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## LG Sinha, Maharashtra CM unveils statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji

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KUPWARA, NOV 7

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha along with Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde and Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Shri Sudhir Mungantiwar unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Kupwara, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the 'Amhi Punekar' and 41 Rashtriya Rifles of Indian Army for historic initiative.

He said the statue of Great Shivaji will be a source of inspiration for people and the bravehearts of the army.

Paying homage to the great warrior and  
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## Naxalites and Terrorists get emboldened whenever Congress comes to power: PM

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SURAJPUR, NOV 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at the Congress for failing to contain Naxalism in Chhattisgarh and said whenever the party comes to power at the Centre, Naxalites and terrorists get emboldened.

Addressing a rally in Surajpur district of Chhattisgarh, Modi also targeted Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel over the alleged Mahadev betting app scam with the slogan "30 take kakka, khule aam satta" (30 per cent commission government, openly operating betting).

Baghel is popularly called 'Kaka' (uncle) in



the state.

Voting was underway on Tuesday for the first phase of polls in the state in 20 out of the total 90 assembly seats.

Modi said for the Congress, adivasis (tribals) have no existence in the country and it left them

to their fate.

"Whenever the Congress comes to power in the country, terrorists and Naxalites get emboldened. News of bomb blasts and murders are reported from here and there. Wherever the Congress is in power, the

rule of crime and loot prevails there," he said.

The Congress government has failed to contain incidents of Naxal violence (in Chhattisgarh), the PM said.

"In the recent period, our (BJP) party workers were snatched from us. A few days ago, our colleague (party leader) was shot dead...do you want to live under the shadow of bombs and guns? No matter how much money you have, if your son doesn't return home in the evening and his body reaches, then what is the need of that money," he said.

Therefore, security is important for everyone and it is

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## Vidhi Kumar Birdi is new IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar ADGP Law and Order J&K

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SRINAGAR, NOV 7

Jammu and Kashmir Home Department on Tuesday ordered transfer and posting of two senior IPS officers with Vidhi Kumar Birdi posted as new Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone.

According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar has been transferred and posted as ADGP Law and Order J&K. "Vijay Kumar, IPS (AGMUT: 1997), ADGP Kashmir, is transferred and posted as



ADGP (Law & Order), J&K. A post in the rank of ADGP viz. ADGP (Law & Order), J&K, is temporarily added to the J&K Segment of AGMUT Cadre, in terms of 2nd proviso to sub-rule (2) of Rule

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## CS interacts with visiting officers and PRIs, emphasizes saturation of self-employment schemes

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In connection with the fifth phase of the Back to Village program, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, today held an interaction with visiting Prabhari Officers, PRI members, field officers of the line departments and common masses to assess the participation, outreach and feedback regarding various flagship programmes of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

During the interaction, the Chief Secretary enquired about the qual-



ity of works implemented under various schemes, including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Mission Youth, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Amrit Sarovar, Swachh Bharat Mis-

sion, self-employment schemes, etc. Dr. Mehta also sought public review of various services at the Panchayat-level such as the quality of education, status of cleanliness, progress under NashaMukt J&K and quality of water supply under JJM.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Prabhari Officers (POs) to lay special focus on raising awareness on 137 deliverables points that are being prioritized during B2V5 and ensure follow-up actions on the raised demands, besides

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## Traffic halt on Sgr-Jmu highway today for construction work

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JAMMU, NOV 7

Traffic movement on the Jammu Srinagar National Highway will remain suspended tomorrow for launching the girders at Nashri Viaduct.

As per traffic officials, Vehicular movement on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) will remain suspended between Nashri and NAVYUG Tunnel on 08-11-2023 (Wednesday) from 0000 hrs to 0400 hrs.

"No vehicle shall be allowed after 2100 hrs from Qazigund towards Jammu and 2200 hrs from Udhampur towards Srinagar in view of launch-



ing of girders at Nashri viaduct to ensure the safety of general populace/travellers/drivers", he said.

Meanwhile, an order has been issued by District Magistrate Ramban which reads, "Based on the recommendations by Sr.

Superintendent of Police, Traffic, NHWS, Ramban and the Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ramban, vide above-quoted references and in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the general

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## Lion couple from Gujrat to reach Jambu Zoo on November 8

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JAMMU, NOV 7

A pair of Asiatic lions, a male and female adult individuals aged 3.7 and 2.7 year, is slated to reach Jambu Zoo on Wednesday, November 8.

The Department of Wildlife Protection informed that the lion pair is being brought to the UT on the direction of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The Asiatic Lion pair, being brought from Gujarat, is an endangered species as per the IUCN. At



present, Asiatic Lion wild population is confined only to the state of Gujarat which has donated one pair of Lion to Jambu Zoo. The pair will be housed

in a dedicated Lion enclosure having a space of more than 5500 square meter as per the CZA norms with heating and

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## Camera traps spot snow Leopards outside Kishtwar national park

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At least three camera traps have confirmed the presence of snow leopards outside the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior official of wildlife protection department said on Tuesday.

The development can ensure proper conservation of the endangered species.

The presence of snow



leopards was observed in three camera traps set up in the upper reaches of Padder, wildlife warden (Chenab Division) Majid Bashir said.

In May, research teams of the department confirmed the presence of snow leopards in the Kishtwar national park through camera trap photographs.

Bashir said a total of 48 camera traps were installed in Padder, Gandhari and Machail with

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## PMLA Case | Former J&K Minister Lal Singh's anticipatory bail plea dismissed

AGENCIES  
JAMMU, NOV 7

An anti-corruption court in Jammu on Tuesday dismissed the anticipatory bail application of former minister Lal Singh who is being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife Kanta Andotra.

However, Andotra and her daughter Kranti Singh got a relief as their interim anticipatory bail was extended till November 30 with a directive to cooper-

ate with the investigation agency without any fail.

Special judge Bala Jyoti passed three separate orders after hearing the arguments put forth by special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria, appearing for the ED, and advocate Rajesh Kotwal for the applicants.

Singh, his wife and daughter have moved separate applications in the court on November 1 seeking pre-arrest bail for the alleged commission of offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The court granted

them interim bail and sought a detailed response from the ED.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party, was questioned by the ED on Saturday and Monday.

Last month, the Enforcement Directorate had conducted searches in Jammu and its adjoining areas as part of the money laundering probe against the educational trust of Andotra and a former government official in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust.

The federal agency had raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's Pathankot on October 17 in the case against RB Educational Trust, its chairperson and Ravinder S, a former revenue official.

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation of the ceiling limit

of 100 standard kanals imposed under Section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, thereby giving undue pecuniary advantage to trust.

Based on this, the trust acquired multiple pieces of land of about 329 kanals vide three gift deeds executed on January 5 and January 7, 2011, the CBI charge sheet claimed.

Agreeing with the arguments of SPP Khujuria, the judge said, "Having heard and regard to the nature of allegations and gravity of the accusation and stage of

investigation, to my mind the investigating agency must be given sufficient time in conducting an analyzed and effective investigation." "Thus in view of the above, said applicant/petitioner (Lal Singh) is no more entitled to concession of bail at this stage as the same would hamper the ongoing investigation. It must be reminded that pre-arrest bail was granted to the applicant for a limited period on certain conditions including extension of co-operation to the investigating agency," the 10-page order read.

The court said the PMLA gives unfettered powers to the ED for search, seizure and investigation as "evil of money laundering is a curse and has its diverse impact on the society and its citizens. Money laundering is a serious threat not only to the financial system of our country but also to the global economy at large which is required to be dealt sternly." Dismissing the bail application of the former minister, the judge said the allegations being grave and serious in nature against the petitioner, this court is

not inclined to grant privilege of bail which stands rejected being devoid of any legal force at this stage.

With regard to the application moved by Andotra, a former legislator, the court said the petitioner already is on absolute bail in the CBI charge sheet which is the fountainhead of the predicate offence.

"Besides PMLA terms can be eased for illness and for women...the (interim) bail is extended till November 30 as investigation is still going on and petitioner is directed to

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## DC Rajouri reviews quality, impact of ICDS services on health of young beneficiaries

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 7

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today presided over a crucial meeting to assess the quality of health and other services being provided by Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to beneficiaries aged 0 to 6 years and the impact on their health and wellbeing. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal meticulously assessed a range of critical parameters through the Poshan Tracker app. These parameters encompass Aadhaar verification of ICDS beneficiaries, measurement efficiency, home visits, distribution of take-home ration, provision of hot cooked meals, online activation of Anganwadi centers, execution of community-based events and the organization of Village



Health and Nutrition Days. Earlier, the PO ICDS underscored the significant scope of the operation, highlighting that there are seven projects and 1672 Anganwadi centers functioning in the region. An exceptional achievement highlighted during the meeting was the substantial progress in Aadhaar verification, with an impressive 99.27 percent of 41,306 beneficiaries already verified. Vikas Kundal emphasized the vital task of measuring ICDS beneficiaries across various health parameters to address malnutrition issues. He

stressed the importance of achieving a 100 percent measurement of ICDS beneficiaries, leaving no child behind in our pursuit of their well-being. The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal also evaluated the activities carried out by the RBSK team in Anganwadi centers, ensuring a comprehensive approach to child health and well-being, ultimately aiming to improve overall child health outcomes in the district. This comprehensive review highlights the commitment of the Rajouri administration to ensure the holistic development

of children in the region. In conclusion, this meeting signifies a significant milestone in the mission to secure the health and nutrition of children of Rajouri district, reaffirming the dedication of the administration to the ambitious goal of measuring 100 percent of ICDS beneficiaries. The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Project Officer of ICDS, Shoket Mehmod Malik; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rajinder Sharma; Child Development Project Officers and Block Medical Officers.

## B2V5 program: Doda Admin conducts training for Prabhari Officers

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOVEMBER 7

Doda Administration is all set to begin Vth edition of Back to Village (B2V) in the district- the flagship public outreach programme, for which a virtual training of the Prabhari Officers was held today, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh. Pran Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner, along with CPO Suresh Kumar, ACD Doda Phulail Singh, ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji, and other master trainers, imparted necessary instructions and directions to the Prabhari Officers, for better coordination and success of the programme. The Prabhari Officers were asked to review the implementation of previous and current year



deliverables in the panchayats, prepare next year Gram Panchayat Development Programme, focus on improving e-services penetration, and impart general awareness of the government schemes. They have been impressed upon to identify beneficiaries, especially youth and women, for availing skill development and self-employment schemes. Day wise activities were discussed in detail, and officers have been asked to take extra effort in making the programme a grand success. The Back to Village (B2V) Programme is a flagship public outreach, participation, and feedback programme of the UT Government. During the programme, the Prabhari Officers visit their respec-

tive panchayats, stay there for a specific period to interact and obtain feedback from the grass-roots so as to tailor Government efforts in improving the delivery of village-specific services. The B2V Programme is aimed at involving the people and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas. The previous 4 editions of the B2V programme 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.

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## GDC Ramgarh organizes awareness program on Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali

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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 7

Government Degree College Ramgarh on Tuesday organized awareness program on Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali to mark the celebrations of Clean and Eco-friendly Diwali. The event was organized by Eco-Club of the College under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, principal of the College. Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra in her address said that participation to make this Diwali a Single Use Plastic and Pollution Free Event should be strictly followed by all the citizens and urged the students for strict compliance to make the campaign a success. The campaign aims at invoking the cultural significance of Diwali coupled with the journey of Swachh Bharat.

## Winter preparedness reviewed at Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 7

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a meeting of officers to review the winter preparedness of line departments for winters in the district. During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held regarding availability of snow clearance machines, establishing of Joint Control Room and action plans prepared by the concerned departments to prevent interruption of essential services during inclement weather. The DDC impressed upon the officers to remain available at headquarters for prompt response to the public grievances and for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations in the district. The Executive Engineers of PMGSY, R&B and Beacon briefed the DDC



about the action plan and availability of snow clearance machines in the district. While reviewing the preparation of PDD, the Executive Engineer informed that sufficient buffer stock of transformers, insulators and Conductors are available in the district. The DDC directed him to ensure sufficient stock of transformers is kept available at Kangan also. It was also directed that the joint control rooms should be activated under the supervision of ADC Ganderbal at district headquarters with adequate manpower to cater to the

needs of the general public especially during snowing days. Regarding preparation of FCS&CA, the AD informed that storage of essential commodities in higher reaches of the district will be done in identified granaries for four months which will be distributed to the consumers accordingly. The DDC directed for ensuring that snow clearance machines are positioned at all critical spots and that these are pressed into service as soon as snow starts to accumulate prioritizing roads leading to all important installations across the district

including Hospitals. The DDC sought inter-departmental coordination for effective response for any eventuality in the approaching winter season and exhorted that the reaction time should be prompt and the snow clearance plan besides the restoration of affected services should be effectively implemented. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad, ASP, CPO, SE, R&B; CEO SDA, SDM Kangan, Executive Engineers of various Engineering wings, CMO and other district and sectoral officers.

## DLSA Samba launches Legal Awareness & Outreach programme

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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 7

District Legal Services Authority, Samba today kick-started Legal Awareness and Outreach programme in District Samba on the eve of celebration of Legal Services Week and to commemorate the Legal Services Day, to be observed on 9th of November. The Awareness and Outreach programmes will be carried out by DLSA Samba from 7th of November to 11th of November, 2023. The Legal Awareness and Outreach program started today by flagging off Mobile Van to spread awareness and also to reach to every person in District Samba. The awareness van was flagged off by Yesh Pal Kotwal, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba in the presence of Preet Simran Grover,

Chief Judicial Magistrate Samba, Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary DLSA Samba, Ananta Raina, Addl. District Mobile Magistrate Samba, Himani Parihar, Munsiff Samba, Urvashi Raina, Addl. Munsiff Samba, Officers of Prosecution Wing, Samba, President and other members of Bar Association, Samba, Panel Advocates, Staff of District Courts Samba and DLSA Samba as well as PLVs of DLSA Samba. In his address, the Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba spoke about the history behind the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987. He also highlighted the working of Legal Services functionaries i.e NALSA, Supreme Court Legal Services Committees, State Legal Services Authorities, High Court Legal Services Committees, District Legal Services Authorities

and Tehsil Legal Services Committees under this Act and how an entitled beneficiary under section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 can approach the office of DLSA Samba for free legal aid and assistance. The Mobile Van will remain stationed in the interior areas of Samba, Rakh, Amb, Tali, Rehian, Mawa, Pandour, Rajpura, Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Samba, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Rajpura and other remote and far flung areas of District Samba. The purpose of the legal awareness and outreach programme is to educate the general public on their legal rights, entitlements and remedies as provided by the Indian Constitution and other welfare laws.

## Saffron harvesting season: Div Com Kashmir visits IIKSTC, reviews it's functioning

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 7

In view of saffron harvesting season, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a crucial meeting to review the functioning of India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IIKSTC) and take stock of other important issues at the IIKSTC, Pampore. This meeting witnessed the attendance of key officials and stakeholders, including Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom; Director Horticulture Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing J&K, Chief Engineer MED and District officers. Saffron farmers from the region also actively participated, further highlighting the importance of



their insights and experiences in the industry's growth. The meeting threadbare discussed the progress and achievements of the National Mission on Saffron and the initiatives taken to enhance saffron production, while simultaneously addressing the concerns of saffron growers in the area. Director Agriculture, Kashmir presented a comprehensive review of the National Mission on Saffron, highlighting its significant role in improving saffron quality and increasing both vertical and horizon-

tal productivity. During the discussion, important facets highlighted by saffron growers in Pampore were thoroughly examined. The Div Com actively engaged with the farmers, lending a sympathetic ear to their suggestions. While discussing the Mission, the Div Com directed the officers to immediately take over the completed assets and submit a detailed report on further course of action to complete all the components as envisaged in the Mission. Additionally, a strong focus was placed on the

Operational and Maintenance systems, calling for a robust community involvement and ownership through Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO). Agriculture and MED were directed to impart necessary training to empower and enable community ownership through Farmers Collectives. Director Agriculture informed that the Saffron Park is fully equipped for value addition and quality control to ensure best returns on produce. Later, the Div Com also conducted field visits including the Saffron Research Station of SKUAST at Dusso Pampore. The meeting underscored the commitment of the Government to the welfare and growth of the saffron industry, aiming to ensure better prospects and livelihoods for saffron growers in the region.

## Kathua gears up for Back to Village-5 program DC reviews preparation for flagship public outreach event

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 7

District Development Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas, today chaired a review meeting regarding the preparations made by the district administration for Back to Village-5 program scheduled from Nov 8 to November 10 in the district. It was given out in the meeting that the programme will be held across 257 Panchayats in two phases from 8th to 10th November 2023. Under Phase-I, from 08-09 November 2023, 150 Panchayats of Block Mandli (10), Nagrota Gujroo (17), Dinga Amb (09), Barnoti (31), Marheen (22), Hiranagar (14), Nagri (12), Kathua (18) and Keerian Gandyal (17) will be covered. Phase-II of the B2V5



will be held from 09-10 November 2023 in 157 panchayats of Block Bani (17), Basohli (08), Bhoond (10), Mahanpur (

15), Dhar Mahanpur (06), Billawar (14), Lohai Malhar (09), Baggan (07), Duggain (09) and Duggan (12). Discussing different facets of

the programme, the DC briefed about the activities which are to be undertaken by the Visiting (Parbhari) Officer during the visit to the allotted Panchayat. He further asked the district and sectoral officers to ensure representation of all line departments during the proceedings of Special Gram Sabhas to be presided over by the Visiting Officers. Meanwhile, a sensitization program for designated officers was also organised in which they were acquainted with their role and duties during their visit to the villages.

## Diwali arrangements discussed at Kathua

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 7

Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Ranjit Singh today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrange-

ments for the Diwali festival. The ADC directed the PHE and PDD department to ensure round the clock electricity and drinking water supply in view of the Diwali festival. ADC asked the Fire and Emergency Services Department to keep the fire tenders available to meet any eventuality. He further said that crackers can only be sold at Ramleela Ground Kathua in MC Kathua besides

the other designated areas identified by the concerned MCs. The ADC directed concerned departments to keep a check on the quality and rates of eatables, sanitation, and encroachment in marketplaces and other busy places in the town. The ADC also directed the concerned teams to keep a check on the adulterated and synthetic milk products. He called for

immediate seizure of adulterated sweets and other eatables and book such erring traders. The Legal Metrology Department was directed to keep a check on the weight and measure instruments, especially during the festival season. He also passed instructions to the police and traffic department to put in place effective mechanisms to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and security of important installations.

The ADC directed executing officers of municipalities to maintain cleanliness and take measures to avoid any congestion due to fruit and other vendors in the town markets besides pre-Diwali and post Diwali cleanliness drives in the town areas. On the occasion, SSP Kathua informed the meeting that adequate police personnel are being deputed at all important installations besides covering crowded areas.



## IRCS starts health, hygiene program for girl students, free tea services for GMC patients, other welfare initiatives

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 7

In continuation to its public welfare endeavors, the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT has taken the first of its kind initiative by adopting female students of 9th and 10th class of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu by providing Sanitary Napkins and offered Menstrual Hygiene lecture to them and this initiative will continue in other schools as well.

These efforts can help to ensure that girls have access to the necessary resources to manage their menstrual health with dignity and comfort. Menstrual hygiene education is also crucial in dispelling myths and promoting a better understanding of menstruation, reducing stigma, and fostering a supportive environment for girls and women.

The camp was inaugurated by Poonam Sharma, the Principal of the School.

The lectures were deliv-

ered by Dr. Kavita Nijohn and Dr. Aasia Noor, Medical Officers. In the end, Poonam Sharma thanked the team of Red Cross and said that this kind of initiative can have a positive impact on the lives of adopted girls and promote their overall well-being and confidence. It is important to continue such efforts to empower girls and women in their journey towards a healthy and hygienic Menstrual Cycle.

The camp was coordinated by Vironica Marwah, Field Officer, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT.

Meanwhile the IRCS has started Free Tea Services. As the winter season has begun, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT has started an initiative to provide free tea service outside the Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for the patients and their attendants admitted there. The move is widely appreciated by the people.

Youth and Volunteer Programmes:- A substantial portion of the membership

of Indian Red Cross Society is made up of young people. Young volunteers can make a significant contribution to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable section of the society within their local communities through Red Cross youth Programmes. Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT took an initiative to establish Red Cross Youth Units in every college of J&K. The main objective of this initiative is to conduct social and health awareness programmes and to encourage the youth to extend their humanitarian services to the society during peace time as well as any man made or natural disaster. A camp was organized in Government Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu.

Today, a camp was held on MAM College campus which was inaugurated by Dr. Sanjay Karlupia, the College Principal in presence of Dr. Aasia Noor, Medical Officer, Kanchan Devi, Sup Pharmacist and Vironica Marwah, Field Officer,

IRCS, J&K-UT. In the first half of the session, the students were apprised about the benefits of Youth Red Cross, how different programs and activities can be organised by the youth so that the leadership qualities among the students can be inculcated. The students were briefed about First aid and how it can be useful to them in their daily life. Later on, the students were also made aware of Youth Red Cross Membership and forms were also distributed among the students to become members of IRCS, J&K-UT. Besides the students, some professors also took interest in the said programme.

In the end, Dr. Sanjay Karlupia thanked the team of Red Cross for organizing such a knowledgeable session and made sure that more and more students of his college will be registered under the Youth Red Cross programme and serve the society voluntarily. The programme ended on a fruitful note.

First-Aid training:- The

IRCS offers first aid training courses to individuals and organizations, helping people acquire essential life-saving skills. Four days First-Aid Training Programme for the employees of M/S RVS iGlobal at RVS iGlobal- RVS Informatics IT Private Ltd. Narwal Bye Pass Jammu. During the various sessions, Dr. Kavita Nijohn Verma and Dr. Aasia Noor, Medical Officers, from IRCS elaborated on Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with first hand practical learning sessions, methods of handed fractures, rescue and transportation of patient and use of local resources during disaster along with practical field activities. Kanchan Devi, Sup. Pharmacist, Nazia Bano, FMPHW, Kuldip Bhat, Ophthalmologist, Mustaq Ahmed, Sup. Lab Technician attended the said camp. The camp included Immunization of general health assessments, vital sign measurements, eye examination and consultations to address common health concerns like sanitation, personal hygiene etc. The main focus of the camp was on the Dengue Rapid Test. Afterwards, free spectacles were also distributed to needy children by Rohit Khajuria, IRCS, J&K-UT.

an effort to provide essential healthcare services to those in need, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT has organized a comprehensive Medical Check-up, Immunization, Eye Check-up and Dengue Testing Camp in slum area of Roop Nagar, Maratha Colony Trikuta Nagar, Jammu in which 160 children and adults were examined. A team of Red Cross including Dr. Kavita Nijohn Verma, Medical Officer, Ravi Kant Magotra, Supervisor Pharmacist, Nazia Bano, FMPHW, Kuldip Bhat, Ophthalmologist, Mustaq Ahmed, Sup. Lab Technician attended the said camp. The camp included Immunization of general health assessments, vital sign measurements, eye examination and consultations to address common health concerns like sanitation, personal hygiene etc. The main focus of the camp was on the Dengue Rapid Test. Afterwards, free spectacles were also distributed to needy children by Rohit Khajuria, IRCS, J&K-UT.

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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 7

Department of Environmental Sciences of Government Degree College Vijaypur organizes students visit to the Kandhari Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Unit II, Phase III Samba under the aegis of Atam Nirbhar Bharat, Skill India & Make in India. The visit/workshop was aimed at making students aware of various pollution control devices installed in the industries and working of ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant).

The students, along with faculty members, interacted with the Manager, professionals and workers working at Kandhari-Beverages Industry, Samba. About 32 students of Environmental Sciences department attended the visit. At the outset, Prof. Poonam Kundan (Head, Department of Environmental Sciences) briefed the about the objective of an industrial tour. Mr. Satinder Nagra Vice president of Kandhari explained various initiatives by the

company to safeguard environment like rainwater harvesting structures, working on restoration of ponds, recycling of PET bottles and other various other initiative.

Other officials who briefed the students were Mr. Jatinder (HR Manager), Hardeep Singh (Quality Manager) and Abhinav Bakshi (Administration Head).

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta congratulated the Environmental Sciences department for such initiatives and that is the need of the hour. She further added that it provides the students an opportunity to learn practically through interaction, working methods and employment practices.

The one-day tour was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan in collaboration with DIC Samba and co-coordinated by Prof. Renuka Kundan, Lecturer Political Science and Prof. Rakesh Kumar, Lecturer History.

## 2-day Gojri writers Conference begins at JKAACL Jammu

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 7

The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) today started a 2-Day Gojri writers Conference here in the Academy premises in Jammu.

The Conference was inaugurated in a traditional way by presentation of Gojri Dance by Shazia Choudhary and Mohammad Rafeeq group. The program began with release of two books written by Abdul Hameed Kasana and Babar Afzal by Abdul Gani Kohli, Former Minister in the presence of Irshad Hussain Choudhary, Ahmad Din Shanas, Anil Sehgal and Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL. Internationally renowned artist of J&K, Seema Anil Sehgal was also honoured for her contribution to the field of music.

At the outset, Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL, gave a heartfelt cordial welcome to everyone. While



Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He stressed upon the need to encourage new generation of writers to write on various aspects of socio themes.

Dr. Shahnawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL presented Vote of thanks .He said that such initiatives will be taken in future also.

After the inaugural session paper reading session was organised in which Mohd. Mansha Khaki and Dr. Abdul Wahid Qadri presented their papers on "Baba Ji Saab Larvi Gi Poonch Ma Aamad" and "GujjarQoomgiPasmandgiWajuhaat". The session was presided over by Ghulam Sarvar Chouhan and Master Mohd Bashir Poswal.

The paper reading session was followed by Gojri music program. Bashir Ahmad, Mastana,

a renowned Gojri singer presented Gojri song in his scintillating voice. After this Razia Ashraf and party, Parveena Jan and party and Tasleema Jan and Party mesmerized the audience by their songs in their melodious voices. The artists were equally supported by the renowned musicians like Rakesh Anand on Flute, Sahil Jasotra on Tabla, Sunil Sharma on Syth and Rakesh Kumar on Octopad.

At the conclusion of the event, Poetry session was held in which following poets presented their poetries Rana Abrar, Saraju-din Sani, Sadeeq Ahmad Sadique, Shazia Choudhary, Mohd. Rasheed Qadeeri, Abdul Qayoom Betab, Haji Mohd. Zaman, Mohd. Bashir Khaki, Jan Mohd. Haqem, Gh. Sarwar Chouhan, Noor Mohd Majrooh, Mohd Bashir Lohar and K.D. Maini.

The event was conducted by Taeab Raza.

## DC Gbl inspects functioning of OSC established in new building

JNEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 7

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited the newly established One-Stop Center (OSC) building in the district.

During the visit, the DC expressed his appreciation for the work being carried out by the OSC in Ganderbal. He commended the efforts and dedication of the OSC team in providing essential support and services to women in distress.

He directed the OSC to conduct more awareness camps regarding the SAKHI club. He stressed the importance of spreading awareness about this initiative, which aims to empower women and create a safe and supportive environment for them.

The DC emphasized the need to involve more female members in the



OSKHI Club to enhance its effectiveness.

One of the key directives from the DC was the placement of SAKHI hoardings at all the police stations in the district. This initiative aims to ensure that information about the SAKHI Club is readily available to women who seek assistance and support from the police. The DC underlined the importance of greater involvement of the police department in supporting and collaborating

with the OSC and the SAKHI Club. He stressed the need for a seamless partnership between the OSC and law enforcement to ensure the safety and well-being of women in the district. As the Nodal Officer for the SAKHI Club, District Programme Officer, G.R. Wani assured his full cooperation and support in implementing the directives of the DC. He assured to work closely with the OSC to ensure the success of the SAKHI Club initiative.

## Vigilance Week celebrations concludes in J&K

JNEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 7

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, today chaired a meeting of Administrative Secretaries and took stock of activities undertaken during the course of vigilance week. During the meeting, it was informed that the government had been vigorously working to promote both preventive and participatory vigilance for bringing transparency and accountability in governance.

The meeting was attended by Director General of Police, all Administrative Secretaries of various departments, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of all districts.

The Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department informed the Chief Secretary that following the government's resolve to make government-to-citizen interactions more transparent and accessible through 1075 e-services which is highest in the country, along with related IT initiatives such as MobileDost, Rapid Assessment System, DigiDost for doorstep delivery of e-ser-



vices, linking of services with DigiLocker, there has been immense progress in mitigating corruption. The latest data indicates that more than 52 lac applications have been processed for availing various services in the online mode of which more than 42 lac have been disposed off.

To ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services are progressively being covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) with linkage to Auto-Appeal System (AAS) which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer. As of now, around 64000

appeals have been generated with 32000 appeals disposed off. Besides, penalty proceedings have been initiated against 55 officers who have delayed delivery of various services in the Revenue Department.

To address complaints of frivolous reverts in the online mode, the government has started analyzing such reverts and unjustifiable reverts shall be inquired and defaulting officers penalized.

Dr Mehta stressing upon measures to promote participatory vigilance mentioned that initiatives such as Janbhagidari online portal which allows

citizens to oversee and review all developmental works being executed in the region. This exclusive portal has been designed to facilitate easy access to information related to developmental works and ensure transparency in the execution of such projects.

Emphasizing the importance of financial discipline in checking the abuse of discretionary authority, the Chief Secretary highlighted the functioning of BEAMS and PaySys linked digital payments have further streamlined the disbursement of timelines. In tandem with these initiatives, the Government has achieved

100 per cent disbursement of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the UT exclusively through DBT mode.

Strict enforcement of e-tendering mandatory, prior Technical and Administrative sanction has led to fiscal prudence with more than 92000 works completed during the financial year 2022-23 which is highest ever.

The Public Distribution System (Food Supplies) has also undergone significant improvements, switching to distribution through POS machines, besides achieving 100% Aadhaar seeding both at Ration Card and Beneficiary level under both NFSA and Non-NFSA categories. The exercise has empowered the department to remove around 11.5 lakh persons from the ration cards database under the de-weeding exercise. This effort has saved 1.6 lakh metric tonnes of food grains worth Rs. 230.00 crore per annum. Simultaneously, nearly 90,000 genuine households were added to PDS.

In the Revenue Department, 'Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani' Portal (Land

Information Management System) has facilitated easy access to land records with Land Passbooks providing clear information regarding account number, khasra number, land type, land owner, cultivator, gender, etc. Issuance of Land passbooks in all districts was completed during the last year. Further, demystification of revenue records has been undertaken which has allowed citizens to have comprehensible information about their land record. The launch of 'Online Fard', Mutation, Revenue extract, Income Certificate etc. are steps to bring greater transparency in time-bound delivery of revenue services.

During the meeting, it was revealed that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has been working tirelessly in recent years to strengthen the punitive measures against corruption, resulting in the successful prosecution of 142 out of a total of 276 FIR-registered cases since 2021. The bureau has also been vigilant in registering 121 trap cases and 29 Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases against corrupt officials in the UT.

## ADDC Shopian chairs B2V5 Meeting

JNEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 7

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone today chaired a meeting of officers to review preparations for 'Fifth Phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V5)' at Meeting Hall of Mini-Secretariat, here.

It is worth mentioning here that B2V5 is J&K Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme.

It was given out through a powerpoint presentation that 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 on improving e-services penetration, user experience for greater accessibility and usage by citizens at large besides feedback on various notable achievements of Departments. The ADDC said that the previous editions of B2V5 have helped in

identification of beneficiaries (especially youth and women) for availing skill development and self-employment schemes.

He informed that this edition of B2V shall focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes, progress on achievement of deliverables, etc.

The ADDC said that this flagship public outreach initiative of the Government aims to foster public participation and gather valuable feedback, and appealed for overwhelming participation of the 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. The meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning, Khurshid Ahmed Khatana, ACP, Shopian, Manzoor Ahmed and concerned officers of district Shopian.



## NC calls for simultaneous Assembly, Parliament polls in J&K

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu has urged the Election Commission of India to hold the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir along with the upcoming Parliamentary elections. Castigating the present government for its failure to address the multiple problems being faced by the people of J&K, he said that installation of a popular Govt in J&K at the earliest is the only solution to the aforesaid problems.

The senior NC leader expressed this while addressing the meeting of JKNC Schedule Caste Cell at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu today. The meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell which was attended by



the party functionaries from Jammu and Samba Districts.

At the beginning of meeting, the Provincial officer bearers besides District and Block Presidents of SC cell apprised the senior party functionaries about the various problems being faced by SC community people under the present government with none in the Administration bothering to listen to their woes and ignored Scheduled caste community.

Rattan Lal Gupta, who was the chief guest of the meeting, said that the

Govt is launching the 5th phase of the 'Back to Village' programme today and I appeal to the LG administration to first clarify as to what has been achieved during the first four phases of this much hyped programme. He claimed that the people's issues continue to remain the same even today.

He said that still the conditions of School buildings are unsafe in rural areas, the conditions of water supply and electricity are not improved, the conditions of medical facilities are worsen in rural areas, woes of farmers and

unemployed youth are not addressed and all the promises made with the villagers are not fulfilled during the previous four phases of Back to village. The Provincial President said that it is an irony that the LG administration failed to restore the confidence among the people which he could have easily achieved by restoring democracy in J&K. He questioned the ECI that if the Govt can hold Parliament elections in J&K, then what is the hitch in holding the Assembly elections? He said that this has completely exposed the

saffron party as it fears an unprecedented defeat in the Assembly elections. He demanded that the Govt should immediately restore democracy in J&K by holding elections.

Vijay Lochan while criticizing the present government accused it of failure to secure the rights of SC people in J&K who are in dire straits today. He said that rights of SC community were always protected under the previous regimes headed by the National Conference. He asserted that it was National Conference that brought and implemented the law providing for land to tillers as a result of which 90 percent SCs and deprived classes people were the beneficiaries. Even under the Land Reforms Act 90 per cent beneficiaries were SCs and depressed classes people, he added.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed,

Provincial Secretary JKNC asked party cadre to gear up for upcoming polls and ensure party's unprecedented success in the upcoming polls teaching BJP a lesson. He asserted that National Conference alone is capable of providing social justice to the SCs and other deprived community members, asking them to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. He also asked the party cadre to strengthen the party at gross root level.

Among those who were present include Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Satpal, Krishan Datt District President Samba SC Cell, Jatinder Singh District President Jammu Rural B SC Cell, Master Baldev Raj, Jagga Ram, Lal Ji, Mangat Ram, Kuldeep Raj, Karan Singh, Mohinder Kumar, Rattan Lal, Ashwani Kumar and others.

## Earthquake of 3.5 magnitude hits Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

An earthquake of magnitude 3.5 hit Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar on Tuesday.

According to the National Center for Seismology (NSC), the earthquake occurred at 6.52 pm on Tuesday.

The NCS further said that the epicentre of the quake was 215 km north of Ayodhya at a depth of 10 km.

"Earthquake of Magnitude:3.5, Occurred on November 7, 18:52:12 IST, Lat: 33.38 N & Long: 76.59 E, Depth: 10 Km, Region: Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir," it said.

## 'Penalty proceedings' against 55 officers for delay in delivery of services in J&K: Official

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has initiated "penalty proceedings" against 55 officers for alleged delay on their part in delivery of various services in the revenue department, a senior official said.

This step has been taken by the administration to ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services being covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) with linkage to Auto-Appeal System (AAS) which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer, they said.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta chaired a meeting of Administrative Secretaries on Tuesday and took stock of activities undertaken during the course of vigilance week. During the meeting, it was informed that the government had been vigorously working to promote both preventive and participatory vigilance for bringing transparency and accountability in governance.

"To ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services are progressively being covered under the PSGA with linkage to AAS which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer", Commissioner-Secretary General Administration Department (GAD) Sanjeev Verma said at the meeting.

He said that as of now, around 64,000 appeals have been generated and 32,000 of them disposed of. "Besides, penalty proceedings have been initiated against 55 officers who have delayed delivery of various services in the Revenue department", he added.

The Commissioner Secretary said that following the government's resolve to make government-to-citizen interactions more transparent and accessible through 1075 e-services, which is highest in the country, along with related IT initiatives such as MobileDost, Rapid Assessment System, DigiDost for doorstep delivery of e-services, linking of services with DigiLocker, there has been "immense progress in mitigating corruption".

"The latest data indicates that more than 52 lakh applications have been processed for availing various services in the online mode of which more than 42 lakh have been disposed of", he added.

Emphasizing the importance of financial discipline in checking the abuse of discretionary authority, Chief Secretary Mehta highlighted the functioning of BEAMS and PaySys linked digital payments have further streamlined the disbursement of timelines. In tandem with these initiatives, the government has achieved 100 per cent disbursement of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the Union Territory exclusively through DBT mode, he said.

More than 92,000 works have been completed during the financial year 2022-23, which is the highest ever, the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary added. (Agencies)

## J&K Police announces Rs 10 Lakh reward for tip-off on recent targeted attacks by Militants

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 7

Jammu and Kashmir Police Tuesday announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh each for information on the three recent targeted attacks by militants in the valley in which a cop and a non-local labourer were killed. In a public notice, the police announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh each for credible information about the terrorist attacks that took place on three consecutive days from October 30.

On October 29, police Inspector Masroor Ali Wani was critically injured when a lone terrorist shot at him while he was playing cricket in the Eidgah playground here.

The next day, a non-local labourer Mukesh Kumar was shot dead in the Trumchi Nowpora area of Pulwama. A day later, Head Constable Ghulam Mohammad was shot dead outside his residence in the Wailoo Kralpora area of Baramulla.

"Information about the attacker or his associates or helpers or harbourers of the attacker can be shared with any police officer you trust including SSP Baramulla, SSP Srinagar or SSP Pulwama," the police said in the notice.

The police said the information can also be emailed directly to J-K DGP R R Swain at rswainips@jkpolice.Gov.In.

The identification of persons providing credible information shall be kept fully confidential and the informer shall be provided legal and security cover, the notice added. (Agencies)

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG Sinha, Maharashtra...

founder of Swarajya, the Lt Governor said, Shivaji was a born leader, who scripted a new history of India through his mesmerizing victory against the enemy.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was also fountainhead of high standards of morality, right conduct and respecter of all religions and sects. Youth must follow his ideas and ideals and selflessly serve the poor and weaker sections of society and contribute to nation-building, he added.

By unleashing his military genius and moral force, Shivaji mobilized millions of Indians and achieved sovereignty for Maratha empire. His universal and eternal values continue to be relevant today and guiding us on the path of social equality and peaceful co-existence, the Lt Governor said. He further called for celebrating the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj festival in Kupwara on 7th of November every year.

Shri Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra said, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is an inspiration for every Indian.

Maharashtra has a great tradition of sacrifice and bravery. It is indeed commendable that this statue is being erected at Kupwara in the same year as the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji, he said.

Shri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Cultural Affairs Minister Maharashtra, speaking on the occasion paid homage to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He said the unveiling of Shivaji's statue is the proudest moment of his life.

Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division presented the National Flags handmade by women of Kupwara to the dignitaries.

Earlier, the Lt Governor paid tributes to the bravehearts of Indian Army and laid wreath at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division in Kupwara.

Sh Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K; Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division; Sh Vivek Gupta, DIG NKR Range; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara; Sh Abhayraj Shirole, Founder Amhi Punekar and senior officers of Army, civil and police administration were present at the ceremony.

### Naxalites and Terrorists...

necessary to remove the Congress from every corner and polling booth, he said.

Attacking CM Baghel over the Mahadev betting app case, Modi said they committed a scam in the name of 'Mahadev' and now this scam is in discussion in the country as well as abroad.

There is no need of evidence when the biggest accused of the scam has said on TV that he has given Rs 500 crore bribe to the CM, he added. (AGENCIES)

### Vidhi Kumar Birdi is...

4 of the Indian Police Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, for a period of two years or till the post is held by said officer, whichever is earlier," reads the order.

It reads that Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IPS (AGMUT:2003), is posted as IGP Kashmir vice Vijay Kumar, IPS. "In addition, the officer shall also hold the charge of the post of IGP Armed Kashmir, till further orders." It added that his further ordered that the Zonal IGSP of Kashmir and Jammu, shall report to ADGP (Law & Order), J&K, under the overall command and control of DGP, J&K. KNO

### CS to virtually...

capturing achievements made so far. He also directed all line departments to fully support the Prabhari Officers in coordinating the speedy resolution of high-lighted issues. He said that fulfillment of these 137 objectives is a priority and Prabhari Officers are expected to ensure that the assigned targets are achieved.

Emphasizing the role of self-employment as a driver of the economy, the Chief Secretary asked the POs to identify youth looking for such opportunities and guide their ventures through their respective departments towards saturating the demand. They were further asked to ensure assistance in establishing self-help groups (SHGs), Micro-Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), PACS, and coverage under MUMKIN scheme. Clear instructions were given to the relevant departments to offer all possible assistance, including training and financing, to help young people establish their own self-employment units.

The Chief Secretary asked the visiting officers to lay

special focus on JJM. He reiterated regular monitoring of water projects under the scheme to ensure the supply of quality drinking water all year round to the residents of each Panchayat. He further asked the officers to expedite the pace of ongoing works to ensure that they are completed by December this year.

It was informed that there are services offered by different departments which can be accessed through 1075 online mobile phones in a hassle-free manner. The visiting officers were asked to promote awareness on all these services.

Dr. Mehta issued instructions to all Prabhari Officers to lay emphasis on PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM was Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, PM Kisan Saman, Kisan Credit Card, PM PRANAM.

During the interactive session, importance of janbhagidari portal was discussed and nodal officers showcased the ease of retrieval of public information on the ongoing programs in their allocated Panchayats on a real-time basis. The Chief Secretary appreciated the role of such a portal in promoting public surveillance of ongoing projects encouraged the members of gram sabhas to play a more active role in the process of participatory governance.

### Traffic halt on...

populace/travellers/drivers, the sanction is hereby granted in favour of NHAI, PIU Ramban, for taking four-hour traffic halting from 0000 hours to 0400 hours on 08.11.2023, for launching the girders at Nashri Viaduct in strict adherence to the conditions outlined in the aforementioned communication from the SSP Traffic, NHWS, Ramban.

"Senior Superintendent of Police, Traffic, NHWS, Ramban, shall implement the above orders in letter and spirit", it reads.

### Lion couple from Gujrat...

ventilation facility for extreme weather condition. They will remain under quarantine for a weeks time and thereafter will be released in the enclosure for public exhibition.

On this special day, the department has expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor and Government of Gujarat for the guidance and encouragement in sourcing Lion which will bring joy to the people of J&K and Wildlife enthusiasts.

### Camera traps spot...

the help of Mysore-based NGO Nature Conservation Foundation and eight of these cameras were retrieved recently with three of them confirming the presence of snow leopards in Padder area.

"This is for the first time that the presence of snow leopards was captured in camera traps outside the national park," Bashir said.

Listed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), snow leopards are mostly found at an altitude between 3,000 and 4,500 metres and have been sighted in the snow-bound areas of the Kishtwar national park and its adjoining areas in Jammu region and parts of central and north Kashmir, besides parts of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

In November 2021, the wildlife department launched a first-of-its kind snow leopard population assessment expedition under the snow leopard project of the Union environment ministry with focus on identifying the landscape housing the species and challenges for their proper conservation.

Bashir, who is also in-charge of the Kishtwar national park, said nine snow leopards are present in the park based on the data gathered through the camera traps.

As many as 278 camera traps were placed at 135 locations across the national park before the onset of the winter last year. Over two dozen camera traps captured the presence of the snow leopards, he said. (Agencies)

### PMLA Case | Former J&K...

co-operate with the investigating agency without any fail," the order said.

Similarly, the court extended the interim bail of their daughter Kranti Singh, one of the trustees of the educational trust, till November 30 with directions not to flout conditions of the bail that included cooperating with the investigating agency without any fail. (Agencies)

## Mobile internet suspended in parts of Pulwama

AGENCIES  
SRINAGAR, NOV 7

Mobile data services have been temporarily suspended in parts of Pulwama district in view of security reasons, a statement by the Jammu and Kashmir government said.

The order about the suspension of services in the Wampora and Hunipora areas of the Pulwama district came into effect at 7 pm on November 5 and will continue till November 8 (7 pm). The J-K government in its order, shared on Tuesday, said that there could be the

"possibility of mobile data (2G/3G/4G/5G) services being misused by anti-national elements/miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order."

"Whereas, the ADGP, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar being the Authorized Officer under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, has issued directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend mobile data (2G/3G/4G/5G) services in Wampora and Hunipora area (latitude 33.9614541 and longitude 74.8720951 with 3 Kilometers of radius) of District Pulwama w.e.f 1900

hours on November 5, 2023 to 1900 hours on November 8, 2023; and Whereas, the order/letter under reference, inter-alia, mentions about the possibility of Mobile Data (2G/3G/4G/5G) services to be misused by anti-national elements/miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order."

"Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Financial Commissioner (ACS) Home, being satisfied that there was absolute necessity for issuance of the aforesaid directions by the Authorized Officer, without obtaining prior approval of the Competent Authority, in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 4106(TSTS) of 2023 dated November 5, 2023, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2023 dated 05.11.2023 issued by the Authorized Officer, in the exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017," it added.

## J&K govt to conduct land audit of industrial estates

AGENCIES  
SRINAGAR, NOV 7

In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir government has decided to conduct a land audit of industrial estates in the Union Territory.

To begin with, the UT administration would carry out land audits of two industrial estates-one each in Kashmir and Jammu- on the pilot basis.

Documents accessed by news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveal that the Department of Industries & Commerce has constituted two committees headed by the respective Joint Director (Development) Industries & Commerce for the exercise.

The committees would comprise of concerned functional manager, concerned industrial promotion officers/ block investigator, concerned Estates Manager SIDCO and concerned Estates Manager SICOP. The committees have

been directed to begin their exercise with pilot projects of industrial Estate Bari Brahmana in Jammu and Industrial Estate Laspipora, Pulwama in Kashmir.

The panels would approach their respective regional directors of land division for their support and assistance of both men and machinery, in order to conduct the exercise in a time-bound manner.

According to the Department of Industries & Commerce, the committees shall submit its audit report of pilot projects within one month along with specific recommendations.

As per official documents, 67 industrial estates developed by SIDCO and SICOP are in Jammu & Kashmir.

As many as 5294 industrial units are functioning in these industrial estates spread over 37,341 kanals of land. Apart from this, 42 new industrial estates are being developed in the UT. KNO



## B2V5: DC B'la finalizes Action Plan; directs Officers to gear up for successful conduct of programme



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 7

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today convened a meeting of all concerned officers to discuss the comprehensive action plan for the smooth conduct of Back to Village Programme (B2V5) in the district. A threadbare discussion was held on the subject wherein a comprehensive strategy was formulated for conduct of the ambitious outreach programme in the district. Deliberating on the previous phases of the said programme, Dr Sehrish highlighted the achievements made under different sectors besides redressing the issues of public importance at the doorsteps of the people.

The DC asserted that the B2V5 programme is the result of the admirable feedback of previous editions and is now being conducted primarily to achieve the saturation of services and bridge the existing gap between the government and the people it serves. Exhorting all departments to have a close coordination, the DC instructed concerned heads to ensure the successful conduct of the programme besides focus on saturation of self-employment schemes, progress on implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, saturation of welfare schemes including old-aged pension scheme, progress on achievement of deliverables and other

related issues of public importance. Dr Sehrish also instructed officers to organize mega events at subdivision level, regular camps at block and panchayat levels during the B2V5 programme with a goal to actively engage with the community. Meanwhile, it was informed that a joint control has been established at District Headquarter Baramulla for the larger interest of the people. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore Shabir Ahmad Raina, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Joint Director Planning M Yousuf Rather, SDM Pattan, SDM Uri, SDM Gulmarg and ACD besides other concerned officers.

## Jal Shakti Kishtwar hosts public grievances redressal camp

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 7

The Jal Shakti Department, Hydraulic Division Kishtwar today organised a highly successful public grievances redressal camp here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex. The event was presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner, Sham Lal and received valuable assistance from ExEn Jal Shakti, Sunil Kumar Sharma and technical team of the Department.

The redressal camp witnessed active participation from approximately 300 attendees, including Municipal Council Kishtwar Ward Members, PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions) representatives from various Panchayats and residents of Kishtwar town. During the camp, participants had the opportunity to bring forward their concerns and grievances related to the water supply in their respective areas. The people also inquired about the progress of ongoing water supply schemes in their areas. The issues pertaining to uninterrupted water supply were thoroughly



discussed, aiming to find effective solutions. The ADDC displayed unwavering patience and attentiveness as he listened to the grievances of the people and PRIs. He then proceeded to address the majority of these issues in consultation with the ExEn & technical staff of Jal Shakti Department. During the event, the ADDC emphasized the vital role and responsibilities of Pani Samitis in ensuring the equitable distribution of water supply in the panchayats. He encouraged both the public and PRIs to collaborate in strengthening the Pani Samitis, thereby making the

distribution system more judicious. The ADDC also stressed the need for mobilizing field functionaries to ensure that people do not face inconveniences or difficulties with their water supply. ExEn Jal Shakti Kishtwar, as a part of the redressal process, meticulously recorded all grievances. The main issues that emerged during the camp included blockages in pipelines, leakages, interrupted water supply in various habitations, a shortage of adequate supply, illegal connections, and the need for a more equitable distribu-

tion system in Kishtwar town and its peripheral areas. The Jal Shakti Department, Hydraulic Division Kishtwar, assures the public that every effort will be made to promptly address and resolve these concerns, ultimately ensuring a more efficient and reliable water supply system for the residents of Kishtwar. At the public grievance camp, notable figures including PRIs and influential members of the Kishtwar community provided insightful suggestions, which were warmly received by the local administration and

the dedicated team from the Jal Shakti Department. During the event, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDCC) took the opportunity to underscore the importance of expediting the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes. He urged the Jal Shakti authorities to take concrete and immediate steps toward rationalizing water connections, addressing blockages, and rectifying leaks at various locations. These efforts are crucial in ensuring a seamless and efficient water supply system for the community. Furthermore, the Executive Engineer (ExEn) from Jal Shakti Department reaffirmed the commitment to promptly address and redress the grievances raised by the participants, demonstrating the department's dedication to resolving water-related issues in Kishtwar. The people of Kishtwar appreciated the administration and the Jal Shakti Department to organise such camps and expected more such Camps in the future. The ADDC and Jal Shakti Department thanked participants for their presence and for making this camp a success.

## FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railway, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

| LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY |  |            |                              |           |                              |                          |
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## EDITORIAL

## Avoid irresponsible statements

The Border Roads Organization (BRO) has created a history of sorts with the first set of vehicles recently reaching the holy Amarnath cave. The BRO, tasked with the road widening work on the Amarnath cave routes, announced the completion of the formidable task. It is a big achievement which needs to be appreciated by one and all. It would make the arduous pilgrimage more hassle-free for the pilgrims coming from different parts of the world for paying obeisance at the revered shrine of Lord Shiva. The BRO has been given the task of restoring and improving Amarnath Yatra tracks. The BRO took a truck and small pickup vehicle from Dumail (in Ganderbal district) to the Amarnath Cave via Baltal base camp, which is one of the two routes to reach the cave. These vehicles were used for the ongoing work near the holy cave of Amarnath. Besides, the Central government has entrusted the National Highway and Infrastructural Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) the task of building a 10.8-km-long tunnel from Sheshanag to Panchtarni under Ganesh top hill to make holy Amarnath pilgrimage hassle-free and pilgrim-friendly. For this, the NHIDCL has begun the exercise to construct the tunnel by inviting proposals for pre-construction consultancy services. The Union Ministry of Road Transport and National Highway has entrusted NHIDCL the task of feasibility study, preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and providing pre-construction services for "Construction of twin tube unidirectional tunnel with a total length of 10.8 km under Ganesh top hill, including approaches having a total length of 22.3-km from Chandanwari to near Sangam Top on Khanabal-Baltal section of NH-501 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC Mode." The Union minister for road transport and national highways Nitin Gadkari, during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir in April this year, had announced a Rs 5,300 crore project for the widening of 110-km long national highway into four-lane road from Khannabal to Chandwanwari and further construction of uphill tracks and tunnel to the cave shrine nestled amidst the Himalayas. It was announced that the project would cover a 34-km long two-lane track from Chandwari to Panchtarni to Baltal, to be constructed at a cost of Rs 3,500 crore, and a 10.8-km long tunnel from Sheshanag to Panchtarni. Though all this is being done to ensure smooth pilgrimage, it has created a massive uproar across the Kashmir Valley where the political parties having set communal agenda to foment trouble are out to instigate the people in the name of environment degradation. The National Conference leader Omar Abdullah has questioned the construction of a motorable road up to the Amarnath cave shrine and said playing with the environment in such a way was not good as it was akin to destroying it. He is of the opinion that the annual pilgrimage to the shrine has been going on for years and there was no need to take vehicles there. 'Since the yatra has started, people from here have carried the yatris on their shoulders and will continue to do so. Playing with our environment in such a way is not good,' Omar said. He has been joined by other Kashmir-based politicians having set the agenda of instigating the Valley people and pitching them against Amarnath pilgrims. It is premature to judge the real motive of taking the vehicles to Amarnath cave shrine. These politicians should refrain from making any adverse remarks against the Amarnath pilgrimage as it has the potential of hurting the hard earned peace in Kashmir.

## Can caste census help social development?

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Dr BR Ambedkar's powerful call to annihilate caste not only challenged the entrenched power dynamics of the upper castes but also held profound implications for economic growth and broader social development. Following this legacy, the late Kanshi Ram introduced the slogan Jiski Jitni Sankhya Bhari, Uski Utmi Hissedari (Proportional share based on population strength). This slogan emphasised the critical importance of social equality achieved through fair and proportional representation. It underscored the need for an inclusive and representative governance structure that mirrors the diverse composition of our society.

After the Patna High Court upheld the Government of Bihar's decision to conduct the caste survey and the Supreme Court clarified that it had not stayed its publication, on 2 October 2023, the State Government released results of the "Bihar Jaati Adharit Gananna, 2023". Coincidentally, this was a week before Kanshi Ram's 17th death anniversary.

There has been a strong reluctance to collect or release caste-based data publicly, as seen in the case of the Socio-Economic and Caste Census of 2011 and the Government of Karnataka's socio-economic survey report of 2015. Odisha, too, surveyed caste-based information in May 2023, but its report is not yet officially released. Following the Bihar survey, there has been some interest from states like Maharashtra, Assam and Rajasthan in conducting caste surveys.

The need for socio-economic caste surveys has been established and reinforced time and again by political parties and civil society. A substantial body of data and analysis suggests that affirmative action may require refinement in light of

the progress made in recent decades. While certain oppressed castes have advanced in various domains, others have not experienced equal growth. Additionally, segments of the population have been overlooked in the process.

Over the millennia of history of the Indian sub-continent, distinct social groups had unequal access to land. As the caste system evolved, some castes typically did not possess land. These were avarna or atishudra groups, whom Jyotirao Phule in the late 19th century referred to as "Dalit", a term adopted by these communities in the 1970s. The Constitution of India categorized these groups as Scheduled Castes (SC).

Tribal groups outside the caste system also had a tenuous hold on land and access to forests. Under the Constitution, these have been identified as Scheduled Tribes (ST). Peasant cultivators and artisans without substantial land ownership were categorised under the Constitution as socially and educationally backward classes. However, the Government of India uses Other Backward Classes (OBC) as a collective term to cover these groups.

Landholdings, as captured in the Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019 shows that only 14% of agricultural households from Scheduled Tribes own land and 16% of SC own land. Scheduled Castes (SCs) in India face the second highest level of multidimensional poverty, following the STs. According to the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index of 2021, approximately 33.3% of India's 28.3 crore SC population is living in poverty. Additionally, it is imperative to demystify the varying socio-economic status of the various subgroups falling under the category OBC. Such a census will allow for equitable welfare measures tailor-made to suit the diverse needs of people within OBC.

Analysis by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy on the caste-wise labour force participation rate reveals a concerning trend - the most significant decline in labour force participation rates since 2016-2017 has been among the OBCs and SCs. The employment rates have drastically fallen, particularly affecting the OBCs and SCs. The labour force participation rate of OBCs since 2016 has fallen from 46% to 38% in 2022-23, as opposed to the rates for upper caste, which has seen a relatively marginal decline - from 42% to 37%.

The National Sample Survey (2011-12) revealed that SCs had a significantly higher proportion of casual wage workers among wage labourers, indicating poorer job security and lower earnings. Specifically, 32% of the overall informal labour population in the country were from the SCs, double their population share of 16%. Additionally, SCs were employed for fewer days than people from general caste categories, with one-third of the disparity attributed to differences in human capital endowment and two-thirds to discrimination against SCs in the hiring process. Moreover, funds intended for the welfare of disadvantaged communities are also diverted elsewhere. According to the 2016 National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) report, several states have misallocated funds intended for the most disadvantaged segments of society. In a more recent instance, the Bihar Government in 2018-19 diverted over Rs 8,800 crore, designated for scholarships for SC/ST students, towards various projects such as roads, embankments, medical colleges, and government buildings.

These dismal indicators underscore the pressing need to enumerate and tailor government interventions for the holistic upliftment of marginalised communities. The effort by the Bihar Government to enumerate these groups and release

the data publicly is an essential first step towards bringing about social justice.

While the influence of vote bank politics in shaping political strategies is undeniable, it is equally crucial to recognise the potential of data-driven and evidence-based approaches in formulating effective policies and social welfare programs. Accurate and up-to-date on caste groups and demographic aspects enable policymakers to design targeted and impactful initiatives that address various marginalized communities' specific needs and concerns.

The state should aim for fair resource allocation and equal opportunities while avoiding the reinforcement of caste identities.

Furthermore, the significance of this renewed attention to the caste census extends beyond policy formulation to advancing social justice. It plays a vital role in dispelling divisive political and religious rhetoric that has affected our society. By relying on factual and updated data, misrepresentations and prejudices that hinder social justice can be challenged, such as the notion of a high influx of Muslims into Bihar from Bangladesh. The survey shows a minor increase of less than 1% in the Muslim population since the 2011 census.

In this journey towards the annihilation of caste, it is imperative to have an unwavering political will and a comprehensive agenda that places evidence-based affirmative action at its core. A similar exercise is required for the nomadic tribes and de-notified tribes (NTDNT) of India. A census of NTDNT, a long-standing demand and one appointed commission has endorsed, will enable us to move towards a more equitable representation, ensuring that every community has a fair share of the socio-economic and political landscape. Data availability will allow for the tailoring of welfare policies

with customised budgets and targeted interventions that specifically address the unique socio-economic needs of each marginalised group.

The renewed focus on the caste census is a pivotal step that advocates for proportionate representation and a shift toward social justice and progress. These phenomena need to go together to foster suitable welfare policies and create robust social dialogue about the intricacies of caste. These policies, rooted in accurate and comprehensive caste-based data, have the potential to bridge the socio-economic gaps that have persisted for generations. By gaining insights into the distinct challenges faced by various caste groups, policymakers can craft nuanced and practical strategies to uplift the marginalised and ensure no one is left behind. Moreover, a well-informed social dialogue on the caste census can help challenge stereotypes, prejudices, and biases associated with caste. In a transforming India, where education and technology act as levelling forces, caste-based affirmative action, refined through caste numbers, can drive more extensive dialogues on aspiration, ambition, freedom, opportunity, and the necessity for a system where citizens are not unfairly privileged or confined by their identities. If a robust methodology were to be used, this effort would be vital in identifying and addressing fault lines to promote gender justice.

The availability of socio-economic data disaggregated on categories that exist in society should inspire a broader nationwide conversation on the dynamics of social hierarchies, encouraging efforts towards social justice and equality. A country-wide caste census would thus be a good step towards annihilating caste.

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## Antimicrobial puzzle: Action and awareness is the key

SANGEETA SHARMA

In today's fast-paced world, where medical advancements are celebrated, there exists a silent threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) that has been steadily gaining ground. As the efficacy of antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs wanes, we are confronted with a serious challenge to our health and well-being. It's time we understand the gravity of this situation and take collective action.

India faces a significant burden from infectious diseases and ranks second in global antibiotic consumption, increasing by 47% from 2010 to 2020. Misuse and abuse of antibiotics is a key driver for the development of AMR. Free over-the-counter availability and self-medication by the patients fuel this rise. Antibiotics are societal drugs, distinct from other medications, as their misuse not only affects individual health but also contributes significantly to the growing global threat of AMR, impacting public health & society at large.

Active patient and public involve-

ment are crucial for responsible antibiotic use, promoting understanding, preventive measures, and healthcare efficiency.

Overuse in animal husbandry, aquaculture and agriculture worsens the issue. Integrating efforts between humans, animals, and the environment is vital. Public support for responsible farming, policy advocacy, proper food handling, sustainable practices, and awareness can help reduce antimicrobial use. Let us join hands in this battle, raising awareness and taking action to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics, the most vital medical resource for ourselves and future generations.

What is Antimicrobial Resistance? Antimicrobial Resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites evolve and become resistant to the drugs designed to kill them. Misuse and overuse of antibiotics in humans and animals, poor infection prevention, and lack of clean water and sanitation all contribute to the alarming rise of AMR.

Why Should We Be Concerned

as We Move to the Post-antibiotic Era? AMR doesn't discriminate and knows no borders. It affects anyone, at any age, in any country. As AMR continues to rise, the number of effective antibiotics decreases. If AMR is not addressed urgently, we might enter a post-antibiotic era where even minor infections could become deadly which could not be treated with antibiotics, leading to prolonged illness, increased healthcare costs, and a higher risk of spreading diseases to others.

The Role of Public Awareness: Education is our most powerful tool in the fight against AMR. Informed individuals, communities, and healthcare providers can make prudent choices, promoting judicious antibiotic use. The DSPRUD school campaigns, supported by WHO, the Delhi Government, and ECHO India, illuminate the way. Over 600,000 students from 1000+ Delhi schools participated in 2019. Adapting to the pandemic, the 2020 online campaign reached 3,500 teachers and 350,000 students. In 2022, a focused online campaign

involved 180 teachers, emphasizing microorganisms, AMR, hygiene, and one-health practices. These efforts empower communities and shape a responsible generation that understands the importance of responsible antimicrobial use. Education, paired with determination, creates change.

Our Collective Responsibility: Communities, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and individuals all play vital roles in combating AMR. Properly using antibiotics, following healthcare advice, and demanding responsible practices from the agricultural and pharmaceutical industries are essential steps.

The Way Forward: In a world where the misuse of antibiotics poses a growing threat to global health security, the World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) provides a unique opportunity for individuals, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and communities to unite in the shared goal of preserving the efficacy of antimicrobial drugs. By embracing the theme of community empowerment and

responsible use, we can collectively work towards a future where antimicrobials remain effective, ensuring a healthier and safer world for generations to come.

Join the Movement: The upcoming WAAW from November 18-24, 2023, holds significant importance in our global efforts to combat AMR. This year's theme, 'Empowering Communities, Promoting Responsible Use,' underscores the pivotal role of local engagement and education in curbing AMR. Let's stand united against AMR. By educating ourselves and our communities, we can safeguard our future generations. Together, we can preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobial drugs, ensuring that when we need them, they work.

Spread the word. Save our antibiotics. Protect our future.

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## Gauging the political mood of Bihar is not easy

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

Though the general elections are still months ahead, the states of UP and Bihar are already abuzz with political activity. The BJP knows very well that like Abhimanyu, it is alone in this election. A new political equation will have to be tested and prepared every day. It is obvious that now BJP has to fight with an alliance in which JDU, RJD, Congress and Left parties will also support. And in such a situation, Bihar has historically been the land of many political experiments. However, there are more challenges for the BJP here and there are fewer people with good worker turn-over skills. If we trace the political history of Bihar, there are three

areas where socialist politics has been dominant and more or less these areas have been deciding the future outline of the political ground of Bihar. These are Munger, Muzaffarpur and Nalanda. The JP movement epicentre was also around this area. Madhu Limaye, Madhu Dandwate, George Fernandes, Nitish Kumar, and Lalan Singh all tried their luck and success. Even now the center of the fight is visible here. Yes, it has happened that Mithilanchal emerged as an important pocket in the Mandal politics and social engineering of Lalu Yadav. Where later minority politics also came to fruition. BJP is trying to take its Ashwamedha Rath over these places once again. Under this strategy, BJP's Chanakya

Amit Shah has visited this area five times. BJP's campaign 'No More' may increase the tension of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Therefore, senior party leaders are trying to make Bihar Sharif the centre of the 'No More' campaign. There is talk of involving a large number of workers in this campaign. Through this campaign in Nalanda, the 'Samvad Yatra' will go to other areas including Rajgir, Giriyak, Pawapuri, Asthawan, Rahui, and Harnaut, for which preparations are going on in full swing. In Nalanda, there is a plan to harness the anger and growing dissatisfaction among youth, farmers, labourers, women, workers and other groups in our favour. Including Bihar in their priority is not

a wish of Amit Shah and BJP but a compulsion. This is because the Nitish-led NDA had 39 MPs from Bihar in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The loss of 16 MPs directly due to JDU's withdrawal has greatly affected the numerical strength of Bihar BJP. As a result, it has become a Herculean task for Amit Shah to remain firm on his strong seat and find possibilities for new Lok Sabha seats. Amit Shah's election strategy journey started in February. Then Shah sounded the election trumpet in West Champaran.

He Came to Nawada on 2nd April. It was speculated that an eye was being placed on a deal with LJP and Nawada. Which was given to LJP in 2019. On June 29, Amit Shah

again went to Lakhisarai, a Bhumihar-dominated area. Challenged Munger MP and Nitish Kumar's Chanakya Lalan Singh. It was said that the BJP is also planning to contest elections here. Shah came to Jhanjharpur for the fourth time on 16 September. Jhanjharpur Lok Sabha seat was won by BJP in the 2014 elections. Now Shah held a meeting in Jhanjharpur to regain this seat. Now, Amit Shah's objective behind coming to Muzaffarpur for the fifth time is to find some new places besides Muzaffarpur Lok Sabha. For example, understanding Sitamarhi and Shivhar closely. In a strange political development, the Sitamarhi Lok Sabha seat was won by JDU within the NDA in the year 2019.

It is said that this Thakur leader has a lot of influence in many Lok Sabha constituencies around Muzaffarpur. Especially in Sheohar Lok Sabha. The same fear is haunting the JDU supremo also. By reaching Anand Mohan's native village on the pretext of a program, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has increased the political value of this seat. Anand Mohan was also MP from this seat in 1996 and 1998. Now this seat has become a matter of prestige for BJP. That too because BJP had won from Shivhar Lok Sabha constituency in 2009, 2014 and 2019 elections with the help of Ramadevi.

Now the real fight of the BJP is in Seemanthal, where Amit Shah may go again.

The 'MY' equation

has a simple formula and the bonus is the support of Dalits and the backward vote bank. Barring Purnia, RJD has laid siege to the rest of the places. In the last assembly elections, Owaisi had tried to break into the Muslim vote bank, but the success was partial. Indeed, the changing times have more or less changed the economic condition of Seemanthal. Renu no longer has that Seemanthal. In such a situation, the BJP will ignore the old leadership and focus on the new face, which can be Amit Shah's favourite political move. So that BJP's new Bihar can be formed.

(The writer is a senior Journalist, views are personal)



## “From Financial Literacy to IT Vigilance: Participants of 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme attend informative lectures”

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Participants of the 15th Tribal Youth exchange program attend educational lectures on a variety of topics. S. K. Sharma, a representative from SEBI conducted an extensive Financial Education Programme for Adults. He briefed the participants about the banking and investment sector and informed them about the basics of finance management. He also informed the youth about several schemes launched by the Govt. of India for the benefit of every citizen such as Pradhan Mantri Aavas Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna, Kisan Credit Card etc. For ideal retirement and financial planning, one must maintain a balance of safety, liquidity, and return in investments. He also warned the participants against financial scams such as Ponzi Schemes, Chit fund schemes, and lottery frauds, and to contact SEBI, Cyber Cell, and related bank incase they fall victim to a fraudulent scheme.

Sh. R. Vijay Magotra, representative from Civil Defense, welcomed the youth to J&K, and informed them that as the young citizens of rising India, they must prepare



themselves for difficult situation. Sh. Magotra explained in detail the course of action that must be taken in case of a vehicular accident, natural disasters, and choking. He demonstrated the proper way of administering the Heimlich maneuver on infants, young children, and adults. A volunteer from Bihar helped him in this demonstration.

Padmashree Dr S P Verma delivered a lecture on the history of Jammu and Kashmir with the Independence struggle. He enlightened the participants on how Kashmir offered hope to Mahatma Gandhi when he visited in 1947, as Kashmir faced not a single act of violence during the partition. He mentioned several freedom fighters who were closely allied with Mahatma Gandhi and their contribution to the freedom struggle, as well as peace-keeping win post partition India.

Sh Sanjeev Kapoor, District Information Officer, covered the importance

of Information Technology and IT Act. He covered the basics of computer, hardware and software, the basics of internet, e-commerce portals, and Information Technology Act 2000. He mentioned several offenses covered under the IT Act such as Tampering with a computer source documents and tampering with computer system. Kapoor also described several typed of online scams such as phishing, and how preventative measures that can be taken against them such as 2 factor authentication.

The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Program, coordinated by NYKS, is designed to provide tribal youth hailing from remote regions an opportunity to engage in a firsthand exploration of the diverse cultures of our nation. The program aims to familiarize them with the numerous opportunities available through the Government of India, while also enabling their participation in a wide array of educational lectures.

## Fabindia unveils 'Svarnim' Diwali collection

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For the auspicious festival of Diwali, Fabindia, a much loved lifestyle brand, proudly unveils a Diwali Collection that encapsulates the very spirit of the festival. It is a reflection of those golden moments, connecting with loved ones, classic fragrances filling the air, family and friends celebrating with joy and love.

From Dhanteras to Diwali, Fabindia's Svarnim Collection meticulously transcends the boundaries of tradition and innovation, presenting a treat for the senses. It includes jewel tones of ruby reds, deep blues, rich purples and bright pinks, reds and yellows, to name a few.

Svarnim epitomizes the ethos of Fabindia—celebrating the grandeur of Indian heritage while embracing the grace of modern living. The extensive range of handcrafted kurtas embellished with delicate embroidery like Zari work, Khari prints with rich brocade trims and stunning Banarasi, Maheshwari and Chanderi



silk saris are timeless masterpieces that will remain in vogue for generations. Complete your looks opulently with intricately designed polki and pearl jewellery. Choose from an array of jutties and sandals featuring the brightest of colours. Match them with hand embroidered clutches and silk brocade potlis.

Illuminate your living spaces with Fabindia's handpicked Diwali decor. From enchanting diyas that flicker with ancient charm to mesmerizing

wooden furniture and ceramic tableware that evoke cultural magnificence, our collection transforms your abode into a realm of luminous beauty.

Indulge in the joy of gifting with Fabindia's hand picked curation of gifts. Be it for close family and friends or colleagues, choose from apparel, home décor, personal care or thoughtfully created gift boxes.

The Svarnim collection is available at all Fabindia stores and online.

## Vikar Rasool Wani convenes meeting of Congress office bearers, leaders at Jammu



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A meeting of PCC General Secretaries incharge of various districts, District Presidents and Heads of Frontal Wings of the party was held here today at PCC HQ Shaheed Chowk Jammu to take feedback from the grass root level workers of the party.

The meeting was chaired by PCC President Shri Viakar Rasool Wani along with Working President Shri Raman Bhalla.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Vikar Rasool Wani said that BJP is running away from the much delayed Assembly elections in UT for fear of backlash and defeat, the people will teach BJP a lesson in all forthcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He asked the incharges of different districts of the party to hold regular meetings with the representatives of the PRI's including last contested candidates in the Panchayats and Municipal bodies to aggressively prepare for the forthcoming elections.

JKPCC Chief announced that the congress party will contest the elections to the Panchayats, urban local bodies, assembly and parliamentary with full force and complete preparations to give a befitting electoral defeat to the BJP in Jammu & Kashmir which has utterly failed to come up to the

expectations of the people of the different sections and gave lot of miseries to each and every section of the society.

Working President JKPC Shri Raman Bhalla lashed out at the BJP for depriving the people of their basic democratic rights in Jammu and Kashmir. The full fledged Dogra state has been downgraded arbitrarily and unilaterally depriving the people of their identity and rights and for the past 5 years there is no elected government after the desolation of the assembly in 2018.

Bhalla asked party cadres to expose the BJP in all fronts especially for depriving the people of J&K of the basic democratic rights and ruling Jammu Kashmir by proxy. He said that due to wrong policies adopted by the BJP Govt has failed to provide employment to educated youth, those already employed in different business enterprises have been left jobless due to economic losses. The unprecedented price hike, rising unemployment, economic distress, losses caused to small business enterprises, he added and said under BJP rule people are facing worst on every count.

The meeting also expressed shock over the loss of lives in a road accident in Rajouri where an over loaded tempo traveler

rolled down into a gorge near Palma on Rajouri-Budhal road Yesterday. The meeting conveyed deep sympathy with the bereaved families and prayed for early recover of the injured.

Senior leaders who attended and gave their inputs in the meeting include Vice President PCC I/C Jammu Urban Yash Pal Kundaal, General Secretaries I/C Samba Pawan Raina, I/C Kathua Shashi Sharma, I/C Jammu Rural Narinder Gupta, I/C Udhampur Balbir Singh, I/C Poonch Shakeel Mir, I/C Ramban Pyare Lal Shan, DCC Presidents Shabir Ahmed Khan(Rajouri), Th. Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Th. Shamer Singh Chib (Jammu Rural), Rajinder Singh Kaka (Poonch), Sanjeev Sharma (Samba), Pankaj Dogra (Kathua) Aasif Naqeeb(Kishtwar) Sheikh Mujeeb (Doda) Pravez Ahmed Wani (Ramban), Vinod Khajuria(Udhampur), Bhopinder Singh Jamwal (Reasi), besides heads of Frontal Wings Shiv Kumar Sharma (INTUC), Vijay Sharma (Seva Dal), Aakash Bharat (PVC), Ajay Lakhotra (NSUI), Bhano Mahajan (Mahila Congress), Rajinder Singh Nathua(Minority), Shamsher Bhagat(SC) Madan Lal Chalotra (OBC), H.L.Pandita (KP Cell), Bilal Ahmed (Social Media), Rakesh Wazir (Trade & Commerce) and others.

## Jal Diwali in JK - "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign" commences



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SRINAGAR

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) unveiled a progressive initiative "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign" under its flagship scheme - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), in partnership with the Ministry's National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM). This campaign celebrating "Jal Diwali", commenced today in the UT of J&K and will run till 9th November, 2023.

The campaign took off today in the UT of J&K at seven (7) Water Treatment Plants (WTPs), with four (4) in Kashmir division and three (3) in Jammu division. A total of 26 Self Help Groups comprising 105 members participated with enthusiasm. In Kashmir division, the programme took place in Alusteng, Nishat, Rangil and Tangnaar WTPs today.

29 SHGs are expected to participate on 8th November at 9 identified WTPs in 9 ULBs of J&K. The campaign shall culminate on 9th November 2023 where in 35 Women SHGs are scheduled to participate & celebrate Jal Diwali at 7 Water Treatment Plants in 9 ULBs across J&K. The initiative aims to provide a platform for inclusion of women in water governance. They will be given first-hand knowledge about water treatment pro-

cesses through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in their respective cities. These visits elucidate the vital procedures involved in delivering clean and safe drinking water to households. Additionally, women will gain insight into water quality testing protocols which ensure that citizens get water of the required quality. The overarching goal of the campaign is to instill a sense of ownership and belonging among women towards water infrastructure.

During the country-wide campaign, women Self Help Groups (SHGs) will visit more than 550 water treatment plants across the country, with a combined operational capacity of more than 20,000 MLD (more than 35% of the country's total). In J&K, the campaign will be organized in 19 ULBs at 23 identified Water Treatment Plant sites to sensitize 88 Women Self Help Groups (330 participants) about processes involved in supplying clean and safe drinking water to households during exposure visits in the first phase from November 7-9, 2023.

The anticipated outcomes of the campaign include increased awareness and knowledge on water treatment, sense of ownership and responsibility, promotion of inclusivity, empowerment of SHGs, positive community impact and model for future initiatives.

## JKCCTU concerned over govt's warning employees for taking part in protests, demonstrations

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Md. Maqbool President and Gurmeet Singh Gen. Secretary of JKCCTU expressed serious concern over the recent UT Govt's warning to its employees for taking part in protests, demonstrations, strikes etc and termed it as an open and brazen attack on the fundamental and constitutional rights of employees guaranteed by the Indian constitution. The right to protest, forming of Associations to protect their genuine rights with collective bargaining and all forms of peaceful descent are

the basic rights of the working class including the govt. employees which the Govt. can't deny. The entire working class including Govt. Employees of the country as well as in Jammu and Kashmir are practicing this right since independence and have never been denied except during the brief period of emergency.

JKCCTU demands the UT administration to withdraw these instructions and desist from taking these draconian measures and avoid the confrontational attitude towards its employees who are the backbone of its administration.

## 52nd Nat'l Sports Meet 2023-24 Kabbadi (Girls) U-14 concludes at KV No 2 Jammu Cantt



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The Closing Ceremony of 52nd KVS National Sports Meet Kabbadi (Girls) U-14 was organised at KV No. 2 Jammu Cantt on 6th Nov 2023. As many as 232 participants accompanied by 41 escorts from 21 regions of Kendriya Vidyalayas across the nation participated in the sports meet. KV NO.2 Jammu Cantt was the stay venue for all these participant and escorts. Concluding day of the meet witnessed an exciting contest in which the students tried to secure top honours in

the final match. Chennai Region team lifted the winner's trophy in Kabbadi (Girls) U-14. While 2nd and 3rd position was secured by Bangalore Region and Jaipur Region respectively.

Closing ceremony was conducted with zest and zeal by at the participants at KV No.2 Jammu Cantt. Mr Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner KVS (RO) Jammu Region was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Mr Bhushan Kumar Principal KV No. 1 Akhnoor and Ms Rajni Obroi KV Chenani were the guest of honour on this occasion. In the

commencement of the Closing Ceremony NCC Cadets welcomed the dignitaries. Green welcome of the dignitaries was also done by the students and staff. Thereafter, Principal of the stay venue Mr Sunil Kumar Yadav officially welcomed the gathering. Students of KV No.2 presented cultural items, Ganesh Vandana was the main attraction of the cultural event. Token of honour was also presented to the worthy chief guest and guest of honour. Participant from various regions also shared their glee experiences.

## NS Bhau organizes free health medical camp at Khour

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KHOUR, NOV 7

To reduce the difficulties of people living in remote areas of Chammb constituency, the United Bhaderwah Civil Society in association with Narinder Singh Bhau, President of All India Bhau Rajput Sabha organized a Medical Camp in Khour of Chammb constituency on Tuesday. During the camp, complications related to the physical and mental condition of the people were addressed through medical opinion and free treatment given by Specialist doctors.



300 Civilians from villages of the Chammb area benefited from the eye medical camp.

The locals expressed their gratitude towards the UBSC & AIBRS for the medical camp and solicited to organise such camps monthly so that they benefit from these camps.

Other guests present there included Shubham Singh, former Subedar Major Balbir Singh, Bodh Raj Sharma, Mangat Singh, Jagdish Bhagat, in-charge SC Morcha Jammu, Bhushan Baral DDC Bhalwal, Captain Raj Singh and Dr Nikhil Arya and many others.



## DC Samba reviews preparation for Diwali festivities



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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 7

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review preparation for Diwali festivities in the district.

The meeting's primary focus was to ensure that all concerned departments are fully prepared to enhance the festive spirit and ensure safety in the district. The Additional Director of Food Safety (AD Food Safety) was instructed to conduct sample testing to prevent adulteration by sweets shops. The enforcement departments were asked to furnish a prompt report to the ADC in this regard.

The Municipal Committee/Councils were directed to maintain cleanliness and to organize the Beopar Mandal Meetings to encourage their involvement in the process. Emphasis was placed on promoting handmade items over plastic, and a campaign to reduce plastic usage. Permission for the use of firecrackers has been vested to DM/ADM/SDM, with strict enforcement by Tehsildars, FES to ensure proper spacing in the market areas, prioritizing fire safety. The Health Department was tasked with ensuring first aid and emer-

gency healthcare services during the festivities.

The District Information Officer will oversee Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities to ensure effective publicity.

The Power Development Department (PDD) was directed to provide uninterrupted power supply during the celebrations. The Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) was assigned to monitor traffic and the availability of parking spaces. No vehicles will be allowed in market areas to ensure adequate space for emergency evacuation. This responsibility was shared with the Municipal Committee and Tehsildars.

Border areas were urged to ensure the use of low-noise firecrackers to minimize disruptions. The Agriculture Department was tasked with counseling farmers to safeguard their harvesting areas and cover heaps to prevent them from catching fire. The Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department was assigned to ensure a consistent water supply throughout the Diwali period.

DC emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to make Diwali in District Samba safe, clean, and enjoyable for all residents and visitors.

## LG chairs Executive Council meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired the 34th Executive Council Meeting of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Raj Bhawan today.

The meeting was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Nilofer Khan, VC Kashmir University; Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Management, Ahmedabad University; Prof. A.S.K. Sinha, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Amethi; Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT, Jammu, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhan-



dari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Shri Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB, Sh Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU and other officers. The Executive Council headed by Lt Governor deliberated various important issues pertaining to the promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship, start-ups and skill development of the

students, increasing enrolment and enhancing the employability of the academic and training programs. The Lt Governor directed the University administration for organizing social campaigns on sanitation, Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan, TB Mukta J&K and Aanganwadi Centres.

The University should also undertake activities

focusing on educational and socio-economic empowerment of the people, especially the youth living in nearby villages, he said.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented various Agenda items before the Council for approval and ratification.

## Commissioner Secretary visits Government ITI Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 7

Commissioner Secretary, Skill Development Department, Saurabh Bhagat, today visited Government ITI Srinagar, Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan Campus.

During the visit, the Commissioner Secretary inspected various streams including Automobile, IT and ITes, Electrical, Heritage Craft, Garment and other sectors. He asked the trainees to visit the Grading Portal developed by the Directorate of Skill Development on regular basis and honestly review

the faculty of ITI so as to carry out their up skilling.

Commissioner Secretary, during interaction with the staff and trainees, emphasized the need for up skilling of existing faculty to keep pace with changing trends in the industry sector. He asked for Internal Revenue Generation of the institution by way of sale of finished goods/ jobs.

Sourabh Bhagat exhorted upon the concerned for imparting industry oriented skill development training to the candidates so that pass-out trainees get easily accommodated in

the industrial world. He asked for teaching communication skills to the trainees for enhancing employability avenues for them. He also asked for developing a portal for tracking of pass out trainees.

Later, Commissioner Secretary inspected the recently acquired land at Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan Campus. He issued on spot instructions to the Principal Government ITI Srinagar to submit DPRs for construction of Workshop Block on modern lines with a provision of 50 bedded hostel in the first floor.

## Mandeep Kour visits Shopian



JNEWS SERVICE  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 7

Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayat Raj, Mandeep Kour, today visited Shopian and laid foundation stone for District Development Council (DDC) Office building at Gagran Shopian besides inspecting development works there.

DDC, Chairperson, Shopian, Bilqees Jan and other officers were present on the occasion.

Commissioner Secretary was informed that the District Development Council Office Complex shall be executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.57 crore. This will further

strengthen the Panchayati Raj system, making it the engine of community development in future.

She exhorted upon the executing agencies for completion of the project within a fixed timeline as per the approved specifications. Mandeep Kour also inspected various development projects including Amrit Sarovar at Borihalan Shopian besides other works. She stated that the UT administration has been top performer and highly successful in building and rejuvenating Amrit Sarovars across the UT. Commissioner Secretary emphasized upon RDD and PR officers and officials to achieve developmental targets

in full, across schemes of the department, both physically and financially during the ongoing year by speeding up the pace of ongoing works.

On the occasion, Mandeep Kour interacted with PRIs and citizens, who put forth their issues and concerns before her.

Commissioner Secretary heard them patiently and assured for timely redressal of their genuine demands.

Director, RDD, Shabir Ahmed Bhat, ADDC, Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone, ACD, Shopian, Hilal Ahmed Jeri, ACP, Shopian, Manzoor Ahmed, BDOs and other officers and officials of RDD accompanied her during the visit.

## DC Rajouri releases Rs 11.39 lakh as Education Assistance to Children of Construction Workers



RAJOURI, NOV 7

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today released Rs 11.39 lakh as education assistance to the children of registered construction workers under J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB).

The government has taken several proactive measures to enhance the welfare of buildings and other Construction workers. These initiatives have been meticulously designed with the primary aim of not only regulating their employment and conditions of service but also ensuring the safety, health, and overall well-being of the registered workers. Deputy

Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal directed the Assistant Labour Commissioner to continue to work with unwavering dedication towards the betterment of workers.

This commitment extends to a continued and concerted effort to provide timely and highly effective support to these invaluable contributors to infrastructure development. This support not only acknowledges their importance but also serves as a beacon of hope, promising a brighter future for their children through education assistance. Assistant Labour Commissioner, Manisha Sharma and other officials of the Labour Department were present on the occasion.

## ADDC Bandipora visits Hajin, assesses natural calamity damage

JNEWS SERVICE  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 7

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak Tuesday conducted physical verification of the damages

caused to private property due to a recent natural calamity, specifically a fire incident, in Tehsil Hajin.

The ADDC was accompanied by Tehsildar Hajin and other concerned. The team ascertained the losses incurred by the affected individuals, ensuring that they receive

the necessary support and assistance from the administration.

On the occasion, ADDC expressed his deep concern for the residents affected by the fire and emphasized the importance of a swift response from the local administration to provide relief to those in need.

## Map Making Competition held at GCW Udhampur

JNEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 7

The Department of Geography, Government College for Women, Udhampur on Tuesday organized a Map Making Competition on Physical and Political map of India as a part of academic activity.

The Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Mahajan was the chief guest. She inspired students to come forward to participate in such activities. A total ten students of 5th semester participated in the competition. Supriya Bharti secured first position, Vagisha bagged 2nd and 3rd position was bagged by Mehak Gupta. The jury members were Professor Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Professor, H.O.D Philosophy, Assistant Professor Sanjeev Upadhyay, HOD Sanskrit and Professor Shama Rani, Assistant Professor, Department of Dogri.

Earlier, the programme began with the formal welcome address by Lecturer Divya Sharma, faculty member of Department of Geography. In her wel-

come address, she offered warm welcome on behalf of department of geography and appreciated the participants for taking part in the competition.

The H.O.D Department of Geography, Assistant professor Pooja Bharti announced the results and congratulated the winners. She emphasised on the importance of map in the field of Geography as maps are the windows into information that allows us to explore the world.

Lecturer Divya Sharma, department of geography further conducted the proceedings of the programme with formal Vote of Thanks. The event was graced by the presence of faculty member Professor Sanjeev Upadhyay (Department of Sanskrit), Prof. Sanjay Kumar (Department of Philosophy), Prof. Pooja Bharti (Department of Geography), & the members of the department Mrs. Divya Sharma (Lecturer), Dr. Poonam Bharti (Lecturer), Ms. Roma Gandhi (Lecturer) and Balbir Singh (Lab bearer).

## Jal Shakti revives non-functional Hand Pumps across district Kishtwar



JNEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 7

The Jal Shakti Department, Hydraulic Division Kishtwar, under the aegis of District Administration, has undertaken the massive task of repairing non-functional hand pumps to enhance ease of access in the district.

The repair work was made possible through the District Mineral Trust Fund (DMFT) of the district administration Kishtwar in spirit with the commitment of the administration to guarantee drinking water accessibility to the residents of Kishtwar Town and its surrounding areas by augmenting the main tap water system.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Sunil Sharma informed that as of now, they have successfully brought 5 hand pumps back to life, ensuring a vital source of clean and accessible water for the local populace.

The remaining 58 hand pumps identified across the district are also in the process of being restored and are expected to be fully operational within a week.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav has urged the Jal Shakti authorities to expedite the pace and mobilize the necessary manpower and machinery to restore the non-functional hand pumps within the set deadline.

## B2V-5 commences at Kulgam; Special Secretary Education, other VOs visit respective panchayats

JNEWS SERVICE  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 7

The fifth phase of 'Back to Village Programme' (B2V5) which is J&K Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme commenced today at Kulgam.

On the occasion, the Visiting Officers (VOs)/ Prabhari Officers visited their respective panchayats, interacted with the public and undertook review of previous and current year deliverables with special focus on improving e-services penetration, user experience for greater accessibility etc.

Special Secretary Education, Naseer Ahmad Wani visited Pahloo Panchayat and interacted with the people and took stock of development.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohiud-Din Bhat also visited several Panchayats in the



district and took stock of arrangements and proceedings in these panchayats.

He said that all requisite arrangements have been put in place across the district for smooth conduct of the outreach programme.

He added that today's programme started in 84 Panchayats and in the next phase which will start on 9th November, more 94 panchayats will be covered.

He also urged the people for their active participation in the programme.

## Power shutdown

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 7

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Channi Himmat, MES Sunjwan and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 08 from 7 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Patoli, Shiv Nagar, Subash Nagar, Govt Quarter Sarwal, Shanti Nagar, Pal and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 08 from 7 am to 11 am.



## Kavinder meets CM Shinde in Kupwara, seeks cooperation for tourism promotion in J&K

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOV 7

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today met Maharashtra Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde during his visit to Kupwara and sought cooperation for the promotion of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Notably, Eknath Shinde today unveiled a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Kupwara district today. Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar was also present during the function.

At the outset of the meeting, Kavinder discussed the present political scenario and prevalence of long lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir. He told Maharashtra Chief Minister that all the bottlenecks which were



hindering the occurrence of tranquillity have been removed by the Modi Government by taking revolutionary steps since 2014 with abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 which was the turning point post independence history of India.

The senior BJP functionary urged the Maha-

harashtra Chief Minister to rope in Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) to give impetus to the tourism sector in J&K as cooperation between MTDC and its counterpart in J&K can boost tourism in a big way. He said that the scenario has totally

changed in J&K with vistas of opportunities waiting for the business giants to establish their ventures in the paradise on earth. He said that the atmosphere in J&K has become conducive for tourism and business as there is complete peace and normalcy.

The Maharashtra Chief Minister assured Kavinder Gupta full support in promoting tourism through out of the box initiatives. Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta today participated in the installation ceremony of a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Kupwara district.

Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, Rajesh shrisagar executive chairman, state planning board and 4IRR of the Indian Army today honoured Kavinder Gupta for his distinguished service towards the society.

## SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar inaugurates National Disabled Triangular Cricket Tournament

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
AKHNOOR, NOV 7

National Disabled Triangular Cricket Tournament being organized by Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Association and Disabled Cricket Control Board of India at the Country Cricket Stadium in Gharota was inaugurated on Tuesday by SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar. On this occasion, Ghazal Khan, CEO of Disabled Cricket Control Board of India, Rajan Singh Happy, Former President of Yuva Rajput Sabha Owerre present as special guests. The tournament is being organized under the supervision of Sham Singh Langeh (Zonal Head Disabled Cricket Control Board of India) and Shah Aziz (Coordinator Jammu Kashmir Disabled Cricket Control Board).

SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar inaugurated the



tournament by cutting the ribbon. After which the first match took place between Divyang Cricket Team Baroda and Divyang Cricket Team Jharkhand. Baroda team won the toss and batted first and scored 186 runs losing six wickets in 20 overs. For Baroda, Abhinandan scored 70 runs while Imran scored 22 important runs. Vagish and Vijay took two wickets each from Jharkhand team. While chasing the target of 187 runs, Jharkhand team

scored only 123/5 runs in 20 overs. For Jharkhand, Vagish contributed 38 runs, Pramod 28 and Mohd Qasim contributed 24 runs. From Baroda, Imran Malik got 2 wickets, Yash and Rohit got one wicket each. Abhinandan was chosen man of the match for his excellent performance in the match. The second match of the day was between Jammu and Kashmir and Baroda in which Baroda team won by seven wickets. SSP

Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar, present on this occasion, congratulated all the players and organizers for the national level triangular series being organized for the disabled. Praising the passion of the disabled players for sports, he said that the Jammu and Kashmir Police will provide all possible support to encourage the disabled players. He requested all the youth present at the event to stay away from drug abuse and join sports to make themselves physically and mentally fit.

During the event, Chairman Block Development Council Bhalwal Kuldeep Raj, DySP DAR Jammu KD Bhagat, SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal, Sarpanch Pratap Singh, Sarpanch Sanjeev Singh, Country Cricket Stadium MD Vikrant Sharma, SHO Gharota Joginder Chib, BJP leader Baba Chanchal were mainly present.

## Countdown begins for end of Ghelot Government in Rajasthan: Bali Bhagat

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
AJMER (RAJASTHAN)

Senior BJP leader and former Minister Bali Bhagat today asserted that the countdown has begun for the end of Gehlot Government in Rajasthan as none of the promises made to the public have been fulfilled.

The former minister said while addressing public meetings in Ajmer South Assembly Constituency in support of BJP candidate Smt Anita Badel, one in Adarsh Mandal at Bihari Ganj and second in Arya Mandal at RajShree Palace in Ram Bagh Choraha area.

During the meetings, Bali Bhagat criticized the present government for not fulfilling the promises made to the public. He alleged that the Gehlot government was involved in neck deep corruption and that is the reason



people are fed-up of this dispensation and have started galvanizing towards BJP. He said that days of present government in Rajasthan are numbered because people have started reposing faith in BJP as they have understood that there is no match to the double engine government of BJP.

Bali Bhagat criticized the present government of Rajasthan for its failure to stand on the promises made to the people of the state during the previous Assembly election. He alleged that the present government indulged in corrupt practices and that

is the reason people are fed-up of this dispensation and have started inspiring towards BJP.

Seeking vote for Smt. Anita Badel, Bali Bhagat reminded the people of Ajmer South Assembly constituency that their MLA Anita Badel, despite being a BJP legislator, was declared the best MLA by the Congress government during the Rajasthan Assembly session. Therefore, you should ensure her victory with a huge margin of votes. He said the BJP candidate will work for both nation as well as for her Constituency.

## Usha Revitalizes Kashmir's Turai Kar in Srinagar: Nature-Bonding Sport Captivates 190 Young Enthusiasts

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Usha, India's leading consumer durables brand, supported the workshop "Let us Play Turai Kar!", an initiative to promote indigenous games amongst Kashmiri youth. This event, in collaboration with the Mool Sustainability Research and Training Center (MOOL), saw enthusiastic participation from 190 children at the Government Boys Higher Secondary School (GBHSS) in Lar, Ganderbal. Mr. Seraj Ahmad, Principal, GBHSS school; Mr. Riyazul Gani, Lecturer, GBHSS school; Ms. Aisha, Senior Lecturer, GBHSS school, and Ms. Lubna Rafiqi, Sagg Eco Village, graced the event as the Guest of Honours, acknowledging and rewarding the spirited efforts of the young participants.

"India, with its rich



tapestry of culture and heritage, is a repository of unique indigenous sports. Our dedication is not just to promote these games, like Turai Kar, but to recognize their intrinsic value in building community and nurturing the intrinsic bond between children and nature through playful engagement. The proactive involvement of Usha Silai School Women, whether organizing, participating, or motivating, amplifies the spirit of these events, making them truly special." - Komal Mehra, Head - Sports Initiatives and Associations at Usha International.

MOOL, an esteemed charitable trust, holds a vision for sustainable transformation in Kashmir by bolstering capacity building, education, and holistic community development. Perfectly aligned with Usha's PLAY ethos, this partnership underscores the shared mission of both organizations: to champion and support local sports, thereby fostering personal growth and community development for Kashmir's younger generation.

Turai Kar, an evocative game symbolizing the spirit of "doing one's best", revolves around team

dynamics where one side valiantly protects a chosen tree, while the opposition strives to bypass these guards to affectionately care for the same tree. The game culminates with participants from both teams embracing the tree, a poignant reminder of the quintessential bond between humans and nature. Beyond mere recreation, Turai Kar instills values like teamwork, strategic thinking, time management, and heartfelt expression. The winners for the Turai Kar event are Team Chinar, led by Tehtseen Yousef from the boys' team, and Kite Flyers, represented by Nazima, a CSS teacher from the girls' team.

Usha's unwavering commitment to rejuvenating local traditional sports is evident in its nationwide initiatives aimed at fostering active, healthy lifestyles and community

involvement. The invaluable support of Usha Silai School women, who often partake in these events, underlines this dedication. Usha's diverse sports initiatives span across India, encompassing strategic partnerships and supporting a myriad of sports, including those crafted for the visually challenged and other indigenous Indian regional sports. These encompass strategic partnerships, including collaborations with the Mumbai Indians franchise, Ultimate Flying Disc, Golf, cricket for specially-abled, and sports designed for the visually challenged, such as athletics, kabaddi, judo, and powerlifting. Additionally, Usha extends its support to indigenous Indian regional sports such as Kalari, Chhinj, Siat Khnam, Thang-Ta, Saz-Loung, Satoliya (popularly known as Pithu), Mal-lakhamb, and Gatka.

## Pavneet Kour demands stringent action against drug peddlers

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Seeking personal intervention of DGP J&K Police, R.R Swain to curb drug peddling in J&K, the Apni Party's Provincial President, Women Wing, Jammu, Pavneet Kour has demanded stringent action against the drug peddlers to eradicate the menace from the society.

Pavneet Kour was speaking at a meeting that was organized at Hakkal Panchayat Ward No - 4 in Raipur, Satwari.

She raised the issue of drug addiction and drug peddling due to which the people are worried about the future generation.

In her speech, she appealed to the Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Police to take a serious note of the drug addiction and a suitable action in this regard needs to be



taken. She suggested that the commercial as well as residential houses should install CCTVs that can help the police or other investigative agencies to identify the drug peddlers so that they can be handled as per the law.

Meanwhile, she said that "The drug addiction and peddling have increased in the peripheral areas as well and it has worried the members of the society. Many families have lost their loved ones due to the drug addiction and it has also given rise

to the criminal activities which needs to be curbed with collective efforts of the society and the police."

She said that the role of women is important regarding the menace of drug addiction.

"The women should come forward and educate the younger generation about the harms of drug addiction, and accordingly, the members of civil society can coordinate with the police to motivate youth to come out of drug addiction in rehabilitation centers," she further added.

## Civil Defence Jammu organizes one day awareness camp

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 7

One day awareness programme was held at Central Sanskrit University Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of Dy. SP, Anita Pawar, Dy. Contoller Civil Defence Jammu. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, CPR, Chocking, Fire fighting and drugs addiction were given by the Civil Defence expert to the students. During the programme demonstration on the above said topics was also presented by the Civil Defence team. The main aim of the awareness programmed was to educate the students with regard to preventive measures during natural or Man-made disasters.

The programme was attended by 80 Student of



the University. Professor Shri Dhar Pathik Director Central Sanskrit University Campus appreciated and thanked the Civil Defence team for conducting CD awareness camp.

Besides, Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden

CD Jammu, Sh. R. Vijay Magotra Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu, Professor Joginder Dixhit (coordinator) Central Sanskrit University Campus, and other staff of the Central Sanskrit University were present on the occasion.

## SSP Jammu tours city ahead of upcoming festive season



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 7

In view of the upcoming festive season and to control the heavy rush of people in the market, SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS alongwith SDPO City North Sunil Kumar Kesar and other police officials toured areas of Jammu city on Tuesday.

SSP Jammu visited the city Haat and other old city areas like Pacca Danga, Parade, City Chowk, Raghunath

Market, Hari Market and other adjoining areas.

During the visit SSP Jammu interacted with the shopkeepers of the area as well as civilians to get first hand knowledge of the problems faced by them at grassroot level.

Moreover he wished people for the upcoming festival of Diwali and ensured them every possible help from Police if needed. He also ensured them that Police is always there to help people in every matter.

## 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by Jammu Police

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 7

In a quest to stem the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was

devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of PS Jhajjar Kotli, PS Nagrota and PS Arnia acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 09 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under: 07 vehicles i.e 05 Dumpers bearing Registration Nos. JK14G-1573, JK02CW-2843, JK19-5993, JK19A-3016 and JK02CV-6024,

One Tractor Trolley without Registration No and one Tipper bearing Registration No JK14A-9455, by PS Jhajjar Kotli. One Tipper bearing Registration No JK02CT-6827, by PS Nagrota. One Tractor Trolley bearing Chassis No MBNBEBBAZPNB0574, by PS Arnia. The recoveries were made by SHO PS Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Azad Ahmed, SHO PS Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap

Singh and SHO PS Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch in their respective jurisdictions. DMO Jammu was also intimidated about the same. The mining was done in violation of order of Hon'ble High Court of J&K. In order to strictly implement the drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators of the law Jammu Police has initiated strict action.



## MP Khatana accuses Cong of pushing Youth Towards Dark Ages

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader & MP Rajya Sabha (Nominated), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana inaugurated the Annual Dargal at Sydney Ground, Bathindi here where thousands of people witnessed the keenly contested wrestling matches.

Addressing the gathering, MP Khatana shedding light on the stark differences in youth empowerment approaches taken by the BJP and Congress, accused the Congress party of pushing

the youth towards the abyss of drug abuse and dark ages while praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives aimed at channeling the energy of young Indians into nation-building activities.

He highlighted the BJP government's commitment to empowering the youth and fostering an environment where they can excel in various fields. One of the key initiatives mentioned was "Khelo India," a programme aimed at promoting sports and nurturing sporting talent in the country. The BJP



government has not only introduced Khelo India but also invested in creating the necessary sports infrastructure, resulting in the emergence of a new breed

of young athletes who have been excelling in various sports at national and international levels.

MP Khatana emphasized that the BJP's vision is to

harness the energy and enthusiasm of the youth to create a brighter and more prosperous future for India. By encouraging participation in sports, the government is not only promoting physical fitness but also nurturing a spirit of competitiveness and achievement.

He criticized the Congress party for its alleged role in pushing the youth towards drug addiction and dark ages. He called upon the people to reflect on the choices they have when it comes to empowering the younger genera-

tion. The contrast between the BJP's proactive approach in empowering youth and the Congress's perceived failure in this regard was stark.

MP Gulam Ali Khatana urged the youth to embrace the opportunities created by the BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He underlined that the future of India lies in the hands of its young citizens and that they should seize the chance to participate in nation-building activities, sports, and other creative endeavors.

## Unprecedented power cuts in Udhampur town, its villages affect normal life: Hans Raj Dogra



J I NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, NOV 7

Apni Party has expressed serious concern over the unscheduled power curtailment in Udhampur town and its villages across the district.

"The constant electricity cuts have affected normal life in Udhampur town as well as in the villages. The electricity curtailments have increased to an unprecedented manner and the drinking water supply system also seems to have collapsed because of these cuts," said Apni Party, District President Udhampur, Hans Raj Dogra.

Dogra was speaking at a joining program at Udhampur. In this joining program, over a dozen people i.e., Kuldeep Sharma, Anil Sharma, Ramesh Chander, Parkas Chander, Sunil Dubey, Sudesh Kumar and others were welcomed into the party fold by the District Committee members.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion include District President Udhampur, Hans Raj Dogra, Senior Vice President Haji Noor Mohammed, District

General Secretary, Sat Pal Chalotra, District President Youth Wing, Ajeet Sharma, District President Trade Union, Vijay Sharma, District President SC Wing, Sharm Lal Sotra, District Secretary, Akram Khan, District Vice President Youth Wing, Dheeraj Jung, and others.

While welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, the District President Udhampur hoped that their joining would strengthen the party and they would highlight the issues of the general masses.

"The authorities give no heed to the demands and suffering of the people. The people in villages suffer more because of poor basic amenities and poor road infrastructure," he said.

He said that the road, health and education system has not been improved.

"There is a dire need to look into the poor infrastructural development in the district and the promotion of the tourism spots to attract tourists in the unexplored areas that would help in the generation of employment at the local level," he added.

## Institute of Dental Sciences celebrates "National Tooth Brushing Day"

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

The Institute of Dental Sciences Sehora, Jammu, in collaboration with the preschool chain Wow Kids, The Learning World, celebrated National Toothbrushing Day on 7th November. The event took place at the Wow Kids branch in Bishnah, Jammu, and was attended by the Branch Head and other staff members.

The aim of the event was to educate children about proper toothbrushing techniques and promote good oral hygiene habits from an early age. Under the guidance of Dr. Sarabjeet Singh, Principal of IDS, a team of doctors headed by Dr. Esha Bali, HOD of the Department of Public Health Dentistry, organized the event.

During the event, the children were taught the



importance of proper toothbrushing and were shown the correct techniques to maintain good oral health. To further support their oral hygiene practices, free toothbrushes and dental kits were distributed to all the participating children.

The event was a great success, with the enthusiastic participation of the children, parents, and staff members. The head of the Institute Sh. Ravi Dubey along with staff

members and interns namely Poonam Gupta and Akshata Gupta, were also present to support the initiative.

Dr. Sarabjeet Singh expressed his gratitude to Wow Kids preschool for their collaboration and emphasized the importance of promoting oral health awareness among young children. He also thanked the team of doctors and staff members for their efforts in organizing the event.

## Nitish commends BRO for making road upto Amarnath Cave Shrine

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge Social Media Department, BJP, J&K, on Monday lauded the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for making a road up to the Amarnath Cave Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a "historic achievement" and a "gift to the Hindu community".

In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader said that the construction of the road is a testament to the Modi government's commitment to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and to the welfare of the Hindu community. He said that the road will make it easier for devotees to undertake the pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave, which is one of the most sacred Hindu shrines.

Mahajan also said that the road will boost tourism in Kashmir, which has been hit hard by terrorism in recent years. As every year, lakhs of devotees visited Jammu and Kashmir in this holy pilgrimage. He expected that with the



construction of this road, the religious pilgrimage will get boost in the union territory. The BJP leader's statement comes after the BRO expanded the road from Dumail to the Amarnath cave via Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir. The first set of vehicles has also reached the shrine. The BRO was entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the twin tracks leading to the Cave Shrine last year. The BRO's 'Project Beacon' is involved in the restoration and improvement of Amarnath Yatra tracks.

Mahajan also praised the BRO for its excellent

work on the road project. "The BRO has done a commendable job by constructing a motorable road to the Amarnath cave shrine. The BRO's engineers and workers have toiled day and night to complete the project on time. I would like to salute their dedication and hard work," he added.

The senior BJP leader said that the construction of the road to the Amarnath cave shrine is a major step forward in the development of Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed confidence that the road will boost tourism and economic growth in the Union Territory.

## 'Govt's achievements strengthened people's faith in Narendra Modi: Sunil Prajapati

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

An important meeting took place at BJP Head Quarter, Trikuta nagar Jammu where key leaders of the BJP OBC Morcha Jammu and Kashmir convened to deliberate on various government schemes and their impact on the local populace, especially the underprivileged.

Sunil Prajapati (State President BJP OBC Morcha), Neelam Virdhi (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Shamsheer Prajapati (State Secretary OBC Morcha), Kewal Verma (State Secretary OBC Morcha), Jyoti Verma (Office Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Subash Anand (Cashier BJP OBC Morcha), Ashok Salgotra (District President Jammu OBC Morcha), Suraj Parkash Verma (District President Samba OBC Morcha), Ram Pal (District President Jammu South OBC Morcha), District General Secretaries, Vice Presidents and Mandal Presidents were Present in the Meeting. The central focus of the meeting was to assess



government schemes and their significance in improving the lives of the people, especially those in need.

Sunil Prajapati stated that the BJP government is dedicated to the welfare of the citizens. He highlighted initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, which aims to provide financial services to the economically disadvantaged, and the Ayushman Bharat Card scheme, offering free healthcare up to Rs 5 lakh per person for economically disadvantaged families. These schemes, he noted, underscore the party's commitment to the people's well-being.

Furthermore, Sh. Sunil Prajapati, President of

the J&K BJP OBC Morcha, stressed the importance of ensuring that these schemes effectively reach the intended beneficiaries. He encouraged party workers to redouble their efforts in making these programs accessible to the people.

He said that Modi government launched a large number of schemes with an objective of socio-economic upliftment of the women, poor, weaker sections, farmers, youth, labour class. The government introduced Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, which plugged the corruption by agents and middlemen and the financial assistance transferred direct into the bank accounts of beneficiaries.

## Congress expresses shock over demise of Adv Kalgotra

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Senior Vice President JK Congress Mr Ravinder Sharma advocate, Shah Mohammed Chaudhary, Advocate Vice President JKPC, K K Pangotra advocate, Chairman Congress Legal Cell and others have expressed profound grief and shock over the sad demise of prominent advocate of J&K High Court Shri Bachan Lal Kalgotra, who passed away last night

In a condolence message, they described Advocate Kalgotra as a great crusader against injustice, a philosopher and thinker, who always worked for fostering harmony & brotherhood amongst people of different faiths. He was a fearless voice against attempts at creating conflicts based on religion and was proud of the heterogeneous character of our nation & propagated humanity & secularism. He always spoke against the religious superstitions & advocated reforms in the society based on scientific approach & progressive thinking for a harmonious and peaceful co-existence.

Shri Kalgotra was a leftist but a true Nehruvian, who was a great admirer of first Prime Minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru. Shri Kalgotra was a social activist who fought for the rights of refugees and border people during his lifetime.

## Three missing persons reunited with their families by Jammu Police

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Three different missing cases solved by Jammu Police in the areas under the jurisdiction of PP Canal, PP Phallian Mandal and PP Digiana. A complaint got registered at PP Canal by the legal heirs of a woman stating that she got missing from her home. In this regard missing report vide DD No 16 Dated 05-11-2023 of

missing lady, got registered at PP Canal and investigation got started.

On this special police teams of PP Canal led by DySP Hqrs Dr. Sunniya Wani assisted by I/C PP Canal PSI Mohd Younis Khandey did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing lady.

Similarly, another complaint was lodged at PP Phallian Mandal by the legal heirs of a girl stating that she got missing from her home.

In this regard missing report vide GD No 16 Dated 06-11-2023 of missing girl, got registered at PP Phallian Mandal and investigation got started.

On this special police teams of PP Phallian Mandal led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by I/C PP Phallian Mandal ASI Ranjit Singh did hectic efforts and traced the missing girl within 24 hours of her missing.

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**Subject: Show Cause Notice.**

You have been deputed for Junior Assistant Training Course at J&K IMPARD Jammu as per the orders of the Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu vide his letter No. RWLWJ/2023/3697-99 Dt. 25-09-2023 & copy of which forwarded to you vide this office letter No. WLWktr/2023-24/1858-59 Dt. 25-09-2023. Accordingly you submitted departure report on 25-09-2023 FN to join the said training at J&K IMPARD Jammu and copy of which submitted to the Regional Office vide this office letter No. WLWktr/2023-24/1894-95 Dt. 25-09-2023.

It has been informed by the Administrative Officer J&K IMPARD Jammu vide his letter No. IMPARD-TRGOATI/146/2022/2107-10 Dt. 30-10-2023 that you have joined the said training on 27-09-2023 & has left the training since 13 October 2023 till date. You left the said training without any leave application & information to the concerned training institute/this office.

You have becoming habitual for remaining absent from your duty without submitting any leave application/permission as is evident that you did not submitted any reply of the notices served to you for remaining absent w.e.f 30-08-2023 to 18-09-2023 FN vide this office notices No. WLWktr/2023-24/1711 Dt. 02-09-2023, WLWktr/2023-24/1754 Dt. 08-09-2023, No. WLWktr/2023-24/1768 Dt. 09-09-2023, WLWktr/2023-24/1778-79 Dt. 11-09-2023, WLWktr/2023-24/1898 Dt. 25-09-2023 & No. WLWktr/2023-24/2006 Dt. 13-10-2023 Your replies of these notices are still awaited from you.

Now again you have left the training without any leave application/permission by the competent authority.

Therefore, you are hereby served with show cause notice for remaining unauthorized from duty & why the action under CSR article 128 will be not initiated against you. Your reply must reached this office within weeks a time positively failing which necessary disciplinary action will be taken against you.

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## Rekha Mahajan highlights various welfare measures taken by Modi Govt



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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speed up the "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" and gave a ring to the general populace of Jammu South in Kunjwani Mandal Booth No 131,132. Rekha Mahajan along with Deputy Mayor Baldev Billowria addressed the public gathering in Booth No 131,132 highlighted that this would further accelerate the swiftness of development across the entire nation, under the vibrant leadership of PM Modi, particularly in the Union territory of J&K in direct camaraderie with the general public.

Meeting Incharge General Secretaries Pawan Chib, Jyoti Parkash, Inderjeet Kour, Rajinder Poppy, Kiran Salathia, Captain Narinder Singh, Booth Presidents Joginder Singh, Balvinder Singh and residents of Booth were present in the program.

Rekha Mahajan highlighted various welfare measures taken by his government, such as the provision of toilets for women, the opening of bank accounts, and water connections for the weaker sections provided by the Modi Government since 2014. Rekha Mahajan has also enlightened that India would jump from the 5th position to become the 3rd largest economy in the world under the visionary supreme leadership of PM Modi during the current decade. BJP District President Rekha Mahajan said India has smashed barriers under the umbrella of the Modi-led government in real perceived and exaggerated, over the past decade to bolster the self-confidence of Indians and put the nation firmly on the path to becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Baldev hails the historical decision to extend the free ration (food grains

under the public distribution system) scheme for "80 crore poor people of the country" for five years beyond December and said that "fulfilling the people's dreams is Modi's resolve. He said the BJP government will extend the free ration scheme for 80 crore poor people for the next five years. He lauds that the BJP government has made such arrangements that no matter where you go in the country, you will continue to get free ration and the Modi-led government has given you the facility of a 'One Nation One Ration Card'.

Jitendra Salathia a young speaker addressed the gathering he said that the whole world is appreciating the potential and the power of Bharat due to the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM's efforts have brought development to every village as well as prosperity and peace everywhere.

## BSP concerned over frequently road accidents, functioning of traffic, MVD authorities

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Bahujan Samaj Party J&K UT General Secretary Rajesh Gupta has expressed deep concern regarding the rising number of road accidents in the region.

In a statement released today, Gupta specifically referred to the recent Rajouri accident, in which three people lost their lives and several others sustained serious injuries after a mini bus falls in george.

Expressing shock and anguish, Gupta urged the authorities to implement a preventive strategy to curb accidents rather than relying solely on post-accident measures.

He highlighted the poor



condition of roads in hilly areas, emphasizing that their deteriorated state makes them prone to accidents.

Gupta stated that numerous lives have been lost, and many people have suffered severe injuries due to road accidents in these areas. He said as deaths take place frequently on the roads,

functioning of traffic authorities and Motor Vehicle Departments is questionable.

BSP leader called upon the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, to prioritize human lives, emphasizing that a person's life is more valuable than anything else.

He further emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a significant number of fatalities last year, marking the highest toll in a decade.

Gupta acknowledged that while the conflict in the region often dominates headlines, it is essential to address the issue of road accidents, which disproportionately affects the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Youth should register themselves as voters in special summary revision: Ravinder Raina

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JAMMU, NOV 7

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by senior leaders, held a meeting of its Election Management department at party headquarters Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, accompanied by general secretary (org.) Ashok Koul and general secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal addressed the meeting organized by Department Incharge



Parduman Singh. Senior party leaders as Booth Level Agents (BLAI) representing 43 Assembly constituencies of Jammu region participated in this meeting.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, asked the party leaders to

focus on the new voters, who have just reached or about to reach the required age set up by Election Commission to register themselves as first time voters. He said that the senior party leaders acting as BLAI have the duty to represent every new voter

in the respective Assembly Constituency. Highlighting the prominent role of youth to shape the future of nation, he said that the young people's enthusiasm and innovation could be an important driver for change. He also prompted the youth to pro-actively register themselves as voters in special summary revision. Ashok Koul discussed the assembly segment-wise progress of the electoral rolls revision process work by BLAIs. He asked the BLAIs to aware

the BLA2s to pace up the process on the ground level. He stressed on the detailed verification of the voter lists to check and make the genuine addition and deletion of the voters.

Dr. Manyal prompted all the BLAIs to ensure participation of party activists in the process so that no eligible youth should be left behind without registration. He told them to be actively involved with all the agencies in the enrolment process in their respective areas.

## GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts two shows of Gulab Gaatha

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Government college for women Gandhi Nagar witnessed the first ever film made on the history of Jammu and Kashmir entitled 'Gulab Gaatha'.

The main auditorium of the college was packed to capacity and the impact of the film was so overwhelming that students gave a standing ovation to the brilliant performance of Natrang Jammu actors. The demand of the film was so huge that it was repeated twice during the day to accommodate all students. In his welcome address Director Natrang Balwant Thakur who is also the writer and the director of the film, presented a brief overview about the making of this historic film 'Gulab Gaatha' and thanked Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust for giving him this life-time opportunity to produce and direct this film. 'Gulab Gaatha is a production of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and Natrang Jammu. On the occasion he also thanked Prof. Minu Mahajan the Principal of the college for the commendable cooperation and support. These shows have been possible with the active support of the Principal, teaching faculty and the staff of the college. Narrating further he shared that it took him and my team of scholars, creative people, designers, and actors over three years on research and the mobilisation of resources in creating this master-



piece ever produced in Jammu & Kashmir. This is a must-see film for one and all. Natrang is currently showcasing a series of fifty shows all over Jammu province.

The film 'Gulab Gaatha' is about the journey of a soldier who achieves great success at everything he initiated. His unquestionable obligatory obedience towards Lahore Durbar, his unconditional sacrifice and his conception of a kingdom has been regarded and given value in this. The greatness of leaders is not just in their works but in the way they have been appreciated and personified in the eyes of the people. Napoleon was a military and political hero of France and Alexander has been applauded for his greatness for his conquest. Gulab Singh as an emperor held the same qualities of being a courageous warrior. He was a normal person with no lineage of royalty but he established himself as a King with the help of his bravery and continued to keep a hold on his empire because of his well-planned strategic and diplomatic intelligence.

The most noteworthy part of the film was the dynamic acting by the local artists who simply created

magic on screen with their highly professional performances. Sunil Kumar Palwal a meritorious pass out of FTII and popular TV/Film actor has done a great job in portraying different shades of the life of Maharaja Gulab Singh. The lead lady of the film is played by Gauri Thakur. The prominent amongst others who gave remarkable performances included Arvind Anand, Madan Rangeela, Sudhir Jamwal, Suresh Kumar, Janak Khajuria, Anil Tickoo, Sanjeev Gupta, Neeraj Kant, Vijay Bhat, Subash Jamwal, Sumeet Sharma, Gaurav Jamwal, Rahul Singh, Aftab Singh Chauhan, Meera Tapasvi, Aarushi Thakur Rana, Brijesh Avtaar Sharma, Lalit Kumar, Aman Sharma, Akshay Razzdan, Kanav Sharma, Jatinder Singh, Brighu Sharma, Sumeet Raina, Nareesh Kumar, Udit Sagar, Sushant Singh Charak, Vanshika Gupta, Sanket Bhagat and Shivam Sharma.

Technical crew included Maloop Singh (Technical Director) Sanjay Kumar (Cameraman), Kamal Sharma (Makeup), and Neeraj Badyal (Film Editor), Sartaj Singh (Production) Mohd Yaseen and Gaurav Jamwal (Coordination).

## Block Level Bankers Committee meeting held at Pancheri



JNEWS SERVICE  
PANCHERI, NOV 7

Today, Block level Bankers Committee meeting (BLBC) for the quarter ended September 2023 held at Pancheri in the presence of LDM Rahul Rana, DDM Nabard Sidharth Goutam & Director RSETI Rajan Khatak.

The committee deliberate upon various schemes being implemented by Gol in the block.

The discussions were

joined by representatives from banks and line departments

LDM emphasised upon the achievement under Jan Suraksha schemes.

DDM NABARD impressed upon the banks to ensure coverage of PM KISAN beneficiaries under Ghar ghar KCC abhiyaan (GGKA)

During the meeting the representatives from RSETI also gave a brief about the courses being organized by RSETI.

## Tiny Scholars School, Kathua organizes Diwali Mela



JNEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, NOV 7

"A time for celebration and for lights .A time for victory of good over bad. A time when the world sees the example Of power of Good against Evil. Let us continue the same "true"spirit."\*

Rangoli making has been an essential part of Diwali celebrations in our country. Although Diwali is a festival of lights, the Rangoli colours play a big role in bringing out the festive spirit during these celebrations. Therefore, to promote this traditional art form amongst our students, an Inter house Rangoli making competition was organized in TINY SCHOLARS SCHOOL, LOGATE MORH, KATHUA on 07 November, 2023.

All the houses participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The first position was bagged by Tagore house, second position by Vivekanand house and third position was acquired by Sarojini house and Gandhi house stood 4th in Rangoli making competition. All the teams put in their best efforts and after the competition the school foyer was sparkling with such beautiful use of colours and designs which added to the festive galore. Organizing such events helps students to remain in close touch with their culture. This Rangoli making competition motivated the students to perform and outshine in their creative skills and most importantly, work as a team to bring laurels to their house.

## Two Days J&K UT Power Lifting & Deadlift Championship concludes at Jammu

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JAMMU, NOV 7

Two days long J&K UT Power lifting and deadlift Championship unquipped and equipped Sub Junior, Junior, Senior & Master (Men & Women) conclude at Indoor Stadium Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

Rajinder Sharma, Hon'ble Mayor was chief guest of the occasion while Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge OBC Morcha JK-UT ) was special guest of the occasion .

In the championship Mayor Rajinder Sharma and Braham Jyot distributed prizes and medals among the winners and runner up players . Ajay Sharma ( General Secretary JK-UT Powerlifting and Deadlift association) felicitated dignitaries by presenting them Mementos .

The championship was organized by All JK-UT Power lifting association under the aegis Power

Lifting India was held under the observer of J&K State Sports Council Ritika Slathia Judo Coach Incharge Indoor Stadium Bhagwati Nagar. Around 200 players participated in this championship. The Championship Sponsored by Master World.

Speaking on the occasion Mayor Rajinder Sharma appreciated this commendable work of Ajay Sharma and his colleagues and said sports is big pillar of society and plays vital role in our daily in both physical and mental aspects .

He said Government is doing best for promoting sports culture and felicitating sports persons across Country .

He said Physical fitness provides strong bones and muscles, leads to better health and well-being, prevents various health problems, reduces the risk of several diseases like blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, Depression , Anxiety etc . He said PM Modi ji led



Government is working alot in field of sports and have installed various open gym in Jammu also .

Braham Jyot said Our Sports Persons Have always Brought Laurels To The Country and Jammu and Kashmir in Their Respective Sports Disciplines .

He said Sports Persons are main pillars of society and they are role models for our youth , Government has opened many

open gym for us at many different sites .

He congratulated winners and assured them that BJP OBC Morcha always stands with them and will provide appropriate help to them in future also .

In the championships Gourav Sharma , Ronit Verma , Amita Devi , Heena Das and Sakshi Kour created a new record by lifting maximum weight in their respective category.

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The officials of the association who organized JK-UT Power Lifting & Deadlift Championship in well mannered under the rule and regulation of Power Lifting India were Ajay Sharma (General Secretary), Rahul Sawhney ( Senior Vice President), Gulzar Singh (Vice President), Vikram Singh (Vice President), Adil Ashraf Khan (Jammu District General Secretary), Deepak Jyoti, Sanjeev Singh, Joint Secretary, Vinay Sharma Media Secretary & executive member of the association namely Sumit Gupta, Anshuman Sharma, Joginder Kumar, Sandeep Bamotra, Gourav Gupta, Narinder Pal Singh, Suresh Pal, Sajjad, Ajit Pal Singh, Azim Aslam Kistwar Distt. Secretary & Vishal Sharma.

Gourav Sharma, Jagdev Singh, Adnan Chowdhary , Momin dar , Anurag Magotra , Ram gupta , Umesh Raina , Uzain Anyat , Ronit Verma , Sourav seth

, Faizan hyder , Babul rayan, Amita devi , Puneet kour , Malvika mohan , Shivan langleh , Taniya sharma , Juhi Sharma & Rakhi grover became best lifter and other medal winners are Gourav Sharma, Jagdev Singh and Amita Devi won best lifter in Senior unquipped, and equipped while Momin Dar, Anurag Verma & Shivani Lange won best lifter in Junior unquipped, & equipped, Adnan Chowdhary, Uzain Anyat and Taniya Sharma won best lifter in Sub-Junior, Junior, Senior & Master-I unquipped & equipped category.

## SOTTO organizes Organ Donation Awareness programme in SAM Nursing College Beerwah

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 7

Jammu And Kashmir State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) organized an Awareness Programme for faculty, nursing and paramedical students of Syed Ali Memorial College of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences Beerwah in district Budgam.

Dr Murtaza Bukhari, Chairman, Syed Ali Memorial Trust welcomed SOTTO J&K team. He stressed the need for organ donation in society.

Joint Director, SOTTO J&K, Dr Sanjeev Puri gave a presentation on Human Organ Donation and Transplantation, thereby clarifying various myths associated with it.



## DC reviews implementation of PC&PNDT, Clinical Establishment, Registration & Regulation Act in Rajouri District

JINNEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 7

The District Advisory Committee today convened a crucial meeting to discuss and deliberate on the effective enforcement of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PCPNDT) and the Clinical Establishment, Registration & Regulation Act in the Rajouri district.

Chaired by the District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, the meeting witnessed in-depth discussions on varied aspects of the acts. The PCPNDT Act, a vital piece of legislation serves as a bulwark against pre-natal sex determination and the resultant gender-based discrimination. The Act aims to safeguard the rights of the unborn and promote gender equity.

Key points deliberated during the meeting included registration of ultrasound centers where the



meeting shed light on the registration status of ultrasound centers in Rajouri district, revealing a total of 30 ultrasound clinics. Among these, there are 04 government ultrasound centers and 26 privately-run ultrasound centers. The District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, directed the concerned officers to ensure the regular and rigorous inspection of all ultrasound centers. This step is crucial in verifying compliance with the PCPNDT Act's stringent rules and regulations.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the paramount importance of effective implementation of the

PCPNDT Act in the district. He emphasised on a multi-pronged approach, including stringent monitoring, public awareness campaigns, and effective data management.

The District Advisory Committee meeting stands as a strong reaffirmation of the district's commitment to address the challenges posed by female foeticide and gender-based discrimination. Through vigilance, coordination, and strict adherence to the PCPNDT Act, Rajouri aims to protect the rights and dignity of every unborn child, ensuring a more balanced and equitable society.

During the district registering authority meeting

on the Clinical Establishment Act, it was informed that there are 154 registered clinical establishments. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) received clear directives to promptly issue registrations to clinical establishments once all required formalities are met.

Among the others present in the meeting, ASP Vivek Shekhar, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rajinder Sharma, District Information Officer Auqil Nuvaidd, Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Dr. Mehmoob Bajar, and various Block Medical Officers (BMOs). Besides, civil society member KK Langer was also present in the meeting.

## Back 2 Village 5: First Phase of B2V5 commences in district Ramban

JINNEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 7

Back to Village-5 (B2V5) programme commenced today in district Ramban under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary with great enthusiasm and public participation.

The District Administration has deployed Visiting Officers for B2V5 with the mandate to receive and document the feedback and response of the public which will provide a strong database to ensure sustainable development of the district for the larger benefits of the rural people. All the visiting officers were directed to ensure that all parameters of the programme are thoroughly executed and factual details of different schemes implemented in the respective panchayat is captured so that the aim of holding the programme is achieved. Besides, the visiting officers were also directed to review the SDG & deliverables.



In the first phase, the Back to Village-5 programme has been started in 3 blocks, while the same process will continue in other blocks of the district and final phase which will culminate on 16 November, 2023.

The designated Visiting Officers along with supporting staff and Government functionaries reached their destinations for two days and one night stay to listen to villagers & prepare and approve the Gram Panchayat Develop-

ment Plan (GPDP) as per the wishes of people of the village.

In the morning, people enthusiastically welcomed the Visiting Officers in Panchayats where they interacted with people and noted their day-to-day developmental issues. They also took stock of the ongoing developmental works taken up in their areas under different schemes, besides inspecting functioning of the Schools, Wellness Centre, Anganwadi centres and

other institutions. They also witnessed sports and other events organised by the students and locals besides taking part in Graha Parvash of beneficiaries in PMAY-G houses on the occasion.

The Visiting Officers also monitored the implementation of different Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including beneficiary oriented schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), PMAY-G, PMEGP, PM-Kissan, KCC, etc at grassroots level.

## FDA Ramban organises "Millet Walkathon" under Eat Right Challenge Phase-3

JINNEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 7

Food Safety wing of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Department, Ramban today organized a 'Millet Walkathon' to promote healthy nutrition, better life style and good food habits among the public, under Eat Right Challenge Phase-3 and mark the observance of 2023 as 'International Year of Millet'.

The programme was held under the aegis of Commissioner, FDA, J&K Shakeel-ul-Rehman.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Sharma, Tehsildar Headquarter, S. Harveer Singh and Principal, Government Model HSS Ramban Kewal Krishan participated in the rally.

The rally commenced from GMHSS Ramban and passed through the main bazaar in which hundreds of locals including students, officials, staff members, Police officers participated.

Highlighting the significance of the Millets in our daily life, the ADC underlined the need to create awareness among masses about the importance of adopting a balanced and nutritious diet. He also laid stress on usage and Cultivation of "Millets", saying that it is a highly nutritious grain and has an important role in our Food Nutrition and wellness.

Dwelling in detail about the aim of the mission, Assistant Commissioner, FDA, Ramban Dev Dutt Sharma also deliberated on the initiatives of 'Eat Right India' with a phase of Eat Right Challenge-3.

Food Safety Officer Ramban Balbir Singh also urged the students to promote healthier habits in their daily life, families and society to maintain the nutritious benefits of Millets.

## DC Kishtwar chairs DLC meeting on HADP, approves 63 cases

JINNEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 7

In a significant move towards the development of agriculture in the region, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav on Tuesday chaired the District Level Committee meeting on Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

At the outset, the DC took brief on the headway achieved in implementing all components of HADP projects being covered across the district by Agriculture and allied departments.

The meeting also conducted a draw-of-lot for selection of various applications received for different components in respect of Sheep Husbandry departments and as per criteria in respect of other



Line departments under HADP. A total of 63 applications were approved by the committee including 5 applications for Animal Husbandry Department, 20 applications for Sheep Husbandry schemes, 05 for Sericulture and 33 for Agricultural departments under different projects/components respectively.

The DC, while approving the applications, stressed upon all sectoral officers of Agriculture

and allied departments to speed up the completion of targets assigned under the HADP to the district.

The DC stressed upon the stakeholder departments for work in close coordination for implementation of different initiatives at district level. He also directed to reach out the farmers of far-flung areas and make them aware about the latest farmer technologies in the agriculture sector besides work in collaboration with the representatives of PRIs for the successful implementation of different schemes at grassroots level.

ACR Kishtwar, ACD Kishtwar, CAO (DNO/Member Secretary HADP), CHO, DSHO, CAHO, DDM NABARD, Lead Bank Manager, and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

## Samba leads as first District to convene General Body Meeting of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 7

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Samba successfully conducted its first General Body Meeting today under the Chairmanship of Abhishek Sharma, Chairman SPCA (District Magistrate Samba).

The meeting took place in the Conference Hall of District Administrative Complex, Nandani Hills and was attended by notable individuals and representatives from different organizations.

Among the esteemed attendees were Suresh Sharma, JKAS, ADC Samba, Amit Choudhary, CEO MC Samba, Dr Gourav Choudhary, Member UT Animal Welfare Board, as well as representatives from Forest and Police departments. Additionally, 24 members of the District SPCA were also present, showcasing the strong support and dedication towards animal welfare in the district.



During the meeting, Dr Rahul Dev, Member Secretary SPCA Samba (CAHO Samba), highlighted the achievement of completing the quorum of 20 members, making district Samba the first district in the UT of J&K to convene such a General Body Meeting. DC Samba commended the Animal Husbandry Department, particularly CAHO Samba and Dr Neena Pathak, for their meticulous efforts in conducting the membership drive for the society.

The DC Samba expressed confidence that the society would effectively work towards the welfare of animals in the district, particularly

strays. He assured the provision of every possible aid for the society's growth and urged the members to develop an Action Plan and roadmap for further strengthening the district SPCA.

During the meeting, elections were held for the crucial positions of Vice President and Treasurer of the Management Committee of District SPCA. Vikesh Amba and Rajeev Sharma emerged as the elected officials for these positions respectively.

The meeting drew to a close with a vote of thanks by Dr Rahul Dev, marking a significant milestone in the journey of SPCA Samba.

## DC Reasi visits World's Highest Steel Arch Rail Bridge over River Chenab

JINNEWS SERVICE  
REASI, NOVEMBER 7

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan today along with ACR Reasi and Railway officers visited the world's highest steel arch rail bridge site between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a trolley inspection of the Bridge where officials of the railway briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the World's Highest Railway Bridge over Chenab and the progress on the project.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the hard work of all the railway staff involved in this project and their dedication towards duty despite various challenges and adverse conditions.

The railway authorities gave a detailed power point presentation to DC Reasi.



Deputy Commissioner Reasi discussed with the railway officers the prospects of using this engineering marvel as a major attraction for tourists.

He said that the district has a very good potential to attract many more people to its historic and natural locations. He discussed other suggestions to make this district a tourism hub which would create employment opportunities not only for locals but other residents of the UT as well. The DC

asked the revenue officers to earmark state land on both sides of the bridge for developing facilities for the tourists.

Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ACR Reasi Anshumali Sharma, SDM Dharmari, Tehsildar Bhomag Mehak Mahajan, Tehsildar Arnas, Azhar ,AXEN Chenab Bridge ,K K Sharma, Senior Section Eng. Chenab Manish Kumar, Senior Section Eng. Bridge Mohit Tyagi and other railway officials were present.

## 5-Day Pooja holidays announced

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 7

The Government today announced Pooja Holidays w.e.f 11-11-2023 to 15-11-2023 for Government Educational institutions and recognized Private School (s) upto Higher Secondary levels (Summer / Winter Zones) of Jammu Division.

"It is hereby ordered that all the Government Educational institutions and recognized Private School (s) upto Higher Secondary levels (Summer / Winter Zones) of Jammu Division shall observe Five (5) days Pooja Holidays w.e.f 11-11-2023 to 15-11-2023" an order issued today stated.

## GDC Neeli Nallah organises three day workshop, cleanliness & plantation drive, awareness rally on "No Plastic Usage"

JINNEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 7

ECO CLUB of Government Degree College Neeli Nallah -Udhampur, in collaboration with NGO 'live for others-Being helpful foundation (LFO-BHF)' organised a plantation cum awareness program to mark the UT Foundation day under the guidance of the college Principal, Prof. Hans Raj.

The program was in sequel to string of activities conducted by different clubs of the college.

The main objective of this program was to sensitise the students about the value and importance of trees which are an important National asset.

Different tree species were planted on the college campus to improve the positive ambience which is instrumental in reducing absenteeism and improving the overall



health of students who are the future of our nation.

To improve the green cover of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Principal of the college planted different kinds of saplings on the campus. In this program students were also made to plant various saplings in order to evoke in them the sense of responsibility

and belonging to their alma mater. The Principal, in his address to the students, stressed upon the significance of trees and the kindest thing that we grow for the better tomorrow.

Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, Convener, Eco Club also spoke on the occasion and urged the students to plant and protect trees

in order to maintain the diversity Dr.Mansi Sharma, Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani, Dr. Akhtar Hussain, Dr.Zahoor Wani were the organizers of the programme. Others present in the program were Dr. Mahima Bhagat, Dr. Muntazir Ahmad Bhat, Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Ms. Swati Sharma.