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Start-ups reflect force shaping economy in the networked age: LG

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JAMMU, NOV 8

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday reiterated that the administration is committed to creating a start-up ecosystem and ready to provide access to capital and other resources to start-ups and investors.

LG inaugurated 'Igniter' start-up festival of J&K organised by Jammu University in collaboration with J&K start-up association, Tourism department, J&K Bank and J&K Rural Livelihood Mission.

The mega event has brought together various stakeholders and investors on one platform.

"I strongly believe



start-ups reflect the force shaping the economy in the networked age. University and college campuses are known as a liquid platform of ideas and the best we can do is to create an environment so that great ideas can be

realized", Sinha said while addressing the function here.

LG said that the administration is committed to creating a start-up ecosystem and is ready to provide access to capital and other resources, fostering

innovation and entrepreneurship, and networking opportunities with other start-ups and investors.

"For an ideal entrepreneurial climate, it is important to provide facilities like

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ED gets 7-day custody of former J&K Minister Lal Singh arrested in money laundering case

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JAMMU, NOV 8

A court here on Wednesday remanded former Jammu and Kashmir minister Lal Singh in seven-day custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), a day after the agency arrested him in a money laundering case.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party (DSSP), was arrested from a house in Chawadi area of Sainik Colony here on Tuesday evening within hours after a special court dismissed his anticipatory bail application.

Singh was under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Kanta Andotra.

Special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria said the arrested



was produced before the special court which granted the ED his seven-day remand instead of 14 days sought by the agency.

The special judge took note of the complaint of physical discomfort made by the accused and asked for his proper medical checkup, Khajuria said, quoting the order.

Officials said Singh was shifted

to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital in the early hours of the day after he complained of uneasiness.

He was discharged from the hospital around 3 pm and straight-way taken to the court.

However, Singh alleged that though he was taken to the hospital but was not given proper medical aid.

"I was present in the emergency ward of the hospital but was denied proper medical treatment and even my admit file was not prepared and several tests not done. They have compelled the doctors to say that it is me who refused to take a CT scan," he told reporters while being escorted to the court.

Scores of his supporters had assembled outside the hospital and chanted slogans against the BJP, claiming that their leader

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Will take India among top 3 economies of world in my third tenure: PM Modi



JI NEWS SERVICE
DAMOH, NOV 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said in his third tenure as PM, he will take the country among the top three economies in the world.

Addressing a public meeting in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh town ahead of the November 17 state assembly polls, Modi also said he will continue to fight against corruption.

People gave power to the Congress in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, but their chief ministers were found involved in "satta" (betting) and generating black money, he said.

Modi said that after 2014, the country's economy climbed to 5th position from 10th, leaving behind the UK, which ruled the country for

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LG presents certificate of excellence award to Para Archers, coach



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 8

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday honoured para archers Sheetal Devi

and Rakesh Kumar and coach Abhilasha Choudhary with certificate of excellence, saying their strong winner's instinct will popularize robust culture in the Union Ter-

ritory. The award was presented to teenaged armless archer Devi and wheelchair-bound Kumar at the Raj Bhawan here, an official spokesman said.

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CS launches Application on Assessment of quality of eServices

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

In the direction of qualitative public service delivery of e-services in Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the e-Services Quality Assessment Application (AQS) here today at the Civil Secretariat.

On the occasion, Chief Secretary emphasized that the e-Services Quality Assessment Application (AQS) represents a substantial advancement in the government's efforts to enhance the quality and effectiveness of e-services offered to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Mehta highlighted



that AQS's real-time feedback mechanisms and its ability to provide a comprehensive assessment of all 1075 e-services underscore the government's unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality digital services to its con-

stituents. This initiative serves as a testament to the government's dedication to improving the citizen experience and ensuring transparency in governance.

Commissioner Secretary IT, Prerna Puri, informed that the AQS project is an indigenous initiative that empowers users to provide instant feedback through a mobile app dashboard, enabling them to contribute to the ongoing assessment and improvement of e-services. It aims to provide real-time feedback and quality assurance for all 1075 e-services offered by the government

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Artificial waterfall on river Tawi bridge likely to mesmerise Jammuities by Diwali

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 8

As Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) is taking lot many initiatives for the beautification of Jammu—popularly known as 'City of Temples'—as a part of this exercise, a first of its kind artificial waterfall is being introduced on River Tawi Bridge by an upcoming festival of Diwali.

The 1.75 cr worth waterfall is coming up not only to add on beautification initiatives being undertaken in Jammu but also to woo tourists visiting

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Met predicts Rain, Snow in J&K on November 9-10

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 8

Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Wednesday predicted widespread light to moderate rain or snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday and Friday.

MeT office said that the weather will mostly remain cloudy but dry on Wednesday but during the late evening there is a possibility of light rain or snowfall at isolated higher catchments of Jammu and Kashmir. It said that on

November 9 and 10 there is a possibility of widespread light to moderate rain or snowfall over the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territory.

"There is a possibility of 4-5 inches of snowfall on higher reaches of north western parts and the higher reaches, roads including Mughal road, Sinthan top, Razdan Pass and at Zojila pass while most parts of the plains will be lashed with rains throughout

the valley", the MeT office said. The weather will remain dry as there is no significant chance of any heavy precipitation from November 10 to 16, it said. Kashmir weather, an independent weather observer Faizan Arif told UNI that under the influence of an active Western Disturbance, widespread rain/snow is expected in Jammu and Kashmir between Thursday and Friday.

The spell is expected to begin from Thursday afternoon, starting

from higher reaches, and then extending into plains by evening. "There is a possibility of snowfall in Shopian plains in south Kashmir with a chance of 50 ? 60 percent", he said and added that "snowfall in surrounding plains also can't be ruled out".

Arif said snowfall is also expected in elevations above 2000 m.

Persistence of a heavy spell of rain in Shopian plains can lead the precipitation to change into all-snow. Maximum

chances of snowfall, for plains, remain for Shopian district, followed by Kulgam district in south Kashmir.

"There are no expectations of snowfall in Srinagar as per the current weather conditions", he added.

The minimum temperature recorded at Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, on Wednesday at 2.0 degree Celsius, Qazigund 1.8, Pahalgam -0.6, Kupwara 1.8, Kokernag 3.8 and Gulmarg 1.5, the MeT office said.

'Double engine' states doing better than others: Dr Jitendra Singh

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JAIPUR, NOV 8

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that "Double Engine" Government States are doing better than others.

Addressing a public meeting here today, he said wherever there is a Double Engine, the State is seen to be performing better on the development index due to more

accountability and fine-tuning in implementation of Centre's welfare schemes under the direct monitoring and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Nothing can be more unfortunate, he said, than seeing the state of affairs in Congress ruled Rajasthan and comparing it with immediately neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat which have BJP governments.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Just look at the tardy progress of Ayushman Bharat or Ujjwala scheme

in Rajasthan and compare it with Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat, where we are close to saturation point. People want development, people want prosperity, people are sick and tired of hollow promises, people don't want Rajasthan to go down the way of West Bengal or Delhi," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Modi Government has provided 12 crore cooking gas connections under the Ujjwala scheme, over 10 crore toilets have been constructed under the Swachh Bharat scheme and, for the first time,



over 50 crore people are drawing health insurance benefits under Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Dr Jitendra Singh said,

statistics prove States with Double Engine governments are also the States where Law & Order is a top priority. In Rajasthan,

for instance, more than 35,000 cases of Crimes against Women were registered in a year, he said.

"Uttar Pradesh is a shin-

ing example of how lawlessness has been checked and for the first time criminals have fear of being under the watch of police," he said. Dr Jitendra Singh said, people of Rajasthan have made up their mind.

"People of Rajasthan don't want to deny themselves the benefits of the Central Government's schemes. Under the leadership of PM Modi, we are on the path to a Viksit Bharat. Double engine Governments ensure coordination in implementation of welfare schemes, he said. Everybody wants

to be a part of this developmental journey during the Amritkaal. People want security, development and growth in the state. Rajasthan too shall not be left behind, Rajasthan will become part of the mainstream," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the common masses in Rajasthan are keen to be a part of India's mainstream development journey led by PM Modi and it is now the responsibility of all of us to live up to the people's expectation by electing a BJP led government in the State.

Weekly Block Diwas: DC Rajouri holds Public Outreach Camp in Thandikassi area

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 8

Demonstrating a proactive and community-centered approach to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal, today chaired a highly impactful public outreach camp in the Thandikassi area of Panjgrain block.

The event facilitated a constructive dialogue where both the public and their representatives discussed a wide range of issues, including the pressing need for road repairs, the upgradation and adequate staffing of government institutions, addressing water scarcity, and bolstering healthcare infrastructure, among other crucial topics.

Specific demands voiced during the event included the construction of a road from the main road to HS Thandikassi, the upgradation of HS Thandikassi, the need

for a boundary wall for HS Thandikassi, the construction of roads from Chawa to Broh and Thandikassi to Chapper Galla, and addressing the water scarcity issue in Padder.

Government officers utilized this opportunity to inform the public about various schemes and programs aimed at improving the community's well-being, encouraging active participation and the utilization of available benefits. The Deputy Commissioner reaffirmed the commitment of the district administration to delivering quality essential services directly to the people. He expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in achieving government objectives and encouraged them to continue their hard work for the common good.

Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal assured the public that their griev-



ances and concerns had been carefully documented and would be addressed through a staged approach, with concerned departments playing a crucial role in resolving these issues.

During the public outreach camp, the locals also expressed appreciation for the commendable efforts of the district administration in implementing schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission, recognizing the significant impact and positive changes brought about by

these initiatives.

The Deputy Commissioner promptly addressed the road connectivity issue from the main road to the high school, instructing the concerned officer to expedite its resolution.

In addressing the pressing issue of staff shortages in schools, the Deputy Commissioner has issued a directive to the CEO of the Education Department, emphasizing the need for a systematic staff rationalization to meet the growing demands.

In response to the concerns raised about the shortage of electricity poles, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal assured the public that an ample number of poles would be provided under the RDSS scheme of the power sector. This commitment underscores the resolve of the administration to address critical infrastructure needs and ensure reliable electricity supply for the well-being of the community.

The Deputy Commissioner not only reassured

the public but also reaffirmed that delivering piped water connections to every household in the district is the paramount focus of the administration through the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He emphasized that the administration is relentlessly working towards making every possible effort to achieve this vital objective.

He emphasized that a multitude of vital projects are actively underway in the border block of Panjgrain, showcasing the unwavering dedica-

tion of the administration to the development and progress of this strategic region.

The Deputy Commissioner also actively sought feedback regarding the implementation of various government schemes in the area, displaying a strong commitment to ensuring the efficient execution of these programs for the benefit of the community. This proactive approach reflects the dedication of the administration to continuous improvement and accountability in delivering essential services to the people.

Throughout the event, swift and decisive actions were taken to address some issues on the spot, making the Weekly Block Diwas in Thandikassi a resounding success with the discussion and resolution of numerous public issues. The public praised the Block Diwas initiative and commended the dis-

trict administration's tireless efforts to find practical solutions to their concerns. This initiative has proven to be an effective platform for fostering direct interaction between the general public and district authorities, resulting in enhanced satisfaction and more efficient service delivery, embodying the commitment of the Government to the welfare of its citizens. The event was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rajinder Sharma; Chief Education Officer, Sultana Kouser; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; XEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; CDPO Manjakote, Israr Bukhari, and other district and sectoral officers.

DC Reasi reviews achievements of Rural Development Department Emphasises on community works, their timely completion



JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting of the Rural Development Department (RDD) officers to take stock of physical and financial progress achieved in the execution of different works under the Capex Budget.

During the course of the meeting, the ACD apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the targets besides the physical and financial achievements registered so far

under Capex Budget, SDP, NRLM, MGNREGA and IWMP.

The DC directed the officers to work in tandem and close coordination with the public representatives, PRI members and villagers so as to ensure effective implementation of the welfare schemes on ground for benefit of the general population. He also stressed on creation of durable assets while strictly adhering to quality parameters.

The District Commissioner emphasised on geo tagging of all assets and regular monitor-

ing of works for quality and time bound completion. He underlined the importance of establishing Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) at places of public importance like educational institutions, tourist destinations and other far off locations throughout the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed that issues and bottlenecks with regard to developmental works should be resolved on priority so that deserving people can avail maximum benefits of the developmen-

tal works and welfare schemes. He also urged the concerned officers to adopt an empathetic and humane approach while dealing with public issues, adding he said that the RDD personnel have a greater responsibility to address people's issues as they work at the grassroots level.

The Deputy Commissioner was also apprised about the status of Amrit Sarovars, Shilaphalkams and MGNREGA assets. He directed that all assets should be properly utilised and also maintained. During the meeting he

also reviewed the SBM Grameen progress and emphasised on ensuring the ODF Model plus status of the district sustainable. He asked the ACP to work out a mechanism whereby the plastic waste collected is processed and sold to end users to make waste economically beneficial for the locals. He also emphasised on ensuring a strong mechanism for door to door collection of garbage and optimum utilisation of the assets created under SBM.

The Deputy Commissioner also assessed the preparation for the forthcoming Back to Village 5 programme in the district and issued instructions for its successful conduct.

Detailed presentations were made by Dr Anirudh ACD and Pardeep Kumar ACP during the meeting. The meeting was attended by ADDC, CPO, all BDOs and Engineers.

GHS Pranoo celebrates Parents Day



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DODA, NOVEMBER 8

Parents day 2023 was celebrated at Government High School Pranoo with great enthusiasm and joy.

Chief Education officer, Parshotam Das Gouria was the chief guest, Tanveer Ahmed Wani, Principal

Government HSS Trown and Ramesh Babu Zonal Education Officer were Guest of Honour, besides Parents, Teachers of GHS Pranoo, GHSS Trown and GHSS Malothi and a large number of school children attended the celebration.

The school premises were beautifully deco-

rated for the occasion, and a series of cultural programs and activities were organized to entertain and engage the parents. Students presented skits, songs, and dance performances to showcase their talent and express their love and gratitude towards their parents.

The teachers and staff of the school also took this opportuni-

ty to interact with the parents and discuss the progress and development of their children. The event provided a platform for open communication and collaboration between the school and the parents, fostering a strong partnership in the education of the students.

DC Pulwama leads preparations for B2V-5 programme

JNEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr Basharat Qayoom in a proactive effort to ensure the success of the upcoming Back to Village-5 program, chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Circuit House Pulwama.

The program is scheduled to take place from November 9th to November 12th, 2023 in the district with training and orientation sessions held on November 7th and 8th. During the Back to Village-5 program, all the Visiting Officers shall visit the Panchayats allotted to them in two phases and shall cover all 190 Panchayats across the district.

During the meeting, the DC discussed various aspects of the program, providing an overview of the responsibilities of the Visiting (Prabhari) Officers assigned to different Panchayats. These officers will



play a crucial role in conducting activities within their designated Panchayats. The DC emphasized the importance of involving all line departments in the proceedings of Special Gram Sabhas to be presided over by the Visiting Officers.

He delved into the various deliverables expected from different departments as part of the Back to Village-5 program. The focus was placed on the saturation of self-employ-

ment schemes in addition to set deliverables for Prabhari Officers (VOs) emphasising the program's role in empowering individuals with the means to create sustainable livelihoods and saturation of beneficiaries oriented Schemes.

The DC directed the establishment of bank counters and Common Service Centre (CSC) counters at every Panchayat. This strategic move aims to enhance financial accessibility and digital services

for rural communities, fostering economic growth and development.

In a parallel effort to ensure that designated officers are well-prepared for their roles and responsibilities during village visits, a sensitization program was organized. This program served to familiarize officers with their duties and responsibilities while visiting the villages.

The Back to Village-5 program is a cornerstone initiative by the Government to strengthen the connection between the district administration and the grassroots level, fostering development and enhancing the quality of life in rural areas. By involving all the Panchayats and focusing on self-employment and financial accessibility, it promises to be a significant step towards empowering local communities and ensuring active participation of people in planning and development.

Doda Admin addresses important public issues at Block Diwas Outreach Programs

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 8

In an endeavor to better understand and address the concerns and grievances of the public, the district administration Doda on Wednesday organised a series of public outreach programs in different parts of the district under the aegis of Weekly Block Diwas. The initiative provided local residents with the opportunity to voice their concerns, which were then forwarded to the relevant government departments for prompt resolution.

The Block Divas meetings took place at Panchayat Batoli, Block Chilly, Sub Division Gandoh, PWD Guest House Baggar, Panchayat Karmail, Sub Division Assar, and Village Halaran, Sub Division Thathri.

The program held at PWD Guest House Baggar, Panchayat Karmail, Sub Division Assar was presided over by SDM Lekh Raj, who listened to public issues and grievances. He instructed the concerned officers to ensure the prompt resolution of the raised issues and grievances. The public outreach program drew large gatherings of local residents. The block divas program at Panchayat Batoli, Block Chilly, Sub Division Gandoh was chaired by the SDM Ashraf Pervez along with the members of PRIs and others representative of the public.

Throughout the day, a range of public issues and demands were discussed, with some of the most prominent concerns including water supply, electricity supply, installation of

electric poles, upgrading of transformers, school infrastructure, road connectivity, and healthcare centers. The discussions involved not only the general public but also members of PRIs, sarpanchs, panches, DDC Councillors, and BDC Chairpersons. The gathered concerns were directed to the respective officers and officials for speedy resolution.

The Block Divas events held at different locations witnessed large gatherings of local residents who had the chance to present their genuine demands directly to district officers. This initiative aimed to ensure that government services and benefits reach the people without unnecessary delays, making the governance process more efficient and responsive to the needs of the community.

DDMA Kishtwar approves 11 relief cases under SDRF norms

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUERAU
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 8

District Disaster Management Committee Kishtwar on Wednesday approved 11 relief cases in favour of the disaster affected persons here at its meeting chaired by the Additional District Development Commissioner, (ADDC) Kishtwar Sham Lal.

The meeting was attended by SDM Chatroo, Showqat Hayat Matoo; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; Tehsildar, Muneeb Umar; Accounts Officer DC Office, Imran Ahmed Kichloo; Tehsildar Paddar, Satish Rana; Tehsildar Drabshalla, ExEn PWD Kishtwar, ExEn PWD Chatroo, ExEn PWD, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Ajaz Hussain besides others concerned.

Director Employment, J&K inaugurates Job Fair-2023 at DECC Shopian

JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 8

The District Employment and Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Shopian today organised a Career Expo cum Job Fair, wherein apart from allied Govt.

Departments promoting self-employment, reputed private employers from different sectors also participated.

Director Employment, J&K presided over the programme. Addressing the youth, he impressed

upon all the stakeholders to utilise this opportunity to the maximum. He urged them to avail the benefits of various self-employment schemes and try to be job providers rather than job seekers. Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Direc-

tor Employment, Hafsa Qayoom emphasized upon the unemployed youth to register themselves on employment portal (jakemp.nic.in) to get latest updates and notifications related to vacancies put up by private and public

sector employers.

15 Employers from different sectors including companies like Peace Traders & Co, Gulshan Agri India, Nakashi Sons, Ikhwan Agencies, Royal International, Ashoka Leyland, PitMan Institute, Fairdeal

Motors, MY Car Automobiles, Bajaj Allianz etc. witnessed an overwhelming response from job seekers. Hundreds of unemployed youth/ jobseekers from district Shopian participated in the event. Different departments also put up

their stalls and sensitized youth regarding various self-employment schemes available with their respective departments.

Also Director Employment, J&K visited the ITI Shopian for inspection of the ongoing Train-

ing Course 'Junior Software Developer'. During the inspection, Director Employment, J&K held a detailed interaction with the students and emphasized them to utilise these opportunities to the maximum.

Back to Village - 5.0

Director General IMPA & RD Visits Panchayat Badhori

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 8

Bipul Pathak, Director General, Institute of Management, Public Administration, and Rural Development (IMPA & RD) today visited Panchayat Badhori in Block Bari Brahmana of District Samba as part of the fifth phase of the Back to Village public outreach program.

Pathak received a warm welcome at the Panchayat. He was accompanied by Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Samba; Suriya Begum, District Development Council member; Rajinder Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner; Shehnaz Akhtar, Sarpanch of Badhori and other officers of the District administration.

During the visit, Pathak interacted with the people, listening to their grievances and suggestions. Some of the issues raised by the



people included the fencing of the local pond, the repair of lanes, and road congestion. The locals praised government initiatives such as construction of Amrit Sarovar and the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Pathak reviewed the functioning of different departments including health, Jal Shakti, Social Welfare, and Revenue and sought status of the Aayushman Bharat saturation, Kisan Credit Card, PM KISAN Scheme, Social audit of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, school education department, functional household tap connections, Common Service Centre, and online

services. Addressing the officials, Pathak emphasised the need to intensify the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign in industrial areas. He advised against a patchwork approach in the execution of works. He also emphasized the importance of cleanliness in the Panchayat.

Together with the Panchayat Raj Institution members and officers, Pathak took the Nasha Mukht Bharat pledge, vowing to work towards making the Panchayat free from substance abuse.

Earlier, the DG inspected stalls put up by different departments to show-

case respective schemes aimed at socio-economic development of rural populace.

Later, he visited the Amrit Sarovar site and Santosh Janak dairy farm maintained with the help of the Animal Husbandry Department.

Certificates were distributed to women achievers of the Panchayat, and Kisan Credit Card term loan sanction letters to the eligible beneficiaries.

Pathak commended the district administration for the event's arrangements and expressed gratitude to the locals and PRIs for their participation. He emphasized the importance of such events for connecting with the people and gaining first-hand information about their genuine grievances.

He assured the people that their issues would be brought to the attention of the relevant authorities for prompt resolution.

DLSA Ganderbal convenes final UTRC meeting

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 8

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today convened the final Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting at District Court Ganderbal.

The meeting was conducted in strict adherence to the directives issued by the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) and J&K Legal Services Authority (J&K LSA), ensuring all necessary precautions were taken.

The meeting was headed by Pr. District & Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Ritesh Kumar Dubey virtually and attended by Civil Judge (Sr. Division)/Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak, Addl. District Development Commissioner of Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Senior Superintendent of Police, Nikhil Borkar also joined virtu-



ally, Chief Prosecuting Officer, Shafat Ahmad, and Incharge Officer of Subsidiary Jail Dignibal.

The primary objective of the UTRC meeting was to assess the progress made on the cases that were brought up in previous UTRC meetings and assess the current status of those cases. DLSA, in line with its commitment to delivering timely justice, emphasized the importance of effective case monitoring.

During the meeting, the committee reviewed the advancements made in each case and discussed strategies to ensure the expeditious disposal of pending cases. DLSA

stressed the vital role of the UTRC in guaranteeing timely justice delivery by closely monitoring the progress of the cases.

The meeting highlighted that timely disposal of cases is crucial to uphold the principles of justice and ensure the rights of the undertrials. The importance of effective coordination between all stakeholders, including the police, prosecution, judiciary, and legal aid services, was emphasized to streamline the legal process.

The committee also discussed the need for regular monitoring and follow-up of the cases, including the provision of legal aid and

support to the undertrials. Efforts were made to identify cases that required special attention, such as those involving vulnerable sections of society or cases pending for an extended period.

Principal District and Sessions Judge and Secretary DLSA conveyed their gratitude and appreciation to all the members of the UTRC for their dedicated efforts and their continued support in overseeing the progress of the suggested cases in achieving the common goal of timely justice delivery.

They emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts and shared vision for the betterment of the under-trial system in Ganderbal and outlined the key objectives and functions of the UTRC. They further highlighted the need for regular reviews and assessments to expedite the legal processes and ensure the rights and welfare of the under-trial prisoners.

DLSA Ganderbal organizes a Legal Awareness programme on the rights of prisoners at Subjail Dignibal

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 8

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, in collaboration with the Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Ganderbal today organized a legal awareness programme on the rights of prisoners at Subjail Dignibal.

The programme was held on day six of Legal Services Week, under the guidance of Chairman DLSA, Ritesh Kumar Dubey, and the supervision of Secretary/Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Nusrat Ali Hakak and Chairman TLSC Ganderbal, Mohammad Waseem Mirza.

The Legal Services Week is being celebrated with the primary aim of extending legal support to individuals in need, and this initiative by DLSA Ganderbal is a proactive step towards fulfilling this objective. The pro-



gram focused on creating awareness among prisoners about their rights and educating them about the legal procedures and provisions that safeguard their well-being within the judicial system.

Adv. Ghulam Rasool Rather, resource person highlighted the rights of prisoners, enlightening

the inmates about their entitlements and the legal mechanisms available for them to seek justice. He also shed light on the various rights enshrined in national and international legal frameworks, focusing on rehabilitation, fair trial, and access to legal aid.

He effectively demonstrated the significance of

these rights in ensuring a just and equitable prison system.

The said legal awareness programme provided a platform for inmates in Sub Jail Dignibal to gain a deeper understanding of their rights and explore avenues that would enable them to exercise those rights effectively.

As Legal Services Week continues, more impactful initiatives will be organized by DLSA Ganderbal and TLSC Ganderbal, further strengthening legal awareness and support for society.

These efforts will contribute to a fair and just legal system, fostering a society where everyone's rights are protected and respected.

The programme was attended by police officials along with numerous inmates from Sub jail Dignibal, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Ganderbal.

Back to Village-5: DC Bandipora tours various panchayats, reviews arrangements

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday conducted a comprehensive tour of several panchayats in connection with the commencement of fifth phase of Back to Village programme and took stock of ongoing activities in village panchayats.

The DC was accompanied by ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, besides various officers and officials of the line departments.

Dr. Owais visited several panchayats, including the panchayat halqas of Check Arsla (CA) Khan, Gundpora, and Garoora.

He first visited panchayats of CA Khan, where he reviewed the arrangements for the B2V-5 program. He interacted with the visiting officers and



public and visited development work sites along with officers. The DC also interacted with the students here. On the occasion, the DC was accompanied by DDC Arin Ghulam Mohiuddin besides BDC Arin, PRIs, and BDO concerned.

The DC later visited panchayats of Gundpora and Garoora, where he interacted with the visiting officers, PRIs, and the general public. On the occasion, the DC inspected middle school Garoora and took

stock of the facilities available to the children.

Regarding the ongoing Back to Village (B2V-5) program, DC said that all stakeholders can voice their opinion regarding development activities and implementation of government schemes.

He said that the visiting officers have been deployed at 50 Panchayats under the first phase of B2V5 to ensure that they can voice the genuine issues being raised by people in a transparent

manner so that effective solutions can be undertaken as well as to review the implementation of welfare measures besides different government schemes on the ground and identify gap areas.

The DC appealed to people to come forward and participate enthusiastically in the program. Speaking about the involvement of youth, the DC said that youth have an important say in the course of development. He said that youth clubs must highlight youth centric issues in the ongoing B2V5 program.

Interacting with the sarpanches and panches, DC said that PRIs must lead from the front to keep their panchayats garbage free and clean and should conduct regular gram sabhas for proper projection of their genuine demands.

DC Doda sensitises officers about B2V5 & Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 8

The first round of Back to Village phase-5 programme has been announced in 92 panchayats chosen from various CD Blocks in Doda District.

The Prabhari Officers shall visit their respective panchayats on 9th of November, stay there for the night, and continue their scheduled activities on the 10th of November till evening before their return. The Prabhari Officers were sensitised about their role and responsibilities during their visit and were given hands-on training on the different formats to be filled online and in the booklet being provided to them before they proceed to their respective panchayats.

It was further informed that the 2nd round of B2V5 shall be held on 14th & 15th of November and the 3rd and final round shall be taken up on the 15th and 16th of November 2023.

The overall nodal officer for the B2V5 in the district will be ADDC Doda Pran Singh, while the respective BDO shall be a single point of contact for the Prabhari Officers of that Block.

The information was



given in a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh, who urged the officers to conduct the programme in a festive manner to attract maximum public participation.

The Back to Village (B2V) Programme is the flagship public outreach, participation, and feedback programme of the UT Government. During the programme, the Prabhari Officers shall visit their respective 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.

DC, Harvinder Singh also sensitised Officers on upcoming 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' to be

launched in the UT from 15th of November 2023. It was informed that the district will be divided into two categories, one with road connectivity and the other without road connectivity.

The awareness Van shall travel in the rural and urban areas. The Panchayats where road connectivity is not available, BDOs shall devise a special plan to show the developmental schemes to the people through projectors, screens, and LEDs. ADDC Doda shall be the nodal officer for the programme.

The District officers were asked to plan their activities to saturate their schemes in all the 237 panchayats of the district. Sankalp Yatra is a unique initiative of the union government to create awareness and ensure Jan Bhagidari in the developmental and welfare schemes, besides saturating the entire centrally sponsored schemes. During

the Yatra, key features of 20 schemes including Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana and Urea Subsidy Scheme will be showcased. Vans will travel to rural and urban areas, disseminating information through audio-visuals. One of the major components of this yatra is that it will not only disseminate information but also collect feedback about the schemes. During the Yatra, people will be able to share their experiences 'Kahaani Meri Zubani'. Prime Minister's Mann ki Baat will be live telecast through these vans. In addition, a virtual question and answer session will be held with the Prime Minister.

On-the-spot services such as health camps, Aadhaar enrolment, MY BHARAT volunteer enrolment would also be facilitated during the Yatra. Krishi activities like drone demonstrations and interaction with progressive farmers on soil health cards and natural farming will also be the key objectives of the Yatra.

Food Safety Department, Kashmir conducts Surprise raids

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 8

On a specific tip-off, a team of Food Safety wing of Drugs & Food Control Organization, Kashmir comprising Intelligent Cum Legal Cell and Food Safety Wing Srinagar today conducted surprise inspections of Bemina, Qamarwari and Dalgate area.

During the inspection, the team found two sweets and bakery manufacturing units operational in contravention of provisions of FSSAI 2006, as the bakery and sweets items were being manufactured under unsanitary/ unhygienic conditions, both units were sealed. 1.5 quintals of sweets were seized and samples were forwarded to the Food testing laboratory for testing of quality and safety parameters. It was given out that the raids will continue in the coming days in view of the festive season to ensure quality sweets and other food items are available to the consumers.

Meanwhile, Food Safety authorities have warned all the Food Business operators particularly those dealing with the manufacture of Sweets, Bakery item and milk & milk products to strictly adhere to the guidelines and provisions of Food

Safety & Standards Act, any kind of deviation/violation shall call strict penal action warranted under law. To

address the concern of consumers, and other stakeholders, complainants/grievances with regard to

quality of Food items can be registered through a dedicated helpline (Toll Free No. 104).

CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / RESCHEDULING AND REGULATION OF TRAINS

It is notified for the information of rail passengers that Northern Railway will undertake the Power and traffic block for crossing of 132 KV transmission line over railway track at Kms 143/23-25 and 143/26-24 between Nilokheri-Amin stations and shadow block for launching of protection plates at KMs 88/ 35A-88/37A & 88/38A-36A between Panipat-Babarpur stations involving UP & DN lines both at a time on Delhi-Ambala section. To execute these works there will be blocks of different durations on 10.11.2023. During this period following trains will be effected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) from Originating Station	
12460/12459 Amritsar-New Delhi-Amritsar Express	10.11.2023	
04449 New Delhi-Kurukshetra EMU	10.11.2023	
04452 Kurukshetra-Delhi Jn. EMU	10.11.2023	

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short Originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
11841 Khajuraho-Kurukshetra Exp.	at Panipat	Panipat-Kurukshetra	09.11.2023
11842 Kurukshetra-Khajuraho Exp.	from Panipat	Kurukshetra-Panipat	10.11.2023

RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS		
Train No. 22451 Bandra (T)-Amritsar Express will be rescheduled from Bandra (T) at 15.00 hrs. (180 minutes late) on 09.11.2023		
Train No. 12046 Chandigarh-New Delhi Express will be rescheduled from Chandigarh at 14.05 hrs. (120 minutes late) on 10.11.2023		

REGULATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Regulation period between stations	Date(s) (from originating station)
12925 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Exp.	120 minutes between Adrish Nagar Delhi-Panipat	09.11.2023
22685 Yesvantpur-Chandigarh Exp.	70 minutes between Adrish Nagar Delhi-Panipat	08.11.2023
12715 H.S. Nanded-Amritsar Express	20 minutes between Adrish Nagar Delhi-Panipat	09.11.2023
12926 Amritsar-Bandra (T) Express	80 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
15708 Amritsar-Katihar Express	60 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
22430 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Express	50 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023
22706 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Express	40 minutes between Mohri-Kurukshetra	10.11.2023

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTESS App.

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DGP visits Shopian, Pulwama

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU NOV 8

Director General of Police, J&K Shri R R Swain today visited the twin South Kashmir districts of Shopian and Pulwama where he chaired meetings with the senior officers of Army, CRPF and Police officers to take first hand review of the current security scenario of these districts.

The DGP was accompanied by the ADGP Law & Order J&K, Shri Vijay Kumar and IGP Shri Vidhi Kumar Birdi. He was received at these districts by the district SsP Shopian & Pulwama. Ceremonial Guards of honour were presented to the DGP, on his arrival in these districts.

In these meetings discussions were held regarding enhancing coordination between the forces besides the intelligence agencies. People friendly Policing and security of the vulnerable population was discussed. Plans for zero terror and area domination also remained on the agenda of these meetings. The working of Police Stations and their requirements was also discussed.



Addressing these meetings, the DGP J&K lauded the good work and efforts of forces and of intelligence agencies in fighting the terrorism in South Kashmir. "To uproot the terrorism totally more joint efforts of all are needed, adding that synergy among the forces have to be enhanced to the next level. He emphasised for coordination among ranks at different levels in planning and executing actions for zero terror plans. He directed for working on plans for area domination on routine basis.

The DGP stressed upon officers to be vigilant as the enemies of peace are looking for the chances to disrupt the peace. He said that the peaceful atmosphere in the Jammu & Kashmir has been achieved after a lot of hard work and sacrifices by

Police & Security Forces.

While impressing for the safety and security of the people, Shri Swain stressed for generating more human intelligence, adding that people's welfare is our prime concern. He impressed upon the officers to work with professionalism, sincerity and in a dedicated manner for the safety & security of all the people. He said that JKP along with other sister agencies have succeeded in creating a conducive atmosphere in the UT and to maintain it is a big challenge.

During these meetings the DGP also took stock of the working of the Police Stations and their requirements. He directed the officers to take care of jawans immediate needs, so that they can discharge their duties without any difficulty.

The meeting at Shopian was attended by ADG CRPF Shri Nalin Prabhat, GoC Victor Force Major General Balbir Singh, IG Kashmir Ops CRPF Shri Gyanendra Kumar Verma, DIG SKR Shir Rayees Mohammad Bhat, Sector 02 Commander Shri Anirudh Chohan, DIG CRPF Shri Kulvinder Singh Jaswal, SSP Shopian Ms Tanushree, COs of 44 RR, 34 RR & 02 RR, COs of 14th Bn CRPF & 178 Bn CRPF and other senior jurisdictional officers of the district.

At Pulwama besides ADGP L&O, ADGP CRPF, IGP Kashmir, IGP CRPF, DisG SKR & CRPF the meeting was attended by 5 Sector Commander, SSP Pulwama Shri Mohd Yousuf, Army Commandants of 50 RR, 53 RR & 55 RR, Commandants of CRPF 183 Bn. & 182 Bn.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Start-ups reflect force...

cross-campus collaboration, dedicated work space, mentorship programs, industry collaboration & vehicles for innovation", he said.

He said that such an enabling environment and challenges will ignite new innovations and solutions.

"A great idea will always survive in the long run, if the entrepreneur takes into account the changes happening in the world in terms of market, customer preference, technology and timely execution of business plan", he said adding that competition for ideas and execution must start from the campus.

LG said that by unleashing the creativity of the students and budding entrepreneurs, we will be able to ensure high growth rate and direct benefits for Jammu Kashmir and the nation in terms of knowledge products and Intellectual property.

ED gets 7-day custody...

was being framed in a baseless case ahead of the Lok Sabha elections next year.

Singh, a two-time MP and three-time MLA, switched from the Congress to the BJP in 2014 and was also a minister in the previous PDP-BJP government which collapsed in June 2018 after the national party pulled out of the alliance.

Several months before the fall of the government, Singh resigned from the BJP and floated the DSSP, following an uproar over his participation in a rally in support of the accused in the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua in January 2018.

However, he defended his participation in the rally stating that he was there to "defuse the situation".

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. (Agencies)

Will take India among...

over 200 years.

"In 2014, when we came to power, the country's economy was at the 10th position. Gradually it moved to 9th, 8th, 7th and 6th but nobody was talking about it. When it reached the 5th position and left behind the UK, which ruled the nation for 200 years, everybody was surprised and started looking at India," he said.

Modi said during his third tenure as PM, he will take the country's economy among the top three in the world.

The Lok Sabha elections are due next year.

The PM said if the Congress comes back to power, the "85 per cent commission system" will work in the states as once stated by a prime minister of that party. Notably, former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi had said only 15 paise of every Re 1 released by the Centre reached the targeted beneficiary.

Modi also said that Congress leaders are saying they will complain to the Election Commission about his promise to extend for five years the free ration scheme

for the poor people.

"Let them do this sin, I will continue to do good work for the people," he said.

The prime minister also said he will continue to fight against corruption and asked people whether he should do so or not, to which they replied in the affirmative. (Agencies)

LG presents certificate...

Devi recently became the first woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the recently held Asian Para Games in China. She clinched the women's individual compound gold on October 27 to add to the yellow metal she won in the compound mixed team event with Kumar the previous day at Hangzhou in China.

It was a hat-trick of medals for the 16-year-old who holds her bow with her foot. She had also won silver in the women's doubles compound event.

Kumar also secured a brilliant silver medal in men's individual compound archery event in a closely fought contest and also along with Suraj Singh clinched silver medal in men's doubles compound open event.

While interacting with the prodigious para archers, the Lt Governor said their outstanding performance at the 4th Asian Para Games have inspired the youth and the entire Union Territory is proud of them for bringing glory to the nation.

"The strong winner's instinct of Sheetal and Rakesh will popularize robust sports culture in J&K," Sinha said.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, coaches, and support staff of the academy for their contribution in promotion of sports in the Union Territory.

Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor, Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, and Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Anshul Garg were also present on the occasion, the spokesman said.

CS launches Application...

of UT of J&K, a significant expansion over the 470 services available through the RAS. Additionally, the mobile app reflects citizens' feedback, offering valuable insights into the quality of e-services. It provides a holistic overview of the performance of various government departments involved in e-governance, added Commissioner/Secretary IT.

This innovative platform, developed by a team led by Taransh Sudan, Mir Suhail Ahmed and others under the supervision of the Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA), was declared as winner of e-services quality assessment software development challenge. During the event, a jingle was also launched to promote disseminating information about the Janbhage-dari portal among citizens.

Among others, the inauguration was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma; CEO of JaKeGA, Anuradha Gupta; State Informatics Officer (SIO), Saleem Khan; and other senior officers.

Artificial waterfall...

the 'City of Temples,' said an official.

"The first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir, a bridge based waterfall at a cost of Rs 1.75 crore is coming on River Tawi Bridge," Rahul Yadav, Chief Executing Officer (CEO), Jammu Smart City Limited project said.

Yadav said, "the waterfall will surely woo tourists and attract passersby and it is expected to be made operational by the Diwali festival."

The Festival of Diwali is to be celebrated countrywide on November 12.

The fountain however, has been installed along the barrier and railing wall of the bridge, said an official adding, "the water of river Tawi will be lifted and will take the shape of a waterfall."

The length of the waterfall is 100 feet, he added.

Phase 1st of B2V-5 commences at Bandipora, Villages wear festive look

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 8

The phase fifth of ambitious "Back to Village (B2V-5) programme of government of Jammu and Kashmir started today across Bandipora with much fanfare.

As many as 50 Gram Panchayats of the district were visited by Visiting Officers (VOs) deputed by district administration Bandipora.

The 'Back to Village 5' is scheduled to be conducted in three phases from November 08 to November 14, 2023

Early morning, the visiting officers reported at their respective Panchayats and held interactions with the locals while the locals apprised them about their grievances, projected public demands and village needs.

Later the officers visited several government offices in the villages including schools, health-care centres, Anganwadi centres, besides other offices and took stock of the services being provided to the public.

They also inspected the ongoing works including Amrit Sarovar sites, JJM works and took stock of other developmental activities.

Sports activities, cultural activities, distribu-

tion under public welfare schemes and employment generation schemes were conducted, Sports kits, Land passbooks, kits to women beneficiaries were provided by the visiting officers.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Umar Shafi, visited the panchayats of Onagam, Panzgam and Aragam, ACR Bandipora Shabir Ahmad visited panchayats of Naidkhait to take part in the activities being organised in these panchayats. Similarly other panchayats were also abuzz with different activities.

The visiting officers will be interacting with the people at Panchayat level during their two day stay and take a firsthand account of the issues and problems of the people besides assessing the village development needs and will submit a detailed report to the district administration along with the detailed report for the grievances/ issues and their redressal.

In the similar way, public outreach camps were organized in designated villages of subdivision Sumbal and Gurez where visiting officers under B2V5 interacted with the local people under the overall supervision of Sub divisional Magistrates.

DC inaugurates 02 Day State-Level MDP at GMC Baramulla

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today inaugurated 24th, two-day State-level Management Development Programme (MDP) for Doctors, Nursing and other healthcare professionals at the Government Medical College (GMC) Auditorium, Baramulla. The programme was organized by the Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA), India in collaboration with GMC and Associated Hospital Baramulla to bolster hospital management skills within the healthcare professionals.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, President AHA; Prof. Ruby Reshi, Principal GMC Baramulla; Prof. Iffat Hassan, Principal GMC Handwara; Prof. Farhan Anjum, Principal GMC Anantnag among other dignitaries and healthcare professionals were present in the inaugural ceremony.

During the two-day program, healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, paramedics and workers from GMC and other hospitals in the district will receive comprehensive training from AHA experts. This training will focus on skill development, patient-centric behavior, learning improvement, women empowerment among other areas for enhanced patient care in healthcare facilities.

Prof. Ruby Reshi in her welcome address congratulated the chief guest, dignitaries and delegates for being the part of the two days state level MDP at GMC Baramulla. The DC, who was the chief guest on the occasion, expressed her gratitude to AHA for hosting this skills training program at GMC. She emphasized the profound impact it would have on healthcare professionals in the district, enhancing their ability to carry out their duties with utmost effectiveness.

While acknowledging the crucial role played by healthcare professionals, the DC stressed the significance regarding their profession not just as a job, but as a dedicated service to humanity.

B2V-5 Programme in full swing across Baramulla

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 8

The fifth phase of the 'Back to Village' programme is in full swing across Baramulla district with all the visiting officers conducting public outreach programmes in all 101 Panchayats across the district to take on spot appraisal of the issues and grievances of people.

Various Panchayats in Pattan, Sopore, Tangmarg, Rafiaband, Uri, were covered today under the supervision of the visiting officers, listening to the aspirations of the people and taking feedback to ensure effective implementation of developmental schemes and highlight their issues and grievances to the higher ups.

During the programme, visiting officers held scores of Gram Sabhas and informed people about the centrally sponsored and state-run schemes for the welfare of the general public.

Meanwhile, for the successful and smooth conduct of Phase 5th of the Back to Village programme, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar has directed all departments to work in coordinated approach during a preparatory meeting recently held to discuss its action plan.

Regional Transport Officer, Jammu Cracks Down on Traffic Violators: 300 Vehicles Challenged, 24 Seized, and Rs 23 Lakh recovered as Fine

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

In a proactive move to enhance road safety and enforce traffic regulations, the Motor Vehicles department Jammu has taken stringent action against traffic violators wherein 300 vehicles were challaned, 24 vehicles were seized, and a substantial sum of 3 lakhs was collected in fines, primarily from motorcyclists and Permit violators.

The drive was launched under overall supervision of R.T.O Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra and comprising of ARTO HQ, ARTO BOI (G), ARTO BOI(P), ARTO Flying Squad and MVTs of Jammu district.

The drive was conducted in Akhnoor, R.S.Pura and adjoining rural areas. The special focus of the drive was to book motorcyclists who were either not wearing helmets or illegally using modified vehicles.

Addressing the public, RTO, Jammu said that these efforts for booking violators have been instrumental in sending a strong message that traffic violations will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against those who flout the rules. Headed that "Our priority is to make our roads safer for everyone". We are resolute in our commitment to enforce traffic regulations and ensure that motorists adhere to them.

The checking teams urges all citizens to respect traffic laws and drive responsibly to prevent accidents and save precious lives.

NCC Cadet Vikrant Sharma judged as Best Editor in National Camp

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 8

NCC Cadet Vikrant Sharma S/o Subash Kumar, a student of the Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi, was judged as Best Editor of National Camp which was held in NCC Directorate, New Delhi from 26th October to 6th of November, 2023.

During the camp, Vikrant won 2 Gold Medals in Tug of War and Editing and one bronze in the Dogri Folk Dance Competition for which he was honored by Additional Director General (Sena Medal) Major General S.P. Vishwas Rao. About 500 NCC Cadets participated in the camp from J&K, Ladakh, and Delhi.

30-Day Women Tailor Training Programme by SBI-RSETI concludes at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 8

The State Bank of India, Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) Kishtwar, has successfully concluded a 30-day training programme on "Women Tailor" as part of its In Campus batch.

This training program saw the participation of 24 trainees from various areas in District Kishtwar, each eager to enhance their skills in tailoring.

During the closing ceremony, key dignitaries including Pankaj Bhadani, Lead District Manager (LDM) / Director Kishtwar, Manoj Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ACD) Kishtwar, and Nikhil Sharma, District Development Manager (DDM) NABARD Kishtwar, interacted with the trainees who had successfully completed the program. They provided valuable motivation and encouraged the trainees to embark on their journey of setting up their own entrepreneurial ventures.

Certificates of completion were also awarded to the participants, marking their achievement in the training program. Furthermore, twenty passbooks were handed over to the candidates, and all twenty trainees were covered under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) Scheme, ensuring their safety and security.

LDM Kishtwar extended his best wishes to the trainees for their future success. He urged the trainees to become ambassadors of RSETI and actively share their experiences and knowledge in their respective areas. This way, more young individuals can take advantage of the training facilities offered by the institute and be inspired to establish profitable self-employment ventures.

Rs. 34k recovered from erring FBOs at Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 8

The Court of Adjudicating Officer, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz today recovered a fine of Rs. 34000 from the erring Food Business Operators (FBOs) in the district.

During the hearing, the Adjudicating Officer disposed of 09 Cases of Food Business Operators (FBOs) for violation of the prescribed provisions/norms of Food Safety and Standard Act and Rules and Regulations made there under (FSSAI) and imposed and recovered a fine from them.

The FBOs of Shopian were warned against any kind of violation in future.

Science, Technology & Innovation Council hosts Science Model Exhibition at GHSS Jaganoo

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 8

J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science and Technology Udhampur, in collaboration with Government Hr. Sec School Jaganoo, on Wednesday organised a one day Science Model Exhibition on the theme "GREEN INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE."

The program was inaugurated by Geetu Bangotra, Chief Education Officer Udhampur who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Darshan Kumar, Assistant Director Planning was the Guest of honour.

Students from different schools of complex HSS Jaganoo came up with their models escorted by their guide teachers. They beautifully explained the concepts of their models to the chief guest and other guests apart from judges throwing light on the importance of Green Energy for a sustainable future.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest stressed on the importance of sustainability in the coming time and how science exhibitions help in igniting the minds of young children for creative works. She along with guest of honour and Principal HSS Jaganoo visited the different stalls of the Science Exhibition and interacted with the students. She also lauded



the efforts by the Principal and staff of HSS Jaganoo for their hard work and dedication in the interest of school and students.

Earlier, Sush Rani, Principal Govt. HSS Jaganoo welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests, participants from different institutions. In her welcome address she thanked the Chief Education Officer for her immense presence on the occasion and also gave a brief account of the school functioning for all round development of the students. She also thanked Shrutika Khanna District Coordinator Department of Science & Technology for initiating the efforts of the department for orga-

nizing such events.

Kuldeep Gupta Lecturer Zoology, HSS Jaganoo coordinated the whole program under the supervision of Principal, Sush Rani in coordination with Shrutika Khanna, District Coordinator, Department of Science and Technology who brought the program to be executed.

Kuldeep Gupta gave a brief introduction of the program and spoke how Science exhibitions ultimately help in realising the skills of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication as per NEP 2020 and making teaching learning joyful and effective by actually relating the classroom

teaching to real life situations.

The judgment team consisted of Renu Kotwal, Sr lecturer Physics, Boys HSS Udhampur, Rashpal Singh, Sr. Lecturer Zoology, HSS Garh Dhamma and Atul Kashyap Sr. Lecturer Botany, HSS Swena.

The winners in the exhibition were given cash prizes as a token of appreciation as first, second and third category and consolation prizes to the participating schools. Final vote of thanks was presented by Samsher Singh Sr Lecturer Physics and Vice Principal, HSS Jaganoo, who in his speech thanked all the guests and participants

GDC Ramgarh organises awareness programme on "Fire Safety Management"



JJ NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 8

Government Degree College Ramgarh on Wednesday organised an awareness Programme on "Fire Safety Management" in collaboration with Fire & Emergency Services Department". The event was organised under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

The awareness programme was organized by IQAC of the College under the convenorship of Dr. Aditi Khajuria.

The event commenced with a Lecture cum Interactive Session, with Ashwani Dubey, Incharge Fire Station Swankha as the resource Person. He apprised the students about the types of Fire Extinguishers, Techniques and Equipment being used in Fire Fighting operations. He also gave a live demonstration on prevention and management of accidental fires and

how to deal with accidental fires in LPG cylinders at home.

The demonstration team comprised of Vijay Kumar (Head Constable), Satpaul (Constable), Tilak Raj (Constable) and Simranjeet (Constable)

In her concluding address, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra highlighted the importance of the awareness programmes being organized by Fire & Emergency Services Department. She said that the students of the College will be highly benefitted through this programme as it will foster a sense of Collective responsibility and ensure disaster preparedness to safeguard homes and communities. She appreciated Department of Fire & Emergency Services Swankha for organising such events for young generation.

All the faculty members witnessed the event. The programme was co-ordinated by Prof. Sandeep Kumari.

Day 02 of B2V-5 Special Secretary Education, other VO's interact with people, inspect developmental projects at Kulgam



JJ NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 8

Jammu and Kashmir UT government's ambitious 'Back to Village (B2V5)' Programme continued on day two in 84 Panchayats of the district.

During the programme, Prabhari Officers interacted with the public in these 84 panchayats and undertook review of previous and current year deliverables with special focus with respect to improving e-services penetration and user experience for greater accessibility.

Special Secretary Education, Naseer Ahmad Wani who remained available in Pahlou Panchayat also interacted with the people and took stock of development.

He along with other officers also inspected various developmental projects and took stock of pace and progress of these works. Prabhari Officers in other panchayats also gave patient hearing to pleas of people, and also

took stock of pace and progress of developmental scenarios of these panchayats.

Several cultural programmes and sports activities were also carried out, wherein youth and students participated in large numbers.

Awareness sessions on various self-employment and other welfare schemes were also conducted.

Meanwhile, the Additional District Development Commissioner, Showkat Ahmad Rather also visited several Panchayats in the district and took stock of arrangements and proceedings in these panchayats.

It was informed that there are total 178 panchayats in the district and outreach programme was conducted in 84 panchayats in phase 1, and from 9th November more 94 panchayats will be covered where the Visiting Officers (VOs)/ Prabhari Officers will visit their designated panchayats.

DC Udhampur presides over Public Outreach Program at Kulwanta



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UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai today presided over weekly Block Diwas Public outreach camp at Panchayat Ghar Keya after a tour of at Block Kulwanta of Tehsil Ramnagar and listened to public issues.

BDC Chairman, Sushma Devi; DDC member, Ashri Devi; ADDC, Ghan Shyam Singh; SDM, Ramnagar Shishir Gupta; ACD, Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal and other senior officers, along with PRI members and a large number of people hailing from adjoining panchayats attended the camp.

They highlighted several demands and problems, seeking repair of the Ramnagar Dudu-Basantgarh road, adequate staff in health centers and educational institutions, conversion of Ayurvedic Hospital Kulwanta into an Allopathy Hospital, electrification of remaining households in the area, construction of a bridge over Nallah Ujh to connect the Silla area, registration of left-out cases under the PMAY scheme, upgradation of Government

High School Kulwanta to GHSS, upgradation of High School Chigla Balota to a higher secondary level, promotion of the area on the tourism map, providing drinking water facilities in R C Peak, addressing unscheduled power cuts in Block Kulwanta and the construction of a Sports Stadium in Kulwanta.

The DC emphasized that the main objective of this Block Diwas is to gain a firsthand appraisal of important grassroots-level issues. She stated that such platforms enable the District administration to understand the multifaceted problems faced by the general public. These outreach camps facilitate bringing governance to the doorstep of the public, thus improving the public service delivery mechanism.

During the program, many grievances were redressed on the spot through interventions and directions to officers from concerned departments. The DC urged officers to make people aware of income-generating and beneficiary-oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and the UT Government.

DC Reasi chairs Mega Block Diwas at Sub-Division Mahore

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Wednesday chaired the proceedings of Mega Block Diwas at Sub-Division Headquarters Mahore.

Among others, DDC Vice Chairperson, Sajra Qadir; DDC Mahore A, Jenab Israel; BDC Mahore, Shahida Parveen; BDC Chassana, Mohd. Razaq; District Officers, Engineers, Sectoral Officers, Sub Division level officers, Sarpanches, Panches and a large number of local residents of different villages of Mahore, Chassana and Gulabgarh attended the public out-reach programme.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan was welcomed in a traditional way with 'Tikka' followed by the escort of NCC cadets.

Deputy Commissioner Reasi inspected stalls of different departments and was acquainted with the schemes and programmes of various departments



being implemented in this area.

On the occasion, PRIs and local residents of different villages of Sub-Division Mahore apprised the Deputy Commissioner about their wide range of demands. The public as well as PRIs primarily raised the issue of road connectivity, healthcare facilities and electrification of villages during winter months.

The public of Mahore expressed gratitude to the DC and sought his keen intervention in accelerating the development of the area. He was praised for his proactive approach which was evident from

the selection of Sub-Division Mahore for his maiden Block Diwas in the District Reasi.

After giving patient hearing to the public and PRIs, the Deputy Commissioner assured that all their genuine demands shall be looked into on priority.

He said that all works of UT Capex and District Capex shall be completed within the stipulated time frame.

The Deputy Commissioner said that administration is making every effort so that Mahore Sub division looks lively this winter and difficulties of the people are minimised.

DC Reasi reviews health sector services

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meeting to evaluate the status of the health services in the district.

Central to the discussions were strategies for the fortification of Primary Health Centers and Community Health Centers.

The DC Reasi took a detailed review of achievements under health sector schemes, functioning of health institutions, infra-

structure up-gradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to the patients. He also reviewed progress under Ayushman Bharat, PMJAY SEHAT, and Vacancy position of all categories, Routine Immunization Programme, NCD Programme and National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).

Addressing the meeting, the DC stressed upon the officers to work with utmost dedication and honesty adding that the people have direct concern with the health facilities

being the most sensitive sector.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) was asked to provide comprehensive details about all Primary Health Centers (PHC) and Community Health Centers (CHC) operating in the district. He was further directed to conduct a thorough health survey of every household in the district. This survey will assess different medical issues and provide valuable insights into the healthcare needs of residents.

In a significant move

aimed at promoting health and hygiene in educational institutions, the Deputy Commissioner issued a directive to ensure the installation of sanitary pad dispensing machines in all schools and colleges across the district.

The DC also said that to provide better and quality health services to the people of the district and directed to constitute a team of doctors to visit Mahore and far flung areas on every Thursday and Saturday so that patients may not suffer anymore.

District Admin Ganderbal holds mega Block Diwas at Lar



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The District Administration Ganderbal today held a productive Block Diwas event at Tehsil Office Complex Lar, co-chaired by DDC Chairperson Ganderbal, Nuzhatulshafaq and District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir.

The gathering witnessed the active participation of PRI representatives and people from the local community, who commended the dedicated efforts of the district administration and various departments, and also apprised the DDC about various issues confronting the community.

Among the concerns voiced were the need for playground development, access to clean water, frequent electricity cuts, management of garbage collection, improvement of sumo services, and addressing grazing issues.

In response, the DDC expressed his gratitude to all attendees for their active participation. He extended special thanks

to the DDC Chairperson for her significant role in the development initiatives in the Mohanmarg and Lalmarg areas.

The DDC emphasized the importance of enhancing tourism infrastructure and maintaining cleanliness in the region. He urged the community members to take responsibility for their surroundings, making them aesthetically appealing to promote tourism.

Furthermore, the DDC stressed the importance of collecting garbage disposal charges from residents, underscoring its role in maintaining the cleanliness and hygiene of the area. He called upon the people to actively contribute to the betterment of their locality, encouraging everyone to work together to create an environment conducive to tourism promotion.

Among others, the program was attended by ADDC, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; ADC, Gulzar Ahmad; CPO and several other district and sectoral officers of various departments.

Fund Organization hosts 3-Day Awareness Camp from Nov 16 to 18 across Jammu Division

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A Grievances redressal cum Awareness Camp is being organized from Nov 16 to Nov 18-2023 in all the District Fund Offices of Jammu Division to address the grievances of subscribers/ex-subscribers regarding the General Provident Fund/State Life Insurance.

The subscribers can visit the respective Fund Offices during the scheduled days in office hours for on-spot redressal of their grievances.

EDITORIAL

Bring harmony in relations

In modern day India, the tussle between the Raj Bhawan and the Chief Minister Office is not new. It has become a new norm where two sides are engaged in a bitter fight over key constitutional issues, taking the routine and normal governance for a ride. Many times, this battle reaches the Apex Court which has now expressed serious concern over this phenomenon. In this series, the prolonged tussle between the Punjab Governor and the Chief Minister recently reached the Supreme Court where the latter has reminded governors that they are not elected representatives of the people. A Bench headed by the CJI Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud has maintained that governors must act on Bills before the matter reaches the Apex Court. The Punjab government has accused the Governor of sitting on several Bills, including those related to fiscal management and education. The Court while asking both the Governor and the Chief Minister to do soul-searching also rapped the state government for reconvening the Assembly, which was adjourned sine die in March, as an 'extension' of the Budget session. The June 19-20 session had been termed 'patently illegal' by the Governor. Such bitter confrontations between constitutional functionaries are being witnessed in some other states too, particularly those where the ruling party at the Centre is not in power. It inevitably takes the governance a hit when the Governor and the CM fail to see eye to eye on important matters concerning the state. Recently, the Kerala government has also approached the Supreme Court against the Governor over an inordinate delay in granting assent to Bills. The Governor, in turn, has accused the state government of 'using the legislature for purposes other than what it is meant for and keeping him in the dark on various issues'. The two sides must bear in mind that a cordial relationship between the Constitutional functionaries including the Governor and the CM is a prerequisite for smooth conduct of the state's affairs. Any discord between two only affects the governance and ultimately, the real stakeholders, common masses, remain at the receiving end of it. They must remember that the interests of the state and its people are bound to be compromised if the two remain at loggerheads. While there is a perception that some governors are indulging in political one-upmanship at the Centre's behest does not bode well for democracy, the Chief Minister office, particularly those belonging to the opposition must also ensure that they should work in coordination with the Raj Bhawan for the betterment of the society. The Chief Ministers should also bear in mind that though they are elected representatives of the people, they should not ride roughshod over the Governors' objections and reservations. It is anticipated that the Supreme Court's advice may bring some harmony among the Raj Bhawan and the Chief Minister's offices to ensure that governance does not take a hit.

ARSHAD KHAN

In a world driven by time and progress, certain values and traditions can be left behind. One such tradition is the selflessness and sincerity that defined relationships in the past. Our grandparents often shared stories of a bygone era, when relationships were not based on "give and take," but on compassion and genuine care. In those days, people prioritized the well-being of their loved ones above all else. They displayed a profound sense of empathy and selflessness, always willing to lend a helping hand or offer support without expecting anything in return. Relationships were built on a foundation of trust, respect, and unconditional love. People genuinely cared for one another, going out of their way to ensure the happiness and comfort of their partners. There was a deep understanding that a successful relationship required effort, sacrifice, and a genuine desire to see the other person thrive. In this era, relationships were not measured by material possessions or superficial gestures, but by the depth of emotional connection and the unwavering commitment to each other's well-being. Though times have changed, the values of selflessness and sincerity that once defined relationships serve as a reminder of the importance of genuine care and compassion in our modern world.

As I cast my gaze upon the world that surrounds us today, I cannot help but be struck by the stark contrast in how we perceive and experience relationships in this modern age. The concept of "modern-day relationships" seems to be increasingly governed by a culture of reciprocity, where every favor or gesture is meticulously scrutinized and meticulously balanced against an invisible mental scale. The purity of sincerity, once a guiding force in the realm of human connection, has taken a back seat, relegated to the shadows of our collective consciousness. Instead, relationships are now frequently evaluated and measured against certain predetermined "parameters," creating an environment that fosters the rise of highly conditional relationships.

The shift we are currently experiencing is of great magnitude and requires a deep exploration of the intricate details that form the foundation of our society. One crucial aspect to consider is the rapid development of technology, which has undeniably played a significant role in shaping our interactions. The emergence of social media platforms and the widespread use of smartphones have fundamentally transformed the way we communicate as human beings. These technological advancements have brought people closer together in certain ways, but they have also unintentionally contributed to

the decline of authenticity in relationships. It is essential to acknowledge that the convenience and accessibility offered by social media and smartphones have altered the dynamics of human connection. While these advancements have facilitated instant communication and the ability to connect with others across vast distances, they have also created a space where superficial interactions and curated personas prevail. The constant exposure to carefully crafted online identities has made it increasingly challenging to discern genuine connections from mere appearances. As a result, the erosion of sincerity in relationships has become a concerning consequence of this technological revolution. Understanding the impact of these advancements is crucial in comprehending the full scope of the societal shift we are currently undergoing.

In the digital age, virtual connections dominate, blurring the lines between authenticity and artifice. Online personas are meticulously crafted, often bearing little resemblance to true selves. The virtual realm prioritizes validation and acceptance, fostering a culture of superficiality. Likes, comments, and followers take precedence over genuine human connection. Relationships become transactions, measured by the number of virtual accolades. The pursuit of validation and acceptance in the digital age has led to a landscape

where authenticity is sacrificed for the sake of popularity. People carefully curate their online personas, presenting an idealized version of themselves that may not align with reality. The desire for likes, comments, and followers drives individuals to prioritize superficial interactions over meaningful connections. In this digital landscape, relationships are reduced to mere transactions, where the value of an interaction is measured solely by its ability to garner virtual accolades. The pursuit of validation and acceptance in the virtual realm has created a culture where authenticity is often overshadowed by the desire for popularity and social validation.

The relentless pursuit of material wealth and personal success has significantly impacted the nature of relationships. In a society that highly values individual achievement, the concept of selflessness and genuine care for others has been overshadowed by a strong desire for personal gain. This prevailing mindset of "every man for himself" has deeply permeated our relationships, leaving little space for the altruistic values that were once central to them. As a result, the dynamics of relationships have shifted, with individuals prioritizing their own needs and ambitions above the well-being of others. This transformation has led to a decrease in empathy and compassion within relationships, as the focus has shifted towards

personal gain rather than mutual support and understanding. Consequently, the quality of relationships has been compromised, with individuals becoming more self-centered and less willing to invest in the emotional and social aspects of their connections with others. The pursuit of material wealth and personal success has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in reshaping the nature of relationships, leading to a society that prioritizes individual achievement over genuine care and selflessness.

In this era of rapid change and shifting values, it is crucial to reflect upon the consequences of our actions and the impact they have on the relationships we hold dear. The erosion of sincerity and the rise of highly conditional relationships should serve as a wake-up call, urging us to reevaluate our priorities and rediscover the true essence of human connection. The fast-paced nature of our modern world has led to a decline in genuine and selfless relationships, as people become more focused on their own needs and desires. This shift towards conditional relationships, where individuals only invest their time and energy if they receive something in return, has resulted in a loss of trust and authenticity. It is essential for us to recognize the importance of selflessness and compassion in fostering meaningful connections. By prioritizing the well-being and happiness of

others, we can rebuild the sanctity of relationships and create a more harmonious society. It is through a collective effort, where each individual takes responsibility for their actions and strives to be more empathetic and understanding, that we can hope to restore the true essence of human connection in this ever-evolving world.

As we navigate the uncharted waters of the modern age, it is crucial that we remain steadfast in upholding the values and traditions that have guided us for centuries. The selflessness and sincerity that once characterized our relationships may have been overshadowed by a culture focused on reciprocity and conditional connections, but it is important to note that these qualities are not lost forever. We must acknowledge the profound impact of technology, materialism, and societal pressures on our relationships in order to rebuild the foundations of compassion and genuine care. By doing so, we can strive to create a world where the worth of relationships is not measured by a mere balance of "give and take," but rather by the profound depth of sincerity and the boundless capacity for selflessness. It is only through this collective effort that we can transcend the limitations imposed by this modern era and forge connections that endure the test of time.

Language: Emotional connect and more

VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

Communication is central to all living entities. Plants communicate; creatures and animals communicate; and, of course, human beings communicate. They communicate not only amongst themselves but also across different categories and species. The examples are many, the illustrations are numerous, hence, there is no need to over-emphasise this aspect of communication. The big concern is not with the act of communication but with the modes of communication.

For example, the uses and anatomy of communication among plants are well mapped, but there are not many who attempted an extensive research study of plant communication.

There are some exceptions, especially in the form of references and awareness. Illustratively, Kalidasa, in his epic drama 'Abhigyan Shakuntalam', would have us believe that when Shakuntala was leaving the 'Tapovana' (the hermitage) of Sage 'Kanva', the creepers of the jungle wrapped them-

selves around Shakuntala to bid an emotional farewell. What Shakuntala said would probably never be known, but it was obvious that sentiments and expressions were involved. The creepers wrapped themselves around Shakuntala as a kind of embrace and communication medium. Like an electronic system, the system of communication points requires encoding and decoding, and there is a thought process behind it.

Plants don't make sound in the way that animals, insects or some other creatures do. This makes the act of communication between insects and animals somewhat more sophisticated. The chirp of the insects of one variety or another is an act of communication, as indeed is the howling, barking, whining, and such acts of the animals amongst themselves and across species.

All these creatures make sounds through their throats and mouths, and depending on the kind of noise that comes out of the animal, it is encoded and decoded. There are sounds of fear, just as there are sounds of invitation. There are sounds of

anger and the sounds of nothing more but peace and the invitation of an attempt to put together a group or give an alert about a danger. All put together, the derivation is obvious: 'communication' is not just a human phenomenon. It is as rich as the mind of the entity.

A dog, for example, communicates in multiple ways and is capable of sounds of aggression, mating, warning, and more. The sound of a dog varies from species to species and from one breed to another. It is another matter that not many texts have been scripted on this theme, and hence there is little available on the language of the dogs.

Amongst human beings too, all races don't have a script, yet within the race, they communicate. The matter does not end there.

Amongst human beings too, as indicated, there are a large number of variations among those of human species that don't have a script for their language but still communicate with each other. The difficulty with such a situation is the lack

of standardisation and communication that the group needs when dealing with a new group. Thus, there is a geographical limit to the expanse and range of languages. In the more evolved type of human species, a script is available, and after a period of practice, the script is comparatively evaluated. In the times of yore, there was a Roman script, there was a Dravidian script, a Devanagari script, and there were Chinese scripts; there may have been a few other scripts that are no longer alive but must have existed. As time passed and the human species moved, mother scripts of Latin, and Sanskrit, acquired prominence and thus many modern languages were sprouted under their impact. It is not clear how many human languages exist on the planet today or, for that matter, how many languages are dead today.

Literature, as we understand it, is available in some of the languages.

The coming of writing was another phenomenon. It is reported that in the earlier stages of writing, the writing was

on palm leaves, and pointed tips of hard material like bamboo branches were used to sketch an imprint on the leaves. The growth of writing is a specialisation in its own right, it is not feasible to attempt to document different stages of writing here. Put one clear thing, if that is the only clear thing, that the writing of the language adds to its durability.

Language is a binding force between individuals and groups. It also attempts to integrate a range beyond the sounds of languages and written scripts of languages.

In most parts of the world, among all human beings, there may be a struggle between human groups for dominance, but certainly no struggle over the value of any language. Any language within its range, growing along with each other, should be a binding force. It cannot be a force for mutual exclusion and antipathy. Put simply language is the vehicle of the mind.

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Do not bomb the medical neutrality

SIDHARTH TARA

Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza was bombed on the evening of October 17, 2023, killing between 100 and 300 individuals including caregivers and civilians who were either patients or escorting them. Just like in Yemen and Ukraine before no one was held accountable. No official was legally or administratively disciplined even for the sake of optics. Just a hollow and shallow performance of grief not even a condemnation from leaders of nation-states. In Gaza, multiple health care facilities have been hit by airstrikes. Danger looms over every hospital that is still functioning, including Al-Shifa Hospital, the largest in Gaza. Electric, fuel, drugs and water supply have been cut off to hospitals that have not been bombed yet. Strategic targeting of medical infrastructure is

being used as a force multiplier to increase casualties of war.

Violating the rules universally agreed upon and established in the Geneva Conventions, this attack goes against the most sacred of the laws of men, that is the law of Medical Neutrality and Immunity. Hospitals and medical centres have always been a refuge for the injured seeking help and escaping the violence in surrounding conflict zones, it is important for the future of humanity that they remain so. This is not an isolated incident but only the recent one in the long list of brutal deaths of civilians like medical personnel and journalists that resulted from the direct actions of official government militaries instead of nonstate entities, either due to malfunction or malintent.

More than 8000 are dead, more than 70% of that number are children, women and elderly. More than 20000 injured



need trauma care. This number is additional to the regular disease load that exists in any population like infants requiring incubators, kidney patients requiring dialysis, diabetics requiring insulin and various conditions requiring emergency surgeries in addition to the trauma cases being brought in because of airstrikes. Medical resources are stretched thin and grossly inadequate concerning increased needs. Medical workers have been working without respite, clean water, developing skin and gastro-intestinal infections.

Killing of Medical workers and bombings of hospitals further aggravate the situation. The blood of the injured who survived the bombing of their houses only to be killed in airstrikes on ambulances and hospitals will stain our collective conscience for a long time to come, as will the decision of the Indian government to abstain from the resolution of the ceasefire forwarded by Jordan. Collateral damage is not a magical word that makes the wanton murder of non-combatants trapped in a conflict zone legitimate or any less abhorrent. All human life is precious, more so to those who swore an oath to save it. Medical communities across the globe should question this growing tendency of governments to ignore these old but wise laws of humanity. Citizens of the world need to hold their elected representatives accountable who are letting it happen,

lest Gaza become another Auschwitz.

These governments are carelessly and irresponsibly attacking this foundational pillar of human ethics and values on which human civilization as we know it stands. Terrorists are non-state actors but when nation-states and countries ignore established rules of engagement that keep us devolving into savages during conflicts, it brings us one step closer to a dark age that may be high-tech but still darker than any that mankind has suffered before. An age when the red cross of hospitaliers, a shared symbol of identity and purpose for medical caregivers across the world and a sign of hope and relief for the sick and injured, a symbol holier to us than any God will cease to have any meaning.

(Dr Siddharth Tara is from Progressive Medicos and Scientists Forum, views are personal)

Pakistani trending show 'Kabli Pulao' first time on Indian Television

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Zindagi, known for its commitment to fostering cultural exchange is set to unveil the latest trending Pakistani show Kabli Pulao for the first time ever on Indian television. This marks a significant milestone for Zindagi, as it embraces the Honorable Bombay High Court ruling that has lifted the ban on Pakistani artists in India. This launch is a testament to Zindagi's ongoing efforts to celebrate artistic freedom, diversity, and the rich tapestry of stories from both sides of the border.

Kabli Pulao is an unconventional and emotionally charged series that has garnered effusive praise for its remarkable writing, direction, and profound acting. The celebrated Pakistani writer Zafar Mairaj has artfully spun a narrative that delves into the intricacies of human emotions under

the thoughtful direction of Kashif Nisar. Taking the audiences on a heartfelt journey, experience the 18-part series starting 11th November 2023 at 10pm, Monday to Sunday only on Zindagi DTH Services Dish TV, D2h, Tata Sky, and Airtel. Moreover, two nations (India & Pakistan) will join forces and together witness the grand simulcast of Kabli Pulao's finale only on Zindagi.

Kabli Pulao is a masterpiece and relishes its depth through extraordinary performances from lead actors - Mohammed Ehteshamuddin and Sabeena Farooq, who have breathed life into their roles. The show also enjoys a mesmerizing original soundtrack - Ankhain, sung by the music maestro - Ustad Rahat Fateh Ali Khan which has struck a chord with audiences and beautifully complimenting the show.

Kabli Pulao follows the story of Haji Mush-



taq aka Mohammed Ehteshamuddin an upright man from Lahore, and Barbeena, played by Sabeena Farooq, an Afghan girl in need. The story revolves around how Haji (a simple bachelor who is in his 50s) crosses paths with a young girl Barbeena (in her 20s) in need seeking medical help for her ill mother. As the protagonist spends more time with the girl, he starts seeing the world from a different perspective and finds himself falling in love for the first time in his life.

With its focus on refugees and empowering female characters, Kabli Pulao a show that crossed 100 million+ views and counting on Youtube, stands as a beacon of progressive storytelling, inviting viewers to connect with the characters' experience and form a bond that transcends the screen.

Commenting on Zindagi's latest announcement of telecasting 'Kabli Pulao' in India, maverick director behind films like Superstar & Dum Mastamand TV show Sadqay Tumhare

Mohammed Ehteshamuddin, who plays the lead role of Haji Sahab said, "This show brings forth the essence of love in the most unexpected and heartwarming way and showcases the power of love, the pursuit of happiness, and the blending of cultures in an inspiring narrative. It's a beautifully written story that dives deep into the human heart. Kabli Pulao will hold a special place in my heart as this was perhaps the one of the few times where I got the chance to be in front of the camera, playing Haji Mushtaq, after being behind it for many years. It is extremely overwhelming to see the love and appreciation that the show is receiving & it brings me immense joy to see Zindagi air this show in India along with its airing in Pakistan and truly connect audiences for this heartfelt cross-border journey. I couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of this

and patiently await all the love and views from the Indian audiences." [RPI]

Lead actress Sabeena Farooq, unlike her recent stint in the hit show Tere Bin where she played a diabolical role, will be seen in a completely different and lovable character as Barbeena in Kabli Pulao. Talking about the show's India release, she adds, "Acting in 'Kabli Pulao' has been an emotional rollercoaster. The depth of the characters and the realism of the story is unlike anything I've worked on before. It's a privilege to be part of a project that showcases love's ability to transform lives. The distinctive storyline is beautifully reflected throughout the show and I'm certain that it'll leave a mark on everyone who watches it. I can't wait for the Indian viewers to embark on this emotional journey with us as Kabli Pulao immerses the audience in an authentic world that feels close to home."

Govt committed to make J&K a model of 'Good Governance': Sham Langer

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Sham Lal Langer, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade Cell has reiterated the BJP Govt's resolve to make J&K a role model of 'Good Governance' to be emulated by the other states and Union Territories across the nation. He said that the intentions of the J&K Administration in this regard are quite clear as reflected in its strict action against its own employees who falter in providing services to the people. In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader lauded the LG led Administration for initiating penalty proceedings against 55 officers for the delay on their part in delivery of various services in the revenue department. This clearly proves that the administration stands fully committed 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.

Sham Lal Langer further welcomed the statement of Commissioner-Secretary General Administration Department (GAD) Sanjeev Verma who today said, "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."

Women College Parade organizes presentations on making of Gulab Gatha

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Government College for Women Parade organised three presentations on the making of Gulab gatha by the writer and the director of the film Balwant Thakur followed by the screening of the film for jam packed audiences at the auditorium of the College. Dr. S.P. Sarswat Principal of the college presided over the proceedings of the presentations. In his address Balwant Thakur dwelt in detail about the making of the film 'Gulab Gatha' and shared both the aesthetic and technical aspects of the film production. For him it was not just like any other feature or documentary film but a big mission of exposing generations about the sacrifices and the contributions of Dogras in the making of the largest princely state of India. On the occasion he 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 Gatha is a production of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and Natrang Jammu. Narrating further he shared that he travelled places and it took him and his 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. Dr. S.P. Sarswat Principal thanked Natrang, Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and Balwant Thakur for giving college students a rare opportunity to learn about their rich past. Natrang is currently showcasing a series of fifty shows all over Jammu province.

The film 'Gulab Gatha' is about the journey of a soldier who achieves great success at everything he initiated. His unquestion-



able 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 Razdan, Kanav Sharma, Jatin Sharma, Brighu Sharma, Sumeet Raina, Naresh Kumar, Udit Sagar, Sushant Singh Charak, Vanshika Gupta, Sanket Bhagat, Arvin Tickoo 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).

ASSOCHAM J&K Council meets Director I&C Jammu, discussed various issues

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The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) J&K Council warmly welcomed Mr. Arun Manhas, the newly appointed Director of Industries & Commerce for Jammu on Wednesday.

A delegation from ASSOCHAM J&K Council, led by Mr. Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Director of Batra Group, Mr. Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Managing Partner of Radisson Blu Jammu, and Mr. Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director of ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh, visited Mr. Arun Manhas at his office to extend their support and discuss various pertinent issues related to



Industries and Commerce in the region.

The meeting, which took place at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce in Jammu, marked a significant step towards strengthening the collaboration between ASSOCHAM and the Industries Department in Jammu & Kashmir. Mr. Arun Manhas, who has recently taken charge as the Director

of Industries & Commerce, expressed his commitment to fostering growth and development in the region's industries.

During this productive meeting, a wide range of issues related to the industrial and commercial landscape of Jammu & Kashmir were discussed. The ASSOCHAM delegation, known for its dedication to promoting economic

prosperity and sustainable development, pledged its unwavering support to the industries department in realizing their shared vision for the state's industrial sector. Mr. Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council, commended the ongoing efforts by ASSOCHAM to facilitate economic growth and investment opportunities in the region.

Arun Manhas expressed his appreciation for the work being carried out by ASSOCHAM in Jammu & Kashmir and acknowledged the pivotal role it plays in driving economic advancement. He reiterated his commitment to facilitating a business-friendly environment and extending full support to the industries in Jammu & Kashmir.

Congress strongly reacts to Lal Singh's arrest

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Law should take its own course, not in case of Lal Singh only but every such matter, which requires investigation. Selective approach, politics of vendetta and misuse of agencies have become order of the day.

The Congress party said this while strongly reacting today to the arrest of Former minister Ch Lal Singh by the ED. JKPC Senior Vice President Shri Ravinder Sharma said this in tweet on X today.

Congress has said that law should take its own course in every case which requires investigation. It should be principle & approach in every serious allegations in public domain against high ups & should be investigated.

Release detainees who doesn't have serious allegations: Omar demands authorities

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National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Wednesday demanded that the authorities in Jammu and Kashmir should start the process of releasing the detainees who do not have serious allegations.

Talking to media persons on the sidelines of a public rally at north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Wednesday, Omar said that the people who have been arrested especially after 2019 should be released immediately now.

He said those against whom there are no serious allegations, a process to release them should be started immediately.

The NC Vice President said during the all-party meeting held in New Delhi chaired by the Prime Minister, it was also decided that the people who do not have serious allegations would be released in Jammu and Kashmir

The former Chief Minister alleged that people of Jammu and Kashmir are passing through hardship for the past five years.

He reiterated that employees should have a way to protest in order to meet their genuine demands.

The authorities in Jammu and Kashmir banned government employees for participating in demonstrations and

strikes.

Omar said nobody wants the employees to come out on the roads to resort violence or in offices or to resort to stone pelting.

"In democracy, everybody has his right to protest for his genuine demands and similarly employees should also have such a way to protest for meeting them", he said.

Regarding the snapping of internet facilities in south Kashmir's Pulwama district yesterday, Omar said if the internet facility was snapped in pulwama, people should have been told the reason behind why it was barred.

"People are not fools neither they are so harsh that they can lodge a protest. But they definitely would like to learn what makes the authorities snap the internet", the NC Vice President said.

Addressing a rally earlier, the former J&K Chief Minister said that after August 5, 2019, the people whose security has been reduced and those who have been increased should be differentiated for the people.

"Today security is not given on the basis of danger but on the basis of how strong is your relationship with BJP", he said and added "the more you befriend with BJP the more you will get security and vehicles".

13th Kargil Taekwondo Championship concluded



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The 13th District Kargil Taekwondo Championship concluded at Indoor Stadium, Kargil.

About 4 clubs with 132 players participated in the district championship under the overall supervision of Observer Ladakh Taekwondo Association Mohd Ali Bhagi and SAI Kargil Mohd Ali.

Councillor LAHDC Kargil for Town Haji Mohammad Abass Adulpa was the chief guest, while President Ladakh Taekwondo Association

Gulzar Hussain Munshi was the Guest of Honour, and Activities Officer DYSSO Kargil, Mohd Yousuf was the Special Guest along with Anayat Ali general secretary Ladakh Taekwondo Association, Mohd Hassan General Secretary Tangtha Association Ladakh, were the guests of honour were also present. Haji Moham-

mad Abass said that the sport has a great opportunity as a sector and our players can have a better and bright future if they focus on their respective games, taking the example of Shahnaz Parveen and Tashi Tundup.

He further assured that he will take up the issues raised by the Association with CEC LAHDC Kargil for further redressal of the issues.

The chief guest and other guests distributed medals and mementoes among the players, officials and guests.

Anayat Ali General Secretary Ladakh Taekwondo Association while talking to media said that it has been more than 20 years that Kargil Taekwondo Association is working for the promotion of the Game and development of the players in Ladakh and they have produced some of the finest and famous players of Ladakh since then.

IGP Jammu Zone reviews crime, law & order of Rajouri distt, interacted with civil society

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Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain-IPS today reviewed the crime position and overall functioning of District Police Rajouri with all supervisory officers including SHOs, investigating officers at DPL Rajouri this afternoon. IGP Jammu Zone Sh. Anand

Jain,IPS was accompanied by DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Shri Haseeb Mugal, IPS, received by SSP Rajouri Shri Sh. Amritpal Singh, IPS and his team of officers besides he was given a guard of honour at DPL Rajouri, on his arrival.

IGP Jammu interacted with Police officers/personnel and later chaired meeting with Police officers

besides interacted with the civil society members of Rajouri district.

During the meeting the disposal of cases registered during the current year and previous pendency was reviewed, discussed and instructions issued. The Investigating Officers and Supervisory officers were given detailed instructions to improve the quality of

investigation to ensure effective Parvy and prosecution cases.

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

closer supervision of important cases, especially NDPS/UAPA cases to get better results for the remaining period of the year. He advised them to improve the quality of investigation and prosecution to increase the convictions.

IGP Jammu directed the officers to work with enhanced synergy and coordinated efforts to uproot

the narco-terrorism in the Range. He emphasized regular interactions/briefing of the subordinates at different levels. He said that people's cooperation in the fight against narco-terrorism and other crimes is a must. He directed jurisdictional officers to seek people's cooperation in the fight against drug abuse and other social crimes.

Dr Haseeb Mugal, IPS DIG RP Range briefed IGP Jammu Zone about the Law & order, crime and security scenario along with other initiatives being carried out by Police of twin districts of Pir Panjal Rajouri & Poonch. He also highlighted measures adopted to strengthen the security grid and improve policing.

The SSP Rajouri gave an

elaborate Power Point Presentation on the prevalent security scenario of the district and overall position of the crime and its disposal.

Moreover, IGP Jammu Sh. Anand Jain-IPS interacted with the civil society members made an appeal for maintenance of law/order in their respective areas. The people dwell at length about police related issues.

Raj Kumar, Ishant Gupta apprise JCW (Works) about ground situation in Channi Himmat

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In response to a serious concern raised by local residents regarding damaged manhole covers and grating in the lane adjoining Bags & More Sector-3 Channi Himmat, Corporator of Ward No. 51, Raj Kumar, and State IT Head of BJP Jammu & Kashmir, Advocate Ishant Gupta, took swift action by contacting the concerned officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation. The officials, including Joint Commissioner (Works) Rajesh Sumbria and Executive Engineer Lokesh Gupta were called to the site to assess the ground situation.

The damaged manhole covers and grating had become a life-threatening hazard for the public, causing grave concern among the local residents.



Raj Kumar and Ishant Gupta, recognizing the urgency of the situation, personally apprised Joint Commissioner Rajesh Sumbria of the critical need for immediate action. During the on-site inspection, Raj Kumar and Ishant Gupta emphasized the need for prompt

resolution of the issue, prioritizing public safety. They made it abundantly clear that the safety of the public at large is of utmost importance, and any delay in addressing the issue could have severe consequences.

In response to their urgent plea, Rajesh Sumbria, Joint Commissioner (Works), assured that necessary action would be taken on a priority basis. The Jammu Municipal Corporation is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the public, and this incident will be treated with the utmost seriousness it deserves.

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Incumbent Govt transformed developmental scenario of J&K UT: Purnima

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Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K and former Deputy Mayor has asserted that the incumbent Govt at the Centre in synchronization with the Jammu and Kashmir Administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha has totally transformed the developmental scenario of this Union Territory with unprecedented developmental works going on in full gear across the region. The people can today themselves witness and feel that the incumbent Govt has presented a developmental scenario never ever witnessed earlier.

The former Dy Mayor expressed this in her address after kick starting development work worth Rs. 44 lakh at Ward No 5



here today. She performed the ritual commencement of the work along with Corporator Ward 5, Gopal Gupta, who is also the Chairman of Swachh Bharat Committee of JMC. Purnima Sharma said that the BJP had won the elections due to its successful endeavour of taking development to new heights across the nation to which J&K is no exception. She said that yet again the party will come out with flying colours in the upcoming

Parliamentary elections on the basis of its excellent performance that ensured welfare and prosperity of all the sections of the society. She said that PM Narendra Modi has a soft corner for the people of J&K and funds have never been a restraint in case of this Union Territory.

The senior BJP leader also lauded Corporator Gopal Gupta and appreciated him for the efforts initiated by him in addressing the development needs of the people of the Ward.

She said that his contribution can be witnessed on ground in this ward and hoped that the whole ward will get transformed in the coming days with more developmental works in the pipeline.

Corporator Gopal Gupta in his address thanked Purnima Sharma for gracing the occasion with her presence and affirmed his commitment to work with full dedication for the people of this ward be it development or addressing any other issue confronting them. He said that the people of the ward are fully aware of the transformation on ground and want BJP Govt to come back for the third tenure. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Chaman, Ward 5 President, Sunil Prajapati President OBC Morcha of BJP, Neeraj Gupta, Anil Dutta, Mahi and Bakshi.

CUJ hosts National Environmental Youth Parliament

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The Office of Dean Students' Welfare at Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with "Students for Development" and "Paryavaran Sanrakshan," successfully organised the "National Environmental Youth Parliament" (NEYP) on the university campus. This prestigious event, held under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, aimed to foster discussions and interactions among talented individuals from various universities, with the ultimate goal of accelerating India's progress and promoting environmental sustainability.

The NEYP provided an esteemed platform for students from various departments to represent

elected representatives from different states and share their perspectives on environmental concerns and challenges. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a brief introduction by Shubham Raina, the State Convener of SFD J&K.

Distinguished guest speakers at the inaugural session included Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean of Research Studies, who highlighted concerns about unsustainable waste management practices and emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility.

Prof. Richa Kothari from the Department of Environmental Studies stressed the need to apply academic insights to effect real change in environmental issues. Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, congratulated the packed auditorium for their vital role in making the event a success. Dr. Vinay Kumar, Associate Dean of Students' Welfare, concluded the session with a formal vote of thanks.



The NEYP featured participants from various departments, who donned traditional attire representing their respective states. Their youthful perspectives on environmental concerns and challenges enriched the event's inclusive platform.

Out of 140 candidates, 32 were shortlisted for finale at university with the top 10 chosen to represent the university at the regional level, where they will compete with participants from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. The event was adjudicated by experts in their respective fields,

including Dr. Shvetambr Jasrotia (Department of Zoology), Dr. Dinesh Kumar (Department of Environmental Studies), and Dr. Neena Gupta Vij (Department of English). The event drew a full-house audience, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and research students, as well as esteemed faculty members from the university. The event proceedings were skillfully

conducted by Meenakshi, a Research Scholar from the Department of Educational Studies.

In a moment of great significance, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the students' commendable efforts and extended his warmest wishes and encouragement to the 10 selected students who will represent the university at the regional level NEYP-2024.

The NEYP at Central University of Jammu showcased a commitment to environmental sustainability and the nurturing of young leaders dedicated to driving progress in India. It emphasized the power of collaboration and the academic community's dedication to addressing pressing environmental challenges.

Congress fully capable to deal with challenges, misleading politics of BJP: Vikar Rasool

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SRINAGAR NOV 8

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Wednesday urged the Party Leaders and workers to vigorously start mass contact programmes in their respective districts and areas and highlight the issues concerning the public for their resolution.

Wani was addressing a meeting of District Congress Committee Presidents, District Incharges, Frontal Organization heads, Departments and Cells of JKPCC at Srinagar Party office in which threadbare discussions were held on the current state of affairs in J&K especially in Kashmir province.

Addressing the meeting JKPCC Chief told the Party Leaders that BJP Govt at Centre is apparently punishing people of J&K on different counts after snatching their democratic rights and downgrading full-fledged State into two UTs in an undemocratic manner by a stroke of pen just to settle political scores and rule J&K directly from the Centre.

It is an established fact that BJP Govt has made J&K testing laboratory where experiments are being done on daily basis to get benefited politically and mislead people in rest of the country on J&K's prosperity and development, which is nowhere to be seen aiming to cover its (BJP) utter failure on all fronts. People have realized the misleading and hateful politics of BJP, PCC Chief added and said that J&K is the victim of BJP's vendetta and divisive politics, but the Congress Party is fully capable to deal and defeat the BJP's political ambitions, which are based on lies and deceit, he said.

JKPCC Chief said that Party is preparing a roadmap to deal with the challenges particularly the political vendetta unleashed against "J&K", besides the fake narrative being built by BJP for the lust of Power, while expressing grave concern over the prolonged delay in holding Assembly and other elections in J&K.

Vikar Rasool Wani felt confident that Congress Party will emerge stronger in the forthcoming elections given the dedication and hard work of Party Cadres coupled with the pro-people policies of Congress Party and its uncompromising fight against the loot of public money and divisive agenda of the BJP.

Apart from various other issues, the participants debated over the impact of Party's ongoing district level review meetings and public outreach programmes, while resolving to hold similar review meetings at Tehsil/block levels across J&K to further strengthen the Party at grass roots.

JKPCC Senior Vice Presidents G.N.Monga (Ex. MLC) and Mohd Anwar Bhat also addressed the meeting and expressed confidence over the Congress Party's acceptance and public appreciation of the work done by it (Congress) for the development and prosperity of J&K. Frontal Organizations Heads, DCC Presidents, Incharge Districts, PCC Functionaries also spoke on the occasion.

"Cultural Competition, valedictory function mark 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme a success"

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JAMMU, NOV 8

The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme concluded on 08 November, 2023 in the presence of the chief guest, Member Parliament Rajya Sabha, Sh. Gulam Ali Khatana at Saraswati Dham, Jammu. The day was made memorable by a series of captivating cultural dance performances during a spirited dance competition, culminating in a dignified valedictory ceremony.

In his welcome address, Sh. Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director NYKS, J&K, welcomed the guests, MP Rajya Sabha Sh. Gulam Ali Khatana, Gandhi Global Family Chairperson Dr. S.

P. Verma, Senior Journalist Rampal Singh Dogra, Social Activist S. Kirtan Singh, and the members of the jury for the cultural competition. He elaborated on the activities and achievements of the participants throughout the week-long duration of the exchange program, including the educational tours to Patnitop and various industries near Jammu, as well as several informative lectures delivered by the representatives of SEBI, Cyber Cell, DIC office, and BBIA Jammu.

Youth from nine districts over all four districts presented mesmerising cultural dance performances. A jury consisting of Dr. Shalini Rana, Assistant Professor, Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Shubra Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Govt. College of Education, Jammu, and Mrs. Priyanka Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Govt. College of Education, Jammu declared the team



from district Kalandi, Odisha as the winner, followed by district Malkangiri, Odisha, district Khunti, Jharkhand, district Bhandra, Telangana, and district Sarikela, Jharkhand. The teams were awarded with trophies and cash

prices of Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000, Rs 3,000, Rs 2,000, and Rs 2,000 respectively. Dr Rana congratulated the winners and asked the participants to make they nation proud. She expressed appreciation to NYKS and the Govt. of India for their commendable initiative through the exchange programme.

Member Parliament Rajya Sabha Sh. Gulam Ali Khatana congratulated NYKS on the organisation of the exchange programme, and expressed delight on experiencing tribal culture up close. He congratulated the participants on their successful completion of the programme and wished them the best for the

future. The esteemed guests and jury members were gifted mementos as a gesture of gratitude from NYKS Jammu. In the vote of thanks, DYO Rajouri Nitin Hangloo thanked the guests and participants for their time. In his statement, he expressed his optimism that the participants have acquired valuable insights and cultural knowledge from the exchange program, particularly gaining a deeper understanding of Jammu's rich cultural heritage. The Tribal Youth Exchange Programme is an initiative of the Government of India that enables tribal youth from remote areas to experience the cultural diversity of India first hand.

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Revenue Deptt worst hit by illegal gratification culture: Tony

Strongly condemns arrests of Ch Lal Singh

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JAMMU, NOV 8

JKPCC General Secretary and DDC Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony on Wednesday said that rampant corruption has become the hallmark of incumbent government giving a tough time to the common man. The senior Congress leader was addressing a meeting of party cadre organized by

Ramesh Khajuria here at Santokh Vihar, Kalu Chak in Jammu. Ch Hussain Ali Waffa, Chairman Congress SC Cell, youth leader Mandeep Choudhary, Rakesh Kundal and others also attended the meeting. Tony said that the Revenue Department is worst hit by the illegal gratification culture alleging that anything and everything is possible in this department by greasing the palms of the

corrupt officials, who are in abundance in this specific department although the situation in other departments is also not much promising because corruption is deep rooted. He urged LG Manoj Sinha to take substantial action and do the needful to end the graft culture as the common man is finding it difficult to cope up with this scourge of society. He said rhetoric against cor-



ruption will not change the situation as there is need to work on ground because under the present dispensation, the corruption has thrived contrary to what

has been publicized about this evil of society.

The senior Congress leader also urged the Centre not to check the patience of the people of

J&K and announce elections as popular government is the right of the people and denying this right will cost dearly to the party in power at the union

level.

Condemning the arrest of Ch Lal Singh, Tony said that action by the Enforcement Directorate is testimony to the fact that the agency is working under immense pressure losing its sovereign trait shoddily. He said that sending Lal Singh to jail is nothing but an attempt to muzzle the voice of J&K, which will be taken up very seriously by the people espe-

cially Dogras as the entities behind this act have hit them below the belt.

Tony observed said that ED and CBI have sadly turned as tools of the BJP government to mount pressure on opposition parties losing their attribute to act against the wrongdoers as for the last many years the duo is acting only against opposition leaders with Ch Lal Singh becoming the next target.

Screening of Blood Samples for Chikungunya initiated at GMC Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 8

The Department of Microbiology at Government Medical College Udhampur has commenced the screening of blood samples from febrile patients to detect Chikungunya.

In recent times, the Hospital is receiving patients with symptoms such as fever, joint pain, and cough, and Chikungunya is emerging as a significant cause of fever, alongside dengue. So far, for Dengue, 2677 blood samples have been screened, with 554 testing positive.

It is noteworthy that the Department of Biochemistry at GMC Udhampur has recently introduced eight new laboratory tests, in addition to the existing ones. These include vital tests, such as HBAIC, which is crucial for monitoring blood sugar control in diabetic individuals.

Revenue Services Camp held at Tehsil Banihal

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 8

A day-long mega Revenue Services camp was today held at village Dooligam in Sub Division Banihal of Ramban district, under the supervision of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Banihal, Zaheer Abass Bhat to aware the people about their legal rights, besides sensitizing them about various government schemes under different sectors.

Tehsildar Banihal, Imtiaz Ahmed, Naib Tehsildar, PRIs, a large number of people from different areas and other revenue department officials participated in the camp.

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

During the camp, 110 domicile certificates, 107 ST certificates, and 6 Inheritance mutation certificates were provided to locals.

CUJ concludes Two-Week Online Faculty Development Programme in Chemistry and Allied Sciences FDP-CAS - 2023



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Two-Week Online Faculty Development Programme in Chemistry and Allied Sciences FDP-CAS - 2023 (Refresher Course) organized by the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Jammu during 26th October-08th November, 2023 successfully concluded. The program was organized under the patronage of hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

Prof. V. Sridharan, Head, Department of Chemistry and Chemi-

cal Sciences, Central University of Jammu was the Convenor and Dr. Princy Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Jammu was the Co-convenor of this FDP.

The faculty members of Chemistry and other allied subjects of Colleges/Universities, early-career researchers, academicians and other participants had a great opportunity to learn from an esteemed panel of experts who delivered talks on various emerging areas of chemistry and shared their experiences

and perspectives relating to newer methods/techniques used in teaching and research. During this FDP, a panel of 34 speakers from well reputed institutions including IISc, IITs, IISERs, Central and State Universities delivered Invited talks. The valedictory session was concluded by Prof. V. Sridharan who presented detailed report of this Two-Week Online FDP. Dr. Princy Gupta, Co-Convenor of the FDP presented the formal vote of thanks. About 36 participants from different parts of the country participated in this FDP.

Day 1- "Women for Water, Water for Women" Campaign witnesses enthusiast response nationwide

JI NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOV 8

The inaugural day (i.e 7th November, 2023) of the "Women for Water, Water for Women", an ambitious initiative by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under its flagship scheme - AMRUT, in partnership with the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) and Odisha Urban Academy, concluded with reverberating success. This campaign commenced yesterday i.e. on 7th November, 2023. It will continue till 9th November, 2023.

The "Women for Water, Water for Women" campaign aims to provide a platform for inclusion of women in water governance. They will be given first-hand knowledge about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in their respective cities.

Enthusiastic participation marked the first day of campaign as more than 4,100 women from across all States (barring the poll bound States) delved into the heart of the campaign during "Jal Diwali". These empowered women embark on visits to more than 250 Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) nationwide, gaining invaluable firsthand knowledge of the intricate processes involved in delivering



clean and safe drinking water to households. State officials welcomed SHG women with flowers and were presented field visit kits, including water bottles/ sippers/ glasses, eco-friendly bags, badges, etc.

Throughout the day, the women were immersed in the world of water infrastructure, receiving expert guidance on water quality testing protocols, ensuring the highest standards of water purity for their communities. The campaign's goal of empowering women through knowledge was achieved as participants left with a deeper sense of ownership and responsibility towards water infrastructure.

The focus areas of the day encompassed familiarizing and educating women about the AMRUT scheme and its wide-spread impact, providing comprehensive exposure to Water Treatment Plants, promoting inclu-

sivity through souvenirs and articles crafted by Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and encouraging the adoption of Water Efficient Fixtures in households. Participants also committed to conserve and use water resources wisely and protect the precious resource through thoughtful actions and conscientious decision-making.

The efforts of SHGs and State officials made day 1 of the campaign a resounding success, marking a significant stride towards inclusivity and empowerment in the critical domain of water infrastructure under the AMRUT 2.0 initiative. Day 2 and 3 of the campaign are expected to witness visits to more than 400 WTPs with an additional participation of more than 10,000 women SHGs, coming together to celebrate "Jal Diwali" as the campaign shall continue till 9th November 2023.

BRO conquers impossible with road to Amarnath Shrine: Vikramaditya



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11

Former MLC Vikramaditya Singh today lauded the Border Roads Organization (BRO) for accomplishing a feat that many considered impossible, constructing a road to the sacred Amarnath Shrine.

In a statement issued today, Vikramaditya Singh expressed deep concern about the potential environmental damage that could be caused to the fragile ecosystem of the region as a result of increased vehicular traffic ferrying devotees to the holy Cave Shrine. He cautioned that the increased influx of pilgrims could lead to pollution, littering, and other disruptions to the delicate environment.

The former MLC emphasized the need for a comprehensive environmental management plan to minimize the impact of the road construction and increased pilgrimage on the region's ecology. He urged the authorities to prioritize sustainable practices and environmental protection measures to preserve the pristine beauty of the Amarnath pilgrimage route.

"We must ensure that the construction of the road and the increased pilgrimage do not come at the cost of the environment," he said, adding "We must work together to protect the fragile ecosystem of the Amarnath region for future generations."

Dr. Bajinath Kaushik of SMVDU received a grant for a Design Patent



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 8

The design patent for the "Digital Antibiotic Vials Auger Filling Machine" has been granted to Dr. Bajinath Kaushik, Associate Professor and the Head, School of Computer Science and Engineering who is also the Principal Investigator of Research Project RP-126 at Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi University. Other collaborative recipients of the design patent include Dr. Akshma Chadha, Dr. Yusera Farooq Khan, Dr. Malvika Ashok (Research Associates), and Mr. Abhigya Mahajan (Research Scholar) under RP-126 at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU. On October 19, 2023, the Comptroller-General

of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Intellectual Property Office, UK issued the patent, which was assigned the design number 6319100. Version 14-2023 of the international design classification falls under the class Medical and Laboratory Equipment and the subclass Apparatus and Equipment for Doctors, Hospitals, and Laboratories.

Khatana visits District Hospital Gandhi Nagar to assess facilities



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 8

In a dedicated effort to better understand the healthcare challenges faced by the medical fraternity and patients, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha (Nominated), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, paid a visit to the District Hospital Gandhi Nagar today. The visit aimed at assessing the facilities and identifying the concerns of healthcare providers and patients in the district.

Accompanied by Dr. Praveen Yograaj, Medical Superintendent, MP Khatana undertook an extensive tour of the District Hospital Gandhi Nagar, engaging with doctors, nurses, patients, and

administrative staff to gain first-hand insights into the state of healthcare in the district.

During the visit, he interacted with doctors, discussing their experiences and challenges they face in delivering quality healthcare services. The discussions covered topics such as infrastructure, availability of medical equipment, and the work environment for medical professionals.

MP Khatana also met with patients, listening to their experiences, concerns, and suggestions to improve the quality and accessibility of healthcare services in the district.

After the visit, MP Khatana said, "It has been an insightful and eye-opening experience to visit the District Hospital Gandhi

Nagar and speak with both the healthcare providers and the patients. Their feedback is invaluable in improving our healthcare system. The government is committed to addressing these concerns and ensuring that the healthcare infrastructure is upgraded to meet the needs of the people."

The MP assured the medical community and the public that their concerns and suggestions would be given due consideration and that efforts would be made to enhance the facilities and services at the District Hospital Gandhi Nagar and other healthcare facilities in the district.

Later MP Gulam Ali Khatana attended a function organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Jammu

'Back to Village 5'

Active Community participation a must for effective, need based development: DC Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 8

Asserting that people's active participation in decision making plays an important role in overall development of an area, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today said that the locals should be involved while making and executing developmental plans of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner said this while participating in 'Back to Village 5' programme in Panchayat Halla of Ramban district.

The DC directed the line departments to work in tandem to develop the rural areas like Panchayat Dhandrath Halla on modern lines, saying that it should be developed as Model Panchayat of the district.

Calling upon the people, particularly youth, to actively contribute towards the development of the country and betterment of their localities, the DC asked the people to come forward to take part in the development process of their respective areas. He strongly batted for active community participation



to achieve effective and need based development.

He urged the youth to take benefits from different beneficiary oriented schemes offered under different sectors by the Government. He asked the locals to put forth department and sector-wise development plans in the next Block Diwas so that their developmental needs are fulfilled.

Responding to the issues highlighted by the PRIs, locals and youth of the area, the Deputy Commissioner passed on-the-spot directions to the concerned functionaries for early redressal of the same. He said that the genuine demands of the locals regarding setting up of Naibat office

at Dhandrath area would be looked into for the convenience of general masses. He directed Chief Medical Officer, Ramban for organizing a Special Health Camp in the areas, besides deputing medics in Health and Wellness Centre on rotational basis to provide better medical care to the patients of the area at their doorsteps.

Directing the Chief Education Officer to upgrade toilet facilities for the students and staff of the local school, the DC also directed the District Sheep Husbandry Officer to conduct frequent field visits of the area to provide better services to sheep breeders.

Interacting with the faculty, the Deputy Commissioner termed the

teachers as builders of the nation. He asked them to focus on imparting quality education to the students for their overall development, besides preparing them to crack prestigious competitive examinations. He also inspected infrastructure available in the school.

Interacting with the students, he said that their demand with regard to change of school timing would be looked into.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inaugurated the Carrom tournament for U19 boys category organized by the District Youth Services and Sports department.

Earlier, locals projected a chatter of demands which included development of the playground, replacement of wooden poles with iron polls with the provision of transformers, up-gradation of Karol-Kumait Halla road, with installation of crash barriers at critical locations, and construction of community hall.

Likewise, Back to Village 5 Phase-II has been started in 40 Panchayats of 4 Blocks and Phase-I of B2V5 has been successfully completed today in 3 Blocks of Ramban district.

DC Kishtwar conducts day long tour of Block Mughal Maidan of Chatroo Sub Division

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KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 8

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today undertook a comprehensive inspection of ongoing developmental projects, with a particular focus on road infrastructure, within the block Mughal Maidan of Chatroo sub-division of District Kishtwar.

Accompanied by SDM Chatroo, Showkat Hayat Matoo, Tehsildar Kishtwar, Muneeb Umar, Tehsildar Mughal Maidan, Nayeem Iqbal Sheikh, BDO Dheeraj Kumar, SHO Chatroo Sandeep Parihar, Er Sheikh Nisar

Ahmad AEE R&B Chatroo as well as concerned AEE from PMGSY, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the progress and status of these key infrastructure initiatives.

During the inspection, particular attention was given to KK Loidhar Road, Dadpeth Kuchhan Road and Tagood Basdewna Road.

At the Tagood Basdewna Road, the Deputy Commissioner was briefed by AEE PWD (R&B) on the completion of 5 kilometers of earth cutting by PWD. Dr. Devansh Yadav instructed the executing agencies to expedite the work and

ensure its timely completion.

Simultaneously, at the KK-Loidhar Road of PMGSY and Dadpeth to Kuchhan Road of PWD, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the ongoing crash barrier installation and black spot removal efforts. He emphasized the need for these works to be carried out promptly while preserving the existing BT (Bituminous Tar) works on these roads.

Tehsildar Kishtwar received directives to resolve any bottlenecks on the KK-Loidhar Road to facilitate uninterrupted progress on this route. He stressed upon all the offi-

cers of PWD, PMGSY and revenue to have a comprehensive interdepartmental coordination for removing bottlenecks in smooth execution of developmental works to ensure their completion in time bound manner.

In another part of the visit, Dr. Devansh Yadav, accompanied by BDO Mughal Maidan, Dheeraj Kumar, and his team, inspected the Solid Waste Segregation Shed in Panchayat Moolchitter of Block Mughal Maidan. The functioning of the facility was closely examined to ensure effective waste management.

BRO surmounted insurmountable by realizing road to Amarnath Shrine: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU, NOV 8

Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener, Department of Training, BJP, J&K, today lauded the Border Roads Organization (BRO) for constructing a motorable road upto the Shri Amarnathji Shrine.



In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJP leader said that the BRO men have created history by surmounting the insurmountable in record time as road to Shri Amarnathji Shrine was simply the dream coming true because entities in the field of road construction were of the opinion that this is something next to impossible.

He however expressed deep concern over how the things will be managed once the vehicles will be allowed to ferry devotees to the holy cave shrine? He said that the triumph of BRO over gigantic mountains has opened up vistas of opportunities for the devotees because after the clearance of this road for the pilgrims things

will change 180 degrees as a lot more devotees are likely to visit the cave shrine and pay obeisance including the specially-abled but pollution, littering, traffic management and certain other issues will accompany this feat making it necessary for the concerned authority to plan things accordingly.

Dr Parneesh asserted that it is not difficult to manage things like conserving ecology, etc but a workable plan is a pre-requisite and therefore the same has to be chalked out in a comprehensive manner to avoid mayhem at the later stage. He lauded the hard toil and failsafe planning behind the widening of the path to transform it into a motorable road.

Shrine Board battling for devp of civic amenities at Katra

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KATRA, NOVEMBER 8

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board continuing with the initiatives for overall socio-economic development of the region as per the directions of Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) has undertaken various projects in Katra and surrounding areas.

The projects include renovation and upgradation of the road already constructed by the Shrine Board alongwith drain from Hansali to Panthal Road via Bhumika Temple including maintenance of the road for a period of five years besides, renovation and upgradation of Govt Girls High School at Banganga Road, Katra and construction of Lane & Drain from Darshani Deodi towards Katra.

In the endeavour, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Shri Anshul Garg today inaugurated renovation and upgradation of lane & drain works from Darshani Deodi to Shalimar Park, Katra at an expenditure of over



Rs.48.06 lakh in the presence of Chairman, Municipal Committee, Katra; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Katra; Jt. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; Engineers of the Shrine Board, ward members and prominent citizens of the town.

Completion of the entire stretch within a period of three months will alleviate the difficulties faced by pilgrims who traditionally travel to the Holy Cave on foot via old Darshani Deodi. This development is poised to make the pilgrimage more comfortable and accessible for devotees besides helping the locals in decongesting traffic of the main road towards Darshani Deodi.

The other project being taken up by the Shrine Board for the renovation and upgradation of Govt Girls High School at Ban-

ganga Road, Katra at the estimated expenditure of Rs.98.93 lakh likely to be completed by the ending March, 2024. The Board earlier completed many civic amenities related works in Katra town which included providing and fixing of ornamental railing and installation of dual lamp LED street lights on the Central Verge of the road leading to Railway Station, Katra; providing and fixing of Children Playground equipment at Shalimar Park, Katra and construction of road and drain in Ward number 2 in Katra. Besides, from time to time has also provided financial support under social support initiatives to the Municipal Committee, Katra for undertaking various development works and improving sanitation and other civic amenities.

BJP concerned for dignified living of every citizen: Khatana

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JAMMU, NOV 8

Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha) accompanied by J&K BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal during a public sitting in BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu emphasized on the people friendly approach of Public departments like Revenue to achieve the mission of PM Modi's good governance model at the ground level.

BJP Secretary Arvind Gupta and Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra assisted them during the public sitting.

Er. Khatana was listening to the grievances of a group of minority community members, who complained of harassment at the hands of the revenue department, which is going to snatch their lands for development purposes. They narrated that their uprooting will create problems for their resettlement and proper dignified living.

Khatana also listened to the problems of fruit and vegetables Rehri ven-



dors of Kathua city, who informed the MP that they are not allowed to carry on their livelihood earning by the district Authorities.

The MP took up their issues with the district Authorities and stressed upon the senior officials to adopt a friendly approach towards these people and take care of their proper settlement. He asked them to keep him informed on the progress of the issues and assured the visitors that the BJP is concerned for the dignified living of every citizen.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal also assured them that the party is always at the beck and call of the people and ready to help

them to the best possible extent in mitigating their problems. He informed that the doors of BJP and its leaders are always open for everyone.

Arvind Gupta stressed on the party's commitment to reach at the doorsteps of the people and serve as a bridge between the party and the masses and facilitate the people to get solutions to their issues.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, on this occasion, said that reaching and helping the last man in the last row is the basic principle of serving the people and the BJP cadre has always followed this line in letter and spirit.

SMVDU, Faculty delivered Keynote at World Intellectual Property Right Conclave 2023

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 8

Dr. Baijnath Kaushik, Associate Professor and Head of the School of Computer Science and Engineering at SMVDU, and Principal Investigator of Research Project RP-126, delivered the keynote lecture at the World Intellectual Property Right Conclave 2023 in New Delhi. He spoke on the topic entitled "System and Methods for Brain Tumor Segmentation." The attendees acquired significant knowledge concerning various segmentation methodologies and their application in the context of brain tumors. The presentation received applause from other delegates who participated from across the world.

India's self-confidence is growing under PM Modi's clairvoyant leadership: Rohiin Chandan

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JAMMU, NOV 8

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary and Prabhari Yuva Morcha, Jammu South Rohiin Chandan today exuded confidence that brave and courageous Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to return to power for a third term with a clear majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Rohiin Chandan claimed that the faith of the people particularly in the union territory of J&K and the entire country is with academic, linchpin Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it is the opinion of the general populace and several political pandits have also acknowledged this fact that he is coming back with a clear majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Rohiin highlights abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir has



paved the way for progress and peace in J&K. He underlined that this was only probable in coordination between central government public friendly schemes in direct camaraderie with the state top leadership of BJP in J&K amid the general public. He commented today, that every "Bharatwasi" is brimming with self-confidence under the admiring supreme priceless, clairvoyant leadership of Modi Sarkaar. He counted that numerous Jan Dhan bank accounts became a medium to break the mental barriers amongst the poor and reinvigorate

their pride and self-respect, Chandan said, the Modi-led government has not only transformed lives but also helped the poor in overcoming poverty and common citizens feel empowered and encouraged today.

Rohiin Chandan indicated that Modi's leading government successfully a long decade has not only transformed lives but also helped the poor in overcoming poverty", Chandan educates and informs that more than 13 crore people have come out of poverty in the last 5 years alone. He said that 13 crore people have successfully broken the barrier of poverty and become part of the neo-middle class in the country under the umbrella of PM Modi's swift moves. He is fully confident that "People should re-elect the Modi government in 2024, he added.

16 Corps Signal Regiment Cycling Expedition reaches Bodhkhharbu, will be flagged in at Leh on Nov 16



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JAMMU, NOV 8

Adventure is an aspect which requires a high degree of physical as well as mental fitness and robustness. The same is beautifully exemplified by all ranks of 16 Corps Signal Regt, by planning and undertaking a cycling expedition from Nagrota to Khardungla in Leh, to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of 16 Corps Signal Regiment.

The expedition is traversing a mountainous and treacherous route of approximately 800 kms in 23 days, with an aim to foster camaraderie and esprit-de-corps amongst serving soldiers and veterans and inspire youth. The cycling team, enroute, is paying reverence to brave hearts of the nation who

made the supreme sacrifice for the country and felicitate the Veeer Naris. The expedition will be flagged in at Leh on 16 November 2023.

The cycling expedition team started from 31 Punjab (Kargil) at 0820 hrs and reached Bodhkhharbu at 1620 hrs after covering an approx distance of 68 Kms. Enroute, the team halted for tea at 55 Road Construction Company (Mulbek) where the team was recieved by AE(C) Ram Kumar. The team then started for Bodhkhharbu. Enroute, the team passed Namika La (12,198 feet) and stopped for tea at the top.

The team is halting for night at 260 Transit Camp (Bodhkhharbu) and will be moving for Khaltsa tomorrow morning.

Kavinder meets Maharashtra Planning Commission Chairman, discussed growing business opportunities in J&K



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JAMMU, NOV 8

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today met Rajesh Vinayak Kshirsagar, Chairman of the State Planning Commission of Maharashtra and discussed the current political scenario and prevailing peace in the Union Territory.

Kavinder Gupta detailed the transformative steps undertaken by the Modi Government since 2014, including the pivotal scrapping of Article 370, which have paved the way for enduring peace in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the profound changes in the region, now ripe with opportunities for industrial and business sectors, inviting enterprises to flourish in the "paradise on earth."

Underlining the peaceful and stable conditions in Jammu and Kashmir, Kavinder asserted that the Union Territory presents a welcoming environment for business investments. He requested the Chairman of the State Planning Commission of Maharashtra to encourage investors to seize the vast opportunities now available in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rajesh Vinayak acknowledged the remarkable progress in Jammu and Kashmir, affirming the potential for economic growth and development in the region. He expressed a keen interest in fostering collaboration between Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir to explore these burgeoning opportunities, ensuring mutual prosperity and a stronger national economic framework.

BJP will sweep Lok Sabha elections in J&K: Raina

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JAMMU, NOV 8

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its President Ravinder Raina held a "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" at Village Kot in Raipur Domana Mandal of Jammu North district.

J&K BJP General Secretary (org.) Ashok Koul, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan Jammu North district President Omi Khajuria, Mandal President Ashok Kerni were amongst the prominent leaders present.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the Sammelan, said that fearing their defeat in elections, the opposition parties are making false statements and targeting BJP on one pretext or the other, but the fact is that their political existence is at the verge of extinction. He said that the BJP's entire leadership and its dedicated cadre is always in the public, which is making this party popular and the first choice of masses.

"While the response to booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan programmes is over-



whelming, it has shocked the other parties", Ravinder said and added that the 2024 general elections will write a new chapter in the political history of the nation as people will be voting in favour of BJP to see Modi as the PM for the third consecutive term. The voters of Jammu & Kashmir will contribute to ensure that the BJP sweeps the Lok Sabha elections here as well.

Ashok Koul while addressing the programme said that a wave of change is seen in the entire length and breadth of J&K and the people want BJP to be in chair to serve them.

The people have very bitter experience of the governments of Congress and NC in the past and have made up their minds to teach these parties a lesson for making false promises and betraying them. District General Secretaries Ajay Sharma and Surinder Bhagat, Mandal Presidents Rakesh Singh Bhalwal and Amit Singh Rajput, Ankush Sharma and others were the prominent party leaders present in the Jan Samvad. Similar programmes in Booth no. 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Panchayat Channu Chak of Marh Mandal and Amb Panchayat in Amb Gharota

Mandal of Marh Assembly constituency, Ashok Koul, Bharat Bhushan and other leaders addressed these programmes., Programmes were also held in Poonch in Sarglan, Dharti and Dharana Panchayats, which were attended by a large number of people of the areas.

More programmes were organized in Dreri, sokar, and Dabrot Panchayats of Rajouri.

In Udhampur, the programme was held in Sounthan Panchayat.

In Jammu south, similar programmes were held in Shastri Nagar and Ward No. 3.

Omar intentionally hurting sentiments of Hindu community: Dr. Manyal

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JAMMU, NOV 8

The BJP strongly condemns the remarks of Jammu Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) vice president Omar Abdullah on construction of road to Shri Amarnath. By raising objections on providing road facility for vehicular access to the holy shrine, the former Chief Minister has intentionally hurt the sentiments of crores of Hindus in India and abroad.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, J&K BJP General Secretary and former Minister expressed these views of the party and asked the NC leader to publicly apologize for making communal state-



ments. He said that the NC leader has tried to link the construction of roads with the environment and created unnecessary controversy, which is not tolerable.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said that the BJP respects all the religions and has never made any such statement, which has the potential of hurting the religious sentiments

of a community or faith. The holy cave of Shri Amarnath is situated at high altitude, with changing weather conditions and the pilgrims have been travelling on foot or pony to cover difficult tracks. No proper road connectivity has been creating problems for aged people, those suffering from some ailments, women and children. By constructing a proper road will provide relief to the pilgrims, which cannot be digested by leaders like Omar Abdullah. The BJP leader reminded the NC that the Narendra Modi government has added a facility to travel for 'Haj' by upgrading the Srinagar Airport, thus providing direct flight from Valley to

Jeddah. This government has also enhanced the Haj subsidy for the Minority pilgrims and BJP did not raise any objection, rather it welcomed the decision of the government as it stands for better facilities to everyone, irrespective of religion or region.

Again, it is the Modi government, which provided the visa free facility to Sikh Minority community to travel across the border through Kartarpur corridor to pay obeisances at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib. Dr. Manyal advised the NC leader not to provoke the peace loving people of Kashmir on the name of environment and learn to respect the religious sentiments of other communities.

B2V5Day 2

CS orders establishment of district control rooms, calls for serious efforts from Prabhari Officers and district administrations

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

To review the ongoing B2V5 programme, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, today held an interaction with visiting Prabhari Officers from three districts of Shopian, Sopore and Kathua.

Taking note of the lack of information on government schemes among some of the Prabhari officers, Chief Secretary impressed upon the General Administration Department, Divisional Commissioners of both provinces and Deputy Commissioners of all districts to hold orientation drives for the visiting officers to apprise them of the 137 actionable deliverables which are under review during this phase of the outreach programme.

Dr. Mehta directed all line departments to ensure the presence of their field functionaries in the ongoing Panchayat-level reviews of their



schemes by the visiting officers. They were also asked to extend their full support and coordination in early resolution demands being raised during B2V5 meetings.

During days of visits of Prabhari Officers, the district administrations were instructed to set up B2V control rooms in their respective districts. "The purpose of

these control rooms is to facilitate coordinated activities and provide reliable staff support to visiting officers", Dr Mehta said. In addition, these control rooms will help

in escalating any issues or demands that may arise to the appropriate authorities for timely resolution. Chief Secretary emphasized the need for increased engagement among all stakeholders, including Prabhari officers, PRIs, divisional and district administrations, and all line departments, to ensure that the fifth phase of the Back to Village program (B2V5) is more successful than the previous phases. He reiterated the focus areas under B2V5, including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Mission Youth, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Amrit Sarovar, Swachh Bharat Mission, self-employment schemes, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, PM Kisan Saman, Kisan Credit Card, PM PRANAM, Nasha Mukta J&K, and various e-initiatives like Janbhagidari and services like quality school education, free healthcare through golden cards etc.

Back to Village Phase-V

Mandeep Kaur visits Panchayat Seri Khawaja, addresses public grievances



JNEWS SERVICE
POONCH, NOVEMBER 8

The fifth phase of "Back to Village" program commenced today in the district of Poonch with Commissioner Secretary of Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur, visiting Panchayat Seri Khawaja in Lassana Block.

District Development Council Chairperson, Tazim Akhter, Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M Choudhary, Director RDD and Panchayati Raj, ACD, ACP, SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch, Chief Education Officer, DSWO, LDM, Deputy Director Employment, all Executive Engineers, BDO Lassana, CMO, CHO, CAO besides all district officers and Sarpanchs and Panchs were present.

The visit aimed to address the grievances of locals and facilitate meaningful interactions with the general public of the area.

The day began with a plantation drive at Government Girls Middle School Hurmi Dhaki Seri Khawaja, symbolizing the importance of environmental conservation.

Additionally, the Commissioner Secretary inaugurated a Community Composite Pit and Pink Toilet Complex for ladies in the panchayat,

promoting sanitation and hygiene.

During her visit, the Commissioner Secretary inspected stalls set up by various departments and assessed the progress made under different schemes, focusing on achieving the pre-determined targets. She actively engaged with PRIs, senior citizens and the general public, gathering detailed feedback on the developmental activities undertaken in the area.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the significance of Back to Village program in bridging the gap between the administration and the common masses.

As part of the visit, Mandeep Kaur distributed School Bags under the "Beti Bachao Beti Padho" scheme and handed over vehicle keys under the Mumkin schemes, along with loan sanction letters by J&K Bank under the Self-Employment Generation schemes.

Commissioner Secretary promptly issued on-the-spot instructions to concerned departments, urging them to prioritize speedy resolution of projected issues. She stressed the importance of strong coordination among government departments and local PRI members to enhance grievance

redressal and ensure effective implementation of development projects on ground.

After addressing public grievances, sports activities were organized by DYSSO Poonch, where the Commissioner Secretary interacted with the players and encourage their participation.

During her visit, the Commissioner Secretary also inspected ongoing works initiated during the last phase of the Back to Village program in the Panchayat. She directed field functionaries to expedite the execution process and ensure the timely completion of all ongoing projects.

Mandeep Kaur announced inclusion of previously left-out beneficiaries under the PMAY (G) scheme and instructed officials to display the updated beneficiary list in every Panchayat. She urged PRIs and locals to verify the authenticity of PMAY cases and report any errors or false claims to the concerned Block Development Officer (BDO).

The Commissioner Secretary encouraged active participation in Gram Sabhas for optimum outcome. She assured the public that the issues raised during the Back to Village Phase-V would be addressed in a phased manner.

Back to Village Phase-V: Vikramjit Singh visits Fakir Gujri; interacts with public, inspects developmental works

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 8

Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, today visited Fakir Gujri Panchayat in Harwan block of Srinagar district and presided over 5th phase of ambitious "Back to Village" public outreach programme.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Aijaz Asad and other senior officers.

During the visit, the Commissioner Secretary interacted with the public and undertook review of progress achieved on the developmental front with special focus on improving socio-economic conditions of local population and improvement made in public services delivery mechanism.

Vikramjit Singh took stock of ongoing developmental works taken up in their areas under different schemes, inspected



Primary Health Centre, Primary School Fakir Gujri, Anganwari Centre and other public welfare establishments and took stock of their functioning. He also inspected Shilhalakam installed at a Fakir Gujri School and took part in Graha Parvash of beneficiaries in PMAY-G houses on the occasion.

While inspecting the ongoing construction works on infrastructure upgradation of PHC, Fakir Gujri, the Commissioner Secretary was apprised that various

steps have been taken to upgrade the healthcare facilities in the area to ensure all basic health facilities are provided to the local people at their doorstep.

On the occasion, Vikramjit Singh interacted with the doctors and other staff members in the PHC and stressed them to attend patients compassionately.

The Commissioner Secretary also visited Primary School Fakir Gujri and inspected the ongoing class work. He also interacted with the stu-

dents and teaching faculty of the school.

Vikramjit Singh handed over sports kit to the local youth club.

Similarly, the Commissioner Secretary also visited Anganwari Centre, Fakir Gujri and took a review about implementation of ICDS schemes.

Later, Vikramjit Singh inspected the recently constructed house by a beneficiary under PMAY-Gramin of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary highlighted the importance of con-

ducting 5th phase of "Back to village" programmes. He said that such programmes are being conducted to see development on ground and bring administration at the door steps of people to listen to their developmental issues and demands. He added that the "Back to Village programme is an important initiative to bridge the gap between the administration and the people particularly living in remote and flung areas and heed them and address their issues on the spot.

Kishtwar Admin charts out comprehensive plan for conduct of B2V5 Program

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 8

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar, Sham Lal today chaired a comprehensive meeting with all relevant officers to deliberate and formulate a comprehensive action plan for the successful implementation of the Back to Village Programme (B2V5) in the district.

The B2V5 program is scheduled to take place on 14th, 15th, and 16th November 2023 in each panchayat of the district.

The meeting involved an in-depth discussion in which a well-thought-out strategy was devised for the efficient execution of this ambitious outreach initiative.

ADDC Sham Lal instructed the officers to arrange large-scale events



at the subdivision level and establish regular camps at the block and panchayat levels during the B2V program. The primary objective is to actively involve the community, as well as engage PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions) and citizens in the planned activities.

Additionally, the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) and all Block Development Officers (BDOs) were directed to visit as many panchayats as possible within their respective blocks. They were also tasked with mobilizing Pani Samitis, Anganwadi Workers

(AWWs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) associated with JKRLM, and field functionaries from various line departments to ensure the program's resounding success.

While reflecting on the achievements of previous phases of the program, ADDC Sham Lal highlighted the progress made across various sectors and the successful resolution of public concerns at the grassroots level.

He emphasized that the B2V5 program has been shaped by valuable feedback from previous editions and is primarily aimed at achieving service

saturation and bridging the existing gap between the government and the people it serves.

Furthermore, he stressed the importance of focusing on key areas such as Saturation of Pension Cases, Organizing sports events, Conducting Health Camps for the identification and screening of Diabetics, Hypertension, Cataracts, and Cancer Patients, Formulating the GDDP Plan for the Financial Year 2024-25, Reviewing ongoing schemes for the current financial year, Hosting Employment Melas to achieve the Self-Employment Target and

Conducting Mutation Camps in each panchayat as part of the B2V5 Program

In addition, he highlighted the need to identify out-of-school children, initiate cleanliness drives in educational institutions and Panchayat buildings, conduct Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) in schools, and showcase success stories of the Panchayats during the three-day program.

The meeting was attended by key officials including Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal, ACR Kishtwar, Varunjeet Singh Charak, DFO Kishtwar Sagar Singh, DFO Marwah Vijay Kumar, ACP Kishtwar, Zakir Husain Wani, ACD Kishtwar, Manoj Kumar, DPO Kishtwar, Sunil Bhutyal, BDOs, and other district officers and concerned officials.

Back to Village Phase-V

Prerna Puri visits Panchayat Airwan; assesses public issues, concerns

JNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 8

With an aim to provide governance at the doorsteps of rural populace besides facilitating community participation in development process, the fifth phase of ambitious flagship 'Back to Village' (B2V5) public outreach programme was today set in motion across 150 panchayats of nine blocks of Kathua district.

In all the blocks where the programme was rolled out, multitude of activities were held in different Panchayats wherein Visiting Officers held Interaction with PRI representatives, frontline government functionaries and prominent citizens. He had detailed discussion with them on core problems and issues being faced by the villagers besides deliberating on ways to resolve them.

Awareness regarding individual beneficiary based schemes and guidelines of government schemes envisaging increase in rural incomes was also generated by the frontline workers of various departments and the visiting officers.

The villagers, during the programme, apprised the Visiting officers of the difficulties being faced by them in availing the benefits under various schemes



and other issues concerning the panchayats.

At Panchayat Airwan in block Nagri, Commissioner Secretary, IT & Information, Prerna Puri, interacted with PRI members, held detailed deliberations about realisation of deliverables by different departments besides taking stock of e-services scenario in the panchayat. She also inspected stalls of different departments, Health & Wellness Centre Airwan besides taking stock of ration distribution and progress achieved in construction of PMAY houses. She also inspected under construction building of Panchayat Ghar Airwan.

In Block Keerian Gandyal, at Panchayat Kardoh, Special Secretary Information, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad dedicated Paddle Boat to the Panchayat that will help in generating income

from Amrit sarovar asset of the panchayat.

In Block Hiranagar, at Panchayat Chann Khatrian, Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta inspected stalls of different departments established at panchayat Ghar where officers of concerned departments generated awareness among the villagers.

Likewise, the first phase of Back To Village-5 was held with great enthusiasm across 150 Panchayats of 09 blocks of the district.

During the day long activities, inauguration of recently completed works including PMAY houses besides inspection of new works under MGNREGA, distribution of land pass books and health cards, presiding over sports events and inspection of rural assets was also conducted by the visiting officers.