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In coming days, will ensure zero terrorist recruitment; save lives of people: DGP Swain

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOV 14

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain Tuesday said that in the coming days, police will ensure that no terrorist recruitment takes place and the lives of people are protected.

Talking to reporters after chairing a high level security review meeting of police, army, CRPF, BSF and other security agencies in southern district of Anantnag, DGP Swain, as per news agency, said such meetings are held to finalise a plan for the safety and security of common masses.

"In such meetings, we deliberate on how to maintain better synergy and coordination. We also discuss measures to protect the lives of common



people," Swain said. He said in the coming days, police and other security forces will ensure that no local boy joins the terrorist recruitment so that lives remain safe.

"We will also reach out to the misguided youth and motivate them to return. If they return, we will receive them with love and hand them over to their parents," the DGP

said. He said that those who have made their mind not to return or are working for money will face strict action.

The DGP also said that police will consider any sort of communication or interaction with the Pakistan based handlers and anyone back home as "a crime." "We will act very hard against such people," the J&K police

chief said as per KNO.

Meanwhile, a police spokesman said that DGP RR Swain visited Anantnag district to assess the security situation and held a meeting with the officers. "The visit aimed to review the security measures in the district and discuss necessary enhancements to ensure the safety of the area," the statement said, adding that during the visit, DGP engaged in an interactive sessions with Police, CAPFs, Army and intelligence officers at DPO Anantnag.

"The discussions provided an opportunity for the DGP to evaluate the challenges faced by the security forces," he said. "The DGP also met with various administrative and intelligence officers to obtain a comprehensive understanding of

the security scenario in Anantnag. The discussions revolved around the prevailing security challenges, the effectiveness of counter-terrorism efforts and the progress made towards maintaining Public order in the district."

The spokesman said that the meeting was convened during the DGP's visit, where strategies to tackle any possible security threats were deliberated upon. "The meeting involved the participation of high-ranking Police, CAPFs, Army officers and intelligence agencies. The primary objective was to ensure a coordinated and proactive approach in dealing with security issues to safeguard the peace and stability of District Anantnag," he said. The spokesman said

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Election to municipalities will be held after completion of delimitation exercise: LG



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that elections for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) would be held after the completion of delimitation exercise.

As per the news agency, speaking after felicitating the councilors of Jammu Municipal Corporation, whose tenure ended today, the LG said, "Elections for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) would be held after the completion of delimitation exercise of wards and reservation of wards for Other Backward Classes".

The LG's statement comes days after there

were reports regarding delay in conducting ULB polls.

On the occasion, LG also commended all the councilors for serving people, fighting Covid pandemic and ensuring municipal services in respective areas.

He said that common public and elected representatives must work in synergy and focus on resource generation.

Praising union government, LG said, "Despite delayed implementation of 73rd and 74th amendments in J&K, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir administration has ensured basic principles of decentralization

of decision making and development by transferring more departments and works to elected representatives after Aug 2019."

He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ULBs of J&K were provided with greater financial resources for strong and accountable self-governance and to ensure holistic ecosystem for last-mile access to services.

He said the Municipal Corporation is a symbol of the aspirations of the citizens in the 21st century. "Urban governance inculcates a spirit of cooperation among the citizens with the aim

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PM slams Nehru, Indira and Rajiv for playing with tribal sentiments

AGENCIES
JHABUA (MP), NOV 14

Claiming that the tribal community has negated the Congress that always viewed the former only as a vote bank, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made an oblique assault on the Nehru-Gandhi family by alleging that the "Nana, Dadi, Pita and all others staged the drama of feigning affection for adivasis."

Addressing his final public meeting vis-à-vis election-bound Madhya Pradesh in this tribal-dominated district, the visiting dignitary averred, "As long as the Congress held the Centre's reins, reports of starvation were received from adivasi and backward areas. Pictures of malnourished children were commonplace.

Congress bigwigs went to poverty-stricken people's dwellings, had photographs clicked and then conveniently forgot the burning issue. This is the



Congress mentality that marginalised our tribal brothers and sisters for decades together."

In an informal and conversational style, the Prime Minister provided an interesting example to drive home his point.

"What would happen in Congress tenures? They approached the adivasi and said that the government has prepared a scheme for you to obtain a bank loan that you may utilise for purchasing hens whose eggs you may sell and thus financially but-

ness yourselves. The hapless tribesman would fall into the trap. That very evening, an official vehicle sporting a red beacon would halt in front of the hut," Modi narrated.

"How are you, the hen looks great," the personage would say.

"Sir, where are you coming from?" the adivasi asked.

"Dusk has fallen so I thought I'll stay the night here," the visitor responded. "Sir, please have food," the tribesman said.

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3 arrested for manhandling cops at checkpoint in Kathua

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Three people were arrested for manhandling policemen at a checkpoint on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police said on Tuesday.

A video of the incident that took place at the Goond checkpoint in the Nagri area on Monday went viral on social media. Three motorcycle-borne men were stopped at the checkpoint and asked to show

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Katra to Katihar Special Train from November 17

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

The Indian Railways has announced to run a special train between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Katihar in Bihar, said an official.

The Railways Official said that the train number (04640) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi will depart from Katra at 9:30 pm and reach Katihar at 9:00 am the next day and when return, the train (04639) will run from Katihar to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on November 17.

The train he said will depart from Katihar at 11:00 am and reach Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station at 11:00 pm.

On the way, it will halt at Martyred Captain Tushar Mahajan Station, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Ludhiana, Ambala Cantonment, Yamunanagar, Jagadhri, Saharanpur,

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NIA attaches 8 properties of 2 accused in 2018 Sgr attack on cops

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 14

Going full throttle against terrorist organisations and operatives operating in Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday attached the properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives in the 2018 case, relating to the forcible release of a terrorist through a fatal attack on a police party at a Srinagar hospital.

As per a statement issued to the news agency, a spokesman said that a total of eight properties, five belonging to

the accused Mohd Shafi Wani and three belonging to Mohd Tikka Khan—both residents of Singoo Narbal, Pulwama, have been attached under Section 33 (1) of UA (P) Act, 1967, in pursuance of the recent orders of NIA Special Court, Jammu.

"The case (RC-05/2018/NIA/DLI) involved the killing of two personnel of J&K Police during firing on a Police party escorting LeT terrorist Naveed Jatt @ Abu Hanzla to SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, for a medical examination on 6th February 2018," the statement reads.

Jatt, a terrorist of Paki-

stani origin, was forcibly got released in the attack, which was carried out by the two accused, along with others, on orders from their Pakistan based LeT Commanders, it said.

The NIA further added that Jatt got killed in an encounter with the security forces later in 2018.

The attached immovable properties of Mohd Shafi Wani and Mohd Tikka Khan, both identified as over ground workers of LeT, include various plots of land, it said, adding that the residential house of Shafi has also been attached.

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Lt Governor inaugurates 70th Cooperative Week celebrations in J&K

Expresses gratitude to PM Modi, Amit Shah for their support

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 70th All India Cooperative Week celebrations across Jammu Kashmir and launched various new initiatives in Cooperative sector on Tuesday.

In his address, the Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah for their support and guidance in promoting cooperative movement in J&K UT.

He said, the clarion call of 'Sahkar se Samridhi' has revived the values and principles of Cooperatives and contributing to economic and social progress



of the people.

Dedicating the new initiatives to the people, the Lt Governor said the on-boarding of 537 Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) as Common Service Centres, 169 PACS as PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras and 25 PACS as Jan-Aushadhi Kendras will

create new opportunities for Cooperatives and develop a new business model.

He said the launch of Sarhad Tourism Cooperative Ltd in Uri aims to develop Uri-Boniyaar tourism circuit and homestays in order to promote border tourism. This

new initiative will ensure greater engagement and inclusion of youth in the cooperative movement in J&K, he added.

The Lt Governor said Unnati Behan program will focus on women empowerment and train them for selling and

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Lal Singh's ED custody extended by 5 days in money laundering case

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

A court here on Tuesday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of former Jammu and Kashmir minister Lal Singh in a money laundering case by five more days.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhimana Sangathan Party (DSSP), was arrested from a house in the Chawadi area of Sainik Colony here on November 7 after a special court dismissed his anticipatory bail application.

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

Special public pros-

ecutor Ashwani Khajuria said Singh was produced before the special court on Tuesday through video conference on the expiry of his seven-day remand.

"The investigation of the case is at an initial stage... accused is involved in a serious and non-bailable offence, he is remanded to ED custody for a period of five days only from November 14 to 18," Khajuria said, quoting the court order.

The court ordered the ED to produce the accused on November 18 through virtual mode only and also directed the investigating officer to expedite the investigation.

Khajuria said the ED has filed a detailed objection in the court of the

principal sessions judge, Jammu, to a post-arrest bail plea by the accused.

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation of the ceiling limit of 100 standard kanals imposed under Section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, thereby giving undue pecuniary advantage to trust.

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

Man posing as army officer attempts to rape schoolgirl in Samba, held

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

A man has been arrested for allegedly posing as an Army officer and attempting to rape a class 12 student in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said.

The accused has been identified as Sham Lal from the Ramgarh area in the district, they said.

According to a complaint filed by the girl, Lal posed as an Army Colonel and brought the girl and her brother, a class 10 student, of Udhampur district to Vijaypur by giving them false assurance of getting them enrolled in NCC and subsequently getting them recruited in belt force, they said.

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DC Rajouri attends B2V5 activities at Saranoo Panchayat of Dhangri Block

J I NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 14

As a part of series of activities being carried out across the district as a part of the fifth phase of the ambitious Back to Village programme, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today undertook a comprehensive tour of Saranoo Panchayat of Dhangri block.

During the tour, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal engaged with the public in the presence of the visiting officer, Chief Engineer PWD(R&B) Anil Kumar Pandohi for Saranoo Panchayat.

Interactions with locals provided valuable insights into the public concerns, including issues related to power supply, water availability, road conditions, and health services. Residents expressed a collective desire for improvements in these essential services, underlining the crucial role they play in

enhancing their daily lives.

Addressing the public on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized that the foremost priority of the UT administration is to deliver basic facilities directly to the doorsteps of the common masses. He highlighted the persistent efforts of the administration to eliminate inconveniences from the daily lives of the public, making it clear that initiatives like Back to Village play a pivotal role in efficiently addressing public grievances.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal shed light on different welfare schemes and government programs designed for the general public. He assured the community that the LG administration is committed to ensuring that the benefits of these initiatives reach every individual in the Union Territory. This commitment reflects the



dedication of the administration to inclusive development, leaving no beneficiary untouched.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal urged Sarpanches, Panches, and senior citizens to actively participate in the formulation of plans for the effective development of their respective areas. This call for a participatory role underscores the importance of community engagement in shaping the destiny of their region.

The residents of Rajouri echoed their acknowledgment of the significance of such initiatives, pledging unwavering cooperation

with the administration in these grand developmental festivities. This collaborative partnership between the people and the administration not only signifies a shared vision but also promises to pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for the Rajouri district.

Among the others, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; XEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; Block Development Officer Dhangri, Heena Kouser, Sarpanches, panches and general public attended the event. Meanwhile, "Back to Vil-

lage programme" was held across 108 panchayats of seven blocks including Darhal, Dhangri, Doongi, Khawas, Panjgrain, Planagarh, and Rajouri in the district.

With an overarching goal of bringing governance to the very doorsteps of rural communities, the dedicated officers Prabhari chaired pivotal meetings that have transpired, bringing together key stakeholders, department officials, and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). These discussions delve deep into the core challenges faced by the panchayats,

fostering a collaborative approach towards resolution.

Amidst these endeavors, the designated officers lend a compassionate ear to the expressed grievances, documenting each concern with a commitment to address them in a phased and systematic manner. The people of Rajouri, recognizing the steadfast efforts of the Government to connect with them on their own turf, express admiration for this participatory governance model. It is a testament to community-led development, showcasing the potential for positive change at the grassroots level.

As the Back to Village programme progresses, the administration remains dedicated to fostering a strong connection with the community, addressing their needs, and working collectively towards the holistic development of the region.

Old Jammu city residents appealed to use water judiciously

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

Department of Jal Shakti has appealed the residents of old Jammu city and adjoining areas to use the water judiciously in view of disruption of supply due to maintenance works on Sitlee Manda 500 MM DIA Raising Mains being taken up on November 16 and 17, 2023.

"It is for the information of general public that due to some urgent maintenance works on Sitlee Manda 500 MM DIA Raising Mains, the water supply to the parts of Old City, Panjirthi, Karan Nagar, Rehari, Jain Bazaar, Moti Bazaar, Pacca Danga, Link Road, Afghan Mohalla, Dogra Hall, Kachi Chawni, Ustad Mohalla etc and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 16 and 17, 2023," a departmental communiqué stated.

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

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU NOVEMBER 14

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

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

B2V-5 concludes in all 98 panchayats at Shopian

J I NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 14

The phase fifth of government's 'Back to Village' (B2V5) programme concluded today in 98 panchayats of 09 blocks in district Shopian.

The outreach programme in Shopian district, under the unique initiative of the UT Government was supervised and managed by the District Administration Shopian, under the leadership of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb.

During the programme, the Visiting Officers (VOs) visited their respective panchayats, stayed there for a specific period to interact and obtain feedback from the grassroots to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas.

During the last leg of the outreach programme, VOs including Administrator, Associated Hospitals, GMC Srinagar, Hashmat Ali Yattoo; Director, Accounts and Treasuries, Abdul Hamid Kumar; Member, Special Tribunal, Ashiq Hussain Lily; Director, Land Management, Srinagar Dev. Authority, Zahoor Ahmed Magray; Additional Secretary to



Government, Social Welfare Department, Khurshid Ahmed Sanai participated in the B2V5 programmes and reiterated the commitment of the administration to empower the people of the district and engage them actively in policy making for their own development.

The VOs accompanied

by field functionaries of the line departments listened to the public, participated in the Gram Sabhas and prepared the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) as per their requirements.

The Prabhari Officers also ensured the awareness and saturation of all the government schemes.

The VOs exhorted upon the 100% penetration of online services in the rural population to expedite the public services delivery in a transparent manner and inspected various government institutions viz schools, Anganwadi Centres, Ration Depots, Panchayat Ghars etc.

They visited the sites of

ongoing and completed works under MGNREGA, PMAY, SBM and other schemes. They also Inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of some of the important public assets.

VOs inspected Amrit Sarovars, interacted with the public especially youth and created awareness on self-employment schemes. Feedback on welfare schemes, service delivery was also reviewed by them.

The resource persons of various departments also educated the public about scores of welfare schemes and programmes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail benefits of the same.

The VOs will submit their reports based on aspirations and feedback of the people, on a designated portal and have also submitted a hard copy of the same in the district level cell created for the compilation of the reports for future planning. Huge public participation across the district reflected the high expectations of the people on the government, which is bringing a positive change for progress, development, and prosperity of the district.

B2V-5 successfully concludes at Anantnag

J I NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 14

The second round of phase fifth of the government's ambitious Back to Village (B2V5) programme concluded successfully today in Anantnag.

The programme witnessed huge public participation across all areas reflecting the success of the programme and high expectations of the people in the UT of J&K and District Administration in bringing a positive change for progress, development, and prosperity of the region.

The visiting officers (VOs) today along with supporting staff and field functionaries of the line departments listened to villagers participating in the Gram Sabhas and prepared the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) as per their wishes.

The Prabhari Officers also ensured the awareness and saturation of all the government schemes. They submitted the report of their visit, aspirations, and feedback of the people, in a designated portal and also submitted a hard copy of the same in the district level cell created for the compilation of the data/ reports.



The VOs exhorted upon the penetration of online services in the rural population to expedite the public services delivery in a transparent manner.

The VOs inspected various government institutions viz. schools, Anganwadi Centres, Ration depots, Health institutions, Patwar khansas, Panchayat Ghars etc. They also visited the sites of ongoing and completed works under MGNREGA, Capex Budget, PMAY, SBM, and other such schemes. Interaction meetings with the general public especially, youth, awareness on Self-Employment schemes, Feedback on welfare schemes, services delivery, and the punctuality of officials in the villages was reviewed by the visiting officers.

The resource persons of various departments also educated the public about scores of welfare schemes

and programmes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same. The mega outreach programmes in Anantnag under the unique initiative of the UT Government, is being supervised and managed by the District Administration Anantnag under the leadership of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, SF.Hamid.

Officers said that the B2V-5 programme is aimed to involve the general public and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas.

Officers on the conclusion of the B2V-5 programme in Anantnag said that the Administration is committed to implement the proposed developmental projects and ensuring that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries.

Back to Village program phase 5: Dir Agri engages with locals at Panchayat Narayana Lower

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU NOVEMBER 14

Director Horticulture Agriculture Jammu, Ram Savak today attended Back to Village program phase 5 at Panchayat Narayana Lower of block Khour as the visiting officer. The officer's visit included active participation in the Gram Panchayat meeting, where vital discussions on local governance and development strategies took place.

SDM Khour, Amit Kumar Thakur, BDO Khour Dheeraj Sharma, CHO Jammu Ashwani Sharma, SDAO. O P Sharma, HDO Amit Saraf, Sarpanch Sharada Devi and other officials & PRI members were present on the occasion.

During a comprehensive review meeting with officials from the line departments, the officer shared insights and information about the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, enlightening the farmers about its benefits and



encouraging their participation. This initiative aims to empower local farmers with financial support, contributing to the prosperity of the agricultural community in Panchayat Narayana.

In a gesture of support for grass root development, Sh Ram Savak inaugurated the tube well and meticulously inspected ongoing departmental works under schemes like CAPEX, MGNREGA etc. This hands-on approach signifies a dedication to ensuring the effective implementation of projects that directly impact the lives of the local population.

The officer's engagement extended to the Gram Sabha, where awareness about PM-KISAN and other welfare schemes was highlighted. This direct interaction with the community underscores the importance of information dissemination and community involvement in the development process.

As a part of the visit, the officer planted fruit and forest plants and inspected the carom competition of students of Govt. high school and also conducted a thorough inspection of key government institutions, ensuring that they are well-equipped to serve the needs of the commu-

nity efficiently. This aspect of the visit emphasizes the significance of robust institutional support for the sustained growth of Panchayat Narayana Lower.

The visit of the distinguished officer not only reinforces the Back to Village program's objectives but also signifies a collaborative effort to bridge the gap between government initiatives and local communities. By actively participating in various aspects of rural development, the officer has demonstrated a holistic approach to fostering positive change at the grassroots level.

Back to Village-V: Advisor Bhatnagar visits Panchayat Chak Salarian, Samba

J I NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 14

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today visited Panchayat Chak Salarian, Ramgarh block here to mark the second leg of fifth phase of flagship Back to Village (B2V5) programme.

Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Abhishek Sharma; SSP Samba, Benam Tosh; ADDC Samba Rajinder Singh; Sarpanch, Panchayat Chak Salarian, Vijay Chaudhary; all district and sectoral officers were present on the event.

During the visit, the Advisor took detailed review of the progress made by various departments like PWD, Agriculture Department, Social Welfare, Rural Development, Jal Shakti and other departments in implementation of various schemes as well as projects of public importance. He also reviewed the



action taken on the last Back to Village visits and took stock of issues raised by the locals like upgrading of roads, better road infrastructure, pension cases approval, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized on the issue of drug addiction and the necessity of collective efforts to make the district drug-free. He discussed the detrimental effects of drug addiction and stressed on the importance of acknowledging the problem.

He further emphasized on the cooperation of locals in identifying drug peddlers and dealing with them firmly. He also urged people to take advantage of programs like HADP and stated that these initiatives have positively impacted the lives of the people of border areas like Ramgarh. Furthermore, he encouraged locals to utilize online services and PSGA.

The Advisor on the occasion also highlighted that the overarching goal of the Government is "zero corruption and

maximum development." During the event, the Advisor Bhatnagar also distributed certificates among eligible beneficiaries and inspected departmental stalls, Amrit Sarovar and also interacted with PRI representatives and locals.

During the welcome address Sarpanch Panchayat Chak Salarian Vijay Chaudhary hailed the government for empowering Panchayats, creating Amrit Sarovar, improving power scenarios, and undertaking other development works.

Hotel Association Delegation calls on DC Reasi

JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 14

In a landmark meeting, Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra led a delegation to engage with Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan. The discussions centered on the enhancement of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage experience by developing scenic aesthetic surroundings, development of parks, view points, provision of best civic amenities including quality power and water supply, besides installation of signboards, railings etc.

Delegation underscored the need for a cohesive strategy, advocating for the joint planning of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and Shiv Khori Yatras, while highlighting the tremendous potential of twin pilgrimages for attracting pilgrims and generating local employment.

Responding to the suggestions, the Deputy Com-



missioner unveiled an ambitious 30-year plan to propel religious and eco-tourism in Katra, envisioning it as India's one of the premier pilgrim destinations by 2050. A key component of this vision is the development of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Parikrama route along Trikuta Hill, aimed at elevating the spiritual journey for devotees.

To boost the local economy, emphasis was placed on promoting indigenous products such as rajma, Kalari, wild mushrooms, and similar items. The plan incorporates sustainable strategies to

integrate these products into the overall tourism experience. Addressing infrastructure concerns, DC Mahajan outlined comprehensive plans for traffic and building designs to accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims. He stressed the importance of rainwater harvesting to tackle water scarcity, aligning with eco-friendly practices.

Advocating collaborative efforts, the DC urged stakeholders to contribute to making Katra a metropolitan city and India's premier pilgrim destination. Diverse facilities and services catering to vari-

ous interests were highlighted as essential.

Recognizing the transformative potential of these initiatives, DC Reasi announced the formation of a dedicated team to study stakeholders' needs and aspects, working towards a comprehensive plan to realize the 2050 vision.

Expressing optimism about the transformative journey ahead, Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan called on all stakeholders to actively participate in shaping Katra's future and entire district Reasi, solidifying its position as India's top pilgrim destination. The meeting saw the presence of prominent figures such as SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, District Information Officer Rajinder Dagra, Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, Sr. Vice President Virender Kesar, Vice President Nishant Sharma, and other key members of civil society.

B2V5: DC State Taxes Listens Developmental Aspirations of People at Sheerabad Khore Pattan

JNEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 14

The Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Farooq Ahmad Baba who was Visiting Officer for Agri Kalan, Sheerabad Khore Pattan held a public outreach programme and listened to the core issues and demands of people.

During the two days visit, an open discussion was held wherein the people presented their demands and grievances for speedy disposal. The demands and grievances put forth by them were pertaining to various departments including Jal Shakti, R&B, PDD, Education, Health, Social Welfare and other concerned Departments for which they sought the intervention of the Visiting Officer for early redressal.

Taking cognizance of the grievances raised by the general public, the vis-



iting officer reiterated that all grievances will be taken up with the concerned quarters for timely and early action.

Meanwhile, during the programme, various colourful cultural items were presented by the students which got quite applause from the participants.

Sports activities were also organized wherein a cricket match was played between the girl students.

An oath ceremony was also organized wherein all participants were administered a pledge regarding corruption free Nasha Mukht and Swachta programmes.

On the occasion, the Visiting Officer also inaugurated various developmental projects of public importance including the Food Store, Amrit Sarovar Pond and other projects. He also handed over keys to the eligible household beneficiaries under PMAY G Scheme.

Similar public outreach programmes were also held in other parts of Baramulla wherein the respective visiting officers held scores of Gram Sabhas and informed people about the centrally sponsored and UT run schemes for the welfare of the general people.

Rs 52k fine imposed for violations under FS&SA in Handwara

JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 14

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir who is also Adjudicating officer today imposed a fine of Rs.52000 on various Food Business operators (FBOs).

The fine was imposed on the erring traders (for miss branded and sub standard food) during the proceeding of cases of various blocks of Sub Division Handwara related to the Food safety and standards Act-2006 which were listed before the Adjudicating officer.

The Adjudicating officer warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and rules thereunder by the food business operators will be dealt with more strictly in coming time.

'Back to Village' Phase V

Dheeraj Gupta chairs Bal Sabha, monitors enrolment of beneficiaries under various schemes at Ichgam

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 14

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, today chaired a Bal Sabha and inaugurated sports activities at newly developed play field during fifth phase of ambitious "Back to village" programme held at Panchyat halqa Ichgam.

During the Bal Sabha, Principal Secretary interacted with students from Middle School and Primary school Ichgam who raised their demands and issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary instructed the concerned to provide projector facility for the ICT lab and other necessary equipment for sports besides furniture for Middle and primary schools in the Panchayat.

During the event, Principal Secretary along with Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo, also



inspected stalls installed by various departments to create awareness about their welfare schemes and flagship programmes. He reviewed implementation of department wise welfare schemes and flagship programs.

Chairman BDC, ADDC, ACD and all district officers attended the programme.

Principal Secretary also distributed sanctioned letters and felicitated beneficiaries under PMEGP, JSY, Mumkin, Tejaswini, Nutrition Kits for TB patients. Besides, beneficiaries of Agriculture, NRLM and Horticulture departments were also felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dheeraj Gupta highlighted the importance of conducting "Back to village" programmes. "Such programmes have been tailored to see development on ground with transformative improvement in overall work culture.

He said the programme should be observed as a means to celebrate gov-

ernance at the grassroots level with people's participation and accountability of the administration.

Later, the Principal Secretary also visited newly constructed play field and inaugurated sports activities including Tug of War and Kabadi championships. He also handed over band equipment among various schools.

He said that the playfield will be improved under phase- 2 and all required sports related infrastructure facilities shall be created for local youth. Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo who also spoke on the occasion, urged upon the youth to make best use of the ground and ensure maximum participation in sports activities.

It is apt to mention that the Phase fifth (5th) of Back to village has started on 7th of November and will culminate on 16th of November in all panchayats across the UT of J&K.

DHEW Doda hosts awareness programme on women centric schemes

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DODA, NOVEMBER 14

District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Doda, under Mission Shakti, on Tuesday organised an awareness programme in Polytechnic College Doda to acquaint the students about women centric schemes.

The programme was attended by the staff of Government Polytechnic College along with the students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Gender specialist DHEW Humerah Balwan generated awareness about the social welfare schemes, eligibility criteria and the procedure to avail benefits of different Govt. schemes and programmes meant for the welfare of women viz. Integrated Social Security Scheme, UT Marriage Assistance Scheme, PMMVY, BBBP, Skill development courses offered by SBI RSETI, PMKVY, Women Entrepreneurship programme like



PMEGP, Women Development Corporation, Tejaswini, etc.

She also explained about Sukanya Samridhi Yojana for the safe and bright future of girl child and also explained about the services being provided by One Stop Centre.

Awareness about different departments working in the district for the assistance of women in distress like DHEW, OSC, women police station, and special cell for

women was given to the attendees.

At the end of the programme, interactive question and answer sessions with the participants were held, and various queries were resolved. Awareness regarding Shakti Niwas was also given to the students. The Principal polytechnic college Doda also urged the students to convey the message to the deserving people so that they can avail the benefits of the schemes.

2 day Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals held between J&K, Haryana officers

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

A Two day Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held between the officers of Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana Governments.

The event was organized by the Government of Haryana in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Piyush Singla, headed the Jammu and Kashmir team while Haryana Government team was led by Director, Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM), Pankaj.

The officers of Planning Department, Finance Department, NIC J&K and UNDP, SDGCC J&K and officers of Haryana Government from Finance, Planning and SJHIFM participated in the workshop.

The workshop aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of Sus-

tainable Development Goals (SDGs) besides sharing best practices in the realm of governance.

The objective of this learning visit included engaging in discussions to share insights and best practices related to progress of SDGs, opportunity to learn about the impactful tools and systems developed by the UNDP and Sustainable Development Goal Coordination Centre (SDGCC) Haryana, contributing towards realization of Vision 2030 and introduction to various innovative schemes and interventions being implemented in Haryana.

The workshop featured prominent speakers, including Director of Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management who highlighted Haryana's remarkable achievements in the context of SDGs and Output-Outcome Framework (OOMF) Documentation/ Reports. He emphasized that Haryana is among the few states that publish Output-Outcome Framework Reports and lauded the technical



partnership with UNDP, which is propelling Haryana into a leadership role for SDGs.

Dr Piyush Singla highlighted that J&K Government is making various reforms and interventions which had enabled it to be at par with regard to digitization and transparency viz-a-viz out reach to the common masses. He expressed keen interest in replicating Haryana's best practices in J&K so that further headway can be made in various governance initiatives which will help to achieve SDG Goals much earlier and J&K can further focus on

SDG plus.

During the first day of the workshop, the participants delved into several critical topics, such as the progress of SDGs in Haryana, progress of SDGs and achievements in J&K and new initiative of establishment of UNDP, SDGCC-J&K.

The presentations were made by Scientist F, NIC, J&K and Joint Director PD&MD on behalf of J&K while as Regional Head North Region UNDP and various officers from Haryana made the presentation. The BEAMS portal, utilized for SDG progress tracking, garnered praise for its effec-

tiveness. A key objective set during the workshop was the alignment of BEAMS Portal with the SDGs, reflecting a commitment to integrate portal functionality with the SDG framework. Creating awareness about the SDG's and popularising it among the administration and down below was a new role assigned to newly established UNDP, SDGCC-J&K.

Acting as a strong campaigner for enhancing the center's social media presence was recognized as pivotal to reaching a wider audience effectively. This also included launch of the newly created Micro-site on SDG's.

The second day of the workshop featured a knowledge-sharing session on implementing innovative tools and ideas, led by the Joint Director (SBFM). Kulwant Khullar, Administrative Officer, presented the "Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas" scheme, which consolidates beneficiaries of government insurance schemes, enhancing efficiency and cost savings. A

constructive exchange between state officials from Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana facilitated insights into effective governance practices and challenges in program implementation.

The workshop served as an important platform for cross-state collaboration and learning, ultimately contributing to the broader objectives of sustainable development and good governance.

The workshop has given way ahead to interlink SDG's with budget and OOMF. The exercise is lengthy as OOMF framework will have to be developed for all the schemes/activities/works being implemented in J&K which will further help interlinking these schemes with the SDG's Goals/ Targets/ Indicators.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Tender No. 251-Elect-T-43/2023-24 Name of Work Electrical work in c/w improvement of Augmentation of homing capacity of electric Loco shed Ludhiana from 175 to 200 locos and Electrical work in c/w Augmentation of Earliest maintenance facilities at Ludhiana Station. App. Cost (in Rs.), 67,76,217.59 Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,35,500.00 Completion period 06 Months Opening of tender 05.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs. Website Particulars www.irps.gov.in

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In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway has decided to run the following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

02256/02255 Anand Vihar Terminal - Jaynagar - 02 Trips		Anand Vihar Terminal Reserved Festival Special Express		02 Trips	
Train No.:	02256	STATIONS	Train No.:	02255	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.	
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14:00	---	Jaynagar	---	17:00	

DAYS OF RUN: 02256 Ex Anand Vihar Terminal on 15.11.2023 and 02255 Ex Jaynagar on 16.11.2023.

STOPPAGES: Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Mokama Jn, Barauni Jn, Samastipur Jn & Darbhanga Jn Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy Class.

04640/04639 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Katihar Jn - 02 Trips		Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Reserved Festival Special Express		02 Trips	
Train No.:	04640	STATIONS	Train No.:	04639	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.	
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09:00	---	Katihar Jn	---	11:00	

DAYS OF RUN: 04640 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on 15.11.2023 and 04639 Ex Katihar Jn on 17.11.2023.

STOPPAGES: Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Ludhiana, Ambala Cantt, Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni Junction, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn & Naugachia Stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy Class.

04650/04649 Amritsar - Darbhanga - Amritsar 02 Trips		Reserved Festival Special Express		02 Trips	
Train No.:	04650	STATIONS	Train No.:	04649	
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13:15	---	Darbhanga	---	17:00	

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Sunderbani Congress celebrates Nehru Jyanti



JI NEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, NOVEMBER 14

Block Congress committee held a function to celebrate the birth anniversary of first prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru today at Congress office Sunderbani. Rich tributes were paid to the former prime minister recalling his contributions in various spheres, who laid strong foundations of the nation. President block Congress committee N C Sharma presided over the function which was attended

by large number of office bearers of DCC Rajouri and block Sunderbani, Siot and Devak.

Prominent included D N Sharma, Ajit Singh President Siot, Chuni Lal Sharma, Vijay Damral, Ashwani Sharma, Nobat Ram, Tilak Raj, Sanjeev Sharma, Om Parkash, Govind Sudan and several others.

Floral tributes were paid to the architect of modern India for his remarkable achievements and struggle and sacrifice for the nation.

Rajnath Singh to attend 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in Jakarta, Indonesia on Nov 16, 2023

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOV 14

Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to Indonesian capital Jakarta from November 16 to 17, 2023 to attend the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus). During the meeting, which will take place on November 16, the Raksha Mantri will address the forum on regional and international security issues. Indonesia is hosting the meeting as it is the chair of ADMM-Plus.

On the sidelines of the ADMM-Plus, Shri Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral meetings with the Defence Ministers of the participating countries and discuss defence cooperation matters to further strengthen mutually-beneficial engagements.

The ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN. The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its eight Dialogue Partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand) to strengthen security and defence cooperation.

India became the dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 12, 2010. Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting annually to bolster the cooperation amongst the ASEAN and the Plus countries.

50 years long pending demand fulfilled by Modi Govt: Ravinder Raina

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Ravinder Raina, BJP President, Jammu & Kashmir and Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) inaugurated the strategically significant Atal Setu in Nowshera Constituency.

Welcoming the inauguration, the local people filled with high enthusiasm danced on the traditional drum beats and observed grand celebrations.

DDC Sangeeta Sharma, BDC Chairperson Neena Sharma, District President Neena Sharma, Sukhdev Choudhary, Sarpanches & Panches, Anita Choudhary, Masood Choudhary and a large number of people were present at the occasion.

Ravinder Raina extended congratulations and greetings to the people of



Nowshera Constituency on the inauguration of Atal Setu. He said that the Modi Government is fulfilling the dreams of common citizens.

"Thousands of crores of Rupees are released by the Modi Government for the development of rural areas, cities and towns. Completion of Atal Setu and many more projects in Jammu & Kashmir shows commitment of the

Modi Government towards development", Raina said.

Raina said that 20 Panchayats Dharat, Kheri, Babber, Potha, Brari, Sayal, Seri, mangiote, Deeing, Kalal, Siot, Lamberi, Dandesar, Bagnoti, Rajal, and sixty thousands people of Nowshera Constituency are going to get its benefits. He shared that the project cost 20 crores rupees, which included Bridge along with

approach roads connecting Jammu-Poonch National Highway from Lamberi to Seri Loc area ALC. He appealed to the people to continue this ray of development and vote to ensure Modi government again in 2024.

Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament said that under the Modi Government many demands of the people are fulfilled. He said that the Modi Government is working on the mission mode on the theme of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas and has ensured tremendous works. Every rural and Urban corner is developed under the Modi Government with improved road connectivity, water facility under Jal Jeevan Mission and Health sector have been improved.

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In coming days...

that the DGP emphasized the need for robust intelligence networks, regular training programs, and equipping the Police force with modern technologies to effectively counter any emerging security threats. "The DGP stressed on the importance of community Policing and maintaining a strong bond between the police and the general public to foster trust and cooperation," he said, adding that overall, the DGP's visit to Anantnag served as an opportunity to assess the security situation, brainstorm effective strategies, and boost the morale of Police officers and security personnel.

"The aim was to create a conducive environment for development and peace in the district, ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents," the spokesman said.

He said that besides DGP Swain, ADGP law order (J&K) Shri Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir V. K Bridi, JD IB Srinagar PK Thakur, IG KOS CRPF G.K Verma Commander 1st Sector RR PR Chowhan, DIG SKR Rayees Mohammed Bhat, DIG CRPF OPS Anantnag K.S Deswal, SSP Anantnag Dr. G.V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy, SP Awantipora Ajaz Ahmad Zargar and other Police, CAPFs and Army officers were also present in the meeting. KNO

Election to municipalities...

of bringing transformation in the urban development paradigm to fulfill people's aspiration," the LG said.

Earlier, reports suggested that urban local body and panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be delayed as the administration is mulling changes to municipal acts and rules to address skewed distribution of electors.

The administration is considering the delimitation exercise for municipal wards and panchayat segments in the backdrop of a delimitation exercise that was carried out by the Election Commission for assembly and parliamentary seats, said an official, requesting anonymity.

The Housing and Urban Development Department is actively pursuing a communication from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, which, among other things, suggested transfer of mandate to conduct the municipal electoral processes to the State Election Commission (SEC) in accordance with constitutional provisions.

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

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

The last ULB and Panchayat elections were held between October and December 2018 after a long delay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PM slams Nehru, Indira...

The Prime Minister continued, "A hen would be slaughtered that very night. A week later, another leader or bureaucrat arrived and two more hens lost their lives even before a solitary egg was hatched. The tribesman thus became a debtor and this deceitful game went on and on."

3 arrested for...

documents of the vehicle. One of them told the police personnel that he would call someone to bring the documents from home but instead he called around 10 people from the Bamiyal area, police said.

They were in an inebriated condition and got into a scuffle with the naka party and incharge. The accused manhandled and abused the naka party, prompting police to intervene, they said.

Police personnel overpowered the accused and three of them were apprehended. A medical examination revealed that the three were under the influence of alcohol, they added.

A case has been registered in the matter and the motorcycle of the accused has also been seized, police said. (Agencies)

Katra to Katihar...

Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria. Both will stop at Naigachia railway station, he added.

NIA attaches 8 properties...

"The two accused were arrested from their Pulwama homes on 8th February 2018 and were found to be in possession of weapons. They were charge-sheeted on 3rd August 2018 and are currently facing trial under sections 120B / 302 / 307 / 224 / 225 / 411 of RPC, sections 7/25 and 27 of Arms Act 1959 and sections 16 / 18 / 19 / 20 / 38 / 39 of UA (P) Act 1967 before the NIA Special Court, Jammu," the statement added. KNO

Lt Governor inaugurates...

developing various products by cooperatives. It will also accelerate Administration's efforts to address gender equality in cooperative movement, he said.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Administration to explore more avenues for Cooperatives in diverse sectors and extending its benefits to the population living in rural areas.

Cooperatives will play an important role by spearheading the rural development, developing critical infrastructure such as godowns, cold storage facilities and access to institutional finance and national and international markets to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, he said.

The other projects launched and inaugurated by the Lt Governor today are Computerization of 537 PACS; Dashboards for Cooperative Banks & Societies; website for 07 Cooperative Super Bazaars; Apple Pulpung Unit Plant at Wagoora under Unnati Multistate Cooperatives, and Global Milk & Food Processing Unit Bari Brahmana; Smart Classrooms and Science Labs for several cooperative schools.

The Lt Governor laid foundation stone for 60 works under CAPEX 2023-24 worth Rs 13.45 cr and also dedicated 21 completed projects under CAPEX 2022-23 worth Rs 4.54 cr to the people.

He also felicitated the members of cooperative societies and released Cooperative department's compendium.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Bhallamudi Sridhar; CGM NBARAD, Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Cooperatives Department, senior officers, prominent citizens and members of Cooperative Societies were present (KNO)

Man posing as army...

He also checked their running stamina along Vijaypur-Ramgarh road and at midnight, attempted to commit rape on the girl who approached police for help, they said.

An FIR was registered and police immediately swung into action and arrested the accused, they said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Jaal' at Nagrota, Marh



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Jammu and Kashmir Excise Department in collaboration with Natrang presented two shows of Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'JAAL' under the direction of Neeraj Kant here today at Youth Services and Sports Centre, Nagrota and Village Parwah of block Marh. In a very effective manner this powerful play innovatively showcases as how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the developing nations like India. The youth of the country, the largest energetic and productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into the trap of drug menace. Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Excise Commissioner was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Prominent amongst those who graced the occasion included Mrs. Sukriti Sharma JKAS Deputy Excise Commissioner Accounts Jammu, Dr Anil Chandan ETO North Jammu, Sarpanches and Panches of Panchayat Parwah of Block Marh, Jammu.

The play was not based on one story-line but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, thus taking the toll of the strongest workforce of the country. In a sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of various intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a vari-

ety of intoxications to join their company. In another sequence a rural inhabitant particularly the menfolk is shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and other ailments are attributed to the constant growth of the massive consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings in seeking alcohol. Being drunk completely he has lost his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night this drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for failing to him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save and shelter the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having bad intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses damages the entire house and his household belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people under the influence of drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being vanished in this rapid fire of drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drug menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon which is consuming the lives of the majority population.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Aadesh Dhar, Kananpreet Kour, Vishal Sharma, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sanket Bhagat, Kushal Bhat, Sumit Bandaral and Mohd. Yaseen

Joginder Kour joins NC



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Joginder Kour Rtd government service joined National Conference in presence of Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu today.

Welcoming Mrs Joginder Kour into the party fold, Mr Rattan Lal Gupta described National Conference as a mass movement that has all along stood for the people of Jammu and Kashmir strived for development and progress of the J&K with a sense of commitment.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the National Conference during its regime in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir headed by Dr. Farooq Abdullah as well as later by Omar Abdullah left no stone unturned in fully empowering the women of this region. He said that it is known to one and all the National Conference has during every phase of its rule worked relentlessly for providing equal rights to each and every section of the society. The function

of joining was organized by Mrs Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women wing while welcoming Mrs Joginder Kour in the party. She said that National Conference committed for the welfare of the women folk in J&K specially ignored far-flung areas of UT.

Joginder Kour pledged to carry forward the mission of National Conference in transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a peaceful and progressive UT with devotion and dedication. She joined the party because National Conference being a secular party and having great faith in the leadership of Dr Farooq Abdullah Former Chief Minister and President, JKNC and Mr Omar Abdullah Former Chief Minister and Vice President JKNC.

Those who were present on this occasion: Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Jammu Province Women Wing, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Pyare Lal Sharma, Dilshad Malik, Pinky Khalsa, Rita Gupta, S. Nirmal Singh, Latta Kumari, Santosh, Rekha Devi, Saroj Bala and others.

Keshav Chopra distributes Disability Certificates

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra distributes Disability Certificates among Divyang Jan's.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra lauded the work of Health

Department who is working under the guidance of Secretary Health and Medical Education Bhupinder Kumar IAS and his team for Organising such regular camps at different Locations so that Divyang people can apply for their Disability Certificate at one place.

NOTICE

I, Nerash Kumar Surmal S/o Swami Raj Surmal R/o Mori Bunjwah Tehsil Bunjwah District Kishtwar Serving in police Department IRP as SGCT Presently posted at IR4th Battalion Kapwara Kashmir. My Actual name as per School Records is Nerash Kumar Surmal S/o Swami Raj Surmal which is true and correct but my name in police Department Recorded with wrong Spellings as Naresh Kumar Surmal which is incorrect. I have applied for rectification in my name in department record as Nerash Kumar Surmal Instead of Naresh Kumar Surmal. Objection if any may be convened to PHQ Headquarter Sirmager Kashmir with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice
From Nerash Kumar Surmal S/O Swami Raj Surmal R/O Mori Bunjwah Tehsil Bunjwah District kishthwar

'Back to Village' Phase V

Shailendra Kumar visits Patrara Panchayat

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 14

As part of government's unique initiative 'Back to Village' program Phase V, multifarious activities are being organized across the border district of Rajouri with special focus on taking administration to the doorsteps of rural masses.

As a sequel to these activities, Principal Secretary Public Works Department (R&B, Shailendra Kumar, embarked on a significant visit to Patrara Panchayat in Sunderbani block.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, and other senior officers accompanied the Principal Secretary.

Principal Secretary sought public feedback on the efficacy of various government schemes being implemented within the panchayat. He also took stock of developmental issues concerns of locals.

Underscoring the paramount importance of direct public engagement, Shailendra Kumar accentuated the pivotal role of public outreach camps in bridging the gap between



the administration and the grassroots level. He articulated that these camps serve as a vital platform for the common masses to voice their concerns, thereby fostering community participation in development process.

In a bid to inspire the youth towards a brighter future, Shailendra Kumar urged upon them to leverage self-employment schemes. He expressed gratitude to the public for their unwavering support, acknowledging their role in effective implementation of developmental programs. He asserted that

such initiatives stand as a testament to the dedication of the administration.

Principal Secretary said that providing all basic facilities to the common masses at their doorsteps is topmost priority of the UT administration. He added that persistent efforts are being made to ensure that the public does not face any inconvenience on this account. Asserting that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is committed to ensure all round and holistic development of rural areas, he said that a number of measures are being taken up

in this regard. Within the dynamic framework of the event, Principal Secretary demonstrated not only his professional competence but also a compassionate ear towards the grievances expressed during these sessions. Each concern was meticulously documented, and the local community was assured that their legitimate demands and issues would be addressed in a phased manner. The people of Rajouri district, through their expressions of admiration, underscored the steadfast efforts of the Government to connect with them on their own turf. This participatory governance model not only attests to the responsiveness of administration but also exemplifies community-led development, showcasing the transformative potential for positive change at the grassroots level.

Among the others, DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma; BDC Sunderbani, Arun Sharma; Tehsildar Sunderbani; sarpanchs, panches and public in large numbers attended the event.

Grand event held to commemorate Children's Day at Pulwama

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 14

On the occasion of Children's Day, a joyous celebration unfolded across District Pulwama, culminating in a grand event held at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Pulwama.

The main function presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom marked a momentous day for the community.

The highlight of the event was the inauguration of the Auditorium cum Meeting hall at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Pulwama. This state-of-the-art facility promises to be a hub for cultural and educational activities, fostering growth and creativity among students.

Cultural events performed by students showcased the rich diversity of talents among students, reflecting both their artistic skills as well as their dedication and passion. The enthusiastic participation of students in these events underscored the importance of fostering cultural appreciation and expression in educational settings.



Addressing the students, the DC emphasized the importance of leveraging information technology and instilling self-confidence. He urged students to seize every available opportunity, reminding them that they are potential ambassadors for the entire district. In his speech, Dr. Basharat advocated for healthy competition among schools, believing it to be a catalyst for improvement. He encouraged students to transcend the confines of the curriculum, urging them to explore and apply their knowledge in diverse fields. The celebration was attended by Chief Education Officer Pulwama, Principal GHSS and other officials.

World Diabetes Day-2023 celebrated at DH Kulgam

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 14

A screening camp with the theme 'Access to Diabetes Care' was today organized under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke at District Hospital Kulgam.

During the camp, a total of 103 patients were screened and counseled for Diabetes. Free Glucometers and medicines were provided to the diagnosed patients. The primary goal of World Diabetes Day is to raise awareness about diabetes, its prevention, management, and the global impact of the disease. The day also serves as a platform to advocate for the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and access to appropriate treatment and care for individuals with diabetes.

World Diabetes day is also a day to advocate for the rights of people with diabetes and to call for action to address the global diabetes epidemic.

Back to Village Phase-5

Round-2 commences across 78 Panchayats of District Doda



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DODA, NOVEMBER 14

Second last (2nd Round) of the mega public outreach programme, under Back to Village Phase-5 initiative commenced today across 78 Gram Panchayats of the 17 CD Blocks of the District.

Ninety two Gram Panchayats have already been covered in the first round from 9th to 10th of November.

On the day-1 of the round two of B2V5, several senior government functionaries including Pawan Singh Rathore, Special Secretary to Govt Hospitality and Protocol Department; Rakesh Kumar, Addl Secretary Finance Department; Dr Khalid Hussain Malik, JD Employment; Dr Tahir Firdous, Addl. Secretary PDD; Pankaj Katoch, Addl. Com. in the Div Com office; Bharat Bhushan CEO IWMP; Yasir Sharief, FA&CAO Skill Dev Deptt.; and others, reached their allotted Gram Panchayats and started their scheduled activities.

Visiting/ Prabhari Officers received a grand welcome. The VOs will stay in the allotted panchayats tonight and continue their scheduled activities till tomorrow.

The designated Visiting/ Prabhari Officers, along with supporting staff and field functionaries of the line departments will listen to villagers and prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)

as per the wishes of people of the village.

The Prabhari Officers shall spread awareness and ensure saturation of all the government schemes and report to the government on the aspirations and feedback of the people of their respective panchayats.

The VOs have been exhorted to focus on the penetration of online services in the rural population to expedite the public services delivery in a transparent manner.

The mega outreach programme in Doda, under the unique initiative of the UT Government, is supervised and managed by the District Administration Doda, under the leadership of District Development Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh. The Back to Village (B2V) Programme is the flagship public outreach, participation, and feedback programme. During the programme, the Prabhari Officers visit their respective panchayats, stay there for a specific period to interact and obtain feedback from the grass-roots so as to tailor Government efforts in improving the delivery of village-specific services. The B2V Programme is aimed at involving the people and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas.

During the first day of round-2 of the B2V5 programme in the designated panchayats, the visiting

officers held interaction with members of the PRIs and general public.

They inspected various government institutions viz schools, Anganwadi Centres, Ration depots, Health institutions, Patwar khana, Panchayat Ghars, etc. They also visited the sites of ongoing and completed works under MGNREGA, Capex Budget, PMAY, SBM, and other such schemes. Visiting officers also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of some of the important public assets. Visiting officers inspected Amrit Sarovars, interacted with the public especially, youth and created awareness on Self-Employment schemes. Feedback on welfare schemes, services delivery, and the punctuality of officials in the villages was reviewed by the visiting officers on day-1, round-2, of B2V5. The saturation of the Developmental Deliverables set by the government was also reviewed at the panchayat level. The designated officers also held interactions with the sarpanches, panches, and general public, who brought forth a range of genuine and specific grievances and developmental requirements of their areas.

The resource persons of various departments also educated the public about scores of welfare schemes and programmes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same.

'Back to Village' Phase V: Rehana Batul visits Sallan panchayat

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 14

Secretary, Labour and Employment Department Rehna Batul, today visited Sallan panchayat of block Dinga Amb in connection with fifth phase of "Back to Village" Programme (B2V5), Government's flagship public outreach, participation and feedback programme.

A multitude of activities were carried out in the Panchayat wherein Visiting Officer held interaction with PRIs representatives, frontline government functionaries and prominent citizens, besides visiting development work sites and reviewing activities of Village level institutions.

The Visiting Officer had detailed discussion with people on core issues being faced by the locals and deliberated on ways and means to resolve them.

On the occasion, the Prabhari Officer also inspected stalls of different departments where frontline officials of various departments sensitized the locals about individual beneficiary based schemes and asked them to register for saturation of KCC, ABHA cards, Golden Cards etc.

Recalling the objective of flagship outreach programme 'Back To Village', the Prabhari Officer said that reaching out to the rural populace at their doorsteps, besides facilitating community participation in the development process has given a vital fillip to



the rural landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. The Prabhari Officer distributed financial assistance cheques worth Rs 7.55 lakh among the beneficiaries of different schemes of Jammu & Kashmir Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBCOWWB). She said financial assistance will provide relief to individuals dealing with various hardships, ensuring that they can access the necessary resources. She also handed over certificates to the beneficiaries undergoing skill development courses sponsored by District Employment and Counselling Centre Kathua.

She also distributed RDD job cards and Ayushman Golden cards among the beneficiaries. Rehana Batul also visited the Bamboo centre, Sallan, established by Handicraft and Handloom department where she inspected bamboo artifacts and took appraisal of the facilities being given to the local artisans under different schemes.

During the programme, the Visiting Officer also presided over a Mahila Sabha and informed the people about the centrally sponsored and UT-run schemes. The Prabhari Officer also interacted with the public and reviewed previous and current year deliverables with special focus on improving e-services penetration and user experience for greater accessibility. She also inspected various government offices and establishments and assessed availability of facilities and functioning of these institutions. The Prabhari Officer also reviewed implementation status of schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, MGNREGA, PMAY-G, APY, Pension schemes, rejuvenation and restoration of water bodies. She emphasised upon the saturation of KCC, ABHA cards, golden cards, land passbooks etc.

Meanwhile, awareness sessions on various self employment and other welfare schemes was also held during the first day proceedings.

World Diabetes Day observed at DH Ramban

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RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 14

World Diabetes Day was observed by the Health Department at District Hospital Ramban here under the aegis of the District Administration Ramban.

Speaking on the occasion, Medical Superintendent, Dr Virender Trisal said that the theme for World Diabetes Day 2023 is 'Access to

diabetes care' which will emphasise the importance of equal access to essential care and treatment for diabetes.

The MS advised the staff to spread awareness about causes, prevention tips for diabetes as paramedics can play a crucial role in supporting diabetic patients. He said lack of awareness being the prime reason, one in two adults with diabetes remain undi-

agnosed as per a study. India is known to be the diabetes capital of the world. According to the World Health Organization, 6% of the world's population has diabetes. Screening session was conducted; and required treatment and remedies were also suggested to patients.

Doctors, Paramedical Staff, ASHA workers and patients attended the awareness programme.

DLSA Budgam celebrates Children Day amongst the Students of Pareesha Khansahib



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BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 14

As part of calendar of activities, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and in collaboration with Social Welfare Department (Mission Vatsalya), CWC and SAA today celebrated Children's Day with Children of Pareesha at Khansahib Budgam. The event at Pareesha marks a significant milestone in the promotion of rights of children and their holistic development. National Children Day is celebrated annually on November 14th in commemoration of the birth anniversary of first Prime Minister of Independent India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The event was organized under the guidance of Chairman DLSA Budgam, Khalil Ahmad Chaudhary and under the supervision of Secretary DLSA Budgam.

The event commenced with the recitation of some holy verses of The Quran, followed by Naate-Sharif presented by the Children of Pareesha.

Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary DLSA Budgam highlighted the importance of Child Rights and Legal Framework provid-

ed for the protection and well being of Children. He also distributed fruits and sweets amongst the students of Pareesha.

In the event students of Pareesha performed a number of colourful activities which include debate, dance, folk songs, etc showcasing their talent.

Afshana Paul Chairperson Child Welfare Committee, Budgam underscored the importance of collaboration and effective implementation of Child Welfare measures. She also highlighted the role of CWC in protection of Child Rights.

The programme was attended by Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary DLSA Budgam, Chairperson CWC, Tabassum Jan, Member CWC, Rifat Ara Coordinator Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA), staff of Pareesha Khansahib, students of Pareesha, staff members of DLSA Budgam and dedicated PLV's of DLSA Budgam.

It is apt to mention here that in the celebration of Children Day series of activities were also carried out by DLSA Budgam wherein PLV's conducted programmes at their Legal Aid Clinics, Legal Literacy Clubs existing in various Panchayatgars and Higher Secondary Schools in district Budgam.

EDITORIAL

India-China in dialogue mode

Amid the ongoing standoff between India and China in the strategically-important Eastern Ladakh, there are reports that the two sides have been regularly holding talks at local levels during past few days to ensure that problems don't emerge during readjustments along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region ahead of harsh winter season of over three months. This is despite the fact that there had been no breakthrough achieved through talks that had been held for 20 rounds so far. If the officials are to be believed, the dialogue is the part of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) which have been agreed upon during last month's Corps Commander level talks at Chushul Moldo in Eastern Ladakh on October 9 and 10. Two sides are yet to achieve any breakthrough in the dialogue process but they have exuded confidence that continuous and progressive talks may bring some change on ground. The talks which are going on for nearly a week may continue for a few more days depending upon the requirements. These developments are a good sign as it is expected to help two sides to normalize relations and maintain peace to the best possible extent especially at a time when harsh winter is about to set-in along the LAC and will continue till March. This is happening against the backdrop of the recent provocation of China when it denied entry of some Indian sportspersons belonging to Arunachal Pradesh into the 19th Asian Games being hosted by it. The Chinese government's action received expected reaction from Indians where the Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Sports Anurag Thakur cancelled his scheduled visit to China for the Games. India has also lodged a strong protest in New Delhi and Beijing against this. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India believed that 'China's action violates both the spirit of the Asian Games and the rules governing their conduct, which explicitly prohibits discrimination against competitors from member states'. Earlier to that, Chinese troops had provoked India by erecting four tents in Table Top area of Gurung Hills in Chushul area along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh—an area which had been declared as buffer zone by the two armies—PLA and Indian Army. It was a complete violation of the disengagement agreement. The Chinese action of installation of tents in the buffer zone was noticed by the locals who sounded troops. Buffer zones have been created in five regions of Ladakh as part of disengagement talks in the aftermath of the clash at Galwan in June 2020 and the subsequent build-up of Chinese and Indian armies along the Line of Actual Control. Amid this standoff, two countries have enhanced their developmental activities along the undemarcated LAC which is also one of the reasons for escalating tensions between India and China. China has reportedly intensified its activities for development of infrastructure in the region. On the other hand, India too has expedited its construction activities to build a better infrastructure for armed forces at the time of emergency. It is high time for two sides to settle all issues amicably by holding regular talks, like they have been doing for the past few days, to ensure long-lasting peace on borders.

KALYANI SHANKAR

How do the Indian American presidential hopefuls fare in the 2024 polls? With a year before 2024, they are far behind Republican leader and former President Donald Trump. It is noteworthy that Trump has a significant lead over other contenders, which could make the race more competitive and exciting. No one said they would win the presidential nomination from their parties, as the gap between them and Trump was vast. Ultimately, Trump and President Biden will be chosen as the official candidates. Knowing they have slim chances of winning, why did the three Indian Americans throw their hats in the Presidential ring? First, their bid had skyrocketed their political profile, whether they won or lost. Their names are better known nationally. Second, though they are polling far behind former President Donald Trump, Haley and Ramas-

wamy represent the growing political influence of American Indian descent. Thirdly, the Indian diaspora has become a robust and influential community in countries like the US, UK, and Australia. They have emerged as a powerful lobby in Congress and society. Fourthly, there was a time when Indian Americans were satisfied with giving hefty donations to Political parties. Of late, they have realised where the power lies and try to become candidates. Fifthly, Kamala Harris and Nikky Hailey have already established themselves, and Vivek Ramaswamy has emerged just now. All three are children of immigrants and were raised in the U.S.

Some sections of the Indian Diaspora continue to support, fund, and engage in American politics. There has been some attention and pride regarding the three candidates. During her presidential campaign, Hailey said, "I am the proud daughter of Indian immi-

grants. Neither black nor white. I was different."

Kamala Harris has already broken the glass ceiling and become the first woman vice President. Kamala's mother, Shyamala, came from Tamil Nadu. Hailey is known for many firsts – the first Asian American woman to serve as governor in U.S. history, the first Indian American member of a presidential Cabinet, and the first woman seeking the GOP nomination. Hailey boasts impressive foreign policy experience amid the conflict in Ukraine and the war between Israel and Hamas.

Kamala Harris and Ramaswamy are South Indians, and Haley has a Punjabi heritage. They are a source of pride for their respective communities in India. When Kamala Harris became the vice president in 2020, Tamil Nadu burst crackers and celebrated the event.

The parents of the first major Indian American presidential candi-

date, former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, came in 1971. Hailey and earlier Bobby Jindal, both of Indian origin, became Governors and made a significant impact. While Jindal had faded away, Nikki still made the news. A former South Carolina governor and later U.N. ambassador for Trump, Haley generally aligns with the party's traditional establishment. The five Indian American members of Congress make up slightly less than their share of the population. There are no current senators or governors of Indian descent.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, in 1960, there were only 12,000 Indian immigrants residing in the United States. However, today, census data reveals that the number has increased significantly to more than 4 million. Indian Americans comprise about 1.3% of the country's population and have become prominent members of both major political par-

ties. Although the Republican Party may not be able to win over the Indian diaspora in America, even slight gains could be significant in closely contested states. Kamala Harris, who was hoping to succeed, is now reconciled as Biden's running mate.

Haley and Ramaswamy have 6 per cent and 5 per cent support, respectively. The political parties are yet to announce their candidates officially.

In 2020, Indian Americans voted over 74 per cent for Biden compared to 15 per cent who voted for Trump. The PEW found similar results, with 68 per cent of Indians identifying or leaning toward the Democratic Party compared with 29 per cent who leaned Republican.

The Sangh Parivar's overseas outfit in the US has existed since the 1960s. Prime Ministers Vajpayee and Modi helped organise NRIs with facilities. First-generation Indian immigrants were highly educated, became

skilled in the labour force, and affluent through hard work. According to ABC News, they were allowed into the US Indian Americans now have a median household income of nearly \$142,000, according to the census. It is double the average.

Haley and Ramaswamy wanted Trump to consider them as his running mates. They positioned themselves in a way that wouldn't rule out this possibility. Even if Nikki Haley fails to become the first woman Republican nominee, this election will mark yet another first for her as it will be the first election she has ever lost. Ramaswamy has a new political profile that will help him later.

Overall, the confidence of the three candidates is also the story of the rising Indian Diaspora. Whether they win or lose in 2024, they will make news. They will someday achieve their American dream.

(The writer is a popular columnist; views expressed are personal)

US presidency: The desi dream

Perils of religio-cultural one-upmanship

JS RAJPUT

The Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, shocked every conscious human being with the severity of the cruelty that was inflicted upon innocent children, women, the elderly and all those who had gathered there on a festive day to celebrate. Retaliation was inevitable, and it was launched with full ferocity and revenge.

It continues even after a month, with supporters of both sides lining up in their camps to augment the war efforts of their preferred side! Religion has entered it in a big way, as it does in most of the instances of war and violence. Western powers are visiting Israel regularly, and the Organisation of Islamic countries has come together to support Hamas! Is this a truly civilised world? If not, what is the use of all the progress made in science, technology and ICT?

Will it ever be possible for humanity to be realistic and pragmatic, and come together that its survival depends upon the acceptance of equality of all human beings and equality of all religions? There is no other way out. Non-acceptance of equality is a sure prescription for the elimination of humans from the planet Earth.

How have we reached such a state of affairs where

animal instincts overshadow all that human civilization could be proud of? It deserves a serious -and fact-based - analysis by the top-level influencers, policymakers and decision-makers. A cursory peep into the circumstances could remind one of the human instincts that make Every conscious and alert citizen invariably proud of various aspects of his heritage, culture and the contributions of his race to the evolution of civilization. An Indian claim to great strides in the field of surgery, space vehicles, and astronomy in ancient times may be immediately countered by the Chinese and ridiculed by the Westerners.

There may be someone from another culture to claim ownership of the discovery of zero. It applies to all such claims of the superiority of one's religion, extending to the sole ownership of Truth! It could be well understood that people would like to see their clan grow, adherents from other religions joining them would be very welcome. Practically in every existing civilization and culture, there are forceful claims and beliefs concerning the origin of man, and the growth of knowledge and wisdom in the civil society as it exists today. Each one has its claims on the great contribution made by their people, religion and community for the first time

in exploring the secrets of nature. Such claims are often duly supported by reference to their Holy books and scriptures.

Devout adherents of Sanatan Dharma, mostly identified as Hindus are confident that Vedas consist of all the knowledge that humanity and scientists would take ages to explore in future. Their task would be much easier if instead of striving hard in the laboratories and libraries, people learn Sanskrit, and study Vedas, Puranas and Upanishads with respect and faith! On the religious front, Hindus are unique in the sense that they give full liberty to the individual to follow his chosen path, they are not confined to the way given in any one of the books of his choice of 'reverence'.

Even those who do not follow any of the Vedic rituals, or have no faith in the existence of God, could be part of Hindu society. Sanatan Dharma permits every person to worship one God, many gods or no god, he could remain a Sanatani based upon his conduct of life and living. How one conducts his personal religious life is one's own choice. In the same household, there could be the devotees of Durga, Krishna, Ram, Shiv or Vishnu! The multiplicity creates no issues. So long as one has acquired the samskaras as part of social and

cultural moors, one is welcome as a Hindu, irrespective of his adherence to the god of his choice.

Adherents of Islam are equally, if not more, convinced by their religious interpreters that the world needs to study and decipher only the single text, the Quran - and if comprehended properly, that would suffice to lead a magnificent life on the planet Earth and also ensure the mercy of Allah and the bounties of the afterlife, which have been duly listed. It was this conviction - amongst the ignorant and unaware - of all knowledge being contained in the single holy book that led to the burning of libraries in Egypt/Alexandria and Nalanda in India.

No doubt, devout Muslims also read more books, write great books, and receive appreciation for their contributions. Strange are the ways of democracy and politics of the day! Near Nalanda, there is a railway station named after Bakhtiyar Khilji who burnt the library of the great Nalanda University of Yore which had a global reputation as the seat of knowledge, learning and the creation of new knowledge. The invader Bakhtiyar Khilji destroyed the monastery, killed the monks and burnt the library. It is said that this library had nine million books and ten thousand students were

studying there.

Taxila University had also suffered a similar fate. Christianity has its Bible and Judaism its Talmud. These two and Islam are convinced that their way - contained in these treatises they adore - provides the only true path to every human being, and each one who is not within the pale of their religion, must come and join it if he wants to be saved from the wrath of Hell! Conversion of those outside their faith is considered a desirable, even divine task that could bring in great rewards.

The principle of equality of all human beings does not apply in this context. After all, the missionaries came to India to "salvage the souls of the savages"! History has detailed descriptions of how conversions considered divinely mandated their adherents to launch sustained campaigns and crusades to expand their religions. These expansions and conversions were not always peaceful and through persuasive methods, convinced the other person about the superiority of the preacher's faith!

Aurangzeb is only one of the examples from the authenticated history of how conversions were achieved in India, and what happened to Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib and Banda Bahadur! One wonders whether any other nation could have

acquired a prolonged, torturous and tragic experience as India did!

Will Durant and Ariel Durant who together authored Eleven-Volume History of Civilization, wrote in 1930: "The British conquest of India was the invasion and destruction of a high civilization by a trading company (the British East India company) utterly without scruple or principal, careless of art and greedy of gain, over-running with fire and sword a country temporarily disordered and helpless, bribing and murdering, annexing and stealing, and beginning that career of illegal and 'legal' plunder which has now (1930) gone on ruthlessly for one-hundred and seventy-three years." This has been quoted by Shashi Tharoor in his widely read book: "An Era of Darkness". Despite such a past, and every effort made for around two hundred years by the British to fan communal tension, Indians could live together, even after the partition of 1947. India needs to speak in one single voice, endorse the stand of the Prime minister, and expedite its role as the only nation equipped enough in leadership to bring peace to Israel and Gaza.

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Radiance and happiness within

RAVI VALLURI

During our several visits to Chandigarh in my childhood, I remember Mr PH Vaishnav, a close family friend and then a serving IAS officer, would always mention that the best Diwali celebrations in the country were at the Golden Temple, Amritsar.

With childlike enthusiasm, he used to describe how the temple was lit in a captivating manner, fireworks illuminated the sky, while simultaneously melodious and soulful singing by the granthis reverberated through the holy precincts.

Let us pause and recall the iconic lyrics by Simon and Garfunkel:

Hello darkness, my old friend I have come to talk with you again

Because a vision softly creeping

Left its seeds while I was

sleeping

And the vision that was planted in my brain remains, within the sound of silence.

The message and import of this haunting song, with indelible lyrics is the trajectory from darkness to light, from cacophony to symphony.

As per the Ramayana, Dipawali or Diwali is celebrated to mark Lord Rama's triumphant return to Ayodhya after vanquishing the ten-headed hydra monster Ravana. The ten heads of the rakhshasa are symbolic of the antipathetic elements in our minds, such as lust, anger, attachment, greed, pride, jealousy, selfishness, injustice, cruelty, and ego. Though an ardent Shiv-bhakta, Ravana could not overcome these ill feelings and emotions. Rama, on the other hand, stands for the light and radiance within us.



Indians celebrate Holi, Dusshera and Dipawali with tremendous fervour and gaiety. Unfortunately, there is the unholy spectre of carousing during the festivals rather than celebrating them with solemnity and propriety. Drunkenness, playing of cards, hoolliganism, and committing acts of disrepute tend to sully the purity and significance of these festivals. These mar the majesty of the occasion.

Dipawali is another name for happiness. There are certain fundamental and cardinal principles to ensure joy. Every moment that humans spend on the planet needs to be joyful and spread a big smile. Sage Patanjali has expounded on certain tenets to remain happy which include Ahimsa, Satyam, Astheya, Brahmacharya and Aparigraha. Thus, the festival of Diwali is meant to radiate happi-

ness.

This is a Zen-like state of maintaining poise.

In such a monk-like state, humans transcend trivia and are in a state of bliss, with illumined hearts. And an emblazoned and embellished heart spreads the true sparkles of Diwali.

Sage Patanjali further elaborates on some pointers of inner development. These include such (maintenance of cleanliness), santosha (being contented, irrespective of situation and events - not to be subsumed by events), tapas (or deep penance), swadhyaya (observing the mind and feeling how it operates, how it responds to different situations) and finally Aishwarya pranidhana (surrender to the Divine will).

Diwali is an occasion to celebrate the victory of light over darkness, awareness over ignorance, an

occasion to celebrate life and let happiness, peace and joy into our lives and of those around us - so go the oft-repeated lines. We say this to each other with great fervour. But let us ponder and think, do we mean and practice it? Perhaps in a corner, a Zen Master may be crouching and murmuring, "Is it so?"

By practising the cardinal principles as elucidated by Sage Patanjali in entirety and completeness, seekers, the devout and commoners can maintain equanimity. And equanimity is another name for ecstasy and contentment within us. This inner contentment is reflected in the radiating lights of Diwali, verily a true celebration of the festival of lights.

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NC leader distributes sport items at JRC Udheywala

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On the pious occasion of Diwali, Ankush Abrol, Jammu Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC and Dr. Vikas Sharma, Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) JKNC, today organized a programme at JRC Home for Handicapped, Udheywala here wherein they distributed Badminton, Carrom Boards, Chess, Footballs, ludo etc and sweet items to deprived children.

The programme was organized by Dr. Vikas Sharma and Sh Ankush Abrol was the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Ankush Abrol said, "National Conference has been doing social works from time to time and always remains on the front to help the needy persons indiscriminately."

He also said that everyone should come forward and spend time with these



children so as to help them as per their needs.

He further said that the Party President, Jenab Dr. Farooq Abdullah is always keen and encourages party workers to help the community irrespective of caste, creed or color. He assured that in future such functions shall also be organised in the interest of indigent and needy persons.

Dr. Vikas Sharma also spoke and elaborated upon the priorities enlist-

ed by the party for development and welfare of masses.

He said, "It is our moral duty to come together for noble cause and maintain that his party cadre will continue to tread the path of humanity and humility." "The National Conference has a legacy of serving the poor and weaker sections of the society which was started by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah."

Highlighting achieve-

ments under NC rule, especially during the times of Sher-e-Kashmir Jb. Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah, Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Jb. Omar Abdullah, he said "lots of revolutionary steps in Jammu & Kashmir were initiated to inculcate the spirit of Unity, Integrity, Prosperity as well as brotherhood to work for overall development/welfare of the people of J&K, in general, and especially the

downtrodden sections of the society in particular."

Ashwani Kumar Leader JKNC delivered the welcome address, Satish Sharma Secretary JRC Home for Handicapped presented vote of thanks and extended gratitude for this great act of philanthropy towards the leaders of the J&K National Conference.

Others who spoke on the occasion were, Vikram Gupta, Dr. Rajesh Singh, and others.

74th Amendment strengthened ULB, led to improved infrastructure: Sanjay Baru

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BJP senior leader & JMC Councillor Ward 41 Sanjay Kumar Baru along with Ward 40 Councillor Neelam Nargotra, J&K BJP media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, BJP Talab Tillo Mandal president Keshav Chopra, AEE JMC Yagyadutt Sharma and JE Shabab inaugurated JMC office of Ward 41 in Wazir lane Talab Tillo.

Sanjay Kumar Baru, while inaugurating the Ward office pointed out that during his tenure as JMC Councillor for 5 years, he used to face difficulty in doing the public work in the Ward and the official machinery, apparatus and other objects lying unattended in absence of proper storage space in the ward. He said that now, at the end of his term, he wishes to dedicate this



office to the JMC, the officials, the residents of the ward and the next JMC councillor. He insisted that now the reconstructed and renovated office and the store could be used for all the activities of the public welfare in this ward as well as adjoining ward 40.

Sanjay Baru said that the total cost was about 13 lakh rupees, in which the existing room was repaired, made bigger, tiles were installed, with the construction of a kitchen, bathroom and store. He

also attributed this positive change to the 74th Amendment strengthening ULBs, which led to improved infrastructure.

Neelam Nargotra said that BJP councillors with the cooperation from people and each other have worked dedicatedly for the last 5 years. She said that they would continue to serve the residents with their all might.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra congratulated the Councillors for their extraordinary work during the last

5 years. He said that BJP's councillors represented a work culture that will act as a beacon for others.

Keshav Chopra said that every BJP activist is the representative of the ideology and policies of the party that dedicates all to serve the society and nation. Jatin Sethi,

Brijesh Gupta, Ashok Wazir, Jatinder Khajuria, Rakesh Sharma, Parveen Ghai, Atul Chopra, Bachan Bhagat, Romesh Sharma, Ashish Mangotra, Anuj Soni, Anu Behnal, Ramesh Sharma, R.S Manni, Kewal Sharma, Sr. Gurcharan Singh, Dr. Inderjeet Bakshi, Dindayal Sharma, Raman Kaushal, Vijay Gupta, Jiyalal Gupta, Nandip Bakshi, Ravi Bakshi, Smt Neeru, Kaushal Gupta, Mahendra Gupta were prominent among those present on the occasion.

ASSOCHAM J&K Council Delegation holds crucial meeting with MD JKTPo, Khalid Jahangir

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14:

A delegation from the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) J&K Council, led by Mr. Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Director of Batra Group, recently met with Mr. Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO).

The delegation, which included Mr. Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Managing Partner of Hotel Radisson Blu Jammu, and Mr. Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director of ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh, discussed various issues related to trade promotions and explored initiatives to attract investment in Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting, held at the JKTPO office, pro-



vided an opportunity for ASSOCHAM and JKTPO to collaborate on strategies aimed at boosting trade and economic development in the region. The delegation expressed its commitment to fostering a conducive business environment and leveraging the potential of Jammu & Kashmir as an investment destination.

Key highlights of the meeting included discussions on trade promotion initiatives and the exploration of innovative programs to attract investment to Jammu & Kashmir. The delegation, with its wealth of exper-

tise and industry insights, engaged in constructive dialogue with Mr. Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, Mr. Imran Mahmood, Financial Advisor, and Ms. Megha Boagia, General Manager, JKTPO.

Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the private sector and government agencies to drive economic growth. He highlighted the role ASSOCHAM plays in promoting trade and commerce and expressed the council's commitment to supporting JKTPO's initiatives.

Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, acknowledged the valuable contribution of ASSOCHAM in promoting economic development and discussed the organization's plans to facilitate trade and attract investments to Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to ongoing collaboration and the implementation of strategic initiatives for the benefit of the region.

The interaction between ASSOCHAM J&K Council and JKTPO marks a significant step towards fostering partnerships that can positively impact the economic landscape of Jammu & Kashmir. The collaborative efforts aim to create a conducive environment for businesses, promote trade, and attract investments that will contribute to the overall development of the region.

B2V5 prog successfully conducted in Poonch's Panchayat Shiendra

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

The Back to Village Five (B2V5) programme was conducted successfully in Panchayat Shiendra Lower of Block Lassana, District Poonch where Jatinder Singh, Director General Floriculture Parks and Gardens was deployed as the Prabhari/Visiting Officer. The Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat Wajahat Bhukhari, all Panches and incharge Secretary Panchayat Vinamar Sharma along with other PRIs members, Frontline Workers Officers/Officials of the different Department & huge numbers local public of Panchayat participated in the two days activities of B2V5.

During the programme Prabhari Officer highlighted the major demands of this Panchayat in past years, their redressal and



also listened to the current demands projected by PRIs members & Local people of the Panchayat. The Officer while reviewing implementation of Government Schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, MGNREGA, 14th FC PMJJY, PMSBY, APY & PMJDY, PMAY, Aapki Zameen Apki Nigrani, Pension Schemes of Social Welfare, Fasal Beema Yojana, Cattle Insurance, Amrit Sarovars established, ODF Plus etc, stressed upon the people of the Panchayat to utilize all the 1075 online

services launched by the Government so that they can avail the benefits of all the above schemes.

The District Development Commissioner Poonch Mohd Yasin Choudhary, alongwith the Prabhari Officer conducted a grievance redressal camp in the Government Higher Secondary School Shiendra were large number of people of the Panchayat were present.

Different beneficiaries of the Panchayat were provided seeds through the

Agriculture Department, Land Pass books prepared by the Revenue Department were also distributed to the different beneficiaries of the Panchayat by the District Development Commissioner and the Prabhari Officer.

The Yoga session was also held by the students in the Panchayat where prominent citizens of the Gram Panchayat were present. A friendly Volleyball match was also organized in the school by the students. Prizes were also given to the students who participated in different activities and award winning students were felicitated by Prabhari Officer and District Development Commissioner Poonch.

A plantation drive was also conducted in the premises of GHSS Shiendra where different plants were provided by the Forest Department.

Ashok Koul holds review meeting of Panchayati Raj Cell

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (organization), alongwith BJP All Cells Incharge, Rakesh Mahajan, chaired a meeting of the Panchayati Raj Cell at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

This meeting was convened by BJP Panchayati Raj Cell Convenor Surjeet Choudhary and also addressed by Co Incharge All Cells Ved Raj Sharma. Office bearers of Panchayati Raj Cell attended the meeting, which aimed to take stock of the ongoing Booth Jan Samvad programmes at Panchayat levels, voter list revision and Panchayat elections.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, said that the party has undertaken Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan in Jammu and Kashmir to reach the people in their respective areas. Party leaders are holding such



programmes in panchayats as well and the response of the people is very positive. The party leaders, who have been assigned the task of making people aware of the good governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are sharing details of numerous development projects and welfare schemes with them. He said that the party leaders are also

informing the people in rural areas about what has been done for strengthening the Panchayati Raj institutions and taking democracy at the grass root levels for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ashok Koul stressed upon the Cell's office bearers to devote more time in the panchayats and keep educating the people about the need to strengthen BJP

and bringing Narendra Modi as PM for the third consecutive term. He also stressed upon them to extend help to the people in getting enrolled as new voters, make additions, corrections in the existing voter lists.

Rakesh Mahajan said that Panchayati Raj Cell has an important role in the BJP as it serves as a bridge between the party and the people residing in rural and far-flung panchayats in the UT. He also spoke on the issue of OBC reservation and the role of Cell activists at the Panchayat level. He asked the Cell office bearers to undertake regular visits to the panchayats and build a strong bonding with the people. Co Incharge All Cells Ved Raj Sharma said that the Panchayati Raj Cell has to work more vigorously in the rural areas and expressed hope to convince population to seek their support at all levels in the UT.

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Distt Admin committed to provide hassle free services to devotees visiting Jhiri Mela: DDC Chairman

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu has asserted that Administration stands fully committed to provide hassle free facilities and services to the devotees visiting the upcoming Jhiri Mela.

He stated this in his address after kick-starting macadamization work of roads leading to the Temple and Mela site here today.

The DDC Chairman said that the black topping of roads linked to the site of Mela has been initiated in view of the upcoming Jhiri Mela. It is pertinent to mention here that the aforesaid roads include Sua No: 1 to Jhiri road, Simbalwala to Jhiri road and the Bawe Talab to Jhiri road and the road macadamizing project is



estimated to be completed at a cost of Rs. 72 lakhs.

While addressing the gathering, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi said that the instant work on the aforesaid roads has been commenced with the main aim is to focus on making the devotees coming from across the nation to pay obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum feel comfortable stay and carry back the experience back home.

The DDC Chairman said that the Administration stands fully committed to provide hassle free services to devotees visiting

the Jhiri Mela and all the concerned departments have already geared up to ensure the best facilities and services to those visiting the site. He said that Health, PHE, PDD, Police and other government departments are working with synergy and full coordination to make the upcoming Mela successful.

Emphasizing on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the vicinity of the temple during Jhiri Mela, Bharat Bhushan said that the concerned departments will leave no stone unturned in ensuring proper sani-

tion, uninterrupted power supply, regular and safe drinking water, security arrangements, adequate stocks of ration and fire wood, provisions for accommodation of the devotees, deployment of fire tenders at the venue, setting up of stalls by different departments and last but not the least conducting the cultural programmes during the fair.

He asserted that the district administration is committed to provide hassle free services to the devotees visiting the Jhiri Mela.

Prominent among others who accompanied the DDC Chairman on the occasion included the Block Development Council (BDC) Chairman Surinder Kumar, ex Sarpanch Dhananter Singh, Sham Lal Sarpanch Panjore, Sanjay Kumar Sharma Naib Sarpanch and Panch Amrik Singh Sudan.

PM Modi's Vision for development will transform Rajasthan: MP Khatana

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POKHRAN(RAJASTHAN), NOV 14

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana emphasized the stark contrast between the developmental vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the historical legacy of corruption

and nepotism associated with the Congress party.

Addressing a number of public meetings in support of Mahant Pratappuri ji maharaj, BJP assembly candidate from Pokhran, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is synonymous with development, citing the

numerous initiatives and transformative policies that have propelled the nation forward under his leadership. He highlighted the government's commitment to economic progress, infrastructure development, and social welfare, showcasing the transformative impact of these initiatives

across the country. Khatana expressed confidence that if the people of Rajasthan choose to vote for the BJP in the upcoming elections, they will witness a profound transformation in the state's development and economic progress. Drawing parallels between the Modi-led govern-

ment's success at the national level and the potential for change in Rajasthan, Khatana underlined the need for a government that prioritizes development over corruption and nepotism.

"Prime Minister Modi's leadership has been instrumental in shaping a new era of prog-

ress for our nation. His commitment to development is unwavering, and we believe that by aligning with the BJP, Rajasthan will experience a similar surge in prosperity. Our focus is on creating a Rajasthan that is a model of development and economic growth," stated Khatana.

Congress pays rich tributes to Pt Nehru

□ Nehru's role in accession of JK with India is historical: Bhalla

□ Nehru was architect of modern India: Ravinder Sharma

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress paid rich tributes to the first prime minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru and lauded his historical role, far-sightedness and efforts towards the rejection of two nation theory on Jammu & Kashmir leading to the accession of state with India.

Several functions at Districts and Block level were held all over J&K. An impressive function was organized by the District congress committee Jammu Urban led by Th. Manmohan Singh at PCC HQ, which was presided over by JKPC working President Shri Raman Bhalla and attended by Sr. Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Shri Ravinder Sharma, PCC Vice Presidents Shri Ved Mahajan, Rajnish Sharma (Treasurer), Pranav Shagotra, PCC General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Amrit Bali, Suresh Kumar Dogra, S. Gurmet Singh, Satish Sharma, Thomas Khokhar, PCC Secretaries Sanjeev Sharma(Panda), Rajveer Singh, Hoshiyar Singh, Michael Wazir,



Dwarka Choudhary, Vijay Shastri Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Pritam Singh, Sonu Dogra, Ram Prakash Magotra, Vijay Singh Chib, Atul Sharma, Sat Pal Spolia, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Anil Kumar, Pawan Sharma, Camres David and other DCC and BCC functionaries.

Paying floral tributes, Shri Raman Bhalla recalled the great contributions of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru in the freedom struggle and in laying the foundations of free India as a strong democratic, secular and progressive nation, for which he is rightly known as the architect of modern India.

Bhalla denounced attempts by the ruling party and its sister concerns to distort the historical facts about the role played by the great stalwart in the freedom struggle and in the build-

ing of modern India especially his historical contributions, in bringing Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian fold at the crucial times.

He lauded the visionary role played by Pt Nehru in defeating the designs of two nation theory by Mr. Jinnah over Kashmir. It was his far-sightedness and his great efforts which ultimately succeeded in lending the popular support in Jammu and Kashmir towards its accession with India by Maharaja Hari Singh on 26th Oct, 1947.

Bhalla said that in recent times Nehru's legacy has been under attack from his detractors, who are the ideological descendants of the Non-participants in the freedom struggle. It is time that the congressmen and all those who are aware of the great contributions of

Pt. Nehru in the freedom struggle and as a leader of this nation, come together to counter those forces, who are trying to distort history, so that the generation to come are not misinformed and misguided regarding the core values that he represented and stood for.

Ravinder Sharma in his address described Pt. Nehru as the tallest leaders of Modern times after Mahatma Gandhi. He said that contribution of Pt. Nehru to bring the state of J&K to the fold of Indian nation can't be forgotten and there is need to expose the distortions being made by certain forces for vested political interests. He also lamented those who try to belittle the contributions of Pt. Nehru as leader of freedom struggle and as leader of the nation, who not only shaped the future of India but played the very vital role in the world politics and was instrumental in the creation of third order in the world in the shape of NAM which emerged as a powerful block in the global politics.

Ved Mahajan (Vice President) said that the building of a democratic, social and

political system was Pt. Nehru's principal objectives. For him political democracy was a means of solving social problems. He laid the foundation of Panchayati Raj and Community development programmes because he believed that first objective of the state was social welfare and empowerment of the people. He started planning system paving way to growth of public sector with massive investment in basic and heavy industries and resolved into industrialization of the country.

Rajnish Sharma (Mian) described Pt. Nehru as a true democrat and nationalist with global outlook. He was a builder of institutions of excellence like IITs that truly empowered the younger generations of India to become the globally competitive and recognized. He described him a charismatic leader, whose contributions can never be forgotten. He lashed at the Communal and fundamentalist forces, who are trying to destroy the social and secular fabric of this nation.

CUJ concludes Four-Month Internship Program

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 14 NOV

A four-month internship program has been completed by teacher-trainees of the Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department said that the School Internship Programme is an integral part of the Four-year integrated B.A., B.Ed. Programme. He thanked Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ, and the principals of the collaborative schools who have facilitated to successful completion of the internship programme. In this event, the teachers of the respective schools, and faculty members of CUJ - Prof. J.N. Baliya, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Prof. Asit Mantry, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yad Ram and Dr. Mohan Galgotra played a key role in mentoring the teacher-trainees.

A total of forty teacher-trainees of Four-year Integrated B.A., B.Ed. programs were allotted four schools for enhancing their teaching skills and getting exposure to school



functioning both curricular and co-curricular activities in District Samba. The schools identified for undergoing the internship program were Kendriya Vidyalaya at Rahya-Suchani, Government Girls Higher Secondary School at Jakh, and RSM Government Higher Secondary School at Rahya-Suchani.

The internship program was concluded by having interactive feedback sessions with Principals and teaching staff of concerned schools and the teacher educators from CUJ - Dr. Ravi Vanguri, and Dr. Yad Ram.

While interacting with Principals and teaching staff, Dr. Ravi Vanguri took feedback and suggestions for making an effective internship program for the upcoming teacher-trainees of the department. In this event, by addressing the

teacher-trainees, The Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya of CUJ, said that the teaching profession should be chosen by choice, not by chance. The upcoming ITEP will provide more opportunities for those who intend to become teachers. He further said that the present teacher-trainees were very interested in teaching classes and actively participated in various school activities of day to day. The teaching staff also expressed that the teacher-trainees were cooperative in conducting various activities at the classroom level as well as the school level. They all expressed their gladness with a single tone and blessed them for their professional endeavor. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Yad Ram, Co-coordinator of the Internship Program.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra begins on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU: NOVEMBER 14

In a major step towards attaining saturation of welfare schemes of the government, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will launch the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra tomorrow from Khunti, Jharkhand, the birth place of Bhagwan Birsu Munda on the occasion of the third Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

The Prime Minister will flag off 5 specially designed IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Vans marking the launch of the massive outreach programme of the Government. Similar vans will be flagged off by important dignitaries like Governors, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, Ministers of State among others from 68 districts across the country with significant tribal population.

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha will virtually flag off IEC campaign from Gurez in Bandipora dis-

trict tomorrow. Similarly, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Shri Shailendra Kumar will flag off an IEC van in Bhudal tehsil of Rajouri district. It has been the constant endeavour of the Prime Minister to attain saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all targeted beneficiaries in a time bound manner. Accordingly, the focus of the Yatra will be on reaching out to people and create awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc.

The schemes being publicized include Ayushman Bharat ; PMJAY PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana; Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission ; PM Awas Yojana (Rural); PM Ujjwala Yojana ;PM

Vishwakarma; PM Kisan Saman ;Kisan Credit Card (KCC); PM Poshan Abhiyan; Har Ghar Jal - Jal Jeevan Mission; Survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in village areas (SVAMITVA); Jan Dhan Yojana; Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana; Suraksha Bima Yojana; Atal Pension Yojana; PM PRANAM; Nano Fertilizer etc.

Specific concerns of Tribal areas such as Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission; Enrolment in Eklavya Model Residential Schools; Scholarship Schemes ; Forest Right Titles: Individual and Community Land ; Van Dhan Vikas Kendra: Organising Self Help Groups are also being addressed.

The IEC Vans have been branded and customized to enable dissemination of information through audio visuals, brochures, pamphlets, booklets and flagship standees in Hindi and state languages showcasing the major schemes, highlights and their achievements at national, state and district level.

Various Jan Bhagidari

events like experience sharing by beneficiaries of the schemes, interaction with progressive farmers, celebration of achievements of Gram Panchayats achieving 100% saturation of schemes like Ayushman Card, Jal Jeevan Mission, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, ODF Plus status, on the spot quiz competitions, Drone demonstration, health camps, Mera Yuva Bharat volunteer enrolment etc. would form part of the ground activities.

The Viksit Bharat Campaign, one of the largest ever outreach initiative to be undertaken, eventually aims to cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by 25th January 2024 touching every district of the country.

The entire campaign is being planned and implemented with 'whole of Government' approach with active participation and involvement of the State Governments, District authorities, Urban Local Bodies and Gram Panchayats.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, JAL SHAKTI (IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION, JAMMU.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short Term e-NIT No. 29of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory , e-tenders (in two cover system) Cover-Ist containing CDR and prequalification documents and Cover-IInd containing price Bid are invited on percentage basis as per specifications in BOQ from Registered contractors having upto date GST Clearance certificate.

S. No	Name of work	Amount of Work (In lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Cost of Tender documents(In Rupees)	Class of contractor
1	Protection work by way of laying crates revetment on left bank of Bhaya Wali Khad at Kattal Battal Nagrota of M/s Gopal concretes poles	4.50	9000.00	20days	300.00	A,B,C&D
2	Protection work on left bank of river Tawi at Tawi Vihar Colony Sidhra	19.00	38000.00	45days	1000.00	A,B&C

Position of AAA : **Accorded**
Position of Funds: **Available.**

Important Dates

- i) Date of Publishing of Tender Notice : 09-11-2023 (06:00Pm)
- ii) Date of downloading Tender documents start : 09-11-2023(06:00 Pm)
- iii) Bid submission start date : 09-11-2023 (06:00Pm)
- iv) Bid submission end date : 20-11-2023 (04:00 pm)
- v) Date and time of Bid opening : 21-11-2023 (12:30 PM)

1. The complete bidding process will be online.
2. The tenders shall be received on-line on or before 20-11-2023 upto 4:00 PM. The Bids will be opened online on the same website www.jktenders.gov.in at above mentioned time and date at the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Jammu on 21-11-2023 or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority.
3. Bids must be accompanied by bid cost of documents as mentioned in the above table in the form as specified in the bidding documents. The Cost of Tender should be paid through Challan simply remitting into Treasury under MH: 0702 and uploading treasury Challan receipt along with Tender shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Jammu payable at Jammu. (Note:- The fee on account of downloaded bidding documents shall be acceptable in form of Treasury Challan under MH: 0702. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work/ NIT No. on the particular Challan. The Treasury Challan before date of publishing of e-NIT shall not be accepted).
4. The bids of the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids and the tender shall be applicable for the financial year 2023-24.
5. Quantities of work may increase or decrease. The contractor will have to execute the work as per site conditions / specifications as per the directions of the site Engineer. Any item not covered in the BOQ shall be paid as per SSR 2022 according to his quoted rates i.e. overall appreciation/ depreciation for the said work.

No: FCD/J/4497-4508
Dated:09.11.2023

DIP/J-11031/23
Date: 13-11-23

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Flood Control Division
Jammu

AFT suspending Army Captain's sentence raises serious questions on judicial process: Mehbooba

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 14

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) suspending the sentence of Captain in a 2020 "fake encounter" case, raises serious questions on the "sanctity of the judicial process".

Last week, the Armed Forces Tribunal suspended the life term awarded to Army Captain Bhoopendra Singh who was found guilty by a General Court Martial (GCM) of killing three men in a "staged" encounter in south Kashmir's Amshipora village in Shopian district.

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

S. No.	Name of work	Tender cost (Lacs)	Remarks
1.	JE Qtr. and Xen Quarter at Katra(Double Story),(Under M.H. 2216-Housing (A.R.)2023-24) (2 nd time)	4.92	No response

Keeping in view the above remarks, the tender invited vide this office e-NIT No. 111 of 2023-24 dated 28-10-2023 for the above cited work is hereby cancelled and fresh tender is being invited No:- 6018-23
Dated:- 10-11-2023

Sd/
[Er. Ashwani Kumar]
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division,
Katra

DIP/J-11067/23
Date: 13-11-23

GMS Sharchey at LoC celebrates Golden Jubilee



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

The Govt. Middle School Sharchey on the LOC in Batalik Sector celebrated its Golden Jubilee on its Annual Day Function.

The School came into limelight for the innovative and dedicated Service by a young Teacher Abass Pinto who even purchased land to extent the area of the School.

A galaxy of dignitaries gracing the occasion were Chief Planning Officer Kargil Abdul Hadi as Chief Guest, Lt Prateek Jhadav as Guest of Honour, ZEPO Kargil Mohd Kazim as Special Guest and Social Worker & Famous Artist Haji Mohd Hussain Momin, Villagers, Parents and Students.

The Students of the school presented colourful cultural programmes and displayed their talents and confidence.

For the first time a Modelling Contest was also conducted at the LOC School which was appreciated by all the Guests and Villagers.

The achievers in academics and sports were honoured and appreciated with accolades and prizes by dignitaries present in the function.

Appreciation prizes were also distributed among the participants of cultural items. While

speaking on the occasion, CPO Abdul Hadi stressed on the Value Oriented Education and appreciated the efforts of Abass Pinto Sir for the beautiful infrastructure with latest facilities even if the village has no internet facilities and has to trek for an hour and half to reach the village.

He appreciated School for outstanding results and stressed upon the holistic development of the students referring to the recent topper in Neet Exams who was an alumni of the School.

Abdul Hadi on behalf of DC Kargil congratulated Abass Pinto and his team for the dedication and zeal shown in lifting the overall status of the School to one of the best school in UT Ladakh and assured to take up the issues of the village and school with DC Kargil for early redressal.

Sir Abass Pinto while talking on this occasion thanked all the sponsors and volunteers who have given their time and money to improve the Schools Status upto this level, particularly Mahima Mehra and Shikha Tikoo of the Himalyan Volunteer Tourism Group who sends Volunteers and sponsors for the School.

He also thanked Lt Prateek Jhadav of Indian Army for a cash prize of 20,000 and Gifts for the Children of the School.

Muhurat Trading at NSE reflects our shared financial goals: CEO NSE



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

MD & CEO, National Stock Exchange (NSE) Ashishkumar Chauhan on Monday said that Muhurat Trading at the National Stock Exchange is a testament to our shared financial aspirations.

"In the heart of this vibrant marketplace, as the Diwali lights shimmer, we embark on a journey of careful choices and strategic investments. Each trade made during this auspicious time promises growth and the spirit of unity among investors," NSE Chief said in his message. NSE encourages investors to deal only with registered intermediaries and refrain from dealing in unregulated products. Stock market is meant

for long-term wealth creation, he added.

"An unpleasant experience disheartens the affected investors to enter the stock market ever again. Trade in derivatives by retail investors should be avoided because of the high risk involved in derivatives. Be a long-term player. This is the best way to participate in India's growth story," he further said.

NSE Chief also said that "may the trades be favorable, the investments be fruitful, and the spirit of Diwali guide us toward abundance and financial success. Happy Muhurat Trading at the National Stock Exchange, where every trade signifies our collective resolve to build a stronger, wealthier tomorrow."

Manyal, Purnima kick-start devp work of Aarti Ghat on bank of River Tawi

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

Dr D.K Manyal, BJP General Secretary, J&K, and former minister, along with Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson and former Deputy Mayor, today kickstarted the development work of Aarti Ghat on the bank of

River Tawi near Balram ji Mandir on the pattern of Ganga Ghat, Haridwar.

The development work was started with an estimated cost of Rs 18 lakhs. On the occasion, Gopal Gupta Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee, Manav, Gopal Sotra, Vikram Bashin, Vishal Gupta, Anu Gupta, Nis-



chal ji, Suresh ji, Subash Anand, Gopal Sharma and Rama. Dr D.K Manyal spoke on the development

work started today and said, "The development of Aarti Ghat is a long-pending demand of the people of Jammu. We are happy to announce that the work has finally started and will be completed soon. This ghat will be a place where people can come to worship and perform Aarti on the banks of River Tawi."

Manyal said, "Jammu is a City of Temples and the present government is committed to make Jammu and Kashmir a religious pilgrimage destination. The development of Aarti Ghat is a step in this direction. This ghat will be a major attraction for tourists and pilgrims from all over the country."

Ministry of Women and Child Development

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Advertisement Notice: No.03 of 2023
Dated: 08.11.2023

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) on honorarium basis in Anganwadi Centres for 2nd Phase of POSHAN Project Dansal.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022
2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023
3. SWD Communication no :-SWD-ICDS/43/2023 dated :14-8-23.
4. SMD Communication no :-SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/21349-72 dated :14-07-23.

Approval has been accorded, vide order No: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023 and as approval accorded by the Director, Mission POSHAN J&K, Srinagar vide order No: SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/27516-19 Dated:05.09.2023 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres for recruitment under 2nd Phase of POSHAN Project Dansal for the posts of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers, as per the details of Post given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Dansal	AWW	01 Posts
		AWH	05 Posts
Total			06 Posts

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Form in Annexure "C" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Date of commencement for submission of application 16-11-2023.
 - Last date for submission of applications is 30-11-2023.
- c) **Annexure A** - Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection.
d) **Annexure B** - Affidavit.
e) **Annexure C** - Format of application.

Annexure A Anganwadi Worker (Sanginis)

S.No	Name of Panchayat	Name of Anganwadi Center	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1	Dhan	Jakhari	7	AWW	01 No.

Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas)

S.No	Name of Panchayat	Name of Anganwadi Center	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1	Dhan	Dhanso	6	AWH	01 No.
2	Dhan	Jakhari	7	AWH	01 No.
3	Pounthal	Sangar	7	AWH	01 No.
4	Pounthal	Pounthal-B	2	AWH	01 No.
5	Panjgrain	Panjgrain -A	2	AWH	01 No.

Eligibility

A. For Anganwadi Workers

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for **Anganwadi Worker** shall be 10+ 2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN, J&K.
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

B. Anganwadi Helpers(Sahayikas)

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.
- First and foremost criteria of eligibility amongst married women in case of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) is the marks obtained in the class 10th. However in rarest of rare cases where selection committee finds a widow headed household with no source of income or a completely destitute lady with zero source of

income, in such cases preference may be given if other things are equal, with unmarried candidates selected only if no married candidate is available.

- C. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Certificates Required

- Domicile Certificate.
- 10th/12th and Graduation Mark Sheet in case of Sanginis (AWWs) & 10th Mark Sheet of department of school education in case of Sahayikas(AWHs).
- Date of Birth/Matriculation Certificate.
- Residence/Ward certificate where the vacancy has been verified from concerned BDO.
- Voter list of concerned ward where post has been available.
- UnMarried certificate issued by concerned Tehsildar in case of name of the candidate appeared in voter list with her parents.
- Certificate from concerned Sarpanch in case of candidate belongs to the family of retired AWW.
- Death Certificate in case of widow/divorcee copy in case of candidate applying for Sahayikas(AWH) for considering most destitute/needy.
- Affidavit duly attested by Judicial Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate Ist Class as shown in Annexure "B".

Document Verification

- Candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.

a) Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.

b) Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.

c) Domicile Certificate.

d) Unmarried Certificate (where required)

2) Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:

i) Aadhaar Card ii) Voter ID card

3) The candidates who are supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE-B

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker (Sanginis) and Class X for Anganwadi Helper (Sahayikas) and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker(Sangini)/ Anganwadi Helper(Sahayikas).
- If at any point of time any adverse/false found in my Selection, I will forfeit my selection.

Note: Candidates have to submit the application form at CDPO Office Dansal, C/O Opposite SBI Dansal, Dansal, during office hours.

No.:-CDPO/D/1199-1210/2023

Date: 11-11-2023

Child Development Project Officer
POSHAN Project Dansal

DIP/J-11114/23

Annexure-C

Format of Application

Advertisement Notice No. 03 of 2023 Dated:- 08-11-2023

- Name of Poshan Project _____
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate _____
- Father's Name _____
- Husband's Name _____
- Residence _____
- Ward No. _____
- Name of Panchayat _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on 01.01.2023 _____

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14. Academic Qualification:

S.No	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

15. Does the candidate belongs to the family of retired AWW (YES/NO).

16. Documents Attached:

Date: _____ Signature of the candidate _____

Waste to Wealth Eco Gallery "Eco-Giri" concluded at CUJ

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 14 NOV 2023

The Department of Environmental Sciences at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), in collaboration with Students for Development (SFD), has successfully concluded a two-day event titled "Eco-Giri." This event marked the pioneering initiative of a larger campaign focused on upcycling waste into wealth and using the proceeds for the education of underprivileged children residing near the campus.

The "Ecogiri" event took place at CUJ and showcased a remarkable collection of items made from waste materials collected from the campus and adjoining villages, skillfully crafted by PG students of the department. The event aimed to demonstrate how waste materials can be creatively transformed into valuable resources, aligning with the principles of sustain-



able living and environmental conservation.

The event attracted students, faculty, and environmental enthusiasts from the university and beyond, serving as an inspiring platform for the promotion of eco-friendly practices and community engagement. Attendees had the opportunity to witness and purchase a wide array of upcycled products, which ranged from handcrafted home decor to fashion accessories, and more. The upcycled items not only showcased the innovative potential of waste materi-

als but also contributed to the promotion of a circular economy and sustainable consumption.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Students for Development, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in promoting environmental awareness and community welfare. The Vice-Chancellor expressed hope for the continued success of this campaign and its lasting impact on both the university and the local com-

munity. Prof. Richa Kothari, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences at the Central University of Jammu, expressed his enthusiasm for the "Eco-Giri" event and the broader campaign, stating, "We believe that this initiative is not only an environmental responsibility but also a social one. By upcycling waste materials and supporting the education of underprivileged children, we are taking steps towards a more sustainable and equitable future."

The success of the "Eco-Giri" event has set the stage for ongoing efforts to promote waste reduction, sustainable living, and community development at the Central University of Jammu. The collaboration between the Department of EVS, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) and Students for Development (SFD) underscores the power of partnerships in driving positive change.

Repair historic, heritage bridge at Bhour Camp: ABS

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Aadarsh Bhartiya Samaj, a social volunteer organisation working to promote education, environment, health and nationhood among the general masses and students community in particular by organising different kinds of activities and highlighting general / basics problems faced by the society under the guidance of Col R K Sharma (Retd) Chairman and Sardar Daljeet Singh, President. ABS noted it with concern that historic / heritage bridge bonding Ward No 1 and 2 of Bhour Camp alongwith adjoining villages of the areas including Karan Bagh, Gadigarh, Chatha Pind, Chatha Farm, Chatha Mill etc. The bridge is over the Balol Nallah and initially built with wooden blocks on iron ropes but due the passage of time it was changed with iron sheets. Now iron sheets are totally damaged, rusted, dilapidated and tattered at multiple places and people are facing hurdle in crossing damaged bridge due to non-option to reach their destination by foot for shortcuts they cross the bridge at the risk of life and property as the sentiments of people tied strongly with historic / Heritage Bridge of the area. It is totally damaged, posing ugly face and showing bad image before the outcomers and may fall any time and cause accident if timely repairing work not executed.

BJP rekindles hope in J&K, takes development to next level: Slathia

J I NEWS SERVICE
SAMBHA, NOV 14

Former Minister and Senior BJP leader Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today highlighted the focused initiatives taken in Jammu and Kashmir post 2019 to restore peace and take development to the next level, saying these have rekindled hope and sense of confidence among the people.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mission J&K is getting translated into reality and the BJP is committed to ensure last person in the society getting equal share in the process of development", Mr Slathia said while addressing the Karyakarts as part of the party's "Booth Jan Samvad" at Samba town this afternoon.

Slathia said the huge transformation witnessed across the Union Territory has generated positivity and optimism among the people about better times to come. The young people are particularly registering new milestones in every field, be it sports, academics, career progression or entrepreneurship by way of start-ups. "Mission Modi has been to ensure welfare of the people by creating an atmosphere of peace and stability wherein every segment of society gets equitable opportunities to progress and prosper", he said, adding that the Prime Minister has been relentlessly endeavouring



to create an enabling situation for the people, who have undergone difficult times for decades due to misgovernance and the various other challenges. The first priority in such a grim situation was to restore peace and normalcy which became possible due to strong support of the people, finally leading to unprecedented forward movement on economic and developmental fronts. The results are discernible as the people are now deriving the dividends of peace, he added.

Slathia exuded confidence that under the BJP, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to all, without any discrimination or any favour of appeasement. He said the voice of every region and subregion is now being heard and course correction done in the process of governance. As a result of concerted efforts, J&K is poised to a new era of progress and prosperity, he added.

The former minister and senior BJP leader referred to strides made especially in the past over

four years in implementing various schemes and welfare programmes with missionary zeal, saying these have resulted in the growth of every section of the society. The BJP's outreach to every single person speaks about the sincerity of intent to ensure Jammu and Kashmir's fast track development as per the cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, he added.

Slathia gave an overview of steps taken towards undertaking holistic development, encouraging investment and ensuring empowerment of the people in real sense of the term.

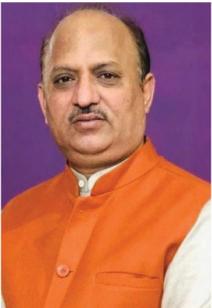
Present on the occasion included President BJP Samba Kashmir Singh, Vice President BJP Samba Vijay Singh, Mandal President BJP Samba Ankush Mahajan, Chairman MNC Pawan Kohli Anil Bhagat Co Convenor Vice Chairman Rajni Sambyal, Corporator Raj Singh, Vinod Singh, Sanjeev Padha, Narinder Singh, Rajeshwar Singh, Anil Kumar, Indu Wazir Sambyal, Rama Tosh along with all prominent workers of BJP

PM's visit on border boosts morale of jawans: Dr Manyal

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Jammu and Kashmir BJP general secretary and former minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, has termed the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to borders on Diwali as a very special event for the brave Indian soldiers.

Commenting on Prime Minister Narendra Modi flying to Lepcha, Himachal Pradesh, to celebrate this year's Diwali with the Indian soldiers, Dr. Manyal said that it boosts the morale of our brave security personnel, posted on borders to safeguard their motherland. He said that after coming to power in 2014, the Prime Minister has been visiting borders to celebrate the festival of Diwali with the army men



and other security forces.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said that India has long borders with China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar, which are, round the clock, guarded and protected by large contingents of army. These army personnel are performing duties in very harsh

weather conditions, deserts, hilly areas and difficult terrains. They remain away from their families, relatives and friends on many occasions like festivals and family functions. For them safety and security of countrymen is of utmost importance, for which they put their lives at risk and many among them achieve martyrdom while defending borders.

On occasions like Diwali, when the jawans wish to be at home to celebrate the festival with their dear ones, the visit of the Prime Minister to their camps on borders and sharing sweets, gives them joy and happiness. It not only makes them feel happy that the PM of the country is himself with them but boosts their morale, he said.

Dr. Manyal said that the Prime Minister, while celebrating Diwali with the jawans in Lepcha, had very high appreciation for the armed forces, which according to him, they play important role in evacuation operations in violence hit areas, saving lives in earthquake hit areas and during other calamities, besides performing their regular duties.

The BJP leader said that the Indian Army and other forces are performing their duties with sincerity and commitment and the nation is indebted to all of them and Prime Minister, in one way, also expresses gratitude to them on behalf of the countrymen for protecting their motherland when he reaches their camps to celebrate a festival.

>> DUGGAR VIRSA GRAND FINALE

A glorious extravaganza unveiling rich heritage of Jammu through symphony of talent, tradition

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

Today marks a historic collaboration between SKKRDA EVENT INDIA, CHAKHARIA FOUNDATION, and SAHITYIK UDAAN, as they proudly present the grand finale of "DUGGAR VIRSA" at the prestigious Auditorium of Jammu Club on November 14, 2023.

Prepare to be mesmerized as the soulful culture of Jammu, particularly the Dogri essence, takes center stage. From enchanting singing to dynamic rapping, graceful dancing, compelling writing, and uproarious comedy, candidates spanning various age groups will unfold the diverse facets of our cultural heritage. Esteemed judges from relevant fields will grace the event, meticulously reviewing the talents of our participants, with the highly anticipated results to be unveiled on the same captivating stage.

Presented by the charismatic Sonu Taneja, produced by the visionary "Manjeet Singh Azaad,"



and flawlessly organized by the talented "Tania Jamwal," the event promises an unforgettable showcase of Jammu's hidden treasures. Our distinguished Chief Guests for the evening are Sh. Sham Lal Sharma, Former Minister, and Suhail Kazmi, Honorable Media Waqf. Joining the celebration as special guests are Jamaluddin Ji, Meenu Mahajan Ji, Shakufta Fatima Ji, Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia Ji, and the esteemed Khushi (MD VLCC).

Speaking on the occasion Sham Sharma brought to the forefront the crucial role that indi-

viduals must play in the preservation of the Dogri language. By underlining the significance of incorporating Dogri into our daily discourse, he sought to create awareness about the language's vulnerable status. Sharma's emphasis on overcoming hesitations, particularly when engaging with children at home, reflects a broader call to action for the community to actively contribute to the sustenance of Dogri. His words carry the weight of a plea for a collective effort, urging people to embrace and promote their linguistic heritage in their every-

day lives for the benefit of future generations.

Besides, Dogri needs to be promoted by organizing cultural events and literary festivals.

This event is not merely a spectacle; it's a mission. The mission to unearth and spotlight the latent brilliance of Jammu, amplifying the vibrant cultural resonance that defines our region. In addition to the riveting participant performances, the audience will be treated to cultural delights presented by respective academies, ensuring an immersive and entertaining experience for all.

Spreading joy, light to underprivileged through 'Mirchi SMILES wali Diwali', an initiative by P Mark, 98.3 Radio Mirchi

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 14

In a heartening initiative to bring the spirit of Diwali to the underprivileged, Radio Mirchi 98.3, in collaboration with PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Mark, launched the "Mirchi Smiles Wali Diwali" campaign. The initiative took a unique approach by sourcing handmade diyas and candles from a self-help group of women, adding a personal touch to the festive season. The project aimed to make Diwali special for those in need, transcending the boundaries of privilege. The team distributed these carefully crafted treasures not only among prominent personalities of Jammu but also at a local orphanage, ensuring that the light of Diwali reached every corner of the community.

Members of the self-help group poured their creativity and craftsmanship into each diya and candle, making them not just artifacts but symbols of hope and joy. The initiative not only supported local artisans but also created a bridge between different sections of society, emphasizing the true spirit of Diwali - the festival of lights and sharing.

A particularly touching aspect of the initiative was the visit to a local orphanage Balgramchanirama, where the team spread cheer among the



children by gifting them these beautifully crafted tokens of light, making Rangolis together, had a musical jamming session and played fun games with them, followed by a delicious dinner. The smiles on the faces of the youngsters illuminated the room, underscoring the impact such initiatives can have on creating lasting memories and fostering a sense of belonging.

The "Mirchi Smiles Wali Diwali" initiative stands as a testament to the power of community-driven efforts to make a positive impact during special occasions. As the handmade diyas and candles lit

up both homes and hearts, Radio Mirchi 98.3 and PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Marks succeeded in bringing the true essence of Diwali to every doorstep, proving that a small gesture can go a long way in making a difference in the lives of all.

Shwetima Jamwal, Programming head of 98.3 Mirchi said, 'I was amazed to see the dedication of these rural women who have been making Cowdung Diyas, ensuring an Eco-friendly Diwali for all and it's a moment of pride for us to be able to deliver specially crafted gift items to the Who's Who of city and then sharing smiles with the super talented

little kids of orphanage made it an even more complete DIWALI for us'.

Keeping the promise to keep the entertainment intact to the people of Jammu, the RJs of Radio Mirchi 98.3, RJ Chaitanya, RJ Tani and Rj Rohit interacted with the listeners through radio and asked them to share their stories about their favourite moments of Diwali with their loved ones and delivered a box of happiness to the ones who shared most emotional and heart touching stories. The campaign was majorly led by Shobhit Vaid, Account Manager at 98.3 Mirchi.

Sanjay Puri, Anjali Puri, Archit Puri, Shubham Puri, Aditi Chopra Puri and Vijjisha Seth Puri from the PBI India Pvt Ltd - P Mark family said, 'We haven't had a more beautiful Diwali than this. We are a brand that believes in building bonds as our products ensure happy and healthy family times, and this celebration felt like extending our own family.'

Chaitanya Gupta, Station head of 98.3 Mirchi's Jammu Station also said, we are thrilled to be able to share the joy of Diwali with the people of Jammu, especially the Under privileged Women and the special children. Diwali is a time of coming together, and we hope to keep that celebration going through our little initiatives.

Thank You

Dr. Sadaf Niaz Shah, Anterio Segment Surgeon (ophthomology) at Sharp Sight Hospital, Bhagat Barzula, Srinagar



I and my all family members express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Sadaf Niaz Shah Anterio Segment Surgeon (ophthomology) for the care and attention she and her team provided me during my cataract surgery at Sharp Sight, Bhagat Barzula, Srinagar

She has undoubtedly upheld dignity and honour of doctor's profession and showed that doctor is a highly responsible person and their patients are their priority.

Dr. Sadaf you have gone above and beyond to ensure my health and wellbeing. The utmost level of care and compassion in your attitude would be instrumental in healing wounds of all the patients that come in your way. Inshallah. By dint of your expertise, hardwork and compassion, you are sure to achieve heights of excellence in your career. I have been given to understand that you are conducting 300 ophthalmic surgeries per month - performance - par excellence.

With High Regards,
Shakeela Hamid Wani

67th National School Games

DYSS hosts Judo, Fencing competitions in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

The Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K is hosting 67th National School Games in the disciplines of Judo (U-14 boys & girls) and Fencing (U-19 boys & girls) from November 15 to November 24 at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

This was informed by Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber, while addressing a press conference, here today.

He informed the media persons that the Judo events will commence from November 15 and will conclude on November 19, 2023, while the Fencing tournament will begin from November 20 and culminate on November 24, 2023.

He said that all the requisite arrangements for smooth and successful conduct of these games have been made. "Different committees have been constituted for holding the event in a most befitting manner" he added. He asserted that the Department had recently organ-



ised the 67th National School Games in the disciplines of Football and Volleyball at Srinagar wherein J&K created history by emerging as champion in Football by winning gold, besides bagging bronze medal in Volleyball.

The Director Sports further said that emerging champions in Football and winning third place in Volleyball at Srinagar was an outcome of rigorous training of athletes and transparency and fairness in the selection process.

He said the Department is hoping to win a good haul of medals in the sports disciplines being held in Jammu.

He said for the comfort of the athletes and good health of this prestigious

event, the players have been lodged at Sarswati Dham and Kalka Dham, nearby to the University of Jammu, the venue of the events.

The Director underscored that thirty teams of various States/ UTs drawn from across the country are expected to take part in this sporting extravaganza. Out of which twelve teams have already reached Jammu.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports (J), Suram Chand Sharma, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports (C), Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director Youth Services Sports, Planning Ravi Kumar and other senior officers of the department during the press briefing.

VBSY poised to become catalyst in J&K's ongoing developmental journey: CS

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, today chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the first phase of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), commencing in Jammu and Kashmir from tomorrow in Budhal and Gurez areas of Rajouri and Bandipora districts respectively.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles and Prabhari Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, Rohit Kansal; Commissioner Secretary GAD, Sanjeev Verma; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; IGP, Jammu, Anand Jain; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Sharma; Secretary Planning, Piyush Singla; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Bandipora and Rajouri districts and other concerned offi-

cers.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Chief Secretary underlined that this unique Yatra is a significant initiative aimed at accelerating development and progress across the country. He added that the Yatra is poised to become a catalyst in the J&K's ongoing developmental journey and will promote inclusivity and sustainable growth across the region in coming days.

During the meeting, Dr. Mehta emphasized on the paramount importance of proper coordination among all stakeholders involved in the conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly for the launch yatra on 15th from Budhal and Gurez areas of Rajouri and Bandipora districts.

The Chief Secretary stressed upon the Deputy Commissioners of both the districts to conduct trial

run of IEC Vans besides all other aspects before the start of yatra. He also called upon the DCs and SSPs to make fool-proof security arrangements for the yatra besides a suitable media plan in consultation with the Information department for smooth coverage of yatra. He also instructed the DCs to set up district control rooms for monitoring of the yatra as well as for addressing any exigencies that may crop up during it.

During the meeting, Dr Mehta was informed that as part of the Yatra arrangements, the progress will be continuously monitored through a real-time IT portal and a mobile-responsive platform. It was also informed in the meeting that the yatra will commence from 20th November in rest of the districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

It was also informed that the Government of

India is providing 107 mobile IEC vans to cover 4291 Panchayats of Jammu and Kashmir in 20 days. The Yatra will also pass through 78 towns with focus on PM SvaNidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Mudra Yojana, PM e-Seva, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), RCS: UDAN, Vande Bharat Trains and other developmental schemes.

Pertinently, the Yatra aims to reaffirm commitment for a developed India by 2047, besides reach out to the vulnerable populations to saturate various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Some of such schemes are Ayushman Bharat, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjawala Yojana, PM Kisan Saman, Jal Jeevan Mission, Jan DHan Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Kisan Credit Card, PM Pranam and PM Poshan Abhiyan.

B2V5: DIO Udampur reviews developmental scenario in

Panchayat Pathi as Prabhari Officer

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 14

District Information Officer, Udhampur, Rajinder Kumar Digra - the Prabhari Officer for Panchayat Pathi in Block Udhampur under Back to Village phase5, conducted a thorough review of the ongoing initiatives under various self-employment and individual-oriented schemes during his visit today.

Upon arrival, the PRI members and the local community extended a warm welcome to the visiting officer, actively engaging in the B2V5 programme.

Throughout the visit, he interacted with PRI members, general public and officers from different departments and addressed the concerns raised by the Gram Sabha.

Roadmap for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra discussed in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, NOVEMBER 14

A review meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Mustaq Ahmed, Director, Ministry of Mines to discuss action plan and preparations for smooth and successful conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

It is pertinent to mention that Mustaq Ahmed is the Parbari Officer for the district Poonch.

At the onset of the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary briefed the Parbari Officer about the different central schemes being implemented by different departments in the district.

The DC informed that a Digital Van will traverse across the Panchayats of the District delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events.

The district administration has also prepared a comprehensive schedule to cover all blocks and urban areas, with Nodal Officers assigned specific duties for a smooth yatra passage. He also informed that a control room has been established at district headquarters, headed by the ADDC and other senior officers.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to ensure maximum public participation, particularly youth in Yatra which aim to raise awareness about the Government's achievements and extend benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the eligible beneficiaries. He further directed the officers to prepare action



plans for their departments and stay informed about the schemes, latest data of beneficiaries and scheme coverage.

Speaking on the occasion, the Parbari Officer stressed the importance of flagship schemes and underlined the need for effective projection of the same to maximize their impact. He stressed the Officers to assess the current status of scheme saturation and outlined strategies to achieve optimal coverage during the Yatra. He also urged all stakeholders to work in synergy, aiming for the smooth implementation of the initiative for achieving saturation under all public welfare schemes.

It is also pertinent to mention that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is going to start from November 21 to December 14 in all Panchayats of the District Poonch which mainly aims at ensuring the effective execution of the Central Government welfare schemes in the District.

The campaign is intended to reach out to the vulnerable people who are eligible for benefits under various government schemes but were yet to receive the same.

The IEC vans will be branded with different government schemes such as kisan credit card,

rural housing scheme, Ujjwala scheme, PM Svanidhi yojana among others. The event will feature screening of developmental videos, skits on natural farming by local talent based on the 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke' theme, sharing of success stories by beneficiaries like 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' in the language of the region.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Dev. Commissioner Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik, Assistant Commissioner Poonch, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, Chief Planning Officer, Maqsoos Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Hussain Shah, Chief Medical Officer, Anees Altaf Nabi, Chief Education Officer, Bishamber Dass, Xen PHE, Riaz Ahmed, Xen, District Informatic Officer, Narinder Singh, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr.Younis, District Social Welfare Officer, Mohinder Paul, Chief Horticulture Officer, Sanjeev Kumar, STO/ADFood Supply, Waheed Ahmed, LDM, Ashutosh Koul Raj, District Agriculture Officer, Munshi Ram, CDPO, Adil Shabir, BDOs besides all concerned officers were present.

Second Round of Back to Village Program-5 takes off in Samba District



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The Back to Village program's fifth phase entered its second round in Samba district amid visit of several senior government functionaries to their allotted Panchayats. They engaged with the local community and assessed the progress of the flagship programs.

The program's primary objective is to amplify public outreach, facilitate public participation and gather valuable feedback to tailor government efforts towards delivering village-specific services.

The events were conducted across 58 Gram Panchayats of 4 Blocks namely Ghagwal, Ramgarh, Vijaypur, Samba.

Senior officers including Director Handloom and Handicrafts, Vikas Gupta; MD, JKPTO Khalid Jahangir; Special secretary Culture Department, Trishala Kundal evaluated the progress of development works in the Panchayats.

The visiting officers inspected different government institutions, including schools, Anganwadi centers, Ration depots, health institutions, and Panchayat Ghars.

They also assessed ongoing and completed

works under MGNREGA, Capex Budget, PMAY, SBM, among others.

In addition, they inaugurated important public assets and emphasized the importance of self-employment schemes. The officers actively reviewed the delivery of welfare schemes, service provision, and the punctuality of officials in the villages.

Director Handloom and Handicrafts Dr. Vikas Gupta visited Panchayat Diani, Samba, where he held meetings with PRIs, representatives of various departments, and the general public. He also inspected stalls of Handloom department, School Education, ICDS, Ayushman Bharat, etc., and facilitated the issuance of land passbooks to respective landowners.

Managing Director JKPTO Khalid Jahangir inspected Amrit Sarovar in Panchayat Naran, listened to public grievances, visited Anganwadi centres and schools and distributed land passbooks to beneficiaries.

Special Secretary Trishala Kumari visited Panchayat Nanga, Block Ramgarh, to connect with PRI members and locals, attentively listening to their grievances. She also toured AYUSH HWC and Middle School Nanga.

ADDC visits different panchayats, inspected proceedings under B2V5

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District Kishtwar today marked the commencement of the inaugural phase of the expansive public outreach initiative, 'Back to Village phase 5 (B2V-5)', spanning across 73 Panchayats within the Kishtwar district.

The Villages adorned a festive ambience as the public enthusiastically engaged in the program, extending warm receptions to visiting officers and offering valuable insights and feedback on the work accomplished by diverse departments.

Numerous activities were conducted during the program, encompassing Gram Sabhas for the formulation of GPDP, public grievance redressal camps, collaborative plantation drives with forest departments, cleanliness initiatives, and various other engagements.

Throughout the engagement, Visiting Officers conducted Gram Sabhas, Bal Sabhas, and Mahila Sabhas, advocating the pledge to deter drug abuse. Special Camps, including health initiatives, catered to the specially-abled and senior citizens. Concurrently, certificates such as income certificates, Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards, Baby Kits, and land passbooks were distributed to beneficiaries across Panchayat Ghars.

The Visiting Officers also immersed themselves in sports, talent hunts, cultural events, and youth engagements across various schools within different Panchayats, promoting initiatives like Nasha Mukht Bharat, Swachh Gram, and self-employment schemes.

Inspecting newly constructed houses under PM Awas Plus, facilitating beneficiaries in Greh Pravesh ceremonies, and verifying developments were among the tasks accomplished by the Vis-



iting Officers. In the presence of Prabhari Officer Roshan Lal, Special Secretary Labour and Employment J&K, accompanied by ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal, a pivotal Gram Sabha transpired at Panchayat Matta-A in block Kishtwar. Here, field functionaries and PRI members presented a comprehensive development profile of the Panchayat.

Meanwhile, ADDC Kishtwar, Sham Lal, along with Visiting Officer Sh. Riaz Ahmed Butt (Sr. Lecturer, I/C Principal DIET), spearheaded a Plantation Drive in Panchayat Hidyah. Additionally, they actively participated in the Gram Sabha to assess the Panchayat's developmental trajectory through interactions with PRI members. Prabhari Officer Dharam Paul (Deputy Director -AV, Information) presided over the Gram Sabha at Panchayat Bhagna B in Block Nagseni. Here, field functionaries and PRI members offered insights into the developmental landscape. Moreover, in

the presence of PRI and RDD Staff, they inaugurated the Solid and Liquid Waste Management Unit in the Panchayat.

Prabhari Officer Rajnesh Kumar, Additional Secretary Public Works J&K presided over the Gram Sabha under B2V5 inaugurated sports events and plantation drives.

Dr. Mohsin Raza, Deputy Secretary Health and Visiting Officer of Sigdi B2, actively participated in a free medical Camp organized by the Department of Ayush Kishtwar at TRC Mughal-aidan. Over 100 beneficiaries received free immunity-boosting medicines. The collaborative efforts of frontline workers, district officers, PRIs, including Sarpanchs, Panchs, and the proactive involvement of locals, highlighted the unity in the integrity pledge, Nasha Mukht Bharat rally, and the collective commitment witnessed during the Back to Village 5 program.

National Children Day 2023

DLSA Samba organizes cultural program at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Samba

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As per the Action plan for the month of November, 2023 issued by Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) and also under the directions of Yesh Pal Kotwal, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Samba (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Samba), District Legal Services Authority, Samba observed "National



Children Day 2023" today to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru who was a strong advocate for child rights and education by organizing a cultural program at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Samba.

This program was presided over by Yesh Pal Kotwal, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba.

In his address, the Chairman DLSA Samba high-

lighted the importance of the right to education for the children as enshrined in the Constitution of India. He advised the participating students to work hard and become good and responsible citizens of the country.

The students of the hostel presented different performances such as group dance, Gojri Ghazal and Speeches. They were also felicitated by the Chief Guest.