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Our education system must impart both modern knowledge and values to the students: LG Sinha

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AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT,
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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended "Achala Adhyapak Samman" organized by Achala Education Foundation Trust in Ahmedabad, today.

He felicitated the outstanding teachers and research scholars for their significant contribution in education sector.

At the felicitation ceremony, the Lt Governor commended the relentless efforts and firm commitment of the Achala

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DGP Swain announces Rs 10 Lakh reward for information related to latest killings of labourer, police personnel

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JAMMU, NOV 5

The newly-appointed police chief of Jammu and Kashmir RR Swain on Sunday announced a Rs 10 lakh reward to people who give any information that they may have on the recent targeted killing of a non-local labourer, a police constable, and critically injuring one police inspector in the union territory.

In strongest terms, the Director General of Police said no one will be spared.

Recently, terrorists fired upon one inspector Masroor Ali in the Eidgah area of Srinagar, whose health



is critical now.

Also, a non-local labourer Mukesh Kumar in Trumchi Nowpora, Pulwama and Head Constable Gulam Mohammad at Wailoo Uralpora in Pattan, were shot dead by unidentified terrorists.

Swain, while announcing the cash reward, further said that they are very near to solving these three cases. He added that those who have supported terrorists by providing them with vehicles, and phones, giving shelter, or helping

in any way shall be dealt with stringently according to the law. RR Swain took over as 17th Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. Swain took charge from former DGP Dilbag Singh, who superannuated on October 31. A 1991 batch IPS officer, R.R Swain before taking over as DGP Jammu and Kashmir remained posted at various important and key positions of Jammu and Police which included SDPO Kothi Bagh, SP Ramban, SP Kargil, SP Poonch, SSP Kathua, SSP Jammu, SSP Srinagar, AIG (P/W) PHQ and DIG Vigilance.

Modi Govt's Divyaang welfare reforms inspired with sensitive concern: Dr Jitendra Singh



JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 5

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and PMO, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government's Divyaang welfare reforms were inspired with a sensitive commitment and were in keeping with Modi's declaration soon after taking over as PM that his government would be committed to sections of society hitherto not given the deserved priority and attention by successive

governments in the past.

During his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that from the day PM Narendra Modi took over as the Prime Minister of India, certain drastic steps were taken by him for the welfare of Divyans. Be that the fee remission for Divyans in Civil Services Examination, additional choice of cadre preference besides home cadre for Divyans qualifying civil services examination, increase in reservation for Divyans from 3 percent to 4 percent, increase in the Divyans special allow-

ance for parents etc. These measures were meant to ensure enough opportunities for Divyans in government jobs, promoting inclusivity and diversity in the public sector.

Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that each of these steps reflects the government's dedication to fostering an inclusive and equitable society where Divyans have equal opportunities and access to crucial government services.

The Minister lauded Prime Minister

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Security tightened after tiffin box-based IED found on Sidhra-Narwal Highway stretch in Nagrota



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Security has been tightened in Jammu's Nagrota after a tiffin box-based improvised explosive device (IED) was found on the Sidhra Narwal highway stretch on Saturday evening.

A 2 kg IED was recovered at the National Highway yesterday, after which security has been tightened on the highway.

Jammu and Kashmir Police averted a bid to target the National Highway.

"A Tiffin Box-based IED weighing around two kilograms was found after searching the area, which has now been taken into possession after successful detonation," Jammu and Kashmir Police said in the statement.

Earlier, according to the police, around 5.30 pm, they received information that a suspicious object

had been found on the Sidhra Narwal highway stretch of Jammu, near a police checkpoint.

On receiving the information, a police team, along with Police Component Jammu and the Dog Squad, rushed to the spot.

The police further informed that a case under relevant sections of the IPC was registered in the matter and further investigation is underway.

Local body polls likely to be delayed in J&K

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The urban local body and panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be delayed as the administration is mulling changes to municipal acts and rules as well as a delimitation exercise to address skewed distribution of electors, officials said on Sunday.

The Union Territory's administration is considering the delimitation exercise for municipal wards and panchayat seg-

ments in the backdrop of a delimitation exercise that was carried out by the Election Commission for assembly and parliamentary seats, said the officials, requesting anonymity.

The housing and urban development department is actively pursuing a communication from the office of the chief electoral officer, which, among other things, suggested transfer of mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes to the State Election Commis-

sion (SEC) in accordance with constitutional provisions, they said.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the chief electoral officer (CEO) is the authority to hold urban local body (ULB) elections in addition to Lok Sabha and assembly polls, while the SEC - headed by a state election commissioner - is mandated to conduct elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI).

On September 23, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar

Rasool Wani in a letter to Lieutenant Governor demanded holding of ULB elections under the SEC as mandated by the 74th amendment of the Constitution.

"We urge the Lt Governor to immediately set right the constitutional wrong being committed and hold the elections to municipal corporations and other urban local bodies under the superintendence and control of an independent State Election Commission on

time," Wani had said. In a letter to the housing and urban development department last month, the CEO's office said consequent to the appointment of a full-time state election commissioner, the mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes needs to be transferred from the CEO to the SEC.

"For this, the election authority under the municipal acts needs to be changed from chief electoral officer to

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PM Modi visits Dongargarh, meets Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJNANDGAON, NOV 5

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday visited Dongargarh, a popular pilgrim spot, in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district and met Jain seer Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj.

The PM also offered prayers at Maa Bamleshwari Temple, located on the foot of a hill in Dongargarh in the poll-bound state. In the morning, Modi arrived at Gondia

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Car plunges into gorge in Doda, two dead

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Two persons were killed and as many critically injured when a car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, police said on Sunday.

The car met with the accident at Jijote late Saturday night while it was on its way to Jodhpur village from Doda town, they added.

Doda Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul

Qayoom said police and local volunteers launched a rescue operation soon after the vehicle rolled down into the gorge.

Four persons were rescued in injured condition and taken to Doda Medical College Hospital where two of them - Ranjeet Kumar (40) and Sahil Kumar (18) - were declared dead on arrival, he said.

Nitin Kumar and Surinder Kumar are undergoing treatment at the hospital, the officer said.

Chief Secretary chairs preparatory meeting for 5th Phase of Back to Village Programme Programme to be organized from 7th November to 16th November

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 5

The Chief Secretary today chaired a High Level meeting of senior functionaries of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to review preparations for 'Fifth Phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V5)' which is J&K Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme. The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of Finance, General Administration Department, Rural Development Department, Information Technology Department, Revenue Department and



other senior functionaries.

It was announced that the B2V5 shall be conducted during the period of 7th November to 16th November, 2023. During the programme, Prabhari Officers shall visit their respective panchayats and interact with the public and undertake review of previous and current year

deliverables, preparation of next year Gram Panchayat Development Programme with special focus with respect to improving e-services penetration, user experience for greater accessibility and usage by citizens at large besides feedback on various notable achievements of Departments recognized at the national level.

The Chief Secretary observed that the previous editions of B2V have helped in collating the requirements of the villages, prioritizing works of public importance and helped Government in ensuring last mile delivery of various Government services besides spreading awareness about various

services and initiatives of the Government. They have also helped in identification of beneficiaries (especially youth and women) for availing skill development and self-employment schemes. In collaboration with banks, substantial number of unemployed youth has been

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District Admin starts renovation of Doda town roads in double shift

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DODA, NOVEMBER 5

District Administration Doda, under the supervision of District Development Commissioner, Harvinder Singh started day-night work on the repair of internal roads in Doda Town, including a 200 meter patch of Bharat Road and the internal roads of Associated Hospital GMC Doda.

The project has been started under the revised Town & City plan for the year 2023-24 and will be carried out at a cost of Rs 50 lakh.

Earlier, the other Day DDC conducted a detailed tour of the town and directed to repair the potholes, damaged stretches of the internal roads, drainage system and the roads within the Associated Hospital GMC.

The DC also inspected the progress of work on multi-storey car parking/ Bus Stand, upcoming Shopping Complex and crash barriers on Bharat Road.

In addition to road and drainage issues, the DC emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the town. He asked the Executive Officer of



Doda Municipal Council to ensure that the town remains clean and free from debris.

The DC advised shopkeepers not to place their goods and material outside their shops, as this practice is creating inconvenience to the pedestrians and is hampering efficient traffic management in the town.

Recognizing the inconvenience faced by the public due to damaged roads, the DC emphasized the importance of ensuring smooth and safe transportation for the residents.

The double shift work approach has been adopted to expedite the repair process and minimize inconvenience to the public. The move has come in view of approaching winters when the tem-

perature drops hampering the progress of the macadamization of roads.

This approach will ensure round-the-clock work to complete the project before the onset of winters. The DC directed the concerned officials to make adequate arrangements for lighting and other necessary facilities to facilitate smooth work during night hours.

The repair work will include resurfacing, patchwork, and relaying of damaged roads to improve their overall condition and enhance the connectivity within the district. The project will be carried out with utmost precision and in accordance with the town planning guidelines.

The DC instructed the officials to closely monitor the progress, ensure

quality work, and take appropriate measures to address any challenges that may arise during the execution of the project. The implementation of day-night work on the repair of internal roads and Bharat Road is a significant step towards improving the infrastructure in the district. It showcases the commitment of the administration towards providing better facilities and enhanced connectivity to the residents of Doda.

The repair work on internal roads and Bharat Road under the revised Town & City plan 2023-24 is expected to greatly benefit the residents of Doda. It will not only improve the connectivity but also contribute to the overall development and growth of the district.

DM Doda reviews law & order scenario in the District

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DODA, NOVEMBER 5

In a significant development, the District Magistrate Doda, Harvinder Singh chaired a meeting with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom and all the Magistrates & Police Officers of the district. The meeting provided a platform bringing together all ADMs, SDMs and Tehsildars and the SPs, Dy. SPs and SHOs looking after law and order situation in the district.

The issues that were reviewed included combating drug-related problems, preventing smuggling of bovine animals, addressing the challenges posed by narco-terrorism, frequent fire incidents and

improving road safety in the district.

The DM was briefed about the law and order apparatus of the district and various contingency plans to tackle any situation. It was decided to have joint participation of Magistrates and police in mock drills to remain alert and ready for any type of eventuality. Additionally, discussions revolved around promoting communal harmony and peace, preventing illegal constructions, intensifying anti-encroachment drives and addressing issues related to illegal mining and arms licensing.

During the meeting, SSP Doda emphasized the need for strong coordina-

tion between the police and magisterial officials 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 troublemaking and antisocial behaviour while facilitating intelligence sharing between civil and police authorities.

The District Magistrate also issued directives, including ensuring proper licensing for e-rickshaws and establishing electric charging stations. The DM 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 with a focus on preventing illegal mining.

In his address, the District Magistrate highlighted the need for collaborative work for the welfare of the people. He emphasized that the district administration, comprising both magistracy and police among other departments works as a team to serve the public and implement policies effectively.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri flags off Mobile Van to showcase developmental achievements

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 5

In a momentous stride towards transparency, accountability, and community engagement, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal on Sunday flagged off a Mobile Van to showcase developmental achievements of the district in the last 2 years

The mobile van is not just a vehicle; it's a moving spectacle of transformation, adorned with LED screen that will traverse the length and breadth of the district. Through this screen, a captivating short film will come to life, vividly showcasing the astounding advancements across diverse sectors within the district. This film, which chronicles a journey of unprecedented growth, highlights milestones attained in road infrastructure, healthcare, education, agriculture, tourism, and much more.

This groundbreaking initiative isn't merely about displaying achievements; it's about forging a strong connection between the government and its residents. It seeks to enlighten the popu-



lace about the profound changes their community has witnessed and, more importantly, to instill in them a sense of pride, trust, and confidence in the administration.

The mobile van is a roving emissary of progress, set to reach every nook and corner of the district, including its remotest and most inaccessible corners. It will pause at various junctures, allowing local residents to witness the transformation via the film, thereby creating a sense of ownership in the developmental journey.

This momentous launch

embodies the unwavering commitment of the Government to transparency and accountability. By bringing developmental achievements to the forefront, the administration aims to build a robust bond between itself and the residents, fostering a profound sense of pride and trust.

The Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri Vikas Kundal expressed his heartfelt enthusiasm for this initiative. He underscored the significance of effective communication in conveying the remarkable progress achieved in the district.

He reiterated the steadfast dedication of the Government to inclusive growth and welfare and fervently urged the residents to actively participate in these transformative development initiatives. The mobile van, in all its glory, is an emblem of progress, a beacon of hope, and a symbol of collective growth that the people of Rajouri can take pride in.

Among the others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Tehsildars and other officers and officials were present during the event.

Vigilance Awareness Week: DC Rajouri presides over mega Revenue Services camp

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 5

In a commendable stride towards bolstering transparency, efficiency, and accessibility of public services, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, presided over a significant revenue Services camp as part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week.

The momentous event served as a resounding testament to the unwavering commitment of the administration to swiftly address the multifaceted concerns and grievances of the public.

The mega revenue camp, which transpired today, embodied the steadfast dedication of the administration to expeditiously resolve the complaints of diverse nature emanating from the various Tehsils across the district. In a time where the clarion call for digital transformation resonates, this camp stands as a beacon of the district's resolute pursuit of modernization.

The Deputy Commis-



sioner meticulously scrutinized the multitude of complaints and ensured their expeditious resolution.

Speaking at this occasion, the DC emphasized the transformative journey of the department towards providing online services, which has heralded a revolutionary paradigm shift in the delivery of public services. This pivot towards digitization has not only augmented efficiency but has also fostered greater transparency and accountability within the department.

The Revenue Department Officers and officials showed unwavering dedication to make a tangible difference in the lives of the citizens as they proactively engaged in addressing complaints and swiftly implementing necessary directives for

their resolution.

The DC reiterated the resolute pledge of the administration to deliver accessible and efficient services to the public. He underscored that the district is traversing a path of transformation, underpinned by technology and innovation, and fervently encouraged citizens to leverage the online services proffered by the Revenue Department.

The Deputy Commissioner also emphasized the paramount importance of ensuring the speedy resolution of public grievances in a time-bound manner. This directive underscores the unwavering commitment of the administration to not only hear the concerns of the citizens but to act upon them promptly, leaving no room for

unnecessary delays and ensuring the utmost efficiency in public service delivery.

The mega revenue camp orchestrated during Vigilance Awareness Week stands as a shining exemplar of the unwavering commitment of the administration to the tenets of good governance, transparency, and effective delivery of public services. It is a poignant reflection of the dedication of the administration to addressing public grievances expeditiously and propelling the district towards a future marked by positive change and progress.

Among others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and other revenue department officials were present.

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan District Cooperative Development Committee discusses road map for effective implementation in Samba

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 5

The District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) held a significant meeting on 4th November 2023, under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma with Deputy Registrar Cooperatives as the Convener of the meeting.

The primary focus of the meeting was to review the Cooperative sector and strategize the implementation of the prestigious "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan" in the Cooperative Department.

The concerned departments, in collaboration with the Agricultural Department and NABARD, have been directed to identify suitable land for the establishment of a modern Grain storage unit in District Samba. The chosen location will align



with the "World's Largest Decentralized Grain Storage Project" initiated by the Ministry of Cooperative. Factors such as the viability of the site and the willingness of PACs to cooperate will be considered in the selection process.

ADDC, Rajinder Singh, CPO, Sukhleen Kaur, ACD Siddharth Dhiman, Dy. Registrar Cooperatives, CAO, CHO, CSO, CAHO, DDM NABARD, Lead Bank Manager, Assistant Registrars Samba district, and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the impor-

importance of raising awareness and providing training to members of PACS regarding the various benefits of Central and State-sponsored schemes related to the Grain storage project and other initiatives from agriculture and allied departments.

The District Cooperative Development Committee's dedication to improving the lives of farmers and enhancing the agricultural landscape remains evident, and these decisions are expected to bring significant positive changes to the agricultural sector in District Samba.

Special Camps for registration of eligible youth as voters organized across Ramban district

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 5

The District Election Department Ramban, under the overall supervision of District Election Officer, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, on Sunday organised Special camps at all Polling Stations across the district.

The ERO AC-54-Ramban Giasul-Haq along with Deputy District Election Officer Lal Chand conducted an extensive tour and inspected various Polling Stations of the Assembly Constituency Ramban.

During the tour, the officers visited Polling Stations including 62 and 63 at Government Higher Secondary School, Ramban, 99 at Government Middle School, Maitra, Polling Stations 104 and 117 at Government High School



Chanderkote and 116 Kunder-A at Panchayat Ghar, Chanderkote.

Obtaining first hand feedback from the BLOs on the status of claims and objections received during the ongoing Special Summary Revision, especially on Special camps, they laid stress on bridging the gender gap, besides increasing the Aadhar coverage of all electors and mapping of PwD electors.

Interacting with the PRIs, the officers asked them to ensure that all persons of their respective areas above the age of 18

years or attain the age of 18 on 01.01.2024 are registered as voters during the ongoing Special Summary Revision.

Meanwhile, ERO, AC-55-Banihal Zaheer Abass Bhat also inspected various Polling Stations of Assembly Constituency. He also sensitized the BLOs about receiving the required documents while obtaining the Form 6 under addition category.

Moreover, the AEROs also inspected Polling Stations of their respective jurisdictions during the Special camp day.

Action Plan for Winter preparedness discussed in Reasi

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REASI, NOVEMBER 4

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meeting of the officers of the line departments to discuss the Action Plan for Winter Preparedness.

The meeting discussed the measures required for the safety and well-being of the residents during the upcoming winter season.

The DC directed Stakeholder departments to take preemptive steps to ensure that the snow clearance operations are well-coordinated to keep roads and essential routes open for transportation, emergency services, and daily commuters.

The DC directed CMO to stock adequate medicines in the snow bound areas. The CMO was asked to direct the nearest health centres and Asha workers to collect details of the pregnant women residing in snow bound areas with expected date of delivery to the ensure that no expecting mother is left without proper care

The DC directed AD FC & CA Reasi to start stocking of ration and also ensure that there was no shortage of LPG in the snow bound areas in winter months.

The Executive Engineers JPDCL and Jal Shakti Department were asked to formulate a Rapid Action Plan to maintain power and water supply in the snow bound areas of the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Reasi Abdul Star, ADM Katra, Xen's from PWD and Jal Shakti Department, AD Food Civil Supplies, EO Municipal Committee Katra and other officers of concerned line departments.

AS College organizes Painting, Debate Competition to Celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 5

In a bid to promote vigilance and transparency, Amar Singh College, Cluster University Srinagar, organized Inter College Debate and Painting Competition to Celebrate Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme "Say No to Corruption Commit to the Nation".

Twelve colleges from Kashmir Division participated in the competition to discuss and express the importance of participative vigilance and transparent mechanisms in government affairs.

The program commenced with a formal introduction by Prof. Henna Amin, Convenor Debates, Seminars, Workshops and Conferences Committee and Dean Humanities and Liberal Arts, Amar Singh College, who welcomed attendees to the event held at Taseer Hall.

She emphasized upon the theme of 'No Corruption' and the significance of the occasion in everyday life.

Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, Principal Amar Singh College and Nodal Principal Kashmir Division Colleges presented the welcome address.

Prof. Aijaz extended a warm welcome to all participants and highlighted



the role of educational institutions in fostering awareness about vigilance and transparency in governance.

He focused on the event's central theme, which was marked by clarity, insight, and a deep understanding of the subject matter.

The program also marked the presence of the special guest for the event, Ajay Kumar Rao, Additional Superintendent of Police, who was felicitated by the principal for his work and support in the cause of vigilance.

In his special address, Ajay Kumar emphasized the crucial role of vigilance and transparency in government operations. He highlighted the need for a robust and transparent recruitment process that ensures that individuals are selected for public service based on merit and qualifications, rather than nepotism or other corrupt practices.

During Inter-College Debate Competition, students engaged in spirited discussions on "Recruitment through transparent mechanisms and the importance of Participative Vigilance in Government." The competition showcased the eloquence and analytical skills of the participating students.

Simultaneously, the "Painting Competition," also themed around recruitment transparency and participative vigilance, took place in Bukhari Hall, overseen and adjudged by Arshad Souleh, from the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education and Prof. Owais Ahmad from Amar Singh College.

The first position in the Debate Competition was bestowed upon Fadak Aqeel, a student of AAA, Degree College, Bemina. While the second and the third position was bestowed upon Lubna Parvez from Govt. Degree College for Women, M. A Road, and Sadiya Nazeer from Islamia College of Science and Commerce.

Arsalan Tawheed from S.P. College won the first prize in the painting competition, while Mehnaz Altaf, a student of Govt. Degree College for Women, M.A Road, and Gousia Farooq from Amar Singh College were awarded the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Syed Umra Shah and the event was moderated by Saniya Student of Amar Singh College.

Prof. Syed Umra Shah and Prof. Syed Binish Gilani were the rapporteurs for the event.

Arrangements for Diwali festival discussed at Reasi

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REASI, NOVEMBER 5

District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan today presided over a meeting to assess the arrangements for the festival of lights-Diwali. The meeting took place in the video conference hall of the DC office complex.

During the meeting, the DM instructed the Magistrates, Police Officers and the Executive Officers of all the MCs to identify the locations/ shops for sale of firecrackers and issue necessary permissions to the identified vendors with clear instructions for abiding by the safety measures.

Security arrangements were reviewed and stakeholders were instructed to put in extra efforts to maintain peace and harmony and manage traffic in the towns for smooth celebration of the festival.

DM gave directions to police and SDRF departments Reasi to deploy the adequate personnel at



sports stadium and Yog Ashram Ground Katra to deal with any exigency during the sale of crackers.

The Fire and Emergency Services department was directed to keep fire tenders on standby to respond to any emergencies. The CMO was asked to ensure that all the health institutions including the District Hospital should be fully operational and prepared to deal with any eventuality especially burn injuries.

It was also decided that special teams shall

be formulated to ensure checking of markets for the rates, quality of products, cleanliness especially for sweets and other gift items. The Deputy Commissioner desired that the district administration should ensure the happiness of the Diwali festival.

It was further directed that Municipal authorities shall ensure cleanliness and add glitter to both the towns. DC appealed to the people to enjoy the festival and take all precautions while bursting crackers. He wished all the people in Reasi a great Diwali.

DM Reasi Review progress of DAK expressway

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REASI, NOVEMBER 5

District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meeting to review the progress made in the construction of the Delhi-Amritsar Katra Expressway project.

The meeting was attended by ADC Abdul Star, DFO Reasi, SDM Katra, ACR Reasi, Project Director PIU Udhampur, and other concerned officers.

While speaking in the meeting, the DM directed Divisional Manager State Forest Corporation Reasi/ Udhampur to shift 2500 trees which have already been cut and were laying on the road side.

The meeting conducted a comprehensive examination of the progress of the work on the prestigious Expressway. The Deputy Commissioner directed ACD, DFO, PIU Udhampur and SDM Katra to jointly visit the spot and resolve the dispute of forest and local villagers.

He further advised the NH authorities to ensure that the Contractor puts in place adequate men and machinery to pace up the progress. The Deputy Commissioner enjoined all to work in close coordination and ensure to adhere to timelines. It was desired that the weekly progress report shall be submitted to DC Reasi for more strict and close monitoring of the progress of the project.

Ritika terms extending free ration distribution to "80 crore poor" PM's 'Diwali gift

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 5

Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K UT Ritika Trehan today welcomed the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on extension of the Padhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for next five years, providing free ration to 80 crore people across the country. Highlighting the initiative of the central government in a handout issued here, she said that the extension of the food security scheme was a great relief for the poor during the Coronavirus crisis. She said J&K has also benefited a lot from food security scheme. Almost every village in J&K is getting this ration, she said. Stating that PM Modi has given credit to the farmers and tax payers for enabling the Centre to provide free food grains during the Covid-19 phase to the poor and needy, she said "Together with Prime Minister, the J&K BJP leadership and the party also thank the honest tax payers elsewhere" which had made this possible.

Secretary TAD inaugurates tribal residential school, holds interaction with students



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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 5

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) and CEO Mission Youth, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary inaugurated academic block at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Rajouri and visited EMRS Kandi to inspect ongoing works and interact with students. EMRS Rajouri and Kandi are among 6 such residential schools operationalised by LG Manoj Sinha led administration in last two years.

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, Director, Tribal Affairs, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, Director TRI, Mukhtar Ahmed, Jt Director Planning, Shama un Ahmed, Dy Director Dr Abdul Khabir, CEO Sultana Kouser, Principal EMRS Wakeel Ahmed Bhat and other officers accompanied. The Secretary held detailed interaction with students at both the model residential schools for tribal students made functional since 2022 with enrolment of 240 students. He briefed the students about the facilities being offered by the department for opportunities in education, career options and Skilling. A detailed question and answer session was also organised during the visit. He complemented the proactive role played by



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal and his team for effective management of EMRSs.

Dr Shahid inaugurated the academic building at EMRS Rajouri which includes classrooms, offices and separate hostels for girls and boys. He also distributed track suits, sports material and other utility items provided by the department for student welfare. Interaction with teachers was also held for a firsthand assessment of the facilities and planning further facilities for the students. He also announced Rs 80 Lakh for new sports facilities and Bharat darshan for students as well as starting Skilling and counselling services for students.

DC Vikas Kundal addressed the students about academic aspirations and career opportunities. He briefed about the thoroughly profes-

sional selection process of students and arranging academic team through a competitive process. He also impressed upon the executing agencies of both the EMRS for expeditious completion of building and start of work on main complex of EMRS Kandi.

It also pertinent to mention here that as a part of initiative of modernisation of 300 schools in tribal areas the government has developed more than 50 smart schools in tribal villages of Rajouri district for providing best facilities and amenities to the tribal students. Rs 4.15 Cr scholarship was also provided to the students in the district during current financial year.

It was also discussed to develop one smart class room in each of the 85 villages of the district selected under the model village scheme to priori-

tise educational facilities under the scheme. Education department has been asked for convergent planning at village level for effective outcomes. CEO Rajouri briefed about deputation of staff to various model residential schools and hostels for tribal students in the district.

Director TAD, Mushir Ahmed Mirza and Jt Director Planning Shama un Ahmed inspected hostels at Kalakote, Rajouri Boys and Rajouri Girls to see the amenities and include the demands of students and management for improvement in facilities. Progress on new hostels being constructed at Budhal, Nowshera, Sunderbani and Khera was also reviewed besides abandoned Koteranka hostel re-allotted to PWD. Land for a new school in thanamandi areas has also been sought by the department.

DC Kupwara presides over Vigilance Awareness Workshop

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KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 5

A Workshop on concluding event of Vigilance Awareness Week-2023 themed 'Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation' was organised on Sunday by the District Administration Kupwara at Town Hall.

The workshop was organized to raise awareness among government employees, general public and Whistle blowers about the perils of corruption and the importance of integrity and ethics in public service.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan presided the workshop which was attended by General Public, RTI Activists, Social Activists, traders, transporters, vendors and District officers and Sectoral Officers of District Administration Kupwara.

The Deputy Commissioner while interacting with the participants said that Vigilance awareness refers to the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to prevent and detect any unethical or corrupt activities. It is often associated with efforts to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability, especially in government and public-sector organizations.

Vigilance awareness



programs are conducted to educate individuals about the importance of ethical behavior and to encourage reporting of any wrongdoing. It plays a vital role in maintaining clean and ethical governance.

DC said that earlier grievance redressal was limited to approaching officers, but nowadays there is systematic change in grievance redressal mechanism. There are multiple online grievance redressal platforms/ Portals where officers and officials remain under a continuous watch.

DC added that, whistle blowers play an important role by reporting wrong doings and identity of whistleblowers should be safeguarded under provisions but at the same time some persons resort to false complaints and blackmailing under the garbe of Whistle blowers,

RTI activism, Social Media and vigilance, which harms the reputation and effectiveness of the officers and the department in the whole.

False complaints and blackmailing needs to be discouraged and tackled promptly, she added. ADC Kupwara Gh. Nabi Bhat on the occasion said that corruption is a serious menace spoiling the society and remains a significant impediment to the economic, political, and social progress.

The key speakers of Anti Corruption Bureau Jammu and Kashmir were the DySP Shafiq Ahmad and Inspectors from the ACB, J&K, who delivered lectures on the menace of corruption.

The workshop further emphasised the importance of strengthening departmental vigilance frameworks to combat corruption effectively.

3-Day Archery Championship kickstarts in Jammu

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The opening ceremony of the 3-day long J&K UT Archery championship was held today at Greenfields Ground Gandhinagar Jammu.

The event is being organized by the Archery Association of J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.

The chief guest on the occasion was SP South district Jammu, Shaheen Wahid while KD Bhagat Dy. SP and Rajeev Sharma Member J&K Sports Council were the guests of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lauded the efforts of J&K Sports Council and the



Archery Association of J&K for organizing such a wonderful event for providing opportunities to the youth of J&K at a time especially when two para-archers of J&K have brought laurels to the country and the union territory by bagging medals at the bigger stage.

Around one hundred and fifty archers from all over districts of J&K, J&K Police and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra are participating in the event.

The championship is being conducted in recurve, compound, and Indian rounds in different age categories including U-9, Sub Junior, Youth and Senior groups.

Draft reports on bills to replace criminal laws likely to be adopted on Nov 6

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A parliamentary committee scrutinising three bills to replace the existing criminal laws will meet on November 6 to adopt draft reports, days after some opposition members had sought an extension for the panel to go through the measures in greater detail.

On October 27, the standing committee on Home could not adopt the three draft reports as some opposition members pressed for more time to study it.

Some opposition members had urged panel chairperson Brij Lal to seek an extension of three months in its tenure and "stop bulldozing these bills for short-term electoral gain".

For making a robust legislation that serves the

marginalised, the committee should not adopt a final report in the next few days or in November. "We will be mocking the process of legislative scrutiny if we do so," an opposition MP had said in a communication, according to opposition sources.

However, BJP sources said the committee has engaged in an extensive consultation process and will meet its deadline of three months.

The committee will now meet on November 6, according to a notice sent to members for adopting the three drafts.

Sources said the panel may adopt the draft reports despite protests by some of its members from the opposition parties.

Seeking a complete overhaul of colonial-era criminal laws, Home Minister Amit Shah had

introduced in Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session three bills to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 with Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, respectively.

The House later sent the bills after their introduction on August 11 to the committee for scrutiny and asked it to submit its report within three months.

Sources have said that the committee is likely to recommend a raft of amendments in the three bills but will be sticking to their Hindi names, something fiercely contested by opposition MPs, including from the DMK. They have demanded English names for the proposed laws as well.

IRP 11th Bn Organises program on Mental Health and Stress Management at Battalion Headquarters DPL Anantnag

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IRP 11th Battalion in collaboration with the members of Rotary Club Bangalore and social welfare department organised an innovative program aimed at addressing the crucial issues of mental health, phone use ethics, and stress management among police personnel of the unit and students of different schools and a social welfare centre of Anantnag. The schools were Govt. Middle School Khandipahari, K.Y. International School Anantnag and PAREESHA Bon-Dialgam, Anantnag. This comprehensive program, tailored to meet the unique needs of these two groups, seeks to improve overall well-being and foster healthier work and study environments.

In his opening address,



SSP Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, CO IRP 11th Bn stressed that in today's fast-paced world, the challenges of mental health, responsible phone use, and stress management are more prevalent than ever and there is a dire need of applying counter measures and techniques to mitigate them. He said that the program is aimed at equipping police personnel and students with

the tools and knowledge needed to navigate these issues effectively in their day to day life.

The main speaker on the event was Dr Padmakshi Lokesh, (Rotary Club Bangalore), a trained psychologist and stress management specialist. In her address, she focused on promoting mental health awareness, reducing stigma, and providing strategies for recogniz-

ing and managing stress, anxiety and depression. On Phone Use Ethics, she divulged that in an age where smart phones are an integral part of daily life, we need to stick to responsible phone use, setting boundaries and avoiding digital addiction to improve our overall well-being.

Participants were taught stress management techniques, such as mindful-

ness, time management, and healthy coping strategies, to enhance their ability to handle the pressures of their respective roles.

The program concluded with the vote of thanks by the DyCO of the Battalion. The program was attended by other members of the Rotary Club Bangalore, PRI members of the area, teachers of the schools and police officers of the Battalions.

Rajnath Singh approves Maternity, Childcare leave for Women Soldiers, Sailors, Air Warriors on par with Officer Counterparts

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to grant maternity, child care and child adoption leave to women soldiers, sailors and air warriors on par with their officer counterparts,

it said. "With the issuing of the rules, the grant of such leave to all women in the military, whether one is an officer or any other rank, will be equally applicable," the ministry added.

At present, the women officers get maternity leave of 180 days with full pay for each child, subject to a maximum of two children. Childcare leave of 360 days is granted in total service career (subject to the child being less than 18 years of age) to women officers, according to officials. Child adoption leave of 180 days is granted after the date of the valid adoption of a child below one year of age, they said.

"The extension of leave

child adoption leave for women soldiers, sailors and air warriors in the armed forces at par with their officer counterparts," it said.

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"The extension of leave

rules will go a long way in dealing with women-specific family and social issues relevant to the armed forces," the ministry said in a statement.

"This measure is going to improve the work conditions of women in the military and aid them to balance the spheres of professional and family life in a better manner," it said.



The Ministry said in line with the Narendra Modi Government's commitment towards utilising "Nari Shakti" (women power), the three services have spearheaded a paradigm shift with the inclusion of women as soldiers, sailors and air warriors.

"With the recruitment of women Agniveers, the armed forces will be

empowered with the bravery, dedication and patriotism of women soldiers, sailors and air warriors to defend the land, sea and air frontiers of the country," it said.

"From being operationally deployed in Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world, to being posted on warships as well as dominating the skies, Indian women are now breaking barriers in almost every field in the armed forces," the Ministry said.

"In 2019, a significant milestone was also achieved through recruitment of women in the Indian Army as soldiers in the Corps of Military Police," it added.

Singh has always been of the view that women should be on par with their male counterparts in every field.

Indian envoy asks Canada to produce evidence in Nijjar's killing, says Trudeau's statements "Damaged" probe

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India's High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma reiterated New Delhi's stand on the diplomatic stand-off with Canada, and urged Ottawa to release evidence backing up its allegation regarding the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

The Indian envoy made the remarks in an interview with the Canadian platform, The GlobeandMail on Friday. This came after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of Nijjar in June. India had

rejected the allegations as "absurd and motivated" and expelled a Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move over Canada's decision. Mr. Verma stressed that India has not been shown concrete evidence by Canada or its allies about India's alleged involvement in Nijjar's killing.

He further suggested that the continuing Canadian police probe into the killing had been "damaged" by PM Trudeau's public statements. "There is no specific or relevant information provided in this case for us to assist them in the investigation," Mr. Verma said. "Where is the evidence? Where is the conclusion

of the investigation? I would go a step further and say now the investigation has already been tainted. A direction has come from someone at a high level to say India or Indian agents are behind it," The Globe and Mail quoted him as saying.

India resumed visa services in Canada for four categories after halting the services till "further notice" in September amid strained ties. Last month, Canada pulled 41 diplomats from India, after New Delhi had conveyed its concerns over parity in diplomatic strength. Ottawa also halted its visa and consular services in Chandigarh, Mumbai, and Bengaluru consulates.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Our education system...

Education Foundation Trust, under the able guidance of well-known educationist and social worker Dr Mafatal Patel, for social transformation, strengthening educational institutions and to ensure quality education for all.

He highlighted the significant role of teachers in building a knowledge society and to empower and prepare youth for growth of the nation, in the fast-changing economic scenario.

"Education sector is undergoing through an interesting phase of transition and development. Our education system must impart both modern knowledge and values to the students. It should stimulate passion quotient in the students and not just be confined to information," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor talked about the need to implement reforms in the education sector to empower the younger generation and provide solutions to global challenges.

He said the next big revolution that is unfolding in the world is the Artificial Intelligence revolution. We should ensure that such modern tools should transform the lives of ordinary people, he added.

The Lt Governor also shared the unique initiatives taken by the UT Administration, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to provide inclusive, equitable, high-quality education, besides skilling and up-skilling of the talented youth of Jammu Kashmir.

Members of Achala Education Foundation Trust; eminent personalities from all walks of life, teachers and scholars were present on the occasion.

Local body polls likely...

the state election commissioner. The constitutional provisions also mandate this," the letter read.

The five-year term of most of the municipalities, including the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), ends this month, while the term of panchayats is expiring on January 9 next year. The term of the SMC ended on November 5 and the JMC's ends on November 14.

The tenure of block development councils (BDCs) and district development councils (DDCs) is ending in October 2024 and January 2026, respectively.

The last ULB and panchayat elections were held

between October and December 2018 after a long delay.

The CEO's office, in its letter, also referred to various petitioners who have objected to the large-scale difference in the electoral base of each seat of the two municipal corporations and demanded a fresh delimitation of all bodies.

"...there is a large difference in the elector bases of different wards wherein there are wards with elector bases in the range of 2,000 to 3,000 on one side and 12,000 to 15,000 on the other extreme. Similar variance is there in most of the municipal councils and committees also. This skew in the representation strength of each ward can be addressed by a fresh delimitation exercise," the letter said.

The officials said the rural development department is also considering the demand for rationalisation of electorates in panchayat segments.

The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), a representative body of elected panches and sarpanches, has been demanding delimitation of "halqa panchayats".

"There are panchayats where the number of voters is just 600 while this number is anything between 3,000 and 4,000 in other panchayats. There is a need for rationalisation of these panchayats to have a level playing field for ensuring free, fair and transparent polls," AJKPC president Anil Sharma had said.

The CEO's office also referred to suggestions and objections which it had received consequent to the publication of updated electoral rolls and draft reservation of seats in all the municipal bodies for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and women as per extant rules.

It said the demand for reservation of other backward classes in consonance with constitutional provisions was also highlighted.

Out of the 75 wards of the JMC, having 4,65,794 voters, 25 wards are reserved for women, 10 for scheduled castes and two for scheduled tribes. Similarly, in the 75 wards of the SMC, having 7,46,711 voters, 25 wards were reserved for women.

Quoting a Supreme court ruling on the subject forwarded by the petitioners in support of their demand, the CEO's office said that "if reservation has to be made in favour of OBCs then corresponding amendments in municipal acts and rules are required".

They said the elections to ULBs and panchayats is likely to be held next year after completion of the ongoing process.

With the Jammu and Kashmir administration tight-lipped on the holding of ULB and panchayat elections, political parties, including the Congress, the National Conference and the PDP, are targeting the BJP government at the Centre for the delay in holding elections to assembly and grass-root level institutions.

The assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir were last held in 2014. (Agencies)

Modi Govt's Divyaang...

Narendra Modi's vision for a more accessible and inclusive India. Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the PM Narendra Modi government has distributed 10 crore LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) cylinders, marking a momentous achievement in the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). He said the government's relentless dedication to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has resulted in the construction of an astonishing 12 crore toilets across the country. This underscores the government's commitment to improving the quality of life for millions of Indians. Dr. Jitendra Singh also said that this government has taken a remarkable step by doubling the welfare support for Divyang individuals, increasing it from 27,000 to 54,000. This increase will provide them with greater financial stability and support in meeting their daily needs and requirements.

Later, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Free Mobile Eye Clinic Ambulance. The Free Mobile Eye Clinic Ambulance represents a significant step forward in healthcare accessibility, offering comprehensive eye examinations, consultations, and treatment to individuals across the Reasi. This initiative aims to prevent, diagnose, and manage eye conditions, ultimately contributing to improved vision and a better quality of life for all.

The 'Divyaang Sashaktikaran Sammelan' was attended by National President Saksham Dayal Singh, President SAKSHAM J&K Abhay Pargal, District Development Council Chairman Saraf Singh Nag, District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Suleman Choudhary and prominent citizens.

PM Modi visits Dongargarh...

airport in Maharashtra and travelled from there by a helicopter.

"Feeling blessed to receive the blessings of Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj at Chandragiri Jain

Mandir in Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh," Modi said in a post on X.

The state BJP unit in a post on X said, "PM Narendra Modi offered prayers at Maa Bamleshwari temple and wished for the prosperity and happiness of the country."

Modi was accompanied by former state chief minister Raman Singh.

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

Dongargarh assembly constituency is among the 20 seats which will go to polls in the first phase on November 7. (Agencies)

Chief Secretary chairs...

provided self-employment opportunities. Dr. Mehta stressed that this edition of B2V shall among others focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes including old-aged pension scheme, sports, culture, progress on achievement of deliverables, availability of electricity in villages along with host of other parameters for which a booklet is being circulated to Prabhari Officers. The entire data will be collated digitally and will be analyzed for consequential action at the relevant levels of the Government.

It was informed that the Rural Development Department shall provide requisite training to Prabhari Officers who will be undertaking this programme for the first time. Besides, Deputy Commissioners shall do the phasing of B2V in their districts as per their operational requirements.

The Back to Village programme has come a long way and is now a component of Aspirational Panchayat Programme. The Panchayat Development Index is another innovation being implemented by J&K Government. The key objective of the Programme is saturation of services and bridging the gap between Government and people.

He appealed for overwhelming participation of public in the B2V programme, as it serves as a true measure of the initiative's success. Further, all officers were strongly encouraged to actively participate in B2V activities to achieve the specific objectives set for this phase.

Govt afraid of own employees peaceful protests: JKPC Chief

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JKPC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani has said that BJP government at the centre and UT administration is afraid of the peaceful protests of its own employees and put a ban on their democratic rights to seek timely release of their salary and GPF besides other dues of their hard work & termed it most undemocratic.

He said that people are fed up with the misrule of BJP & it will face the wrath of people of all sections when elections are held while Congress has emerged as the first choice of people including in the Jammu region.

Addressing a large congress rally at Ramgarh assembly segment in Samba dist today, Shri Vikar Rasool Wani lashed out at the BJP for the worst sufferings of each & every section of society due to misrule & misgovernance on various fronts , for more than nine years.

AICC Secretary Co-

Incharge J&K Manoj Yadav, Working President Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma, Vice President & former minister Yash Pal Kundal, former minister Gurbachan Kumari Rana, General Secretaries PCC Pawan Raina I/C Samba, Shashi Sharma, T S Tony (DDC) , Narinder Gupta, DCC President Sanjeev Sharma, Working President Babbal Gupta, Vijay Sharma, Rajvir Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Rajinder Singh Nathu, Vijay shastri, Tirth Bhagat , Daleep Kumar (BDC), Charanjeet Bhagat Adv Jagpreet Kour, Jatinder Raina, AP Lucky, Mandeep choudhary Jagdeep Singh, Anita Devi Dist Mahila President & Mohd Ismail District President ST cell were prominently who also attended & addressed.

JKPC chief expressed surprise that government is afraid of its own employees and has put a ban upon them to restrain them from seeking due salary of three months, GPF, wages & regula-



risation, in a peaceful manner. Is it good governance and where is the democracy left, he questioned.

Wani said that people are highly agitated over

denial of the right to elect their own representatives for more than nine years while the deferment of panchayat and ULB polls too, has added to the anger of people. BJP

wants to rule through proxy as they know their fate in election.

He referred to the sufferings of the farmers and border people who face the brunt of Pakistan

and the own government too. They suffered huge losses and instead are being harassed to pay the arrears of abolished irrigation tax (abhiana) by the BJP government. The unemployed youth are suffering, common man is being taxed but people like Adani are answerable to none.

The people will rise and show the door to BJP in the Lok Sabha and assembly elections as well other basic elections, if held but BJP is deliberately running away from all sorts of elections.

Addressing the gathering AICC Secretary Manoj Yadav lashed out at the dictatorial mindset of BJP and accused it of destroying the democratic atmosphere in the country by its politics of vendetta.

Modi government is afraid of opposition and dissent and trying every method to create fear through misuse of agencies but it is anti democratic. People will bring a change every where and INDIA alliance will

emerge victorious.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla said that the people of border area are under continuous fear of Pak shelling and are great sufferers of the government neglect. They gave several sacrifices on the border and in the army and defended the nation but face hardships in agriculture activities but the government has failed to hold special recruitment for their wards.

He said most of them are refugees of 1947, 1965 & 1971 but BJP betrayed them by not sanctioning the full package framed by congress government in 2014. He said that unemployed youth are most frustrated due to lack of job opportunities while outside people are taking over here the private sector.

Senior Vice President & party's Incharge Media Shri Ravinder Sharma hit out the BJP's anti farmers and anti poor besides anti youth & anti employees policies. Whenever elections are held, BJP will face

the consequences but BJP people have glued to the chairs & not holding elections so far.

Former minister & vice President Yash Pal Kundal lashed out at the BJP and UT administration for ruining the local trade & job opportunities for the youth while farmers are being denied due MSP and other facilities to grow. Each & every section is crying due to the economic policies but the government claims that all is well in UT.

Pawan Raina also referred to the issues of farmers and refugees who have not got their due.

TS Tony referred to the discrimination with Jat community in the delimitation whose all seats have been reserved, while Dalits too have been marginalized to borders only.

DCC President Sanjeev Sharma highlighted the local issues of people of border areas & farmers who are not being given special benefits & concessions in the situation.

Diabetic Heart; unaddressed and hidden issue: Dr Sushil



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In view of the increased prevalence of diabetes and India becoming the diabetes capital of world and its association with cardiovascular ailments Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness cum health check up camp at Shri Ram Mandir, Nanak Nagar Jammu with main concern to educate the masses about preventive measures for diabetes and how it affects the heart and blood vessels thereby increasing the morbidity and mortality.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that the incidence of diabetes mellitus (DM) continues to rise and has quickly become one of the most prevalent and costly chronic diseases worldwide. A close link exists between DM and cardiovascular disease (CVD), which is the most prevalent cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients. Cardiovascular (CV) risk factors such as obesity, hypertension and dyslipidemia are common in patients with DM, placing them at increased risk for cardiac events. In addition, many studies have found biological mechanisms associated with DM that independently increases the risk of CVD in diabetic patients. Therefore, targeting CV risk factors in patients with DM is critical to minimize the long-term CV complications of the disease. This increased risk of CVD mortality in diabetic patients

is found in both men and women. The relative risk for CVD morbidity and mortality in adults with diabetes ranges from 1 to 3 in men and from 2 to 5 in women compared to those without DM.

He elaborated that both type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes are independent risk factors for cardiac ailments. Moreover, myocardial ischemia due to coronary atherosclerosis commonly occurs without symptoms in patients with diabetes. As a result, multi vessel atherosclerosis often is present before ischemic symptoms occur and before treatment is instituted. A delayed recognition of various forms of CHD undoubtedly worsens the prognosis for survival for many diabetic patients. One reason for the poor prognosis in patients with both diabetes and ischemic heart disease seems to be an enhanced myocardial dysfunction leading to accelerated heart failure (diabetic cardiomyopathy). Thus, patients with diabetes are unusually prone to congestive heart failure. Several factors probably underlie diabetic cardiomyopathy: severe coronary atherosclerosis, prolonged hypertension, chronic hyperglycemia, microvascular disease, glycosylation of myocardial proteins, and autonomic neuropathy. Improved glycemic control, better control of hypertension, and prevention of atherosclerosis with cholesterol-lowering therapy may prevent or mitigate diabetic cardiomyopathy.

He added that proper

control and treatment of DM is critical as both the prevalence and economic burden of the disease continue to mount. As CVD is the most prevalent cause of mortality and morbidity in patients with DM, a primary goal of diabetes treatment should be to improve the cardiovascular (CV) risk of diabetic patients. As the prevalence of DM continues to rise, associated CVD - through both traditional CV risk factors and the direct effects of DM on CVD - can also be expected to rise. Accordingly, proper control and treatment of DM, along with aggressive treatment of associated CV risk factors is central to curbing the growing prevalence and progression of DM and CVD, He said

Management Committee of the Shri Ram Mandir Surjeet Singh Choudhary (President), Guljari Lal, Sham Sunder , Ram Pal Sabharwal , Mohan Lal, Chajju Ram, Ashok Sharma and Diwan Chand appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp in their locality .

Others who were part of this Camp includes Dr Nasir Ali Choudhary and Dr Dhaneshwar Kapoor. Paramedics and volunteers includes Kamal Sharma , Raghav Rajput , Faizan Amin Akshay Singh , Rajinder Singh , Ranjeet Singh , Aman Gupta , Nirvair Singh Bali, Gourav Sharma , Arjun Ghuman, Mukesh Kumar , Jatinder Bhasin , Vikas Kumar , Faisal Rashid , Rohit Nayyar , and Paramveer Singh .

Hotel Association delegation calls on Chief Secretary

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A delegation of Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra comprising of its President Rakesh Wazir, Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, Sr.Vice President Virender Kesar, Vice President Ajay Kotwal met Chief Secretary, J&K, Arun Kumar Mehta wherein Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Commissioner cum Secretary General Department Sanjeev Verma, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu Sachin Kumar Viashya and Sr.Superintendent Of Police, Jammu Viand Kumar were also present, discussed in detail the issues pertaining the Tourism Industry and hotel industry in particular so that stay of more than one crore per year visiting Shri Vaishnodevi ji Yatries be increased further and requested that besides



focusing particularly on places of pilgrim/Tourist interest around Katra, a concrete plan with regard Katra be made so that Katra be developed as a beautiful city to reckon with on the pattern of Smart Cities with underground wiring, beautiful lights, tiles, parks, sign Boards, Railings, light and sound shows, uninterrupted power supply etc.

Wazir while speaking on the occasion highlighted the issue of extension of 6 lane Expressway to Tarakot Marg and said that all Expressways all over India meet at the Bus Stands or City concerned but this highway though meeting

Bus Stand, its one shoot is meeting the Tarakot Marg which will by pass Katra and rather will increase the burden of authorities to increase the infrastructure there also like Vehicle parkings etc.

He also raised the issue of exemption of property tax on Hotel Industry besides providing of all Industrial benefits to Hotel Industry as well like reimbursement of GST, Power at Industrial rates etc.

Kesar raised the issue of acute shortage of water at Katra and asked for a concrete solution of the same and likewise keeping in view the importance of holy town, asked for pro-

viding of uninterrupted power supply overhere.

Keeping in view the high influx of Yatra he raised the demand of installation of common sewerage treatment at Katra to improve the sanitation conditions over here.

Kesar also raised the issue of making irrelevant queries by some officials in, on, on line cases and even are asking for submission of files in physical form as well, just for delaying tactics.

Virender Kesar and Mr.Kotwal raised the issue of the Ban Toll Plaza wherein the present contractor who is habitual offender keep on doing the

irregularities over there including non issuance of local passes frequently to the people who reside within 20 Kms of the Toll plaza even instead of the clear warning letters of the National Highway Authority of India officials and even instead of clear mentioning of the areas by the Deputy Commissioners concerned and asked for stern action against him so that he may not do those irregularities in future.

Mehta listened the delegation patiently and assured that sympathetic consideration will be given to each and every point and further said that stern action will be taken against the officials who are making unnecessary and irrelevant queries on the on line services and are trying to defeat the very purpose for which these are started and people will see the actions in this regard very shortly.

IIM Jammu Observes Vigilance Awareness Week (30th Oct-05th Nov 2023) Promoting Ethical Governance and Transparency

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The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu observed the Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 5th November 2023, fostering a culture of integrity, ethical governance, and transparency at the Institute. This year, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week is 'Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation'. The week-long program aimed to raise awareness about the importance of vigilance and to encourage collective efforts to combat corruption.

The session began with the welcome address by Shri Shailesh Lohiya, Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) and Librarian, IIM Jammu who mentioned in detail about the importance of ethics in an organization and urged the faculty, officers, staff members and



students to make integrity a part of their daily lives by being vigilant to fight corruption and contributing to the nation at large. The integrity pledge was administered on this occasion by all the faculty, officers, staff and students at the Institute.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu, delivered a thought-provoking address, reaffirming the institute's commitment to ethical and transparent practices in all its endeavors. He urged the faculty, officers, staff and students to incorporate integrity,

honesty and sincerity as a part of their daily routine for creation of an enlightened society thereby paving the path for a corruption free society. He also reiterated to everyone to constantly work in the interest of the people and the nation.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, emphasized the importance of instilling ethical values within the faculty, officers, and staff and students, as these values are integral to an organization's success and progress. He mentioned

that everyone should join hands to meet the objectives of Govt by taking corrective actions wherever possible to fight any form of corruption and setting an ideal example transparent system of functioning.

Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), IIM Jammu, addressed the gathering and underscored the role of vigilant administration in upholding the institution's reputation and values. He reiterated the need to have preventive measures in place for fighting corruption at all levels and thereby instilling transparency and accountability in the overall functioning.

Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Diversity and Inclusion and Centre for Small Business Development Units (SBDU), IIM Jammu, shed light on the involvement of students in such a crucial

discourse and thereby nurturing the next generation of responsible citizens and leaders.

Students of IIM Jammu also took the stage to share their perspectives on vigilance, ethics, and the role of the youth in shaping a transparent and accountable future. The programme culminated with the National Anthem, symbolizing unity and the collective commitment to fostering a corruption-free society.

Vigilance Awareness Week (30th Nov-05th Nov 2023) at IIM Jammu was an inspiring and informative event that reinforced the institution's dedication to upholding ethical values and transparent governance. The week's activities aimed to create a vigilant, informed, and proactive community that will work together to prevent corruption and promote good governance.

DPAP leaders visit slain HC Dar's residence

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The senior leaders of DPAP today visited the residence of slain Head Constable Ghulam Mohammad Dar in tangmarg, Baramulla and

extended their condolences with the bereaved family. The party leaders expressed the grief over the killing of Dar by terrorists and said that he sacrificed his life for the nation and our better tomorrow. "We share the grief of the family that lost their sole bread earner. We urge government to offer a job to one of their family members so that they can live the life with dignity and honour," said Mohd Amin Bhatt provincial President. The party



Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami said that the sacrifice of Dar shall be remembered for generations to come. He said he is survived by seven brave daughters who are all yet to be married. Distt President Baramulla Shoaib Nabi Lone while praying for the slain Dar said that terrorism has no face and is consuming innocent lives. He said the terrorism is condemned in all its forms. Sajjad Ahmed Sr DPAP leader was also president on the occasion.

EDITORIAL

Dialogue only way forward to resolve issues

Two frontline bodies—Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) and Leh Apex Body (LAB) spearheading struggle for constitutional safeguards for Ladakh—have finalized the names of seven members each and submitted the list to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the proposed talks likely to be held after Diwali. The leaders of two districts accepted the invitation from the MHA and decided to go for holding talks with the High Powered Committee constituted by the MHA for resolving all issues being raised by the people of Ladakh. The proposed meeting will be chaired by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, who happens to be the Chairman of the High Powered Committee. Apart from 14 members from LAB and KDA, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) BD Mishra, BJP Lok Sabha Member from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and both Chairpersons-cum-CECs of Hill Development Councils, Leh and Kargil would also be the part of the meeting. Union MoS Home Nityanand Rai had chaired a high-level meeting of Ladakh leaders in North Block, New Delhi on June 19 wherein the KDA and the LAB leaders stressed for inclusion of their agenda whenever the HPC constituted by the Union Home Ministry to discuss issues of Ladakh, meets. Apart from grant of Statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh, the leaders have been asking for a separate Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for Ladakh, constitution of the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Ladakh and if it can't be constituted, Ladakh should be included in the PSC of Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. They have also been asking for making Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) mandatory for all kinds of recruitments in the region. The LAB and KDA had reservations over the HPC which, headed by Nityanand Rai, was constituted by the MHA on January 4 this year. They had objected to the inclusion of some leaders and wanted that representatives of LAB and KDA in the HPC should be finalized with their consent. The LAB and the KDA activities had virtually put their activities on a halt for almost four months following the recent visit of spiritual leader Dalai Lama to Ladakh and the elections to Kargil Hill Council. It is high time for the Government of India to bring all stakeholders on board and make all efforts to end this stalemate. The Government of India headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already fulfilled the decades-long pending demand of Ladakhi people by granting the status of Union Territory to the region. The annual budget of the region has increased manifold while new avenues of developments have been opened. Ladakhi leaders should acknowledge this brave effort and show some flexibility on their demand for a full-fledged status of state to the region. As far as constitutional safeguards for Ladakh is concerned, the Centre should also seriously look into the demand given the unique tradition and culture of the region. Only negotiations will yield fruitful results for Ladakh.

Ill-fated works of Panchayats had stiffened upcoming polls!



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Development a people friendly approach for which our democracy is known as biggest democracy of the world in which people of the all corners of the country take part in the different kinds of adult franchises like 73rd panchayati act likely panchs, sarpanchs, district council etc members to represent the true spirit of our democracy

During this system of representations or polls in order to reach the social justice at the gross root level of the villages or rural areas in accordance to Article 73rd of our constitution in which locals of the areas take part directly and would represent their local representatives like Sapanches, panches and other local bodies for the common cause of development at the gross root level of Indian democracy

But many times we have watched that the present system of Panchayati Raj System is adopting the ideology of corrupt practices and despite of having a good development there occurring the scams and misuse of public funds on major scale

because there occurred the no. of such schemes like MG-NREGA scheme, Border Development Schemes, CD Panchayat funds, APEX, etc.

The said schemes are only rendered as titles at the village level even a bit of accountability nothing can be traced still to now, and the role of corruption and misuse of the public fund by these members can be founded if one goes deep to peep into it. The exact role and motives of the said schemes has been yet far away from the needy people but the pockets of the voracious and cunning people had been surely warmed -up on huge scale. Alas! it is the Indian nation where the general accountability has been resting in the files and dark rooms which may not be applicable in transparent manners, only opposition parties sometimes in order to beat the drums of their internal friction make a little bit of it to denigrate one-another.

Whereas, the misuse of the public-funds and scam are rampant in almost departments and offices but no one caring so. Because it is public fund or money which common people used to pay on the local items when they purchased from the dealers and shopkeepers it is ultimately get deducted in the wake of direct and indirect taxes from their pockets, which is further appropriated as public fund and distributed in the budget.

If we talk about the samba block and district likely katli Panchayats, where the almost members of the Panchayats are from

non-ruling parties, who have perhaps their main motive to denigrate the ruling party image in large manners. Their kin are serving in the departments like education since longer without caring their transfer fundamentals, meant they had scapegoat to the system as well as tiers of administration against who common people had greater resentment too.

If we peep toward their development pattern which is quite irrelevant to the common people demand of the villagers there as the stuff used in almost building material is quite rough in quality and not under very suitable resolution of the particular people, even somewhere in opposition to their rough development they had blackened the execution boards and retaliated the rough developmental works vehemently

As a bathroom plus toilet room had built-up in the local Khad which is now on the brink of demolition without its use and there also erected more such buildings without any functional ethos despite a main and link road of the street was rendered uncared whole the term and at lastly when executed in very rough manners which is totally awkward looking like and tempered here and there within its finishing touch

Even few Panchs are resenting that there is not equal distribution of the public funds in the panchayats because few liaison members are attaining the privilege of their position by unfair means and so in their

wards number of works are covered under plans only despite giving it final touch resented so many of the Panchs. And on the other hand so many of the work projects are in state of half built condition about which number of complaints are already registered to the block development officers too. In addition role of land grabbers is so high for which not any secant action has been taken by the panchayat as well as district administration.

Perhaps one may be reason of this blunder act that majority of members are from the opposition parties though election was non-political then, who wanted to denigrate the image of the ruling party for his voraciousness and carelessness. It can be watched perhaps that their expenses for triumph during the election process to which they are now redeeming the same amount from the public fund and approving true to one's saying "Mast Ram Masti Mein, Aag Lage Basti Mein".

Rumors are that few of them wanted to contest the legislative assembly election so they used to impress the official with his virtual images and the officials of rungs like B.D.O and others, who did not dictate him, Whether they are accompanied with the some corrupt and cunning leaders of the opposition parties who have already duped to their party at the constituency and province level and now joined in other parties too.

In other word we can say that the political parties whether ruling or opposition not spares

to such leaders who behead the local people on the verge of development and betrays them vehemently. People should also disinclose such leaders whether they are from any political party because they are wild beasts they are voracious of money and material only.

There occurred number of discrepancies at presently that illegal boring has been done by several representatives and so during the lapses of regular water supply problem no one could rightly address the public grievances to the P.H.E. sub-division Samba and this lapses of supply remain usual since a long past in the villages and same if the phenomenon of the P.D.D department. These department did not care to the public needs but remain silent when any of the public aware about the public grievance, officials replied them with the words that they are incompetent to check it.

There is complete anarchy like system running perhaps in the district and area but the said offices cum elites have crossed all the limits of the accountability and common people have been fully tired of their step behavior and lopsided development pattern there. Perhaps it is the phenomenon running in the large rural areas so people complaining about the lapses of essential and timely supply of the essential items and basic civic amenities like water, power, ration, etc.

The conundrum of being a civil services aspirant

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James Medison says "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." However, when men govern men, we need administration. In order to fulfill the mandate of that administration, we need civil servants. That body of civil servants is known as bureaucracy, having its root in the French word "Bureau" meaning desk or office.

In India, the concept of administration can be traced from Chanakya's Arthashastra to Ain-i-Akbari by Abul Fazal and later on strengthened and expanded by the British. Lord Cornwallis is known as the Father of Indian Civil Services.

The British required civil servants to fulfill the goals of the East India Company. The concept of "Career Bureaucrat" later on attracted many Indians post-Independence primarily due to perks and power attached to the posts as well as providing an opportunity to serve the nation.

With this goal of serving the nation and corollary the recognition it brings to a person, has attracted now millions of aspirants. It has also created a distinct educational industry aimed at providing coaching and guidance to these aspirants. However, the journey of being a civil services aspirant to being a civil servant is full of learning, failure, rejection and emotional

turbulence which hardly others can see and experience.

The first hurdle most students face is the syllabus. There is a famous phrase that "everything under the sun" is the syllabus for this examination. How to start and where to start is the next hurdle.

Understanding the syllabus may take months. Aspirants are further bombarded by ideas of seniors/successful aspirants with their respective strategies, a multitude of books and the never-ending current affairs and humongous newspapers.

The next thing that haunts the aspirants is the success ratio of the exam, which many sources mention to be around 0.2%. The burden to finance studies is also huge. On average, it takes around 1.5 to 2 lakh rupees for coaching. Those who go to New Delhi feel the heat of living expenses along with the food, the quality of which they compromise. The cumulative effect of all these is homesickness and realisation of the importance of home and food made by mothers. The first lesson they learn is to bear hardships that "may" bear fruits in the future.

In a common man's life, death keeps no calendar. However, in an aspirant's life, failure keeps no calendar. Thus an aspirant is always worried about failure. If an aspirant fails, it haunts him/her badly and overcoming this may take time. Rather than failure, the most dreadful experi-

ence is to inform your parents about this failure. In a flash, the dreams of your parents start crumbling down like a house of cards. This is where the biggest responsibility and duty of parents come i.e. extending moral support to their children. Some aspirants are lucky to get that support and others who don't, succumb to other events like suicide or give up or may land in mental depression.

Those who give three to four years and are still not able to clear the exam face the most humiliating experience of failure and self-doubt about their own capabilities. They may also become a laughingstock of relatives or a neighbour who used his father's clout to secure his own job and in extreme cases, of friends. They lose self-confidence and are hesitant to face society. Here a responsibility lies on above mentioned stakeholders i.e. to treat them with respect and encourage them. There can be no doubt of their hard work, but demand is always more than supply.

The other issue with this exam is that it is very hard to explain to others the mechanism of this exam. One year, an aspirant may reach to interview stage and drop by a marginal fraction, next year he/she may not even qualify preliminary stage. This is due to the unpredictability of questions and the complexity associated with the exam. A common man will

not understand the intricacies associated with this exam and it becomes often hard to explain back home or to your parents the reason for failure.

The sacrifice associated with this exam is high and assurance of results is dimly low. The sacrifices start from losing social relations, and gatherings and may even extend to losing hair, "desired ones" and even may develop some bodily related issues. However, the post and its associated perks, which aspirants aspire to, justify all these sacrifices. These sacrifices will act as lessons to make them officers with integrity and compassion. This makes the Indian bureaucracy a steel frame.

We always make decisions without knowing the exact repercussions. Some decisions in life are extremely important like marrying a person, choosing a college and deciding a career option. Those who choose to pursue to become civil servants will always remain in doubt about the credibility of that decision during their preparation. They always question that decision whenever they see a friend of theirs enjoying other career options, having a decent salary, or maybe flaunting their new car or in extreme cases, having got married. To see the other side of the tunnel, an aspirant always needs only two things i.e. hard work and luck.

Failure will always act as a learning lesson provided an

aspirant has that genuine desire to go long. Giving up on failure will not turn mistakes into lessons and keep you aloof from success. An aspirant has to always decide whether to give up or fight till the end so that no regret is left behind.

In this digital era, there is an information explosion but a dearth of good mentoring and guidance. This gap can be filled by teachers, coaches or successful candidates with the sole aim of "honest guidance". There is chaos and aspirants are made to run from pillar to post. It is a moral obligation on us all to guide students towards the career paths of their choice and not just because any particular exam has become a fashion.

The civil services examination is no doubt a coveted career option but students must choose it wisely as there are many dark sides of this exam which if made known in advance would save them a lot of time and may help them explore other opportunities. Whether one passes this exam or not, the conundrum of being an aspirant will surely teach a lot of lessons, make one capable of thinking critically and enlighten that person for life-long. The learning from this exam will surely make them good humans and can serve society for the good of all.

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Amartya Sen: Celebrating a pioneer in economics, champion of human welfare

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Amartya Sen, a true pioneer in the field of economics, has spent his illustrious career reshaping our understanding of human welfare, development, and social justice. His groundbreaking work, which spans economics, philosophy, and ethics, has not only garnered international acclaim but has had a profound impact on the way we think about and address pressing global issues.

on November 3, 1933, in Santiniketan, India. His academic journey commenced at the University of Calcutta, where he studied economics. He then pursued his doctoral studies at the University of Cambridge under the guidance of the eminent economist Joan Robinson. These early academic experiences sowed the seeds of his lifelong commitment to issues of social justice, economic equity, and individual freedom.

His pioneering work in welfare economics chal-

lenged the traditional focus on income and wealth as the primary indicators of well-being. He introduced the capability approach, a paradigm-shifting concept that argues for measuring well-being in terms of an individual's real freedoms and capabilities to live a life they value. This approach broadened the perspective on human welfare and has significantly influenced social policy and development thinking worldwide.

Amartya Sen played a pivotal role in the creation of the Human Devel-

opment Index (HDI), a widely accepted metric for assessing the well-being of nations. Developed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the HDI evaluates development based on factors such as life expectancy, education, and income. It represents a practical application of Sen's capability approach and has guided global conversations on development and human welfare.

Amartya Sen's influence extends far beyond economics. He has made

significant contributions to the fields of ethics and philosophy, enriching the discourse on justice, freedom, and inequality. His book "The Idea of Justice" explores the complexities of justice and the role of public reasoning in achieving it. His writings emphasize the importance of reasoned, ethical decision-making in addressing complex social and political issues.

Throughout his life, Amartya Sen has been a passionate advocate for social justice and human

rights. He has championed causes such as gender equality, access to education and healthcare, and the role of economic and political freedoms in human development. His advocacy has inspired generations of scholars, policymakers, and activists to work toward a more equitable and just society.

Amartya Sen's ideas have significantly influenced policy decisions, particularly in the fields of development economics, social welfare, and education. His insights have

challenged conventional wisdom and driven the design of social safety nets and poverty reduction programs. His influence continues to shape the global conversation on development and social justice.

Amartya Sen's pioneering work and profound contributions to economics, ethics, and philosophy have left an indelible mark on our understanding of human welfare and social justice. His legacy is a testament to the transformative power of ideas in shaping the world. Sen's work has

inspired scholars, policymakers, and advocates to address poverty, inequality, and human suffering and to seek a better, more equitable future for all. His pioneering spirit is a reminder of the enduring impact that a dedicated individual can have on the well-being of humanity through the pursuit of knowledge and the championing of justice.

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Stem cells therapy show promise to treat, reverse osteoarthritis

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Australian researchers have discovered a novel population of stem cells which are responsible for the progression of osteoarthritis, an advance that may also pave the way to reverse the condition.

Osteoarthritis is the degeneration of cartilage and other tissues in joints and is the most common form of arthritis. Current osteoarthritis treatment manages symptoms rather than addressing the underlying disease.

It is a long-term and progressive condition which affects people's mobility and has historically had no cure. Often described as a 'wear and tear' condition, factors such as ageing, obesity, injury and family history



contribute to the progression of osteoarthritis.

The study by researchers at the University of Adelaide showed the condition may be treatable and reversible.

They found that the treatment with fibroblast growth factor 18 (FGF18) stimulated Gremlin 1 cells -- the new stem cells -- in joint cartilage in mice can lead to significant recovery of cartilage thickness and reduced osteoarthritis.

Gremlin 1 cells present opportunities for cartilage regeneration and their discovery will have relevance to other forms of cartilage injury and disease, which are notoriously challenging to repair and treat. It challenges the categorisation of osteoarthritis as wear and tear.

"The findings of our study reimagine osteoarthritis not as a 'wear and tear' condition but as an active, and pharmaceu-

tically reversible loss of critical articular cartilage stem cells," said Dr Jia Ng from the Adelaide Medical School.

"With this new information, we are now able to explore pharmaceutical options to directly target the stem cell population that is responsible for the development of articular cartilage and progression of osteoarthritis," Ng said.

While the discovery, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, is limited to animal models, Dr Ng said there are genetic similarities to human samples, and human trials are ongoing.

"We look forward to the outcome of these trials and to contribute to the better understanding of a pharmaceutical mechanism to treat osteoarthritis," she said.

Healthcare workers more biased against transgender people, reveals study

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Healthcare professionals, and in particular nurses, are more biased against transgenders than people who are not healthcare professionals, finds a study.

According to the study, published in the journal *Heliyon*, nursing healthcare professionals were significantly more likely to agree with statements like "I believe a person can never change their gender" or "I think there is something wrong with a person who says they are neither a man nor a woman" compared to other healthcare professionals and non-healthcare professionals.

"Our finding that nurses have higher levels of implicit bias towards



transgender people may be related to a tendency to conflate sex and gender identity, as shown by higher levels of agreement with transphobic statements that conflate these two distinct concepts," wrote authors Daniel W. Derbyshire of the University of Exeter and Tamsin Keay of Coventry University.

The study is based on a survey of 11,996 nursing healthcare professionals

and 22,443 non-nursing healthcare professionals from 2020 to 2022, whose responses were compared to 177,810 responses of non-healthcare professionals.

A questionnaire administered before and after the test shows that healthcare professionals are less likely to know transgender people personally and that nurses are more likely to conflate sex and gender identity.

The questionnaire asked participants to categorise groups of people with "good" words like "nice" or "laughter" and "bad" words like "nasty" or "rotten."

It also asked about the participants' relationships with transgender people in their daily lives. While healthcare professionals -- including nurses and non-nurses -- were more likely to have met a transgender person than non-healthcare professionals, they reported that they were less likely to have a transgender friend or family member.

"This suggests that healthcare professionals' (both nurses and non-nurses) experience of interacting with transgender people may be largely confined to a work context," the team wrote.

AI can predict risk progress to glaucoma: Study

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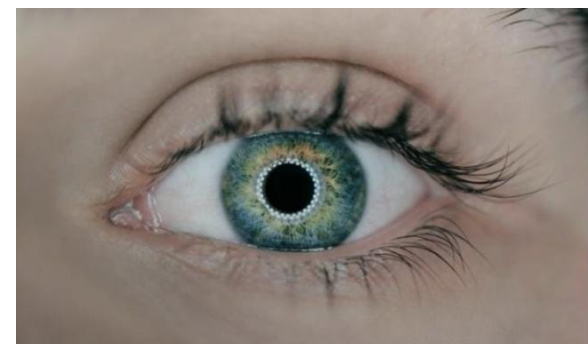
Training artificial intelligence (AI) to recognise red flags in retinal images can help predict if and when people can go on to develop glaucoma -- the world's leading cause of irreversible blindness. Glaucoma is particularly difficult for doctors to detect, if and when people with suspicious signs of early optic nerve damage. Without the cardinal diagnostic feature of abnormally high internal pressure within the eye -- intraocular pressure or IOP for short -- it's hard to predict who will go on to develop glaucoma and risk losing their sight, said researchers from the Seoul National University Hospital in South Korea.

Recent advances in AI have prompted the design of algorithms to better

detect glaucoma progression. But none has so far drawn on clinical features to predict disease progression among people at high risk, they pointed out.

"Our results suggest that [deep learning] models that have been trained on both ocular images and clinical data have a potential to predict disease progression in [glaucoma suspect] patients," said corresponding author Professor Ki Ho Park, from the varsity's Department of Ophthalmology.

"We believe that with additional training and testing on a larger dataset, our [deep learning] models can be made even better, and that with such models, clinicians would be better equipped to predict individual [glaucoma suspect] patients' respective disease courses," Park added.



With a view to using AI to try and bridge this gap, the team reviewed the clinical information for 12,458 eyes with suspicious early signs of glaucoma.

From among these, they focused on 210 eyes that had progressed to glaucoma and 105 that hadn't, all of which had been monitored every 6-12 months for at least seven years.

They then used red flag signs in retinal images taken during the monitoring period plus 15 key clinical

features to produce a set of "predictive" combinations, which were then fed into three machine learning classifiers -- an algorithm that automatically orders or categorises data.

The clinical features included age, sex, IOP, corneal thickness, retinal nerve layer thickness, blood pressure and weight (BMI).

All three algorithms performed well and were able to consistently predict

progression to glaucoma, and when, with a high degree of accuracy: 91-99 per cent.

"Prediction of disease course on an individual-patient basis would help clinicians to present tailored management options to patients with regard to issues such as follow-up duration, starting (or not) of IOP-lowering treatment, and targeting of IOP levels," the team said in the research published online in the *British Journal of Ophthalmology*.

The team also acknowledged various limitations to their findings. For example, the AI training results were based on relatively little information, and only those with normal IOP who had not been given any glaucoma treatment over the course of the monitoring were included in the study.

AI to bring high-quality and affordable healthcare to people: Google

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The next generation of AI and large language models (LLMs) represents a dramatic shift in capability and promises to bring high-quality, affordable care and health to people around the world, with equity and inclusion, Google has stressed.

Dr Karen DeSalvo, Chief Health Officer at Google, said that AI has the potential to transform the health of people on a planetary scale akin to the discovery of penicillin.

"If developed boldly and responsibly, AI stands to be a powerful force for health equity, improving outcomes for everyone, everywhere,"

he said in a blog post.

Google is deploying AI in its products to help people in everyday moments.

"That might look like someone accessing mental health resources on Search, finding a match for a skin condition with Google Lens, getting useful health insights about irregular heart rhythms or powering our most accurate heart rate tracking on Fitbit," said DeSalvo.

"We have teams moving our research from the bench to the bedside to democratize access to health across some of the world's most critical diseases by applying AI to breast and colorectal cancer screening and chest X-ray imaging," he

informed.

As we think about how the next wave of AI will change health, it's critical to keep these three approaches in mind: develop AI responsibly, collaborate with others and remember that AI is just one of many tools to improve health.

"If not developed and deployed responsibly, AI could amplify existing disparities. We are working to ensure that these technologies do not leave anyone behind and that the advancement of AI is harnessed in a bold and responsible way. All while partnering with the health ecosystem and the people it is serving," said the Google executive.

New 'lab on a chip' device to accurately identify Covid, cancer in 3 mins

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UK researchers have developed a compact genetic testing device that can accurately identify Covid-19 infection, as well as a range of pathogens, or conditions including cancer in just three minutes.

The virus diagnosis device has been invented by engineers at the University of Bath, who describe it as the 'world's fastest Covid test'.

The prototype LoCK-Amp device uses innovative 'lab on a chip' technology and has been proven to provide rapid and low-cost detection of Covid from nasal swabs.

The device works by rapidly releasing and amplifying genetic material from a nasal swab sample by carrying out a chemical reaction to produce a result, which can be viewed on a smartphone app.

Unlike lateral flow assay tests, commonplace during the pandemic, the LoCKAmp employs the same 'gold standard' genetic-based testing techniques previously reserved for lab-based PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests, thus enabling rapid testing at laboratory-scale standard for the first time.

Made with off-the-shelf components and factory-manufactured printed circuit boards, the prototype



device could be made on a mass scale quickly and at low cost, presenting care providers and public health bodies around the world with an effective new tool in virus detection, said the researchers in the paper published in the journal *Lab on a Chip*.

"We started researching and developing LoCKAmp during the second wave of Covid in the UK. We were confident we could create a portable, low-cost device that could carry out genetic identification of the virus, like a PCR test, within 10 minutes. We have done that, but found it can actually work within just three minutes," said Despina Moschou, from Bath's Centre for Bioengineering & Biomedical Technologies (CBio), who led the research.

"This is an amazing display of the possibilities of lab-on-a-chip technology,

and given the low cost and adaptability of the technology to detect a range of conditions, a potentially highly valuable and unique tool for a range of healthcare settings," she added.

As well as proving the system's capability in analysing nasal swab samples, the LoCKAmp could also be used to carry out anonymised community-level monitoring and detection of viruses like Covid, by testing wastewater.

Using LoCKAmp to carry out ongoing, real-time analysis of wastewater could allow public health bodies to quickly detect the spread of viruses like Covid, or other infectious diseases. Doing this via wastewater can give a broader community-wide view, rather than relying on individuals to regularly test for a condition.

Practising mindfulness can foster heart-healthy food choices: Study

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Practising mindfulness focused on healthy eating can be good for the heart, a new study shows, because it improves self-awareness and helps people stick to a heart-healthy diet.

A team from the Brown University in the US developed the mindfulness-based blood pressure reduction programme which trains participants in skills such as meditation, yoga, self-awareness, attention control and emotion regulation. What makes the programme unique, is that participants learn how to direct those skills toward behaviours known to lower blood pressure.

The eight-week mindfulness-based blood pressure reduction programme significantly improved people's scores on measures of self-awareness and adherence to a heart-healthy diet compared to a control group, according to results published in *JAMA Network Open*.

"Participants in the programme showed significant improvement in adherence to a heart-healthy diet, which is one of the biggest drivers of blood pressure, as well as significant improvements in self-awareness, which appears to influence healthy eating habits," said lead study author Eric B. Loucks, Associate Professor of epidemiology,



behavioural and social sciences at Brown University in the US.

Loucks said the study helps explain the mechanism by which a customised mindfulness training programme adapted toward improving diet can affect blood pressure.

"Improvements in our self-awareness, of how different foods make us feel, of how our body feels in general, as well as our thoughts, emotions and physical sensations around eating healthy as well as unhealthy food, can influence people's dietary choices," he said.

The study compared two groups, totaling 201 participants. The 101 people in the test group were a part of the eight-week MB-BP programme, which included personalised feedback and education about hypertension risk factors; mindfulness training of participants in

relationship to hypertension risk factors (including mindful eating); and behaviour change support. The "usual care" control group received educational brochures on controlling high blood pressure. Both groups received a home blood-pressure monitoring device with usage training, and options for referral to primary care physicians.

The team said the trial results offer evidence that an adapted mindfulness training programme for participants with high blood pressure that targets diet and self-awareness significantly improves both.

"Almost everyone has the power to control blood pressure through changes in diet and physical activity, adherence to antihypertensive medications, minimising alcohol intake and monitoring stress reactivity," Loucks said.

Study links impaired kidney function with cognitive disorders

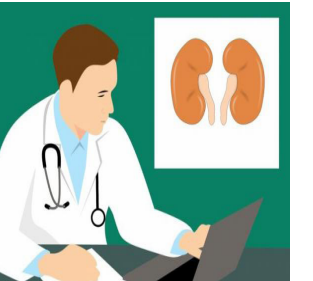
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Kidney disease has been linked with the development of cognitive problems, according to research.

Chronic kidney disease, also called chronic kidney failure, involves a gradual loss of kidney function. It has been associated with cognitive dysfunction in epidemiological studies, but it is unclear if this association is independent of blood pressure (BP) and related to cerebral small vessel disease (CSVD).

The new study by the American Society of Nephrology relied on data from a population-based study of 2,738 participants without dementia, of which 187 (7 per cent) had chronic kidney disease and 251 (9 per cent) had albuminuria -- a urinary marker of kidney disease.

In the study, the team evaluated baseline kidney function in relation to subsequent BP measurements and CSVD, and to mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and dementia. The findings, presented at the ASN Kidney Week, showed that albuminuria was associated with both CSVD markers and cognitive disorders independent of premorbid BP, indicating that 1)



hypertensive cerebrovascular injury (reflected on CSVD markers) may not be reflected by BP measurements alone, or 2) other shared pathobiology may exist between the kidney and the brain, for instance with mechanisms such as endothelial dysfunction.

Albuminuria was associated with signs of silent stroke, and patients with albuminuria had a 65 per cent higher risk of developing mild cognitive impairment or dementia. Chronic kidney disease was not associated with markers of silent cerebrovascular disease but was associated with a 51 per cent higher risk of developing dementia.

"Our results highlight the importance of albuminuria as a cerebrovascular and cognitive risk factor and indicate that there may be additional shared disease mechanisms in the kidney and the brain beyond hypertension," said corresponding author Dearbhla Kelly, from St. James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland.

15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

Sightseeing tour to Patnitop and Cultural Performances mark the fourth day



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The third day of the 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme witnessed a sightseeing visit to the local hill station Patnitop and various cultural performances. Early in the morning, after a nutritious breakfast, the participants and escorting officers boarded buses from Saraswati Dham. After a three-hour ride on a scenic route from Jammu, the teams reached Patnitop Youth

Hostel close to noon.

Sh Hakeem Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director Srinagar, welcomed the participants to Patnitop and shared a brief introduction about the local geography, weather, and nearby sites worth seeing. Upon being enquired, many tribal youth admitted that they had never seen snow or topography like that of Patnitop. The staff at the Youth Hostel offered utmost cooperation. Multiple refreshments to the participants were pro-

vided.

Sh. Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director NYKS, J&K shared a detailed schedule with the participants and highly recommended a visit to the Naag Mandir nearby, a historical site. The participants were free to explore the area under the guidance of their escorting officers. The participants and escorting officers gathered back at the Youth Hostel for lunch. Post lunch, the participants gathered in the lawn to perform group dances.

The day was enriched by the creative performances of the youth. The participants admitted to enjoying the trip and expressed their wish to visit again.

The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Program has been a monumental program that aims to bring forward youth from remote and difficult to access tribal area, and introduce them to different but unique cultures of our nation. The program offers a learning opportunity to the tribal youth.

NSF appoints Roshan as President of Jammu District

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In order to revitalize its sphere of activities, the National Secular Forum (NSF) today held an important meeting which unanimously approved the appointment of Roshan Sharma as president of Jammu District.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Sukhdev Singh. It was resolved in the meeting to expand the sphere of activities being done by NSF and accordingly all the active members consented for appointment of Roshan Sharma as President of Jammu District.

The newly made Jammu District President was asked to form new units in all the Colleges and Tehsils. He was advised to highlight the voice and grievances of the students for their appropriate redressal.

Judicial Officer Shivpreet Kaur interacts with Aryans Law Students



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With respect to Gender Justice & Woman Empowerment, Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh organised a Seminar & Speech Competition. Ms Shivpreet Kaur, newly appointed Judicial Officer was the Special Guest & interacted with LLB and BA LLB Students. Dr. Devinder Kumar Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Law was present.

Shivpreet Kaur said that

legal profession is the best work of society. To maintain its dignity, all of you should be striving and give the form of the rights of women and their empowerment in the constitution. She said that effective implementation of special provisions provided in Article 14 and the rights of equality contained in Article 15 (3). Urging the girl students, she said that you never considered yourself as dependency on anyone and try to become self-supporting and leading in every field.

Dr. Singla while motivating girls students said that gender discrimination is the main social cause every where but still girls are working hard and are being appointed in many influential positions as compared to men & we all should be proud of that.

The students participated enthusiastically in various activities. Dr. Anurag Dhiman, Ms. Navneet Kaur, HOD; Dr. Pritika, Ms Priyanka Bansal, Ms Sanskriti Rana, faculty Aryans College of Law were also present.

Natrang presents hard-hitting Hindi play 'Ghotaala' addressing youth's perspective on corruption

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In its pledge to come up with a play every Sunday since last 20 years, Natrang today presented a hard hitting new Hindi play 'Ghotaala' written and directed by Neeraj Kant here at Nagrota Municipal Park, Jammu. This play was about the viewpoint of the youth today about growing menace of corruption in the society particularly in the government system which is crippling its development and growth.

The play opens with the aggression of the frustrated youth who are breathing in the polluted air of corruption, scandals and dishonesty. Then they hold the common people responsible for this corruption and say that corruption is spread by vested elements who have the patronage of those at the helm of affairs. And in this democratic setup, the general public is completely responsible for bringing corrupt to power. In this way, full participation of the common people is directly ensured in this corrupt system. Following this the play showed how corruption gets originated in the society and system. In a sequence a street fruit seller becomes a victim of the corrupt guardians of



the system and the prices in the markets increase and the general public bears the burden.

Then, by mentioning the different side effects of corruption, it is shown how it affects the common people and the progress of the country. There are no strict rules to stop corruption. The courage of corrupt people is being empowered and strengthened day by day thus resulting into rapid growth in number of scams.

In another scene it was told that due to corruption, educated youth are not getting employment and those who are not capable are getting jobs by paying bribes. Some people get admission in professional colleges by paying bribes and students who have obtained good marks remain without admis-

sion, due to which they become victims of disappointment. In this way they feel cheated and in this situation they may be inclined towards anarchist tendencies. In such a situation, instead of helping in the progress of the country, they may get involved in spreading anarchy.

Due to needy youth not getting employment, it creates unrest in the society and those youth can get involved in any anti-social activity. Therefore, anti-social elements promoting corruption should not be encouraged. Those who spread corruption should be tightened by implementing strict legal system.

Furthermore again in another scene, it is told that Tatk tickets are not available to common passengers for train travel. But due to collusion with

the officials, middlemen indulge in black marketing and get huge profits by purchasing tickets and selling them at higher prices. A passenger who is a victim of this fraud takes alertness and informs the Vigilance Department and gets the officer in charge arrested. In this way the solution to the problem is also given.

In one another the leader is luring the general public by distributing gifts during elections. The officer involved in all this gets his son admitted in college with the money he gets through bribery. But his son, to teach his father a lesson, steals in his own house. A police officer does not file a theft report without a bribe. Thus, he realises the fate of a person having no money to pay as bribe. Upon realizing this, the father takes a pledge that he will neither take nor give bribe in future. And the play ends with this message that they would say no to corruption and commit to the Nation. Natrang young artists who performed in the play included Abhimanyu Choudhary, Aadesh Dhar, Kushal Bhat, Chaitanya Shekhar, Vishal Sharma, Sanket Bhagat and Sumit Bandaral. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

Manoranjan Kala Kendra holds Punjabi Mushaira

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Manoranjan Kala Kendra (MKK), Jammu organized a Punjabi Mushaira today at the residence of Sh. R S Broca, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Well known Punjabi poets of Jammu and Kashmir attended the prohramme. S. Ajeet Somgh Mastana, a noted Punjabi poet from Kashmir was the chief guest whereas noted poets & writers S. Davinder Singh Vishavnagrik and Jang S. Verman were the guests of honour on this occasion. Sh. R S Broca, president over the programme. T S Premeer, Secretary MKK shared the dais. Dr. Rajinder Thappa,



Founder Member MKK, was also present in the programme.

Welcoming the poets and the guests, T S Premeer Secretary MKK gave a brief of the activities of MKK.

In his Presidential address Ajeet Singh Mastana expressed his vviews on the poems recited by

the poets in the Mushaira. In his address he appreciated that the quality poetry in Punjabi was presented by all the participants. S. Davinder Singh Vishavnagrik and Jang S. Verman in his address appreciated the participation of young generation in the upliftment of the

Punjabi literary pursuits. Dr. Nirmal Vinod also expressed their views on this occasion.

The poets who recited their poems in the meeting, included Bhopinder Singh Bhargav, Bachan Singh Bharti, Ajeet Singh Mastana, Amarjeet Kour Neer, Harjit Singh Uppal, Balwinder Singh Deep, Jang S. Verman, J P Singh Azad, Pritam Singh Anjaan, Rajpaul Singh Mastana, Surinder Safal, Amanpreet Kour, Dr. Rajveer Singh, who presented their Punjabi poems of different genres on different topics & themes reflecting on socio-political, current affairs and other contemporary issues.

DPS Jammu organises inter-house quiz competition

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Delhi Public School Jammu organized Inter-House Quiz Competition that covered the intriguing subjects of Astrophysics, Sports, and Current Affairs. The competition brought together all five houses namely Chenab, Ganga, Jhelum, Tawi & Yamuna as teams, eager to showcase their expertise and battle it out in four stimulating rounds such as Word of Knowledge, Audio Visual, Rapid Fire and Double Trouble. The Quiz Competition not only celebrated knowledge but also built a vibrant community of learners.

The cosmic journey began with the first round dedicated to Astrophysics.

The round showcased the participants' fascination with the cosmos. The first round consisted of 10 questions and there was no negative marking in this round. The second round was the Audio Visual Round and tested the participants' knowledge through audio and visual cues. In the third round, the Rapid Fire Round, participants displayed their quick thinking and comprehensive knowledge. The fourth round, the Double Trouble Round, brought a twist to the competition, wherein, the participants faced questions where the stakes were high, and points could be lost if answered incorrectly. This round tested their confidence and strategic thinking, making



for a thrilling and strategic showdown. The competition was marked by intense competition, with participants demonstrating their diverse expertise across all categories. The audience was enthralled by the passionate displays of knowledge.

The winners of the quiz competition were announced as follows:

First position was bagged by Aarush Gandotra (XI-A) and Jeetansh (IX-K) from Ganga House, Aaida (IX-J) and Gurtej Singh (XI-B) from Yamuna House stood second while Radha Raman Sharma (XI-A) and Parikansh Rakwal (XI-A) from Chenab House placed at third position.

The winners had also received mementoes and

certificates in recognition of their exceptional performance.

Principal-DPS Jammu, Ms. Ruchi Chabra expressed heartfelt appreciation for all participants, in-charge, teachers and Eureka Physics Club members who contributed to the success of this memorable event.

The esteemed Management DPS Jammu-Hon'ble President, RCT, Sh. M.K Ajatshatru Singh Ji, distinguished PVC-Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh and Hon'ble Director-Sh. S.S Sodhi Ji congratulated the winners and participants and also extended their best wishes to all for their future endeavours.

The Vote of thanks was given by Ms. Jyoti Pallalia, Activity Coordinator.

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare launched Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 2.0 from 1st - 30th November, 2023

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To enhance 'Ease of Living' of Central Government pensioners, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has been promoting Digital Life Certificate (DLC) i.e. Jeevan Pramaan extensively. In 2014, submission of DLCs using biometric devices was commenced. Subsequently, the Department engaged with MeitY and UIDAI to develop a Face Authentication technology system based on Aadhar database, whereby it is possible to submit LC from any Android based smart phone. As per this facility, the identity of a person is established through face authentication technique and DLC gets generated. This breakthrough technology, launched in November 2021, reduced the dependence of pensioners on external bio-metric devices and made the process more accessible and affordable to masses by leveraging smartphone-based technology. With a view to spread awareness amongst all the Central Government pensioners as well as the Pension Disbursing Authorities for use

of DLC/Face Authentication technology to submit Digital Life Certificate, DoPPW launched a nation-wide campaign in the month of November 2022 in 37 cities through-out the country. The Campaign was a huge success with more than 35 lakh DLCs of Central Government Pensioner issued. A Nation-wide Campaign is being held from 1st to 30th November, 2023 in 500 locations in 100 cities across the country, targeting 50 lakh pensioners in collaboration of 17 Pension disbursing banks, Ministries/ Departments, Pensioners' Welfare Association, UIDAI, MeitY.

With a view to ensure that the benefit of digital modes of Life Certificate submission reaches pensioners in the remotest corners of the country and also benefits super senior/ sick / incapacitated pensioners, a comprehensive Circular with detailed guidelines has been issued defining roles and responsibilities of all the stakeholders which includes Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, Pension Disbursing Banks and Pensioners' Associations. These guidelines include nomination

of nodal officers by the stakeholders, for the Campaign, spreading awareness / providing due publicity to DLC-Face Authentication technique through banners/posters placed strategically in offices and bank branches/ ATMs, use DLC/Face Authentication technique as far as possible where Doorstep banking services are availed, equipping dedicated staff at bank branches with an Android phone to use this technology when pensioners visit the branch for submission of Life Certificate, holding of Camps to enable pensioners to submit their DLCs without delay and home visit in case of bed ridden pensioners

The Pensioners' Welfare Associations have also been sensitized to hold camps for pensioners for DLC submission. Sh. Vishal Kumar, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India from Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare will visit to Srinagar on 6th and 7th November, 2023 in different locations (Srinagar, Badami Bagh, Jawahar Nagar, Karan Nagar and Bemina) to assist pensioners in use of various digital modes to submit their Life Certificates.

Dimple leads a protest demanding construction of ring road and to start metro trains from Amphalla Manda to Janipur up to Akhnoor

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Sunil Dimple president mission statehood jammu kashmir along with large number of traders, strong protest rally on janipur high court road, against

the rising traffic problem, PWD, JMC, Smart city project, ERA and for the construction of four way circular ring road from amphalla manda to Janipur high court up to akhnoor and for starting metro train from amphal-

la janipur high court road, roop nagar, bantalab upto akhnoor.

Addressing the protestors Sunil Dimple demanded LG Manoj Sinha to start the construction of metro train, construct exclusive four way circular road

from amphalla manda, Janipur high court, bantalab up to Akhnoor.

He demanded PWD, JMC, Smart city project, ERA to solve traffic problems, construct fly over's at Rehari Chungi Jewel chowk to solve the traffic

problem.

He warned now the traders will start mass agitation and will continue till the ring road and metro train not started from amphalla manda to janipur high court road to roopnagar bantalab upto Akhnoor.

Training programme on Mushroom cultivation for Anganwadi workers organized at SKUAST-Jammu



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Two days hands on training and awareness programme on mushroom cultivation was organized at Mushroom Unit, Division of Plant Pathology, SKUAST-J under the aegis of Directorate of Research, SKUAST-J. The training programme was held for the anganwadi workers of block Satwari with the objective to create awareness among the rural masses about the benefits of including mushrooms in our daily diet and livelihood security through mushroom cultivation. The trainees were briefed

about the various mushrooms that can be grown under Jammu conditions and were also given hands on training on cultivation of oyster mushroom. During the training programme lectures and practical sessions were held on substrate preparation and techniques for cultivation of oyster mushroom. The participants were exposed to the technical problems that one is likely to face while cultivating mushrooms. The training programme was held under the guidance of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. R.K. Samnotra, Direc-

tor Research, SKUAST-Jammu. Dr. Amrish Vaid, Professor and Head, Division of Plant Pathology, Dr. Sachin Gupta, Professor, Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Sh. Varun Dubey Technical Officers gave detailed lectures and conducted practical sessions for the participants. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sachin Gupta, Professor and Incharge Mushroom Unit, SKUAST-Jammu in coordination with Sh. Sachin Sharma, CDPO Satwari. An overwhelming response was observed among the participants who assured the organizers to take their message to the masses.

52nd KVS National Sports Meet Witnessed Intense Competition and Exceptional Performances

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Day 4 Ignites Excitement and Anticipation: The 52nd KVS National Sports Meet embraced heightened competitiveness and fervour as the tournament approached its final stages. The palpable energy and tension among the players indicated the impending thrill of the imminent finals, scheduled for today and tomorrow.

Hockey Under 14 Category: In Pool 1, Jaipur faced Patna, securing a dominant victory with a score of 6-0. Meanwhile, Lucknow clashed with Mumbai, resulting in a draw with a 0-0 score.

In Under 17 Category: Shifting Fortunes and Notable Victories:

At K K Hakku stadium, the tournament witnessed dramatic turns. Chennai's initial 1-0 victory over Delhi in Pool 1 was countered by Ranchi's decisive 2-0 win over Chennai on Day 4. Additionally, Mumbai and Tinsukiya saw a draw of 0-0 in Pool 1, while Jaipur secured a strong 2-0 win over Bengaluru in Pool 2. In Pool Tinsukiya faced Chennai, resulting in a draw with a 1-1 score. Chennai, clashed against Mumbai, emerged victorious with a 3-2 win. Meanwhile, in Pool 2, Jaipur outplayed Patna, securing a commanding 5-0 victory. Ranchi dominated in their match against Tinsukiya, securing a resounding win with a score of 5-0.

Kabaddi Under 14 Category: Intense Battles and Quarterfinal Highlights:

The Kabaddi matches in the Under 14 category at MA Stadium were fiercely contested, starting from the Pre-quarterfinals. The matchups were intense and marked by thrilling victories. Bhopal narrowly secured a win over Lucknow in a tight contest with a score of 36-35. Jaipur displayed dominance over Hyderabad with a commanding score of 49-17, while Varanasi showcased strength by overpowering the Ernakulam region with an impressive score of 53-09. Kolkata delivered a strong



performance, triumphing over Ranchi with a 36-17 victory.

Sunday morning's matches were equally intense, with Kolkata securing a commanding 41-9 win over Jammu, while Patna demonstrated superiority with a score of 43-26 against Gurugram. The quarterfinal matches witnessed Chennai's commanding victory over Bhopal with a score of 42-6, Bengaluru's win over Varanasi with a score of 42-13, Jaipur's outplaying of Patna with a score of 43-26, and Kolkata's commanding win over Hyderabad with a score of 44-7.

Kabaddi Under 17 Category Highlights:

In the Under 17 category, Chennai continued its impressive performance, maintaining a winning streak by defeating Bhuvneshwar with a resounding score of 52-15. Varanasi showcased strength by securing a strong victory over Tinsukiya with a score of 43-16. Gurugram dominated the field, securing a decisive 41-18 win over Jaipur, while Delhi exhibited remarkable prowess by outplaying Jammu with a score of 36-15. Hyderabad showcased their strength by outplaying Bhopal with a score of 38-30, while Kolkata triumphed over Guwahati with a score of 41-20. Additionally, Mumbai displayed dominance with a 36-26 win over Jabalpur, and Dehradun emerged victorious over Raipur with a close score of 40-34.

In the quarterfinals, Hyderabad secured a tight win over Kolkata with a score of 25-24, and Mumbai triumphed over Dehradun with a score of 32-23. Gurugram wins over Delhi with a score of 46-25, Chennai commanded victory over Varanasi

with a score of 41-14, further intensifying the competition in the Under 17 category.

Thrilling Semi-Finals in Boxing Ring:

Jammu and Kashmir Police Public School hosted gripping semi-final matches in the Under-14, 17, and 19 boxing categories. Rising stars in the Under-14 category and elite contenders in the Under-19 category exhibited exceptional skill, setting the stage for an exhilarating culmination of the boxing competition. The semi-finals revealed exceptional performances from participants in the various age and weight categories.

Under-14 Category: Rising Stars Shine in the Ring

In the Under-14 category, participants such as, Sakshi, Adanti from Mumbai, Sonakshi, Washru, Tanisha from Jaipur, along with Hansika, Anshika, Ayushi from Delhi, Spootri from Bengaluru, Deeksha representing Chandigarh, and Vaidaihi from Hyderabad emerged victorious in their respective semi-final matches, showcasing their skill and determination. In the semi-finals across different age and weight categories, a group of talented contenders showcased their prowess in the Boxing competitions.

In the Under-17 category, participants such as Sakshi, Adanti (Mumbai), Sonakshi, Washru, Tanisha (Jaipur), Hansika, Anshika, Ayushi (Delhi), Spootri (Bengaluru), Deeksha (Chandigarh), and Vaidehi (Hyderabad) fiercely competed and emerged victorious. Simultaneously, in the same category, Sanchi (Dehradun), Vanshika, Deeksha, Sneha, Meghan, Vijeta, Vanshika, Khushi,



Kajal (Gurugram), Ritu, E. Niranjani (Bangalore), Priyanshi, Isha, Divya, Deveshi (Jaipur), Bem Mona (Tinsukia), Anushka, Bhumi (Delhi), Tanishka, Medhyanti, Shri Habale (Mumbai), and G. Tanuja (Hyderabad) excelled in their matches, securing wins in their respective categories.

Under-19 Category: Elite Contenders Secure Semi-final Spots

In the Under-19 category, Ananya, Simran from Jammu, Avneer from Chandigarh, Payal, Radhika, Harshita from Gurugram, Unnati from Jabalpur, Swati, Deeksha, Priya from Delhi, Nidhi Sharma, Anjali, Kashish, Lavisha from Jaipur, Jaimita from Guwahati, and Bhavana representing Varanasi have successfully advanced to the semi-finals in their specific age and weight categories, exhibiting their prowess and determination in the ring.

The intense bouts and remarkable performances from these talented contenders in the semi-finals have set the stage for an exciting culmination of the boxing competition. These skilful and determined boxers have proven their mettle, promising a thrilling finale as they vie for victory in the upcoming rounds.

KV I Jammu Hosts Exciting Chess Competitions

KV I Jammu has been abuzz with the exhilarating atmosphere of chess competitions, hosting thrilling matches in various age categories. As of the evening of November 5, 2023, significant progress has been made in the chess tournament.

In the Under-14 category, eight intense rounds have been successfully completed. Young and

talented participants have showcased their strategic brilliance and tactical skills, contributing to the competitive fervour of the event.

Similarly, in the Under-17 and Under-19 categories, seven rounds have been completed by the close of November 5, 2023. The matches have seen intense battles and strategic manoeuvring, revealing the high level of skill and determination among the participants.

The competitions have witnessed remarkable dedication and sportsmanship; as young chess enthusiasts display their prowess on the board. As the tournament progresses, the players continue to demonstrate their strategic acumen, promising an exciting culmination to the chess competition at KV I Jammu.

The day's events highlighted the determination and exceptional talent showcased across various categories, setting the stage for an enthralling culmination as the tournament progresses toward its riveting finals. These skilled athletes and competitors promise an exciting finish as they strive for victory in the upcoming rounds. Honourable Deputy Commissioner of KVS RO JAMMU REGION, Shri Nagendra Goyal, visited all the play venues and checked the progress of the events.

He interacted with the participants and the escorts which significantly uplifted the morale of the participants. The Assistant Commissioner, Shri Islam Khan who is the Incharge of the Sports Events toured all the venues and engaged with the participants, discussing their welfare and the ongoing competitions.

Raman Suri extends gratitude to PM Modi for revolutionary free-ration initiative

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the monumental decision to extend free ration facilities to 80 crore beneficiary families across India for the next five years.

In a historic announcement made by Prime Minister Modi in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, he reassured the nation that the welfare of the impoverished remains a top priority for his government. The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, a crucial lifeline for millions during the trying times of COVID-19 pandemic, will



continue to provide essential food grains under the public distribution system. Raman Suri emphasized the significance of this extended initiative, particularly in regions like Jammu and Kashmir which faced the dual challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as terrorism. The provision of free ration for those in need is nothing short of a beacon of hope and sustenance for the affected communities.

Quoting Prime Minister Modi, Raman Suri stated, "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." This could come only from a visionary statesman who cares for his people and country, Suri added. The BJP leader also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the government in making this initiative a reality, recognizing that this extension would positively impact the lives of millions, ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry. Started in 2020, over 80 crore people are getting 5 kg free food grains per person per month since then and this is being appreciated world over, Raman Suri said.

BJP Felicitates 37th National Game Medallist of Pencak Silat

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BJP leaders felicitated Jaya Choudhary who won silver medal in 37 national games (Goa) in Pencak Silat and her coach Arun Singh Charak. Yudhvir Sethi (Vice President BJP Jammu Kashmir) and Baldev Singh Balaria (Deputy Mayor) were Main guests of the occasion while Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) and Anil Masoom (Councillor) were special guests of the occasion. Parveen Kerni (Mandal President), Sudhir Anand (Mandal Vice President), Vipin Kumar (Mandal Secretary), Satpal Singh (Manager Mini Stadium, Prade) were present on the occasion.

In the program dignitaries honoured Jaya Choudhary and Arun Singh Charak by presenting them Appreciation certificate and Momento. Pencak silat athletes also demonstrated their fighting skills.

Including Jaya Choudhary many athletes are getting training of Pencak Silat by Arun Singh Charak (State Awardee, Interna-



tional Player and coach) and has brought laurels to Jammu Kashmir by their performances at national events.

Speaking on the occasion Yudhvir Sethi and Baldev Balaria congratulated Jaya Choudhary and her coach for this big achievement and wish them all for bright and better future ahead.

They said our Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji is providing sports facilities in urban as well as remote areas across nation and as

a result India is shining in the field of sports and even talent of Jammu Kashmir is excelling at International/National events.

They congratulated all medallists and their coaches who have won medals for Jammu Kashmir in this on going National games and said when an athlete shines and become successful, it is result of hard-work of that athlete as well as his coach and family.

They said our dynamic PM Narendra Modi is working alot in the field of

achievement and said that this proud moment for all jammities that our little children are representing at Jammu Kashmir at national levels and clinching medals.

He said our PM Narendra Modi is also sports lover person. Modi ji is also organizing felicitation ceremonies for Meritorious sports

He congratulated all medal winners who won medals for Jammu Kashmir recently and he extend greetings to their coach who make them a sports star from a civilian.

He said along with them many trainees of Arun Singh Charak has brought laurels to Jammu Kashmir by clinching various medals at international and national events of wushu and Pencak Silat and his many senior trainees are giving their services in various government departments.

He urges all students and youth to join sports and make carrier in sports it will make physical and mentally strong and said BJP always stands with our sports pillars and if any sportsperson needs any kind of help he/she can contact us any time.

Braham Jyot appreciated Jaya Choudhary, Arun Singh Charak and whole sports fraternity for this

Government Polytechnic Jammu organised seminar on "cyber security and online safety issues in today's era"



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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 who in his

address 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 pro-

cess, 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 Demonstrator Computer Engg. Others present on the occasion were Er. Sanjay Koul, HoD Computer Engg., Er. Snehit Kour and Er. Kanav Gupta.

Degree College Thathri-working in Hr. Secondary School Thathri: AAP

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Kuldeep Kumar Rao, State Organization Building & Manifesto drafting Committee Member AAP-J&K UT, while lashing out at the government of the times in the allotment/sanctioning of Degree Colleges in J&K, in 2008 has expressed great anguish & resentment in the allotment/sanctioning of Degree colleges in each Assembly constituency of erstwhile J&K State, as no criteria was ever fixed for the same. As per a press release, Mr Rao elaborated that government of the time, as per policy adopted in 2008, had decided to open a Degree college in each Assembly constituency. In case of Inderwal Constituency, Degree College was sanctioned at Chhatru with one Higher Secondary School and in case of Bhadarwah Assembly constituency, Degree college was sanctioned at Kilhotran, Bhellassa with two Higher Secondary Schools, simply on pick & choose basis keeping in view the political consideration of Gh. Mohd Saroori, MLA Inderwal & Sh. Ghulam Nabi Azad, CM, in 2008, ignoring the claim of Sub-Division Thathri (erstwhile Thathri Tehsil) which provides 7 Higher Secondary Schools as feeding cadre involving huge BPL, SC & ST population & marring the future of thousands



of poor students, Mr. Rao said & added that it was only in 2012, when a college was sanctioned at Thathri having strong claim of 7 Higher Secondary Schools in Thathri, a Degree College was, under pressure, opened after holding press Conferences & Protests by Thathri Development Front in 2008, when Thathri was ignored by the government of the time, which is still short of staff as well as infrastructure & Degree College is functioning in a Higher Secondary School Thathri in a very limited rooms, with one entry gate for both School students & College students, which is very injustice with both types of poor students. Worth mentioning there is sufficient state land near Sub-Division Head Office Thathri, hardly one km, on Thathri-Badshalla road, from Sub-Division Thathri H/Q, where there is ample scope for the construction of Degree College & also Sub-District offices. He appeals the Lt. Governor

to look in to the matter deeply & direct the concerned to take immediate remedial measures without any further loss of time to avoid further loss of the education of the poor students who are suffering for the last more than 11 years. Rao further said that same is the plight in respect of Health sector in the entire Chenab Region where people are forced to move down to Jammu city or Punjab for specialized treatment covering a distance of more than 400 to 700 kms, though Sh. Ghulam Nabi Azad, the son of the soil remained Central Health Minister for a long time. Mr. Rao further said that in case of both Education & Health sectors, no serious efforts has been taken to create infrastructure, as the schools or dispensaries/ Colleges & Hospitals are opened with political consideration in mind as the annual allocation in budget has never been increased under these sectors & in that case how a meaningful & credible improvement is seen on the ground, he questioned. Needless to mention that government of the time without application of mind, opened Education & Health Institutions solely with political motives, have played havoc with them, forcing the local population to suffering than doing any good to them. Mr. Rao has de-

cried over step motherly treatment in all walks of life, with the poor public of Sub-Division Thathri at the hands of successive state & central governments till date. Mr. Rao has appealed the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, Sh. Manoj Sinha that the old Tehsil Thathri (Now Sub-Division Thathri) comprises of now 5 Tehsils, Moreover Drabshalla Tehsil, of District Kishtwar is only at a distance of 4 kms from the office of Sub-Division Thathri, where as it is not less than 26 kms from District Head Quarter Kishtwar & the Tehsil Head Quarter of Mohalla Tehsil of District Doda is at a distance of 14 kms from the office of Sub-Division Thathri, where as it is not less than 25 kms from District Head Quarter Doda. If these two Tehsils are also included in Sub-Division Thathri it will be easily accessible to the public of these two Tehsils than Kishtwar or Doda. Then it will be a sub-Division of 7 Tehsil & hence highly deserving for a District status. The Sub-Division Thathri also deserves separate Assembly Constituency & also a separate tourism Authority as all the existing Districts & Assembly Constituencies in the state have hardly 2 or 3 Tehsils. But the Sub-Division Thathri has been in-genuinely ignored by the successive state governments, even in Governor Rule.

Junior wing 'Sports Day' concludes at Lawrance School

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5

The 'Sports Day' of junior wing students concluded at Lawrance Public Senior Secondary School, Mohali today.

In Pre Nursery B the water pouring competition Delisha Verma came first, Asses kaur got second spot and Anaya Thakur came in third position.

In the shuttle run, the first position was bagged by Amank garg, second by Simranpreet Singh and third by Rishit Rawat. Bishmeet Singh was declared winner in the bucket race while Samarveer Singh came second and Sehajvir Singh remained at third position.

In Pre Nursery A, the musical chair competition was won by Ruhaan Vinayak. In water pouring, Yaami got first position, Hargun came second and Hashvi got third position. Thejas won the shuttle run, Kishab came second and Agamveer got third spot.

The bucket race was won by Paarbrahm with Kiyansh as runner-up and Ruhaan came in third position.

In Nursery A, the hurdle race (boys) set 1 was won by Girish Verma, Shivansh Rana came second and Tegansh Singh Sandhu came in third position.

Set 2 was won by Adharv with Nirbhay



Garg and Madhav getting second and third positions respectively. In pyramid-2, Riyan Rooprai came in first place followed by Shivam Sahni and Anirudh at second and third position respectively.

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PC condemns ban on protests by government employees

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SRINAGAR, NOV 5

J&K Peoples Conference (PC) on Sunday condemned the authorities' order banning government employees from participating in demonstrations and strikes.

"PC strongly condemned the recent order issued by the Jammu and Kashmir administration, which restricts government employees from the right to express dissent and engage in peaceful demonstrations", PC Senior Vice President Abdul Gani Vakil said in a statement.

The Jammu and Kashmir authorities issued an order on November 3, prohibiting the Union territory's employees from engaging in demonstrations and strikes, warning of severe consequences if any employee is found participating in such protests. The government move was condemned by several political parties.

Vakil emphasised that the right to disagree with the government and express one's views through peaceful means is a fundamental tenet of democracy. He said that denying government employees in Jammu and Kashmir this fundamental right goes against the democratic principles that our great nation upholds.

"We believe in the proud democratic traditions of our country, where the right to voice concerns and grievances is an essential part of our democratic fabric. This order not only hampers the freedom of expression but also threatens the democratic spirit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir", he added.

Vakil said that the government, instead of creating employment opportunities for the youth, is desperately finding reasons for disengaging those who are already employed.

"This shortsighted approach will only lead to depression, anger, and frustration among the youth, which is detrimental to the well-being of our society", he added. He urged the government to engage in open and constructive dialogues with its employees and citizens to address their concerns rather than suppressing their right to peaceful expression.

Shiv Sena seeks 80% reservation of jobs for local youth in Private Sector, submits memo to LG Sinha

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JAMMU

Shiv Sena (UBT), Jammu and Kashmir unit, has made a stern demand for 80% reservation for local youth in the private sector, with provisions for legal action and financial penalties against non-compliant companies. Simultaneously, the Party demand an immediate increase in wages for protesting ASHA workers and the regularization of daily wagers working in various departments of J&K government. Addressing a press conference at Party's regional office in Jammu today, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir, expressed grave



concerns over the rising unemployment, coupled with the menace of terrorism and narco-terrorism in the region.

Sahni noted that the abrogation of Article 370 had raised hopes for employment generation, significant investments, and the shifting of industrial units to Jammu and Kashmir. However, after

more than four years, there has been little progress at the grassroots level. Unemployment figures have steadily risen, with an unemployment rate of 18.3%, while the national average stands at 8%. Government jobs have become a distant dream, and opportunities in the private sector for local residents are limited.

Sahni conveyed these demands to the honorable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha through an official memorandum.

Sahni has requested Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to implement 80% reservation in the private sector for local residents with strict enforcement and penalties for non-compliant companies. He emphasized that companies failing to comply should face legal action and financial penalties. Additionally, he called for wage parity for ASHA workers compared to their counterparts in other states and the regularization of temporary employees across various departments.

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DPAP Holds Condolence Meet

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JAMMU, 5 NOV

Democratic Progressive Azad Party organised a condolence meet on Sunday in Jammu. The condolence meet was organised to pay tributes to late Sh puran Singh ji R/o Chandigarh-punjab, brother in law of R S Chib General Secretary (org) DPAP who passed away on Saturday. All dpap leaders expressed their condolences and prayed for the peace of the departed soul. Those who are present on condolence meeting are Jugal Kishore Sharma ex Minister & Provincial President Dpap, Anita Thakur Gen secy DPAP, Hiralal state secy dpap, Gharu ram choudary ex minister & president dpap



Jammu zone, Sunita arora state secy.spokesperson dpap, Mswar singh Prov Gen secy, Vishal Chopra print Media incharge J&K, Spokesperson dpap & prov gen secy, Sobat ali prov gen secy & incharge st cell dpap jammu province,

Anoop khajuria provincial secy & office incharge, Ashok bhagat district president rural dpap, Gourav chopra district president jammu urban, Abhishek Kapoor youth leader, RK chibber leader dpap & many others.

Amid surcharged religious fervor, 14th Vishal Chandi Jagran held at Ved Mandir

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 5:

14th Vishal Shree Chandi Mata Jagran was held at Ved Mandir grounds, Amphalla last night with religious fervor and enthusiasm.

Spiritual guru and astrologer, Dr Shiv Parsad Raina, President Ved Mandir Committee Suresh Kumar and President Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha, J&K Parshotam Dadhichi were the special invitees and conducted the ritual of Poojan.

Organized by Shree Chandi Mata Sewa Samiti, Karan Nagar under the aegis of Shree Institute of Education, over 10000 devotees from the entire Jammu city and adjoining areas participated in the jagran and took the blessings of Goddess Chandi Mata.

Suneet Raina, chairman



of Sewa Samiti along with other members of Jagran committee and dignitaries lighted the Akhand Jyoti and performed Aarti Poojan.

The atmosphere of Jagran premises was charged with the devotion and the devotees offered special prayers for peace and harmony of Jammu and Kashmir.

Amid, 'Mata Rani Ke Jaikara' the jagran was commenced with Ganash Vandana by famous singer from Machail Padder Daljeet Singh Rathore fol-

lowed by Mata Chandi ke Bhajans in Dogri, Hindi and Paddri language by Komal Sharma from Himachal Pradesh, Naveen Panjabi of Udhampur), Ravi Kumar of Reasi and Sohith Sufi of Jammu and Zulekha from Bhaderwah. Naveen Punjabi surcharged the atmosphere by reciting over dozen Punjabi and Dogri Bhajans of Shiva and Chandi Mata.

Various music artists from Jammu enthralled the audience with their skills on various instruments. The stage was ably

managed by senior TV artist Parveen Sharma.

Earlier the Shree Chandi Mata Sewa Samiti paid glowing tributes to Desh Raj ji, head pujari of Shri Machail Mata temple, Kishtwar and Jammu's famous singer Surinder Singh Manhas, who died after prolonged illness.

Suneet Kumar Raina, MD Shree Institute and Chairman of the Simiti along with Rohit Gupta of Bushan Radio and Subash Nanda regional head of Kamdhenu provide financial help to the family

of late Surinder Singh Manhas.

Raina reaffirmed the commitment of the Sewa Samiti to help the needy and downtrodden in future too, as it has unleashed social work activities in the past which includes marriage assistance to poor girls, free education to needy students.

Speaking on the occasion, Suneet Kumar Raina said that the management has been organizing Jagran dedicated to Maa Machail for the wellbeing of humanity and to build mutual coexistence.

Suneet also thanked district administration Jammu for making elaborate arrangements of power, water and cleanliness and security at the Jagran venue and surrounding to avoid any inconvenience to the devotees.

CUK's SoE, Heartfulness institute organise prog on 'life and social skills'

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GANDERBAL, NOV 5

The School of Education (SoE), Central University of Kashmir (CUK), in collaboration with the Heartfulness Institute of Hyderabad, conducted a five-day training programme on "life and social skills," at the varsity's Tulmulla campus, from October 30th to November 3rd, 2023.

Inaugurating the event, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravindernath, emphasized the significance of such events for student development and even proposed the possibility of a MoU with the Heartfulness Institute to facilitate student visits. He reiterated the importance of practical programmes like the one organized by Heartfulness Institute. He emphasized that the National Education Policy (NEP)- 2020 places a strong emphasis on stu-



dent mentoring and their holistic development. Prof. A Ravindernath further underscored the value of initiatives aimed at nurturing students' personal and social skills for their overall growth and well-being.

Dean, SoE, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, stressed the relevance of programmes like this in helping students cope with stress and anxiety, and expressed a commitment to extend such initiatives to all four CUK campuses. Faculty members, research scholars, and students attended the inaugural session, which marked the beginning of 15 technical sessions. Throughout the programme,

participants engaged in various activities and discussions on core topics such as connecting, self-awareness, decision-making, time management, and more. Experts from different parts of the country were invited to share their insights on these subjects. The programme featured physical presence from Mr. Chandra Shekhar Patel and Mr. Sathesh Desai, both Heartfulness trainers from the Institute of Hyderabad. The event valediction was held on 3rd of November. The event coordinators, Dr. Dinesh Kumar, K. Nodal Officer NSS, Dr. Shar Ul Nisa Haroon, and Dr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat, played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the programme. Dr. Firdous Ahmad Sofal, Sr Asst Prof, proposed the vote of thanks.

PVS takes out impressive Vishwakarma Shobha Yatra in Jammu

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JAMMU, NOV 5

On the eve of Vishwakarma Pooja Celebrations, Pradesh Vishwakarma Shaba (PVS) J&K organised a huge Shobha Yatra in Jammu on Sunday under the supervision of Shashi Verma, President of the Sabha.

The Shobha Yatra was flagged off by Brigadier (Retd) Vijay Sagar Dhiman, Lakhpat Rai (Retd DC) Chairman, Rattan Lal Chargoitra (Vice-Chairman), Puraan Chargoitra (Vice-Chairman) and Kuldeep Verma (Ex Vice Chairman OBC Development Board).

People from all parts of Jammu province including children and women participate in the Shobha Yatra chanting of 'Jai Vishwakarma' and singing Bhajans on the slow moving trolleys which added religious touch to the environment.

Total of five Jhankies travelled through the city roads passing through Canal Road, Jewel Chowk, Gummat Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Shalamar, Indra Chowk, KC Chowk and returned back in the Vishwakarma Temple Gurha Bakshi



Nagar where Community Langer was also arranged by the Sabha with the active participation of Vishwakarma Sabha unit Shakti Nagar which organised lunch (Preeti Bhoj) for the whole gathering.

Shobha Yatra depicted various scenes of Lord Vishwakarma like making of Trishul for Lord Shiva, Sudershan Chakra for Lord Krishna, making of Golden Lanka for Ravana, making of Ram Setu etc.

Enroute Shobha Yatra various organizations headed by Zorawar Singh of Team Jammu, Radha Gousansta Shakti Nagar, Jammu presented many kinds of fruits and other edible items to devotees.

Rattan Lal Chargoitra, Puraan Chargoitra, R C Angotra (All Former Presi-

dents of PVS) who were present in the Shobha Yatra stated that taking out of Vishwakarma Shobha Yatra, every year is a tradition and PVS is striving to keep it up.

They further added that the response of all sections of society, especially those associated with industry and technical jobs is appreciable.

Shashi Verma, President of the Sabha, told that Vishwakarma Day will be celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety, in each Vishwakarma Temple on November 12, 2023 (Sunday), the day following Diwali.

He reiterated the demand of a Gazetted Holiday on Vishwakarma Day. He explained that a virtual holiday has existed

since long on Vishwakarma Day.

Everyone including industrialists, Saw Mill owners, Brick Kilns, Building Material & Marble dealers, political circles, mechanics, Labour and artists Govt Deptts like PDD, PHE & Mechanical Divisions. Jammu University, Hydrel Projects, observes an undeclared holiday on Vishwakarma Day. Baldev Raj of Nek Hotel, Gummat Jammu congratulated Jammuites on the auspicious occasion and demanded that Vishwakarma Day Holiday be declared by the Govt at the earliest.

Organising team included Vijay Verma (General Secretary), Rakesh Chaloitra (President Shakti Nagar Unit), Joginder Pal (District president), Ravi Verma (ex-president PVS), Charanjeet Bitta (Vice President BSP JSK), Captain Lal Chand, Bhagat Ram from Apni Party, Vinod Jaral, Sham Chargoitra, Jagdish Raj, Rajinder Verma, Advocate Amarjeet Chargoitra, Advocate Ashwani Angotra, Parshotam Chargoitra from Mishriwala, and many other peoples from all walk of life accompanied Shobha Yatra.

Novo Nordisk Education Foundation adds another 'Centre of Excellence' in Jammu with GMC Company celebrates 100 years of 'Driving Change' in diabetes

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 5

Cementing its commitment towards managing Type 1 diabetes (T1D) among children in India, Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF) - a non-government organisation established by Novo Nordisk India - added one more Centre of Excellence (CoE) with Government Medical College, Jammu. NNEF has been supporting sustainable care for people living with T1D through Centres of Excellence in close partnership with state governments and prestigious medical colleges. In this context, NNEF has now developed eight CoEs with various state governments, including this one at Jammu.

As a public-private partnership, this CoE will cater to the immediate need of building capacity and capability to fulfil the unmet needs of people living with T1D in the country. It will provide holistic care through a host of services, including a dedicated dietician for consultation, doctors for regular health check-ups, diabetes monitoring, laboratory tests and efforts to strengthen the overall T1D care ecosystem.

Lauding the development, Vikrant Shrotriy - Managing Trustee, Novo Nordisk Education Foundation said, "We are delighted to inaugurate yet another Centre of Excellence in India. According to a recent study by the Indian Council of Medical Research, India has around 101 million people living with diabetes and another 136



million people in pre-diabetes stages.[1] There are over 8.6 lakh people living with T1D in India, of which 2.8 lakh individuals are below the age of 20 years.[2] It is therefore critical to increase awareness at the grass-root level in India, to help with early diagnosis. We are actively fostering collaborations with government institutions, health authorities and policymakers for better management of diabetes in the country. This collaboration aligns with our vision to improve accessibility through capacity and capability building. We remain committed to fostering healthcare excellence and strengthening the diabetes care system in India."

Dr Ashutosh Gupta - Principal & Dean, Government Medical College,

Jammu expressed his gratitude to NNEF and said, "We would like the people of Jammu to know about this special clinic curated to provide quality care for people living with Type 1 diabetes, and benefit from the integrated care available at the institute. It is a proud moment for us as we work to support this initiative. According to Indian Pediatr 2019, the exact prevalence of T1D in India is not known, however, it is much higher as compared to the western population."

Dr Suman Kotwal - Head of Department, Endocrinology, Government Medical College, Jammu lauded this effort and said, "As a recognised state public health institute, we are glad to collaborate with NNEF and provide improved care for people living with dia-

betes. Despite the severe medical consequences, awareness around Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes continues to be limited in Jammu. With the provision of a holistic care model, we hope to gain improved diagnosis and help people timely initiate their diabetes management journey."

The Centres of Excellence (CoE) are part of NNEF's focused strategic approach towards sustainable care. These public-private partnerships between Novo Nordisk Education Foundation and leading public healthcare institutions across the nation are geared towards re-shaping diabetes care, promoting healthier lives and empowering communities to continue the work towards defeating this life-threatening disease.

Nine-Day Capacity Building Program for Anganwadi workers/helpers of the ICDS, Social Welfare Department in sewing, stitching, and general life skills concludes

J I NEWS SERVICE
LEHI, NOV 5

The conclusion of a transformative Nine-Day capacity-building program for Anganwadi workers/helpers, focusing on sewing, stitching, and general life skills under "Usha Silai School program" Pilot Project in Anganwadi Centres of UT Ladakh.



Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, the Chief Guest, lauded the remarkable progress and achievements of the participants. Tsering Angchuk said that the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the Anganwadi workers through the Nine-Day Capacity Building Program have been remarkable. He further emphasized that the capacity building program is an initial step towards empowerment of the Anganwadi workers and rural women and urged the participants to work towards making this project a successful model of women empowerment. He further added that Anganwadi centers shall aspire to become a hub of Women's Empowerment.

The Guest of Honor, Commissioner Secretary of Technical Education and Skill Development/

Social & Tribal Welfare/ Mission Director of Ladakh Skill Development Mission, Padma Angmo emphasized the importance of skill development in Ladakh's evolving socio-economic landscape. She praised the trainer of Usha International Limited for the remarkable progress shown by the trainees after the 9-day programme. She also lauded that the capacity building program is an initial step towards empowerment of the Anganwadi workers and rural women and urged the participants to work towards making this project a successful model of women empowerment. He further added that Anganwadi centers shall aspire to become a hub of Women's Empowerment.

The Director of the

Social Welfare Department, UT Ladakh Tashi Dolma said that Anganwadi workers shall act as master trainers to further train and offer livelihood opportunities to women in rural villages. This initiative aimed to enhance their abilities and open doors to income-generating opportunities, she added. She advised participants to form a group of women like the self-help groups in their respective community, which can cater to the apparel requirements of the market and Govt. Departments. The Anganwadi workers should regularly continue to practice sewing after performing their primary duties, she added.

The Nine-Day Capacity Building Program focused on imparting sewing, stitching, and essential life skills to Anganwadi workers and helpers, who play

a crucial role in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) of the Social Welfare Department and in their community.

Throughout the program, participants gained hands-on experience in sewing and stitching techniques, and machine repairing, thereby nurturing their creative and entrepreneurial potential. The emphasis on general life skills empowered them to navigate life's challenges more effectively. The successful conclusion of this Nine-Day Capacity Building Program not only celebrates the accomplishments of the participants but also marks a significant step forward in empowering women in the region at the grassroot level. It is a reminder that education and skill development are powerful tools for creating a brighter and more prosperous future for the region.

The capacity-building program was jointly organized by the Ladakh Skill Development Mission, Directorate of Social & Tribal Welfare Ladakh, and Usha International Limited under the "Usha Silai School program" pilot Project in the Anganwadi Centres of UT Ladakh.

Private Schools seek Orientation for New Pedagogy and Student Assessment Scheme 2022



J I NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 5

An impressive function was today organized by the private schools Association of District Kathua in which President of the J & K Private Schools Association Ajay Gupta was the Chief Guest where as Sat Paul Mansotra General Secretary, Sanjeev Luthra, Deepak Handa and Lal Chand Gandotra were the guests of honour. This function was presided over by the K.K. Bakshi and Malhar Singh respectively. This function was organized by Rachpal Singh Newly elected District President Kathua.

This function was attended by more than 154 representatives from urban, rural and pahari area of district Kathua. While speaking all members highlighted their problems which include irresponsible attitude of the government toward the small private schools viz hit and trial method

used by the Fee fixation Committee to fix the fee of small private schools, delay in granting recognition on the basis of affiliation to all such schools whose files were submitted in offline mode before July 2021 etc.

They also said that although government of India has come with the New Education Policy (NEP-2020) but till date none of the agency viz SCERT has organized any kind of orientation programme for the private school teachers to update them in accordance to the new pedagogy and Students Assessment Evaluation Scheme- 2022

President of the J & K Private Schools Association Ajay Gupta while addressing the august gathering said that government at all the labels has failed to establish single window clearance system to facilitate the private schools functioning in the far flung areas of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. The

matter regarding training for the private school teachers was brought in the notice of concerned officials but till date no one had paid any heed to the genuine demands of small schools which are being run by the educated unemployed youth with their own efforts and resources.

All speakers along with representatives appealed to the Honourable Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha to intervene to settle the genuine grievances of small private schools owners who are rendering yeomen services voluntarily not in cities but also in the remotest corner of J&K.

Members who attended this function included Naresh Kumar, Lavanya Khullar, Vivek Mehra, Subash Kerni, Mala Sharma, Ramparkash, Chain Singh, Gourav Charak, Vishal Singh, shabir Malik etc.

NC holds motorcycle rally in Srinagar on adverse effects of drug menace

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SRINAGAR, NOV 5

J&K National Conference (NC) on Sunday organised a motorcycle rally in Srinagar to educate the people about the adverse effects of the drug menace in society.

The motorcycle rally led by NC spokesman Tanveer Sadiq was taken out from Bagh Ali Mardan Khan to Naseem Bagh near the mausoleum of party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in downtown Srinagar after passing through several areas.

The main motive of the rally was to bring awareness among the people about the adverse effects of using drugs and its consequences on society as a whole.

Talking to media persons, NC spokesperson Sadiq said that the party has recently constituted a committee "WADA" which has also presented a report about the drug menace in the Kashmir valley.

He said about 13 lakh people are presently affected by the drug menace in the Kashmir valley and 90 percent of them are using Heroin which could lead them to destruction.

He said the drugs have now reached almost every household and there is a need for every citizen to play a role to the society of the menace.

Police arrests a man impersonating as CBI officer

J I NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOV 5

Police in Baramulla have arrested a man who was impersonating as a CBI Officer and recovered household items and fake ID cards from his possession.

Police Station Kunzer received a written complaint from Farooq Ahmad Wani of Wassun Bangil, highlighted a sequence of events involving a group of individuals namely Javeed Ahmed Rather, Anjuman Afreen, Aaqib Ahmad Wani and Raifeeq Ahmad Wani. Further the complainant said that Javeed

Ahmed Rather presented himself as a CBI officer to the complainant, brandishing a falsified CBI identification card and assured the complainant of securing a placement for their child at the NDA. As the situation unfolded, the accused individuals resorted to theft, absconding with various household items, including a geyser, bedsheet, inverter, CCTV camera, LCD, and other valuables from the complainant's residence. Furthermore, the complainant was allegedly



defrauded of a substantial sum amounting to 40 Lac rupees. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kunzer and investigation was started. Prompt action by the police team of Police Station Kunzer led to the arrest of the accused

Community members are requested not to fall prey in the hands of such fraudulent people and share such information with Police. Our consistent action against anti-social elements shall assure community members that Police has resolved to act tough against such inimical elements.

>> UT bags bronze in Volleyball

J&K's Football team creates history; emerges champion, wins gold in 67th National School Games

Immensely talented J&K youth made us proud: Sarmad Hafeez



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Creating history, Jammu and Kashmir Football team emerged champion in the prestigious 67th National School Games (NSG), thus won gold medal while Volleyball team of Jammu and Kashmir bagged third place and clinched bronze medal in these games which concluded with historic moments in a spectacular atmosphere under the radiant floodlights of TRC Synthetic Turf, with a spectacular awards ceremony, where a display of fireworks illuminated the night sky.

Displaying extraordinary soccer skills and exceptional motor ability,

young J&K Footballers got the better of the formidable CISCE team in a tough contest by a solitary goal (1-0). For his superb performance, J&K's Aditya Mahajan was adjudged as the man of the match, while for his consistent brilliance, Owais Ayoub was declared as the player of the tournament.

Earlier, in the semifinals at Polo Ground, J&K prevailed over customary strong Kerala in a thriller via penalty shootouts by (7-6).

In another exciting semifinal, CISCE defeated Rajasthan at Green Valley Institute Ground.

Rajasthan and Kerala locked horns against each other in the match for the third place (hardliner),

wherein Kerala showed composure, promise and resilience to emerge victorious to claim bronze medal.

Meanwhile, in Volleyball after suffering a setback in the semifinals against Uttar Pradesh, J&K team displayed exceptional spiking, smashing and lifting skills against West Bengal in the hardliner, overcoming two straight set losses to win bronze.

In the Volleyball finals, UP trounced Rajasthan in an exciting contest to emerge victorious and lift the trophy. Mohd Salman was named as the man of the match, while Kunal Das was adjudged as the player of the tournament for his brilliance.

Meanwhile, in his con-

gratulatory message to the Team, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to Government Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K has stated that J&K youth was immensely talented and their charismatic efforts have made the sports fraternity feel proud.

"The hard work and dedication of the entire team of officials have been truly inspiring," maintained Mr Sarmad.

Director YSS J&K, Subash Chander Chibber in his message has accredited the success of J&K Football and Volleyball teams to the sheer-dint of hardwork by the players and officials, coupled with professionalism and fair selection.

With his dynamism and energy, the Joint Director YSS Kashmir, Waseem Raja emerged as the role model not only for the organisers but for the entire team of officials and players drawn from across the country.

The Deputy Director YSS (Central) Jatinder Mishra, Joint Director YSS Jammu, Suram Chand Sharma, DYSSOs of various districts and other officers and officials have left no stone unturned in making the event a grand success.

>> Vanshaj, Archit emerge standout bowlers

J&K batters at butchering best against poor Arunachal bowlers

Shivansh, Junaid slam cracking tons; Samad scores thunderous fifty



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J&K's batting quartet of skipper Shivansh Sharma, promising Qazi Junaid Masood, explosive Abdul Samad and talented Musaif Ajaz were at their murderous best against hapless Arunachal Pradesh bowlers and alongwith gutsy Kawal Preet Singh helped their team to score a massive total of 406 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, thus enabling their bowlers to make merry resulting into a huge victory by a huge margin of 317 runs over Arunachal Pradesh in Group-A match of U-23 Men's State-A Trophy at Alur Cricket Stadium, Bangalore today.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, J&K rode on a big opening partnership of 227 runs between Qazi Junaid and Shivansh Sharma to pile up a massive total.

Shivansh scored masterful 131 runs off 115 balls, studded with 10 fours and 4 sixes, while Junaid hit brilliant 108 runs off 94 balls including 12 fours and 3 sixes. Musaif Ajaz contributed brisk 48 runs off 32 balls with 5 fours and one six, while dangerous Abdul Samad hit 51 off just 19 balls with 6 massive sixes and a boundary. Gritty Kawal Preet Singh contributed valuable unbeaten 37 runs off 33 balls, while Yawer Hassan chipped in with quick-fire

15 off 7 balls with six and a boundary.

For Arunachal Pradesh, Mibom Mosu took 3 wickets by conceding 104 runs in his 10 overs, while Shuhel Ansari bagged 2 wickets by giving away 78 runs in 9 overs. Dol also claimed one wicket.

In reply, Arunachal Pradesh bundled out for a paltry total of 79 runs, thus J&K won the match by a huge total of 317 runs. Prince Yadav top scored with 31 runs while Shuhel Ansari contributed 15 runs to the total.

For J&K, Vanshaj Sharma and Archit Mahajan captured 3 wickets each, while Basit Bashir bagged 2 wickets. Vishal Kumar and Mani Jasrotia

claimed one wicket each.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Sarabjeet Singh as Head Coach, Kavaljeet Singh as Batting Coach, Sameer Ali as Bowling Coach, Rakesh Koul as Manager, Ajay Batti as Co-Manager, Guru Pratap Singh as Strength & Conditioning Coach, Dr Haseeb ur Rehman as Physio and Arun Kumar as Masseur.

Meanwhile, Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs congratulated the team for this brilliant victory.

>> BCCI's U-19 Women's T20 Trophy

Ananaya, Manya fashion J&K's emphatic victory over Manipur



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Skipper and bowling all-rounder, Ananaya Sharma and promising batting all-rounder Manya Banotra powered Jammu and Kashmir to a resounding 8-wicket victory over Manipur in the ongoing BCCI's U-19 Women's T20 Trophy at Gokul Bhai Soma Bhai Patel Stadium, here today.

Chasing a modest total of 85 runs, J&K rode on a brilliant innings of unbeaten 34 runs by Manya Banotra and surpassed it in 15.2 overs, the losing 2 wickets in the process, thus won by 8 wickets. Manya scored

34 off 37 balls, studded with 5 boundaries while Ananaya Sharma remained unconquered on 10 runs off 11 balls with one boundary. Openers Afreen (17) and Shambhavi (9) also contributed to the team's success.

Earlier, batting first, Manipur managed to score a modest total of 84 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Taniya Ninghujam top scored with 34 runs off 50 balls, studded with 5 boundaries, while L Prena and Teresa contributed 18 runs each.

For J&K, skipper Ananaya Sharma was the wrecker-in-chief, who took 3 wickets by conceding just 4 runs in her

4 overs, while Ananya Dogra and Tehseena Nisar claimed one wicket each.

The Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations JKCA and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA congratulated the team for this big win.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Ravi Dogra and Neha Slathia as the Managers; Huwaid Hamid and Jyoti Bala as the Coaches; Rohit Rana as the Trainer; Sheikh Suhail as Video Analyst and Rashmi Satiolia as the Team Physio.

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, NOV 5

Virat Kohli slammed a record 49th ton on his 35th birthday as Indian cricketers continued their fairy-tale World Cup show with a clinical 243-run decimation of a hapless South Africa in a top-of-the-table clash here on Sunday.

After their batters put up a daunting 326/5 before a capacity crowd at the iconic Eden Gardens, the host bowlers followed up by skitting out the Proteas for a pathetic 83 within 28 overs as India stretched their all-conquering run to eight games in the tournament so far.

An attacking start from Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill was supplemented by a brilliant ton from Kohli and an attacking fifty from Shreyas Iyer. Riding on some late blows from Suryakumar Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja, India finished with a 300-plus total.

On the field, South Africa showed good fight, plugging the flow of runs in the middle overs, but India were helped by a bright start and a strong finish.

With his 49th hundred, Kohli has now joined the legendary Sachin Tendulkar as the joint-highest century-makers in ODIs

Taking over from the willowers, Indian bowlers struck immediately with the new ball, accounting for South Africa's top-order in the first Powerplay.

Ravindra Jadeja (5/33) took centre stage thereafter, picking regular wickets to derail the Proteas effort. Mohammed Siraj struck for India early on, when



he got Quinton de Kock played on in the very second over. The batter had just completed 1000 runs in Cricket World Cup, of the previous ball.

India pacers further upped the pressure by stringing together a series of dot balls. Understanding the amount of turn available in the wicket, Rohit Sharma employed Ravindra Jadeja early in the innings. The move brought immediate dividends, as Jadeja cleaned the stumps of Temba Bavuma.

And Mohammed Shami finished the Powerplay with yet another wicket, getting Aiden Markram (9) to nick one behind the wicket.

Disciplined bowling ensured India struck at regular intervals. Jadeja and Shami benefitted from sharp reviews that were

taken on their behalf by Rohit.

When Jadeja cleaned up David Miller for 11, the South Africa chase was all but over. They were eventually bowled out in the 28th over.

Earlier, Indian batters were among the boundaries from the very first over, hitting eight fours in the first four overs. Rohit hit five of these boundaries.

He added another four and two beautiful sixes in the very next over, off Lungi Ngidi to lift India even further.

But the skipper's aggressive takedown of the South Africa bowling lineup was eventually brought to an end in the sixth over. Rohit tried to take on Kagiso Rabada but was brilliantly caught by his opposite number, Temba Bavuma.

However, the run flow didn't stop as Virat Kohli,

celebrating his 35th birthday, came to the crease and continued going for his shots.

It took Keshav Maharaj's excellence to dismiss Shubman Gill. He delivered a beauty which made Gill go towards the on-side and then beat his bat to trim the off-stump.

As the South African spinners started making better use of the wicket, the scoring opportunities for the Indian batters were reduced. From Gill's wicket up until the 25-over mark, Kohli and Iyer scored only three more boundaries.

The shackles were broken in the 28th over when Iyer hit Tabraiz Shamsi for a towering six. A set of boundaries flew from his bat as India upped their rate to over six an over.

Kohli too picked pace,

and India looked set for a total in excess of 300. However, Iyer's dismissal in the 37th over slowed down India's scoring rate.

The teams were tangled in a closely fought battle in the death overs, even as India tried to lift the scoring rate at the back of some attacking stroke-play from Suryakumar Yadav (22 from 13), while South Africa tried to pull things back with some tidy work in the field.

Big blows from Ravindra Jadeja helped India to 326/5, even as Kohli finished at 101 not out.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma won the toss and opted to bat first in Kolkata. Temba Bavuma too wanted to bat first. There was only one change in the South Africa setup, with Tabraiz Shamsi coming in for Gerald Coetzee.

Riyansh wins twin medals in Speed Skating

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District Level speed skating Competition held on November 2 and 3 at MA Stadium Jammu. During the competition Riyansh Mahajan won one gold, and one silver and medals.

The event was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Roller Skating Association.

Prize distribution



function was held on Sunday evening at Peer Kho Stadium. Former Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta was the chief guest on the occasion. He distributed medals among winners.

The proud winner Riyansh Mahajan won one Gold medal in 500 meters Race and Silver Medal in 1000 meter race in 5 to 7 years age boys race.