociology at The Ohio State University.

The findings of this study were published in the Journal of Health and Social Behaviour. Previous research has shown that childhood trauma is strongly associated with multiple health risks, including cancer, diabetes, stroke and early death, Williams said.

Much of this work has focused on how early adversity may have biological and neurological effects that would lead

to worse health throughout life.

"But there hasn't been any attention given to how childhood adversity may affect social and developmental processes in adolescence and young adulthood - factors that we know are also strong



predictors of later health," she added. One of those factors in women is the timing & context of first birth. Data for this study came from the 1979 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which includes a representative sample of people who were aged 14 to 22 in 1979. Participants were interviewed every year through 1994 and once every two years since.

The final sample for this study included 3,278 women. Each participant reported whether she experienced one or more of six adverse childhood experiences before age 18: emotional neglect, physical abuse, alcoholism in the home, mental illness

in the home, death of a biological parent and parental absence. The researchers examined data on how old each participant was when she first gave birth and whether she was married, cohabiting or neither. Finally, participants rated their health at or near age 40.

Findings showed that each additional childhood trauma experienced by the participants was associated with earlier age at first birth and a greater probability for a first birth during adolescence or young adulthood compared to later (age 25 to 39). In addition, each additional trauma was associated with a 24 per cent increase in the probability of being unmarried and not cohabiting at first birth compared to the likelihood that they were married when their first child was born. Researchers then conducted statistical tests that showed early and non-marital births were a key reason why children who experienced trauma were more likely to report poorer health at midlife.

"Childhood trauma leads to social and biological risks that lead to early and nonmarital birth which can lead to health problems later in life," Williams explained. She added "when people experience traumas early in life, they are less likely to make those positive choices."

Poor diet linked to cancer, says study

CONSUMING a poor diet may have more impact on your health than you thought, as a recent study has claimed that a poor diet can lead to a number of health issues, one of them being cancer. More than 80,000 cancer cases in some parts of the world were linked to poor diet, or around 5%, according to a study published in the journal JNCI Cancer Spectrum. The study, conducted by the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts, analysed cancer diagnoses among adults from 2015 along with data from two national surveys on Americans' diets to



determine how many cases were linked to poor diets, especially low in vegetables, fruits, whole grains and high in processed sugar, sugary beverages and red meats. The findings are comparable to the number of cancer cases linked to alcohol consumption, which amount to between 4 and 6%. Excessive body weight is linked to 7% to 8% of cases and lack of physical activity is associated with 2% to 3%.

"Our findings underscore the opportunity to reduce cancer burden and disparities in the United States by improving food intake," said study author Fang Zhang and cancer and nutrition researcher.

Of all types of cancers, colorectal cancer had the highest link to poor diet. Roughly 38%, or 52,000 cases, of colorectal cancer diagnosed in 2015 were related to consumption of poor. That compared to around 14,400 cancer cases of the mouth, pharynx, and larynx, 3,165 cases of uterine cancer, and 3,060 cases of post-menopausal breast cancer.

The study authors, who proposed putting government-sponsored warning labels on red meats and other cancer-linked foods, said our results call for nutrition policies to address cancer burden.

Exercising at home has positive effect on Parkinson's patients: Study

PATIENTS in the initial stages of Parkinson's disease shall workout regularly for 6 months at home to get positive effect comparable to that of conventional Parkinson's medication.

According to the paper published in the journal, 'The Lancet Neurology,' the Park-in-Shape study, funded by ZonMW (Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development), tested an innovative solution for this challenge. The participants were divided into two groups. Both groups had a motivational app at their disposal, which offered the participants rewards for exercising.

The control group only performed stretching exercises, while the active intervention group was instructed to exercise for 30-45 minutes on a stationary bicycle at home, at least three times a week.

The active group's exercise bikes were also equipped with motivating games, making the program more entertaining and challenging for the participants.

For example, the participants could race against their own previous performance a "ghost rider" or against a group of other cyclists. The system adjusted the difficulty of the game to the patient's heartbeat, making the challenge just right. The

challenges also became more difficult as the participants got fitter. Thanks to these motivating elements, the participants faithfully complied with the cycling exercise regime three times a week for 6 months.

After the study, cycling patients



had significantly better cardiovascular fitness, which has many obvious advantages. The motor disability of the cycling group was also significantly better: according to the gold standard (the MDS-UPDRS score), the cycling group scored on average 4.2 points lower than the control group. This is a rather large effect, comparable to that of several conventional Parkinson's drugs.

"We were pleasantly surprised that people with Parkinson's disease were able to adhere to their exercise regimes so well.

The beneficial effect on their motor disability was also large enough to be clinically relevant. As such, exercise is a very useful addition to the medication," said PhD candidate Nicolien van der Kolk.

The fact that this cycling

exercise can take place entirely at home is a major advantage for patients, as this greatly enhances the feasibility of the treatment. "This study is very important. We can now start researching whether much more long-term cycling can also slow the disease progression. Also, this new 'exergaming' approach that we have developed is very suitable to achieve long-term improvements in exercise behaviour for patients with a range of other disorders that could also benefit from regular exercise," said Principal investigator Professor Bas Bloem.

Nano-sized cells of body may help in fighting cancer: Study

THE nano-sized cells that transfer genetic material to other cells in our body may turn into mini treatment transporters to kill cancer cells, suggests a study from Michigan State University and Stanford University. The study published in the journal, 'Molecular Cancer Therapeutics' focused on breast cancer cells in mice.

"What we've done is improve a therapeutic approach to delivering enzyme-producing genes that can convert certain drugs into toxic agents and target tumours," said Masamitsu Kanada, lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology in MSU's Institute for Quantitative Health Science and Engineering.

These drugs, or prodrugs, start out as inactive compounds. But once they metabolise in the body, they're immediately activated and can get to work on

fighting everything from cancer to headaches.

Aspirin is an example of a common pro-drug. In this case, researchers used extracellular vesicles, or EVs, to deliver the enzyme-producing genes that could activate a prodrug combination therapy of ganicyclovir and CB1954 in breast cancer cells.

Minicircle DNA and regular plasmid two different gene vectors that act as additional delivery mechanisms for DNA were loaded into the vesicles to see which was better at helping transport treatment.

This is known as a gene-directed enzyme, pro-drug therapy. They found that the minicircle DNA was 14 times more effective at delivery and even more successful at killing the cancerous tumour.

"Interestingly, the plasmid delivery method didn't show any tumour cell killing," Kanada said. "Yet

the mini circle DNA-based therapy killed more than half of the breast cancer cells in the mice."

According to Kanada, this new approach could effectively become a better cancer treatment option than chemotherapy down the road. "Conventional chemotherapy isn't able to differentiate between tumours and normal tissue, so it attacks it all," Kanada said. "This non-specificity can cause severe side effects and insufficient drug concentration in tumours."

With EVs, treatment can be targeted and because of their compatibility with the human body, this type of delivery could minimise the risk of unwanted immune responses that can come with other gene therapies.

"If EVs prove to be effective in humans, it would be an ideal platform for gene delivery and it could be used in humans sooner than we expect," Kanada said.

WORKPLACE BURNOUT: Here's how managers can spot it & take action

ACHIEVING a sense of balance between work and personal life has now become a challenge and the imbalance somewhere leads to stress for which the mind and body pay the price.

Workplace burnout, which is getting more attention lately, has major physical and emotional consequences. Although most people think that being burnt out makes you more irritable and unmotivated, there are serious physical and mental health risks linked to the issue, reported CNN. For most people, their workplace is consistently one of their leading stressors. Earlier this year, the issue was added to the World Health Organization's list of official medical diagnoses.

Burnout can occur when we suffer chronic stress at work, explained David Ballard, senior director of the American Psychological Association's Office of Applied Psychology.

According to Ballard, people are only capable of handling stress in short bursts, so when one faces increased levels of stress at work for a long time, they risk burning out. Ballard noted that not only is it linked to mental and physical health risks, but can also affect job performance, the CNN report stated.

"If it's not managed effectively over time, it can affect job performance. It can leave one feeling exhausted, unmotivated and ineffective on the job. Job performance can also suffer," Ballard said.

Managers and employees both play an equally essential role when it comes to identifying and managing job burnout.

"Employees have to take steps to have effective coping skills to manage stress. Employers can work to create an environment that is conducive to healthy employees: identifying stressors and reducing and eliminating them when they can and making sure they have health and management resources," Ballard said.

Here's a list of potential red flags that managers can spot and take action:

Putting in extra work hours: There are times when one has to put in extra hours during work, which may be harmful to your health if it gets frequent.

"Pushing yourself for a few weeks is okay but after a while it becomes really detrimental to your health and ability to do work at the same quality level," said Leigh Stringer, author of the book 'The Healthy Workplace'.

In order to curb the issue, managers need to establish a tone when it comes to work-life balance. One should not be afraid to stress the importance of having a life ask about outside-of-work activities and offer flexible work arrangements to help steer busy schedules.

Unable to prioritise different tasks: Employees

who might be struggling with workplace burnout could also have a hard time prioritising tasks, not having enough clarity on how to differentiate what's more important.

"When somebody sees everything as being a really high priority, they don't know what to minimize and they don't know when to stop," said Adam Goodman, director of the Centre for Leadership at

Northwestern University.

When assigning a new project to a worker, managers should make sure that their employees do not have too much on their plate and offer help in prioritising assignments. Deteriorating social skills: When a usually lively employee who often participates in the office meetings and is mostly enthusiastic suddenly becomes unmotivated and quieter, that person could be at risk of workplace burnout.

"Their bodies are at work, but their heart and soul are not, and you are noticing a lower participation rate," Stringer said.

How they take up a project or work on something can also be a sign of burnout. If you feel that an employee is going through chronic stress or seems distant, try pulling them aside, asking them to grab a cup of coffee or go for a walk. "Take them outside the throes of work and have an off-site discussion that shows you care about them as a person. Reaching out is very important," Stringer suggested.



involves setting goals and once they are achieved, celebrating them.

"A lot of managers don't set a clear goal, they just want to achieve," he said.

When it comes to celebrating, it doesn't have to be a big office party, a little bit of recognition could also do the trick.

"Recognize the work or person in a team meeting. A little bit of recognition can really help out."

Cognitive Issues: We all make errors but if they become frequent it may be a sign of a workplace burnout. "If they keep making the same mistake frequently and they aren't in the zone, that could be a sign of experiencing burnout," Fanning said.

Another red flag is when people start experiencing difficulty in concentrating and have a hard time in solving problems with memory or making decisions.

"If someone's work performance is slipping, it gives you the opportunity as manager to have a conversation and point to resources to help support," Ballard said.

Burnout can be prevented by focusing on proper sleep, healthful eating, exercise, social time and making time for creative pursuits outside of work. Consider mindfulness meditations or stretching exercises that can help in keeping you calm.

And, if nothing changes, and your workplace just seems to be a bad fit, then the best treatment is to move on altogether.

Directorate of Tourism Jammu Hosts Press Conference to Unveil Exciting Adventure Tourism Opportunities

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The Directorate of Tourism Jammu hosted a press conference to unveil a plethora of adventure tourism opportunities in the Jammu region.

Vivekanand Rai, Director of Tourism Jammu, emphasized the region's vast potential as a hub for adventure tourism, offering an exciting array of activities aimed at captivating tourists, especially the youth. He further added that the tourism department has been proactively working to enrich adventure tourism offerings. Extensive consultations with experts have resulted in a comprehensive feasibility report, with a focus on expanding adventure activities with minimal investment. These endeavors are geared towards creating employment opportunities and engaging the youth in the thriving tourism sector.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director of Tourism, shared that the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with the Indian

Kayaking & Canoeing Association (IKCA) and Jammu Adventure Sports Association (JASA), has conducted water surveys across all districts of Jammu Division.

These surveys have yielded valuable recommendations, pinpointing specific locations for activities like paragliding at Aitham, Dhanwa and Billo ki Paudi, Mokhri and water based activities in Locations like Jammu (Kattal - Battal) offer activities such as shikara rides, flatwater rafting, kayaking, and more. Surinsar and Mansar Lake (Samba) opportunities for flatwater kayaking, family rafting, paddle boat rides, and stand-up paddleboard rentals.

Doda (Prem Nagar - Doda) offers commercial whitewater rafting tours, whitewater kayaking, canoe slalom development, and stand-up paddleboard tours. The Bhagliar dam backwaters in Ramban present the chance to engage in canoe sprint, flatwater kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, jet boat tours, and in the serene surroundings of



Pathwal, you can indulge in peaceful paddle boating and the delightful experience of water zorbing. Head to Doda (Prem Nagar - Doda) for an adrenaline rush with thrilling commercial whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoe development.

The picturesque Ramban region, particularly the Bhagliar dam backwaters, offers exciting opportunities such as canoe sprint, flatwater kayaking and more.

Meanwhile, Shiv Mandir - Karara/Kundal provides heart-pounding adventures with commercial white water rafting, kayaking, and extreme kayak events. For a more tranquil experience, Sanasar Lake beckons with serene shikara rides, water zorbing, and paddle boating. In Reasi (Chenab), adventurous spirits can engage in rafting, canoeing, and more.

Baradari and Serli Pond (Katra) offers a peaceful

spot for paddle boating and water rafting while Udhampur (Dalsar Lake) allows for serene paddle boating and water zorbing. In Poonch (From Buzliar town to Poonch) seek an adrenaline rush with thrilling rafting, kayaking, and paddleboarding adventures, while the Rajouri region (Tawi from Rajouri to Hidayatpura) boasts exciting rafting, kayaking, and paddleboarding in the running water

Ms. Mehta further added

that reconnaissance activities have been completed for hosting international paragliders on a FAM tour and paragliding event in Jammu. These paragliders will provide recommendations after their trials. Additionally, the introduction of paddle boating at Gatha has received a positive response. The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, plans to conduct a Paragliding Professional Training Course in Arunachal Pradesh, and 38 new trekking routes have been identified to enhance adventure tourism offerings in the region.

The press conference also saw the presence of Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director of Tourism (P&A), and Sugandi Banotra, AD Tourism Jammu.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, is fully committed to expanding adventure tourism offerings to cater to the diverse interests of visitors. The department will soon invite expressions of interest from trekking experts to further enrich the adventure tourism experience.

Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust artists beautify Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan Flyover



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Artists from the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust have showcased their artworks on the pillars of the Sarai Kale Khan flyover in New Delhi.

Notably, Delhi's Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, along with Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Atishi Singh, have recently inaugurated the flyover and pledged to enhance its aesthetics.

Anuradha Rishi, Trustee of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust, mentioned that the government has entrusted them with the beautification of the Sarai Kale Khan flyover, and their artists are excelling in this task. She highlighted the Trust's past accomplishments in playing a pivotal role in promoting the country's art and culture. The Trust has also provided numerous opportunities for artists from diverse back

Annual cultural extravaganza 'Rang-e-Chinar' begins at NIT Srinagar

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The two-day annual cultural extravaganza, Rang-e-Chinar began at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar with a resounding success on its first day.

The event witnessed a remarkable footfall of over 10,000 enthusiastic attendees who gathered to celebrate the institute's vibrant cultural spirit.

The grand inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, who was Chief Guest on the occasion.

In his key address, Prof. Yedla emphasized the importance of balancing academics with co-curricular activities, drawing from his own experiences as a student at IIT Kharagpur.

"I am delighted to see the event's success and pledged to make such cultural gatherings a more frequent occurrence at NIT Srinagar, aiming for a light-hearted and stress-free environment for the students," he said.

Prof. Yedla was accompanied by Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Mohammad Shafi Mir, Dean Alumni and International Affairs, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Abdul Liman and HOD Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Prof. Atikur Rahman.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran is the main coordinator of the event, while Dr. Janani L and Dr. Parameshwar are the co-coordinators of the annual Rang-e-Chinar program.

The event commenced with the warm welcome extended to all dignitaries and attendees by Chairperson of Rang-e-Chinar Prabh Karan Singh Jolly.

People trust me for my track record; only DPAP can ensure equitable, balanced devp in J&K: Azad

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Seeking support of the people to implement revolutionary policies of his party, Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad said that only his party can ensure equitable and balanced development in all the regions and sub-regions of the J&K UT. He said that my govt in the past has proved how to accelerate developmental activities in the backward and neglected areas like Chenab Valley. Before 2002 Chenab Valley region remained neglected and marginalized for decades together due to the discriminatory policies propagated by the successive state governments said Mr Azad. He said that enemies of Chenab Valley are unnerved by the progress which the people of this region have seen during



my tenure, that is why, planned and systematic efforts are being made to divide them on the basis of region and religion. Mr Azad lashed out on political opponents for misleading people and said he was the only political leader from Jammu and Kashmir who opposed abrogation of Article 370 in the parliament. He said that these politicians have only learned deceit and make false statements to win elections and later never return to their own

people. "I am accused of having links with BJP by some political leaders. However, they are actually hiding their own misdeeds. They formed the government with BJP and some others enjoyed ministerial berths in NDA," he said. He said he is facing people today all because his politics is all about and around his people and their welfare. "No other politician has a guts to face the people like me. They have no track record and will be cornered for

their fake promises and misleading people on sentimental grounds," he said while addressing his workers at Kandoth, Bhella Doda today. Azad warned people against these political parties and said they are joining hands to ensure BJP is winning all the seats. "They are joining hands against us since they have been asked by their masters to split the secure vote bank of DPAP to ensure BJP is winning with full majority. But my workers have to be alert

and ensure all stand united against these parties and BJP to ensure DPAP is winning elections," he said. Azad said that due to the faith among people on him, he was winning elections in Delhi and many other states for Congress. "Congress was because of me and the elections it was winning were due to my efforts and hard work. You can see now the situation of Congress," the DPAP chairman said. Among others who were present on the occasion were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Asif Gattu Distt President, Prabha Salathia Mahila President, Sunita Arora Spokesperson, Farooq Shikari, Fatima Shikari, Asghar Khanday, Pritam Kotwal, Sheikh Zaffarullah and others.



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Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Amit Kapoor has said that widow, disabled and old age pensions were already stopped following the orders of Jammu and Kashmir administration. People have to visit offices to complete the formalities. At the same time, due to the latest decree of the CAPD department, people are now forced to visit ration depots. According to the new decree, biometric thumb impressions of all family members are being taken. Healthy people can go anywhere but sick elders at home also have to stand in queues. Kapoor said that the government first banned sugar and then cut the ration and now people are being harassed without any reason. Earlier the government harassed

people in the name of smart meters, property tax, toll plazas. After that the pension was stopped and now the ration has also been stopped. I want to ask the government what revenge they are taking against the people of Jammu and Kashmir and what the 25 useless people of BJP sitting in Jammu are doing. On one hand, Arvind Kejriwal is working on a plan to deliver ration to people from door to door, on the other hand, Jammu and Kashmir administration is stopping ration and making old and sick people stand in queues from home. Amit Kapoor said that the public is watching everything, its answer will be given in the elections. They will completely boycott the BJP, which is oppressing the public, and the Congress, which remains a mute spectator.

Reliance Jio launches True 5G Service at GCW, Parade Ground, Jammu

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As the fast roll-out of True 5G services continues across Jammu, Reliance Jio has commenced the Jio True 5G transformative journey in major educational campuses, harnessing the immense transformative potential of True 5G in the field of education. In this series, Jio launched true 5G services in Government Degree college Women, Parade. Jio True5G Digital Campus Program of Jammu organised on 30th October at Govt. Degree College for Women Parade, Jammu. Event was attended by the Prof. Mamta, Prof. Alpana along with other senior faculty members under the mentorship of College Principal Dr.S.P. Saraswat and had participation of over 150 students.

Dr. S.P Saraswat, Principal appreciated the initiative taken by Jio in the digital revolution of the country and the event on True 5G Services and expressed his sincere gratitude to Reliance Jio for providing Jio True 5G



services at Govt Degree college -Women Parade. He said that the emerging 5G network features lower latency, higher capacity and increased bandwidth as compared to 4G.

Prof Mamta informed the audience gathering that Reliance Jio has decided to showcase its true 5G services to the students and teachers at GDC women Parade from today, thereby signalling a significant stride in transforming education through true 5G. She said that Jio True 5G enables enhanced learning experiences for students and empowers the faculty to deliver their best. She congratulated Reliance Jio

Team for its commitment to digitalize the educational campuses pan India and reaffirm its dedication to bolstering education and shaping a brighter future for the next generation.

Commencing this initiative, Jio representative showcased its True 5G services through a presentation to the students and teachers, signalling a significant stride in transforming education through True 5G. Keeping in view the high data requirements and usage of students in campus, Jio has put special focus on ensuring seamless 5G connectivity and the best 5G experience for users. Reliance Jio has deployed mul-

iple 5G network sites at major centre of education. In an interactive session with students at GDC women Parade, Jio Jammu team presented multi-faceted benefits and potential of True 5G and elaborated on the transformational possibilities of True 5G with emphasis on the immense scope to revolutionize digital learning, fostering an environment of innovation, collaboration and knowledge sharing. Various use cases of 5G in the various fields were showcased to the students through video presentations outlining the infinite growth opportunities in the areas of e-governance, education, automation, Artificial Intelligence, gaming, agriculture, IT and healthcare.

Jio representative said that Reliance Jio, the No.1 digital service provider in Jammu, has been rapidly expanding its True 5G network across Jammu and is the only telecom operator having 5G network presence in all districts of Jammu. Jio is also the only service provider to have

spectrum in the premium 700 MHz band, considered more suitable for 5G network deployment. He further said Jio True 5G has a three-fold advantage that makes it the only TRUE 5G network in India which includes Stand-alone 5G architecture with advanced 5G network with Zero dependency on 4G network; the largest and best mix of 5G spectrum across 700 MHz, 3500 MHz, and 26 GHz bands; Carrier Aggregation that seamlessly combines these 5G frequencies into a single robust "data highway" using an advanced technology called Carrier Aggregation. Jio's True 5G technology is playing a pivotal role in transforming education in India. By providing fast and reliable connectivity, Jio True 5G enables an enhanced learning experience for students and empowers faculty members to deliver their best. Jio's commitment to digitalize campuses across India reaffirms its dedication to bolstering education and shaping a brighter future for the next generation.

Only double-engine Govt can fulfill aspirations of people in Rajasthan: Bali Bhagat



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AJMER (RAJASTHAN)

Battling strongly for BJP's double engine government in Rajasthan, senior party leader and former Minister of J&K, Bali Bhagat asserted that only the BJP Government can fulfill the expectations of the people in Rajasthan.

The senior BJP functionary was addressing an impressive gathering

of supporters after accompanying party candidate Smt. Anita Badel to file the nomination papers for Ajmer South Assembly Constituency in the office of the Magistrate, Ajmer, Rajasthan.

The former minister asserted that after being fed up with the present government, the people of the State are looking for a double engine government in Rajasthan.

National Sample Survey of India, organizes Refresher Training Camp for ASUSE 2023-24

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National Sample Survey Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, Regional office, Jammu organized Refresher Training Camp for Annual Survey on Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2023-24 on November 03, 2023 in the Conference hall of Hotel Country Inn, near Bahu Plaza, Jammu. The training was attended by the officers and the field staff of NSSO (FOD) Regional office Jammu, Sub-Regional Office, Udhampur. This survey will be devoted exclusively to economic and operational characteristics of unincorporated non-agricultural establishments in manufacturing, trade and other services sector because unincorporated sector is an integral part of Indian economy which not only comprises of large number of establishments but also generates large number of employment in this sector. Unincorporated



sector necessitates the need for reliable and comprehensive data for planning and policy formulations. ASUSE survey is devoted exclusively to an integrated survey on economic and operational characteristics of unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises in manufacturing, trade and other services sectors to supplement the corporate sector data. This will help National Accounts Division (NAD) of National Statistics Office (NSO) to compute important components of national accounts. The data to be collected during ASUSE 2023-24 will help in meeting the requirements of different Ministries, Organizations and users in general. The training pro-

gramme was inaugurated by Shri Kishore Kumar Deputy Director General National Statistical Office, (Field Operations Division) under Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India. In his inaugural address he highlighted the role of National Sample Survey Office in developing a sound Statistical database for the use by planners and policy makers, researchers and various other agencies at the National and International level and outlined in detail the significance of present Survey. Shri Kumar requested the people of the State to give full cooperation to the field Officers/ Officials of the NSSO, (FOD),

Government of India and provide correct & reliable information. The training Camp will provide an insight of various terms, concepts, procedures and definitions used in various schedule of ASUSE Survey. Training camp will be devoted to the discussions of concepts and definitions, various technical terms and contents of schedules to be canvassed in the survey. The training was imparted by Shri P. S. Jambwal, Senior Statistical Officers of NSSO (FOD), Government of India, Regional Office, Jammu. Overall Comparing/ Coordination of the RTC was done by Shri Sunil K. Khar, Sr. Statistical Officer, Regional Office Jammu.

APS Akhnoor lifts Finals of Northern Command Inter-APS Volleyball Championship-2023

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Army Public School Akhnoor secured a resounding victory in the Northern Command Inter-Army Public School Volleyball Championship 2023-24, an event that brought together champions from Cluster A and B of Army Public Schools within the Northern Command. The intense final match took place on November 3, 2023, at Army Public School Mathura and witnessed a thrilling competition between the two powerhouse teams. In the end, the champions from Akhnoor dominated the game with an impressive two straight-set win against their opponents from Army Public School, Mathura.



Brig Rakesh Pachora, SM, VSM, the Chairman of Army Public School Akhnoor, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the victorious team for their stupendous performance. He urged the students to continue striving for excellence, highlighting the significance of determination, dedication and hard work in all fields.

Geeta Devi, the Principal of Army Public School Akhnoor, credited the team's outstanding performance to the unwavering dedication of the coaching staff led by Ms Sangita Bhat, PGT PHE and the relentless hard work of the players. She added that their collective efforts and commitment were key to this extraordinary

achievement. The win not only demonstrates the remarkable sportsmanship and prowess of Army Public School Akhnoor but also highlights the school's commitment to fostering holistic development in its students. This achievement stands as a proud moment for the school, its students, and the entire region.

Cross Swords Division sign MOU with AVNL, NEIDO to provide education to EWS students under fulltime residential program

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The project Swarnim Centre of Excellence & Wellness, in partnership with Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL, a MoD PSU) has been conceptualized to secure a better future for the youth of Akhnoor and adjoining areas. The project will concentrate on economically weaker sections, especially from rural, semi-rural & non-urban areas. It is a full-time residential program to mentor and guide them for a period of twelve months for competitive entrance examinations. The program under the aegis of White Knight Corps will be executed by a Not-For-Profit educational trust, National Integrity & Educational Development



Organisation (NIEDO). Cross Swords Division will oversee the overall conduct of the welfare program including administration, logistics and monitoring the progress with requisite funding support through AVNL. As part of Indian Army's sustained initiative of 'Nation Building' and 'Shiksha

Se Samridhi' to secure a better future for the youth of UT of Jammu & Kashmir. Cross Swords Division signed the MOU on 03 Nov 2023 with AVNL and training partner, NIEDO. White Knight Corps Commander was in presence in the august MOU signing ceremony. SSP Moham Lal Bhagat and SDM Akhnoor

Akhil Sadotra were also present in the program. The project will not only mentor and guide the girls and boys but will also provide soft skills, personality development, critical life competencies, leadership capabilities, personal conditioning wellness programs, vocational training and end to end grooming.

Demonstration in Talab Tillo demanding justice in Dr. Sumedha murder case

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People today held a protest at Talab Tillo demanding death sentence to the murderer Johar Mahmood Ganai. A massive protest was held at Talab Tillo, Gol Puli in which people from various religious bodies, Civil society, parents of Dr. Sumedha Sharma, relatives and locals participated and put forward their demand to hang the culprit. While the protesters were raising loud slogans demanding early justice for the victim of Love Jihad, Dr. Sumedha were also being raised for Justice. While addressing the protestors Ram Pal Sharma said that there is anger in the society after the revelations in the 1249-page charge sheet. The main reason for this anger was the disclosure



in the charge sheet that murder accused Johar Mahmood Ganai, apart from Dr. Sumedha, was also making another Hindu girl a victim of love jihad. When Dr. Sumedha revealed this, Johar murdered her. In the chargesheet police reveals that Dr. Sumedha's murder was gruesome and pre-planned. Protesters including parents of the deceased Dr. Sumedha said her

family will not get justice unless the murder accused is given death sentence. They said that for justice, the concerned administration should arrange for a special government lawyer for the aggrieved party along with hearing of the case in a fast track court. Otherwise the family will not get justice. The protesters also demanded the Lieutenant Governor to enact a stringent law to

curb the increasing cases of Love Jihad. It is noteworthy that on March 7 this year, on the day of Holi, Dr. Sumedha was murdered by Johar Mahmood Ganai in his house in Pamposh Colony under Janipur police station. The accused murderer had brutally killed Dr. Sumedha by stabbing her several times with a 10-inch big meat cutting knife. After this, various social and religious organizations started protests and the police SIT was formed. Later, SIT was also re-organized under the pressure of these organizations. After completion of investigation in the case, on October 31, the police filed a charge sheet in the concerned court. The protesters mainly included Sangeeta Dogra, Anita, Vikas, councillor Surendra Sharma, Manoj and Manmohan etc.

Natrang showcases 'Diverse Colors of Jammu Kashmir' at IIT Jammu

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'Diverse Colors of Jammu & Kashmir' a unique dance based presentation of Natrang Jammu was showcased here this evening at IIT Jammu in the 8th International Conference CVIP-2023 organised by IIT Jammu. Conceived, designed and directed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur this mind blowing presentation mesmerised everyone with highly electrifying performance. Performed by majority of proud G20 artists of Natrang, this international class show kept the entire audiences spellbound at every stimulating moment of stage action of brilliant artists of Natrang. Dr. Quleen Kaur Bijral, faculty, HSS organised the cultural performance enriching the conference with a blend of academic excellence and artistic expression. Faculty coordinators, Dr. Harkeerat Kaur and Dr. Vinit Jakhethiya, hosted this conference which has promised to be



a platform for innovation, knowledge sharing, and groundbreaking research. 'Diverse Colors of Jammu Kashmir' is a unique cultural album of Jammu and Kashmir showcasing the variegated variety of different colours, rhythms, costumes, design patterns and artistic expressions, expressed through the diverse dances of J&K. This amazing bouquet of rarest dance traditions unfolded the mesmerizing artistic traditions of the crown of incredible India.

Each dance presentation despite being different from the other in rhythm and pace was artistically and aesthetically blended with each other so as to present their harmony and wonderful correlation. Jammu Kashmir has a diverse blend of many cultures. It has a composite culture created by people from different religions. The cultural significance and the amazing diversity of this place is great. The people of J&K have made huge contributions

towards the world culture in the form of their arts, performing arts, crafts, literature, oral histories, science, and philosophy. Most of the world visit here to experience the tradition and culture of J&K. The presentation 'Colors of Jammu & Kashmir' expresses the true essence of the cultural ethos of this region. Artists who brilliantly depicted the requisite energy and festivity included Sunny Mujoo (Choreographer), Radhika Sharma, Radhika Khajuria, Palshin Dutta, Kananpreet Kaur, Mehak Singh, Sukriti Singh, Jeevika Misri, Ritika, Rumla, Sunaina Rajput, Muskaan Sharma, Aarti Thakur, Sushant Singh Charak, Arun Sharma, Arun Dev, Vishal Sharma, Sanket Bhagat, Aryan Bandaral and Sahil Narwalia. The student coordinator, Kanishk Mahawar, and Sauhaard Batra concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

BJP all set to clean sweep Rajasthan polls: Kavinder Conducts whirlwind tour of Lalsote Constituency



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LALSOTE (DAUSA), NOV 3

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta said that anti-incumbency and the misrule of Congress has set the stage for BJP to clean sweep in the Rajasthan Assembly polls. The BJP stalwart from J&K held whirlwind tour of all the Mandals in Lalsote Assembly Constituency falling in Dausa District of Rajasthan and have extensive interactions with the people, party cadre and some senior leaders. Others who accompanied senior BJP functionary from Jammu and Kashmir included Manoj Tiwari Member Parliament, Prabhu Dyal District President, Ram Vilas Dunderpur Candidate and Shamsher Kadkara BJP leader Haryana. After threadbare interactions with the electorate in Lalsote constituency, Kavinder expressed confidence that bail bonds of Congress candidates shall be forfeited in the Assem-

ble elections as there is a strong anti-incumbency wave due to misrule of Gehlot Government, which will be remembered by the people as the most corrupt dispensation of all times and also for large number of rapes and appeasement tactics. Kavinder asked the party cadre to remain active on ground by making connect with the people as the same is prerequisite for resounding victory of the party. He said that he has observed that people want change in Rajasthan and for this there is no better alternative than BJP. The former deputy Chief Minister asserted that only BJP is capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people and therefore it is necessary for the party leadership in the State to get ready with comprehensive policies to bail out people from the misery which the Congress Government has gifted to them in its tenures.

GCW Udhampur felicitates Palvi Sharma for getting 3rd position in divisional level videography competition



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Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur felicitated the NCC cadets of 1 J&K NCC Girls Bn Srinagar GCW Udhampur Ms. Palvi Sharma who participated in the divisional level videography competition under UT Foundation Events. Palvi Sharma has emerged as a champion and bagged third position at the Divisional Level competition in videography in UT Foundation Day Events under the theme Badalta Jammu Kashmir Aman Aur Tara-kki ki Nayi Tasveer. Her remarkable achievement not only brings honor to the college but also to the esteemed NCC unit (1J&K NCC Girls Bn Srinagar). The Para Basic Course in Agra is renowned for its rigorous training regimens, and Palvi the only

cadet from JK&L Directorate represents 1J&K NCC Girls Bn Srinagar in this challenging endeavor. Her achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work that the NCC cadets at GCW Udhampur put into their training. This achievement underscores the commitment of NCC Officer Prof. Rukhsana kousar in nurturing excellence among the cadets who aspire to achieve success. The efforts of Palvi Sharma were highly appreciated by Principal GCW Udhampur, Prof. Anjali Mahajan is a prestigious educational institution with a strong commitment in nurturing leadership and excellence among its students. 1J&K NCC Girls Bn Srinagar plays a vital role in instilling discipline and character in the cadets while encouraging them to excel in various competitions and courses.

People want Modi to be PM again: Ashok Koul

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, today conducted 25 programmes in different districts under the ongoing "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan".

The energetic youth leaders of the party, along with other senior party leaders, chiefly addressed these "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" programmes.

J&K BJP general secretary (org.) Ashok Koul addressed two such programmes. BJYM vice-president Yuvraj Singh addressed a program in Patarara Panchayat and BJYM District President Nowshera Rajat Singh addressed another program in Thanda Paani Panchayat respectively in Kalakote-Sunderbani.

BJP senior leader and



District Prabhari Sanjay Baru conducted the proceedings of both these programmes.

Ashok Koul said that during the last nine and half years, a large number of schemes have been launched for the benefit of every section of the society. He said that a BJP karyakarta works 24 hours and 7 days and remains in the public. He said that this outreach programme

is mainly being undertaken to make aware the local population about the public welfare policies and programmes of the central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He, particularly, spoke in detail about the development, which has taken place after the abrogation of Articles 370, and 35A. He also emphasized that in 2024, the public will vote enmass in favour of

BJP as they want to see Narendra Modi as PM of the country again.

Yuvraj Singh and Rajat Singh enumerated the schemes and programmes of the Modi Government and said that the Modi government is committed to uplift the weaker and the neglected sections, emphasizing that the oppressed are getting due respect from Modi Govt. They appealed to the people to vote Modi government to power once again in 2024 in order to increase the pace of development in the whole nation and especially Jammu & Kashmir. They stressed that BJP believes that the future lies in the hands of the youth and every call of the youth is taken by the party on the

priority to address their issues.

Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary J&K BJP and also Jammu & Kashmir Incharge for the Abhiyaan gave the details on the Abhiyaan. He said that a total of 250 programmes are organized till date and 25 programmes were organized today itself, in which the speakers reached the people at Panchayat and Ward levels to educate them about the splendid works of development and welfare under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Senior BJP leader Thakur Randhir Singh, District General Secretary Pritam Sharma, Mandal Presidents Sukhdev Singh, Naseeb Singh Chib, Madan Mohan, Vikram Singh, Aanchal Singh and others were amongst the prominent present in the programmes.

Sham Basson starts upgradation work of lane at Sheikh Nagar, Jammu



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Upgradation of lane at Sheikh Nagar was started by Sham Lal Basson corporator ward no 48 Bahu Fort Jammu. It was a long pending demand of residents of Sheikh Nagar. Most of the lanes and drains of this mohalla had already been covered.

The prominent persons of this Mohalla honoured Sham Lal basson corporator by garlanding and offering dogri turban. Mukhtiar Singh and Vijay Kumar thanked Sham Basson for fulfilling long pending demands. They said that this mohalla was ignored for the last 15 years. It is only Sham Basson who fulfilled our demands.

While speaking on this occasion Sham Lal

Basson corporator ward no 48 said that balanced development works were undertaken at all the mohalla. He regretted that it is very unfortunate that installation of new tube well at Shishu Samadhi Sheikh Nagar was failed due to some technical problems. New DPR will be prepared and new tenders will be notified for tube well. It is pertinent to mention here that most of the projects have been executed by Jammu Smart City at bahu fort Jammu. The projects worth crores of rupees were started at bahu fort Jammu such as development of park opposite Balidhan Stambh, water music fountain at bahu e bahu widening and beautification of bahu road, construction of

parkings, construction of passenger sheds, police booths, installation of water AMT'S, installation of fountains at Mata mahakali complex, establishment of community toilets at different places of bahu fort, beautification of bahu road establishment of darshani Deodies etc. The projects of chores of rupees are likely to be taken up such as uniform beautification of Mahakali market bahu fort, widening of bahu and Har ki pauri road, establishment of telescopic view point at Mohmaya temple second phase of aquararium at bahu e bahu etc. Prominent persons who gave rousing reception to Sham basson included Mukhtiar Singh, Vijay Kumar, Joginder kumar, Darshan Lal, Sita Ram and others.

DYSP IRP organizes vigilance awareness week programme at Siot, Solki School

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Today on the direction of commendent IRP 2nd battalion Fatehpur Rajouri, company commander IRP 2nd battalion headquarter Dharamsaal DYSP Harmohinder Singh organised vigilance awareness week programme. The programme of vigilance awareness day/week today organised at government higher secondary school Solki and government girls high school Siot in collaboration with the staff mem-



bers of schools. Meanwhile in compliance with the directions today on 03.11.2023 on the occasion of observance of vigilance awareness week 2023. In this occasion DYSP addressed to gath-

ing at both schools & he highlighted the theme :Say No To Corruption; Commit To The Nation ; .During interactive session self stressed upon to be united to root out corruption from the soci-

ety & children are advised to spread this message at large so that our nation grow & prosper. At the end, slogans honesty pays honours & corruption dis honours has been loudly chanted. In this occasion headmistress, staff & children accompanied self & we planted a sapling as a mark of responsibility/pledge towards Vigilance Awareness Week. In this occasion staff members and students of schools thanked to IRP battalion for this awareness programme.

Narol Kanoyian tunnel issue being looked into: Gadkari to Khatana

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In a significant development the Minister for Road, Transport, and Highways, Government of India, Nitin Gadkari has agreed to consider the proposal for construction of a crucial tunnel connecting Narol to Kanoyian in tehsil Mendhar of the strategically important border district of Poonch. In reply to a representation by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Minister for Roads, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that matter is being looked into.

BSP demands early Assembly polls, restoration of statehood in J&K

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has demanded early Assembly polls and restoration of Statehood in J&K.

BSP J&K UT General Secretary Rajesh Gupta on Friday said that situation in J&K has worsened due to the steps taken in 2019 and after it. There is a complete governance deficit," he added.

The BSP leader hit out at the Central Government



for downgrading the historical state and snatching rights to land and jobs besides trade and business opportunities at the cost of locals and said that Government has failed to achieve any of the claimed benefits of August 2019

decision. He said Jammu and Kashmir is deprived of democracy for more than four years and there is total uncertainty about Assembly elections and restoration of statehood despite commitment on the floor of the house by the Prime Minister and Home Minister. "BSP stands guarantee to peace, harmony, dignity, restoration of statehood and rights to land and jobs," Gupta asserted.

Dr. Vikas Sharma gets CV Raman Prize-2023

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Dr. Vikas Sharma S/o Harbans Lal Sharma and Pushplata Sharma, R/o Channi Himmat, Jammu gets CV Raman Prize 2023 in recognition of his outstanding professional and reasearch achievements in the field of Biochemistry. The award contains a Certificate of Excellence along with lifetime professional membership of Institute of Researchers, a leading organization in the field of academic research activities, that provides financial assistance to researchers to publish and present their novel research. This prize was presented to Dr. Sharma specifically for his MDPI research paper entitled "Anticancer activity of Cordia dichotoma against a panel of human cancer cell lines and their phytochemical profiling via HPLC and GCMS, published in leading international peer reviewed open access journal i.e., Molecules with NAAS rating - 10.93 and impact factor - 4.927

The paper discussed in vitro cytotoxic potential of bark part of Cordia dichotoma (Lasoda) against ten human cancer cell lines and this was the first study to show that the plant's bark has anticancer properties and induced chromatin condensation, confirmed cell death via ROS generation, and significantly decreased colony formation in A-549 cell line from lung origin in a dose-dependent manner. Furthermore, HPLC and GCMS investigations indicated the presence of a number of bioactive molecules such as gallic acid (144,969.86) uV sec, caffeic acid (104.26) uV sec, ferulic acid (472.87) uV sec, vanillic acid (13,775.39) uV sec, palmitic acid (18.34%), cis vaccenic acid (28.81%), etc. and one of the compounds was reported for the first time from the bark.

Cong used J&K as an ATM: Vibodh

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BUDHAL (RAJOURI), NOV 3

BJP's J&K General Secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, while addressing a public gathering in Budhal on Friday, emphasized that permanent progress and peace form the cornerstone of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision on Jammu and Kashmir.

"Jammu and Kashmir always underwent political instability when Congress, PDP and NC were in power. The funds and resources meant for the development of the Union Territory were looted, exploited and used as an ATM by their leaders. However, the BJP government has worked hard to unleash a wave of peace, progress and prosperity and secured a stable future for Jammu and Kashmir" said Vibodh.

Speaking about the development of Rajouri-Poonch, Vibodh stated



that the Modi government has undertaken various initiatives, including constructing highways, circular roads, tunnels, and providing political reservations for Gujjars, as well as reservations for Paharis in state government jobs, leaving no stone unturned in ensuring the prosperity of the area. Later he engaged with the locals, attentively heard their grievances, and promised to raise these matters to the relevant authorities for prompt resolution.

Speaking on the occasion, senior BJP leader Dev Raj Sharma highlighted the remarkable progress

in various sectors, including infrastructure, economic growth, and social welfare that Jammu and Kashmir witnessed under the Modi government. He praised the government's commitment to fostering peace and creating a conducive environment for overall development. BJP leader Manzoor Naik also spoke on the occasion and emphasized that the Modi government has empowered marginalized sections of the society through several welfare measures. He lauded the government's commitment to the policy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwaas.

Apni Party leaders call on newly posted Director Industries Jammu

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Apni Party Provincial Secretary and Incharge Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta today called on newly posted Dr Arun Manhas as Director Industries, Jammu.

As per a press release, Dr Rohit Gupta was accompanied by Apni Party leader Pawan Gupta when he met the newly appointed Director Industries, Jammu, Dr Arun Manhas and welcomed his posting in the Industrial Department.

Gupta said that Arun Manhas is a dynamic JKAS officer whose posting has



generated hopes that he would revamp the department with initiative to revive the industrial sector and provide ample opportunities to the aspiring youth who want to open their manufacturing units especially on a small scale.

He demanded amnesty for the industrial sector of J&K for the recovery under central excise in the matter of notification no

56/2002 dated 14/11/2002 and waive off the interest and deposit of principal amount in installments.

He further stated that the extension of industrial packages should be given to the existing units as is given to the new industrial units. As per the new Govt policy our local micro and small units are unable to compete with the manufactures of other states

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NOTICE-I

Sub: Notice to complete works.
Ref: Range officer Estate Research Range letter no. 78/Estate/2023-24 dated 28.10.2024

Sir,
The works were allotted to you as successful bidder as per following details. But the works are not started till date. Delaying of work makes it difficult to run the J&K Govt. works well in time. The unnecessary delay in executing such works even after repeated verbal reminders is viewed seriously.

S. No	Particular of work	Name of Contractor	e-NIT No & dated	Date of allotment	Status	Notice
1.	Construction / Terrucing of arboretum CAPEX 2023-24.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta	19 dt 27.07.2023	01.09.2023	Yet to start	1st 2023-24
2.	Terracing in Arboretum CAPEX	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta	13 dt. 07.06.2023	04.10.2023	Yet to start	1st 2023-24
3.	Chain link fencing over left over area	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta	15 dt 27-06-2022	11.07.2023	Yet to start	1st 2023-24
4.	Special project on RET Spp and planting of 500 RET species	Rajan	11 dt. 27.05.2023	10.08.2023	10%	1st 2023-24
5.	Procurement & fixing of 250 tree guards alongwith planting of 250 RET Spp CAMPA	Zaffer Altaf Patigaroo	18 dt 20.07.2023	13.09.2023	Yet to start.	1st 2023-24

By means of this letter a notice is being issued to start the work within week's time failing which appropriate action under relevant clause of mutually agreed terms and conditions mentioned in the Agreement form & c-Nits shall be taken and which may result even in forfeiture of your earnest money deposit and black listing besides, other appropriate measures and pending works shall be executed departmentally on the same allotted cost at the cost risk and responsibility of the contractor.

Yours faithfully,

No: JKFR/Res/J/F-148/2022-24/ 1509-13

Dated: 1/11/2023

DIP/J-10559/23

Sd/-
Division Forest Research
Divisional Forest Officer
Jammu

BJP fully prepared to face any election: Arvind



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BJP makes it loud and clear that it is fully prepared to face any election in Jammu and Kashmir as well as those of Lok Sabha. The BJP is always in election mode and never runs away from taking part in this exercise at any level. Stated Arvind Gupta, Jammu and Kashmir BJP secretary and Prabhari Reasi district, while rubbing the false, baseless and misleading statements of Congress and NC leaders, on issue of elections. He said that

making allegations and false charges has become a compulsion for these parties to keep alive in political field. The leaders of these parties have well realised that with each passing day the political ground is slipping away from them and they must target BJP on one pretext or the other, which may provide them some sort of oxygen.

Arvind Gupta said that the BJP has very high regards for the autonomous institution of Election Commission and election authorities of the UT and will welcome their decisions with regard to polls for assembly, ULBs, Panchayats and contest every election, as and when held. He said that the BJP cadre is full of enthusiasm and eagerly waiting for polls as the Congress, NC and PDP will face humiliating defeat, which is clear from the peoples' anger and resentment against these parties for decades of misrule and promoting dynastic politics.

DoC GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organizes Vyapar - The Mela to celebrate Diwali Festival

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Department of Commerce GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organised Vyapar - The Mela to celebrate the Diwali Festival and organised on 3rd Nov., 2023. Celebrating the vibrant spirit of Diwali, the Department of Commerce, GCW Gandhi Nagar came alive with a splendid mela organized in collaboration with the energetic alumni association. The event, held on the lush green grounds of the college, attracted a diverse crowd, comprising students, faculty members, and enthusiastic alumni, on the festive evening of November 3rd, 2023. Under the twinkling lights and colorful decorations, the Diwali mela featured a plethora of captivating activities, including traditional dance performances, live music, Jewellery, Handlooms and Food stalls., Enthusiastic participants were seen rev-

eling in the festive fervor, dressed in their elegant ethnic attire, adding to the vibrancy and grandeur of the event. The aroma of delectable Indian cuisine wafted through the air as food stalls offered an array of mouthwatering delicacies, from spicy chaats to traditional sweets, satisfying the taste buds of the attendees. With an array of stalls showcasing traditional handicrafts, exquisite clothing, and intricate jewelry, the mela served as a platform for local artisans and entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and products, fostering a sense of community and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

The Principal of the college, Prof. Minu Mahajan, also shared her thoughts on the occasion, emphasizing the significance of such events in nurturing a holistic educational experience. "The Diwali mela not only celebrates the cultural diversity of our



college but also strengthens the bond between the past, present, and future members of our academic family. It is heartening to see our students actively engaging with our esteemed alumni and imbibing the values they impart." The Commerce Department, known for its exceptional academic prowess and vibrant campus culture, spared no effort in ensuring a cel-

ebration that embodied the true essence of Diwali - the festival of lights, joy, and togetherness. The event, jointly organized by the faculty, students, and the alumni association, was a perfect blend of traditional customs and contemporary festivities. Prof. Mamta Gupta, the head of the Commerce Department, presented Powerpoint presentation and expressed her delight

at the success of the event, stating, "The Diwali Mela has always been a cornerstone of our college's cultural calendar. It not only celebrates our rich traditions and heritage but also provides a platform for our students to showcase their talents and creativity. As the festivities culminated with a spectacular display of fireworks, the campus resonated with laughter, joyous chatter, and the spirit of unity.

Ms. Sonali Vaid the Secretary of the Alumni Association, expressed her delight at the overwhelming response to the event, stating, "The Diwali mela serves as a testament to our commitment to fostering a strong bond between the alumni and the current students. It's heart-warming to witness the enthusiasm and the rich cultural exchange taking place on this festive occasion." The campus was adorned with intricately designed rangoli patterns, vibrant

diyas, and colorful lanterns, enhancing the festive fervor. Various stalls were set up, offering an array of traditional Indian delicacies, handicrafts, and cultural artifacts, all adding to the charm of the celebration. The Diwali Mela at the Commerce Department, College with Alumni Association, served as a testament to the institution's commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural environment and nurturing a strong sense of community among its members. With the echoes of the celebration still lingering in the air, the Commerce Department looks forward to continuing its tradition of hosting culturally enriching events that inspire and unite its diverse community. The whole event was organised by the faculty members of Commerce Department Prof. Mamta Kunal Prof Rashmi Kumari, Prof. Asha Devi, Prof. Himani Arora and Dr. Vaishali.

GCW Udhampur organizes screening of Film - 'Gulab Gaatha'



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Department of History and Heritage Club in collaboration with Natrang Theatre Jammu organized screening of the Hindi Film 'GULAB GAATHA' at Government College for Women(GCW) Udhampur to commemorate 200th coronation day of Maharaja Gulab Singh. The screening of this film was initiated by Natrang on behalf of Maharaja Gulab Singh memorial trust in collaboration with Department of History and Heritage Club, GCW Udhampur. This series of screening also held at Reasi, Kathua, Samba and Jammu simultaneously. Principal of the host college Prof. Anjali Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion. In her address Principal of the college Prof. Anjali Mahajan said that regional identity is grounded in the regional history it can be seen as a part of self-identity. Maha-

rajah was a man of a secular outlook and patronized all faiths and religions alike and expanded the boundaries of his empire to the north reclaiming Ladakh and Baltistan areas.

The program began with the formal welcome and introduction of guests by HOD History, Prof. Yash Paul who also briefed the audience about the life and achievements of Maharaja Gulab Singh and his role in the making of Jammu and Kashmir state. He further mentioned that Dr. Karan Singh inspired Padamshree Balwant Thakur to Write, Produce and direct this first ever film in the year 2017, on the history of the great Dogra ruler Who created the larger princely state of India. The film Gulab Gaatha is about the journey of a soldier who achieved the great height and success at everything he initiated. His unquestionable obligatory obedience towards Lahore Darbar, his unconditional sacrifice and his concep-

tion of Dogra kingdom. Gulab Singh as an emperor held the same qualities as Napoleon and Alexander. He was a normal person with no lineage of royalty but he established himself as a king with the help of his bravery and continued to keep a hold on his empire because of his well-planned strategic and diplomatic intelligence. Neeraj Kant Sharma, Secretary Natrang Jammu was special Guest on this occasion. About 400 students and as many as 20 staff members watched the film in two sessions. The program ended with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Yash Kumar of Music Department. Among others, HoD Chemistry Prof. Kewal Kumar, HoD Botany Prof. Ashni Devi, HoD Urdu Dr. Mool Raj, Dr. Kewal Kumar, Dr. Sushma Choudhary, Dr. Sanjay Kumar ,teaching and non-teaching staff were also present on the occasion.

Cong will emerge strong force in JK: JKPCC Chief

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JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool wani has said that Congress will emerge a strong force in Jammu & Kashmir while BJP will be biggest loser for its failures on all fronts.

Address in a meeting of DCC Jammu Urban organised by the newly appointed District Congress Committee Jammu Urban President Th. Manmohan Singh, at PCC HQ today, Shri Wani lashed out at BJP for running away from holding election's out of the fear of humiliating defeat and said that people are being deprived of their basic democratic rights.

A large number of DCC and Block Congress workers at PCC HQ today welcomed the appointment of Th Manmohan Singh as DCC president and accorded rousing reception.

President JKPCC Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, Secretary AICC Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Yadav, Working President PCC Shri Raman Bhalla besides Senior leaders of PCC, DCC Bock and Ward Presidents and large number of party workers warmly welcomed the new DCC president and congratulated him on his new assignment.

Vikar Rasool Wani further said that the Congress party is a strong force in the state and there is need to further activate the cadres and further strengthen the party at the grass root level. He congratulated Th. Manmohan



Singh as President of District congress Committee Jammu (Urban). He said that Th. Manmohan Singh has a vast experience of organizational matters, as he has worked as General secretary Youth Congress & General secretary JKPCC.

AICC Secretary Shri Manoj Yadav said that BJP will badly lose the assembly election in five states and congress will emerge victorious.

He lashed out BJP for depriving people of J&K their rights to have elected good. He appreciated the decision of the party leadership to choose Th. Manmohan Singh for the post

of DCC President Jammu Urban, in view of his dedication to the party.

Working President PCC Shri Raman Bhalla said that people will teach BJP a lesson for anti people approach.

He said that failure to restore statehood and hold assembly elections besides deferring ULB & panchayat elections are against the popular demand of the people of J&K.

He congratulated that Congress high command Th. Manmohan Singh as DCC President, who is widely acceptable to all sections of the society and a well deserving choice of the party.

Addressing the gathering Th. Manmohan Singh thanked the Party High Command for giving him a chance to serve the people and congress party with more devotion and dedication. He said that his loyalty and services towards the party have been recognized in the party and expressed his gratitude to the Central and State leadership of the Congress party.

Prominent among them present included Vice Presidents PCC S/Shri T.S. Bajwa, Ved Mahajan, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma (treasurer), Pranav Shagotra, PCC General Secretaries

Shashi Sharma, Namrata Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Suresh Dogra, Amrit Bali, Narinder Sharma, Balbir Singh, Satish Sharma, Santosh Majotra, Thomas Khokhar, DCC President Jammu Rural Th. Shamsher Singh Chib, DCC President Kathua Shri Pankaj Dogra, Seva dal Chief Vijay Sharma, PYC President Akash Bahart, NSUI President Ajay Lakhotra, Chairman SC Dept PCC Karan Bhagat, OBC Working President Madan Lal Chalotra, PCC Secretaries Bushan Dogra, Sanjeev Sharma Panda, Raj veer Singh, Michael Wazir, Manjeet Singh Jatt, Ritu Chowdhary, Dwarka Chowdhary, Jyoti Vaid, Vijay Shastri, Jatin Raina, DCC functionaries, Dr. Rama Kant Khajuria, Sat Pal Spolia, Jugal Sharma, R. P. Magotra, Pawan Dev Singh, Vijay Malhotra, Latish Sharma, Vijay Singh Chib, Vijay Sharma, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David Babloo, Farooq Ahmed, Dimpna, Sunil Sharma (Sonu), Jai Pal, Ravi Panotra, Pawan Sharma, Surinder Dogra, Parveen Singh, Suresh Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Asha Chandan, Rajni, Dewan Chand, Mangat Ram, Janak Raj, Darshan Lal Verma, P. R. Chouhan,, Balwinder Bali, Ashok Sharma, Nageshwar Jamwal,, Sushil Sharma, Nasir Masih, Mangal Sunny, Ricky Dalotra, Darvinder Bhardwaj, Rajesh Bhardwaj,, Rakesh, Raman, A.P. Singh Lucky, Aman Bawa and others.

Div Com, Jammu inaugurates Apple Authorised store in Jammu

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Imagine/Tresor, has launched its new Experiential Apple store, at Residency Road, Jammu on 3rd Nov 2023. Store was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Mr. Ramesh Kumar IAS.

The launch event witnessed the presence of ADC Jammu Ms. Anusuya Jamwal, President Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Arun Gupta and all Senior team members from the Tresor Family.

Divisional Commissioner Mr. Ramesh Kumar IAS said, "Launch of second

Imagine Apple store in Jammu, is testimony of the development in the city and also syncs with our motto #BadaltaJammuKashmir. With festive season in place, it's a great opportunity for people of Jammu to explore the new products."

Founder and Managing Director, Mr. Shaurya Seth, Tresor Group said "We are delighted to add second store in the series in J&K. Jammu is an important market for us and will play an integral role in the overall growth strategy of the company. We are hopeful of expanding with more store launches in the future which will continue

to cater to the needs of our customer and bring the experience to newer levels."

National Sales Head, Mr. Kunal Sangar said, "We are excited and happy about our new store launch at Residency Road, Jammu and anticipate a great response which could be seen in the euphoria amongst the customers who lined up for the launch. With a complete range of all products under one roof, we endeavour to offer enhanced customer support and after-sales service. Customer Experience is an obsession and not a KRA for our team



mates". "Imagine offers a wide

range of Apple products and complementing range

of branded accessories. The store will have the

assortment of accessories to help buyers get the most out of the product range. Whether you are looking for a MacBook sleeve or an iPad case, the latest Mac accessories or latest music accessories, the store stocks a huge range of accessories for Mac, iPad and iPhone. The store is in abundance of Apple's full line of desktop computers, laptops, mobiles and entire range of iPhone, iPad, AirPods, Apple Watches and beats", said Shraavan Kokroo, Group Head Marketing and CSR, Tresor Systems Pvt. Ltd.

Aman Sharma Cluster Head North, Tresor

said, "With the newly launched store, Imagine Tresor has introduced its second authorized Apple store in Jammu and 39th in the country. The store is located on the ground floor and has a complete range of Apple products and suiting eco system products range. We will be launching more stores soon in Udaipur, Gurgaon & Delhi, in the next phase."

"Customers can also avail of upto 20% off on all Apple products and up to 30% off on accessories from 3rd to 6th November 2023", said. Mr. Chandra Pandey, National Procurement Head, Tresor.

Div Com reviews progress on Delhi-Amritsar Katra Expressway

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Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Friday chaired a meeting to review the progress made in the construction of the Delhi-Amritsar Katra Expressway project.

The meeting was attended by Regional Officer of NHAI, Director Airport, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Project Directors from NHAI besides senior officers of Forest, JPDCL, Defense Estates and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Jammu participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting conducted a comprehensive examination of the progress of the work on the prestigious Expressway. It was reported that work is underway in all the



executed packages.

The Divisional Commissioner conducted a thorough review of land acquisition and compensation disbursement processes. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to swiftly address land-related issues and bottlenecks if any to ensure the seamless execution of the prestigious road projects.

He issued strict directions to Tehsildars to expedite the disbursement of land acquisition compensation within a specified timeframe. He also asked DCs to seek weekly progress reports from Tehsildars in this regard.

The meeting also highlighted the resolution of most land-related issues.

The Divisional Commissioner urged NHAI officers to maintain regular communication with the Deputy Commissioners to promptly resolve any remaining issues. The NHAI was instructed to accelerate the construction of the Delhi-Amritsar Katra Expressway to ensure its timely completion.

Rajouri; DLC approves 4 cases of Change of Land Use

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the change of land use cases from agriculture to non agriculture purposes here at a meeting of District Level Committee (DLC).

The meeting brought together key stakeholders to deliberate on applications requesting a change of land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes.

During the course of the meeting, the Committee conducted a meticulous review of these applications. After a threadbare discussion, the Committee approved four cases.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal underscored the critical importance of adhering to the Land Conversion Regulations



of 2022. His emphasis on ensuring the proper issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) by the concerned departments reflects a commitment to procedural diligence and legal compliance in land use changes.

In addition to the primary agenda of addressing land use changes, the DLC meeting displayed a commendable focus on the broader perspective of

sustainable development in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal demonstrated visionary leadership by acknowledging the imperative of balancing development with environmental conservation. This recognition of the delicate equilibrium between progress and protecting the environment underscores a commitment to the long-term

welfare of the local community.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; SE Hydraulics, Bharam Jyoti Sharma; CAO, Sohan Singh; DO PCB, Anupam Koul and other officers vested with responsibilities pertinent to land use and environmental matters. This meeting not only addressed immediate land use concerns but also exemplified a forward-looking approach, emphasizing the need for responsible land use planning that respects ecological integrity while fostering development. Such proactive and visionary steps are crucial for ensuring the sustainable and harmonious growth of the district, ultimately benefiting its residents and the environment alike.

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for Urs Shah Asrar-ud-Din Sahib (RA)

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KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 3

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today convened a meeting of all the concerned district officers of line departments to review the arrangements for Urs of Shah Asrar-Ud-Din Sahib (RA) scheduled on November 10, 2023.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal, Sham Lal, ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak; CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; Administrator J&K Waqf Board Kishtwar (Assistant Commissioner Panchayat) Zakir Hussain Wani; DFO Kishtwar Sub Division Sagar Singh, ACD Kishtwar, Manoj Kumar; AD FCS & CA Shafiq Keen, EO Municipal Council Kishtwar, Ninad Sen; CMO Dr M Y Mir, Representatives of Religious organisation besides others.

During the meeting, the chair reviewed the different arrangements, including provision of accommodation for devotees, power supply/water



supply, firewood, ration, LPG, Sanitation, Security, Medical care, transportation, fire tender and overall traffic management and passed a slew of directions to the concerned.

SSP Kishtwar assured that a comprehensive security arrangements will be placed during the Urs Days.

The DC directed XEN Jal Shakti to ensure availability of sufficient drinking water for devotees/Ziareens at the shrines of Astan Bala, Astan Pani and

other places from Nov 8 to Nov11, 2023 with backup provision of water tankers.

The CEO Kishtwar Development Authority and EO Municipal Council Kishtwar were also directed to go for repair and replacement of the non-functional street lights in the town and the adjoining areas of the shrines and in the Chowgan ground for hassle free movement of devotees. Cleanliness around both the shrines and lime lining

of the roads leading to the shrines was also stressed upon by the chair.

Further, ARTO, DTI and police administration were directed to devise a proper transport plan viz. arrangement of additional buses for smooth to and fro movement of pilgrims, management of Traffic and Parking of vehicles.

JPDCL Authorities Kishtwar were directed to ensure uninterrupted Power Supply at both the shrines and places of stay of Ziareens and also provide a gen set.

The Deputy Commissioner also emphasised upon the Tehsildar and DIO Kishtwar to establish an Information Centre at the venue site Chowgan Ground Kishtwar for the convenience of devotees.

Necessary directions were also given to the FCS&CA, Health and Fire tender and emergency Service for efficient and necessary arrangements.

DC Kishtwar flags off Eat Right Millet Walkathon

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In line to the Eat Right Challenge 3.0 under the aegis of FSSAI, a Eat Right Millet Walkathon was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav here from the DC Office Complex.

The Walkathon was organized in compliance with the directives of Commissioner FDA J&K, Sha-keel ul Rehman, by the designated Food Safety Officer, DFCO Kishtwar, along with the team of Enforcement Officers/Officials, comprising Sajad Hussain, Food Safety Officer for Kishtwar and Shamem Akhter, Field Worker for DFCO Kishtwar.

A significant number of participants, including food business operators, officials from different departments, students, and citizens, enthusiastically took part in this program. More than 300 students from different schools participated in this Millet Walkathon, including those from New Era Public School, Asaria Valley School, UPS Bhoop Nagar, Divine Lite School, and Iqbal Academy, who participated with great enthusiasm.

The Walkathon commenced at 10:00 AM from the District Administration Complex and after pass-



ing through the markets via Dak Banglow, it concluded at Parade Ground Kishtwar.

During this event, slogans were raised to promote the benefits of Millet and its significance in our daily lives as an essential nutritional component. Moreover, slogans like "Eat Right, Eat Healthy, and Eat Fortified" were chanted, with the message "Awo kum karain thora Tail chini aur Namak" to encourage a better lifestyle, longevity, and wellness.

In his address, the DC Kishtwar emphasized the importance of Millet as a nutritional part of daily life and encouraged everyone

to include the same in their meals. He praised the efforts of the Department of Food Safety Kishtwar and stressed the need for holding similar events at the Tehsil level to raise maximum awareness about the implementation of Millets in line with the "Eat Right, Eat Healthy & Eat Fortified" campaign. He also urged the department to double its efforts to ensure safe and wholesome food for consumers.

Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, the Designated Officer for Food Safety in DFCO Kishtwar, urged participants to explore the benefits of Millet and adopt healthy eating habits, avoiding

junk food as much as possible to prevent foodborne diseases. He also highlighted the achievements of the Department and called upon Food Business Operators (FBOs), especially manufacturers, hoteliers, and restaurant owners, to embrace hygiene practices, undergo hygiene ratings, and participate in FoSTaC training to provide clean and safe food to consumers.

Other speakers emphasized the impact of adulteration and stated that non-communicable diseases can be reduced through a healthy lifestyle, which includes exercise and healthy eating habits.

Vigilance Awareness Week: Ramban Administration organises day-long workshop for DDOs

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RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 3

District Administration, Ramban, under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, on Friday organized a day long capacity building workshop for Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs), here in collaboration with the Directorate of Audit and Inspection, Jammu as a part of observance of 'Vigilance Awareness Week'.

Sensitizing the DDOs about various extant

rules and regulations of Finances Department, the District Vigilance Officer, (ADC) Ramban, Harbans Lal said that Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed to foster collective participation by all stakeholders in the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness about the existence, causes, gravity, and the looming threat of corruption. The District Administration is taking a variety of measures to prioritize accountability, transparency and zero tolerance against corrup-

tion, he said and added that enforcement agencies are there to deal with any sort of corrupt practices. Meanwhile, Senior Accounts Officer, Mohammed Munir along with his team from the Directorate of Audit and Inspection, Jammu gave a presentation on the purchase manual, GFR, 2017 and roles and responsibilities of DDOs' in respect of incurring expenditure in Government offices.

All the District officers had a detailed interaction with Audit officers

on various issues like Budget preparation, Reconciliation, Clearance Certificate, Physical verification, Tendering, GeM Purchasing, Service Books maintenance, Local funds, Record maintenance, and Security Deposit.

Continuing the activities under Vigilance Awareness Week, other Departments of the District Administration also organized signature campaigns against corruption under the theme "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation".

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 3

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Khour, Pahariwala, Jogwan and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 04 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Doda town, Chatroo, Thakraie, Padder, Dool, Palmar, Poochal, Ikhala, Dacchan and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 04 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Satwari, Nai Basti, Military Hospital, Military Cantt., Nai Basti Narwal, Jawahar Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Shastri Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 04 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Dinga Amb, Katli, Ramkot, Khoon, Nagrota Gujroo, Gurah, Kalyal, Garh, Ujh, Panthal, Sundrani, Sugal Ghati, Searly and District Poonch will remain affected on November 05 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti, Channi Arorian, Marheen, Paharpur, Logate IID Industry, MES Jangote, Nicer Paper Mill, Technoplast and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 05 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial Units- Kohinoor, Balaji, CTM, Knit Fab, MD Enterprises, SICOP Industry, SIDCO, Old Industry, Hatlimorh, Jarai, Parliwand, PHE installations, Main Bazar, Ward No. 8,9,10,11& 12, Taraf Sanji, Bhagthali and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 05 from 7 am to 11 am.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to C/C Block Gandhi Nagar, B/D Block, A/D Block, D/C Block, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Gole Market, Aquaf Market, DC Block Gandhi Nagar, A/D Block Gandhi Nagar, B/C Block, A/C Block and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 04 from 6 am to 10 am.

Deployment of Mobile Van in Jammu Division to commemorate the "Legal Service Day"



JINNEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 3

To commemorate the Legal Service Day by Legal Service Institutions on November 9, 2023, the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Service Authority on Friday deputed a mobile van for enhancing the legal literacy as well as spreading awareness among the people at large about various Legal Aid Schemes/Welfare Schemes.

The mobile van reached Katra at 11.00 am and proceeded straight way to Middle School Karwa Nau Devi, where local people of village Karwa had gathered. Under the guidance of Member Secretary SLSA Amit Gupta, Chairperson DLSA Reasi Sonia Gupta and under the supervision of Secretary DLSA, Sunil Kumar, the PLVs Sanjay Dogra,

Ajay Kumar, Balbir Lal, Shankar Singh (Lamberdar) & Sr. Assistant, Ashwani Kumar apprised the people about various Legal Aid Schemes and their benefits.

Thereafter, the mobile van reached Katra Bus stand, where people of vicinity had gathered.

The people present there were apprised about the Legal Aid Schemes. DLSA Secretary Sunil Kumar, Munsiff Katra Lakshay Badyal, SHO Katra Nishant Gupta and Advocate Sunil Kumar were also present on the occasion.

Officers present also apprised the people about the Legal Aid Schemes/Welfare Programmes run by National Legal Services Authority through Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority Reasi.