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Government will extend free ration scheme for 80 crore poor people for five years: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI, NOV 4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the government will extend for five years the free ration scheme, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, covering 80 crore poor people.

This announcement was made by Modi while addressing a rally for Chhattisgarh elections in Durg.

"During COVID-19, the biggest concern of the poor was what they would feed their children... Then I decided that I will not let any poor sleep hungry,



hence the BJP government started the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana," he said.

Even today, lakhs of poor people have been getting free rice and gram

under this scheme which is ending in December, but "your son (referring to himself) who has come out from among you has decided...The BJP government will extend the free

ration scheme for 80 crore poor people for the next five years, the prime minister said.

"The BJP government has made such arrangements that no matter wherever you go in the country, you will continue to get free ration. Modi has given you the facility of 'One Nation One Ration Card'," he added.

Polling for the 90-member Chhattisgarh assembly will be held in two phases on November 7 and 17.

Modi alleged that Congress treated the poor as a "vote bank" and

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Our winter strategy is to ensure safety of security forces personnel, civilians: DGP RR Swain

JINNEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOV 4

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain on Saturday said the winter strategy of police is to ensure safety of security forces personnel and the civilians.

Talking to reporters after visiting slain cop's home in Tangmarg to express condolences to the bereaved family, DGP Swain, as per the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that police have got vital leads in the case of killing of policeman and those involved won't be spared.

"We have lost a family member of police parivaar, an honest man besides a



father, brother and also a Kashmiri," he said. "Those involved in the killings whether here or the cross won't be spared. Those who provided any support to killers will also be taken to task."

He said there is no doubt that the handlers across the border are trying to disturb peace

here and they are not sending money here to build hospitals, roads and other things but narcotics, arms and ammunition to support terrorism.

"We will be able to spoil their plans only when no one here supports them and we create that atmosphere here," the newly appointed DGP Swain said.

"When there will be no one to support terrorism, they will themselves stop sending infiltrators."

Asked about how many terrorists were involved in the attack, the DGP said that as of now it's feasible to reveal the details at this point. The matter is being investigated and can't share the details, however they have got vital leads and they are working on it.

About mode of infiltrations especially during the onset of winters, the DGP Swain said that the infiltrations would be seriously looked into.

The efforts will be made and won't let any of the security men or a civilian to fell prey to bullets, those indulged in

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Man arrested for killing wife to marry another woman in Samba

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

A man was arrested for allegedly murdering his wife in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir so that he could marry a second time, police said on Saturday.

The victim Arti Devi was found dead under suspicious circumstances at her Nandpur residence in Ramgarh area of Samba district on October 27, following which police launched inquest proceedings to ascertain the cause of her death, a police spokesman said.

He said police conducted the inquest proceedings and post-mortem. After collecting evidence and police converted it into a murder case to nail the husband, Gurdeep Singh.

Singh was finally arrested, the spokesman said, adding that preliminary investigation suggested that the motive behind committing the alleged murder was to eliminate his wife so that he could marry another woman he was in a relationship with.

Govt orders transfer, posting of 3 JKAS officers

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 27

The Jammu And Kashmir Government on Saturday ordered transfer of 3 JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to a government order, Sana Khan, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary.

Farukh Nasir Paul, Jr. Scale JKAS, Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary, is transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Industries and Commerce Department.

Pallvi, Jr. Scale JKAS, Project Manager, DIC, Udhampur, is transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of Social Welfare Department.

Vigilance Awareness Week: CS holds interaction with RTI, social activists at Srinagar, Jammu

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR/JAMMU, NOV 4

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Saturday holds an interactive session with the Right to Information Act (RTI)/ Social activists here in the morning at Banquet Hall, Srinagar and later in the afternoon at Convention Center, Jammu as part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week.

Besides Commissioner Secretary, GAD senior civil and police functionaries from Divisional & District Administrations were present at both the



venues. These included Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar/

Jammu; SSP Srinagar/Jammu; Commissioner JMC/SMC; several HoDs and other Sectoral Officers

of the concerned districts.

The RTI Activists from different parts of the Kashmir and Jammu divisions participated in these interactions and made various suggestions for further enhancing transparency, accountability and speedy delivery of public services in a corruption free environment.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary stressed on the RTI activists to extend their constructive support to the administration in weeding out undesirable elements which misuse processes for private benefits. He asked

them to channelise their energies to ensure percolation of due benefits to the deserving people. He called on them to work with a positive mindset in a collaborative spirit.

Dr Mehta maintained that the Government has adopted a zero tolerance towards corruption and has worked on the principle of increasing citizen participation in governance, with more accountability and transparency in government business.

The Chief Secretary underscored that the technological

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SIA carries out searches in Poonch

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

The Special Investigation Agency (SIA) carried out searches at a house in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district in connection with a terror-related case on Saturday, officials said.

The searches were conducted around 4 am at the house of suspect Mohammad Hafiz in Kanuyian village, they added.

Hafiz was not present at his house when it was raided, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the officials said a joint cordon-and-search operation was launched by police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at Copra top, Bachian Wali, Shiendara, Thandi Kassi and Mohalla Saedan in Poonch district early in the morning.

The operation was underway when last reports were received, they said.

Lt Governor visits Skill Development Institute, Bhubaneswar



JINNEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA, NOVEMBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha visited the Skill Development Insti-

tute, Bhubaneswar, today.

The Lt Governor interacted with the officials, students and trainers, who informed him about advanced skill training for Indian and global needs

and functioning of Centres of Excellence in partnership with leading industry players. The Lt Governor said that we have a historic opportunity to take the leadership in the skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling to give a new height to ascending trajectory of the economic growth

He discussed the industry-aligned courses in diverse domains such as mechanical, construction, IT, ITeS, manufacturing, Internet of Things and hospitality.

"It is our mission to transform India into a developed nation and industry-aligned

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Tiffin box timer IED recovered in Jammu



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

A tiffin box timer based improvised explosive device (IED) was recovered from Sidhra-Narwal Highway area here today.

Around 5:30 Pm, police

received information about a suspicious object that was lying on the Sidhra-Narwal stretch of the highway near a police check point, a police spokesperson said. On this, he said, a team

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Need to go beyond traditional learning environments: IAF Chief

JINNEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, NOV 4

Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal V R Chaudhari, on Saturday said the need of the hour was to produce more capable, young aviators and also go beyond the traditional learning environments vis-a-vis training.

He was addressing a symposium held at the Air Force Station, Tambaram, on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the

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A lifeline for human wellbeing, Tele-MANAS completes one year in J&K

'29,000 calls received in 12 months, over 200 youngsters counselled through chatbot so far'

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 4

The Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) cell, operational at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS) Srinagar, has emerged as a lifeline for individuals grappling with stress, drug addiction, and anxiety-related issues in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tele-MANAS, the first-of-its-kind mental health helpline completed its

first year today and has received an overwhelming response with approximately 29,000 calls.

Launched on November 4, 2022, the three-tier system incorporates mental health counsellors, clinical psychologists, and psychiatrists, ensuring a comprehensive support network for those in need.

Dr Qazi Haroon, State Program Manager Mental Health J&K informed the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the helpline has han-

dled around 29,000 calls, addressing concerns ranging from stress and drug addiction to suicidal tendencies and anxiety.

He said around 29,000 calls have been registered to date, with a slight predominance of female callers (54%) and (45%) male, and below one percent other).

He said that approximately 87.36% of calls were routine inquiries, while 12.09% involved crisis interventions for individuals with self-harming ideas.

"On average, the helpline receives 80 calls daily, with the highest daily call volume reaching 214 calls. The average call duration is approximately 12 minutes," Dr Qazi said.

Highlighting the significance of these numbers, he said there is a positive reception of Tele MANAS by the public.

He said the initiative aims to provide cost-effective and comprehensive services to an underserved population in the region, thereby strength-

ening mental health—a historically overlooked area in Jammu and Kashmir.

The recent introduction of India's first Tele-MANAS chatbot in Jammu & Kashmir has further extended the reach of mental health support. Designed to engage with individuals in distress, the chatbot provides 24/7 access to health counsellors, clinical psychologists, and consultants.

This digital initiative not only ensures round-the-clock assistance but

also encourages individuals to seek help from the comfort of their homes, addressing privacy concerns and enhancing accessibility.

The toll-free helpline number for Tele MANAS Cell J&K is 14416/1-800-891-4416, and for the Tele MANAS Chatbot, it is 9797600601. The helpline operates 24x7, offering mental health services and drug de-addiction services to the general public.

Dr Haroon said India's first Tele-MANAS chatbot, designed to engage with

people in distress, that was launched in Jammu & Kashmir last month has managed to provide assistance to around 210 youngsters so far.

"The Chatbot provides round-the-clock access to health counsellors, clinical psychologists, and consultants," he added.

The doctor said that Chatbot encourages individuals to avail the benefits of this service from the comfort of their homes, addressing privacy concerns and promoting accessibility. In

light of previous studies conducted by the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), it is evident that Kashmir faces a significant mental health challenge. A study in 2016 revealed that 11.3 percent of the adult population in the valley suffers from mental illness. Another study in 2015 by Medecins Sans Frontiers and IMHANS indicated that nearly one in five individuals in Kashmir exhibits symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. KNO

DM Doda chairs introductory meet with Magistrates, Police Officers: Reviews law & order scenario

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 4

District Magistrate of Doda, Harvinder Singh today chaired an introductory meeting with all the Magistrates and Police Officers. He also reviewed the law and order situation in the district. The meeting brought together key figures from the civil administration and the police department, including Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti, ADC Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dil Mir, ACR Sanjeev Kumar, SDMs, SP Headquarter, Dy SPS, SDPOs, Tehsildars, SHOs, ARTO Doda and other concerned officers and officials.

The meeting also included virtual participation from sub-divisional officers, tackling various



issues related to law and order. These included combating drug-related problems, preventing the smuggling of bovine animals, addressing the challenges posed by narco-terrorism, frequent fire incidents, and improving road safety through the installation of crush barriers. Additionally, discussions revolved around promoting communal harmony and peace, preventing illegal constructions, intensifying anti-encroach-

ment drives, and addressing issues related to illegal mining and land disputes. During the meeting, SSP Doda emphasized the need for strong coordination between the police and civil administration to combat social issues, including drug addiction, traffic management, and overcharging by passenger service providers. Special attention was placed on maintaining records and keeping watch on individuals with a history of trou-

blemaking and antisocial behaviour while facilitating intelligence sharing between civil and police authorities. The Deputy Commissioner also issued directives, including ensuring proper licensing for e-rickshaws and establishing electric charging stations. The DC urged the identification of civil defence volunteers to prevent loss due to mishaps and stressed the importance of adequate arrangements for fire safety tools during Diwali, including the deployment of SDRF and security forces. Furthermore, he emphasized the need to keep an eye on sensitive areas, raid locations prone to drug-related activities, and maintain vigilance during the upcoming Diwali celebrations, with a focus on preventing illegal mining.

Additional discussions in the meeting involved identifying sales points for firecrackers during Diwali to ensure public safety. In his address, the District Magistrate highlighted the common goal of the civil administration and police, which is to work for the welfare of the people. He emphasized that the district administration, comprising both magistracy and police, works as a team to serve the public and implement policies effectively. SSP Doda, in his concluding remarks, called for vigilance against any attempts to disrupt the district's peaceful environment and engage in illegal activities. He affirmed the commitment to continue the fight against drugs, anti-social and anti-national elements, and unlawful encroachments with unwavering dedication.

Vigilance Awareness Week: District Administration Kupwara organizes day-long workshop for DDOs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 4

The District Administration Kupwara Saturday organized a day long capacity building workshop for Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) at Town Hall Kupwara in collaboration with the Directorate of Audit and Inspection, J&K as part of observance of 'Vigilance Awareness Week'. Sensitizing the DDOs about various extant rules and regulations of Finance Department, the District Treasury Officer Kupwara, Mohammad Shafi Wani 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. Meanwhile, experts from Directorate of Audit and Inspection highlighted various provisions of purchase manual, GFR- 2017 and roles and responsibilities of DDOs in respect of incurring expenditure in Government offices.

The DDOs 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.

Vigilance Awareness Week: Kathua Admin organises interactive session on efficient public service delivery

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 4

To foster transparency and empower the citizens, the District Administration Kathua, under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Ranjit Singh today hosted an interactive session as part of Vigilance Awareness Week under the theme 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation' at DC Office complex.

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. While interacting with the Officers/Officials of the District Administration, the ADC emphasised the pivotal role that transparency and empowered citizenship can play in the fight against corruption.



He reminded everyone present that transparency is not the sole responsibility of the government; it is a shared duty of every citizen. The ADC also highlighted the transformative potential of digital services, stressing that these not only enhance transparency but also empower citizens by offering efficient, time-bound solutions to their needs, ultimately contributing to a respon-

sive administration. The ADC provided a comprehensive overview of the grievance redressal mechanisms of the Government, highlighting their effectiveness in addressing public complaints. This initiative aims to promote transparency, accountability, and citizen trust, fostering a culture of responsive governance and efficient complaint resolution. The ADC said that the

District Administration is always ready to offer a platform for open, honest discussions and acted as an inspiration for individuals to assume an active role in promoting transparency and accountability within their communities. CPO Kathua, ACD Kathua, DIO Kathua also spoke on the occasion and called for working with a united resolve to adopt fair and transparent mechanisms while rendering services besides maintaining good conduct as a public servant. Terming technological interventions such as BEAMS, DBT, PROOF, PAY-SYS, Online Revenue Services etc. a major step towards transparency in Government offices, the speakers added that these portals have been designed to establish an accountable, transparent, and corruption-free Governance Architecture.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana: Dr Sehrish calls for saturating eligible left-out beneficiaries in Baramulla

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 4

With an ambitious aim of saturating uncovered families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting at her office chamber to discuss the cases for grant to support LPG connections besides providing other subsidies to eligible left out women under the said scheme. Pertinent to mention that Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG) in May 2016 with an aim to provide free LPG connections to low-income families across the country. This flagship program was to supply rural and poor homes with clean cooking fuel, primarily LPG. At the outset, the



DC was given a comprehensive overview of the current PMUY application seeding process along with the robust checks and balances and other measures implemented to prevent the issuance of multiple connections to the same applicant/household. On the occasion, the DC asked the representative of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to release the connections based on the prescribed format. She also stressed that the District Ujjwala Committee (DUC)

will periodically review the process and examine sample cleared KYCs on a random basis whenever deemed necessary. Dr Sehrish also exhorted upon the heads of various educational, health and other institutions to submit a detailed list of the eligible beneficiaries under their control so that they avail all the benefits as envisaged under the said scheme. While discussing the focus/target group of the scheme, the DC advised for

its wide publicity through distributors located in far flung areas of the district so that the beneficiaries are benefitted under the said scheme. Further, the DC directed to organize awareness programmes at village level also to educate the eligible applicants about the supporting documents required for availing the benefit of the scheme and to protect the unsuspecting beneficiaries from exploitation of vested interest people.

JKRLM signs MoU with Kudumbashree NRO to support Micro Enterprise Development prog in UT

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) and Kudumbashree NRO (National Resources Organisation) have entered into a partnership agreement to support the Micro Enterprise Development (MED) programme in Jammu & Kashmir.

The objective of this initiative is to create sustainable livelihood opportunities and promote economic empowerment for rural communities.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed and exchanged through a video conference, in presence of Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur, on Saturday.

Through this collaboration between JKRLM and Kudumbashree, the MED initiative is expected to have a significant impact on the lives of rural communities in 11 blocks of 9 districts, including 7 in Kashmir and 5 in Jammu as of now. This initiative will contribute towards poverty reduction, women empowerment



and overall socio-economic development of rural women of J&K. The MED initiative emphasizes support for establishment and growth of micro-enterprises, particularly among SHG women and vulnerable sections of society. JKRLM and Kudumbashree will provide training, capacity building, credit access, and marketing linkages for these micro-enterprises. Congratulating the officials of JKRLM and Kudumbashree, Commissioner Secretary highlighted the positive impact that this partnership will have on the economic empowerment of rural commu-

nities. Mandeep Kaur said that "the partnership between JKRLM and Kudumbashree will identify and support potential entrepreneurs, offering capacity building programs, skill development training, and financial assistance to aid in establishing and managing businesses effectively". Commissioner Secretary hoped that Kudumbashree NRO will share their expertise and experience with JKRLM and wished them all the best for their endeavours in Jammu & Kashmir. On the occasion of signing of MoU, Mission

Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, spoke about the importance of partnership between JKRLM and Kudumbashree NRO. She highlighted that this collaboration will provide support and play a crucial role in promoting entrepreneurship and supporting the socio-economic development of rural communities in Jammu & Kashmir. This Micro Enterprise Development programme is expected to create a positive impact on the lives of women entrepreneurs of JKRLM. It aims to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities, enabling self-reliance and contributing to the overall development of the communities, she added. It is worth mentioning that Kudumbashree NRO will support Self Help Group (SHG) members of JKRLM and their family member enterprises in the non-farm sector. This support includes not only providing assistance in setting up businesses but also offering the necessary hand-holding and post-enterprise grounding support.

DC inspects GMC to assess tertiary healthcare services in Doda District

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 4

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, along with R&B Functionaries on Saturday visited Associated Hospital Government Medical College Doda (AH-GMC) and main building of the GMC at Ghat (Doda) to assess the tertiary healthcare facilities in the district. During the visit, the DC stressed the significance of punctuality by doctors and staff, importance of maintaining sanitation and hygiene to ensure the effective delivery of healthcare services. The inspection encompassed a thorough evaluation of patient care, cleanliness of wards and the performance of doctors and staff. Additionally, the diagnostic centre within the hospital received careful scrutiny, and interactions with patients, attendants and hospital staff provided valuable insights.

District Development Commissioner Harvinder Singh extended the inspection visit to Government Medical College Ghat, where he engaged with medical students in an inspiring interaction to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences and concerns. He inspected the under construction works at GMC Ghat and Teaching Hospital, Additional Children's ward, Operation Theater, in AH GMC Doda and stressed upon the executing agency PWD to expedite the work, maintaining the highest grade of quality. He listened to the issues raised by the GMC authorities and PWD engineers and ensured the administration's full cooperation in upbringing the presti-



gious government project for better healthcare services to the people of the region. Effective management of parking space was emphasized to minimize disruptions in patient care, with designated areas allocated for ambulances, doctors, and staff. Accompanied by the Principal GMC Doda Dr Puja Vimesh, Medical Superintendent AH-GMC, CAO-GMC, Ex En PWD Div Doda and concerned. Principal of GMC Doda, Dr Puja Umesh, brought

to light the issues and demands related to road connectivity to GMC Ghat and infrastructure for the hostel and other GMC-related matters. The DC Doda assured swift action and directed concerned officers to address these concerns promptly, expediting the necessary processes. DC, while inspecting Diagnostic Block, appealed to the people to volunteer themselves in donating blood, particularly rear group blood, and contribute in saving precious human lives.

J&K Judicial Academy organizes workshop on “Order XXXIX CPC, Contempt of Court, Execution of Decrees, Summary Trial U/O XXXVII CPC”

JINews Service
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

J&K Judicial Academy under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), N Kotiswar Singh and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Sanjeev Kumar besides Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Moksha Kazmi, members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, organized one Day Workshop on “Order XXXIX CPC, Contempt of Court, Execution of Decrees, Summary Trial U/O XXXVII CPC” for Civil Judges (Senior/Junior Division) of Jammu Province at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Governing Committee for Judicial Academy.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, in his inaugural, address said that the behavior and conduct of members of the judiciary, inside as well as outside the court, must re-affirm the faith of public in impartiality and independence of the judiciary. He said that a constant effort should be put in to bridge the gap between what we say and what we do.

He described the origin of the power to grant injunction is from equity; hence the exercise of the discretion by the Courts is to be governed mainly by equitable considerations. He gave illustrations from his lordship's real-life experiences and underlined the purpose of holding such training programmes to enhance the awareness level of judicial officers relating to laws and remove inhibitions as well as share best practices while applying the provisions thereof in the day-to-day work.



Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Y P Bournay, presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He said that a judicial officer has to be possessed of excellence not only from within but he should also visibly display the functional excellence which is necessary to fulfil the constitutional promise of justice by the judiciary as a whole. He emphasized that when a judge sits on trial, he himself is on trial and any action which may shake that foundation is not permitted.

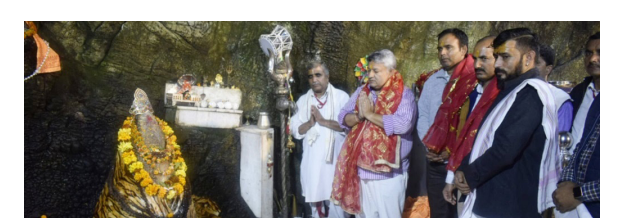
In the first technical session, M.S. Parihar, Former District & Sessions Judge, High Court of J&K, deliberated upon the types and principles of injunction with reference to

rules under Order XXXIX CPC. He added that there can be permanent injunction which is granted as a final relief in the suit and there can be temporary injunction which may be passed at any situation of the suit or proceedings for preservation of the property. Also, the execution proceedings have become a long-due process by which the parties did not get justice in time and this delay in completion of execution proceedings are against the principles of fair trial. The learned resource person also gave an in-depth detail of legal provisions relating to the Contempt of Court. In the second technical session, Kikar Singh Parihar, Former District and Sessions Judge, High Court of J&K identified the core issues relating to execution of decrees and

its types and procedure. He also discussed the constituents of Order XXXVII CPC and the procedures adopted therein. The learned Resource Person said that Order XXXVII CPC guarantees that the defendant does not drag out the proceedings and can seek permission to defend if he possesses the necessary defense to demonstrate that his position is substantive in character; otherwise, the plaintiff has a stronger hand in the case. He added that it also creates a suitable mechanism to guarantee that the defendant does not extend the lawsuit, especially as time is of the essence in business situations, and furthers the goal of justice.

All the sessions were interactive during which all the participants actively participated sharing their experiences and discussing various aspects of the subject topics. The participants raised several queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource persons.

DDC Reasi visits Shiv Khori: Inspects progress of development, Pilgrim-Friendly works



JINews Service
REASI, NOVEMBER 4

District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan, also the Vice Chairperson of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, conducted an extensive tour of the Shiv Khori area today. The purpose of the visit was to assess the ongoing developmental works and the establishment of high-end tourist facilities around the Shrine area. During the visit, the DDC discussed upcoming projects aimed at enhancing the experience for pilgrims visiting the Holy cave shrine. He also paid his obeisance at the Holy Shrine.

Accompanied by other concerned officers, the DDC inspected the progress of different works in the shrine area, particularly focusing on the facilities for pilgrims. Subsequently, he issued directions for the development of a pilgrim-friendly track and improved public con-

veniences. Furthermore, the DDC instructed the Executive Officer of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board to construct a permanent barricade extending from the checkpoint to the shrine cave. Additionally, a segregation shed along the path leading to the shrine cave was planned to be created.

Notably, the District Development Commissioner issued firm directions to the relevant departments to take decisive action against the use of single-use plastics in the shrine's vicinity. This directive aims to impose a ban on single-use plastics while simultaneously maintaining cleanliness along the path to the shrine and its surrounding area.

Accompanying the Deputy Commissioner were Executive Officer SSKSB Pardeep Kumar, Tehsildar Pouni Naresh Kumar, and other concerned officers.

DC B'la discuss PMAY-G, PSGA, SRO & other cases



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BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 4

To review the progress in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-G), PSGA, LA, SRO and other cases in the district, a meeting of the Officers of line Departments was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

A threadbare discussion was held wherein the chair was apprised about the implementation of PMAY-G Scheme in all the Tehsils of Baramulla. The DC was also informed about various cases of PMAY-G beneficiaries benefited as envisaged under the said scheme.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned Officers to ensure that the scheme guidelines are followed in letter and spirit so that all genuine eligible beneficiaries are covered under the PMAY-G scheme in the district.

Dr Sehrish impressed upon the field functionaries to follow the robust mechanism already put in place to ensure immediate

verification and processing of cases in favor of verified beneficiaries under the scheme.

The DC also reviewed the progress under Public Services Guarantee Act, freezing of Jamabandies, backlog mutations, pending offline grievances, pending SRO and Land Acquisition cases.

The officers of Revenue and other departments were directed for timely disposal of applications and timely submission of information under PSGA to Deputy Commissioner Office Baramulla so that such cases are disposed-off within the prescribed period. It was impressed upon the officers that about various cases of public grievances or claims shall be disposed-off within the prescribed time frame under PSGA.

Regarding pending offline grievances, pending SRO and LA cases, Dr Sehrish exhorted upon the functionaries of concerned departments to ensure the quality disposal of all cases in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, the DC also gave a deadline to complete the exercise of quality check, certifications of digitalized Jamabandies and backlog mutations.

DC conducts on site review of infra projects at Budgam

JINews Service
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 4

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today conducted on-site review of progress made in infra projects in Budgam Town.

During the visit, the DC reviewed the progress of construction of PRI members' Accommodation at Sheikhpora, Multi-Car parking project near DC office and ongoing renovation and beautification works at Sports Stadium Budgam.

While inspecting the interior works at PRIs Accommodation, the DC emphasised on finishing up the pending works like sanitary fittings within the shortest possible time period. The DC also directed concerned to finish leveling of approach area and manhole construction on



the approach road at the earliest. He said that the project is almost nearing completion and would be soon dedicated in favour of strengthening democracy at the grass roots level.

Later, the DC also inspected the ongoing construction of Multi car parking facility at Budgam and renovation and beautification works at Sports Stadium Budgam.

He instructed con-

cerned executing agencies to expedite works including paint and plaster works on the boundary walls at Sports Stadium, installation of hoarding board, tile works at seating portions and construction of practice net at the Stadium to ensure all works are completed in a stipulated time frame.

He said similarly construction of car parking will be also paced up to ensure it is dedicated to

the general public in the shortest possible time. He said that the timely completion of Multi level parking shall help in traffic decongestion of the main Budgam town.

He said that the district administration was keen on completing all infra-structural projects within the deadline so that the same are dedicated to the general public at the earliest.

Similarly, review of other developmental and beautification works in Budgam, especially beautifying Budgam initiative were also being given special focus by the district administration. ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak; ACD, Executive Engineer R&B, BDO, Tehsildar, AEEs from PHE and other engineering wings and other concerned officials accompanied the DC on the occasion.

Sumlar belt emerging as Trout Hub of Bandipora Meet Basit, a 21 year old Journalism student of Bandipora who made waves with successful Trout Farming Venture

JINews Service
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 4

With the implementation of various government schemes, Fisheries department Bandipora has brought significant change in fisheries growth and economic development in the district.

Young people like Basit, a 21-year-old trainee journalist from Sumlar village in Bandipora district, are making a positive impact in the Bandipora fisheries sector. Basit, along with his uncle, is setting up fish farms in different areas of Bandipora, creating jobs for local youth.

They established a 'Trout Farm' in their village supported by the Fisheries Department of Jammu and Kashmir. Trout is a valuable cold-cum-freshwater fish that thrives in the region's ideal conditions.

To boost their business, Basit set up a selling pond on the Srinagar-Bandipora highway, attracting customers and increasing their success. Basit, a journalism student, mentioned that they found satisfaction in government schemes over the past four years for the development of the fisheries sector.



With guidance from the Fisheries Department and subsidies provided by the department, Basit and his uncle expanded their venture. Presently, Basit is not only supporting his family but also employing other youth directly and benefiting others indirectly through his trade.

He expressed gratitude to the Fisheries Department for their support and timely advice which results in profitable returns from his fisheries business unit.

Basit's venture encourages other young people to take advantage of government schemes for employment opportunities.

Basit and his uncle have not only developed their

farm but have also provided good-paying jobs to other youth engaged in their farm. This initiative showcases the positive impact of youth-driven employment schemes.

Inam ul Haq, resource person of Fisheries department informed that the department is running two prominent schemes Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Aquaculture Development schemes besides other youth engagement programmes.

He said Under PMMSY the department provides two types of units, trout and carp units for which 40 percent of project cost is Government Assistance and 60 percent is beneficiary share.

38 Vehicles Challenged, Driving Licenses suspended for Traffic violations in Doda

JINews Service
DODA, NOVEMBER 4

In an intensive enforcement drive, 38 vehicles were issued challans for violating various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, here today. The drive was carried out under the direct guidance of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh and aimed at ensuring road safety and compliance to the traffic regulations.

The overall operation was conducted under the supervision of ARTO, Rajesh Gupta in collaboration with the police department

The operation was conducted on NH-244 up to the 9th kilometer, from the entry point of ASSAR by a Motor Vehicles Department (MVD), led by C. M. Sharma, Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) and comprising Robin Parihar, MVI, Nitin Singh, Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector (AMVI), Arshid MVTA, and supporting staff.

The team checked 80 vehicles during the enforcement drive.

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

JINews Service
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

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.

Lt Governor attends Kashmir Education, Culture & Science Society's 'Shikara' Fest in New Delhi

JNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the 'Shikara' Fest organised by Kashmir Education, Culture and Science Society in New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the endeavour of the Kashmir Education, Culture and Science Society to celebrate Kashmir's rich and unique cultural and artistic heritage, its tradition, cuisine and providing a platform to showcase variety of handmade creative products during the two-day event.

He highlighted the important role of culture in building a stronger structure of society and to strengthen the national fabric.

"Culture means ocean of values which extend infinite possibilities of learning of age-old traditions and developing better understanding and appreciation of cultural ethos," the Lt Governor said.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we are making dedicated efforts to promote, preserve and enrich our cultural heritage. It is also being ensured that the development taking place across Jammu Kashmir is



inclusive and reflects our ethos, he added.

At the Shikara Fest, the Lt Governor shared the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir. In the last three years, the situation has changed and 90 percent of the people are satisfied that normalcy has returned now, he added.

Stone pelting has become a thing of the past; street protests,

closure of schools, colleges and markets on the call of neighboring country and its handlers have ended, and people are now living freely, these are the biggest changes visible on the ground, the Lt Governor said.

He said the Rule of Law has been established in the UT of J&K and strict action is being taken against those supporting terrorism.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the steps taken by the government for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrant families and to fulfill the promise of providing 6000 transit accommodations and 6000 jobs under the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Development Package.

Almost all the posts have been filled. Despite various obstacles in Transit accommodation we

had faced earlier, 1665 new accommodation units have been allocated, 1785 more will be dedicated before the month of March and the remaining will be completed by the end of 2024, he said.

I am constantly in touch with Kashmiri migrant and other minority community members and their concerning issues are being taken up for the resolution with utmost sensitivity, the Lt Governor added.

He said the administration had also launched an online portal for redressal of grievances related to Kashmir Migrants' immovable properties.

Most of the encroached properties are freed from the possession of illegal occupants. We are committed to resolving the issues of distressed sale of properties by the Kashmiri migrant families, he added.

The Lt Governor said the government is also exploring the possibilities to provide land at low price to government employees in Srinagar to build their own houses.

Members of the Kashmir Education, Culture & Science Society and prominent personalities from diverse fields were present on the occasion.

Class 11th student dies after hit by moving train in South Kashmir

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 4

A Class 11th student was killed after being hit by a moving train between Bijbehara-Panzgam section, in South Kashmir on Saturday.

An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the youth was hit by the train in Naina area this afternoon.

He said that he received critical injuries and succumbed before being taken to the hospital. The deceased was identified as Arsalan Jalal, son of Jalal uddin Dar resident of Darbagh Shopian.

The deceased was a student of 11th class.

Meanwhile, Police have taken cognizance of the incident. KNO

Missing since 8 days, man found dead in Bandipora village

JNEWS SERVICE
HAJIN, NOV 4

The body of a man, missing for eight days, was found in the Nichair Nallah in Banyari area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday, officials said.

An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the body was found by some fisherman in Nichair Nallah, following which a police team reached the spot and retrieved the body. The deceased was identified as Manzoor Ahmad Khan son of Nazir Ahmad Khan, a resident of Paribal Hajin. He said the deceased had been missing since October 26. "After completing legal formalities body has been handed over to his family for the last rites," he said. KNO

Drug peddler arrested in Kulgam: Police

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 4

Jammu & Kashmir Police on Saturday said to have arrested a drug peddler in Kulgam and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A Police party headed by SHO police station Kulgam during patrolling at Chancer, Okay intercepted a suspicious person carrying a nylon bag. During the search, 07 Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Tariq Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Hassan Mir resident of Okay, Kulgam. He has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Accordingly, police said that a case under FIR number 186/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kulgam and investigation has been initiated.

"We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact the nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law," police said. KNO

BJP wants to crush ever dissent, will be wiped out: Vikar

- Cong made India a strong Nation: Manoj Yadav - Cong will stage come back: Bhalla

JNEWS SERVICE
KATRA, NOV 4

JKPCC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani has said that BJP wants to crush every voice of dissent but will be routed out due to its authoritarian style of governance and anti people policies.

Addressing a massive Congress rally at Katra today alongwith AICC Jt Secretary I/C J&K affairs, Working President Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma besides other senior leaders, JKPCC Chief hit out at the gag orders against government employees is a series of such attempts to crush every democratic voice to hide its failures.

He said that power has gone to the head of BJP people, who have forgotten that people's power has thrown many autocracies & rulers out of power in the world. BJP's days in power are numbered because they



have started challenging the power of common people.

The fear of loosing power has forced BJP to delay assembly & defer ULB & panchayat elections, indefinitely but one day they will have to face the public & hold elections and BJP will be wiped out in Jammu & Kashmir, he claimed.

Vikar Said that it was Congress will fought to free

this nation from the slavery of Britishers & it was made a progressive & strong power in the world in every field. Today the people are paying taxes from their nose and face unprecedented price hike and unemployment due to BJP's wrong policies in power. He appreciated the newly appointed DCC President Bhupinder Singh for the massive rally

and said that congress will support all the genuine demands of workers linked with pilgrimage of Mata vaishnodevi ji.

PCC General Secretaries Rakesh Wazir, Rajesh Sadotra, Abid Aiyaz, Arshad Tantrey, Ex Chairman MC Katra Ambrish Magotra, PYC President Akash Bharat, DDC Mahore Israr Ahmed and AP Lucky also attended.

brought about all round development in the country and Jammu & Kashmir but BJP is making tall claims without doing much for the people. All sections of society are facing the heat of BJP's policies and programs especially on the economic front. The resources of the UT are being looted by outside at the cost of locals whose job opportunities are shrinking. The unemployment is on rise, trade, transport and business people are suffering while government is imposing huge taxes & harassing the common man. People are waiting for election's to be held to show them door. Senior Vice President JKPCC Ravinder Sharma said that it was Congress which gave district status to Reasi, university & Hospital besides train service to Katra besides initiation of train link project to Kashmir and Baramulla besides tunnels on highway for overall progress of j&k.

AICC Jt Secretary co-I/C J&K affairs Shri Manoj Yadav said that BJP has ruined demonstrate atmosphere in the country and has abolished democracy in J&K, for which Congress is fighting for its restoration along with snatched status of statehood. He said that it was Congress party which brought all round development in the country and made it a strong nation in every sphere.

He said that Congress has emerged stronger again every where in the country and it will emerge victorious in the state assembly elections. He referred to the struggle of Congress under the young & dynamic leadership Rahul Gandhi to unite the nation against the hatred. Working President Shri Raman Bhalla lashed out at the BJP's anti youth, anti people, anti poor and anti employees mindset and said that people will pay them back in the same coin. It was Congress which

availed by them. He added that the effective implementation of the e-office system has greatly reduced the administrative inertia with performance of each user under scanner. He said that the people earlier had no option but to visit government offices to get their files moving from one desk to another. He made out that the situation has changed now with access to government offices being available through mobiles and introduction of applications like Mobile Dost, Meri Pehchaan and e-Unnat.

Tiffin box timer IED..

of police along with police component Jammu, dog squad rushed to the spot.

"On search of the suspicious material, it was found to be a tiffin box timer based IED weighing around 2 kilograms," said the police spokesperson.

"The IED has been diffused and a case under relevant sections of the law has been registered at the concerned police station," he said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Need to go beyond..

Flying Instructors School (FIS), here.

"The need of the hour is to produce more capable, young aviators and get them to the fleet faster and more efficiently. We need to go beyond the linear progression of traditional learning environments, to a student-focused model in which learning and skill development are tailored to each individual."

"Gone are the days of one size fits all," he said. He further said the "convergence of cutting edge technology in the aviation domain is bringing to the fore newer opportunities for us to capitalise upon," and flagged the need for an organisation to recognise the value of new external information, assimilate it and apply it for operational success.

This is where those like the FIS play an important role, the IAF chief added.

Earlier, an impressive fly-past involving trainer aircraft and helicopters was held at the air force station. (AGENCIES)

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Government will extend...

deceived them. "Congress has been emotionally exploiting the poor of the country. Congress' entire game was in the interest of its family and dhanna seth. For Congress, poor is only vote (bank)," he said.

Modi said the BJP worked in the direction of 'garib kalyan' (poor's welfare) with patience and honesty.

"For Modi, the poor are the biggest caste in the country and Modi is their 'sevak' (servant), brother and son. The BJP's policy has resulted in the decline of poverty. In five years, 13.50 crore people have come out of poverty," he added.

He accused the Congress of hating the poor. "The Congress always wants the poor to beg in front of them, hence it wants the poor to remain poor," Modi added.

"When BJP comes to power in Chhattisgarh, the process of construction of houses for lakhs of poor families will be expedited," Modi added.

The PMGKAY was started in April 2020 to help the poor amid the COVID pandemic for three months but it was extended later.

Under the free ration scheme, poor families get 5 kg of food grains each month. (Agencies)

Our winter strategy is...

supporting terrorism will be taken to task, the DGP added.

The Police chief was accompanied by the ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, DIG North Kashmir Vivek Gupta, SSP Baramulla Amod Nagpur besides others.

It's worth mentioning that a policeman, Ghulam Mohammad Dar, a father of seven daughters, and the family's sole breadwinner was killed on Tuesday after being attacked by the unidentified militants near his residence at Wailoo Tangmarg.

The attack on the cop came a day after a non-local labourer was shot dead by the suspected militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Before that, a police inspector was attacked while playing cricket in Eidgah, Srinagar. He continues to battle for life at SKIMS, Soura.

Soon after the back to back attacks emerged across the valley, security was put on a high alert and a necessary security check was being done in places which are somehow sensitive in nature. "All the entry and exits were being manned besides, extra vigil mode was activated to ensure peace". KNO

Vigilance Awareness Week: CS...

interventions made during the past couple of years like digitization of all the services, BEAMS, DBT, PROOF, PAY-SYS, e-tendering, mandatory Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction of projects are key steps taken by the Administration in ensuring accountability and transparency in the governance system. He continued that the administration has no intention to shield any one with malafide intent and has taken various steps to enable people to participate in Governance.

He said since the introduction of the digital governance system in the UT, filing of RTI applications by people has seen a sharp dip as all information about government schemes, development works, their implementation and execution is available in public domain. He encouraged all of them to often visit the Janbhagadari portal so as to keep people informed of works under implementation in their areas.

The Chief Secretary also made a mention of PSGA bolstered by the feedback mechanisms of Auto-appeal and RAS which has increased the efficiency of service delivery to the public substantially. He revealed that the delivery of services hovers at around 80% within laid down time lines and more than 86% applicants have given the positive feedback regarding these services

availed by them.

He added that the effective implementation of the e-office system has greatly reduced the administrative inertia with performance of each user under scanner. He said that the people earlier had no option but to visit government offices to get their files moving from one desk to another. He made out that the situation has changed now with access to government offices being available through mobiles and introduction of applications like Mobile Dost, Meri Pehchaan and e-Unnat.

With regard to the burning societal issue of drug menace, the Chief Secretary said that the government is committed to make the UT 'NashaMukht'. He stated that it is evident that the legal action against the drug trade has been greatly enhanced with increased focus of police and civil administration. He observed that we all have to be empathetic towards the victims of this menace and it is our duty to bring culprits to book as the drug peddlers are the worst enemies of any civilized society.

He maintained that hundreds of FIRs had been registered during this year against the persons involved in this illicit trade. He enumerated measures taken by the government like establishment De-addiction centers in every district, enhanced vigil on drug stores and creating awareness among students in schools and colleges. He urged these Social Activists to play their role and cooperate with the Administration in total eradication of this menace from J&K. KNO

Lt Governor visits Skill...

courses will ensure self-reliance in critical technologies and it will boost up the employment potential," the Lt Governor said.

Skill Development Institute, Bhubaneswar is a philanthropic initiative of Oil PSUs under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Deputy Commissioner reviews functioning of ICDS Department in Rajouri District



Ji NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 4

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive review of the working of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) department, here today.

The meeting shed light on the remarkable efforts of the department in the region, focusing on the implementation of different schemes aimed at nurturing maternal and child health.

During the meeting, it was informed that there are 07 ICDS projects in the District, which collectively oversee the operation of 1672 Anganwadi centers. In particular, the discussion included an update on the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme, revealing that 3373 beneficiaries have already been registered. This initiative plays a crucial role in

supporting expectant and lactating mothers, offering them financial assistance and ensuring their overall well-being.

The discussion delved into the utilization of the Poshan Tracker App, which provides real-time insights into the status of Anganwadi centers. Furthermore, the review included the status of linking these centers with nearby government schools, with an encouraging announcement that 303 Anganwadi centers have been successfully relocated to the vicinity of schools.

In terms of infrastructure development, the meeting was informed that out of 110 sanctioned buildings for Anganwadi centers, 30 have been completed, and 64 are currently in progress. This commitment to improving facilities for early childhood development is a testament to the dedication of the government to the future generation.

In alignment with the nationwide 'Poshan Maah' campaign for September 2023, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal also took stock of the various activities organized in the district to promote nutrition and overall child development. This comprehensive approach towards child welfare showcases the commitment of the administration to creating a bright and healthy future for its youngest residents.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers and officials present to continue working with unwavering determination to ensure the effective implementation of these essential schemes.

The meeting was attended by Shoket Mehmood Malik, District Program Officer ICDS, Abdul Rahim, District Social Welfare Officer, and Child Development Project Officers and other officials of the ICDS Department.

Valedictory function of Skill Development Training conducted by Government Polytechnic Jammu

Ji NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4



To augment and strengthen the skills of the employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Katra, a six day training Programme on "Basic Computer Skills" was organised at Government Polytechnic College Jammu Oct 30, 2023 to Nov 4, 2023.

On the concluding day today a valedictory function was organised and training certificates were presented to the employees by Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Development Department J&K and Er. Arun Bangotra.

The Director Skill Development Department interacted with the

trainees and congratulated the Principal and his staff for organizing such training for up-skilling the employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Katra. He talked of the human eco-system which can be strengthened through the provision of appropriate skills relevant to the present scenario as per industry 4.0.

During the training Er Sanjay Koul HOD Computer Engg briefed the

employees about Basic Computer Skill, Microsoft Office, Basic of Internet etc. Ved Paul Instructor provided hands-on training to the employees of SMVDSB on various applications, software, tricks used in Microsoft Office Word, Excel Power Point etc.

On the concluding day, a visit was organised to Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu to gain first-hand

experience of latest technologies, established at CIIT Jammu.

The employees of the SMVDSB thanked the college administration for providing excellent training to enrich their knowledge. Others present on the occasion were Er. Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Er Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engineering Department, Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engg, Er. Sanjay Koul HOD Computer Engg, Er. Manjeet Singh H.O.D Electrical Engineering Department, Er. Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Sh. Sandeep Nimbalkar Programme Director CIIT Jammu and officer of Skill Development Department.

MP Masood chairs DISHA meeting at Kulgam

Ji NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, OCTOBER 4



The Member Parliament (MP) Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi today visited Kulgam and chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting at new conference hall Kulgam.

The meeting reviewed in detail the progress of various centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) in the district and was attended by DDC Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal Parrey; Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat; ADCC, ADC, JD-Planning, SES of R&B, KPDCCL; Ex. Engineers from KPDCCL, R&B, PMGSY and PDD besides, CAHO, CAO, CHO, DIO, DSWO, ALC, CMO, CEO and other sectoral and district officers of line departments.

The MP during the meeting took department wise extensive review of all sectors and through a powerpoint presentation, Deputy Commissioner highlighted the achievements, special initiatives and best practices of the District Administration

under different schemes. He apprised the chair that more than 200 playfields were developed in the district and under the Conservation and Rejuvenation programme of water bodies more than 270 Amrit sarovars were developed and rejuvenated in the district.

It was shared that during FY- 2022-23 more than 5000 MGNREGA works were completed and the number of job card holders figures to 54971.

The Deputy Commissioner also gave a brief of achievements in Agriculture, Allied sectors and

other sectors. Chair was also informed that the Drug De-Addiction centre and ATF is functioning in the district and slew of measures have been put in place to combat the drug menace in the district.

Masoodi also reviewed NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat, Social security schemes, PMGSY, PMAY-G and U, JJM and other schemes, besides steps taken to improve health care facilities in the district.

After reviewing the progress made in PMAY-G, the chair inquired about the number of

left out beneficiaries under PMAY-G and was informed that the number of left out beneficiaries is near about 3400.

While reviewing the literacy rate, the chair was informed that female literacy rate has reached to 70 percent while as male literacy rate reached to 75 percent and dropout rate has also declined.

The MP laid stress on the officers to ensure proper and smooth implementation of all the schemes so that the benefits of these schemes percolate to people.

Masoodi asked all the officers to pay regular visits and organize camps in all the remote and far-flung areas so that the people can avail maximum benefits of the schemes meant for the welfare of the people.

He also instructed the authorities of KPDCCL to ensure scheduled power supply to people to avoid inconvenience to them.

Masoodi also appreciated the district administration for working with coordination for betterment and welfare of people.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Table with columns: Spl. Train No., Station From, Dept. Time, Station to, Arr. Time, Frequency / Day, Period. Lists various festival special trains like 03255 Patna Jn to Anand Vihar Terminal, etc.

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN RAILWAY NETWORK

Table with columns: Spl. Train No., Station From, Dept. Time, Station to, Arr. Time, Frequency / Day, Period. Lists festival special trains passing through the network like 09075 Mumbai Central to Kathgodam.

NORTHERN RAILWAY logo and website information: www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

EDITORIAL

Gasping for
clear air

Delhi is battling the worst toxic air pollution—a problem that has been flagged by stakeholders from time to time but fails to find any solution. Unfortunately, political establishments instead of addressing the issue preferred to score political goals out of it, leaving an ordinary man feeling suffocated. In the recent case, Delhiites have been suffering 'very poor' to 'severe' air quality for the past week, with an AQI (Air Quality Index) of 402 recorded on Thursday evening by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). It set in motion stage-III of GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) in the NCR, with restrictions on construction activity and vehicular movement and primary schools switching to the online mode. Amid the BJP-led Central government and the AAP-led Delhi government tussle, the latter requested for an emergency meeting with NCR states to address the issue. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai shot off a letter to Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav urging that only CNG, electric and BS VI-compliant vehicles be permitted in Delhi-NCR. The suffocating, hazy weather conditions caused by the cumulative effect of dust-producing construction work, stubble burning and vehicular emissions, along with slow wind movement, have, unfortunately, become an annual affair, even as preventive and punitive measures remain ineffective. Till now, a lot of politics has been played over the critical issue of air pollution in the National Capital where the residents are gasping for clean air. This is quite an unfortunate and unhealthy trend of events unfolding as the political parties have resorted to blame games to score petty issues instead of finding a viable and tangible solution to the problem. It has been a challenging task for the Delhi government as well as the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas to contain the air pollution as no immediate respite seems to be expected in the coming weeks. The CAQM, set up in 2021 as a statutory body, is tasked with devising and executing plans to prevent and control air pollution in the region. The CPCB data showed Delhi's air quality index increased by over 200 points between October 27 and November 3, culminating in a descent into the "severe plus" category (above 450) on Friday. Recently, the Air Quality Index (AQI) had even crossed the 400 mark to plunge into the 'severe' category for some time. Not only is this high level of AQI critical for those suffering from respiratory ailments, but also harmful for healthy people. Unfortunately, Delhi has earned the notoriety of being among the most polluted cities in the world. This is notwithstanding the fact that several remedial measures initiated since 2021 by the authorities to deal with air pollution and offset its dangerous ramifications are yet to deliver desired results. It has been observed that Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and half of western Rajasthan had AQI in the range of 'poor', 'very poor' or 'severe'. The North has been feeling the sting of air pollution with a spike in cases of asthma, cough, watery eyes and breathing problems. The distressed residents are still looking for some relief which is yet to be seen. The only question strikes in their mind is how long will this continue. Will there be an end to the problem?

Battery Swapping: India's
opportunity for global dominance

MOHAMMAD HANIEF

Decarbonisation of the transport sector is critical to net zero ambitions worldwide. As the 4th largest automotive market in the world, India has the opportunity to lead this global transition from traditional ICE power trains to a more efficient and decarbonised Electric Vehicle (EV) technology. In line with India's commitments, a shift to green vehicles is well on track as reflected in growth of EV sales. H1 of calendar year 2022 has seen EV sales YoY growth of 333%.

Battery swapping is an alternative that involves exchanging discharged batteries for charged ones. Battery swapping de-links the vehicle and fuel (in this case, the battery) and thereby leads to a reduction in the upfront cost of the vehicles.

Battery swapping is popularly used for smaller vehicles, such as two- and three-wheelers, which have smaller batteries that are easier to swap compared to other automotive segments where the same can be implemented mechanically.

Battery swapping offers three key advantages relative to charging—time-saving, space-efficient, and cost-effective—provided each swappable battery is actively used. Further, Battery swapping provides a level playing field to innovative and sustainable business models, such as 'Battery as a Service'.

Penetration of 2 Wheelers EV in key markets like Delhi is already upwards of 10% in the year 2021-2022, up from 1.6% in 2019-2020. Electric 3 Wheelers

are consistently selling more than their conventional power train counterparts on a pan India basis.

The first National Electric Mobility mission was launched in 2012. Efforts of government to promote the manufacturing & adoption got a push with Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme, among one of its kind globally, with an outlay of INR 10,000 Cr (\$1.35 Bn). The scheme has supported extensively in the growth of the industry by providing direct subsidy to the customer and ensuring minimum quality standards of the vehicles being sold.

In this regard, NITI Aayog held an inter-ministerial discussion to formulate a robust and comprehensive battery swapping policy framework in February 2022. NITI also held an extensive pre-draft stakeholder discussion with a wide spectrum of stakeholders representing battery swapping operators, battery manufacturers, vehicle OEMs, financial institutions, CSOs, think tanks and other experts.

After due deliberations and taking cognizance of all the inputs provided by relevant stakeholders, NITI Aayog has prepared the draft Battery Swapping Policy.

India, recently surpassed Germany to become the 4th largest automotive market globally. As one of the fastest growing large economies in the world, it presents itself a unique opportunity to become a world leader in battery swapping. Government's recent push towards battery

swapping as a complement to fixed charging through the draft battery swapping policy indicates the same.

Capitalizing on its global position as the 2nd largest two-wheeler manufacturer and the largest when it comes to three wheelers, high density of e-commerce companies and last mile delivery services, price sensitive nature of consumers, central and state government's push towards EV adoption acts a catalyst towards building a sound EV infra ecosystem in the country.

Public and private stakeholders across the value chain are enthusiastic about the opportunities and are exploring a variety of business models for battery swapping. The operational ecosystem for battery swapping typically involves local DISCOMs, land agencies, Vehicle OEMs, battery manufacturer, fleet operators, etc. in addition to the battery swapping operator.

The battery swapping ecosystem is nascent and there are immense opportunities for introducing solutions to tackle the existing challenges. An attempt in this regard has been made through NITI Aayog's Draft Battery Swapping Policy which proposes on reducing tax rate differential of batteries & EVSE, backs fiscal incentives, prioritizes metro cities for swapping network and also advocates for interoperability. Setting up a battery swapping business in India requires interaction with different central government and state government bodies.

Battery swapping stations are one of the best options for EV charging stations in India and

even a solution to the lack of EV charging infrastructure in India. The battery swapping stations take less time to charge your electric vehicle 100%. Just Swap the Drain Lithium-Ion Battery with a new one and be ready for longer drives.

The phenomenal take-up of electric vehicles (EVs) in the Indian automobile sector has taken everyone by surprise. In the last couple of years, the country has made significant progress on the adoption of EVs and the best thing is the democratic nature of this adoption across vehicle segments, product categories, and body styles. From Ebikes, E-rickshaws, and Electric cars to Electric LCVs, HCVs, and buses, the demand for EVs has seen a significant uptick among both commercial and private buyers. From just 1.3% of total sales in 2020-21, the category of EVs is likely to grow at 90% CAGR to reach \$150Bn by the end of 2030. While many factors contributed to this unprecedented growth of EVs, we list specific measures that are proving particularly relevant in powering the growth story of EVs in the Indian market.

The rising environmental awareness is pushing Indians to consider EVs over conventional vehicles. The world today is facing an abruptly changing environment and the reality of climate change is fast dawning on us. By offering the cleanest mode of transportation, EVs can reduce greenhouse emissions, conserve the environment, and alleviate the dangers of floods, heat waves, and hardships arising from other calamities asso-

ciated with climate change. The reality of climate change is increasingly recognized by Indian buyers and acts as a strong determinant in pushing the adoption of EVs in the country. No wonder, Research, and Markets predict that the adoption of EVs in India will grow at 44.5% CAGR between 2020 and 2025 on the back of rising customer awareness about climate change and ecological concerns.

Evolving Technologies of today are a far cry from the electric machines of the past as technology today has made significant progress on every important parameter of consideration. From bigger batteries to efficient motors and high-tech safety to extended range, modern EVs boast futuristic designs, spacious interiors, and powerful performance that is second to none.

The ultra-low running and maintenance costs further augment their appeal, thereby helping EVs witness a staggering increase in overall sales in India. Sample this: JMK Research states that 4,55,773 units of EVs were sold in the Indian market in FY2022 alone with the cumulative EV sales in the country breaking through the 1 million mark to reach 10,90,641 units by the end of FY2022. The milestone is indeed impressive and will help the country to further push the adoption of electric mobility among a wider sector of buyers across the spectrum.

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Honouring the Wisdom of Age

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In our fast-paced world, it is easy to overlook the invaluable treasure trove of wisdom and experience that our senior citizens and elders bring to our communities. As we rush through our daily lives, it is essential to take a moment to reflect on the elderly individuals who have contributed so much to society and are still contributing in countless ways. Senior citizens are an invaluable part of our society. They have a wealth of life experience and knowledge, which can be a source of wisdom and inspiration. As a society, we owe a debt of gratitude to the older generation who have contributed to our communities and played a pivotal role in shaping our world.

It is our moral and societal duty to ensure that they lead a life of dignity, comfort, and respect. They have contributed their wisdom, experience, and often a lifetime of hard work to create the world we live in today. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that they enjoy their golden years with dignity, respect, and the support they need. Respecting and helping senior citizens strengthens the social fabric of our communities. It creates a sense of belonging, interdependence, and a culture of empathy and compassion. Helping and respecting senior citizens is not just a moral obligation; it is a duty we owe to those who have paved the way for our present and future. Senior citizens are a valuable and often overlooked segment of our society. These individuals have contributed a lifetime of wisdom, experience, and hard work to build the world we live in today. It is our responsibility as a society to ensure that they are not only cared for but also respected for their invaluable contributions.

Understanding the Needs of Elders and Senior Citizens

As people age, they may face a range of physical, mental, and emotional challenges. To offer genuine help and respect to senior citizens, it is crucial to understand their unique needs and challenges. It is crucial to understand and empathize with these challenges to provide appropriate help and respect. Some common challenges that seniors face include:

Physical limitations: With age, mobility and physical strength may decline. This can make daily tasks, such as cooking, cleaning, or even dressing, more difficult. As we grow older, our body strength weakens and doesn't support us to do needful things for ourselves.

Health issues: Seniors are often more prone to health problems, and managing chronic illnesses can become a significantly difficult part of their lives. With growing age, our immunity decreases and we become more prone to various infections and common diseases.

Loneliness and isolation: Many senior citizens may experience social isolation due to the loss of friends and family members. Loneliness can lead to mental health issues like depression. In the later stages of life, people are left in isolation assuming that they are old fashioned, uninteresting and boring which ultimately leads to many kind of depressions among elder people.

Cognitive decline: With growing age, our IQ decreases and our memory power starts declining. Some seniors may experience memory loss and cognitive decline, making it essential to approach them with patience and understanding.

Help at Public Offices : Senior citizens often feel perplexed and confused at public offices. Recognize that many seniors may not be tech-savvy, they need various kinds of help at public offices. Public offices should prioritize accessibility by providing ramps, handrails, and elevators for those with mobility challenges. Elders often need help in information interpretation and proper communication with the employees at public offices.

Mobility: Senior citizens may experience reduced mobility. Providing transportation or helping them with daily errands is a significant support. They often need support while walking, travelling or crossing roads.

Financial Support and Planning:

Financial matters can become increasingly complex with age. It is important to help seniors manage their finances, ensure they are aware of their entitlements, and prevent them from falling victim to financial scams. Seek legal advice for estate planning to protect their assets and provide a sense of security. It is duty of youngsters to support them financially when they are unable to earn because of their age factor. Elders too have basic needs like other people have and they need financial support to fulfill their basic needs.

Ensuring Safe and Accessible Housing:

For many seniors, their living conditions may need to be modified for safety and accessibility. This may include installing handrails, ramps, or adapting bathroom facilities. These adjustments not only enhance their quality of life but also prevent accidents. Nowadays elders and senior citizens are taken as burden on the family and are kicked away from the homes which renders them homeless. These issues need to be addressed and special laws and provisions need to be framed to safeguard their shelter.

Providing Emotional Support:

Elderly individuals often face emotional challenges such as loneliness and isolation. Spending time with them, engaging in conversations, and being empathetic can significantly improve their mental well-being. Strong emotional support helps seniors feel valued and cared for. Nowadays most of us remain busy with social media, spending less time with our families especially elders. Resultantly, they feel isolated and secluded. It is better to spend much time with them so that they may feel integrated with other family members which will give them emotional support.

Technological Assistance:

Many senior citizens may not be familiar with modern technology and new digital tactics. We should offer them help to learn how to use smartphones or computers to stay connected with loved ones or access information. Nowadays, most of the offices/banks are digitized. While finding some senior citizen strugg-

ling with something in any office, we should readily help him and clear his confusion regarding some issues or handling any gadget.

Listen Actively:

One of the most fundamental ways to respect and honor our seniors is by actively listening to their stories, experiences, and advice. Their life journeys are filled with invaluable lessons that can guide us through our own challenges. When engaging in conversation, put away distractions and give them your full attention. Not only will they appreciate it, but you'll gain insight and understanding in return and they will in turn feel honoured.

Offer Assistance:

Many seniors may require assistance with daily tasks or errands. Whether it's helping them with grocery shopping, taking them to medical appointments, or assisting with household chores, offering a helping hand can make a world of difference. These small acts of kindness show that you care and are willing to support them.

Respect Their Independence and Their Perspective:

While it is important to offer help, it is equally crucial to respect their independence. Seniors cherish their autonomy, and we should encourage and enable them to maintain it as long as possible. Ensure that your assistance doesn't overshadow their ability to make decisions about their own lives. We should try to not interfere in their decisions. Senior citizens often have different viewpoints shaped by their experiences. Even if you disagree, always respect their perspectives and engage in meaningful discussions rather than dismissing their thoughts.

Include Them in Activities:

Isolation and loneliness can be significant and critical issues for senior citizens. Make an effort to include them in social activities and gatherings. Invite them to family events, local community gatherings, or simply spend time with them. Such interactions can provide much-needed companionship and keep their spirits high.

Support Their Health:

Senior citizens often face health challenges. Encourage regular

check-ups and help them adhere to prescribed medications or treatments. Physical activity and a balanced diet are crucial for their well-being, so consider engaging in these activities together.

Ensure Safety:

Safety is a top concern for seniors, especially if they live alone. Help them create a safe home environment by addressing potential hazards, such as loose rugs or inadequate lighting. Consider installing handrails or ramps to make their living spaces more accessible. Their rooms should be regularly checked to ensure their safety from any hazard.

Promote Lifelong Learning:

Encourage seniors to pursue lifelong learning. They can take up new hobbies, attend classes, or engage in volunteer work. This not only keeps their minds active but also makes them feel valued in their communities.

Advocate for Their Rights:

Advocate for policies and programs that protect the rights and well-being of senior citizens. Support organizations that focus on senior issues and be aware of elder abuse, reporting any concerns when necessary. Their rights should be strictly safeguarded and any breach should be strictly dealt with law.

In conclusion, helping and respecting senior citizens is an essential part of building a compassionate and inclusive society. Our elders have contributed to the world in countless ways, and it is our responsibility to show gratitude and provide the support and respect they deserve. By implementing these guidelines, we can ensure that the senior citizens in our lives live with dignity and fulfilment in their golden years. In return, their wisdom and experiences can enrich our lives in countless ways, creating a mutually beneficial relationship that fosters a stronger and more compassionate community. Let us remember that age should be celebrated, and senior citizens should be valued for their unique contributions to society.

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GDC Kathua organizes symposium on topic "Youth against corruption"

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In continuation to Vigilance Week Celebrations NSS Units GDC Kathua organized symposium on the topic "Youth against corruption", to engage and inspire youth to take a more active role in combating corruption. This event emphasized learning youth about corruption issues and the tools available to prevent it. The event focused on raising awareness and encouraging action against corruption, with a specific emphasis on the crucial role of young people play in identifying, reporting, and countering corruption. Corruption remains a significant challenge that undermines trust in public institutions, hinders economic growth, and negatively affects people's daily lives. Speaking on the occasion Principal of college addressed students that such events



against corruption aims to encourage and strengthened measures for more effective prevention and fight against corruption, promote, facilitate and support available technical assistance to prevent crime, and promote integrity, accountability and good governance. As many as 20 students presented their views and were of the opinion that corruption poses a significant threat to sustainable development, increasing poverty and inequality. Reducing the risks of corruption requires the involvement of anti-corruption bodies, more open and transparent public procurement, and increased compliance with anti-corruption requirement. Therefore,

we must continue to support educational programmes and information campaigns to form a culture of integrity with zero tolerance for corruption. Jury members of this event were Dr Kulbir Singh and Dr Poonam. Mr. Vishal Gupta, Ms. Sneha Sharma and Ms. Jharna Vaichari bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Miss Mansha, Miss Nandhani Jasrotia, Monika Verma, Iqra Kousar, Diksha Khajuria acknowledged with consolation prizes. The event was organized under patronage of Principal GDC Kathua Prof Seema Mir and supervised by NSS Program officers Prof Manmohan Singh, Dr Neha Bandral and Dr. Suresh Sharma.

Rang-e-Chinar cultural extravaganza concludes at NIT Srinagar with enthusiastic student participation

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The two-day annual cultural extravaganza, Rang-e-Chinar, came to a close at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, with an impressive turnout of students and a wide array of captivating events.

The event was organized by the NIT Srinagar Students' Gymkhana, the event celebrated the institute's vibrant cultural spirit and brought together over 12,000 enthusiastic attendees.

The second day of the cultural festival featured an eclectic mix of activities that catered to various interests, including Solo Dance (Eastern), Trained Cuisine Workshop (Southern), Origami Workshop, Theatrics, Mimicry, Solo Dance (Western), Wall Painting, Live Photo and Reel Making, Game Zone,

Duet Freestyle Dancing, Stand-up Comedy, Storytelling/Poetry, Pro Show, Choreo Night, Ladi Shah, Tattoo Making Workshop, Meme Making, Mr. & Ms. Finale, and more.

Students from various educational institutions and interests came together to participate in a wide range of cultural and artistic events, including music, dance, drama, and more. Their enthusiasm was palpable, and they expressed their appreciation for the initiative that brought this lively spirit to the campus.

Tabish Gulzar, B-Tech 3rd Year at NIT Srinagar, participated in a wall painting competition, stated that it is wonderful to see our institute organizing these events.

"These events bring so much energy and positivity to our campus. Rang-e-Chinar has added a new dimension to our college

experience. These festive events have the potential to bring about a positive and vibrant change on our campus," she added.

Tabish said this cultural Extravaganza not only provided a platform for students to display their artistic and creative abilities but also fostered a strong sense of unity and celebration within the NIT Srinagar community.

Another student, Abrar Hussain from Amar Singh College said these two days were a whirlwind of talent and artistry. NIT Srinagar has outdone itself with this cultural extravaganza. It is more than just an event; it is an experience that will stay with us, he said.

"As a dancer, I was thrilled to showcase my skills here. The positive energy and appreciation from the audience were incredible. Rang-e-Chinar has ignited a new passion in me," Abrar said.

Zoya, a student of Womens College Srinagar said being a part of the drama competition was a surreal experience. The audience's response and the camaraderie among participants have been inspiring. I hope NIT Srinagar continues to host such events, she added.

Another student from ECE Department, Sanjay Kumar who participated in logo making competition at NIT Srinagar and appreciated the organizers for their efforts.

"They have created an engaging platform for us to showcase our creativity and talent. It was a great opportunity to not only test our design skills but also to be a part of the cultural event. I want to express my gratitude to the organizers for their hard work and dedication in making this event a success," he said. Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Sud-

hakar Yedla, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the student organizers for their commendable job in organizing the event. Rang-e-Chinar was totally coordinated and organized by the students of NIT Srinagar, he said.

Prof. Yedla said the event was entirely driven by the students, and he expressed immense pride in their organizational abilities. He highlighted the significance of such events, stating these events provide students with a platform to explore and showcase their talents and interests, he added.

Dean Students Welfare and Chairperson of Students' Gymkhana, Prof. Dr. Abdul Liman, S.A. Shah, Vice-Chairperson of Students' Gymkhana both expressed their gratitude to Director NIT Srinagar for providing support in organising such events on the campus.

Baru exhorts students to display their talent

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Playway House Higher Secondary School, Pounichak, organized an inter-school Rangoli Competition, that drew participation from over 9 prestigious schools.

Sanjay Kumar Baru, Councillor Ward 41, Chairperson Basanti Ambar, Principal Anita Koul, renowned musician Suraj Sharma, Academic Director Arun Ambar and social leader Deepak Sharma graced the event.

Presenting the winners and runner-ups with trophies, Chief Guest Sanjay Baru lauded the students for their excellent performance and bringing laurels to their schools and their parent's name. He said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed the youth specific policies and schemes. He also spoke about the National Education Policy (NEP) and enumerated the benefits to the students of all ages pursuing academic and professional courses. He added that the PM is pursuing agenda for the development of nation and extending every possible help to ensure strengthening of weak and neglected students and the youth of the society. He exhorted upon them to focus and study well



and display their talent in curricular activities like drawing, sports etc. and fulfill the dreams of their parents and their institutions.

The competition witnessed a display of incredible artistic talent as schools from the Jammu region came together to showcase their Rangoli-making skills. Each participating team presented unique and stunning Rangoli designs, making it a truly remarkable event.

After intense rounds of competition and impressive displays of creativity, Elite Public High School emerged as the winner of the competition. Their intricate and captivating Rangoli left a lasting impression on the judges and the audience.

The first and second runner-up positions were secured by Humanity Public School and JK Montessori Public School,

respectively. Their exceptional Rangoli designs demonstrated the high level of talent and dedication among the students.

The event not only celebrated the rich tradition of Rangoli art but also highlighted the spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among schools in the region. It provided a platform for students to express their creativity and artistic skills, and for the schools to come together in the spirit of collaboration and celebration.

Playway House HR Secondary School extended its heartfelt congratulations to all the participating schools, the winners, and the runners-up, for making this competition a grand success. The school also wished to express its gratitude to the esteemed guests and the dedicated team that made this event possible.

Dogri Play Shah aur Shahani Staged at CUJ

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Dogri play 'Shah aur Shahani' was staged in the Central University of Jammu under the joint coordination of Dean Student Welfare, Department of Hindi & other Indian Languages CUJ and Viraj Kala Kendra, Jammu.

The director of the play is Mr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta and co-director is Mr. Tarun Chadak. The drama presented the narrative on an emotional level through the depiction of the tragedy and pain of Partition as well as the unfinished love story which made the audience emotional as well. Drama played an important role in combining these feelings in today's youth. The actors not only played their roles perfectly but also made them feel alive.

The event was organised under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof, Sanjeev Jain. Notably, Central University of Jammu is famous for promoting indigenous



languages & culture of Jammu & Kashmir region. The mesmerizing play was witnessed and thoroughly enjoyed by the faculty and staff members. The Play will provide an opportunity to the audience to acquaint with the rich theatre culture of Jammu region. Viraj Kala Kendra artists Madan Rangeela (Kasturi Halwai), Rajneesh Kumar Gupta (Shah), Meera Tapasvi (Shahni), Rekha Sharma (Neighbour), Tarun Chadak (Pakistani man), Amit Bhalla (Gara), Rishabh Manhas (Challiwala) played the role and won the hearts of the audience.

Mohit Mehra composed the music, Prashant Sharma and John Peter contributed in the arrangements. Chairman of the

Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Prof. Bharat Bhushan said that the department is going to organize competitions and workshops in the coming month in collaboration with Viraj Kala Kendra, which will provide an opportunity to the students to enhance their arts skills.

The guests were welcomed by Dr. Bijendra Kumar, Co-Professor of the Hindi Department and the vote of thanks was presented by Dean Student Welfare, Prof. Ritu Bakshi. Professors, researchers and students of many departments were also present on this occasion. Faculty, staff and students from various departments of the university enjoyed watching this play.

Gulab Gaatha reaches Reasi, enthalls jampacked audiences



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REASI, NOV 4

The first ever film made on the history of Jammu and Kashmir reached District Reasi where it was showcased twice at Zorawar Singh Auditorium, Reasi with the support and collaboration of District Administration, Reasi. At the outset Director Natrang Balwant Thakur who is also the writer and the director of the film, presented a brief overview about the making of this historic film 'Gulab Gaatha' and thanked Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust for giving him this life-time opportunity to produce this film. He also thanked DC Reasi Mr. Vishesh Mahajan for providing Natrang the local support and logistic help. He further shared that it

took him and my team of scholars, creative people, designers, and actors over three years on research and the mobilisation of resources in creating this master-piece ever produced in Jammu & Kashmir. This is a must-see film for one and all. Natrang is currently showcasing a series of fifty shows all over Jammu province.

Prominent amongst those who graced the occasion included Sahitya Akademi Awardee Raj Rahi, prominent artists Sunit Kumar and Shashi Sharma. The show was coordinated by ACR Reasi, Anshumali Sharma on behalf of the District administration and by Sartaj Singh on behalf of Natrang Jammu.

The film 'Gulab Gaatha' is about the journey of a soldier who achieves great success at everything he

initiated. His unquestionable obligatory obedience towards Lahore Durbar, his unconditional sacrifice and his conception of a kingdom has been regarded and given value in this. The greatness of leaders is not just in their works but in the way they have been appreciated and personified in the eyes of the people. Napoleon was a military and political hero of France and Alexander has been applauded for his greatness for his conquest. Gulab Singh as an emperor held the same qualities of being a courageous warrior. 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.

Vigilance Awareness Week Jammu Police organised various Competitions/ Awareness Programmes



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As a part of series of events in connection with Vigilance Week Celebrations various competitions were organised at different locations of District Jammu by Jammu Police.

Various different competitions were organised at different locations such as debate competition organised at GHSS Rehari Jammu which was attended by SP City North Kulbir Handa alongwith Sh. Vikram Singh Sir, SDPO City West Jammu and other police officials. Similarly debate competition was organised at Shining Star High School Jhajjar Kotli with the collaboration of School Adminis-

tration Committee. Also an awareness programme was organised in association with Traders Federation Ware House which was attended by SDPO South Sachit Sharma, SHO PS Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma alongwith other police officials.

In the debate competitions students of various schools participated. Other than this various competitions like rangoli and painting competition were organised. Moreover a rally of school children was organised at Nagrota which started from toll Post Nagrota and culminated at Kandoli Mandir chowk Nagrota. Also the winners of various competitions were felicitated with trophies and cash prizes.

SOTTO organizes Organ Donation Awareness programme in GMC, Anantnag



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Jammu And Kashmir State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) organized an Awareness Programme for faculty, students and paramedical staff of GMC Anantnag in association with the Department of General Surgery of the GMC. Principal GMC Anantnag, Prof Dr Anjum Farhana presided over the event.

Head, Department of Surgery Prof Dr Mumtaz-Din welcomed the SOTTO team.

Head of Urology GMC Jammu cum Nodal Officer SOTTO J&K, Dr Elias Sharma delivered a lecture on Human Organ Donation and Transplantation and he clarified various myths associated with this.

Joint Director, SOTTO J&K, Dr Sanjeev Puri gave a brief presentation about the National Organ Trans-

plant Programme (NOTP) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. He also encouraged the audience to participate in Organ Donation Pledge Drive under Ayushman Bhav.

Irfan Ahmed, Transplant Coordinator, SOTTO explained the sequence of events in cadaveric organ donation. The event was coordinated by Associate Prof General Surgery GMC Anantnag, Dr Khalid Bashir.

PM Modi speaks with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak



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NEW DELHI, NOV 4

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

PM Modi congratulated PM Sunak on the successful completion of one year of his tenure in office.

The leaders reiterated their commitment to continue to strengthen bilateral Comprehensive Strategic partnership, including in the areas trade, investment, emerging technology, defence, security, health and others. They welcomed

the progress being made for an early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement.

The two leaders exchanged views on the developments in the West Asia region and the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Both leaders expressed deep concern at terrorism, worsening security situation and the loss of civilian lives. They agreed on the need for regional peace, security, stability and continued humanitarian assistance.

Both leaders agreed to remain in touch and exchanged greetings for the festive occasion of Deepavali.

J&K Minerals Ltd, GJEPC organize special display of world famous Kashmir blue Sapphire at Jaipur

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JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 4

Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited in association with Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) Jaipur, organized a consultative meeting cum special display of world famous Kashmir blue Sapphire at GJEPC Convention centre, Jaipur.

Secretary, Mining, Dr. Rashmi Singh, was the guest of honour on the occasion while Director-Geology and Mining, Rakesh Magotra, Managing Director, J&K minerals Limited, Vikram Gupta among other officers of the Corporation attended the event.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr Rashmi Singh said that the Government of J&K is progressively working towards exploration of various minerals in the UT. In this direc-

tion, the Paddar Sapphire mines are currently being explored by MECL (Govt. of India PSU). She added that all possible steps are being taken up by the Government for commercial exploration and exploitation of rare earth elements like Lithium etc.

The meeting was attended by a large gathering of members associated with the gemstone trade.

Convener-CGS Panel, GJEPC, Mahendra Agarwal, briefed that Gem and Jewellery sector is contributing around 7% of GDP of India thus have established itself as an important economic sector of the country. GJEPC also expressed its willingness to have further collaboration with J&K Government for conducting such awareness programme to attract investment in J&K.

The audience were

briefed about the history of sapphire exploration and brief details about the upcoming global e-auction, modus operandi for participation in e-auction etc. A brief PPT was also presented, in this regard, giving all the information regarding e-auction of Sapphire to the members.

The members examined the quality of some sample lots of rough sapphire brought along by the J&K minerals Ltd officials. Such an exhibition of sapphire not only raised the awareness among the prospective buyers of sapphire but also helped in wider publicity, networking, building databases, which will help in greater marketability of sapphire/corundum in ensuing e-auction. The data base of people willing to buy the Sapphire stones was also maintained by the corporation.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 Samba Admin, DG Audit & Inspections host Enlightening session for DDOs



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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 4

To promote transparency, integrity and accountability in public administration, the District Administration Samba, in collaboration with the Director General, Audit and Inspections, Jammu and Kashmir today hosted a noteworthy session for Drawing and Disbursing Officers. This event was held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023. The primary objective of this event was to raise awareness among the participants about e-procurement procedures and emphasize the importance of transparency and accountability in public administration. The session featured a comprehensive Power-Point presentation delivered by Auditors Monika Lahotra and Rupali Kaushal, representing the Office of Director General, Audit and Inspections, J&K.

They elaborated on the functioning of Government e-Marketplace (GeM), the procedures of e-procurement in alignment with relevant sections of the GFR 2017, and other pertinent matters related to accounts and audits. The presentation was followed by an interactive session, fostering a deeper understanding of these critical topics. A special emphasis was placed on the adoption of fair mechanisms for executing all financial transactions in Government offices,

with a resolute commitment to maintaining a high level of transparency at all organizational levels.

District Treasury Officer, Nidhi Gupta, highlighted major financial reforms, such as BEAMS, online bill submission through J&K PaySys, mandatory administrative approvals, technical sanctions, e-tendering, GFR compliance, GeM utilization, digital payment methods, and various other measures taken by the J&K Government in the Financial Management System. These reforms have significantly improved the efficiency, transparency, and results of the financial systems in Jammu and Kashmir. She stressed the importance of maintaining transparency, accountability, honesty, and integrity at all levels to create a corruption-free environment in Government offices.

During the session, ADC Suresh Chander, stressed the importance of adopting the valuable insights shared by the team from DG, A&I, J&K. He also highlighted the detrimental effects of corruption on economic growth, social justice, and the overall well-being of the community.

The event was attended by Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of the Samba district along with other relevant staff members, who actively participated and engaged in discussions, contributing to the success of this important session.

DC Poonch hands over keys of vehicles to MUMKIN scheme beneficiaries



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POONCH, NOVEMBER 4

The Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yaseen M. Choudhary today handed over the keys of 10 commercial passenger subsidized vehicles to the unemployed youth of district Poonch under MUMKIN-a livelihood generation scheme of mission youth here at a simple function held in the district employment and counseling centre.

The Deputy commissioner, who is also the chairperson of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) while complementing the beneficiaries emphasized upon them to work with passion and dedication to earn a decent livelihood with dignity. He said that such government

schemes aim to empower the unemployed youth by providing them assistance and opportunity to ensure viable opportunities for their livelihood. The event was also attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma Cluster Head J&K Bank Poonch, Lead bank Manager Poonch and other officers from district Poonch.

The Deputy Commissioner directed concerned officers to bring more unemployed youth under the ambit of employment generation schemes.

Later, Deputy Director Employment Mohammad Rafiq appraised the Deputy Commissioner and others about the scheme and progress achieved so far under the MUMKIN scheme.

RDD organises grievances redressal camps in Block Bhagwah of Doda District

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DODA, NOVEMBER 4

Assistant Commissioner Development Doda, Phulail Singh on Saturday conducted a tour of Panchayat Beoli in Block Bhagwah.

He was accompanied by BDO Bhagwah, Himat Kumar Raina and staff of the Panchayat. A series of public grievances redressal camps were held at Wanda & Beoli of Panchayat Beoli.

The programme was attended by the PRIs and general public of the area. Several issues of people were resolved on the spot.

The ACD also inspected CAPEX Works, PMAY-G Houses and interacted with the beneficiaries.

Some of the chronic defaulters were identified

who have not completed their houses despite receiving the 2nd and 3rd installment under the scheme.

The ACD warned such beneficiaries to complete the houses by the end of November failing which their properties shall be attached for recovery of the installments received by them under the scheme. The BDO Bhagwah and field staff was directed to keep a watch on these identified beneficiaries and hand hold them so that the delayed houses are completed before the onset of winter season. It is pertinent to mention here that there are 13000 houses under construction in the District under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

DE&CC Shopian distributes 12 CVs among beneficiaries under Mumkin Scheme

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SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 4

To facilitate unemployed youth to establish sustainable livelihoods in the transport sector, 12 small commercial vehicles (CVs) were today distributed among the unemployed youth of the district under the Mumkin scheme of Mission Youth programme at Mini Secretariat Shopian.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Husain Faaz and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shopian, Shahbaz Ahmad Bodha handed over keys to these beneficiaries during the distribution ceremony.

The Mumkin scheme

under the Mission Youth programme is aimed to provide sustainable livelihood to the unemployed youth of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Under the Scheme, small commercial vehicles are provided to the unemployed youth of J&K with the total 20 percent subsidy of the on-road price provided jointly by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and Vehicle Manufacturers.

AD Employment, Hafsa Qayoom informed that so far 213 cases have been approved under Mumkin Scheme in the district and till date, 121 small commercial vehicles to the beneficiaries were distributed on different occasions.

GDCW, Kathua, others organize Awareness cum Orientation Program on Mushroom Cultivation



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JAMMU, NOV 4

Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua and Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, Kathua, JK-UT Organizes an Awareness cum Orientation Program (Skill Development) on Mushroom Cultivation under the patronage of worthy Principal of the college, Dr.Savi Behl. The resource persons in the event were Mr. Vinay Gupta, AEA and Mr. Rajnish Singh, AEA from the Mushroom Development Department, Kathua. Mr. Rajnish in his presentation throw light on the technical aspects of the mushroom cultivation. Mr. Vinay in his powerpoint presentation talked about the different types of Mushrooms being cultivated in JK UT and their health benefits. He also gave statistical data of the growth of mushroom units in Kathua district and its role in strengthening the rural economy. He also explained the procedure

for getting benefits of different schemes and how to take full benefit of loans provided by the banks through different schemes under Mushroom Cultivation. A large number of students participated in the event. After the lecture of the resource persons, a question-answer session was held in which students of the College received answers for their queries. The College Principal congratulated the organising team for hosting this fruitful training programme on mushroom cultivation and expressed optimism that this step will prove beneficial in enhancing the skill of the students. She stressed on Students to adopt mushroom cultivation to become self dependent. She extended gratitude towards the resource person, who despite his busy schedule, spared time for the event. The event was coordinated by the departments of Food Science, Botany and Zoology. The event was moderated by Dr.Khusboo and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr.Mehak Jamwal.

DPAP condemns govt diktat asking employees not to protest

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SRINAGAR OCT 4

Democratic Progressive Azad Party on Saturday strongly condemned the order of Jammu and Kashmir administration in which the employees were desisted from participating and organizing peaceful protests to press for their demands. The party chief spokesperson Salman Nizami said that the order is speaking volumes about the insensitivity of administration which attempts to muzzle the voices of dissent and sabotage the democratic process.

"The diktat from the LG office to warn government employees against organizing and participating in peaceful protests for their genuine demands lacks the credibility and legitimacy," he said. He said no democratic set up can ever encourage such diktats and LG administration must revoke the order. Nizami said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir shall have its own elected government which can take decisions for the welfare of people. He said the prevailing administrative arrangements can no longer be accepted and democracies always grow with the direct participation of people. He said if the government is serious and wants no employee shall be on roads, it must put the system in place that should address all the genuine demands of employees.

"Why would employees come on roads, if their demands are met. It is the system that forces them to hit the streets or go on strike," the spokesman said. He said hundreds of employees have cases of gratuity, pension and other issue pending in the concerned departments. If those cases would have been resolved, no one would have been on streets. It is the insensitivity of government not the choice of employees to come on roads," he said.

Altaf Bukhari condoles demise of retired IPS Ahfadul Mujtaba's mother

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has condoled the demise of Ruzqaya Begum at her Gujjar Nagar residence in Jammu. She was the mother of retired IPS Syed Ahfadul Mujtaba. "I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members of retired IPS Syed Ahfadul Mujtaba," said Altaf Bukhari in his condolence message. He prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul, and courage to bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Cooperative Department Budgam, RICM Chandigarh hold daylong Training program

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BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 4

The Cooperative Department District Budgam in collaboration with Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh today organized a one day training program for the Board of Directors, members of PACS/ Dairy Cooperative Societies at Sheikh ul Alam Hall, here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Regional

Director (RICM) emphasized on the new initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India like Adoption of Model By laws of PACS, Computerization of PACS, National Cooperative Database, Operation of PACS as Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushudi Kendras (PMJAKs), Operation of PACS as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samrudhi Kendras (PMKSKs), PACS to operate as Common Service Centres (CSCs).

He also stressed the participants to disseminate the information of initiatives to other members of the Cooperatives in order to get the benefits through PACS.

On the occasion, the Deputy Registrar highlighted the achievements of the Cooperative Sector Budgam and stressed to register PACS and Dairy cooperative in every panchayat halqa of district Budgam.

Billawaria conducts comprehensive tour of ward-73, Bhour Camp

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria conducted a comprehensive visit to Bhour Camp, Ward No. 73 in Rs Pura-Jammu South constituency. During Bhour Camp Ward 73 Visit Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, accompanied by the Chief Transport Officer (CTO) of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and other departments officials.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the condition of critical infrastructure and public spaces within the locality. During the visit, it was observed that the bridge connecting to Bhour Camp is in a severely damaged. Deputy Mayor Billawaria expressed concern over the unsafe condition of the bridge and assured the residents that necessary repair work would be undertaken promptly. He said that discussions with the Public Works Department (PWD) & JMC have been initiated to address the issue at the earliest. Additionally, Deputy Mayor Billawaria emphasised the importance of public spaces by visiting the Bagh-e-Bhour park. Recognising the significance of recreational areas, he highlighted the need to make the Bagh-e-Bhour park accessible to morning walkers free of charge. He said that this initiative aims to encourage the community's health and wellness. Later, Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria key area of concern identified during the visit was the deteriorating condition of the shopping



complex constructed by the Department of Rural Development under model village at Bhour Camp. The Deputy Mayor noted with distress that the complex has become a hotspot for antisocial activities due to its dilapidated condition. He urged both the authorities and the local community to take responsibility for the upkeep and security of the property to prevent further misuse. Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria emphasised, "The upkeep of civic infrastructure is vital for the well-being of our community. We are committed to addressing these issues and maintaining a safe and functional environment for the residents of Bhour Camp." Nestled amidst a scenic landscape, this area has historically been recognised for its community spirit and close-knit neighbourhoods. The region boasts a mix of residential and commercial spaces, providing a home to a wide spectrum of residents, ranging from young families to elderly citizens who have been a part of the community for generations. The deteriorating condition of the bridge con-

necting to Bhour Camp, the local park, and the concerning situation surrounding the shopping complex have become focal points requiring immediate attention and rejuvenation. Efforts are underway, led by local authorities, to address these issues and revitalise the community. Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria recent visit and pledges to rectify these concerns reflect the commitment to improve the living conditions and overall well-being of the residents in Bhour Camp. As efforts continue to address these issues and promote community welfare, collaborative initiatives between the authorities and the local populace are expected to bring about positive changes, ensuring the betterment of Bhour Camp for generations to come. Efforts will be made to address these concerns promptly, ensuring the safety and betterment of the locality. Deputy Mayor Billawaria said that the JMC remain dedicated to collaborative efforts with the concerned departments and the local populace for the upliftment of Bhour Camp. Mandal President Vijay Sharma,

Bishnah Tehsil under full control of Land mafia, common man suffers: Tony

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Member Suchetgarh on Saturday alleged that land mafia is ruling the roost in Bishnah area as the concerned officials in connivance with wrongdoers are promoting subjugation of common man in the Tehsil.

Tony was speaking after holding interaction with Tehsildar Bishnah as he led a delegation to his office to highlight the issue of rampant corruption by the revenue department officials leading to oppression of the commoners in Bishnah Tehsil.

Earlier, the Congress leader apprised the concerned Tehsildar about the particular case of a woman, who has become the victim of uncontrolled



corruption of revenue officials. He alleged that Patwari Anwar Hussain and Naib Tehsildar are harassing a woman namely Mamta Devi, who is having proper documents of her 12 marlas land and the possession as well. He told the Tehsildar that the aforesaid woman purchased this land in 2014 with all formalities completed as she has also registered her land chunk online in 2022.

Tony said that to her surprise, when she approached the Patwari to

make Fard of her land, she was informed by the aforesaid official that the particular land is not in her name and he also came up with two fictitious owners just to harass the genuine lady.

Subsequently, the Tehsildar, who gave a patient hearing to the Congress leader, assured to take all the necessary steps to find out the truth and ensure justice. Upon this, Tony demanded immediate shifting of the aforesaid Naib Tehsildar Saini

and Patwari Anwar Hussain alleging that both these officials are hand in glove with land mafia, and therefore creating unnecessary problems in the Tehsil Office intimidating common people as in the case of aforesaid lady, who has been threatened by the land mafia of dire consequences.

Later, Tony said the whole matter will be brought into the notice of concerned DC and Divisional Commissioner so that poor lady Mamata Devi, wife of Jagdev Raj, resident of Beaspur Parlah Suchetgarh will get justice.

The senior Congress leader also appealed to LG Manoj Sinha to transfer the revenue staff after regular intervals as the long stay of staff breeds corruption because the officials get acquainted with the wrongdoers and often fall prey to their traps.

IGP Jammu Zone reviews Law & Order, Security, Crime scenario of District Udhampur

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain, IPS, today visited district Udhampur and reviewed Law/ Order, security, Crime scenario in the meeting chaired in DPL Udhampur.

Joginder Singh, JKPS, SSP Udhampur, Anwar Ul Haq Addl. SP Udhampur, all supervisory officers, SHOs and other Police officers were present in the meeting. At the outset, Sh. Joginder Singh, JKPS SSP Udhampur, briefed IGP Jammu Zone about the Law & order, crime and security scenario along with other initiatives being carried out by Udhampur Police in the district. He also highlighted measures adopted to strengthen security grid and improve policing. IGP Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain- IPS in his first visit to district inter-



acted with all officers including IOs during an introductory meeting, reviewed crime pattern of the area and issued directions to them to improve Police working and better public relations.

During the meeting the IGP Jammu directed the officers to augment measures for improving capability of personnel in dealing with Narco cases and UAPA cases. He impressed upon the officers that they need to contribute more by conducting supervisory meetings and by ensuring closer supervision of important cases, especially NDPS/UAPA cases

to get better results for the remaining period of the year. He advised them to improve the quality of investigation and prosecution to increase the convictions.

While concluding, SSP Udhampur thanked IGP Jammu Zone for his visit to Udhampur and assured him that wholehearted efforts would be made by Udhampur Police Team to achieve the desired targets.

The IGP Jammu also interacted with the civil society members which were attended by a large number of prominent citizens, including ward

members, Sarpanchs, Panchs, social workers. The public was requested to help the department of Police in prevention and detection of crime.

It was conveyed that J&K Police are taking various programs to prevent the narcotics/drug menace from the society and special focus on the engagement of the youth by involving them in Sports activities. The participants in the meeting were very appreciative of the role of Police in the area and ensured to extend their support to Police in better performance of duties.

Manjit Singh condemns order prohibiting Govt employees for participating in protests

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has strongly condemned the authoritarian order that prohibits the Govt employees in Jammu and Kashmir from participating in peaceful protests.

While addressing the Jammu District Committee meeting here at Gandhi Nagar office in Jammu, the Former Minister reviewed the working of the Party cadre and issued certain directions to the Jammu District leaders to strengthen the party.

In his speech, he criticized the authorities for snatching the democratic right from the Govt employees to hold protests in favour of their long pending demands.

"The authorities have issued an order banning



employees from participating in protest demonstrations that violate their democratic right to highlight their unheard addresses," he said.

He further said that the permanent Govt employees have been demanding restoration of the Old Pension Scheme by revoking of the New Pension Scheme from Jammu and Kashmir.

"The demand for the

restoration of the Old Pension Scheme is genuine and we are committed to fulfil the demand if the Apni Party forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

On the other hand, he further said that the daily wagers have been demanding their regularization, release of pending wages and implementation of Minimum Wage Act in J&K. However, their

demands remained unaddressed for years.

"There are more than 60000 daily wagers in Govt Departments, and their associations have been holding protests to highlight the authorities to accept their demands as per the assurances made with them by the Govt from time to time," he said.

Extending support to the J&K Govt employee's

demands, he said that the Govt should roll back the order which prohibits employees from their participation in protests by violating the right to hold peaceful protests.

Prominent among those who participated in the meeting include President J&K SC Wing, Bodh Raj Bhagat, Provincial President Legal Cell, Adv Vikram Rathore, District Senior Vice President, Vaibhav Mattoo, District Vice President Shakti Dutta, District Vice President, Rakesh Mahajan, District General Secretary, Deepak Bradu, District General Secretary, Mohammed Asif, District Secretary, Abhishek Goswami, District Publicity Secretary, Vishal Jotshi, Organization Secretary, Kanwaljeet Sethi, District Organization Secretary, Rashid Paul, Ashok Sharma, and others.

BVP JK Prant organizes State Level National Group Song Competition at Abhinav Theatre

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Bharat Vikas Parishad Jammu Kashmir Prant organised State Level National Group Song Competition on 4th of November 2023 at Abhinav Theatre Canal Road Jammu. Sh.B.N. Tripathi, VC SKUAST, Jammu was the Chief guest & Prof. R.D.Sharma Former VC Jammu University was the Special Guest. Sh.Dev Raj Sharma Regional President North 1 BVP presided over the function. Sh. Prateek Shrivastava, IRS, Director & DTM Jammu Northern Railway & Sh. Jagdish Singh, JKAS, Additional Secretary PDD JKUT were the Guests of Honor. Gopal Sharma Regional Secretary Sanskar acted as Regional observer. Teams of about 16 Schools of different Districts of Jammu Province Participated in the programme and sung two Patriotic songs each one in Hindi & other in Sanskrit. The program started with the traditional lighting of lamp and recitation of Vande Matram. Sh Bharat Bhushan Sharma State President welcomed all the esteemed guests, members, teachers & students of various schools. In His welcome address he pointed out that BVP is a social cultural organisation aimed to promote patriotism among the students through such programs. The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of BVP in promoting positivity, patriotism and feeling of brotherhood among



the young students & channeling their energies for the common good of the society. Sh. Dev Raj Sharma also elaborated the activities of BVP at National level & our commitment to make our country strong, influential & self reliant. Prof. R.D.Sharma also appreciated & applauded the efforts of BVP in making better society. He also gave assurance of his full cooperation in organizing such activities for the welfare of the students community. The adjudicators of this cultural extravaganza are well known dignitaries in the field of music Prof. Anupama Sharma, Sh. Brij Mohan, & Sh.Sunil Sharma. Vote of thanks was given by Smt. Sunita Gupta, State Finance Secretary. The programme was jointly conducted by Sh. Shiv Ram Sharma State General Secretary, Smt. Seema Sharma & Smt. Anju Bansal. Other prominent persons attended the function are Sh. I.D. Soni, Sh. S.N. Sharma & Dr. Santosh Gupta all State Patrons, Smt. Amita Sharma Regional Secretary North 1, Arun Sharma, Regional Joint General Secretary North 1, Sh.

Vijay Sharma & Sh. Ashok Gupta both State Vice President, Ramesh Sharma State Organising Secretary, Aarti Sharma State Mahila Pramukh, Sh. Vijay Sharma, State coordinator, Prof. B.B. Sharma Sewa Parmukh, Sh. Devinder Mahajan State coordinator Sewa & Transport, Sd. Gurmeet Singh Convener Guru Tag Bahadur Balidin diwas, Smt. Madhu Gupta city coordinator, President, Secretaries, Treasurers & members of various branches from the State attended the function. All the participating students are given Certificates, Medals & Memento. First prize winner Manu Shiksha Kendra Higher Secondary School Rajbagh Kathua, 2nd prize winner Minerva Higher Secondary School Kuthua, 3rd Prize winner Jammu Sanskriti School. The programme ended with the recitation of National Anthem & amid the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai. The team that stood first - Manu Shiksha Kendra Higher Secondary School Kathua shall represent our J&K UT at the North Regional level Programme at Patiala (Punjab) on 19th of November 2023.

NSSS (FOD) Regional Office Jammu organizes Refresher Training for field staff for ASUSE 2023-24 Survey

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JAMMU, NOV 4

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 programme 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. Jamwal, 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.

BIS Club, CUJ Organise Lecture cum Standard Writing Competition

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JAMMU, 4 NOV

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Club of the Central University of Jammu organized an event in the Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, Central University of Jammu regarding the BIS activities and Standard Writing Competition under the mentorship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, CUJ.

The event was organized by Dr. Sujata Kundan, Coordinator of BIS Club, CUJ who regularly works for the awareness of the youth and providing them such useful information under the guidance and support of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The event was begun with the welcome address by Dr. Sujata Kundan for all the delegates including the Resource Person Sh. Niraj Kumar Mishra (Assistant Director, BIS Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office). After the welcome address, the event became more delighted with the immense presence and words of Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar and Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Student Welfare CUJ. Afterwards, Sh. Niraj Kumar

Mishra, took over the dice and explained in an elaborate manner about the BIS standards, their consumer rights and also, told us about what is right to be purchased and how Standards are set among the students of BIS Club.

The event was followed by the interesting question answers session between the resource person and the students of BIS Club. This session made the youth understand more about the regular items which we use and standards by which it is prepared. The event features providing knowledge to the youth about BIS activities, standardization, and mark certification etc. Later on, an innovative standard writing competition was organized in order to let students have an idea about how standards are set and how the BIS organization works. The event was a great success as the students learned throughout the discussion and had a fun-loving interaction with Sh. Niraj Kumar Mishra. The event was concluded with the formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sujata Kundan, Assistant Professor, BIS Coordinator, Central University of Jammu.

Rich Harvest School hosts Sahodaya Interschool painting competition

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmana had the pleasure to host Brushstrokes of Brilliance- an Interschool Painting Competition- under the aegis of Sahodaya Schools Complex on 4th November 2023. More than seventy budding Artists from 24 CBSE Schools of repute poured their colourful imagination on canvas making the judges job a tough one.

The jury comprised of faculty members from the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, Universi-

ty of Jammu- Ms. Simran Dogra, Ms. Vaneeka Gupta, Mr. Ankush Kesar and Mr. Parveen Kumar.

The Chief Guest Dr Milan Sharma and Presiding Officer Th. Gulchain Singhji Charak- Former Minister R&B and higher education, Sh. Gambhir Dev Singh Charak- Managing Director of the School and Mrs. Ruchi Charak- Director were given a warm welcome by the Head of the Institute Ms. Anita Bhatia.

The participants and guest faculty members were entertained by the RHS Scholars with

glittering song & dance performances during the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

The Chief Guest, while appreciating the effort of budding Artists in her address, expressed amazement at the talent displayed by the participants.

The Managing Director of the School encouraged the young Artists to be passionate about the Visual Arts and make it part of their growing years. The Presiding Officer in his address congratulated the youngsters for their dedication and devotion towards the Visual Arts.

J&K admin's order on employee protests injustice against them: Farooq

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SRINAGAR, NOV 4

The Jammu and Kashmir administration's order warning its employees of disciplinary action if they resort to demonstrations and strikes is "injustice", National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said on Saturday.

Saying that the National Conference (NC) stands with the government employees, Abdullah urged Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to resolve their issues.

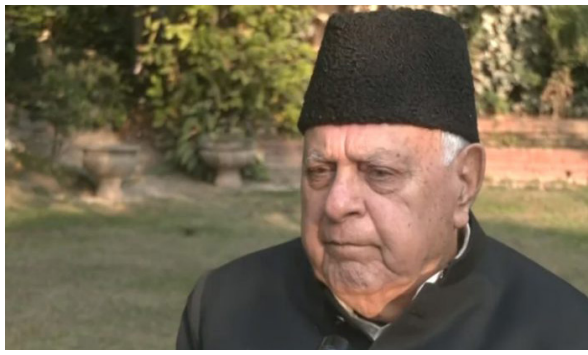
"I think this is injustice against them. The NC stands with them and we appeal to the government to give them what is their

basic right.

"If those who run the government don't work then how will the government function? I appeal to the LG to see to it and try to get rid of the difficulties of the employees," Abdullah told reporters here.

On Friday, the J&K administration warned employees against going ahead with their proposed agitation, saying such acts will attract disciplinary action.

Meanwhile, the Jammu wing of the Joint Action Employees Forum (JAEF) decided to suspend their protest on Saturday after a meeting with Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar Friday night and



requested its Kashmir counterpart to follow suit. On October 20, Jammu and Kashmir government employees had threatened to launch an agitation to press their various demands and said that there will be simultaneous protests in Jammu and Srinagar on November 4.

Asked about the closure

of Jamia Masjid for Friday prayers and the alleged house arrest of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq in view of apprehensions of protest against Israel's action in the Gaza Strip, Abdullah said Mirwaiz will only preach religion and tell people to live a good life. "I regret that they have propagated worldwide

that they have released Mirwaiz. He is a religious leader. He will only preach religion. He will talk only about Islam and other good things," the NC president said.

Abdullah said many youths today were addicted to drugs, and Mirwaiz could spread awareness about the issue.

"He (Mirwaiz) will speak about it, about the opening of liquor shops. He will tell people to live a good life. It is his duty to show the people a righteous path. But they have detained him which is regrettable," he said.

Abdullah, also the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar, appealed to Union Home Minister Amit Shah to

allow Mirwaiz to do his religious duty.

"When he (Shah) says Mirwaiz is free, then keep him free and allow him to do his work as a religious leader," the former chief minister of J&K said.

Asked about Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad's remark against J&K-based political parties saying that he (Azad) was the only leader who spoke in Parliament against the abrogation of Article 370, Abdullah said Azad was the same person who had earlier said that Article 370 cannot be restored now.

"What was that then? I will not say anything on this," said.

Glad that stupid decision of I.N.D.I.A bloc to boycott anchors died its own death: Omar



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SRINAGAR, NOV 4

National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Friday termed 'stupid' the opposition alliance I.N.D.I.A.'s decision in September to boycott shows of 14 television anchors on several platforms.

"So much for a stupid list boycotting anchors. I'm glad it died its own death. #INDIA," Abdullah said in a post on X.

His remark came in response to a post by one of the 14 anchors on her interaction with Congress leader Kamal Nath on the Madhya Pradesh campaign trail.

In September, the media committee of the Indian National Develop-

mental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) of opposition parties took the decision to boycott the programmes of these journalists, accusing them of spreading a 'hate-filled narrative' in the country.

"Pursuant to the decision taken by INDIA Coordination Committee in its meeting on September 13, 2023, the INDIA parties will not send their representatives on the shows and events of the following anchors," a statement from the media committee of the opposition bloc said a day later while listing the names of such journalists. The National Conference is a constituent of the opposition bloc and Omar Abdullah is a member of its Coordination Committee.

On Saturday, Nov 04, Shri Shani dev became 'Margi': Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU, NOV 4

Among the nine celestial bodies, Lord Shani Dev is the most powerful. In the year 2023, Lord Shani Dev went into retrograde in the Aquarius sign on the night of June 17 at 10:52 PM and turned direct on November 04, Saturday, at 12:35 PM in the same Aquarius sign. Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri kailash jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, explains that when Lord Shani Dev goes retrograde, it means he is moving backward, and when he goes direct, it means he is moving forward. The duration of Lord Shani Dev's retrograde was a total of 141 days. Lord Shani Dev is known for justice and righteousness, and hence, his retrograde or direct motion has a deep impact on individuals. According to astrology, Lord Shani Dev governs karma and service, which directly relates to one's career and business. Therefore, Lord Shani Dev's motion significantly influences success and fluctuations in one's job and business. These effects can bring both positive and negative changes

in a person's life. Let's understand the effects of Lord Shani Dev's direct motion on different zodiac signs:

Aries - Desires will be fulfilled, but hard work will be required. You will gain recognition in society, and there might be some good news from the offspring.

Taurus - Take care of your health, and there is a possibility of increased involvement in your field of work. It's a favorable time to start a partnership.

Gemini - Success in work, financial gain, and an increase in courage and valor are indicated.

Cancer - Take care of your health, donate black clothing to the needy on Saturdays. Enemies may cause trouble, and despite your best efforts, success may elude you.

Leo - The relationship between husband and wife will improve. Think carefully and make decisions before taking any action.

Virgo - Your enemies might trouble you. Donate black clothes to please Lord Shani. Do not trust anyone blindly. Your courage and valor will increase.

Libra - Good news from the maternal side is possible, and there will be an increase in ancestral property. There is hope for favorable decisions in court cases.



Scorpio - Pending work can get accomplished if your mother's health is fine. Some family problems may arise.

Sagittarius - You will gain recognition in society, undertake religious journeys, and there are chances of foreign travel. Your expenses will increase.

Capricorn - Maintain control over your speech. You will receive praise for your work, and a promotion may be in the cards.

Aquarius - Work as much as you can to reap benefits. You can start a new business partnership. Don't ignore your loved

ones. Pisces - You will experience average benefits. Stomach-related ailments might trouble you. Control your speech and diet.

Let's explore how to appease Lord Shani Dev:

Serving a black cow pleases Lord Shani Dev. On Saturday, donate black sesame seeds, black fabric, and seven types of grains to the needy. Observe a fast on Saturdays, visit the shrine of Lord Shani Dev, and seek his blessings.

Perform these actions to please Lord Shani Dev and relieve all your troubles. Light a lamp with jasmine oil in front of Lord Hanuman on Saturdays before sunrise, recite the Hanuman Chalisa, and offer Lord Shani Dev with mustard oil and black sesame seeds. On Saturday, offer black shoes and black clothes and black thread dipped in mustard oil to Lord Shani Dev. Bring the root of a Shammi tree to your home following proper rituals on Saturday. Tie a black thread to your middle finger and wear black attire.

Chant the following miraculous mantras of Lord Shani Dev for relief from all problems:

(1) Om Shanno devi rabhishthaya Apo Bhavantu Peetaye Shanyorabhisravantu Nah.

(2) Om Pram Preem Praum S: Shanaishcharaya Namah.

(3) Konastha Pingalo Babbhu: Krishna Raudrantako Yama: Sauri: Shanaishcharo

Mand: Pippladen Sanstuta: (4) Shani's tantric mantra: Om Pram Preem Praum S: Shanaishcharaya Namah.

Chant any of these mantras after performing 23,000 recitations with the guidance of a learned Brahmin or by yourself.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 83 of 2023-24 Dated 03-11-2023

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (₹ in lacs)	Cost of doc.t (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in Rs.₹)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF B/WALL IN STRETCHES FROM KUND SARI TO BASEPATH ROAD.	8.33	600/-	16660/-	180 Day	"C"D
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF R/WALL AND DRAIN FROM KARWA TO KOTLI VIA KARAIN MOHALLA.	5.78	600/-	11560/-	180 Day	"C"D

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	03-11-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 03-11-2023 to 11-11-2023, 1600 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	03-11-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	11-11-2023 up to 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	13-11-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi as mentioned in the bid documents.

2. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi .

4. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.

5. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re- submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi . The date for same shall be intimated separately, No:- 5601-04

Dated:- 03-11-2023

SD/-

(Er. Rajesh Sharma)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Reasi

DIP/J-10619/23

Date: 5-11-23

Dy Mayor, Jammu inaugurates "15th Tribak Youth Exchange Programme"

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange programme was officially inaugurated by Deputy Mayor, JMC Sh. Baldev Singh Billowria on 3rd of November, 2023 at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. Youth from four states participated in the inaugural session of the 7 days program. These participants will participate in multiple cultural and educational events such as debates, seminars, field visits, and cultural programs. These activities are aimed at providing exposure and to foster positive intercultural interaction among the participants.

In his welcome address, Sh. Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director NYKS, J&K, made the participants aware of the various programs conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for the betterment of India's youth and Tribal population, and their implementation through the NYKS.

Chief guest, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billowria addressed the participants and commended the efforts of NYKS and the GOI. He stated that the rural and tribal areas are



the powerhouses of our nation. To be from a Tribe is something to be proud of. He encouraged the participants to learn from this experiences and use this knowledge practically.

DIG CRPF Jammu Range Sh. Rakesh Sethi addressed the participants and organisers, and lauded their attempts at organising events like the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme. He stated that the programme will continue receive utmost support from the CRPF, as they have in the past. DIG Sethi also encouraged the youth to give value to time, be disciplined in their personal life, and to encourage empathy and brotherhood.

Dr. S. P. Verma Padm-

shree and representative of Gandhi Global Family, J&K, welcomed the tribal youth and applauded the efforts of NYKS. He strongly recommended that the participants participate in personality enhancing experiences such as this one.

Celebrated athlete and a participant of 19th Asian Games, Shivani Charak also attended the event. Shivani started her address by sharing the beginning of her journey as an athlete. After her struggle with cancer, Shivani emerged victorious, and made her recovery her sole mission. She enrolled in a sports climbing competition to challenge herself and the rest was history. Currently,

Shivani holds 34 national medals and over 70 medals in total. Shivani aims to win gold for India in the upcoming 2024 Olympics.

Cultural performances from all four districts were also presented displaying the rich cultural and historical heritage of these states. The guests were presented with mementos from the NYKS. In his vote of thanks, Sh Hakeem Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director Srinagar, thanked the guests for gracing the programme with their presence. He also mentioned that six districts from Kashmir were active participants in Kashmiri youth exchange programme, and programs like these create a sense of brotherhood among us.

Yasha Mudgal reviews functioning of ACCB

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of Anantnag Central Cooperative Bank (ACCB) here at civil secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Registrar Cooperative Societies, Managing Director ACCB, BCCB, Director Finance, Cooperative Department, Joint Registrar Societies (Banking & Finance), branch heads of ACCB and BCCB and other concerned officials.

Commissioner Secretary directed the officers to focus on loan sanctioning and disbursement thereof for revival of branches of the banks. She also directed for redoubling efforts towards achieving the set target.

Yasha stressed that the bank should focus on various points including attainment of minimum level of CRAR, reduction of NPA level, enhancement of deposits, building up strong management information system and implementation of core banking solutions to achieve the set targets of current financial year.

Managing Director briefed the meeting that a target of Rs 12.84 crore was allocated to the bank to be recovered upto October 2023 against NPAs of Rs 16.6 for March 2023. He added that the bank was also given a target of fresh loan disbursement of Rs 44.77 crore upto October, 2023.

He further elaborated that the bank has released Rs 27.61 crore against a target of Rs 44.77 crore upto October of current financial year making 62 percent achievement with shortfall of Rs 17.16 crore.

Government Polytechnic Jammu Inks MOU with DAV University Jalandhar

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

Government Polytechnic College Jammu today inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DAV University Jalandhar, Punjab for upskilling and enhancing employability of engineering students to latest technologies at Center for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu established at Government Polytechnic Jammu. The MoU was signed in presence of Sh. Sudershan Kumar (JKAS), Director Skill Development Department, J&K Government between Er Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Dr. Manoj Kumar Vice Chancellor DAV University Jalandhar, Punjab by imparting skill training on latest technologies at CIIT Jammu by faculty from Tata Tech-



University. The Director, Skill Development, J&K congratulated both the institutes for collaborating with each other for the benefit of engineering and polytechnic students to enhance their skills and knowledge for better employability and said that purpose of this MoU between two institutes is to enhance the competency of the Engineering & Technical students of DAV University Jalandhar, Punjab by imparting skill training on latest technologies at CIIT Jammu by faculty from Tata Tech-

nologies to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia and to enhance the employability of students. Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal informed that Government Polytechnic Jammu has established a Center for Invention, Innovation, incubation & Training to impart training in latest trends of Manufacturing Technology, Automobile Engineering conforming to Industry 4.0 with the help of Tata Technologies Ltd Pune. DAV University Jalandhar, Punjab also agreed to offer facilities for upskilling of

Polytechnic Staff and students to new technologies at their campus. Dr. Manoj Kumar Vice Chancellor DAV University Jalandhar informed that DAV University Jalandhar, Punjab shall conduct the seminars, conferences and workshops at Government Polytechnic Jammu to promote the start-ups and entrepreneurship ecosystem in J&K. Er. Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg, Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engg, Er. Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engg, Er. Sanjay Koul HOD Computer Engg, Er. Ajay Thapa, Training & Placement Officers, Sh. Sandeep Nimbalkar Programme Director, Sh. Tusher SMEs of TATA technologies Ltd, Er. Nazir Ahmed Media Coordinator and other officers of Skill Development were present.

Delhi-based HCMCT Manipal Hospital organises a Walk for Health

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 4

Encouraging people and motivating them to take care of their health, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi, organised a walk for wellness today at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar. The walk began at 8 a.m., starting and culminating at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

More than 300 students, professors, and doctors of Manipal Hospital participated in this walkathon along with SSP Traffic City Muzafar Ahmed Shah, SDPO Hazratbal Showkat Shaib, Sp Hazratbal Mashkoo Zarger, Dr. Intiaz Ahmed Khan, Chief Proctor Office University of Kashmir, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar Kashmir University, and doctors from HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Dr. Shaileendra Lalwani, HOD Liver Transplant, Dr



Anadi Pachaury, Surgical Oncologist, Dr. Vikram Batra, Consultant Urology, to raise awareness on the importance of health.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Shaileendra Lalwani, HOD Liver Transplant, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi said, "It's very important to prioritise our health and take special care of ourselves. Making a few lifestyle

changes, like eating well-balanced food, maintaining a healthy weight, and taking care of our liver health, will improve our overall well-being and pave the way for a healthier life. In fact, taking care of our liver health is important, as a healthy liver can help prevent liver diseases and it can avoid the need of liver transplant."

Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School Bhandarwah celebrates Annual Day

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

Today on 4th November 2023 celebrated its Annual Day with a display of immense talent in order to glorify the academic excellence and existence of this institution. November 4th was a much-awaited day when the students, staff and parents were filled with zeal to witness the extraordinary endeavours of the students, who worked enthusiastically for this occasion. The programme took place in the school premises.

The magnificence of the day was made stronger by the DDC Chairperson Sh. Dhananter Singh Kotwal as the Chief Guest. The event was also graced by other revered personalities Sh. Pardeep Kumar (All India CSR Archives Head Vidya Bharti) Sh. Koshal Kumar Zutshi



, Sh. Satish Mittal, Sh. Parshotam Singh CEO Doda. The principals of eminent BVM Schools of Distt. Doda and other dignitaries of the city were also present on the occasion. The programme began with the rendition of welcome song which was followed by the commencement of Annual Day celebration. The cultural fiesta was marked by a series of exotic talents thus creating the festive mood.

The musical fiesta by the school choir group was the first programme to set the mood of the audience. After the musical gala, the scintillating performance in conjunction with various asanas by students was greeted with thunderous applause by the audience. The programme culminated with the Vote of thanks that was given by President School Management Committee Sh. Kiran Pandita.

Javed Rana slams Govt's hollow claims of devp

JNEWS SERVICE
MENDHAR, NOV 4

Javed Ahmed Rana, President Pir Panjal Zone of J&K National Conference (NC) and former Legislator, asked the present government to stop making hollow claims of unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir and instead surrender before the general public for its failure to deliver.

Addressing media persons here, the NC leader strongly criticized the claims made by the Commissioner Secretary, Road & Building Department, during his recent visit to Rajouri.

"The Commissioner Secretary has made tall claims of unprecedented development in J&K post abrogation of Article 370. However, the reality on the ground is completely different," the NC leader said. He asserted that the incumbent government has failed to deliver on its promises of development. Presently, the roads in J&K, especially in Mendhar, are in a deplorable condition," he added.

The NC leader specifically mentioned the roads in Maidan Pathanaateer, Sakhi Maidan Kalai, Pathanaateer Gursai, Surankote Mendhar

(Gursai Mendhar to Jaranwali Gali), Sagra-Ghani, Gursai Nala to Middle Gursai, and 18th km Suran Mendhar Road to Middle Gursai, which are in a very bad state.

He asked the Commissioner Secretary to call for the physical and financial report of all the roads constructed under NABARD and PMGSY in Mendhar in the last five years.

The senior leader also brought to light alleged irregularities, stating that many works are still being allotted to contractors without due process. He alleged that the government is still allotting works to contractors on a departmental basis. "The government should stop this practice and start allotting works through open tenders," he demanded.

The NC leader urged the Lieutenant Governor of J&K to initiate an inquiry against the aforesaid road projects.

"The inquiry should be conducted by an independent agency and the findings should be made public," he said.

"The government should also take action against the officials responsible for the poor condition of roads in J&K," the NC leader added.

Jiya Choudhary of Charak fight Club wins silver medal in Pencak Silat at 37th national games

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4



Jiya Choudhary, a prominent member of the Charak Fight Club, has emerged as a shining star for Jammu and Kashmir by securing a silver medal in the prestigious 37th National Games (Pencak Silat) held in Goa from October 26th to 29th, 2023.

Jiya's remarkable achievement was celebrated with great enthusiasm as Deputy Mayor B.S. Blowria honoured her.

The Deputy Mayor also took the opportunity to extend his congratulations to Arun Singh and the entire Charak Fight Club for their outstanding success in the competition.

Jiya Choudhary's remarkable accomplish-

ment in Pencak Silat has not only made her a source of pride for Jammu and Kashmir but has also brought recognition to the talent nurtured within the Charak Fight Club. The club's dedication to training and excellence is commendable, and their hard work has been showcased on a national stage.

The event was graced by the presence of other esteemed dignitaries, including Yudhveer Sethi, Anil Masoon, Corporator, and Satpal, Manager Prade Ground, Jammu, who joined in congratulating Jiya Choudhary for her remarkable feat.

Jiya Choudhary's silver medal win serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes in the region and highlights the potential of Jammu and Kashmir in the field of sports.

Workshop on Artificial Intelligence at NCC DTE Jammu

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 04 NOV 2023

NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh in collaboration with IIT Jammu conducts Ground-breaking AI Awareness Workshop. In a momentous collaborative effort to foster awareness and knowledge about AI and its impact on the future, Dr Subhasis Bhattacharjee from the Department of Computer Science, IIT Jammu conducted a transformative workshop for 500 NCC cadets at the prestigious NCC Training Academy in Nagrota. The workshop, held on November 1, 2023, was aimed at equipping cadets with essential skills to navigate the digital landscape securely and harness the potential of AI. The event garnered the participation of 500 enthusiastic NCC cadets, who eagerly absorbed the wealth of knowledge and insights presented. Key Highlights of the Workshop:

as a tool for innovation and problem-solving.

Interactive Sessions: The workshop featured an interactive session where cadets had the opportunity to ask questions, engage in discussions, and gain practical knowledge. This hands-on approach enabled them to grasp the concepts better and develop a deeper understanding.

Empowering Cadets: The event aimed to empower the cadets with knowledge and skills that will not only make them cyber-savvy individuals but also enable them to leverage AI for enhancing their problem-solving abilities and career prospects. Collaboration between IIT Jammu and NCC in organizing this workshop demonstrates a strong commitment to equipping the youth with cutting-edge knowledge, combining academic expertise with industry experience.

This initiative is a significant milestone in the pursuit of knowledge, preparedness, and empowerment in the digital age. NCC cadets, alongside their parents and relatives, have gained valuable insights into the world of AI and have become more vigilant and informed about online safety.

Omar's statement on I.N.D.I.A Bloc testament of alliance's short life: Kavinder

JNEWS SERVICE
SIKRAI (RAJASTHAN), NOV 04



Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Saturday said that I.N.D.I.A Bloc will soon die its own death with its constituents going separately into fray during 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP stalwart leader from Jammu and Kashmir was addressing a mammoth gathering in Rajasthan's Dausa District's Sikrai area.

Citing the remark made by Omar Abdullah, who is also one of the members of I.N.D.I.A Bloc Coordination Committee that he is glad that stupid decision of I.N.D.I.A Bloc to boycott some of the TV anchors died its own death, Kavinder said that the stand taken by the NC leader and one of the important functionary of aforesaid alliance shows

the extent of disarray in the amalgam of different parties making it clear that days of survival of I.N.D.I.A Bloc are numbered and it will not see the first dawn of the year 2024 because it has a short life as one can guess well through the level of dissent in this combination of parties having ideology which is poles apart.

Kavinder also asked the party cadre to remain composed and focused because these virtues can help in raising the margins of the victories of BJP candidates in Rajasthan.

He said that the ground level workers' role is key to record breaking victory in elections and asked them to be on toes and be among the public to convince them that only BJP has the potential to bail them out from present morass created by failed government of Congress.

GPC Jammu organizes Expert Lecture on "Cyber Security and Online Safety Issues in today's Era"

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 4

Department of Computer Engineering, Government Polytechnic Jammu organized an Expert Lecture on "Cyber Security and Online Safety Issues in Today's Era" under the able guidance of Principal, Er. Arun Bangotra. The resource person for the event was Er. Niraj Dubey, Sr. Faculty at GCET Jammu. The program was started with the welcome address by Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal. In his welcome address, Er. Arun Bangotra highlighted the needs of Cyber Awareness among people in today's era.

The resource person, Er. Niraj Dubey laid emphasis on Cyber Security and discussed various tricks to be followed while surfing online. The students were provided with information about various platforms available for checking vulnerabilities



in various web applications which are frequently used. He also practically explained students about enriching their browsers, two step verification process, Password Analysis, Email ids Vulnerabilities

and information linking of phone with their Email id. He also explained to students about the various spams and frauds which are encountered daily. He concluded the session on a lighter note by singing a

song in his melodious voice. The Event was coordinated by Er. Heena Gupta. Others present on the occasion were Er. Sanjay Koul, HoD (Computer Engg.), Er. Snehjot Kour and Er. Kanav Gupta.

CS emphasizes on 'Berozgar Mukht Pulwama' while reviewing developmental scenario of the District

J I NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 4

Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today conducted a thorough review of the ongoing developmental projects and flagship initiatives taken up under different sectors in Pulwama District. The primary focus of the meeting was to assess the progress of various schemes and development projects in the District.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom; Heads of various departments; SSP Pulwama; SSP Awantipora and other Sectoral Officers of the District.

The review meeting was preceded by the inauguration of vital projects and laying of foundation stones of works amounting to a total of Rs. 30.28 Cr for the benefit of the vast population of this District.

On the occasion SBM waste collection hoopers were flagged off by Chief Secretary. He complimented for the ODF+ Model category Pulwama had achieved and urged public to make Pulwama garbage free. Subsequently, he inspected stalls set up by various government departments showcasing their achievements and initiatives. The event also

included the recognition and felicitation of beneficiaries of various government schemes.

During this review meeting the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama presented a comprehensive sector-wise overview of the ongoing projects and flagship programmes of various departments in the district.

Chief Secretary took this occasion to scrutinize the status of ongoing projects, programs, flagship schemes, and even the financial progress for the current fiscal year.

Detailed deliberations were held about the functioning of various departments including Horticulture, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Revenue, Agriculture, Education, Health, Social Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Jal Shakti, Power, Jal Jeevan Mission, PMGSY, and PWD.

Key directives issued during the meeting included instructing the Agriculture Department to intensify crop cultivation and accelerate completion of infrastructure projects which are part of the National Saffron Mission, in view of its importance for the growth of the district.

The Animal Husbandry Department was directed to enhance milk processing capabilities, boosting the dairy sector's crucial role in the district's econ-



omy. The Cooperative Department was tasked with replicating central government initiatives for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in every Panchayat in Pulwama, with a focus on job creation for youth.

Sports Department was asked to intensify sports activities including indoor sports, besides opportunities for recreational activities and age specific sports of senior citizens and enhance women participation, in line with 'Har Din Khel, Har Kisi Ke Liye Khel'.

Employment generation took center stage during this meeting with a strong emphasis on creating a "Berozgar Mukht

Pulwama" through the formulation of a District Employment Plan, ensuring that opportunities of self-employment reach everyone in the district. Focus was laid on creation of District Export Plan to accelerate growth of per capita income and GDP of the District.

In the public health sector, the Chief Secretary called for universal screening of population for NCDs. The diseases beyond those covered under Ayushman Bhava were also deliberated upon to create a healthier and happier population here.

Completion of all JJM works and massive afforestation campaign to improve source sustain-

ability of water was also discussed, in furtherance of 'Van Se Jal, Jal Se Jivan', which shall also improve the overall environment in those areas.

Efficient solid waste management and the transformation of landfill sites into aesthetically pleasing areas were asked to be given priority, reflecting a commitment to a cleaner and more visually appealing environs in the district.

The Chief Secretary stressed on full implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), with special attention to accessing all installments from GOI, supporting various developmental projects.

Creation of a winter

power management team was directed to ensure quality power supply as per schedule, essential for the comfort and productivity of Pulwama's residents.

The importance of a dedicated District Tourism plan to showcase the district's unique attractions and encourage tourism activities including the eco-tourism was also emphasized upon.

Addressing a pressing concern, the Chief Secretary urged intensifying the campaign for a "Nasha Mukht Pulwama."

Furthermore, the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of beautification of Pulwama and the creation of a District Cultural Plan and District Heritage Plan, preserving and showcasing Pulwama's rich history and culture.

An interaction was later held with District Development Council (DDC), Block Development Council (BDC)/PRI members and various delegations. Their concerns were heard and addressed, ensuring a shared approach to development of the area.

The comprehensive review and directives given by the Chief Secretary underscored the Government's commitment in promoting sustainable development, and enriching the lives of people by ensuring all-round development of the district.

Vigilance Awareness Week Auditors, DDOs of Jammu district sensitised about financial management



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2023, the District Administration Jammu on Saturday organised an interactive session with Auditors and the Drawing and Disbursing Officers of the district here in the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner Office. The session was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seointra and attended by around 100 officers.

The objective of the session was to create awareness about the importance of preventive vigilance and transparency in public service delivery. The session also discussed the various forms of corruption and malpractices that affect the functioning of the government departments and the measures to curb them.

The participants vowed to follow the principles of honesty, integrity and accountability in their working and to report the instances of corruption or

unethical conduct to the concerned authorities. The ADC said that the District Administration was committed to ensure a corruption-free and efficient administration in the district and to providing quality services to the people.

Assistant Commissioner General, Manisha, who was also present at the session, said that the Auditors and the DDOs were the key functionaries in the financial management of the government funds and they had a great responsibility to ensure that the funds were utilised properly and effectively. She said that the Auditors and the DDOs should adhere to the rules and regulations and maintain proper records and documentation of the transactions.

The session was followed by a question and answer session, where the Auditors and the DDOs raised their queries and doubts and received clarifications. The session was also attended by other officers and staff of the district administration.

Cultural unit DIPR Jammu campaigns for Corruption free India

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 4

A Cultural program was organised by the Cultural Unit of Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu on the theme Corruption free India at Government Middle School Domana, Jammu.

On the occasion, artists of Cultural Wing presented folk songs, theme songs and patriotic songs. Students of the school also presented a colourful Cultural program.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest and Headmaster of the school Rajni Bala shared her views on the topic and appreciated the Cultural Unit of Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful pro-



gram to aware the future of the nation.

Cultural Officer Mukesh Kumar Sharma was the

guest of honour on the occasion.

Among others, staff members of the school,

officials of the Information Department and a large number of the audience witnessed the program.

Vigilance Awareness Week: Anti-Corruption Bureau organises sensitisation Program at GDC Reasi

J I NEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 4

To observe "Vigilance Awareness Week", Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu today organized an Awareness Program at GGZSMDC, Reasi in collaboration with the National Service Scheme Unit of the college.

The Program started with the lighting of the ceremonial Lamp followed by speeches by the students of the college. Eight students Vasudha Devi, Sonia Kumari, Meenakshi Devi, Payal Devi, Suhani Sangam, Atul Kumar and Sajad Ali spoke on the theme. Assistant Commissioner Revenue Reasi Dr. Anshumali Sharma was



the Chief Guest.

While interacting with the students, the Chief Guest highlighted the threats caused by corruption, especially to the security of the country as a whole and also suggested the ways and the means to eradicate it from society.

Dr. Udhay Bhanu, Principal GDC Pouni was the special invitee of the Program, who explained dif-

ferent types of corruption in the society and the role of youth to eradicate the same. The key speaker of the Program was Gurmeet Singh, Dy. SP (ACB, Jammu) who detailed to the students the workings of the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

He further made the students aware about the process of complaining against the person

demanding bribes etc. Others present on the occasion included Prof. Narinder Sharma, Surinder Kumar, AE, Dr. Saleem Ahmed, Dr. Prabjot Kour, Prof. Palvinder Kumari, Prof. Balbir Kumar, and Dr. Tanveer Ahmed Khan. The whole Program was organized under the guidance of the college Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour and the supervision of NSS Program Officer, Prof. Ajay Kumar.

The stage was hoisted by Vasudha Devi an NSS Volunteers and Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Tanveer Ahmed Khan who in the end diverted the attention of all toward the intangible means of corruption.

DC Ramban reviews progress of work on Nashri-Banihal stretch of NHW; USBRL project Directs executing agencies to meet deadline

J I NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 4

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress on National Highway (NH-44) Four Lining project from Nashri to Banihal and Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail link Project (USBRL) works being executed in the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Mohita Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police, Traffic National Highway, Ramban, Rohit Baksotra, ADC Harbans Lal Sharma, ACR Giasul-Haq, PD, NHAI, Parshotam Kumar, SDMs and senior officers from Northern Railways and other concerned attended the meeting.

Taking a comprehensive project-wise review of NH44 including tunnels, viaducts and bridges being constructed from Nashri to Banihal, the Deputy Commissioner



directed PD PIU NHAI, Ramban to expedite the pace of progress to meet the deadline fixed by the Government for the completion of prestigious national project which will provide smooth and hassle free all weather connectivity to commuters.

The Deputy Commissioner passed on-the-spot directions to all concerned to clear all bottlenecks hindering the pace of progress.

Responding to the issues about maintenance of vulnerable locations including Dhalwas, Dongipuli, Mehar, Cafeteria Morh,

Seri, Marog, Anokhi Fall, Digidol, Khooni Nallah, Panthyal, Magarkote, Mompasi, and Rampari, the Deputy Commissioner passed necessary directions to officers of NHAI to take all necessary measures for surface stabilization and to keep provision of men and machinery in advance for clearance of landslides, debris during upcoming winter season.

The DC also issued directions to resolve the issues regarding installation of crash barriers, parapets and improvement of riding surface area from Nashri to Dhalwas

and Mehar to Cafeteria Morh and other vulnerable locations. Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the overall physical progress of work on the USBRL Railway project in the district Ramban. He also issued directions to resolve the pending issues regarding land compensation, collateral damages related issues of the public.

The Deputy Commissioner assured that the District Administration shall extend full cooperation to executing agencies for timely completion of national projects.

Vigilance Awareness rally organized at Reasi

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District Administration Reasi, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today organized a mega Walkathon as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week.

The event saw enthusiastic participation of officers/officials representing different government departments as also students and common citizens. The Walkathon aimed to spread the resounding message, "Say No to Corruption &



Commit to Nation," commenced from the DC office complex via bus stand Reasi and culminated at DC office.

The Deputy Commissioner started 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 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 Reasi Abdul Star, ACR, DySP Head Quarter, Dy SP ACB, CEO, District Treasury Officer, District Youth Services and Sports Officer and other concerned stakeholders.