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## First major CFV in 32 months kills BSF soldier along J&K's IB

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JAMMU, NOV 9

In a major Ceasefire Violation in the 32 months of peace along the J&K's borders, a BSF man lost his life as guns roared on the International Border in Jammu's Ramgarh sector on Thursday.

The situation along the Jammu's IB is turning volatile as four incidents of ceasefire violations in the last two weeks triggered a fresh wave of panic in border areas. Officials told news agency, a BSF

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## Our goal is to ensure social security net for all and better living standard to every citizen: LG

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Pensioners Sammelan and interacted with Pension beneficiaries today at Jammu.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the District Administration Jammu for its sustained campaign to achieve the saturation in Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) and reaching out to 63,919 beneficiaries in old-age, widow's and Divyang category.

"Our goal is to ensure social security net for all



and better living standard to every citizen. Every section of society is getting benefits of Central and UT Schemes without discrimi-

nation," the Lt Governor said.

He reiterated the commitment of the J&K Administration to empower

common man and bring the deprived sections of society into developmental mainstream.

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## Newly recruited terrorist killed in Shopian encounter

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOV 9

A newly recruited terrorist was killed in an encounter in Kathohalan area of South Kashmir's Shopian district on Thursday.

A senior police officer told news agency that a joint team of Police, Army and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation on specific information about the presence of terrorists in Kathohalan area.

He said that as the joint team of forces approached the suspected spot, the terrorist fired upon them, which was retaliated, trig-

gering an encounter. "During the exchange of fire, a terrorist who had joined TRF only this month, was killed while a search operation was ongoing in the area," he said. The slain terrorist has been identified as Mysar Ahmad Dar from Vishro Shopian.

"One (01) #terrorist affiliated with proscribed #terror outfit TRF neutralised. Incriminating materials including arms & ammunition recovered. Search going on. Further details shall follow." Kashmir police zone said in a post on 'X'.

A police spokesperson

in a statement to KNO said that acting on specific information regarding the presence of terrorists in village Kathohalan area of district Shopian, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Shopian Police and Army (O2 Rajput) in the said area.

"During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorist fired indiscriminately upon them, which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter." Spokesperson said.

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## JK Bank branch in Rajouri suffers extensive damage in midnight blaze

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOV 9

A branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank at Gujjar Mandi in Rajouri town suffered extensive damage in midnight blaze. The branch is one of the oldest branches of in the region having a large number of beneficiaries registered as account holders. Officials told news agency that on Wednesday night, some people noticed smoke coming out of gate of bank after which they raised an alarm. Soon after, fire tenders from Rajouri Fire Station reached the site to

douse flames.

"Although we prevented flames from spreading in other buildings but the bank branch suffered widespread damage in its upper floor," said Fire Station Officer Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain. He said that fire tenders were pressed into service soon after receiving information about the incident. Bank officials on the other hand said that some damage has occurred in the branch affecting banking facility.

The officials said that attempts are underway to restore the services in one or two days.

## Peoples' participation lies at the core of rural prosperity: LG Sinha

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the Back to Village-5 event at Chatha Farm, Satwari Jammu, today.

Addressing a public gathering, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration to establish participatory and people centric governance and creating an enabling environment for inclusive development.

"Peoples' participation lies at the core of rural prosperity. Back to Village initiative of the J&K administration is shaped



to address saturation of developmental and welfare schemes and to ensure village communities receive benefits of Central and UT Schemes,"

the Lt Governor said. He said, the J&K Administration has accorded the highest priority to vulnerable sections

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## 2 Jammu Cops suspended for dereliction of duty

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Two constables of the Jammu and Kashmir Police were suspended for dereliction of duty here on Thursday, an official said.

A designated team of officials of police was on routine night checking duty when a police vehicle was found abandoned while the staff deployed for night duty were found in dereliction of duty, the official said.

Following this, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar ordered suspension of two police personnel of Police Post Chinore, he said.

The suspended police personnel are Selection Grade Constable Jagdish Raj and Constable Wasim Akram. The two have been suspended with immediate effect, the official said.

SSP Kumar said dereliction of duty will not be tolerated and police personnel found slacking on duty will be dealt strictly as per norms.

## J&K Raj Bhawan hosts Devbhoomi Uttarakhand's Foundation Day celebration

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan today hosted the celebration of Uttarakhand Foundation Day at Jammu. Students, Security personnel and the people of the Himalayan state known as 'Devbhoomi' living in J&K UT were the special invitees.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha extended his heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Uttarakhand on the occasion. He paid tributes to the bravehearts and towering personalities of Uttarakhand who inspired



generations to selflessly serve the country.

He said the foundation day celebration reflects the bond between people and strengthens the inclu-

sive fabric of our society, unity and national integration.

Uttarakhand is the abode of nation's real heroes and a home to

various spiritual sites, including Char Dhams-Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri, the Lt Governor said.

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## IGP Kashmir held meeting over law & order and security challenges in valley

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOV 9

An interactive meeting with DIG ranges and District SP's was held by newly joined IGP Kashmir V. K Birdi today in the afternoon. The district and range heads of Kashmir Zone were directed to focus on quality investigation in terror crimes and narco-terror related cases to dismantle terror ecosystem.

In a statement issued to the news agency, IGP Kashmir stressed upon the officers to ensure the improvement in

overall working of Policing at Police Station and sub-divisional level with refinement in record building and investigation.

He stressed upon the officers to make good public relations and focus on people sensitive policing. Addressing public grievances should be the top most priority of valley Police besides their operational and crime related commitments.

He stressed upon transparent and efficient policing with coordination with all sister agencies in the valley.

## My govt made 4 cr Pucca Houses for poor but i haven't made one for myself: PM Modi

**AGENCIES**  
SATNA, NOV 9

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said every vote of the electorate in Madhya Pradesh has the power of "Trishakti", to help the BJP form government again in MP, strengthen the PM at the Centre and to keep the "corrupt" Congress away from power in the state.

Addressing a rally in Satna ahead of the November 17 assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Modi said his government has made four crore pucca houses for the poor, but he has "not made even one



house for himself." "Your one vote is going to help the BJP form government in MP again. Your vote will strengthen Modi in Delhi and it will also keep the corrupt Congress a

hundred miles away from power in MP. That means one vote, three wonders. It is like Trishakti," Modi said.

The PM said after his government came to

power in the country, it removed from records 10 crore fake beneficiaries created by the Congress who were taking benefits of government schemes.

Modi said that is why Congress leaders were abusing him these days, as his government's move hit them hard.

The government has thus saved Rs 2.75 lakh crore of the people, he said.

Referring to the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, Modi said, "Wherever I go nowadays, there is talk of Lord

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## US Defence Secretary Austin begins 2-day India visit; Rajnath receives him at Airport

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 9

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin arrived in the national capital on Thursday to a red-carpet welcome with his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh receiving him at the airport.

Austin is paying a two-day visit to New Delhi to attend the India-US '2+2' foreign and defence ministerial dialogue on Friday.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will also be part of the American delegation at the talks.

The Indian side will be led by Singh and External



Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

"Glad to receive my

friend and @SecDef Austin at Palam, New Delhi. Looking forward to fruitful

deliberations during 2 Plus 2 Ministerial Dialogue

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# Legal Services Institutions observe Legal Services Day across J&K

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

The Legal Services Institutions across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir today observed Legal Services Day.

The main program was organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice N Kotishwar Singh and Judge, High Court of J&K & Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan.

Chief Justice, N Kotishwar and Justice Tashi Rabstan were the chief guest and guest of honour on the occasion respectively.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Justice while appreciating the efforts of Legal Services Institutions said that the whole judicial system exists for the litigant public and a heavy duty lies on the shoulders of Judicial Officers, Lawyers, PLVs and other stakeholders to minimize the disconnect between the litigant and the legal system. The Judiciary is struggling with backlog

of huge pendency and the legal Services institutions through the alternate modes has been able to help in reducing the same to a great extent, he added. He asserted that Legal Services Institutions are a boon for the unrepresented and marginalized section of the society.

Chief Justice said that the data released today by the Executive Chairman, JK Legal Services Authority is sufficient to substantiate that the legal service is reaching out not only to those who are involved in litigation but also to those who are not aware of their rights and have no idea to approach whom to seek the redressal of their grievances.

Chief Justice impressed upon all the Judicial Officers to deal with the litigant compassionately whose matters are before them and wipe out the tears in their eyes. He also congratulated the Panel Lawyers, PLVs and Educational Institutions whose services for creating awareness along the masses have been recognized today during a felicitation function.

In his special address, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, JK



Legal Service Authority gave a detailed account of the achievements of the Authority during the last one year.

Mentioning about the holding of 19th All India Legal Services Authorities' Meet held this year at Srinagar, Justice Tashi said that it was a great honour to hold such a mega event which was inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Patron-in-Chief, NALSA in presence of Justice Sanjay Kishan Koul, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, JK

Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman Supreme Court Legal Services Committee. The event was also graced with the presence of Union Law Minister, LG's of UTs of J&K as well as Ladakh and 14 Supreme Court Judges, 22 Chief Justices of various High Courts, 57 High Court Judges, 38 Member Secretaries and 30 Secretaries High Court Legal Services Committees along with Officers of Civil and Police Administration who participated to discuss strengthening of National Legal Aid Helpline, court based legal services, work-



ing of LADCs, resizing the panel of legal aid counsels, concept of open prisons, NALSA's digital platform and role of legal services institutions in achieving these objectives.

Appreciating the working of LADC's, Justice Tashi said that a total of 34 Session trial cases, 102 Magistrate Trial Cases, 1662 remand applications and more than 400 other applications and petitions have been disposed of in a short span of 10 months with the intervention of LADCs.

Highlighting the record number of cases during three National Lok Aadalats conducted so far during this year, Justice Tashi said that out of 4 lakh cases that were taken up in these

Lok Aadalats about 3 lakh cases were amicably settled and an amount of Rs. 173 crore was disbursed as compensation. He also appreciated the working of the J&K Legal Services authority while informing the gathering that in 76 cases compensation to the tune of Rs. 1.46 crore has been paid to the victims of different crimes or their dependents.

He further said that in all the Jails legal aid clinics are functioning with the help of Panel Lawyers and PLVs who are rendering necessary assistance to the under trial prisoners. And, during the current year 2463 awareness camps were held throughout the UT of J&K where a large number of people have been benefited.

Justice Tashi also expressed gratitude to Chief Justice for his visionary leadership and launching various new initiatives for extending legal services to the needy.

Principal District and Sessions Judge and Chairman DLSA, Jammu, Sanjay Parihar, highlighted the importance of Legal Services Day and traced the history behind the observance of this day.

He said that it is a rare occasion when the legal fraternity assembles to appreciate the efforts put in by the Panel Lawyers, PLVs Educational Institutions and other stakeholders involved in extending legal services to those who deserve and are entitled to the same.

Advocate Vikram

Sharma, President Bar Association, Jammu, who was also present along with his team, assured to extend whole hearted cooperation by Lawyers fraternity for resolving the legal grievances of the litigant public and extend Pro Bono services to the marginalized and weaker sections of the society. He thanked the organizers for giving him an opportunity to associate with the legal services institutions.

On the occasion, Advocate Mandeep Reen, Panel Lawyer, HCLSC, Advocate Suhaila Ali, Panel Lawyer, DLSA Srinagar, Advocate Mayank Gupta, Panel Lawyer, DLSA Jammu, Sharjeel Bin Hassan, PLV, DLSA Ganderbal, Feroz Ahmad Dar, PLV (Life Convict), Dogra Law College, Samba for best Legal Aid Clinic in College and Model Higher Secondary School, Muijund, Srinagar for best Legal Aid Clinic in School were adjudged and felicitated.

The programme was attended by the officers of High Court Registry, Judicial Officers of District Jammu, Panel Lawyers, LADCs, PLVs, staff of J&K Legal Services Authority and DLSA Jammu besides general public.

## 228 panchayats declared 'Nasha-Mukt'

### CS chairs UT level NCORD meeting, focuses rehabilitation of victims

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired the 7th UT Level Apex Committee meeting of NCORD and held an in-depth review of all the ongoing activities across Jammu and Kashmir to combat the drug menace.

The meeting was attended by ACS Home, Administrative Secretaries GAD, Forest, PWD, DG prosecution, and senior officers NCORD, whereas Deputy Commissioners attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta, while addressing the officers, emphasized the importance of providing support and assistance to those who have fallen victim to drug abuse so that they can lead normal lives. He directed continued vigilance in the ongoing war



on drugs while also prioritizing the rehabilitation of those affected by it. He stated that Nasha Mukta J&K is important element of B2V and all members of Panchayats should take a pledge to eradicate the menace.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the establishment of spe-

cial NDPS fast-track courts in at least five districts to ensure the early disposal of NDPS cases. He also called for state-level data to be saved, including information on how many drug victims received treatment and counselling.

The Chief Secretary directed the Deputy Com-

missioners and SSPs to keep a close watch on the areas where drug trafficking is rampant, and take necessary punitive actions against those involved. He asked them to hold monthly meetings to discuss the issue and take strict actions against those found guilty of misusing drugs that can be used as

psychotropic substances.

The Chief Secretary directed that all chemist shops have 100% CCTV camera coverage along with computerized billing. Accordingly, the H&ME department was instructed to ensure that well-trained staff is available in all districts to implement the vision effectively.

Dr. Mehta underscored the importance of raising public awareness about the dangers of drug use. He also urged officers to maintain coordination and synergy between different departments and wings to completely eliminate drug-related activities in the Union Territory. To achieve this, Dr. Mehta stressed the need to enhance the skills of officers involved in drug law enforcement activities through capacity-building while establishing a robust feedback process.

## DC Reasi flags off Millet Walkathon Rally to promote healthy eating habits



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, NOVEMBER 9

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan today flagged off Millet Walkathon Rally from the DC office Complex to promote healthy eating habits.

The event aimed to promote consumption of millets for healthy life and to

raise awareness about the benefits of the same.

Students from the educational institutions along with teachers participated in the rally.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed his appreciation for the active participation of students and teachers in the Millet Walkathon. He empha-

sized on the promotion healthier food choices and encouraged physical activities for the overall well-being of the community.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Anshumali Sharma, CEO Reasi, AD Food officer and several other officials were present.

## Deptt of HP&M Shopian organises Awareness Camp on e-NAM at Aglar Fruit Mandi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 9

In a first of its kind, an awareness Camp on e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform was today organised by the Department of Horticulture, Planning and Marketing (HP&M) Shopian at Aglar Fruit & Vegetable (F&V) Mandi Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, Area Marketing Officer Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Lone informed that the vision of this e-market is to create a unified national market for all the agricultural produce.

He further elucidated that each Farm Producing organization (FPO), Farmer, trader, buyer, commission agent, SHGs, cooperatives etc. has to register on this portal for trading on e-NAM and avail the subsequent benefits.

He added that the portal would help in discovering real time prices on actual demand and supply position and thereby reduce the exploitation of produc-



ers at the hands of middlemen.

Each buyer and seller would have access to nationwide markets with prices commensurate to the quality of the produce.

Moreover it brings transparency in the auction process, ensures online transaction of price amount in seller's Aadhar seeded accounts and streamlines producers across integrated markets throughout the country, participants were

apprised.

After the farmers register on e-market with their produce, a unique lot ID number is given to his produce. The same is followed by grading of the produce and displaying the produce on the auction platform for physical verification and online display.

The State Coordinator, (e-NAM), Department of Horticulture, Planning and Marketing Srinagar, Jameel Jeelani stated that all the functional F&V

markets of the UT of J&K would be connected with this pan-India portal in the next one year in a phased manner.

The president, Fruit Growers Association, Shopian, Mohammad Amin said that the whole process is easy, transparent and free from all middlemen thereby ensuring maximum benefits to the farmers.

The fruit growers, farmers, traders and other concerned were present.

## SARA organises UT level training on Adoption Regulations 2022

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 9

The State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), Mission Vatsalya J&K, today organized a day long UT level orientation and training programme on Adoption Regulations 2022 at Gandhi Bhawan here.

The programme was being sponsored by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, inaugurated the programme. She said that the aim of the workshop was to sensitize the concerned officers about the new rules and regulations regarding adoption. She said that the officers must ensure that what is being done is within the legal framework. She said that we as a society have to work together like a team and take forward the mission of providing every child love and care of parents so



that he lives a normal life.

Sheetal Nanda stressed on collaborative efforts of officers of social welfare, police, education, health and other departments aimed at addressing the vulnerabilities of children in need. Commissioner Secretary underlined the purpose of holding such training programmes to enhance the awareness level of concerned officers and other stakeholders, relating to the adoption rules and regulations as well as share best practices while applying the

provisions thereof in the day-to-day work.

Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya, Harvinder Kour, gave an overview of the Mission Vatsalya and SARA. She said that all children are born equal and no child should be left behind and should get equal opportunities. She emphasised to look for any child who is in need so that the department will take proper care of his needs and adoption procedure.

MD also said that the main objective of child

protection services is to bring multiple existing child protection schemes under one umbrella and integrate additional interventions for protecting children and preventing them from any harm.

Junior professional, CARA Sayam Bin Khalid, threw light on adoption regulations 2022 and operation of CARA Portal. He gave an insight on child Referral (Special needs children), inter country adoption of OAS children, key amendments in Adoption Rules 2022.

Junior professional, CARA Abhisarika Rai, also spoke on the occasion and enlightened the audience about the role of Child Welfare Committees and District Child Protection Units in Adoption.

Later, a question and answer session was held during which various queries regarding the Adoption Regulations were answered by the resource persons.



## DLSA Anantnag celebrates National Legal Services Week

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 9

In continuation to the plan of action formulated by JK LSA, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Anantnag celebrated National Legal Services Week from November 02 to November 09, 2023 by organizing different programmes across the district.

During the week, DLSA Anantnag organized door to door campaigns in different villages and down trodden areas of the district through its Paralegal Volunteers and Panel Lawyers.

It also organized programs for jail inmates, which was attended by Superintendent District Jail Anantnag along with staff members and inmates of the jail and on behalf of DLSA the programme was addressed by LADCs by staff members and PLVs. Idrees Magrey was the main resource person for



the said programme.

While concluding the week on 09 of November, DLSA Anantnag under the aegis of Chairman DLSA Anantnag, Jaffer Hussain Beg organized two awareness programmes.

The programme organised at District Court Complex Anantnag was presided over by Chairman DLSA Anantnag and was attended by Secretary DLSA, Judicial Officers, Bar

Members, Panel Lawyers, PLVs and Staff Members.

On this occasion, Secretary DLSA Anantnag, Tabassum Qadir gave a powerpoint presentation on the importance and role of Legal Services institutions at District and Tehsil level, the importance of free legal aid, prelitigation, mediation, conciliations and arbitration were highlighted. Chairman

DLSA Anantnag appreciated work done by DLSA Anantnag so far and the awareness camps organized by it. In his address, he sought cooperation from lawyers for trying to resolve the disputes amicably and laid emphasis for organizing a special awareness campaigns/counseling sessions viz viz matrimonial disputes. Another awareness programme was organized by DLSA in collaboration with District Social Welfare Officer Anantnag at Town Hall Anantnag.

The programme was attended by Secretary DLSA and TSO Anantnag with staff members, Panel Lawyers, PLVs, Anganwadi Workers staff from One Stop Centre and DHEW and Sr. Citizens of District Anantnag. The National Legal Services Day was also celebrated by all the Tehsil Legal Services Committees of District Anantnag at their concerned quarters.

## GDC Vijaypur organises Lecture on "Right to Education"

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 9

As a part of the series of events being organized under the flagship banner of "My Constitution My Pride", a lecture on the theme "Right to Education" was today organized by the department of Political Science in collaboration with NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) here in Government Degree College Vijaypur. The lecture was attended by more than fifty students and NSS volunteers. The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Lecture was delivered by Prof. Ritu Bhagat, HOD Education. She briefed the students about Article 21(A) of the Indian Constitution. It states that "the state shall provide free education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years in such a manner as the



state mean by law they determine." Our Indian Constitution is a document which is known to be committed to social justice. She further added that literacy forms the cornerstone for making the provision of equality of opportunity a reality. The Indian Constitution has therefore recognized education as the essence of social transformation, as is evident from its education specific Articles like 21(A). Principal of the College,

Dr. (Prof.) Vandana Gupta articulated that educational inequality should be eradicated from a society so that it can lead towards the path of progress. She further emphasized that education is a tool that can change a person's fortune. The event was coordinated by Prof. Renuka Kundan, Lecturer Political Science and co-ordinated by Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, NSS PO and Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Lecturer Sociology.

## Cultural Unit Kashmir DIPR organises program on B2V-5

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 9

In connection with the fifth phase of Back to Village (B2V-5) programme, the Cultural Unit Kashmir DIPR today organised a variety Cultural Program at Pandit Bhajan Sopori Auditorium, Department of Information and Public Relations J&K.

It is worth mentioning here that B2V-5 is J&K Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme.

The artists presented thematic songs highlighting the success of previous back to village campaigns and the prosperity witnessed by the rural population of Jammu and Kashmir under different government schemes and programs.

## Union Joint Secy reviews DWCP, inspects Amrit Sarovars, WSSs, forest nursery

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 9

"Jal Shakti Abhiyan" is a flagship program of Government of India focused on ensuring water security and conservation in the country. Based on the survey, 150 districts in India have been declared water scarce, and Doda district is one among them. This year the theme of 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the rain' is 'Source Sustainability for Drinking Water'.

Union Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), 'Catch the Rain' (CTR), Angshuman Dey, along with Scientist D, CGWB, Gargee Sharma concluded their two day visit of district Doda, today.

During their visit, they inspected the Amrit Sarovars, Water Supply Schemes (WSSs), and Forest Nursery at Jungalwar. They also interacted with the stakeholders and reviewed the District Water Conservation Plan.

In a meeting with District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, and other concerned officers including Superintendent Engineer Jal Shakti Department Anil Gupta, Union Joint Secretary impressed upon them to conserve and increase the forest cover for sustainability of water sources of the district. He asked the Forest officers to survey the exact blank forest area for



its afforestation. SE JSD was instructed to upload the water testing reports on the designated portal containing the degree of safety for its consumption. He asked the JSD to empower Pani Samitis and locals by imparting them with basic skills of water management. He exhorted for creating spring/water source health card for every source. Besides, he reviewed the action taken on the last meeting directions and District Water Conservation Plan (DWCP), and suggested synchronized efforts by all the stakeholders for better water management and its conservation.

During inspection of Amrit Sarovars, they were accompanied by Superintendent Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, Anil

Gupta, and other concerned engineers and officials. Union Joint Secretary, Scientist D, CGWB and members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, on second day of their visit to the district, interacted with the PRI members and took stock of their issues and concerns. They also inspected WSS Barshalla (Dashnan) and WSS Bari.

While interacting with the gathering, Joint Secretary asked the PRIs to plan GPDP, MGNREGA, and other developmental schemes for creation of infrastructure required for water conservation and rain water harvesting in the district. He asked them to understand the need and importance for water conservation and its judicious use, protection

of water sources, and rain water harvesting to ensure safe and sufficient water availability for our future generations.

The JSA program aims to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation, promote water harvesting, and improve infrastructure for water storage and distribution.

Union Joint Secretary also briefed the officers about the upcoming Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, scheduled to be launched in UT of J&K from 15th of November 2023, for which he is also Central Nodal Officer of district Doda. He exhorted upon the departments to plan a strategy for thorough publicity of their schemes and their 100% saturation across the district.

## 2-Day Hindi writers Conference begins at JKAACL Jammu

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

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

The conference on "IKKISVI SADI KE DUSRE DASHAK MEIN JAMMU KASHMIR KA HINDI SAHITYA" was inaugurated in a traditional way by presentation of Shaloka by Dr. Chanchalshama and Saraswati Vandana by Suksham Guleria & group, followed by lighting of ceremonial lamp by Dr. Adrash Prakash, Prof. Raj Kumar Sharma, Dr. Satish Vimal, Dr. Om Goswami and Bharat Singh, Secretary, JKAACL.

At the outset, the Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh extended a cordial welcome to the guests and audience. "Writers are the face of society, they represent the inner thoughts of the social fabric through their ink; it is indeed a special skill," he main-



tained. He said Hindi is still a common medium of language to express your thoughts, just like English which is common at International Level. These languages work as a connecting medium among people.

Prof Raj Kumar presented keynote address on Ikkisvi Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein Jammu Kashmir Ka Hindi Sahitya.

Chief Guest, Dr. Adrash Prakash, in his address, hailed Secretary Bharat Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He said that a Litterateur always serve his duty to impart values to the society.

In his presidential address, Dr. Satish Vimal

appreciated the efforts of Secretary, JKAACL for taking Cultural Academy to new heights. He said that we have programed our vision of writing by reading the English literature and forgotten our Vedas. He stressed upon totality in literature.

Dr. Shahnawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL presented Vote of thanks.

After the inaugural session paper reading session was organised in which Dr. Shiksha Rani and Naresh Udas presented their papers on "Ikkisvi Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein Ka HindiKatha Sahitya" and "Hindi Laghu Katha ka Vartmaan Roop". The session was presided over by Dr. Om Goswami and

Dr. Adarsh Prakash, both renowned Hindi writer and Historian.

The paper reading session was followed by Paper reading session in which Sheikh Mohd Kalyan and Arti Devi "presented their papers on "Ikkisvi Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein J&K ki Hindi Kavita" and "Ikkisvi Sadi Ke Dusre Dashak Mein J&K ki Hindi Ghazal". This session was presided over by Padam Shree Prof Jitender Udhamपुरi and Kiran Bakshi.

At the conclusion of the event, Light Hindi music programme was presented by the renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir like Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Supriya Sharma and Dr. Rakesh Kalotra. They were equally supported by Parshotam Lal on Tabla, Anil Raina on Flute, Rakesh on Dholak and Krishan Kumar on Synth. Mayank Raina upcoming talented artist from J&K presented Classical flute recital he was accompanied by Saptak Sharma on Tabla.

The was ably conducted by Uma Salathia.

## DC takes comprehensive review of RDD Sector works in Rajouri District

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In a proactive display of commitment to transparent governance and the effective implementation of developmental initiatives, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive review of the progress made by the Rural

Development Department in Rajouri District. With a keen focus on the district Capex Budget, he noted that out of the 4,146 works, a commendable 871 have been successfully completed.

Turning his attention to housing initiatives, the Deputy Commissioner scrutinized the physical and financial status

of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) and AWAS Plus. Impressively, out of the targeted 65,594 houses, 33,053 have been completed.

During the discussion, the need for geo-tagging of all finalized houses was emphasized, and clear directives were issued to expedite the remaining

projects to meet set targets efficiently.

Delving into the accomplishments under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the DC highlighted the generation of an impressive 1,056,495 person-days, achieving 84 percent of the set target.

## Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 21st BoDs meet of JKBOCWBB

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Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chaired the 21st Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWBB) at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaheen Kabra; Principal Secretary, PWD, Shailendra Kumar; Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Secretary Labour and Employment, Rehana Batul; CEO, JKBOCWBB, Munir-ul-Islam; Labour Commissioner, Abdul

Rashid War, representatives of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, Bhartiya Dastkra Union, senior officers of Planning, PDD and Law departments and other senior officers of JKBOCWBB both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the BoDs discussed various critical issues pertaining to workforce of Jammu and Kashmir and outlined strategic initiatives to enhance the welfare of construction workers in the region. The BoDs also deliberated on the implementation of welfare schemes, skill development programs, and measures to enhance occupational safety along the construction sites here.



Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to ensure the well-being and welfare of construction workers across the UT. He highlighted that we must focus on creating a conducive environment that promotes welfare, skill development, and overall livelihood of labour class across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Advisor further remarked that we are among the fastest growing economies of the world and in the coming years we will be among developed countries of the world for which our labour class will be the main contributor our labour force is our main contributor.

While reviewing the progress on disbursing welfare funds to workers, Advisor Bhatnagar asked the JKBOCWBB to create a centralized and user friendly system for verification of beneficiaries so that the cases can be disposed off timely and due assistance is provided to beneficiaries. He also called upon the officers to develop a mechanism for registration of all workers either at Government construction sites or private work sites.

asked the labour department to enhance the mechanism of inspection at construction sites and ensure that the workers are wearing protective gears during work at construction sites.

During the meeting, the BoDs took some significant decisions for the welfare of the construction workers and other labour class.

The BoDs enhanced the ex-gratia from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs in case of accidental death of registered worker at construction site. The Board also approved increase in compensation from Rs 75000 to Rs. 4.5 lacs in case of permanent disability of a registered labourer while working at construction site.

## 30 Kanals of Kahcharai Land freed from encroachment at Dragad, Chitragam

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On the directions of the District Magistrate (DM) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb and under the supervision of Tehsildar Chitragam, a team of revenue officials along with police retrieved Kahcharai land from illegal encroachment at Village Dragad of Chitragam tehsil.

The freed land measures about 30 kanals. JCB's and Chainsaw machines were deployed to clear the land for further use of the government.

The land was subsequently handed over to the J&K Sports Council for construction of a Stadium at the village.

The inhabitants in general and youth in particular have appreciated the eviction drive and applauded the District Administration for using the land for productive development works.



## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## First major CFV...

man lost his life in the unprovoked ceasefire violation of the Pakistan army in Ramgarh sector of Jammu's Samba's district.

The latest ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan was finalised on February 24-25 in 2021 after which the situation was calm both on International Border and Line of Control. No incident of ceasefire violation was reported in the last 32 months.

However, the situation once again started to worsen on the International Border (IB) with four incidents of ceasefire violations taking place in the last two weeks with three incidents being reported in Jammu district and the fourth one in Samba district.

Official sources said that in the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, ceasefire violation took place on IB in Ramgarh sector area of Jammu province with both small arms firing as well as mortar shelling took place.

Locals said that firing and shelling on IB was heard for hours in the entire area even several kilometres away from the border.

In the incident, official sources said, a BSF personnel got injured who was shifted to medical facility but he succumbed and that this is the first casualty witnessed on IB since 24-25 February 2021 when ceasefire agreement was finalised. The slain BSF man was identified as Head Constable Lalfam Kima.

Earlier, last week, a BSF personnel as well as an aged woman sustained injuries in ceasefire violation in Arnia sector area of Jammu while two BSF personnel had also received injuries prior to this in two separate incidents in the past 14 days.

The fresh skirmishes on the International Border have spread a new wave of unrest in border areas where people are fearing tough days ahead amid apprehension in the increase of ceasefire violation incidents.

Meanwhile, Border Security Force (BSF) in an official statement said that Pakistani rangers resorted to unprovoked firing. "During intervening night of 8th and 9th of November 2023, Pakistan Rangers resorted to unprovoked firing in Ramgarh area which was befittingly responded by BSF troops." BSF said in its official statement issued in Jammu. On the other hand, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor and other top brass attended the wreath laying ceremony held for BSF personnel who lost his life in this fresh incident of firing. BSF said that in a solemn wreath laying ceremony, LG Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, Special DG BSF PV Ramasastry, IG BSF Jammu D.K Boora and all ranks of BSF Jammu paid homage to Head Constable Lalfam Kima.

BSF said that Head Constable Lalfam Kima sacrificed his life in the line of duty for the nation during unprovoked firing by Pakistan on IB in Jammu in the intervening night of 8th, 9th November.

In the meanwhile, Special Director General of Border Security Force (BSF), PV Ramasastry said that force is ready by all means to foil infiltration attempts on the border and is also giving befitting reply to Pakistan for its unprovoked firing.

In a statement issued here, BSF Special DG said that Pakistan is resorting to mischievous acts on the International Border and has carried out ceasefire violations like the one reported last night in which a BSF personnel attained martyrdom.

He further said that Border Security Force (BSF) is giving a befitting reply to this unprovoked firing and is strongly retaliating to it. BSF officer further said that force is all ready to foil any kind of infiltration attempt on IB and to protect the nation—(KNO)

## Our goal is to ensure...

We are marching ahead with the aim of progress, prosperity and quality life for all. The administration has ensured more rights and resources for poor, marginalised and vulnerable, the Lt Governor said.

At the Pensioners Sammelan, the Lt Governor shared various Social Welfare initiatives of the government. He said under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, these initiatives have removed the developmental imbalances in Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor observed that the administration has taken all decisions without fear and favour in the interest of the poor and the deprived. Saturation of several schemes highlights impressive manifestation of proper execution of programmes, he added.

The Lt Governor called for collective efforts from public representatives, officials and civil society members to connect all eligible beneficiaries with social security schemes and bring meaningful change in their lives.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor handed over scooters, sanction letters and other benefits to the beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries also shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the administration for the seamless extension of benefits under various social welfare schemes.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council Jammu; Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, senior officers and beneficiaries were present—(KNO)

## Newly recruited terrorist...

In the ensuing encounter, 01 local terrorist identified as Maiser Ahamd Dar @Adil son of Ghulam Nabi Dar resident of Vishroo Payeen, linked with proscribed terror outfit TRF was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter," he added.

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition were recovered from the site of the encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," the spokesman added.

In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is in progress. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any—(KNO)

## Peoples' participation...

and providing unprecedented resources to bring about a revolution in rural and far-flung areas.

In the last few years, timely implementation and monitoring of programmes ensured unique opportunity for holistic development of villages. Various sections of society have been liberated from decades of discrimination and exploitation and provided opportunities to benefit from growth, he added.

"The road to J&K's progress and prosperity has to pass through its villages and far flung areas. It is our determination and commitment to ensure better infrastructure, amenities, public services, skills and opportunities for youth and women, and enhanced productivity of Agriculture & allied sector," the Lt Governor said.

He called upon all the citizens of rural areas to contribute in improving the literacy rate, eradicate malnutrition and TB from Panchayats. Every village should aspire to become Self-reliant and spearhead the sustainable development of J&K, he said.

PRI representatives expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT administration for taking development to the grassroots level.

The Lt Governor also visited the stalls put up by various government departments highlighting various initiatives and welfare programs of the government.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, senior officers, PRI members and people in large number were present—(KNO)

## J&amp;K Raj Bhawan hosts...

This blessed land is the perfect confluence of patriotism, spirituality, nature, culture, crafts, art, yoga and Ayurveda. We are truly proud of its remarkable achievements in various sectors, he added.

A cultural programme depicting the rich culture and traditions of Uttarakhand was presented on the occasion. KNO

## My govt made 4 cr...

Ram's temple being built in Ayodhya. There is a wave of happiness all over the country." The prime minister also said, "If we have got a new Parliament building constructed, we have also built 30,000 panchayat buildings. I am happy that due to the double-engine government of the BJP, Madhya Pradesh is one of the states where lakhs of houses were built for the poor." In Satna also, the poor people have got 1.32 lakh houses, he added.

Modi said he has taken a resolve to extend the free ration scheme for the poor, started during the COVID-19 crisis, for the next five years after December.

He further said two leaders were involved in "tearing clothes" of each other, an apparent reference to MP Congress chief Kamal Nath and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh over Nath's recent "tear clothes" jibe.

Both the leaders are telling their supporters to "tear clothes" of each other, the PM said.

"They are fighting to see whose son will take over the MP Congress after getting defeated on December 3 (vote counting day). They are upsetting Madhya Pradesh in a bid to set their sons," he said.

Praising a musical group from Satna that played a bhajan before his address, Modi said, "It is the strength and power of tunes of music which is coming out from the barrel of gun." When the world is in the midst of crises, the sounds of bombs and guns are being heard all around, and countries like India are trying to create an impact of their idea in the world today, he said. (Agencies)

## US Defence Secretary...

and the bilateral meeting to be held tomorrow," Singh said on X.

Austin was also given a guard of honour at the airport.

Singh and Jaishankar are also scheduled to have separate bilateral meetings with their American counterparts on the sidelines of the '2+2' dialogue that is expected to carry out a comprehensive review of fast-expanding India-US strategic ties.

The defence ministry said a number of strategic, defence and technology issues are expected to be discussed at the '2+2' dialogue and the bilateral meeting between Singh and Austin.

Austin last visited India in June and had met with Singh.

On Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the '2+2' dialogue will enable a high-level review of progress being made in cross-cutting aspects of defence and security cooperation, technology value chain collaborations and people-to-people ties.

"The ministers will take the opportunity to progress the futuristic roadmap for the India-US partnership as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joseph Biden, in their discussions in June and September this year," the MEA said in a statement. It said both sides will also take stock of contemporary regional issues and exchange views about shared priorities for augmenting cooperation in multilateral platforms, and through frameworks such as Quad.

The India-US defence cooperation has been on an upswing in the last few years.

In June 2016, the US designated India a "Major Defence Partner" paving way for sharing of critical military equipment and technology.

The two countries have also inked key defence and security pacts over the past few years, including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in 2016 that allows their militaries to use each other's bases for repair and replenishment of supplies.

The two sides also signed COMCASA (Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) in 2018 which provides for interoperability between the two militaries and provides for the sale of high-end technology from the US to India.

In October 2020, India and the US sealed the BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement) agreement to further boost bilateral defence ties.

The pact provides for sharing of high-end military technology, logistics and geospatial maps between the two countries. (Agencies)

## Nowshera Forest Division addresses Human-Wildlife Conflict in Sunderbani Forest Range Workshop

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The Nowshera Forest Division hosted a one-day workshop to tackle the pressing issue of human-wildlife conflict at Sunderbani Forest Range. The event brought together key stakeholders, including Vinod Baniyal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Rajesh Jasrotia, SHO Sunderbani, Dheeraj Naib Tehsildar Thanda Pani, and Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani, alongside members of the wildlife department, PRIs and other villagers.

This collaborative effort aimed to equip attendees with the knowledge and strategies necessary to effectively address and manage human-wildlife conflicts in the region. The workshop featured insightful discussions, practical demonstrations, and the sharing of best practices.



Vinod Baniyal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, expressed his commitment to mitigating human-wildlife conflict and protecting both the local community and the region's diverse wildlife. He emphasized the importance of coexistence and sustainable solutions. Rajesh Jasrotia, SHO Sunderbani, highlighted the role of law enforcement in safeguarding communities from wildlife-

related risks and ensuring the peaceful cohabitation of humans and animals. Dheeraj Naib Tehsildar Thanda Pani underscored the importance of close cooperation between different administrative bodies to develop effective conflict resolution mechanisms.

Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani, emphasized the significance of understanding the behavior and needs of local wildlife species

and shared insights on implementing preventive measures to minimize conflicts.

The workshop served as a platform for open dialogue and knowledge sharing. Attendees had the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and the expertise of the wildlife department. The event aimed to create a community committed to resolving human-wildlife conflicts in a humane and sustainable manner.

Satinder Mourya Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera appreciates the active participation of all stakeholders and looks forward to continued collaboration in the conservation of wildlife and the welfare of the local community. The whole event was conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Satinder Mourya Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera.

## CUJ Empowers Students through Community Outreach Initiatives



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The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, organized a community outreach program for the students who are pursuing their Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in the third semester, at Jammu Institute of General Education and Rehabilitation (JIGER) in Gangyal, Jammu. JIGER is a notable Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with a specific focus on offering free education, grooming, encouragement, and empowerment to disabled and underprivileged children from all sections of society. The program took place at JIGER NGO in Gangyal, which is led by Nari Shakti Awardee Ms. Sandhya Dhar. These community outreach programmes are being organised by the University with the vision and support of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUJ. He encourage the departments to arrange such field visits so that students can get real experience form the ground. The event com-

menced with an introduction and briefing by Dr. Kiran, Assistant Professor setting the stage for the students' visit. Students had the opportunity to interact with Ms. Sandhya Dhar and the dedicated staff of JIGER, as well as engage with the beneficiaries, comprising marginalized and disabled children and women.

Dhar provided a comprehensive overview of JIGER's mission, emphasizing their commitment to the welfare and education of these underprivileged groups. She also shared inspiring success stories from JIGER's initiatives, shedding light on the organization's impactful work. The students actively participated by asking questions and seeking clarification on various aspects, which Ms. Dhar graciously addressed.

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## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community delegation meets Kavinder, discuss patriotism, unity



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A distinguished delegation from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, led by Nasir Iqbal, President of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Jammu, today met Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.

The delegation included notable members such as Nematullah Nawaz, Deputy Incharge of the Noorul Islam Department Qadian, Husam Ahmed, Editor of LightofIslam.in, Nasir Iqbal Kagazghar, President of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Jammu, Arif Ahmed Naik, a Missionary, and Saeed Ahmed Dar, Outreach Coordinator.

Emphasizing the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa), Nematullah Nawaz highlighted that "Love for one's nation is a part of faith." He elaborated

that sincere patriotism is not just encouraged but required in Islam, and to love God and follow Islam inherently means to love one's nation.

The delegation also presented a book "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace," to Kavinder Gupta symbolizing the community's commitment to global harmony and understanding.

Kavinder Gupta commended the delegation, describing Nasir Iqbal as a "soul of remarkable character," known for his humility and unwavering honesty. He acknowledged the significant role of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in fostering a spirit of unity and patriotism.

The meeting concluded with a hopeful note on the continued collaboration for peace and the strengthening of national solidarity.

## National Legal Services Day observed in Bhaderwah

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BHADERWAH, NOV 9

Under the aegis of J&K State Legal Services Authority, National Legal Services Day was observed today by District Legal Services Authority Bhaderwah in the premises of Athkar Public Hr Sec School Saringal Bhaderwah here today. Involving Para Legal Volunteers, Panel Lawyers and other stakeholders, DLSA Bhaderwah organized an awareness programme to celebrate the existence of Legal Services Institutions and to gener-



ate and spread awareness regarding their functions and activities particularly for the welfare of mar-

ginalized sections of the society. Secretary DLSA (Sub Judge) Ramash Lal was chief guest on the

occasion whereas Principal Athkar Public Hr Sec School Sudesh Manhas was guest of honour, Panel Lawyer Adv Mohd Majid Malik, Adv Novreen Khan and other were also present on the occasion. Resource Person Adv Novreen Khan, highlighted the important schemes of NALSA and the utility of Lok Adalat. Adv Mohd Majid Malik, emphasized Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism as a great contribution towards dispute resolution and threw light on Section 17 and 19 of Legal Services Authorities Act.



## Phase 1st of B2V-5 concludes at Shopian

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SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 9

The first phase of Back to Village-5 (B2V5) programme concluded today in 29 Panchayats of the district, with Prabari Officers/Visiting Officers (VOs) remaining stationed at respective panchayats and holding public interactions on priority while taking appraisal of Centrally sponsored schemes including IJM, PMJAY, MGNREGA, PMAY, 14th FC and other schemes.

On the occasion, the visiting officers stressed upon officials on saturation of KCC, Soil Health Cards, Golden Cards, Land passbooks, etc.

Awareness about self-employment schemes like, MUMKIN, NRLM, Jan Bhagidari were also provided to the people on the occasion.

Pledge ceremonies under NMBA, cultural programmes, cleanliness drives, inaugurations of PMAY houses and roads etc were also conducted during culmination of phase first of the B2V-5 programme.

Visiting officers also held interactions with field functionaries and enquired about interventions being made in the Panchayats for their overall development.

Field visits to government institutions and inspections of works sites were also done during the day.

PRIs, local people and officials took part with enthusiastic fervour across the district.

## DLSA Kathua observes National Legal Services Day- 2023 under theme "Access to Justice for All"

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 9

As per the Action Plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority, (JKLSA) for the month of November, 2023 and also under the directions and supervision of Ashok Kumar Shavan, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kathua, (also Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua) National Legal Services Day, 2023 under the theme "Access to Justice for All: Empowering the Marginalized through Legal Awareness" was observed by District Legal Services Authority Kathua today at Ashoka Law College Kathua.

Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kathua, (also Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua) Ashok Kumar Shavan was the Chief Guest of the programme. He explained the historical importance of the day as it marks the anniversary of the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1995 and the role of Legal awareness camps,

Lok Adalats and several other initiatives of the National Legal Services Authority plays in delivering justice to the poor and marginalized sections of the society.

To make this week-long programme successful, three days before i.e. on 06.11.2023, a Mobile Van was deployed in District Kathua to raise awareness about the role of Legal Services Institution. The objective of observing the program was to create awareness about the availability of free legal aid and alternative dispute resolution methods.

Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Puneet Kumari was the resource person in the said program.

The Resource Person deliberated upon the significance of National Legal Services Day which aims at providing legal relief to the weaker sections of the society.

The welcome address was presented by Dr. Harmesh Sharma, Assistant Professor Ashoka Law College Kathua.

## Sticker Pasting campaign under SVEEP launched at Kupwara

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KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 9

In an effort to promote voter awareness and engagement, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara (District Election Officer), the District Election Office Kupwara in collaboration with ARTO Kupwara today launched a Sticker Campaign as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program.

The campaign intended to encourage citizens to actively participate in the electoral process and exercise their democratic rights generated overwhelming response.

The stickers are designed to raise awareness about the importance of voting and encourage eligible voters to register their claims before 9-12-2023 during Special Summary Revision.

At Regipora Taxi stand, DIO Kupwara

(Nodal officer SVEEP), Iftikhar Naseem and ARTO Kupwara, Anis Wani along with officials of District Election Office and representatives of Transport Union Kupwara pasted stickers on vehicles.

Speaking on the occasion, ARTO Kupwara reminded the audience of their civic duties and said that vote is the most powerful weapon in the hands of people in a democracy and we should actively participate in the electoral process to be part of the change that we want to see.

Owners of the vehicles and other commuters were excited to obtain these stickers and voluntarily pasted them on their vehicles to show their commitment to the democratic process.

The initiative is aimed to foster a sense of responsibility and civic duty among the public, ultimately leading to higher voter turnout.

## GDC Kishtwar Campus Cleanliness drive aligns with Health & Nutrition Support Program of Dabur, SRCO

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KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 9

In a remarkable and impactful endeavor, Government Degree College Kishtwar today came together with the Social Reforms & Charitable Organisation Kishtwar (SRCO) and Dabur India Ltd to organise a grand campus cleanliness and Nutritional Juice Packets distribution event on the College Campus.

This initiative was executed with a dual purpose of promoting cleanliness and enhancing the Health and Nutrition Support Program of Dabur India Ltd.

The event, which aligns with the ongoing "Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali Campaign," saw a convergence of efforts to underline the cultural significance of Diwali while advocating for eco-friendly practices and discouraging single-use plastics and adopting healthy eating protocol.

Dabur India Ltd. played a pivotal role by distributing nutritional juice packets to 350 enthusiastic students. This distribution



was part of their Health and Nutrition Support Programme, emphasizing the importance of consuming nutritious and healthy products during Diwali celebrations.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of GDC Kishtwar, applauded the collaborative efforts of Dabur India Ltd. and SRCO and encouraged students to actively participate in various events throughout the Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali campaign. She also stressed the significance of maintaining a clean and plastic-free campus.

Sanjeev Parihar, President of SRCO Kishtwar, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dabur India Ltd. for their invaluable support and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to sustaining and

expanding this noble initiative in the future.

The event also witnessed enthusiastic participation from distinguished faculty members, including Prof. Dr. Tariq Tamkeen, Prof. Satish Kumar, Dr. Munish Kumar, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Prof. Jaideep, Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Dr. Madhu Bala, Prof. Sonika Sen, and Prof. Akshay Sharma, who played integral roles in the success of the cleanliness drive and Health and Nutrition Support Programme.

The "Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali Campaign" continues to inspire students and communities to embrace cleanliness and the consumption of healthy products in line with the Health and Nutrition Support Programme of Dabur India Ltd.

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The program concluded with a vote of thanks extended by Ms. Monika, Research Scholar. This community outreach initiative provided valuable insights into JIGER's commendable efforts and motivated the students to consider how they can contribute to the cause and strengthen JIGER's outreach in the community.

## Eco Club of GDC Vijaypur celebrates Swachh Diwali

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 9

Eco Club (Green Warriors) of Government Degree College Vijaypur in collaboration of Innovation cell, NSS and IQAC organized awareness program on Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali to mark the celebrations of Clean and Eco-Friendly Diwali.

The event was organized by Prof. Poonam Kundan (Convener Eco-club and HOD Environmental Sciences) under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta, principal of the college.

Programme started with the welcome address by Prof. Poonam Kundan where she briefed the students regarding "Swachh Diwali" campaign on the theme "Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali and further explained the

importance of a clean and eco-friendly celebration. By doing so, it seeks to foster a sustainable and environmentally conscious approach to the festival. The students of the College participated in different activities viz. Rangoli making competition based on the said theme where participants use decomposable materials particularly flowers, leaves etc. to prepare their rangoli. In the competition, first position was achieved by Group C (Incharge- Rohit of BA Sem 5), Second position was attained by Group B (Incharge -Kavya Charak of B.Com Sem 5) and third position was attained by Group A (Incharge- Rakhi Khokhar of BA Sem 5).

Students of Semester 5th also participated in exhibition cum sale of various items prepared by



them using waste material and also prepared beautiful paintings, Diyas etc. and make this exhibition

## B2V-5: Panchayats in Bandipora abuzz with vibrant activities



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 9

The day second of Back to Village-5 (B2V5) programme ended on a high note with a range of activities from sports to development and grievances redressal.

A large number of women also participated in Special Gram Sabhas to discuss developmental issues with all the concerned officers and Visiting officers present in the Sabha.

The women presented their issues and perspective of their development ideas of their villages that were patiently heard by the officers and public representatives.

The visiting officers assessed the developmental activities of the respective panchayats and also took feedback from the public about implementation of different projects.

They also distributed certificates among beneficiaries of various schemes in different departments including artists registered by handicrafts and handloom department, and new cooperatives registered by department of cooperatives.

Land passbooks, Kits, sports kits, Soil health cards, Golden Cards, and other services were also provided in special camps organised on the occasions.

Several sports events were also held in Panchayats. The visiting officers also participated in these activities and distributed awards among the winning teams and players.

The visiting officers in all the 50 Panchayats held interaction with PRI representatives and reviewed the progress of the works taken up in earlier phases of Back to Village and vis-

ited many developmental sites, offices in order to assess the functioning.

The officers also reviewed the implementation of several welfare schemes including marriage assistance scheme, old age Pension, Education Assistance to labourers and other schemes and cross checked the data available with the locals to verify whether the schemes are being implemented on ground.

During the day long activities, officers of different departments informed the audience about several welfare and employment generation schemes and urged them to avail benefit of these schemes. They also collected feedback about implementation of different schemes especially with regard to non-sanctioning of benefits under individual beneficiary oriented schemes.

## Div Com visits Jinab Sahab Soura

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The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Thursday conducted an exclusive visit of Jinab Sahab Anchar Soura to inspect the developmental requirements of the Mosque, Shrine and the area, besides to take first hand appraisal of the issues confronted by the locals.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad; Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL Athar Amir; SE PWD; officers of District Administration and Revenue Department.

While responding to the demand of the Shrine and Masjid Committee regarding reconstruction of the mosque, Div Com maintained that the mosque holds heritage importance so the structure needs to be preserved.

He said that an amount of 1.75 cr approved for the Mosque shall be used for facade development and renovation works.

He stated that the Divisional Administration will work out with the Waqf Board on the proposal for the construction of a new mosque in the adjoining



premises of the Shrine.

Meanwhile, Div Com directed SMC to renovate the entire Wazu Khana and refurbish the structure with new window panes, tile work and other facilities.

The senior citizens and local representatives requested Div Com for the development of a playground on a modern pattern with high mast and flood lights so the youth may engage in sports activities and night games.

While assuring the locals, Div Com directed concerned to develop the playground with all the facilities besides instructed concerned to develop a walking path around the circumference of ground with complete fencing.

Div Com also assured youth that sports kits shall be provided to them by the district administration to channelize their energy and potential for building a career in sports.

Locals of the area also

brought the issues of road connectivity, drainage system and dog menace into the notice of Divisional Commissioner and other officers.

On the occasion, Div Com enjoined upon SE, PWD to complete the earth filling of the remaining segment of the road and use the construction demolition waste for the same purpose.

He also directed for exploring the feasibility of constructing another road as demanded by the locals.

Regarding dog menace in the area which poses threat to lives of children and elders, Commissioner SMC, assured to address the issue on priority basis.

Bidhuri also inspected the lake-spring at the Shrine of Jinab Sahab Soura and directed SMC and locals to conduct a collective cleanliness drive to revive it and restore its pristineness. He also directed beautification of the landscape around the spring.

lege, Dr. Vandana Gupta congratulated all the participants and organizing members for organizing such events in the college campus. She encouraged the students to opt for locally made products, embrace a Diwali free from single-use plastic and prioritize Diwali cleanliness. She further said that the aim of such programmes is to develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment and communities by sensitizing and motivating individuals. The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan, Convener Eco-Club and Innovation cell and co-ordinated by Prof. Ritu Bhagat (Convener, IQAC), Dr. Naseem Choushary (NSS PO), Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Prof. Renuka Kundal and Prof. Madhu Verma.



## EDITORIAL

## Simmering discontent in Ladakh

The discontent is brewing among Ladakhis after the UT administration put in public domain the new industrial allotment policy for the region. The stakeholders and representatives of Ladakh are unhappy over the way the policy was rolled out without taking two Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils on board. The issue has snowballed into a big controversy with the Leh Apex Body (LAB) openly asking the UT administration for its rollback. The agitating groups believe the policy is 'a significant risk to the delicate environment of Ladakh as well as an attempt to undermine the authority of two Hill Development Councils'. The LAB, headed by the former MP Thupstan Chhewang took a lead from the front and expressed serious concern over the new industrial policy which envisaged on "providing opportunities of economic growth, entrepreneurship, employment generation for the local youth to participate in the industrial sector by allocating land for the establishment of industries and other related activities. The Body feels that there are a number of other priorities for the administration than hastily working on the industrial land allotment policy which only aims at the establishing medium and large scale industry in Ladakh. It will only degrade the fragile ecology and environment of the region. The LAB has submitted the suggestions for amendment in the Ladakh Industrial Land Allotment Policy as per the aspiration of people of Ladakh, to the UT administration. Others believe that the New Industrial Policy poses a significant risk to the delicate environment of Ladakh and threatens the indigenous cultural identity of the region. The introduction of this draft without the consent of the people of Ladakh is 'undemocratic and deeply concerning', they are of the opinion besides they believe it would undermine the opinions of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils which would dis-empower the people of Ladakh. These new regulations directly undermine the authority and role of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils, constituting a severe attack on their institution. It is imperative for both the Councils in Kargil and Leh to unite and stand against this policy, which is clearly against the interests of the local population. The UT administration of Ladakh has drafted the new industrial land allotment policy wherein it has put special focus on providing opportunities to the local youth. The draft policy document, which was rolled out recently, has the main objective to create employment for the local population. The policy also focuses on inclusive and sustainable development in the region. Interestingly, the locals in Ladakh have demanded protection under Sixth Schedule of Indian Constitution and job reservation for locals. The stakeholders have raised their concern over no mention of protection of land to be allotted for development of industry in the region for locals. They have also criticized the UT administration for allegedly not consulting the local representatives including Hill Development Councils while drafting the new industrial policy and apprehended that it would openly harm the interests of local businessmen and natives of Ladakh. The preservation of the environment and ecology, no doubt, needs to be the priority of all but the Ladakhi people must bear in mind that the region is still facing backwardness and it needs industrial revolution for a better tomorrow.

## In the Spotlight: Omar Abdullah's Take on Religion and the Environment

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In the world of politics, where the lines between religion, governance, and environmental stewardship often blur, leaders must tread carefully. A recent statement by Omar Abdullah, expressing concerns about the road to Amarnath, has sparked controversy and raised fundamental questions about the role of politicians in commenting on religious matters.

Omar Abdullah's comments, which some have described as absurd and bizarre, have raised eyebrows due to their perceived insensitivity towards the concerns of a particular religious community. What is particularly striking is that these comments did not receive significant opposition from the minority community of Jammu and Kash-

mir, despite the potentially contentious nature of the topic. This disparity in reactions prompts us to reflect on the complex dynamics of religious discourse in the region.

Conversely, the author of the text argues that had such comments been made about religious subsidies or privileges enjoyed by other communities, particularly the Haj subsidy, they would have likely met with staunch opposition from fanatic preachers of religion. This discrepancy highlights the need for consistency in addressing sensitive religious matters and the potential double standards applied when discussing different faiths.

The text also touches on the perceived tolerance of Hindus in response to such comments. It points out that, to date, the tolerant Hindu community has not reacted strongly, but it warns against interpreting

this as an endorsement for politicians to make derogatory remarks about religious places of worship or beliefs. In a rapidly changing world, the author emphasizes that political leaders should exercise caution and sensitivity when discussing religious subjects.

Amid the debate, Omar Abdullah's concern for the environment comes into focus. The author questions what Omar Abdullah's government has done for the environment, particularly during his time in power. They mention the deterioration of the iconic Dal Lake's four chinars, which were neglected as funds meant for their care were allegedly misappropriated. Additionally, the misuse of crores of aid received for Dal and Wullar lakes raises questions about government accountability.

In contrast, the present

regime is credited with restoring those chinars and enhancing the environmental dignity of Kashmir in the last four years. The author further queries the environmental initiatives undertaken by Omar Abdullah or his National Conference (NC) workers, particularly in Dal cleaning or other environmental campaigns.

The text also highlights the environmental impact of constructing golf courses during the NC's regime, suggesting that many trees were cut down without corresponding reforestation efforts. The author challenges readers to compare the afforestation data from Omar Abdullah's tenure as Chief Minister with the data from the last four years, revealing a significant increase in forest cover. This contrast calls into question the authenticity of politicians' environmental concerns when

they appear to use them as a tool to criticize specific communities.

The conversation takes an historical turn as the author recalls the 2008 high court orders. During that time, Mehbooba Mufti refused to accept the construction of a small place at Baltal for Hindu pilgrims visiting the Holy Cave, which eventually led to the Amarnath land row. The author argues that if the minority community has no issue with Haj subsidies and other privileges enjoyed by other communities, a road to the Amarnath cave should not be a concern either.

The text concludes by reminding readers of the critical role played by the government in managing environmental hazards. It mentions how illegal constructions in flood channels during Omar Abdullah's regime obstructed flood control measures,

ultimately leading to the catastrophic floods of 2014. This serves as a stark reminder that political leaders should prioritize genuine environmental responsibility rather than merely using it as a political talking point.

In a world where the public is increasingly aware and demands accountability from their leaders, the message is clear: politicians must approach sensitive matters with sensitivity, consistency, and genuine concern, whether it relates to religion or the environment. The controversy surrounding Omar Abdullah's statement underscores the need for a more nuanced and balanced approach to governance in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

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## Local products can boost exports

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Geographical location is a pivotal factor in making trade competitive which is crucial for overall economic growth. Haryana, a state that was born out of Punjab 57 years ago, was once a barren land with minimal development. However, today, it ranks among the top ten states in terms of export values, mainly due to its geographical advantage of being close to the National Capital Region (NCR). It has five times more exports than Punjab. Similarly, coastal states that have access to ports are better equipped to engage in international trade, while landlocked regions like Punjab face higher trade costs and challenges in transit from the seas. Unfortunately, policymakers have not prioritized overcoming geographical challenges and regional disparities, the focus must shift towards developing each district of such states as an export hub to ensure balanced economic growth.

In the era of the fourth digital industrial revolution and e-commerce channels, developing countries have been able to meet the increasing demand for goods and services from developed countries, thereby exploring new opportunities in international trade. India's

goal of making each district an export hub highlights the need for active participation from all districts to promote exports of goods and services produced or manufactured there. It is high time to work actively to overcome the trade challenges faced by landlocked states like Punjab.

To achieve the goal of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', it is imperative to promote export growth of local goods and services and increase local production, for which export promotion activities must be decentralised. India has already signed several Free Trade Agreements and is currently signing more, which will provide greater access to export markets and raise India's exports to GDP ratio from the present 22.74%.

However, in the latest ranking of states based on the Export Preparedness Index (EPI), Punjab is positioned at a low 10th with a score of 58.95, whereas Haryana takes the lead at 5th with a score of 63.65. It is noteworthy that Gujarat has the highest number of 8 districts among the top 25 districts of the country in terms of export share (54%), followed by Maharashtra with 5 districts, Haryana with one, and Punjab with none. To increase exports significantly, states must actively participate in export promotion activities in each



district.

Punjab, in particular, has untapped potential in the form of unique products in each district. Identification of these districts as export hubs would unlock their local potential and fuel economic growth, generate employment, boost rural entrepreneurship, and enhance exports. It's high time that Punjab takes the necessary steps to actively participate and promote export operations in each district, in tandem with 'Vocal for Local' and 'Make in India' initiatives.

The Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023-28 is determined to boost India's foreign trade through decentralized export promotion. As a part of this policy, the Districts as Export Hubs initiative has been introduced as a crucial strategy. This initiative aims to identify potential export products and services in all districts and create institutional mechanisms to promote them, which is a significant step towards achieving the policy's objectives.

To make this initiative

a grand success, the Districts as Export Hubs Initiative proposes several strategies. These include creating a robust institutional framework, identifying potential export products, building the capacity of new exporters, conducting outreach programs for export promotion, addressing bottlenecks related to infrastructure and logistics, and converging ongoing government schemes to support these initiatives. These strategies will ensure that India's potential for foreign trade is fully realized, and the country becomes a major player in the global market.

Permission must be granted for the flow of bilateral trade from Punjab through Pakistan Territory to Middle-East Countries, CIS Nations to Europe and the US to further boost competitive trade. To synchronize the state and centre policy of exports and act as the nodal coordination point for exporters between the state and centre, the establishment of a Directorate of Exports in the state is of utmost

importance.

Given that most trade is shifting to global value chains that require timely deliveries, exporters must be allowed to choose the shipment mode as per their business requirements. China has already created an efficient and seamless logistics system to ship goods to global customers, and we must take action now to ensure that we do not fall behind.

The government must create a separate customs code for e-commerce shipments to match the emerging channels. This will not only reduce costs but also expedite the delivery of merchandise by exempting import duties on rejects and treating re-imports as duty-exempt imports in line with global practices. It's high time that the exporters should be allowed to claim GST refunds.

To boost export orders for high-potential product categories like engineering goods, chemicals, telecom equipment, and processed food items, we must focus on developing market intelligence, organizing training for MSMEs, and facilitating the fulfilment of export orders. This is a must-do to stay ahead of the competition.

The Districts as Export Hubs Initiative should be prioritized with the objectives of enabling farmers and MSMEs to benefit from export opportuni-

ties in foreign markets. To achieve this, we need to create a district-level ecosystem for innovation and technology utilization to increase export competitiveness and reduce transit and transaction costs for the exporter at various stages of the export cycle. Platforms should also be provided for wide and global reach of products and services from the district, which in turn, will promote local farmers and small entrepreneurs. This is a win-win situation for all.

To create a competitive space in the export market, it is essential to implement the initiative effectively. State and District Export Promotion Committees have been formed, but they are not functioning effectively to meet key target areas such as disseminating market intelligence, improving quality standards, and providing access to international certification industries, as well as monitoring export performance at the district level. The District Export Action Plans aim to identify goods and services for export promotion, employment and revenue generation to drive the local economic growth.

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## Preserving Nature: The Vedic Concern

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The preservation of nature has been a concern deeply rooted in the wisdom and culture of ancient India, as reflected in the sacred texts of the Vedas. The Vedas, a collection of ancient scriptures dating back thousands of years, not only provide spiritual guidance but also contain profound insights into the relationship between humanity and the environment.

**Harmony with Nature**

The Vedas emphasise the interconnectedness and harmony between humans and nature. They view nature as a divine manifestation, and everything within it is seen as interconnected and interdependent. The idea is that humans are not separate from the environment; they are an integral part of it. This viewpoint urges individu-

als to treat nature with respect and care.

"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," a Vedic mantra, translates to "The world is one family." This concept underscores the idea that all living beings, including animals, plants, and humans, share a common bond and are part of one large family.

**Respect for All Life Forms**

The Vedas also advocate for the reverence of all life forms. Ahimsa, the principle of non-violence, is a fundamental aspect of Vedic teachings. This principle encourages individuals to refrain from causing harm to any living being, whether through their actions, words, or thoughts. It extends to all creatures, from the smallest insects to the largest mammals.

**Cyclical Understanding of Nature**

The Vedas offer a cyclical perspective of nature, highlighting



the recurring cycles of birth, growth, decay, and renewal. This understanding encourages people to live in harmony with these natural cycles rather than trying to dominate or exploit them. Vedic rituals and ceremonies are often performed in alignment with these natural cycles, reinforcing the idea of respecting the environment's rhythms.

**Preservation of Natural Resources**

The Vedic texts emphasise the sustainable use of natu-

ral resources. They stress the importance of conserving and protecting the environment for the well-being of current and future generations. Water, for instance, is considered a sacred element in Vedic culture, and there are numerous rituals and prayers dedicated to its conservation and purification. The Vedas also promote reforestation and the protection of forests, recognising their critical role in maintaining ecological balance.

**Modern Implications**

In today's world, where environmental challenges like climate change, deforestation, and pollution are pressing issues, the Vedic concern for preserving nature offers valuable insights. Here are some modern implications of Vedic wisdom:

**Sustainable Living:** The principles of sustainable living and responsible resource manage-

ment align closely with Vedic teachings. Adopting eco-friendly practices and reducing our ecological footprint can help address contemporary environmental challenges.

**Biodiversity Conservation:** Vedic teachings encourage the preservation of biodiversity and the protection of endangered species. This reflects the importance of modern conservation efforts and the need to protect fragile ecosystems.

**Water Conservation:** The Vedic reverence for water highlights the importance of conserving and protecting this vital resource.

By adopting the principles of sustainability, non-violence, and respect for all life forms, we can work towards a more harmonious relationship with nature, as inspired by the wisdom of the Vedas. I

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Diwali-Mela held at Rajdhani College to celebrate advent of festival of light

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"Sanskriti" the Cultural Committee of Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, organized "JUGMUG" a 2-day Diwali Mela on 7 and 8 November 2023 in the College premises. The Diwali Mela was organized not only to celebrate the advent of the festival of light, but also to showcase the significance of the celebration of Deepawali. On the first day of the Diwali Mela some Inter-College Competitions, like, Semi-classical Solo Singing, Poster Making and Diya Decoration were held. Participants from various constituent colleges of the University of Delhi enthusiastically participated. The students creatively depicted the several Kaandas of Ramayana, like the Bal Kaand, Ayodhya Kaand, Aranya Kaand, Kishkinda Kaand, Sundara Kaand, Lanka Kaand and Uttara Kaand,



with an intent to highlight the significance of Deepawali. On the second and penultimate day of the Diwali mela cultural performances, food and craft stalls were the main attraction. Prof. Rajesh Giri, the Principal of the college along with Prof. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, the Chairman of the Governing Body, Prof. H.C. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of South Bihar (Gaya) and Prof. Ranjan Tripathi, Joint Dean, University of Delhi, were present in the ceremonial lamp-lighting ceremony where Saraswati Vandana was rendered by the students of "Rubiayat" - the

music Society of the college. Prof. Rajesh Giri in his welcome speech highlighted the importance and significance of the celebration of the festival of light. Prof. Giri pointed out the importance of the life of Shri Ram and urged the younger generation to take inspiration from the life of Shri Ram. Students presented the myriad colours of Indian art and culture through regional and folk dance and musical performances. The Students of "Rubiayat" - the Music Society started the cultural extravaganza with a soulful medley of songs. The girl cadets of the National Cadet Corps of Rajdhani

College, presented a fusion of Bengali and Gujarati dance forms. "Nrityangana" the dance society of Sri Venkateswara College performed the "Bhavai" dance of the state of Rajasthan. Another student group from Sri Venkateswara College presented the rituals of the "Chhath Puja" through a dance performance educating the audience about the ceremonial rituals related with the people of Bihar. The north-east students group of Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College performed the "Mask dance" of the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The

student group of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College performed the "Gidda" which energized the crowd with the vibrancy of the people of Punjab and North India. Students of the Deobhoomi community showcased the culture and tradition of the state of Uttarakhand through their hill dance and musical performances. The students of "Panache" - the Fashion Society of Rajdhani College presented a Fashion Show which showcased the rich and colourful ethnic attires of India blending a fusion of tradition and modernity. The day-long event concluded with a musical performance by Monty Sherawat and team singing Haryanvi songs that entertained the audience and made them ecstatic. The convener of the Cultural Committee Mr. Shafiqul Alam presented the Vote of thanks to mark the conclusion of the successful completion of the Diwali Mela.

Gurdeep Saini highlights key issues of Panchayat Gandli in 5th B2V Program

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The fifth phase of the 'Back to Village' program was initiated across the Panchayats in the RS Pura block.

The government officials visited the local Panchayats to take stock of people's issues through interactions facilitated by the Panchayat representatives. The Panchayat of Gandli, under the RS Pura block, was attended by the Additional Commissioner of Rural Development Department, Waseem Raja, where, along with the Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini and other representatives, they listened to the issues faced by the villagers.

Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini acknowledged the central government's initiative aimed at addressing the grassroots problems through the 'Back to Village' program. He appreciated the fulfillment of some demands presented in the previous



phase but also highlighted that several demands remain unmet, emphasizing the urgent need to complete the construction of a concrete drainage in the village Kool Kala.

Saini reiterated previous requests for this vital infrastructure, noting that funding from the government is still pending. Furthermore, he urged that Jammu and Kashmir farmers should receive free electricity for pump sets, similar to the neighboring state of Punjab, and called for the swift completion of the under-construction tube well and the modernization of the Panchayat

building. He also stressed the need for prompt compensation for farmers who suffered crop damage due to recent rains.

The representatives presented their issues to the appointed officer, Waseem Raja, who assured them that their concerns would be conveyed to the government, expressing hope for a quick resolution.

Among those who were present include Block Development Officer of RS Pura, Rajesh Padha, Naib Sarpanch Pyare Lal, Som-anath, Panch Pavan Singh, Satya Devi, and other Panchayat representatives.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

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

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

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## Education system must focus on developing inner, outer self: Priya Sethi

### Institutions need to walk an extra mile to promote Vedic education: Yudhvir

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Priya Sethi, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former MoS Education Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that in the present day scenario, there is a dire need for an education system that focusses on the development of the inner as well as the outer self of the learner and due consideration has been given to this phenomenon in the New Education Policy brought by the PM Modi led Union Govt. She expressed this in her address as Chief Guest at the Annual function of RMG International School at Jandial in Bhalwal zone here today. Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President was also the Chief Guest at the function celebrated under the theme 'Mythological Journey of Yugas: Satyayug and Trityayug.

RMG International

School's Annual Day for classes 3rd to 5th dazzled with the brilliance of "Mythological Journey of Yugas," a tale that wove through the epochs, embracing the splendor of Diwali and the sanctity of Laxmi Puja. From the churning of the cosmic ocean in Satyuga to Lord Rama's triumph over Ravana in Treta Yuga, the students portrayed a mesmerizing saga. Around 350 students participated in this event.

Chairman Rohit Gupta, Director Mona Gupta, Principal Anil Pathania, Vice Principal Indu Kapoor, and the Headmistress Meenal Rathore were also present. The tapestry of mythology unfurled by the young talents left the audience enchanted, earning accolades for instilling profound values.

Addressing the gathering, Priya Sethi said that from the time of Rig-Veda



onwards, Bharat's ancient education system evolved gradually over a period of time and focussing on the holistic development of the individual by taking care of both the inner and the outer self thus delivering the best results. The success of this system was the outcome of focus on the moral, physical, spiritual and intellectual aspects of life while educating the learners under the Guru-Shishya Parampara. It emphasized on the most precious values such as humility, truthfulness,

discipline, self-reliance and respect for all creations.

The former minister also threw light on the New Education Policy (NEP) introduced by the Modi Government. She asserted that NEP is committed to inculcate human values such as empathy, compassion, tolerance, and respect for diversity in students.

"NEP emphasizes the importance of teaching children in their mother tongue or a regional language at least till Grade 5,

but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond. This will help children learn better and connect with their cultural heritage. The NEP also supports the development and use of local and folk languages in education, research, and administration," she added.

Priya Sethi said that the NEP will help to create a more inclusive and equitable education system that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Yudhvir Sethi, in his address, emphasized that teaching and learning as per the tenets of Vedas and Upanishads is the precious heritage of Bharat and it becomes our duty to preserve and promote this heritage. It is this heritage that teaches the learners right from the first day to devotedly fulfill the duties towards self, family and society, thus encompassing all aspects of life, he

added.

Sethi said that such a unique system existed in this nation only and it not only ensured but guaranteed the best citizenry and the society at large. He said that though these aspects have been taken care of in NEP, yet the education institutions will have to walk an extra mile by incorporating the essential features of Vedic Education and promote the values embedded in it so that education becomes pragmatic, achievable and complementary to life.

The senior BJP leaders Priya Sethi and Yudhvir Sethi commended the Management and staff of RMG International School for organizing this wonderful programme. They also lauded the school management for making special provision of Vedic Education for the students in the school. They said that it will go a long way

## Vilakshan condemns action driven by political vendetta against Ch. Lal Singh

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Vilakshan Singh President, J&K National Panthers party strongly condemned politically motivated action against Ch. Lal Singh Ex-minister and founder of Dogra Swabhimana Sangathan. Singh said that as per media reports action is being taken against Ch. Lal Singh for some acts alleged to have been done in the year 2011. Singh said that Ch. Lal Singh had been a cabinet minister in the PDP-BJP government formed in 2014. If some wrong had been committed by him in the year 2011, then why BJP inducted him as minister in 2014, Singh questioned. Singh said that the timing of action taken by the enforcement directorate against Ch. Lal Singh also raises question marks on the genuineness of action taken against him. Singh said that

parliamentary elections are due in April next year and in order to curb the pro Dogra voices, BJP is misusing various institutions and is targeting Dogra leaders. Singh said that Ch. Lal Singh had become an eyesore for NC and PDP after he raised demand for CBI inquiry in the Rasana incident. Vilakshan said that BJP in order to please NC and PDP seems to have got Ch. Lal Singh was inducted in a false and frivolous case in order to keep its false hope of forming a coalition government with NC or PDP alive. Singh said that actions driven by political vendetta undermine the democratic principles. Singh said that all the Dogra leaders need to come upon one platform and fight against the anti Dogra policies of BJP tooth and nail so that further deterioration of the Dogra community can be stopped.

## GDCW, Kathua hosts Three-Day Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Program

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Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, hosted a three-day Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Program (CDAP) from 7th to 9th November 2023. This significant initiative was organized in collaboration with the Office of the D.C., Udhampur (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, dedicated to promoting craft and artisan-based activities. On the first day, the inaugural session of this program began with the lighting of a lamp, and Ms. Romika Bassin, the Convener of Career Counseling and Placement and the IIC Cell, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Savi Behl, the esteemed Principal of GDCW, addressed the audience during the inaugural session, emphasizing the importance of preserving and celebrating India's diverse handicraft traditions. The primary goal of this Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Program (CDAP) was to create awareness and spread knowledge about the rich craft heritage of India. During the three-day Craft Development Awareness Program (CDAP), officials from HSC Udhampur visited and shared their expertise in various fields. Sh. Surinder Pal, Senior Assistant Direc-



tor of Handicrafts Service Centre Udhampur, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); Smt. Swati Matura, Assistant Director; and Sh. Saurabh Sawhney, Chief Technical Officer (CTO), delivered lectures. They shared their experiences and emphasized the role of handicrafts in developing essential skills for the country's growth. On the second day, artisans specializing in various crafts shared their expertise: Sh. Dharam Pal, NMC, specialized in Basholi painting.

Smt. Sona Rupri, a state awardee, demonstrated Basholi painting techniques. Sh. Sardari Lal, MCP, focused on Cane & Bamboo craftsmanship. Smt. Shamina shared her expertise in paper mache art. These skilled artisans guided the participants on how to create traditional crafts, including Basholi painting, paper mache, and cane & bamboo art. The program featured a series of demonstration sessions, workshops, and interactive activities, offering a unique learn-

ing experience to the students. On the third day, demonstrators provided a training session and shared further knowledge with the students. Later, a competition was organized among the students to display their talent and demonstrate how much they had learned from the three-day workshop. A prize distribution ceremony followed, with the first, second, and third-place winners selected in three categories: Basholi painting, Paper Machie, and Bamboo art. In the

Painting Competition, Ms. Pragati Sharma of the 3rd semester was declared the first; Ms. Gayatri Devi from the 1st semester secured the second position; Ms. Manisha Kumari of the 3rd semester achieved the third place. In the Bamboo Art category, the winners were: Ms. Nikita from the 1st semester claimed the first-place position. Ms. Astha Jaggi earned the second place. For the Paper Machie competition, Shivali from 5th Sem was awarded the first place and Tamana secured the third position.

Dr. Savi Behl, the principal of the college, delivered a concluding speech in which she expressed gratitude to all officials and demonstrators for imparting practical knowledge to the students, which would help them improve their skills. The program concluded with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Vaishno Devi, from the Department of Dogri. The event was graced by various committee members, including Prof. Pallavi, Ms. Anuradha, Dr. Usha Kiran and Dr. Deepti Salotra. Their collective efforts ensured the successful organization of the program, promising an engaging and enlightening experience for all participants. A total of 60 students participated and attended this awareness and craft demonstration program.

## NSS/NCC Unit of GDCW, Kathua organized seminar on "Right to Education"

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The NSS/NCC Unit of Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, organized seminar on topic "Right to Education" under the supervision of Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of the college. This event was conducted under the banner of "My Constitution My Pride," with the overarching goal of disseminating awareness about this essential right and its profound significance. The seminar witnessed the active participation of seven enthusiastic students who shared their perspectives and insights on this pivotal subject. The entire program was organized by Dr. Arun Dev, NSS Programme Officer; Prof. Pallavi, Nodal Officer of Shikshit Bharat; Dr. Vaishno Devi, NCC Incharge. The seminar served as a platform



for students to engage in meaningful discussions, enabling them to express their thoughts and reflections on the vital issue of the Right to Education. In recognition of their outstanding contributions,

Ms. Muskan Thakur from sem III was declared the first position holder, with Nivrat from sem III securing the second position, and Ms. Neha from 5th sem achieving the third position.

## JKESTW Society demands release of 4% DA, Medical Allowance

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Jammu and Kashmir Excise State Taxes Employees welfare society (JKESTW) President Vijay Sharma Rtd.DC demands release of 4% DA installment due from July 2023 and enhancement of Medical Allowance from Rs.300 to Rs.1000 per month. In a meeting of society held under the Chairmanship of its President Vijay Sharma, the members expressed their deep concern over delay in releasing 4% DA installment of the J&K Government employees and Pensioners. These alleged that Government has failed to enhance the medical Allowance of the employees and Pensioners upto Rs.1000/- per month at par with central Government employees.

## "Women for Water, Water for Women" – Jal Diwali Campaign concludes with resounding success

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NEW DELHI, NOV 9

The "Women for Water, Water for Women" campaign, a pioneering initiative by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in partnership with the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) and Odisha Urban Academy, concluded with resounding success on its third day, 9th November, 2023. The transformative campaign, under the flagship scheme Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), was aimed at fostering inclusion of women in water governance. The campaign spread across three days, witnessed participation of over 14,000 women from various parts of the country (excluding poll-bound States), who actively engaged in "Jal Diwali". During the campaign,



these empowered women embarked on visits to over 530 Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) nationwide and gained invaluable firsthand knowledge of the intricate processes involved in delivering clean and safe drinking water to households.

State officials extended a warm welcome to the SHG women, emphasizing their crucial role in the campaign's success. Field visit kits, including

essentials such as training manual, water bottles, sippers, eco-friendly bags, and badges, were presented to all participants.

Throughout the campaign, women delved deeper into the sphere of water infrastructure, receiving expert guidance on water quality testing protocols, and performed these tests themselves. This knowledge will further empower them to ensure the highest stan-

dards of water purity for their communities, reflecting a profound sense of ownership and responsibility towards water infrastructure.

The focus areas of "Jal Diwali" included familiarizing and educating women about the AMRUT scheme and its widespread impact, providing comprehensive exposure to Water Treatment Plants, and promoting inclusivity through souvenirs and articles crafted by Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Additionally, participants committed to conserve and utilize water resources judiciously, a crucial step towards sustainable water management.

The collective efforts of SHGs and State officials from 29 States/ UTs have made a significant stride towards inclusivity and women empowerment in the critical domain of water infrastructure.

## Billawaria initiates devp works at Babliana road & ward-56, Gangyal

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria Initiates Development Works at Babliana road & ward No 56, Gangyal in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, reaffirmed the commitment to advancing the development initiatives within the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). To bolster this commitment, he recently visited the Babliana road and Govt. Gangyal Hospital in ward No 56, kick starting blacktopping and reviewing ongoing development endeavours. During the visit, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed a dedicated focus on the comprehensive development of all areas in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. He reiterated the Municipal Corporation



alignment with the guiding principles of Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi, embracing the mantra of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, aur Sabka Paryas." Billawaria emphasised that the JMC will tirelessly pursue and implement developmental projects, never falling behind in its mission to elevate the

city's infrastructure and services. "The Jammu Municipal Corporation remains resolute in its commitment to the holistic development of our city," stated Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria. "We are determined to follow Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi vision and work tirelessly to ensure progress, inclusivity, and the trust of our citizens. The JMC will persistently strive to implement initiatives that contribute to the betterment of our communities." "Our vision for Jammu involves comprehensive development and progress in every neighbourhood," emphasised Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria. "We are steadfast in our resolve to implement the guiding principles



## Raina begins 3-day tour of Udhampur for "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan"

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its President Ravinder Raina held various programmes under the "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" in Jammu & Kashmir. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina today began his 3-days tour in Udhampur area where he addressed general masses in 4 programmes today itself. He addressed first programme in Kambal Danga Panchayat, Jib Rehambal Mandal, second programme in Malad Panchayat of Tikri Mandal, third programme in Gandala Panchayat of Krimchi Mandal and 4th programme in Narso Panchayat of Udhampur.

BJP Udhampur District President Arun Gupta, former Minister Pawan Gupta, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, former MLA & party Spokesperson Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania, DDC Chairman Lal Chand Bhagat, Seh-Prabhari Sheel Mangotra, DDC Poorav, DDC Ashu, DDC Balwan Singh BDC Chairperson Jeevan, Vipam, Mandal President Subhash, Mandal President Shashi Pradhan, Sar-



panches, Panches besides the general masses participated in these programmes.

"BJP is organizing massive "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" programmes on daily basis in every Panchayat to have direct interaction with people and apprise them of the major achievements of Modi government in the last 9.5 years and also seek feedback of common masses at the same time", said Ravinder Raina.

Raina said that the BJP leaders in these programmes are reporting that the people are praising the Modi government for splendid development works and numerous public welfare schemes.

Raina mentioned that DDC, BDC and other elected representatives

are also attending the meetings, who are themselves taking serious note of the public issues and doing whatever is needed to fulfil the aspirations of people at the earliest. Raina enumerated the benefits of Ayushman Gold Health Cards, benefits to the farmers under Kissan Samman Nidhi, homes to the needy under PM Awas Yojana, scholarships for higher studies, Ladli Beti Yojana, Pension Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission etc. He said that the PM Modi is serving the nation selflessly and asked the people to support BJP in strengthening the hands of PM Modi in upcoming elections to continue with the fast paced development works and the welfare of the needy people.

Terming the Modi gov-

ernment as "Gareebon Ki Sarkar", Raina said that people are chanting the mantra of "Fir Ek Baar, Modi Sarkar". Today, Raina said, that BJP is conducting massive rallies in the remotest areas where no other political party is able to hold such events.

Similar programmes were held in booth no1, Panchayat Dreri and booth no 2 in Panchayat Dabrote in Mandal Manajkote, Thannamandi Assembly Constituency in District Rajouri.

Another programme was held in booth 32 & booth 41 in ward 5, in Municipal Council Rajouri. A programme of booth 106, 107 & 108 in Panchayat Sawani of Mandal Doongi in Rajouri Constituency was also held in this connection.

## Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua kick starts "Seed Village Program" in Hiranagar Sector



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, NOV 9

Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua started sowing of Wheat Crop under "Seed Village Program" during Rabi 2023-24 in 200 Acres of area in Village Mada and Village Paharpur along zero line of Hiranagar Sector, Kathua.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sh. Sanjeev Rai Gupta said, "The Department is set to bring a total of 500 hectares of area under Seed Village Program during Rabi 2023-24 and the target will be achieved with in next few days. The department also provides Rs. 500/ quintal extra bonus in addition to Minimum Support Price

as buy back incentive to farmers under Seed Village Program. The seed procured as certified seed by the Department from a seed village is again refined and disbursed among farmers as a buy back system".

Sh. Sanjeev Rai Gupta, CAO Kathua said, "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for sowing wheat crop by using Super Seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as ploughing, sowing and planking of the field simultaneously, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods."

It is pertinent to mention that, total area under

Wheat Cultivation in the District is 45894 Hectare. Last year, Agriculture Department Kathua encouraged farmers to cultivate 14000 hectare of land in line sowing by using Super Seeder. This year, the department has set target to cultivate, all low lying plain area under wheat, to be sown, using Super Seeder and encouraged the farming community of the District for the same. During the whirlwind tour, officers and officials accompanied the Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua were Sh. Murari Lal, District Agriculture Officer (Ext) Kathua, Sh. Sanjiv Chib, AEO Airwan Sh. Narayan Singh, JAO and Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Agriculture Extension Assistant.

GDC Marh hosts maiden 2-day orientation cum training 'NIPUN' camp for college Scouts & Guides

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

With the objective to groom college Scouts & Guides and develop their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as responsible citizens, and as member of local, National and International communities, a two day NIPUN Camp for 3 units of rangers/Rovers of JKBSG was inaugurated today at Government Degree College Marh.

Witnessing great zeal and enthusiasm, the camp commences under supreme guidance and captainship of the College Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul.

The inaugural programme began with felicitation of guests with bouquets and mementos, lighting of traditional lamp which added spirituality to the whole event. The guests were formerly welcomed by Dr. Balwinder Saini, unit leader (Rovers) of the college.

## Shri Hanuman Jayanti on Saturday, Nov 11: Rohit Shastri

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

In this world, only eight people have received the boon of immortality, and Lord Ram's devotee Hanuman is one of them. There is a difference of opinion regarding the birthdate of Lord Hanuman. Some consider Hanuman's birthdate on Kartik Krishna Chaturdashi, while others on Chaitra Shukla Purnima. Both these dates are mentioned in the scriptures.

In Northern India, most Hanuman devotees celebrate his birth anniversary on Kartik month, Krishna Paksha's Trayodashi. This year, Hanuman Jayanti falls on November 11th, Saturday. According to scriptures, Hanuman was born at night, so performing Hanuman Ji's puja and archana during the night is considered more auspicious. On Saturday, November 11th, after 01:58 PM, the Chaturdashi Tithi of Kartik Krishna Paksha begins, and it continues throughout the night.

Regarding this, Shri kailash jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan trust President Mahant Rohit shastri Jyotishacharya explained that Hanuman, the eleventh Rudra of Lord Shiva, is still present wherever the glories of Lord Ram are being sung. He possessed eight supernatural powers: Anima, Laghima, Mahima, Garima, Prapti, Prakamya, Ishita, and Vashita.

Apart from Lord Hanuman, he is also known by various names such as Bajrangbali, Maruti, Anjani Suta, Pavanputra, Sankatmochan, Kesari Nandan, Mahaveer, Kapish, Shankar Suwan, and more.

Worship Ritual for Shri Hanuman Ji:

- Take a bath in the morning and sprinkle Ganga water on the northeast corner of your house or in the puja room. Spread a red cloth on it and place the idols of Lord Ram, Sita, and Hanuman or use betel nuts if idols are not available.

- Perform self-puja and offer a red cloth and Sindoor to Hanuman Ji's idol. Apply Sindoor on your forehead.
- Offer Bundi ke Laddoo to Hanuman Ji and light a ghee lamp with Jasmine oil,



- adding saffron Sindoor.
- Place a coconut on Hanuman Ji's idol or betel nut and offer Sindoor to it.
- Place eight Naariyal (coconuts) on your head and then put them at Hanuman Ji's feet.
- Offer five Desi Ghee Rotis. Offering these on Hanuman Jayanti frees you from enemies and brings growth in your business.
- Tie a saffron-colored langota to Hanuman Ji to increase your business.
- Raise a Kesari flag in your home.

On Hanuman Jayanti, reciting the Hanuman Chalisa five or eleven times brings special blessings, and all desires are fulfilled. Students benefit from reciting the Chalisa as it enhances memory and brings success in the field of education.

Some people observe fasting with great enthusiasm and devotion. Applying Sindoor to the idols of Lord Hanuman is a tradition. Lord Ram applied Sindoor to his entire body once for a long life, and that's why applying Sindoor is considered auspicious. Chanting Hanuman Chalisa in front of a south-facing idol of Lord Hanuman during the evening is highly significant. Reading the Sundarakand of Ramcharitmanas is also recommended on Hanuman Jayanti.

For serious health issues, chant the mantra "Om Lakshmanapradatrem Namah" for relief from health problems. To overcome health problems, chant "Nasai Rog Hare Sab Peera, Japat Niranantar Hanumat Beera" with full devotion.

As per the scriptures, worshipping Lord Hanuman removes the doshas of Rahu and Shani. On Saturday, November 11th, Kartik Masik Shivaratri Vrat and Dhanvantari Jayanti are also observed.

## Modi Govt committed for overall devp of far flung, rural areas: Col Mahan

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, NOV 9

In a significant push for rural development, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman of District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, embarked on an inspection tour of Bhoond (Sheetal Nagar) Block to oversee and initiate various developmental projects. The Chairman's visit underscored the Modi Government's commitment to accelerating progress in remote areas.

Capt. Anchal Singh, Virander Singh, Anand Seth, and the BDO of Bhoond, Shalendra Kumar accompanied the DDC Chairman. Col Mahan inaugurated the construc-

tion of a C/path from Shara to Mohalla Majra, worth Rs. 8 lakhs, and laid the foundation for lane work in the upper Shara region in Sandhar Panchayat.

Highlighting the government's focus on sports and youth development, Col Singh also kick-started the construction of a cemented volleyball court at the Government Higher Secondary School Bhoond. This project, valued at Rs. 8.5 lakhs, is being undertaken by the Youth and Sports Services Department of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

During his visit to the Government Higher Secondary School Bhoond, Col Mahan reviewed the infrastructure and inter-



acted with faculty and students to understand their challenges and the quality of education provided.

The DDC Chairman, in his address, asserted that Modi led BJP Government at the Centre and U.T

Administration in Jammu and Kashmir is committed for the welfare and well-being of rural areas.

He reiterated the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government's commitment for the overall development and upliftment of far flung and rural areas. He highlighted the achievements of the Union Govt he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken utmost care of the common people especially those living in far flung areas.

The visit concluded with a comprehensive review meeting where Col Singh, while interacting with the Block Development Officer (BDO) and staff, stressed the importance of maintaining the quality of work and adhering to timelines for the completion of development projects.

## Prof. Parshant Bakshi delivered Guest Lecture in IPB, University, Indonesia

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Prof. Parshant Bakshi who has been awarded a prestigious fellowship under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP, IDP-SKUAST-Jammu) and is presently working as Head, Fruit Science, SKUAST-Jammu is on deputation as visiting scientist to Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) University, Indonesia for attending the 50 days international training and exposure visit w.e.f. October 16, 2023. During his stay in IPB for last 23 days, he has taken exposure of tropical fruit production, organic production of vegetables by sensors, smart greenhouse nursery, floating hydroponics, bagging of guava fruits, drone application for spraying of micronutrients, futuristic farming under controlled conditions using LED lights, packaging of organic produce, media for green house plants and automatic sowing of seeds, visit to Agribusiness Technology Park, Centre for Tropical Horticulture in Tajur and Sukhmantri, largest plant producing Rumpin nursery not only himself but will share it



with UG and PG students of Horticulture as well as Organic farming by way of taking online classes on YouTube with special sessions where he premiered 20 videos which are available on all these aspects which are available for other students, researchers, scholars and others who are interested in latest technological interventions in Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sciences.

He is also offered with some guest lectures by the University and has taken second lecture of PG students of Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, IPB University today on 07-11-23 on Improvement in the Quality of Horticulture Produce wherein he discussed about the latest technological interventions for improving shelf life of horticultural produce such as coat-

ing, hot water treatment, vapour heat treatment, active packaging, smart packaging, e-nose and e-tongue, biodegradable substances as well as nano packaging. The students feel very much satisfied and thanked him for such an interactive lecture.

Prof Ani Kurniawati is the coordinator of this course and Prof. Deden is the moderator for smooth conduct of this lecture. It is worth while to mention that Prof. Iskandar Siregar, Vice Rector, International Collaboration, IPB and Prof. Syaifah, Vice Dean, International Collaboration, Faculty of Agriculture, IPB University are taking care for making the training and exposure visit of Prof. Parshant Bakshi more comfortable and fruitful so that future collaboration will also take place for the exchange of students and faculty of both the Universities.

## Modi Govt fully committed for devp of J&K: Kavinder

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Central Government headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta while starting development work of lanes and drains at Belicharana, Ward No. 6 of Jammu Cantonment Board. Vinay Gupta, senior BJP leader, Bharat Bhushan, Vice Chairman Cantonment Board, Narinder Koki, Rachit Khosla, Suraj Raina, Avtar Singh, Amrik Singh and Hans Raj also accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta said that BJP believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas and Sabka Vishwas' as a result



of which the party has been progressing by leaps and bounds with each passing day. He said that it is the performance of the party and its government work on ground especially in terms of development that speaks for itself. He said that while the government stands committed to overall development of every area especially in Jammu and Kashmir it is necessary that people also ensure proactive participation by monitoring the quality of material used in the developmental works.

Kavinder said that the Union Govt led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a series of

schemes for the common people across the nation. He said that these schemes cover every section of the society. He asked party cadre to disseminate information about Modi Govt's flagship schemes in each and every household of Gandhi Nagar constituency so that the benefit of such schemes reaches right upto the tail ender in the line of common people.

Referring to work started today, Kavinder said the execution of works has been initiated and it will be completed with no compromise on the quality of work so that people don't have to suffer in the future.



# Jobs, economy will grow if DPAP comes to power: Azad

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SRINAGAR NOV 9

Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad today while addressing workers convention in Bandipora, said that the Jammu and Kashmir is in dire need of a visionary leadership who can take it out of prevailing chaos and build it as an economic centre to expand job opportunities for its youth. He said the politics in present times is far more difficult in Jammu and Kashmir where no ordinary and tainted people can afford to hold the reins of the UT. "What will they do if they win elections. They have no roadmap, no vision for way forward," he said. He said if any immature is on the top seat of UT, he can create disaster politically and economically. "We can't afford to handover



UT to anyone who is incapable of leading it. I feel for my youth who are the worst sufferers given the poor economic conditions and low job opportunities," Azad added. Azad said that due to non availability of jobs, the youth in Jammu and Kashmir are unable to shoulder their responsibilities. "Our youth are not willing to get married, they are not able to satisfy the needs of their older parents and eventually landing them

in depression," he said. The DPAP chairman said that his vision of building Jammu and Kashmir as peaceful and progressive state earlier could not reach to its logical end since he got very little time to realise his dream. "But I am hopeful that this time you will give me chance to take further my vision and agenda for my people," he said. He said the projects he executed and sanctioned as Chief Minister shall be remem-

bered for decades to come and have been proven instrumental in the economy and social growth of the UT.

"If you support me I promise you J&K will grow as one of the richest regions of South Asia with surplus jobs available for its people," he said. Among others who were present on the occasion were Taj Mohiuddin Treasurer, G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial President, Shoaib Lone Distt President, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Saleem Parray Spokesperson, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial Gen Secretary, Sujada Bashir, Tasleema Akhtar, Dr Shubi Jaan, Haji Musadiq, Bilal Peer Zonal President, Basharat Najar, Khalid Tufail, Ghulam Nabi Palpuri and others.

## GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, KISHTWAR

Mini Secretariat Kishtwar-182204 (J&K)- India.kishtwarpcp@gmail.com

Subject: Engagement of Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) Fellow.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION NO: 01 DDCK OF 2023  
DATED: 06-11-23

Applications are invited for engagement of Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) Fellow, on contractual basis for a period of 01 year to work in Block Marwah of District Kishtwar from all across the country.

S.No.	Post	No. of Posts	Eligibility Criteria
1	Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) Fellow	01	1. Post-Graduation in Rural Development Public Administration/Business administration Economics/Statistics/Development Economics from a recognized institution. 2. Should possess data analysis and presentation skills. 3. Should be conversant with use of social media. 4. Should possess Project Management Skills. 5. Experience of working/ Internship with a development organization. 6. Self-drive with good communication skills. 7. Knowing the local language of the respective Aspirational Block is a requirement for Aspirational Block Fellow. 8. Well conversant with both English, Hindi, Urdu, and Local language as the work requires field level interaction.

No relaxation of any kind to be allowed.

Age Limit:-Minimum = 21 Years Maximum = 40 Years

Remuneration: The engage Aspirational Block Fellow will get stipend @ Rs. 55,000/per month.

How to Apply:- Applicants should submit their application in the prescribed format as per the notification by enclosing relevant attested copies of certificates in a closed envelop or any working day by registered post/ speed post/courier on or before 4:00 PM dated 15/11/2023 to the address of Joint Director Planning Kishtwar, Pin 182204.

The application forms completed in all respects can also be mailed at kishtwarpcp@gmail.com from 03/11/2023 to 15/11/2023.

Selection Process: The selection shall be based on:

- Weightage to Academic Merit in minimum eligible qualification (i.e post- graduation) on pro-rata basis: 60 Points
- Experience: 20 Points

S. No	Weightage	Govt. Institution	Private Institution
1	Points for 01-year experience	5	2
2	Points for 02-year experience	10	5
3	Points above 02-year Experience	20	10

iii. Viva-Voce: 20 Points

iv. The short-listed candidates (@1:5 ratio) will be called for viva-voce after the scrutiny of application forms.

Tenure of AB Fellows: The tenure of Aspirational Block Fellow will initially for a span of one year. The program allows for one-year extension of the fellowship, contingent upon the fellow's satisfactory performance and demonstration of contributions to the programme's objective.

Role & Responsibilities of Aspirational Blocks Fellow:

The Aspirational Blocks Fellows will be positioned as a critical link between the Block level Officials and NITI Aayog. Their primary responsibilities will include:

- Will assist the District and Block administration in implementation of Aspirational Block Programme.
- Collaborating with Block level Officials to design and execute development strategies aligned with ABP thematic areas.
- Conducting regular field visits to assess project implementation address challenges and collect ground-level insights to ensure that the interventions are response to people's needs and demands. 4. Analysing data and providing evidence-based recommendations to District Level Officials to optimize developmental initiatives.
- Organizing workshops, awareness campaigns, and skill building programs to empower the local community.
- Keeping States and NITI Aayog abreast with the issues, challenges and need for support.
- Help in the documentation of good governance practices.
- Use the ABP portal to assess the performance of the Block and communicate to all the Block level Officials.
- To attend all the training programmes conduct by NITI Aayog State Government or District.
- To send reports at regular intervals to the Deputy Commissioner / Joint Director Planning Office /Block Development officer/ State Nodal officer/NITI Aayog regarding the performance of the Block. 11. To work under the overall guidance of the Deputy Commissioner and District level implementation and monitoring committee.

Conditions

- The selection of the post is purely based on merit.
- This recruitment is purely on contract basis. The applicants can't have any right to claim for continuance in the post and the selected candidate can be terminated from the contract without giving any notice, even in the middle of the contract period.
- The Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar reserves the right to cancel this notification, without any prior notice or intimation to the applicant, which can't be challenged in any court.
- The applicant shall provide all the requisite original documents at the time of certificates/documents verification in the selection process.
- The engaged person does not have the right to claim any TA, DA, or any other allowances, applicable to the Government Staff.
- The engaged person does not have any right to claim for regularization of their services.
- The decision of the Interview Board in selecting the Fellow will be final.
- The Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar has the full authority to cancel the deployment of personnel on any ground, which is against the spirit of the Aspirational Block Program guidelines issued by the Government of India (GoI).
- No applications shall be entertained after the last date.
- The ABP Fellow engaged have to reside in the respective block area.

Sd/-

Dr. Bevanish Yadav (IAS)  
District Development Commissioner Kishtwar  
Dated: 6/11/2023

No: DDCK/ABPF-635/2023/4276-80

### APPLICATION FORM

Deployment of Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) Fellow on contractual Basis.

Name of Applicant IN BLOCK LETTERS				
Father/ Guardian				
Gender (M/F/Other)				
Date of Birth (As per BOSE Certificate)				
Age as on 01/10/2023				
Nationality				
Permanent Address				
Present Address				
Contact No.				
Email Address				
Academic Qualification				
Name of the Examination Passed		Subject/ Course	Board/ University	Year of passing
10th or Matriculation				%age of marks or CGPA or Grade
12th or Intermediate				
Graduation				
Post-Graduation				
Any other				
12 Experience in relevant field in any Private or Government Departments with evidence				
Organization		Place of Posting	Designation	Experience
				Achievements

### DECLARATION

I,..... an Applicant of Aspirational Block Fellow Son/ do hereby confirm that the information furnished Daughter/Wife ..... of above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the notification. I further declare that I have carefully read the description of the post, qualification, method of selection and other terms and conditions and have no objections/reservations in this regard.

I further understand that this is purely a temporary engagement and can be terminated at any point of time. I solemnly affirms and declare that I shall not claim for any permanent absorption in department in future.

Place:  
Date:

Signature of Applicant

Certificates Enclosures in Xerox (Attested)

- Qualification certificates
- DOB Certificate
- Experience Certificate (if any)

DIP/J-10786/23

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION AKHNOOR

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 10 of 2023-24 Dated 07-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Repair of Lane and Drain from H/o Sh. Raju Gill to H/o Sh. Jhony in ward No. 01 MC Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	2.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
2	Repair of Lane and Drain from H/o Sh. Kasturi Lal to H/o Lt. Sh.Vijay Kumar in Ward No.2 Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	2.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
3	Repair of Lane and Drain from H/o Sh. Krishan Gopal to Onwards in Ward No. 03 MC Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	2.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
4	Repair of lane and drain in Ward No.4 & 6 MC Akhnoor by way of lane and drain from Radha Krishan Temple to H/O Sh. Ashok Kumar W.No.4 and repair in W.No.6 MC Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	4.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
5	Repair of Lane and Drain from H/o Sh. Varinder Mishra to H/o Sh. Akash deep in ward No. 05 MC Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	2.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
6	Repair of Lane and Drain in Ward No. 06 and Ward No. 11 in MC Akhnoor ( 1st Call)	2.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
7	Repair of Lane and drain of Dharam Paul Gupta Advocate in ward no 8,MC Akhnoor	5.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
8	Construction/Repair of Lane and drain in Ward no 9,Akhnoor. ( 1st Call)	5.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
9	Construction/Repair of Lane and drain in Ward no 10,Akhnoor. ( 1st Call)	1.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
10	Construction/Repair of Lane and drain in Ward no 12,Akhnoor. ( 1st Call)	1.98	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D
11	Construction/Repair of Lane and drain in (from house of Gulzar Singh onwards) Ward no 13,Akhnoor( 1st Call)	1.99	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	20 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 20-11-2023	A B C D

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07-11-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-11-2023 to 18-11-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	14-11-2023 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
4	Bid submission Start Date	08-11-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	18-11-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	20-11-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor at the time of allotment.

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

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor The date for same shall be intimated separately.

No:- 1385-1395

Dated : 07-11-2023

(Er. Sunil Kumar Dogra)  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Akhnoor

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Date: 9-11-23



## Shiv Kumar IPS holds interaction programme with trainees, staff of PTTI Vijaypur



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
VIJAYPUR, NOV 9

In order to know about the problems being faced by the trainees and staff in carrying out their day to day activities, Shri Shiv Kumar, IPS, Principal PTTI Vijaypur held interaction programme with trainees and staff of the PTTI Vijaypur. During interaction programme, Principal PTTI Vijaypur briefed the trainees that the purpose of this interaction programme is to bring improvement in facilities in the training centre. Trainees expressed their satisfaction with trainings

being imparted to them and also appreciated both indoor and outdoor staff for their good cooperation and excellent training. They also reflected their satisfaction with existing infrastructure of the institute. Principal PTTI Vijaypur stressed upon all staff and trainees to maintain good discipline and take care of their well being and physical fitness. They were also told to avoid use of cell phones while on duty as well as training. Principal stressed upon all staff and trainees to ensure zero tolerance towards corruption in their life and give stress

upon physical / sports activities to enhance their physical fitness as well as to de-stress themselves. Among others, Shri Dushayant Sharma, Vice Principal, Shri Zia-ul-Haq, Dy. SP Outdoor, Shri Devinder Gupta, Dy.SP (R&D), Shri Khushwant Singh, Dy.SP (Admn), Inspr. Javed Hussain (CDI/RI), Inspr. Surrinder Paul (CLI/CTI), Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kal-sotra, Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Hemanshu Dutta, SI Sulinder Singh, SI Balwan Singh were present on the occasion.

## NC propagating communal agenda in J&K: Vibodh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Charging the National Conference (NC) of playing politics of deceit and lies, Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary & former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, said that the Kashmir based party is propagating its communal agenda and responsible for misleading and provoking the people for vote bank politics.

Vibodh Gupta said this while addressing a public meeting in Ward No. 3 in R.S. Pura assembly constituency of Jammu South district along with BJP Vice-President and former minister Sham Lal Choudhary and other leaders.

He expressed concern over the kind of politics being played by the NC, whose leaders have always tried to give communal outlook to any issue which aims at benefitting the other community.

Vibodh Gupta said that NC vice-president Omar Abdullah, has exposed his party's hidden agenda of disrespecting other communities and the same in clear from Omar's reaction on construction of road to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji in Kashmir. He said that whatever the former CM has said is not just slip of tongue or any kind of misunderstanding but part of a well thought strategy to hurt the sentiments of Hindus. It clearly shows that the intentions are to provoke the people of Kashmir as if this region belongs to them only and anything which do not suit



their interests, is questioned and not accepted.

Vibodh Gupta said that the people still remember the role of NC in 1989, when this party was in front line to force the Kashmiri Hindus to leave their homes and hearths in Valley. The NC's sympathy for anti-India, Pro-Pakistan forces is known to all. It is the same NC, which like PDP, raises questions on killing of militants. The past track of NC will leave no one in any doubt that its leaders promoted communal and regional considerations, which weakened the social fabric and created hatred in the minds of Kashmiri people against Hindus and Jammu region. He expressed hope that good sense would prevail on NC leaders and they stop playing communal politics.

Sham Lal Choudhary, while speaking in the meeting, said that during the last over nine years, Narendra Modi govern-

ment has done a lot for bridging the gap between the urban and rural areas. Today even the remotest and border villages are well connected with road network. The farmers have been gifted many schemes for their economic upliftment.

BJP Mahila Morcha General Secretary Neha Mahajan, in her address, informed that for the first time after independence, large number of welfare schemes have been launched exclusively for women, which have brought changes in their lives.

District General Secretary Akash Gupta spoke on the party's ongoing programmes in Jammu South district.

This public meeting was also addressed by R.S. Pura Municipality Committee President Sat Pal Pappy, Mandal President Vikram Sadhu, Ward No. 3 Councillor Kishore Sharma and others.

## Rekha slams Nitish Kumar's remark on women

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan issued a statement today launching a strong attack on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over his derogatory remarks against women in relation to population control and said crass words were uttered in the state assembly and there was "no shame". Rekha Mahajan stated that the People of

the INDI alliance are roaming, playing tricks to dislodge our government, a leader of the INDI alliance said indecent words in the assembly in which mothers and sisters were present. No one can imagine. There is no shame. Not only this, no leader of the INDI alliance was prepared to speak a word against such dangerous insult of sisters, and mothers," She added.

Rekha has unequivocally condemned his comments in the state assembly, calling

them "derogatory" and "offensive" and she described the statement as "shameful" and "worth criticizing." Rekha demanded that the Chief Minister resign and issue an apology to the citizens of the country. Rekha said his mindset and crass remarks in the Vidhan Sabha are an affront to the dignity and respect that every woman deserves, such derogatory and cheap language used during his speech is a dark stain on our society.

## 'Maharaja Ranjeet Singh, Sadi Jaan' song released

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Ex Minister and President of Jatt Sabha J&K Manjeet Singh released the Song 'Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Sadi Jaan' here on today.

The song was released at Press Club Jammu where Manjeet Singh was the chief guest accompanied by Ex MLC Choudhary Vikram Randhawa The Guest Of Honour and other guests.

V Randhawa is the singer as well as the Lyricist of the song. The music of the song was composed by Taar E Beat Breaker (Punjab) whereas the video work done by Aman Rai.

While addressing media, S. Manjeet Singh said, "It is good to see that the young talents Jammu has been coming out to work on the glorious history of India and V Randhawa's song on Maharaja Ranjeet Singh reflects his hard work



not only in technical aspects but also on Historical research."

Ex MLC Choudhary Vikram Randhawa said, "I congratulate V Randhawa and his team for the beautiful song on Maharaja Ranjit Singh."

Singer V Randhawa said, "I dedicated this song to the Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjeet Singh." And As Early As Possible I Make A Song On Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Also.

I have already released 8-10 tracks And Many More Are Waiting For Release. whereas my

first song was released in 2019 'Jatti..

It is pertinent to mention that 3 songs were released by Punjab famous company White Hills, he added.

My song Moosajatt was also released to pay tribute to Sidhu Moosewala Post After 10 days of his death. This is First Official Tribute Song Ever On YouTube By Any Singer In Punjabi Music Industry.

It is my humble appeal to the audience to watch my new song at my youtube channel VRandhawaOfficial, he added.

## Sham Basson kick-starts Slab Laying work of community hall at New Basti, Bahu Fort

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Slab laying work on first floor of community hall at New Basti Bahu Fort was started by Sham Lal Basson corporator ward number 48 Bahu Fort Jammu. It will have a great importance regarding benefits to poor families of Bahu Fort especially New Basti and Bazigar Basti. The marriages of daughters of Mohalla New Bast, Bazigar Basti will be done free of cost. Basson said quality work has been done under the close supervision of Er Lokesh Gupta Xen, Er Mengi AEE and Khalid Junior engineer. While speaking on this occasion Sham Lal Basson said that projects worth crores of rupees has been completed. The works of crores of rupees have been started and projects of crores of rupees are going to be undertaken shortly. The Smart City projects such as community toilets, passenger sheds, water AMT'S, police booths, heritage lights, widening

of roads, establishment of Sewerage Treatment Plants, laying of sewerage lines, establishment of parks, Upgradation of nallahs, installation of lights, construction of footpaths, construction of parkings, conversion of Government higher secondary School Bahu Fort as Smart School, Upgradation of School with the cost of Rs 50 lacs, installation of water, music fountain at Bagh-e-Bahu, beautification of Har ki Pauri road has given a different look. Sham Lal Basson further said that beautification of Bahu Fort road is attracting more more tourists especially pilgrimage tourists. The tourists can spend whole day while starting from Balidhan Stambh to Har ki Pauri, Mohmaya Temple, Gandola ride, historical Mahakali Temple, Musical water fountain, fish aquarium etc. This will definitely increase the business of Bahu Fort area. Sham Lal Basson also disclosed that he has given doorstep services to the people of Bahu Fort. He expressed happi-

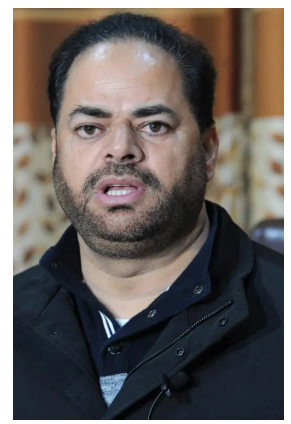
ness that ward is saturated from Pension point of view but he regretted that L G Administration stopped widow, old age Pensions by issuing Order No 156 of 2022 dated 8-9-2022 keeping condition of PHH ration card. The old age, widow and disabled persons have been debarred. He appealed to LG to order for deletion condition of PHH ration card or PHH ration card may be prepared otherwise these people will be debarred from this facility. Sham Lal Basson further elaborated that caste certificates were prepared and were given at doorstep. People of New Basti thanked Sham Basson for providing facilities such as construction of Lanes and drains. Basson said Upgradation of Rajeev Nagar nallah is big achievement because 10 to 12 houses were damaged every year. Prof C L Shivgotra, Sham Lal Kalsi, Ram Lal, Vikas Kalsi, Mangat Kalsi, Joginder Kumar, Om Prakash, Rajesh Kumar and others were present.

## Abandoning democratic rights tantamount to making public unrepresented, defenseless: Vikar Rasool

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR NOV 9

Congress shall continue to fight for a dignified life to people, who are feeling humiliated after the downgrading of full-fledged J&K State into two UTs, besides abandoning them of democratic rights which tantamount to making them (people) unrepresented and defenseless.

The uncompromising fight of Congress shall continue against undermining of democratic institutions and betraying people on so-called development and prosperity, which is being sold brazenly for political gains on the part of BJP. J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Vikar Rasool Wani made these comments while addressing an impressive party worker's meeting of Kulgam District in South Kashmir. Former JKPCC President Peerzada Mohd Sayeed and various other leaders of PCC and DCC also addressed the



meeting.

JKPCC Chief asserted that Congress Party shall vigorously continue its uncompromising fight against undermining of democratic institutions and betraying people for political gains by the BJP. The claims regarding so-called development and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir is contrary to the ground situation as the matter of fact is BJP has pushed J&K towards darkness on every count be it the development, be it the employment or

empowerment of people or be it economy and many other significant developmental measures that were required to be taken for the wellbeing of public, which has not happened.

JKPCC Chief emphasized the party workers to make tireless efforts to reach out to people and seek resolution of the issues concerning them at grass roots, though the Govt is claiming to have brought down the stars in respect of development, peace and prosperity in J&K, but that is a white lie, which is known to every individual in Jammu as well as in Kashmir. Abandoning people of democratic rights tantamount to making them unrepresented, and defenseless constitutionally, JKPCC Chief added.

On this occasion Vikar Rasool Wani expressed satisfaction over the acceptance and the strength Congress Party has gained across J&K

## Vipul Bali congratulates Nishant Bali for winning bronze medal in 37th National Games

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Apni Party Provincial President, Youth Wing, Jammu, Vipul Bali today congratulated Nishant Bali for winning the bronze medal in the 37th National Games Goa in Netball while representing Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a statement to the press, Vipul Bali said that Nishant Bali's winning of bronze medal has shown path to the diverted youth who become drug addicts and indulge in illegal activities.

"The drug addiction has become a menace that needs to be removed with the collective efforts of the society, families, and younger generation with the help of awareness campaigns in all the areas within Jammu City and villages," he said.

He said that the youth have lost their lives due to the drug addiction and they also get demotivated from the studies which takes them on the right track.

"The families should speak to their young children regularly and monitor their activities. The counselling of the younger generation is essential for the bright future of J&K as well as of the country," he added.

He stated that the rehabilitation centers are full of the drug addicted youth, but the drug addiction menace has not stopped.

"The police should investigate the drug addiction cases and arrest the kingpin that has led to multiple criminal and terror activities in J&K," he added.

He suggested that sports can be a path breaking way for the young generation to remain healthy and keep themselves motivated towards the right direction.

"The Govt should establish well equipped sports stadiums in each block in Jammu province and within the cities and accordingly, sports tournaments should be organized to encourage the students towards sportsmanship," he added.

## PM greets people of Uttarakhand on Uttarakhand Foundation Day

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 9

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has extended best wishes to the people of Uttarakhand on Uttarakhand Foundation Day.

Shri Modi said that Devbhoomi Uttarakhand has made an invaluable contribution to the richness of Indian culture and tradition.

In a X post, the Prime Minister said.

## Manjit Singh condemns unprovoked firing along IB in Ramgarh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has strongly condemned the unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border in which a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was martyred in Ramgarh sector in Samba District.

He expressed his sympathy with the family members of a martyred BSF jawan who laid down his life while responding to the unprovoked firing of Pakistani Rangers.

As per a press release, the Former Minister expressed serious concern over the breach of peace with the violation of cease fire by Pakistan targeting the forward villages at the time at the peak of harvest season.

"It's an attempt to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu's border belt in a bid to spread fear among the farmers with ulterior motives to support subversive activities. However, our defence forces / BSF are well prepared to deal with the situation and keep the peaceful atmosphere while confronting the anti-national elements," he said.

## J&K wushu team bags 05 Medals in 37th Nat'l Games at Goa

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 9

J&K wushu team qualified for the 06 events in wushu for the Games, J&K wushu team secured Gold and 02 Silver and 02 bronze medals. Surya Bhanu Partap Singh defeated Manipur in the finals to fetch the Gold for the UT J&K, whereas Abhijeet Singh and Naveed farooq lost to Services and Rajasthan in the finals in 75kg and 85kg respectively. Abhishek Jamwal last edition Gold medalist secured Bronze medals lost to Services in the semi Finals in 56kg and Riya Chhib in 65kg lost to UP in the semis. Kudos to all Medalists for the excellent performance in the 37th National Games at Goa.



## Back to Village Program Phase 5 begins on high note in Udhampur District

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 9

The kickoff of the fifth phase of the Back to Village program transformed 49 panchayat halqas into lively hubs, where visiting officers engaged with PRI members and the public, initiating a range of B2V5 activities. The vibrant atmosphere showcased impressive public involvement in Udhampur District.

PRIs members and the general public extended a warm welcome to visiting officers, who delved into activities such as inspecting public infrastructure, distributing Kisan Credit cards, participating in sports and cultural events, inaugurating PMAY houses, conducting detailed reviews of departmental deliverables, organizing awareness sessions, and holding public meetings.

Enthusiastic participation from PRI members and the public was evident as they shared views and feedback on



the work done by various departments. Visiting officers chaired meetings with PRIs, inspected public infrastructure, and assured the availability of the best possible facilities.

Throughout the extensive exercise, visiting officers visited various panchayats, engaged with locals, and ensured the provision of optimal facilities. Inspection of stalls set up by various departments allowed officers to review the implementation of welfare schemes and track progress in ongoing developmental works, while also fostering awareness among the general public.

### Back to Village-5 programmes

## B2V5 programme organised in 84 Panchayats of Ramban district



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 9

People from all walks of life participated in Back to Village-5 programmes with great enthusiasm across district Ramban to be part of planning and execution of need based development projects under Area Development Funds and other Government schemes of different sectors.

A number of Senior Officers have reached in their assigned Panchayats with an aim to provide governance to rural populace at their doorsteps, besides facilitating community participation in development process. The fifth phase of the ambitious flagship 'Back to Village' (B2V5) public outreach programme was today set in motion across 84 Panchayats of 11 blocks of Ramban district.

In all the blocks where the programme was rolled out under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, multitude of activities were held in different Panchayats

wherein Visiting Officers held interaction with PRIs representatives, frontline government functionaries and prominent citizens. The visiting officers had detailed discussion with them on core issues being faced by the locals and deliberated on ways and means to resolve them.

The Visiting Officer and frontline officials of various departments sensitized the locals about individual beneficiary based schemes and guidelines of government schemes envisaging increase in income of rural populace.

At Panchayat Neera in Block Ramban, Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood and Control, Manoj Gupta interacted with PRIs, held detailed deliberations about realisation of deliverables by different departments, besides taking stock of developmental scenario in the Panchayat. He also inspected developmental works being executed under ADF, PMAY-G and other schemes. He also presided over cultural programmes, Sports activities organized by the local

youth and students in the Panchayat.

Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, Sher Singh, today morning reached Panchayat Upper Sanasar and interacted with the officials of line departments, PRIs and general public, besides listening to grievances of the general public.

District Mineral Officer, Reasi, Rajinder Singh Rana visited Panchayat Parthmulla, Gool and inspected various developmental projects including PMAY work, Water Supply schemes, RDD works, Schools, besides presided over sports activities organized in the Panchayat.

Likewise, Phase-I and Phase-II of Back to Village-5 (B2V5) was held with great enthusiasm across 50 Panchayats of the district. During the day-long activities, the visiting officer inaugurated various recently completed works including PMAY houses, besides inspected new works under MGNREGA, presided over sports events and conducted inspection of rural assets.

### DC Ramban inspects progress of work on officers' quarters

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 9

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today visited the residential block of officers being constructed at Maitra.

The residential quarters are being constructed to create residential facilities for ADDC, ADC, ACR and CPO, Ramban.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADDC Rajinder Kumar, ADC Harbans Lal Sharma, Executive Engineer, PWD Abhishek Gupta and other concerned officers.

Taking stock of the pace of progress on construction work of residential quarters, the Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agency to achieve last mile coverage within prescribed time so that these could be made functional.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner went round the Indus Block of the District Administrative Complex and inspected various offices. He interacted with the officers and officials and directed the officers to maintain cleanliness in and around the administrative complex.

## Crackdown launched across Jammu to curb illegal mining operations

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

In a decisive move against the illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals, District Mining Officer, Gulshan Kumar led a comprehensive overnight operation targeting various areas, including Lalyal, Chatha, Miran Sahib, Kullian, Nikki-Wadi Tawi and nearby regions.

The team, under the



guidance of DMO, intercepted five vehicles involved in the unauthorized transportation of minerals. Each vehicle, originating from Kullian, Phallian Mandal, Miran Sahib, Belicherana and Canal Road areas, was found lacking the necessary FormA (e-Challan), rendering their transportation invalid and in violation of mining regulations.

## Kishtwar Administration gears up for (B2V5) - Training Program conducted to sensitise Prabhari/Visiting Officers about their Roles & Responsibilities

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 9

To sensitise the visiting/prabhari officers deputed for Back to Village Phase-V (B2V5) about their roles and responsibilities, the District Administration Kishtwar today organized a training program in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex. The training program was presided over by ADDC Kishtwar, Sham Lal.

The fifth phase of the B2V-5 program is scheduled for 14-16th November 2023 in the district, involving 136 visiting officers from 136 Panchayats of 13 Blocks of Kishtwar district under Phase first.

Highlighting the objectives of the 'Back to Village-V' program, ADDC said that visiting officers act as mentors for their respective Panchayats, bridging the gap between the public and the government. They must ensure the achievement of specified deliverables in the Panchayats without failure. The ADDC instructed



visiting officers to saturate centrally sponsored and self-employment schemes, register unemployed youth during Gram Sabhas, raise awareness about available e-services, inspect public works, assess their quality, and submit observations.

Encouraging officers to take feedback on digital services and recent developments, the ADDC emphasized listening to and engaging with the local community, understanding local issues, challenges, and collaborating with local authorities. Prioritizing transparency and accountability is crucial, ensuring all community sections, including marginalized groups, benefit

from development projects.

ADDC Kishtwar also sensitized visiting officers about various activities during the B2V5 program, including saturation of pension cases, organizing sports events, health camps for identification and screening of health conditions, formulating GPPD plans, reviewing ongoing schemes, hosting employment melas, and conducting mutation camps in each Panchayat. The master trainers detailed the roles, responsibilities, and activities during the Back to Village-5 program, addressing queries from participants in an interactive session.

Master trainers, (District Resource Persons) Joint Director Planning Mohd Iqbal, ACD Kishtwar Manoj Kumar, DPO Sunil Bhutyal sensitized the Visiting Officers about their role, responsibilities and activities in detail during the Back to Village-5 programme.

They briefed the Visiting officers about the objective and salient features of the B2V-5 and asked them to strictly adhere to the prescribed guidelines of the programme.

During the interactive session, the participants raised various queries pertaining to the programme and Master Trainers cleared their doubts on-the-spot.

## DC discusses road map to boost Agro-Sector in Reasi District



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, NOVEMBER 9

To discuss the road map for enhancing agricultural productivity, a meeting was convened by Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, here today.

The primary objective of the meeting was to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Department Program (HADP) across the district by the Agriculture and allied departments in various agro-sectors. The ultimate aim is to double productivity and surpass the pre-established targets.

The meeting, held in the video conference hall of DC office Complex, was attended by officers from different departments, all of whom presented a thorough overview of the progress within their respective fields.

Key departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries were the focal points of the discussion. Each department's district head provided a detailed insight into the agro schemes, elucidating the advantages they offer while identifying the

hurdles that have impeded their smooth establishment.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the physical and financial progress achieved under different farmers welfare schemes including PM KISAN, KCC, PMFME, Crop Insurance, Soil Health Cards and host of other farmer beneficiary schemes.

Addressing the officials on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner instructed to mobilize the extension agency of the department at grassroots level to achieve the goal of enhancing the farmers' income.

He stressed on promotion of entrepreneurship among the farmers with special emphasis on vegetable and lavender cultivation with special focus on Millets and creating market linkages. Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of beneficiary oriented schemes and other construction works being taken up in different government fruit plant nurseries of district Reasi. He impressed upon the department to bring more and more areas under the modified high density plantation to increase the productivity of different fruit crops so as to increase

the socio-economic status of the farming community.

He stressed upon to involve more unemployed youth for startups in the field of fruits and vegetables processing and to establish models of integrated farming units besides formulation of cooperative groups with involvement of local talented youth.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgent need for better execution and implementation of these initiatives within the district. He directed the officers to adhere strictly to their respective work domains and strive to achieve the set targets within the stipulated time frame, ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach the deserving population.

The DC highlighted the need of working in coordination with other allied departments for effective implementation of farmers welfare schemes. He emphasized on timely achievement of deliverables without any lag.

ADDC Jyoti Slathia, Joint Director Planning Sunita Kanchan, Chief Agriculture, Horticulture officer, Chief Animal Husbandry officer and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

### JKLSA Deploys Mobile awareness Van in Jammu Division to mark commemoration of "Legal Services Day"

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, NOVEMBER 9

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

The mobile van reached Katra at 11.00 am and proceeded straight way to Middle School Karwa Nau Devi where local people of village Karwa had gathered. Under the guidance of Member Secretary JSLSA Amit Gupta, Chairperson DLSA Reasi Sonia Gupta and under the supervision of Secretary DLSA, Sunil Kumar, the PLVs Sanjay Dogra, Ajay Kumar, Balbir Lal, Shanker Singh (Lamberdar) & Sr. Asstt. Ashwani Kumar apprised the people about different Legal Aid Schemes and their benefits.

Thereafter, the mobile van reached Katra Bus stand and where people of vicinity had gathered. The people present there were apprised about the Legal Aid Schemes.

DLSA Secretary Sunil Kumar, Munsiff Katra Lakshay Badyal, SHO Katra Nishant Gupta and Advocate Sunil Kumar were also present on the occasion. Officers present also apprised the people about the Legal Aid Schemes/Welfare Programmes run by National Legal Services Authority through Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority Reasi.

### DEO Ramban hands over DO letter to District Level Election Icon

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RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 9

District Election Officer (DEO), Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today handed over D.O letter

to Rakesh Singh, International Deafolympian, Judo player who had been designated as District Level Election Icon for District Ramban. The DO letter has been received from

the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K to hand over to the District Level Election Icon. Complementing Rakesh Singh for acting as District Level election Icon, the DEO asked him

to motivate the youth to actively participate in the ongoing Special Summary Revision to register themselves as voter so that no eligible voter is left behind unregistered.