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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'

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JHARKHAND/ SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the launch ceremony of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, virtually, at Raj Bhawan Srinagar. In Jammu Kashmir, the Sankalp Yatra was flagged off from Budhal,

Rajouri and Gurez, Bandipora. People, Panchayati Raj institutions and government officials attended the launch function. The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for starting out-reach activities in tribal districts of Bandipora and Rajouri to achieve saturation of flagship schemes, on birth anniversary of legendary



tribal freedom fighter, Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He lauded the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra initiative aimed at reaching out to vulnerable who are eligible under various schemes but have not benefitted. "This endeavour of the central government with the objective of reaching the unreached, to generate awareness about tribal, rural

and urban schemes, to interact with beneficiaries and enrolment of potential beneficiaries will make a significant contribution in socio-economic empowerment of tribal community, poor, deprived and weaker sections of the society," he said. The Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration, under the guidance of

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TRAGIC: 39 killed, 17 injured in deadly Doda road accident

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOV 15

At least 39 passengers were killed and 17 others were injured after a bus ferrying them plunged down a steep slope near Trungal in the Assar area of Doda district on Wednesday.

An official told news agency that a the bus bearing number JK02CN6555, which could be seen in CCTV footage crossing a checkpoint minutes before the accident veered off the road and fell down 300 meters on another road near Trungal-Assar on the Batote- Kishtwar national highway. He said that soon after the incident, rescue teams involving State Disaster Response Force, police, army and locals rushed to the scene to initiate rescue operation. "The ill-fated bus was



travelling from Kishtwar to Jammu and was carrying 56 passengers at the time of accident," he said. He said 37 people were brought dead to Govern-

ment Medical College (GMC) Doda while two died at GMC Jammu after being airlifted while 17 people who were injured are being treated in the

hospitals. Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh said that out of the 56 passengers on board, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

People in Doda blame 'bad roads' for accidents, demand probe

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA (J&K), NOV 15

Local people in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda Wednesday accused authorities of failing to repair bad roads in the district despite repeated requests and demanded a probe into the devastating accident that left 37 people dead.

A bus carrying passengers skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday. At least 37 people died and 19 were injured in the incident. The toll is likely to go up.

Sarpanch Mohammad Ashraf said a series of road accidents took place in Doda district recently but the authorities have failed to contain them.

"Ten accidents have taken place in Doda over the last few months but there is no effect of this on the



administration. They have failed to contain them," he said. Ashraf added that he was among the first to reach the accident spot and begin a rescue operation along

with local people. He also said that the road is in very bad condition and is not safe for travel. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

LG inaugurates National Academia-Industry Conclave on IUST's 18th Foundation Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, NOVEMBER 15

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the National Academia-Industry Conclave, today on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students on their foundation day.

He welcomed the participating industry leaders, experts, and academia to the two-day conclave which aims to support the innovation, incubation and start-ups initiatives in J&K UT to minimize Industry-Academia gap.



He said the academic world and the industries will require strong collaboration and must function as one campus.

"What was invented yesterday will build the knowledge foundation of a student. But what is going

to happen tomorrow will be decided by the collaboration between academia and industry," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor called upon the Universities to make CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Lt Governor inaugurates 'Chhau Parv' traditional dance form of West Bengal, Odisha & Jharkhand at Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 'Chhau Parv', traditional dance form of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the endeavour of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, country's apex body of performing arts, in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, for organising three-day festival, workshop and seminar on Chhau Dances and folk dances of J&K to preserve and promote cultural diversity.

"In ancient times, Chhau was considered a war dance and an art form

meant for the upliftment of the soul. The Chhau Parv aims to generate awareness about aesthetic appeal of this rich tradition, nurture young talents and strengthen the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'," the Lt Governor said.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor paid tributes to the Bhagwan Birsa Munda and remembered the immense contribution of the tribal icons in the freedom struggle of the country.

He also highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for reviving the rich intangible heritage and folk culture of Jammu Kashmir.

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NIA chargesheets Pak national among 2 in J&K terror conspiracy case

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 15

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a Chargesheet against two accused, including a Pakistan national, in the terror conspiracy case involving plans to disturb the peace and communal harmony of Jammu & Kashmir through acts of violence and terror.

In a statement issued to the news agency, the accused have been identified as Mohd. Ubaid Malik of Kupwara and Muhammad Dilwar Iqbal @ Maaz Khan Kashmiri @ Maaz Khan @ Maaz Kashmiri @ Azad Kashmiri of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

The statement reads that the duo was involved in a criminal conspiracy to carry out terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir by unleashing attacks on security forces and so-called 'outsiders'.

"Dilwar, a close associate of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) Chief Maulana Masood CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

220-metre-deep ventilation shaft connected to Zojila main tunnel

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOV 15

In a significant development, authorities have successfully completed and connected a 220-metre-deep ventilation shaft to the Zojila main tunnel.

Harpal Singh, Project Head at the Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd (MEIL), the EPC Contractor overseeing the construction of the Zojila Road Tunnel, informed the news agency that the completed ventilation shaft, which extends 220 metres deep from the national highway near Gumri, has been linked to the Zojila Main Tunnel, situated 220

metres below NH.

This milestone accomplishment facilitates the crew in advancing the remaining 3 kilometres of tunnel excavation from the East portal, he said.

Singh said that the construction of two more ventilation shafts, measuring 391 metres and 500 metres deep, located on the national highway, is progressing rapidly. With 7.4 kilometres of tunnel excavation already achieved from East and West portals, the remaining 5.75 kilometres are slated for completion by mid-2025, he said.

"A national dream of providing All Weather Connectivity between Srinagar and Leh is now not far

away," the Project Head of MEIL added.

The Zojila Tunnel holds strategic importance, promising to reduce travel distance and time and enhance safety for commuters.

Despite challenging weather conditions, labourers and engineers from various parts of the country, especially Jammu and Kashmir, are working tirelessly around the clock," Executive Director of NHIDCL (National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited), Manoj Kumar, said. He hailed these "unsung heroes" for their dedication to the project. KNO

Two terrorists killed in ongoing operation along LoC in Uri

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOV 15

Two terrorists were killed in an ongoing joint operation along Line of Control (LoC) in Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday while the officials said that the operation is still underway.

An official told the news agency that a group of terrorists were neutralized, who were trying to sneak into this side of the LoC, taking advantage of low visibility and bad

weather.

He said that the alert forces deployed on the LoC challenged the terrorists, and during the operation two unidentified terrorists were killed, adding that incriminating material, arms and ammunition was recovered.

The operation is still underway, the official added.

"Two Infiltrating terrorists neutralized by vigilant forces. Recovered incriminating materials, arms and ammunition. Extensive search

operations are on", Police wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

"In a Joint Operation launched by #IndianArmy & @JmuKmrPolice an identified bid has been foiled today by alert troops along #LOC in Uri Sector, #Baramulla.Two Terrorists have been eliminated along with the recovery of O2xAK Rifles, O2xPistols, O4xHand Grenades & other war like stores", Chinar Corps - Indian Army wrote on X.

Operations in progress, the post added. KNO

Rajouri admin celebrates Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas at Block Budhal Old

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 15

On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the Prime Minister of India today launched the ambitious 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'. The 72 day nationwide outreach and awareness campaign is aimed at promoting Government schemes to vulnerable sections of the society.

The District Administration of Rajouri played a pivotal role in bringing the nationwide launch of this grand event closer to its residents by organizing the live telecast of the event followed by commencement of the local Yatra from block Budhal Old today.

The event was graced by the presence of District Development Council Chairperson, Advocate Chowdhury Naseem Liyaqat; District Prabhari Summit Jarrangal, Director Industries & Commerce GOI and Deputy Com-

missioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal.

The fundamental objectives of the Viksit Bharat Yatra is to encompass critical aspects such as reaching out to the vulnerable sections eligible under various schemes but yet to benefit, disseminating information, and fostering awareness about the schemes. The initiative further seeks to establish direct interaction with beneficiaries, sharing personal stories and experiences, while also enrolling potential beneficiaries based on information ascertained during the Yatra.

Specific focus has been placed on key schemes, including the urban areas schemes like PM Svanidhi, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PM Mudra Yojana, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Start up India/stand up India, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana (Urban), SBM(Urban), PM eBus Sewa, AMRUT, PM Bhartiya Jan Aushidi Pari-

yojana, Ujjala Yojana, Subhagya Yojana, Digital Payment infrastructure, Khelo India, RCS:UDAN, Vande Bharat Trains and Amrit Bharat Station scheme and rural areas schemes like Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, PMGKAY, DAY-NRLM, PM Awas Yojana Rural, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM KISAN Saman, PM Vishwakarma, KCC, PM Poshan Abhiyan, JJM and SVAMITVA.

On the occasion a Mobile Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Van, designed to traverse all panchayats and urban areas was also flagged off by the District Prabhari, Summit Jarrangal. The primary objective of the van is to achieve saturation of all schemes and enhance awareness among the populace.

The mobile unit symbolizes a proactive approach in making information accessible to every corner of the district. It reinforces the dedication of the administration in



achieving comprehensive awareness, ensuring that no eligible individual is left uninformed about the transformative schemes initiated by the government for their well-being.

Additionally, Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was not only marked by the launch of the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' but also lit up with a vibrant display of cultural items that captivated the audience. The celebration resonated with the rich diversity of our nation, bringing forth a kaleidoscope of colors and tradi-

tions that added an extra layer of joy to the occasion.

Different government departments contributed to the vibrancy of the event by setting up stalls at the venue, meticulously presenting a visual narrative of the myriad schemes and programs actively being implemented in the district. Each stall became a microcosm of progress, offering a detailed insight into the transformative initiatives undertaken by different departments.

District Development Council Chairperson,

Advocate Chowdhury Naseem Liyaqat passionately emphasized the significance of the Viksit Bharat Yatra, elucidating its role as a transformative nationwide journey aimed at promoting government schemes. His eloquent articulation delved into the far-reaching impact of the yatra, underscoring its pivotal role in ensuring the effective implementation of diverse welfare initiatives across the nation.

District Prabhari, Summit Jarrangal, Director of Industries & Commerce in the Government of India underscored the significance of various welfare schemes during a recent address. Emphasizing that awareness is pivotal for the successful implementation of government initiatives, he highlighted how informed citizenry plays a crucial role in the overall success of these programs.

Moreover, he specifically highlighted the instrumental role of the 'Viksit

Bharat Yatra' in this context. This journey, aimed at fostering development across the nation, serves as a platform to enhance awareness and promote engagement with government schemes.

Addressing the event, the Deputy Commissioner expounded upon the expansive scope of the Yatra, which primarily aims at ensuring the effective execution of the Central government welfare schemes in rural India.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, meticulously highlighted the spectrum of government initiatives aimed at comprehensive development. He also underscored the significance of various ongoing projects and schemes, emphasizing their collective impact on enhancing the overall socio-economic landscape of the district. The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal also shed light on tribal welfare

initiatives. With conviction, he outlined specific measures and programs designed to address the unique needs and challenges faced by tribal communities. Through his insightful enumeration, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the holistic approach of the Government, aiming not only to meet immediate needs but also to create sustainable development pathways for the upliftment of tribal populations.

Among the others, ADDC, Pawan Kumar Parihar; DDC Member Budhal Old, Shazia Kouser; ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar; ADC Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser besides district and sectoral officers were present during the event.

Rich tributes paid to Tribal leader Birsa Munda as Samba admin celebrates Janjatiya Gourav Diwas

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SAMBA, NOVEMBER 15

The Gujjar and Bakarwal Hostel in Samba witnessed a jubilant congregation organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda celebrated as Janjatiya Gourav Diwas.

The event was presided over by the District Development Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma and attended by district officers, including XEN, Vijay Kumar Attri, Chief Education Officer, Kewal Krishan, Warden Gujjar & Bakarwal Hostel, Rashid Alam, Local Tribal Officer Samba Saleem Alam and Member DISHA Mukhtiyar Choudhary.

Birsa Munda, revered as a freedom fighter and social reformer, dedicated his life towards spreading awareness among tribal communities in remote areas. The



event commenced with a patriotic spirit as students from Gujjar & Bakarwal Hostel inaugurated the celebration with the singing of the National Anthem. The vibrant program showcased a myriad of talents, including singing, Gojri speech, dance, and a painting competition.

The winners of these

competitions were duly recognized and honored with prizes, presented by the District Development Commissioner, Samba. The celebration not only paid homage to Birsa Munda's enduring legacy but also emphasized the significance of nurturing and acknowledging the talents of the youth.

Agri Deptt Kashmir celebrates 'Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas'

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

To celebrate 'Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas' in Kashmir, the Director Agriculture today inaugurated the function at Directorate of Agriculture Lal-mandi, Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture gave a detailed presentation on the importance of the day and directed all Chief Agriculture Officers of Kashmir division to celebrate the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with enthusiasm at each district. Meanwhile Joint Director Agriculture Extension Kashmir visited Faqir Gujri area of Srinagar district and took stock of the ongoing Rabi campaign in the area.

Speaking to farmers, JD reiterated the department's commitment to the development of farmers belonging to the backward, far-flung areas. He



said that the department is endeavouring to bring more and more cultivable lands under the cultivation of Rabi crops including oilseeds so that the socio-economic transformation of these communities could be achieved. He said that agriculture activities are going on across the Kashmir division for the promotion of Rabi crops.

He impressed upon the concerned officers to work

shoulder to shoulder with the farming community and guide them during their cultivation operations.

JD asked the farmers to take benefits from different schemes and programmes by the department.

Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, Manohar Lal Sharma and SDAO Srinagar also expressed their views on the occasion.

Advocate General Organization condoles demise of Justice Sanjeev Kumar's father



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

The Law Officers and staff members of Advocate General Organization, today held a condolence meeting, presided over by Advocate General, D C Raina, to condole the demise of Uttam Chand Shukla, Father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar who passed away here yesterday.

Advocate General, expressed profound grief and sorrow over the demise of Uttam Chand Shukla.

Similar condolence

meeting was held at Srinagar office which was presided over by Mohsinul-Showkat Qadri, Senior Additional Advocate General.

All the participants including Seniors Additional Advocate Generals and other Government Counsels as well as Officers and employees paid rich tributes to the departed soul and prayed for his eternal peace besides forbearance to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. They also observed two minute silence in honour of the departed soul.

DC B'la reviews preparations for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

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BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 15

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review action plans and preparations for smooth and successful conduct of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Pertinently, scheduled for launch on the 20th of November in Baramulla, this campaign aims to saturate flagship government-sponsored schemes within the district.

During the meeting, the DC directed the Officers to ensure maximum public participation, particularly youth in Yatra which is aimed to raise awareness about the Government's achievements and extend benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes among benefi-

ciaries. It was informed that Digital Vans will traverse all Panchayats delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events. It was also informed that district administration has prepared a comprehensive schedule to cover all blocks and urban areas, with Nodal Officers assigned specific duties for a smooth yatra passage.

The meeting was informed that the campaign will leverage Information, Education & Communication (IEC) vans, video visuals, mobile apps, pamphlets, booklets and other means of communication to disseminate crucial information and generate widespread publicity about these schemes.

Underlining the collaborative nature of the endeavor, the DC urged every department to

actively participate in the campaign. Each department was tasked with appointing a dedicated nodal officer responsible for overseeing the dissemination of scheme-related information to eligible yet uncovered individuals.

Furthermore, the DC directed the line departments to diligently upload their daily activities on a dedicated campaign portal, ensuring transparency and regular updates on the ongoing efforts.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr.Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Joint Director Planning, M.Yousuf Rather; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development besides functionaries of all concerned departments were present in the meeting.

B2V5: CS visits Flora Nagbani, stresses on online services and Jan Bhagidari portal

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today visited panchayat Flora Nagbani, in block Marh, and interacted with the locals and PRI representatives in a public event organised under the Back to Village 5 program.

Speaking to the public, Chief Secretary highlighted the significance and transparency of online services and encouraged all to look at government works on Jan Bhagidari portal. He said that paper applications and documentation are discouraged these days and the Prabhari officer must educate the public about the government online services.

Chief Secretary said that all the government works are reflected online public disclosure is the new norm. He underlined



that public participation is encouraged by the current system and the public can view the status of the works without any need for username or passwords. He also informed that 55 officers have been fined for not providing services in time.

Dr Mehta asked the public about their experience and knowledge of online services and Jan Bhagidari portal. He underlined the significance of time bound disposals and asked about the status of government welfare activities and delivery of schemes such as KCC, old age pension, functioning of schools etc. He laid great importance

on self employment and swacchata.

DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan said that the three tier system established since January 2021 has brought positive change and given power to the PRI representatives. He called for rationalisation of funds and allocations for Jammu district panchayats.

The DDC Chairman said that B2V is helping the government improve upon the implementation of schemes through public participation and the role of Visiting Officers is crucial. He encouraged the public representatives to raise genuine and effective demands only.

Office Complex Udhampur. Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, chaired the district-level proceedings, with PRI members and over 20 farmers invited to partake in the celebration.

District-level officers from Agriculture and allied departments were in attendance. In her closing statement, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme's

significance for farmers of the District. Providing an annual income support of Rs 6,000 to eligible farmer families, the amount is distributed in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 every four months.

The scheme aims to address financial needs, facilitating the procurement of agricultural inputs and enhancing the farmers' financial well-being.

PM-KISAN: 15th Installment boosts up Farmers in Udhampur

JNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 15

The 15th installment under the PM-KISAN scheme (July 2023 to November 2023), totaling Rs 9.97 crore, has been disbursed by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi via virtual mode.

To mark the occasion, a grand event unfolded at the Conference Hall, CAO

B2V-5 successfully concludes at Ganderbal

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 15

The third and final round of the government's ambitious Back to Village (B2V5) phase-V programme concluded successfully today in 41 Panchayats thus covering all 126 Panchayats of the district.

The programme witnessed huge public participation across all areas during all three rounds, 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 development, and prosperity of the district.

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 needs.

VOs reviewed the penetration of Govt Schemes and service delivery. They also held interaction meetings with the general public, especially youth, awareness on Self-Employment

schemes and took feedback on welfare schemes.

The VOs inspected various government institutions and visited the sites of ongoing and completed works under various schemes. They exhorted upon the penetration of online services in the rural population to expedite the public services delivery in a transparent manner.

Meanwhile, Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani participated in the proceeding of B2V5 programme at Panchayat Mammara-A.

On the occasion the resource persons of various departments 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 ADDC maintained that the B2V5 programme is aimed to involve the general public and government officials in a joint effort to deliver equitable development and ensure that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries in rural areas.

PM-KISAN scheme Agriculture Department Jammu organises live streaming of release of 15th installment by PM

JIN NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu organized live streaming of the release of the 15th installment of the PM-KISAN scheme at Khunti, Jharkhand by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC, Jammu presided over the function organized at Baba Jitto, Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu. T.K. Bhat, Special Secretary Agriculture Production Department graced the occasion as the Special Guest.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is one of the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer schemes. A flagship scheme of the Government of India, it exemplifies the continued commitment of the Government of India to initiate policy actions for an inclusive and productive agricultural sector. It is a central sector scheme launched on 24th February 2019 to supplement the financial needs of all land-holding farmers subject to certain exclusion criteria of higher income status. Financial benefit



of Rs 6,000/- per year in three equal installments, every four months, is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT Mode).

During the main event at Khunti, Jharkhand Honorable Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi released the 15th installment of around Rs. 18,000 crore by click of a button benefiting over 8 crore farmers of the country. The total amount transferred to the beneficiaries since the inception of the scheme has crossed well over Rs 2.80 lakh crore. This financial assistance will support farmers in meeting their agricultural and other incidental needs besides contributing to their overall well-being.

Ram Savak, Director Agriculture Jammu, in his welcome address, emphasized upon Members for

JK Advisory Board for development of Kisans, PRIs & farmers to extend cooperation to Govt for 100% implementation of PMFBY in all districts to save farmers from vagaries of weather besides activation of inactive Kisan Credit Cards for welfare of farming Community. He informed that e-KYC has been made mandatory for receiving benefits under PM-KISAN, which is currently being done with assistance of field staff of the department through a mobile app with face recognition feature to facilitate Farmers. Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC, Jammu said that the purpose of PM KISAN Samman Nidhi scheme is to give respect to 'Annadata' of the nation in the shape of financial assistance. He emphasized upon farmers to adopt innovative agricultural practices under

guidance of Agriculture & allied departments to raise their income level & farm profitability. He appealed to educated youth to adopt farming as a full time profession.

Director Command Area Development, Jammu, Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Abdul Hamid Wani, Secretary and Members, Balbir Kour & Basant Singh Saini of J&K Board of Advisory for development of Kisans, Joint Director of Agriculture (Input), Joint Director of Agriculture (Ext), Joint Director of Agriculture (SLUB) and senior officers besides more than 150 farmers of Jammu division participated in the Programme.

It was informed that about 8 lakh farmers of JK UT have benefited today under the 15th installment. Similar programmes were organized in all districts, Sub divisions, Blocks and Panchayats in Jammu Province.

The release of the 15th installment of the PM-KISAN scheme underlines the Government of India's commitment to promoting agriculture, empowering farmers, and ensuring the sustainable development of the agricultural sector.

Back to Village-5: Last Round commences in 68 Panchayats of Doda District

JIN NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 15

The last and 3rd round of the flagship public outreach feedback programme-Back to Village-5 (B2V5) commenced today across 68 Panchayats of District Doda.

The Prabhari Officers visited the allotted panchayats to interact and obtain feedback from the locals so as to tailor Government efforts towards improving the delivery of village-specific services. The B2V Programme is aimed at to involve the people and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas.

In district Doda, the outreach programme was divided into three rounds covering all the 237 Gram Panchayats in 17 Blocks. The second round covered 78 Gram Panchayats, while the Prabhari Officers reached the remaining 68 Panchayats for the third and last round during which they would stay for 2-days and conduct the scheduled activities. It is pertinent to mention here that 92 Gram Panchayats have already been covered in the first round from 9th to 10th of November 2023.



Senior government functionaries including Pawan Singh Rathore, Special Secretary to Govt Hospitality and Protocol Department; Suraj Parkash Rakhwal, Special Secretary DMRR Department; Kanta Devi, Special Secretary, School Education Department; Dr Khalid Hussain Malik, JD Employment; Sanjeev Rana, Addl Secretary, J&K AACL; Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, Director Forensic laboratory;

Dr Tahir Firdous, Addl. Secretary PDD; Sh Pankaj Katoch, Addl. Com. in the Div Com office; Bharat Bhushan CEO IWMP; Yasir Sharief, FA&CAO Skill Dev Deptt. and others held interaction with the PRIs, Public in their allotted Gram Panchayats, listened to their issues and imparted awareness about government schemes, initiatives, and policies.

The designated Visiting/ Prabhari Officers, along with supporting staff and field functionaries of the line departments prepared Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPD) as per the wishes of people of the village. The Prabhari Officers also ensured the awareness and saturation of all the govern-

ment schemes, and detailed reports in this regard have been submitted to the government containing 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.

Meanwhile, the Visiting Officers inspected 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 important public assets.

DC reviews Health care scenario in Doda District

JIN NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 15

To review the health care scenario in the district, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh on Wednesday chaired a meeting of senior health functionaries here in the mini-meeting hall of DC office complex.

At the outset, Chief Medical Officer Dr Hamid Zargar presented a detailed report on the implementation and achievements under health care schemes and the healthcare facilities being extended to the patients in the district.

The CMO briefed the chair about the functioning of the health department and indicated wise achievements of the department. It was informed that the district has 211 health care institutions, including one GMC, 3 SDHs, 13 PHCs, and 29 NTPHCs. The meeting was also apprised about the staff position in the health care centers across the district.

Regarding the Prime

Ministers National Dialysis programme (PMNDP), it was informed that one dialysis centre is operational at AH-GMC Doda, catering to the needs of erstwhile district Doda.

Referring to Maternal and Pediatric care, it was informed that the AH-GMC Doda has 10 ICU beds for maternal care and 12 ICU beds for pediatrics, while 4 ICU beds for Maternal care have been exclusively kept at SDH Bhaderwah. It was revealed that Oxygen plants at AH-GMC, SDH Gandoh and SDH Bhaderwah are fully functional with the generation capacity of 5400 LPM.

The DC directed the CMO to ensure that the plants remain functional and are maintained properly. He further inquired about the screening of Non communicable Diseases (NCD), ABHA registration, Awareness and Mega health Camps under Ayushman Bhava, Blood Donation Camps, RBSK screening of Children, Establishment of Maternity care huts at PHCs and CHCs, Positioning/



Stationing of Ambulances, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), Anaemia Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Immunization (IMI 5.0), Achievements under Developmental Deliverables and works taken up under Capex budget.

While reviewing the availability of Doctors at Associated Hospital and other health care centers in the District, the DC asked to send the roster of Consultants and Doctors to the Emergency Response cell of the DC office and give it wide publicity for the information

of the general public. He emphasized the streamlining of the control rooms in AH, PHCs, and CHCs, with fully functional helpline numbers. He urged to share the roads leading to all PHCs, & CHCs with the PWD/ PMGSY authorities so that road opening plans for the ensuing winter may be prepared in advance for the better and timely health care to the patients, especially pregnant women. The DC also exhorted the health care officials to strive towards achieving 100% institutional deliveries by mobilizing ASHAs, Angan-

wadi Workers, and extensive awareness among the pregnant ladies. He called for having complete data of pregnant ladies with their expected date of delivery (EDD) to have a proper health care plan for them. He said that the winter, snow, or any other natural or manmade barriers may not prevent the assured health care facilities to the pregnant ladies for their safe delivery.

The DC has instructed the CMO to share and publicize the roster of the RBSK teams for overall health care of the children. He stressed to ensure availability of essential medicines, equipment, and staff in all the health care centers across the district, especially in the rural area, so that the people don't suffer during the ensuing winter. He asked the CMO not to allow any laxity of the staff under him and sanction the leaves with utmost care and prior alternative

arrangements so that the health care services of any of the centers don't suffer. He further instructed to relocate the ALS and BLS Ambulances under 108 services as per the needs of the area, as decided in the earlier meetings. He urged to have ALS Ambulances at Assar and Thathi, with the high risk of road mishaps as being the highway towns.

The DC directed the MS Medical College to ensure that the patients are given immediate attention and the referrals to GMC Jammu are minimized. The DC has emphasized to get the civil works completed as per the set timeline and undergo purchases of the essential equipment etc. under Capex budget within a week's time.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda Dr RK Bharti, CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, CMO Dr Hamid Zargar, DIO (Immunization), MS AH-GMC Doda, BMOs and other concerned staff of Health department.

Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Kupwara celebrates 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'

JIN NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 15

The Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys Hostel Kupwara today organized a colourful function within the premises of the Hostel to celebrate 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'.

Chairman, DDC Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Pandipori was chief guest on the occasion.

Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir; ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; CEO Kupwara, Abdul Hamid; DTO, Mohammad Shafi; DDC Members of Kalarooze/ Hyhama/ Drugmulla/ Rajwar, besides, parents and students attended the function.

The 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' is being observed to mark the birth anniversary of iconic tribal leader Birsu Munda who fearlessly



worked for the freedom of India.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chairman DDC Kupwara appreciated the management of the G&B Hostel for providing better facilities to the students in getting quality education. He expressed his good wishes to the students for their brighter future.

The Vice Chairman also

spoke and highlighted the importance of celebration of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' and mentioned names of different personalities from the Tribal community who played their role in the development of the country especially J&K. He appreciated the students of the Hostel for their vibrant presentation of different cultural programmes.

Awareness Camps on Special Summary Revision held at Kupwara

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KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 15

In an effort to ensure accurate and up-to-date electoral rolls, the District Election Office Kupwara organized Special Summary Revision Awareness Camps at various places in the district.

These camps are aimed to enhance awareness among the residents regarding the importance of voter registration and the ongoing summary revision process.

The camps provided a platform for citizens to verify and update their voter information, ensuring that the electoral rolls reflect their recent and accurate details. Electoral officials, EROs/ AEROs were present to assist individuals in complet-

ing the necessary Forms, addressing queries and facilitating the registration process.

ACR Kupwara, Irfan Bahadur, while addressing the audience at Degree College Kupwara, Polytechnic Kupwara and Govt College for women at sailkoote emphasized on the significance of citizen participation in the democratic process. He said that the right to vote empowers us to participate and impact policies of the govt. This is the most powerful weapon in our hands in a democracy.

Similar Awareness camps were held at various places in Main Market Kupwara, Govt Degree College Handwara, GDC Langate, GDC Karnah, ITI Kupwara and in vari-

ous Higher Secondary Schools of the District covering all the Assembly Constituencies.

These awareness camps promote inclusivity and encourage eligible individuals to exercise their right to vote. The officials conducting these camps urged the residents to actively engage in this initiative, contributing to the strengthening of the democratic foundation.

These Special Summary Revision Awareness Camps exemplify the commitment of administration to transparency and inclusiveness in the electoral process, fostering a sense of civic responsibility among the people of District Kupwara.

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9th IISF 2023 to be held at Faridabad, Haryana from January 17th-20th, 2024

JINNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOV 15

The 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held at Faridabad, Haryana from January 17th-20th, 2024.

India's mega Science Fair will be held at the Campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) of Department of Biotechnology in Faridabad.

The theme of the present edition is 'Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal'. IISF 2023 aims to provide a platform for inspiring public at large

and individuals with diverse levels of interests like students, educators, scientists, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs and science communicators.

IISF 2023 will have a total of 17 themes to showcase scientific achievements offering diverse benefits to participants and the general public.

The event holds interface among all stakeholders through various activities such as seminars by national and international experts, interactions with speakers, exhibitions, competitions, workshops, knowledge-sharing activities, technology shows, etc.

The IISF is dedicated towards fostering creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for the advancement of prosperous India. This event was initiated under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati.

Since 2015, the IISF has hosted eight editions in different geographical regions of India and expanded as a mega science festival. In 2021, the Department of Space and the Department of Atomic Energy became an integral part of IISF.

Vikramaditya Singh expresses grief over Doda accident

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

Former MLC Vikramaditya Singh today expressed deep grief over the tragic accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 people and left 17 others severely injured.

In a statement issued here today, the former MLC conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls. He also urged the government to provide the best medical care to the injured and offer ade-

quate compensation to the families of the victims.

Vikramaditya Singh, who contested the MP election from the Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency, said that the erstwhile Doda district is known as an area prone to fatal road accidents. He emphasized the need for stricter enforcement of traffic regulations, ensuring that only roadworthy vehicles and qualified drivers operate commercial vehicles. He also stressed the importance of curbing vehicle overloading, a significant contributing factor to these accidents.

Mega Block Diwas held at Kulgam



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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 15

To reach out to the people for early redressal of their grievances and issues, the District Administration Kulgam today organized public outreach programmes in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar,

Kulgam and D.H Pora.

To take firsthand appraisal of issues of public importance, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat presided over the weekly grievance redressal camp at Kulgam. The grievance redressal programme witnessed participation of people from Nandimarg, Qaimoo, Srandoo, Ashtal, Modergam and other areas who put forth various developmental and welfare demands.

PRI members from various areas also projected various developmental demands of their areas.

Officers and heads of departments responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the public issues raised during the camp addressed some grievances of the immediate nature on the spot.

He instructed the authorities of KPDC to ensure scheduled power supply to people in all areas to avoid inconvenience to people.

ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Vikar Ahmad Giri; ACR, Imtiaz Ul Aziz and other district officers and officials were present in the grievance redressal camp.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Prime Minister Narendra...

Hon'ble Prime Minister, for the welfare of the tribal population.

Since August 2019 tribal welfare was given top priority by the administration and various initiatives were launched cutting across sectors to empower tribal communities of J&K UT, the Lt Governor said.

He said the administration has taken significant initiatives for the holistic welfare of tribal communities.

The Lt Governor called for collective efforts from citizens, stakeholders, community leaders, social organizations and administration to address the focus areas for tribal districts under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra including sickle cell anaemia elimination, enrolment in EKLAVYA, Scholarships, Forest Rights titles, Self Help Groups and Van Dhan Vikas Kendra.

He further directed all District Commissioners and Administrative officials to focus on saturation of Individual Forest Rights.

Beneficiaries from Rajouri and Bandipora shared their experiences with the Lt Governor through video conferencing and expressed gratitude for welfare schemes.

'Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat' pledge was also administered on the occasion.

In other districts, the outreach activities will start from 3rd week of November. Route plan for IEC Vans has been prepared and control room has also been established at UT and District level for overall coordination.

TRAGIC: 39 killed, 17 injured...

37 have lost their lives, and 19 are injured. "Among the injured people, four have been airlifted to GMC Jammu for special treatment. A thorough examination of the vehicle, including insurance and service life, has been conducted and everything found alright," he said.

The DC Doda said: "The driver of the vehicle also died. There is a possibility that the vehicle might not have been operated appropriately. An inquiry has been initiated into the case."

Taking to KNO, Medical Superintendent. Medical College Hospital, Jammu, Dr. Narinder Bhatial said four people have been brought to the facility after they were airlifted. "A minor girl, who is currently stable, is being transferred to the ICU for further care, with her operation scheduled for tomorrow. Two injured people did not survive the incident. Another person is in critical condition and our efforts are focused on trying to save him," he said.

Officials said that today's accident in Doda seems to be one of the deadliest in the recent years. It may be recalled that a significant portion of the road fatalities in J&K were attributed to accidents on national highways, particularly in hilly Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban areas of Jammu region. According to a recently released report by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), an alarming total of 4,287 lives were tragically lost due to road accidents from 2018 to 2022 in J&K.

The report reveals 984 lives were consumed by road accidents in 2018 while the figure was 996 in 2019. In Covid-19-hit years of 2020 and 2021, the numbers came down with 728 and 774 deaths respectively before, rising to 805 deaths in 2022.

ACCIDENT DEATHS WIDELY CONDOLED:

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed shock and sadness over a bus accident.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the unfortunate death of several passengers in a bus accident in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. I express my condolences to the bereaved family members and pray for the speedy recovery of those injured," Murmu said in a post in Hindi on X, formerly Twitter. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the bus accident was distressing. "My condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest," Modi said on X.

He announced that an ex gratia amount of Rs 2 lakh each would be given to the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each to the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also condoled the deaths in accident: Deeply anguished to learn about the loss of precious lives due to a tragic bus accident at Doda, Jammu and Kashmir. The local administration is conducting the rescue operation in the gorge where the bus had the accident. My heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured," Home Minister, Amit Shah said on X.

"Extremely pained by the loss of lives in a tragic bus accident in Assar, Doda. My heartfelt condolences to bereaved families & wishing for a speedy recovery of those injured in the accident. Directed Div Com & Dist

Admin to provide all necessary assistance to affected persons," Sinha posted on X.

He announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 Lakh each would be given to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda. Rs. 1 Lakh would be given to those injured.

Four former chief ministers of the erstwhile state and other political leaders also expressed condolences over the loss of lives

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti also expressed grief over the loss of lives. "Deeply shocked & saddened about the tragic road accident at Assar in Doda. Deepest condolences to the families of those feared dead & hope the administration expedites rescue operations," she posted on X.

"JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and VP @OmarAbdullah are extremely shocked and saddened to hear about the road accident at Assar near Trungal in Doda district in which several are feared dead. They have implored the administration to provide all possible help to the injured. In this moment of immense grief, their thoughts and prayers lie with the families of the deceased," the National Conference posted on X. Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad: "The accident at Assar, Doda is a human catastrophe & I am sharing the grief of all those hapless families who lost their dear ones in this devastating accident. It is also the need of time to build the road infrastructure of this landlocked region and ensure traffic plying on this road is following rules to avoid such accidents in future. Request LG Manoj Sinha Ji to ensure all possible support to the affected families!"

"Distressed to hear about the tragic accident of a passenger bus in Doda, claiming many precious lives. There are reports of critical injuries to many on board passengers in the mishap. May the souls of those killed in the accident rest in peace in the world hereafter and the grief stricken families be granted with patience. Praying for swift recovery of the injured persons," Altaf Bukhari, President, J&K Apni Party. J&K People's Conference: "Heart-wrenching news from Doda as a passenger bus met with a tragic accident, plunging into a gorge in Assar. Our sincere condolences to the families affected by this devastating incident. In these difficult moments, our thoughts & prayers are with them."

CPI (M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami: "Expressing profound shock at the tragic accident in Doda. The recurring accidents in the region demand immediate attention. Earlier, a House Committee was constituted that had submitted its recommendations to minimise the accidents in the area. Unfortunately, its recommendations were not implemented. Appealing to @OfficeOfLGandK to provide adequate compensation to the families of the deceased and ensure the best possible treatment for the injured."

A LOOK AT PAST ACCIDENTS: October 6, 2018: 21 casualties and 15 injuries near Kela Morh, Ramban district, as an overcrowded mini-bus plunged into a 200-foot gorge.

September 14, 2022: 11 fatalities and 29 injuries in Poonch district as an overloaded mini-bus met a similar fate.

July 1, 2019: 35 lives lost and 17 injured in Kishtwar's Sirgari area due to an overloaded mini-bus veering off the road.

May 30, 2023: 10 Vaishno Devi pilgrims from Bihar killed and 57 injured in Jammu district as their bus skidded off the road.

DIV COM JAMMU ORDERS PROBE: In an official order, the Divisional Commissioner said that it is imperative to enquire into the circumstances leading to the accident which resulted in the death of several passengers and injuries to others on board. "Therefore, a committee comprising of the following officers is hereby constituted to enquire into the circumstances leading to the tragic incident. The committee shall enquire into the incident and furnish a detailed equity report within a week's time," the order reads, adding that the probe committee will be headed by ADM Doda with Superintending Engineer PWD, Doda and ARTO Doda as its members. Meanwhile, the identity of dead and injured is being ascertained. KNO

LG inaugurates National...

necessary changes in their curriculum as per industry needs and provide students access to new technology having transformative impact on today's world.

The traditional model of higher educational institutions are no longer adequate to prepare the present and future workforce and meet the needs of industries, which are being transformed by cutting-edge technology changing at an ever-increasing rate, he added.

He also encouraged the students and young entrepreneurs to develop new and original ideas, inculcate high life values to achieve long-term success.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor launched 'Skill to Enterprise Modelling pilot programme, a partnership initiative of SIDBI and IUST wherein skilled youth will be trained for entrepreneurship development. The aim is that every student should develop his/her own enterprise at the end of the programme.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and J&K UT for financial assistance to MSME cluster infrastructure development projects for modernization, upgradation or establishment of infrastructure, development of industrial estates etc.

At IUST, the Lt Governor also inaugurated the Entrepreneurial Business Exhibition and the Humanity Block of the University.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST; Sh Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Finance Department; Sh Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and MD SIDBI; Sh Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Skill Development Department; Dr Subi Chaturvedi, Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer, InMobi; prominent personalities from diverse fields, industry leaders, faculty members and students of IUST were present.

People in Doda blame...

"People are here to repeatedly collect bodies after every accident..." Ashraf added.

"As a public representative, we gave them an amount of Rs 6 lakh to repair the road. They failed to repair this road. They might have misappropriated the money. A few months ago, a similar accident took place here and we lost many lives," he alleged.

Sarwar Khan, a resident of the Trungal-Assar area, urged authorities to immediately repair the hilly road, fill the potholes and ensure black topping to save people from getting killed due to bad roads.

"We demand a probe into this accident. Those responsible for failure to maintain the roads should be brought to books," he said.

The bus bearing registration number JK02CN-6555 was reportedly carrying around 56 passengers, officials said earlier in the day, adding that it skidded off the road near Trungal-Assar on the Batote-Kishtwar national highway and fell 300 feet downhill.

Lt Governor inaugurates...

Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi; Sh Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages; Sh Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi; senior officials of Civil Administration, renowned artists from West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and J&K were present.

NIA chargesheets Pak...

Azhar Alvi, was engaged in motivating Kashmiri youth as part of a larger conspiracy hatched by proscribed terrorist organisations and their affiliates to carry out terrorist acts and activities in the region."

It reads that according to NIA investigations, Dilwar was responsible for motivating Ubaid to join the JeM militant ranks.

"Dilwar would incite youth having a militancy background to pursue Jihad by sharing with them inflammatory audio clips and videos as well as images of Maulana Masood Azhar Alvi, showing the latter preaching radical Islam. He would also send videos related to encounters in the Kashmir valley and would provoke the youth to pick up arms."

It added that the accused have been charged under sections 120B & 121A of the IPC, 1860 and Sections 18, 18B, 20 & 38 of the UA (P) Act, 1967. "The terror conspiracy case (RC-05/2022/NIA/JMU) was registered by NIA suo motu on 21st June 2022. It relates to the conspiracy hatched by terrorist organisations to unleash violent terrorist attacks in J&K with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms, etc. as part of the Pakistan-backed terror groups' conspiracy to carry out acts of terror and violence in J&K. It involves radicalization of local youth and mobilization of overground workers of newly floated terrorist groups, such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others. These outfits are affiliated to proscribed terrorist outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda, etc."

It reads that investigations in the case are ongoing with NIA continuously working to expose and thwart the bigger conspiracy of the terrorist organisations to revive terrorism and disturb peace and communal harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. KNO

Distt Admin Gbl organizes mega Block Diwas at Mammar



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GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 15

The District Administration Ganderbal today conducted mega Block Diwas at Mammar with the purpose to listen to the grievances of people at their door steps and to ensure immediate redressal of the same.

The camp was presided over by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani along with SDM Kangan, Javid Ahmad Rather.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation of PRI members and prominent citizens of Kangan block who highlighted the issues and demands pertaining to their areas including development of roads, Panchayat building at Mammar, augmentation of water supply scheme,

and other issues of public importance.

The ADCG gave necessary instructions to the officers for ensuring timely redressal of the genuine concerns of the locals and several issues were also redressed on spot.

Meanwhile, various departments like Agriculture, Health, Sheep Husbandry, J&K Bank and others apprised the participants about the beneficiary oriented and self-employment schemes available and were urged to take benefit of such schemes as per eligibility, aimed to improve socio-economic condition of people. The event was attended by BDC Chairperson Kangan, Executive Engineer KPDC, Tehsildar Ganderbal, CMO, District Social Welfare Officer and BDO Kangan besides other district and sectoral officers.

Purnima expresses grief over tragic Doda accident

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, expressed deep grief over the tragic accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 people and left 17 others injured.

In a statement issued today, the senior BJP leader conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls. She urged the government to provide

the best medical care to the injured and offer adequate compensation to the families of the victims.

Purnima expressed concern over the alarming frequency of such accidents in Doda district, emphasizing the need for thorough investigations to identify the root causes of these tragedies. She also stressed the importance of raising awareness about road safety among the general public, especially among the youth. She urged everyone to follow traffic rules and regulations and to be careful while driving.

Block Diwas: DDC listens to public grievances at Pargwal

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today held Block Diwas here at Block Headquarter Pargwal and interacted with the locals to address their issues and demands.

DDC Vice Chairman, Suraj Singh; BDC Chairperson, Nisha Devi; DDC Member, Bhushan Bral besides Sarpanchs and PRI representatives also participated in the event.

The issue of the project of Sajwal-Indri Bridge, which is vital for the connectivity of the area, was prominently raised and acknowledged by the DDC.

Locals also demanded strengthening of patient care services at Primary Health Centre Pargwal, requirement for veterinary facility, other medical requirements, quality drinking water supply, ration card bifurcation, demand for improved irrigation facilities and other developmental needs of the area.

The Sarpanchs also highlighted the success stories of different government schemes benefiting the locals, like delivery of Kisan Credit Cards, PMEGP initiatives and employment opportunities under UMEED.

The DDC asked for redressal of several demands on the spot, such as the provision of boats for emergency situations, Molu via Rangpur Pindi Road, power requirement of local health centre, and arrangement of Ration Card services through special camps. He also



assured taking action on other requests and assured looking into compensation issues.

He said that the Block Diwas is an important initiative to reach out to the people at the grassroots level and to ensure speedy and transparent delivery of public services. He urged the people to avail the benefits of different welfare schemes and programmes launched by the government.

He also appreciated the efforts put in by PRI members and the field functionaries for the

development of the area and the implementation of the schemes. He asked them to work with dedication and sincerity for the welfare of the people.

SDM Khour, Anil Kumar Thakur; Assistant Commissioner Development, Preeti Sharma; Tehsildar Pargwal, Manjeet Singh; BDO Pargwal, Virender Kumar besides other district officers were also present at the occasion.

During his visit, the DDC also inspected Health & Wellness Centre Pargwal and reviewed its functioning.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrations at Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today addressed the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations at Abhinav Theatre here to mark the birth anniversary of the iconic tribal leader Birs Munda.

Addressing the large gathering of different tribal communities of J&K, Advisor Bhatnagar said the celebrations at this Diwas symbolizes profound recognition and respect for the contributions of India's tribal communities to the nation's freedom struggle and cultural richness. He highlighted that this day reflects the spirit of bravery and resistance that tribal communities embodied in their fight against colonial rule.

The Advisor remarked that the celebrations of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas aligns with the broader theme of 'Viksit Bharat' or 'Developed India', show-



ing the integral role of tribal communities in the nation's progress and unique cultural diversity.

He highlighted that the tribal communities have tremendous contribution in every sphere of society, particularly in the ongoing developmental and economic progress.

Highlighting on some of the initiatives of the government, Advisor Bhatnagar underlined that the present LG led Administration has started various schemes for the empowerment of tribal communities and the Tribal Affairs department has been pivotal in enhancing the welfare and development

of tribal communities. He highlighted that new tribal hostels, transforming schools into smart schools in tribal areas, and modernizing existing hostels as well as Eklavya Model Residential Schools are some significant steps aimed at enhancing quality education to tribal children, encompassing not only academics but overall development.

The Advisor on the occasion commended the members of all tribal communities for presenting their unique culture and traditions through remarkable performances and bestowed mementos among them.

He also visited the stalls showcasing traditions and customs of different tribal communities of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, the week-long Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah, being celebrated by Tribal Affairs department serves as a vibrant platform to exhibit the rich tapestry of tribal culture, traditions, and lifestyles, particularly highlighting the diverse tribes of Jammu & Kashmir like Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gaddis, Sippis and others. These celebrations are not merely a reflection of the past but a conscious effort to keep the tribal heritage alive in today's digital and globalized world. The observance of this day underscores the government's commitment to acknowledging and preserving the unique cultural heritage, traditions, and values of these communities, thereby reinforcing their role in building a more inclusive and diverse nation.

Accountant General Office plans series of activities to celebrate Audit Week from Nov 19 to Nov 24

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

To commemorate foundation day of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), Audit week is to be celebrated in the whole country from 19 November 2023 to 24th November 2023.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the office of Pr. Accountant General (Audit and A&E) is going to organize numerous programmes/activities during the week which include Blood donation camp, Interaction with students, interface with PRIs, Environmental awareness, supports activities and cultural activities

The weeklong activities will culminate on 24th of Nov 2023 and the valedictory function would witness the participation of Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir as the Chief Guest.

Final Phase of B2V5 programme commences in Baramulla with massive public participation

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Marching ahead towards achieving the purpose of ambitious initiative, the fifth and final phase of ongoing "Back to Village" Programme (B2V5) today commenced in Baramulla district with the visiting officers holding public engagements in 98 more panchayats across Baramulla district.

A total of 304 panchayats have already been covered across Baramulla district during the previous phases wherein the respective visiting officers held scores of Gram Sabhas and informed people about the centrally sponsored and UT run schemes. With covering of 98 more panchayats, a target of 402 panchayats of Baramulla district will successfully be saturated, thereby making successful implementation of the ambitious outreach initiative of the government at grass root level.

At Baramulla, the mega event was organized at Fatehpura Panchayat wherein the visiting officer, Secretary Law in General Administration Department, Muzaffar Ahmad Wani, accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, Joint Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad



and other concerned held a day long public interaction and assessed the core issues and concerns of general public.

With massive participation of people from all the adjacent villages, the public and PRIs extended their warm welcome to the Visiting officer and put forth their major demands pertaining to their aspirations.

The demands and grievances put forth by the PRIs and general public pertained to Jal Shakti, R&B, PDD, Education, Health, Social Welfare and other concerned departments for which they sought the intervention of Secretary Law for early redressal.

The visiting officer listened to issues of the people patiently and reiterated that all grievances

will be taken up with the concerned quarters for timely and early action. He also gave on spot directions to all the concerned departments for redressal of issues of public.

Meanwhile, in the opening ceremony of the mega event, the Secretary Law inspected stalls installed by various departments showcasing their services and facilities being provided to the people.

During the ongoing programme, various colorful cultural activities were performed by school children which mesmerized the participants.

On the occasion, the Visiting Officer also distributed school bags, baby kits among school children and sanction letters and other certificates among beneficiaries.

Release of PM Kisan Installment by Prime Minister: Reasi admin organises Live streaming



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REASI, NOVEMBER 15

Department of Agriculture Ramban, in collaboration with the District administration, today organized the live streaming of the release of 15th installment of PM Kisan Saman Nidhi scheme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Abdul Star, Block Development Council Chairperson Parveen Begum, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Dr. Sarfraz Naseem, Tehsildar Reasi Suresh Singh, Tehsildar Pouni Naresh Kumar, Sub Division Agriculture Officer Reasi Vinod Khajuria, Sarpanchs PRI members and farmers of adjoining villages.

Chief Agriculture Officer Reasi Harbans Singh, in his welcome address, informed that 29463 farmers of district Reasi will be benefited by transfer of Rs 5.89 crore through DBT in

their account for purchase of different agriculture inputs. More than 8 crore farmers will be benefited throughout India with transfer of more than Rs 18000 crore directly in their accounts.

He said the PM Kisan scheme has already provided significant benefits to the farmers across the country and the latest installment will boost their income and contribute to the growth of the agriculture sector in Reasi district.

The BDC Chairman stressed upon utilization of PM Kisan Saman Nidhi Scheme for purchase of fertilizer seed and other agriculture inputs. Kisan Morcha president Chain Singh also addressed the gathering. AGMO Horticulture planning and marketing, Agriculture Officer/officials and about 50 farmers including women farmers from adjoining villages attended the programme.

Kathua Admin celebrates 3rd Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 15

District administration Kathua today organised a programme in the premises Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Kathua to commemorate 3rd Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh was the chief guest, while Ex President MC Lakhampur Surmu Din was the guest of honour. The event unfolded with the highlighting of achievements made with regard to the tribal welfare in the district during the current financial year.

The Students of Gujjar Bakarwal community presented the folklores besides throwing light on the life of great tribal freedom fighter Birs Munda in India's freedom struggle and also highlighted the cause of tribal population. Speaking on the occasion, the CPO said the commemoration of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is dedicated to appreciate the valued contributions made by the Tribal community in varied fields. He also threw light on the development initiatives undertaken in the district for the uplift of the Tribal community.

Later, the Chief Guest gave away prizes to the students of Gujjar & Bakarwal Hostel who performed in the cultural programme. Pertinently, the Government of India has decided to celebrate November 15 as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' to mark the birth anniversary of Tribal Freedom Fighter "Birs Munda" from year 2021 onwards, who was not only a freedom fighter but also social reformer and led tribal movement, namely Ulgulan (Revolt) against exploitative systems of British Colonial Govt. He is also known as Dharti Abba as he encouraged tribal people to understand their cultural roots & observe unity.

'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' observed at Kulgam

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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 15

The 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', was today observed at mini-secretariat Kulgam to mark the birth anniversary of iconic tribal leader Birs Munda.

The programme marked participation of masses particularly members of the tribal community, PRIs and locals.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, Mohd Afzal Parrey said that from ancient times, tribal community was neglected a lot, however a positive change is occurring throughout and present administration is focused for upliftment and welfare of tribals. Addressing the event, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat high-



lighted significance and historical background of the day and said that the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' is dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters so that coming generations could know about their sacrifices for the country and a tribute to Birs Munda who fearlessly worked for the freedom of India. He also highlighted various initiatives and measures that have been taken by the Administration for upliftment and progress of

tribal communities. He added that the government is focused and slew of measures have been taken for the betterment of the tribal community. Dr Bilal also gave a brief of projects completed and dedicated for tribals. DDC Member from Manzagam, Jameela Chowdhary and other speakers from Tribal community threw light on the priceless sacrifices by various tribal leaders on the path of securing freedom of the nation.

DDC Reasi attends B2V5 activities at Treen Meyari and Aghar Jitto Panchayats

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REASI, NOVEMBER 15

As part of the ongoing second round of the Back to Village-5 programme, the District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan led a comprehensive tour of Treen Meyari and Aghar Jitto Panchayats, here today. The visit aimed at engaging with the public to understand their concerns and prioritize developmental initiatives for the area. Accompanied by visiting officers Rahul Sharma, Transport Commissioner, and Deep Raj, Project Director Samagar Shiksha Abhiyan, District Development Commissioner Vishesh

Mahajan interacted directly with the residents. The discussions provided valuable insight into pressing issues such as power supply, water availability, road conditions, land compensation, construction of sports stadium, construction of a new building for HSS Aghar Jitto, and shortage of staff in schools.

Addressing the public during the visit, the District Development Commissioner reiterated the UT administration's commitment to deliver all basic facilities directly at the doorsteps of the common masses. Emphasizing the importance of initiatives like Back to Village, he highlighted the pivotal role of PRIs in efficiently address-

ing public grievances and enhancing daily lives.

The District Development Commissioner shed light on various welfare schemes and government programs designed for the general public, assuring the community that the Reasi administration is dedicated to ensuring the benefits of these initiatives reach every individual in the district. This commitment reflects the administration's dedication to inclusive development.

During the tour, the District Development Commissioner urged Sarpanchs, Panches, and senior citizens to actively participate in the formulation of plans for the

effective development of their respective areas.

The District Development Commissioner concluded the visit by reiterating the administration's commitment to transparent governance and assured the public that their concerns and suggestions would be given due consideration in the formulation and execution of developmental plans.

In a significant development for the educational infrastructure in the district, Project Director of Samagar Shiksha Abhiyan, Deep Raj, announced Rs 1 lakh for the renovation of the Higher Secondary School (HSS) in Aghar Jitto. He made this announcement during the

Back to Village programme, emphasizing the importance of enhancing the educational environment for the benefit of the students.

Furthermore, Project Director of Samagar Shiksha Abhiyan Deep Raj proposed the establishment of an open gym and smart classes within HSS Aghar Jitto. Recognizing the importance of physical fitness and technological advancements in education, these initiatives are designed to contribute to the holistic development of students.

Meanwhile, Assistant Development Commissioner Jyoti Slathia visited Panthal panchayat and interacted with the public in the

presence of visiting officer Rachana Sharma Secretary in the Social Welfare Department. She also took stock of developmental issues and concerns of locals.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC said that the Back to Village programme is an ambitious initiative aimed at bringing governance to the grassroots level, fostering community engagement, and addressing the concerns of the public directly. Through on-the-ground interactions, government officials gain firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by communities, allowing for more targeted and effective developmental initiatives.

EDITORIAL

Doda accident—a grim reminder of official apathy

Yet another unfortunate fatal road mishap in mountainous Doda district has claimed the lives of at-least 37 people while 19 others were injured when a bus carrying passengers skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot gorge. The incident has again put a big question mark on the safety measures being taken to minimize the fatal road mishaps. Instead of devising strategy to reduce the rising number of road accidents on hilly roads, the law enforcing agencies, including traffic police, have given much thrust on issuing maximum challans to penalize the violators and generate revenue out of it. Last year, the Union Territory government had constituted a high-level panel of experts to find out the reasons for recurring fatal mishaps in three districts (Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar) of Chenab region, especially on 110-km-long treacherous Batote-Doda-Kishtwar national highway. Over the years, several measures had been taken to deal with the fatal road accidents in the region but all efforts, so far, have failed to yield the desired results. If one goes by the official statistics, over 2,850 road accidents have been reported in three districts of Chenab region during the last five years, in which at-least 752 people lost their lives, while over 3,600 were injured—many of them rendered handicapped. In 2022 alone, as many as 129 people were killed and 385 received injuries in 621 road mishaps in these three districts. This year till August, around 400 accidents took place in which 68 persons lost their lives while 523 were injured in three districts of Chenab region. This number is continuously ticking up because no serious efforts are being made to stop fatal mishaps. The decision of the government to form a panel of experts to suggest measures and make recommendations to the government as to how the rising number of road accidents can be brought down in the region was taken after the High Court directed the government for the same. In December last year, a Division Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh had directed the Government to constitute Committee of Experts (CoE) to ascertain reasons and file Action Taken Report (ATR) on the frequent road accidents in the hilly areas of Chenab Valley comprising three districts of Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar. On December 17 last year, a social activist of Doda district had written a letter to the Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court requesting for taking suo-moto cognizance of increasing road accidents in the hilly terrain of Chenab Valley. The letter was treated as Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and clubbed with a PIL titled Intakhab Ahmed Qazi Versus State of J&K and Others, which raised the issue with regard to road accidents on the Mughal Road. The letter was written close on the heels of the death of three engineers in a fatal road mishap near the Assar area on the Batote-Kishtwar national highway on November 14 last year. The RSP had envisaged that all existing and new roads would be equipped with standard traffic control features like signs, marking, crash barriers, delineators etc, besides initiatives would be taken to upgrade major roads in the state and classify important roads as state highways. There is a need to formulate some concrete measures to save the lives of the people who died while driving on killer roads in the Chenab region. No complacency in any form is tolerated while keeping a close watch on the implementation of recommendations of experts on ground.

Atrocities in Baluchistan: Unveiling the Struggle for Justice and Human Rights

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In the tapestry of global conflicts, the province of Baluchistan stands as a stark reminder of the human cost entwined with political struggles and power dynamics. Nestled at the intersection of South Asia and the Middle East, Baluchistan has been plagued by allegations of severe human rights violations and atrocities, bringing into question the principles of accountability, justice and the protection of human rights. This article dives deeper into the historical context of the Baluchistan conflict, uncovers the extent of the atrocities committed, explores the implications of these actions and underscores the pressing need for accountability, justice and the upholding of human rights.

Baluchistan, a region divided between Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan, has endured a long history of political and ethnic tensions. This article focuses primarily on the Baluchistan conflict within Pakistan. This conflict traces its roots to the struggle for autonomy and the acknowledgment of the

Baloch identity, which has often been met with forceful suppression and military clampdowns. The Baluchistan conflict in Pakistan dates back several decades, fuelled by the Baloch nationalist's quest for greater autonomy and a fairer share of the province's abundant natural resources. These grievances stem from the perceived economic exploitation, political marginalization and cultural suppression faced by the Baloch people. In response, the state's actions have been characterized by allegations of widespread human rights abuses, casting doubt on the ethical behaviour of military and security forces. The scope of alleged atrocities in Baluchistan is deeply unsettling, encompassing enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and the stifling of dissenting voices. Reports from various sources, including reputable human rights organizations, independent journalists and Baloch activists, have painstakingly documented instances of abduction, torture and summary executions. Tragically, numerous individuals have vanished

without a trace leaving their families in a state of agonizing uncertainty and despair. The region of Baluchistan has morphed into a realm of fear and mistrust, where communities find themselves caught between militants and military forces. The emergence of armed separatist groups has further complicated the landscape, contributing to an atmosphere of violence and instability that undermines the social fabric.

One of the most egregious incidents that continue to haunt the collective memory of Baluchistan is the brutal killing of Nawab Akbar Bugti, a prominent Baloch nationalist leader. In 2006, Bugti was killed in a military operation led by the Pakistan Army. His death sparked outrage among Baloch nationalists and activists galvanizing calls for justice and accountability. Enforced disappearances have also been a recurring theme in Baluchistan's recent history. According to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), there were around 8,000 reported cases of missing persons in Baluchistan between 2010 to 2020.

These cases involve individuals who were allegedly picked up by security forces and then went missing with their families left in a state of anguish and uncertainty. A comprehensive report published by Amnesty International in 2020 sheds light on the alarming prevalence of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions in Baluchistan. The report highlighted how Baloch activists, journalists and students have been targeted for their alleged involvement in promoting Baloch identity and autonomy. The implications of the atrocities in Baluchistan are profound and manifold. At a personal level, lives are torn apart, families are shattered and different communities have been traumatized. The psychological scars of the relentless cycle of violence and fear are immeasurable, deeply impacting individuals and their perceptions of security. On a geopolitical scale, the allegations of human rights abuses have strained Pakistan's diplomatic relations and eroded its credibility on the international stage. The international community is confronted

with a dilemma when dealing with a nation whose security forces stand accused of gross human rights violations. This not only affects bilateral relations but also underscores the importance of maintaining ethical conduct within state institutions. In the face of allegations of atrocities, accountability emerges as an indispensable principle. Establishing accountability mechanisms is a crucial step in addressing impunity and holding those responsible for human rights violations to account. This sends a powerful message that justice prevails, even within the realm of security forces. However, the road to accountability is fraught with challenges, particularly when dealing with powerful state institutions. The process necessitates independent investigations, transparent judicial proceedings and safeguards against undue influence. Ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice, regardless of their positions, is pivotal to restoring trust in state institutions and the rule of law. A holistic approach is required to pave the way for a future free from

atrocities in Baluchistan. Immediate steps involves the release of individuals subjected to enforced disappearances, the cessation of torture and extrajudicial killings and the restoration of civil liberties to the people of Baluchistan. To address the root causes of the conflict, a genuine and inclusive dialogue between the state and Baloch nationalist groups is essential. It is imperative to address the economic, political and cultural grievances that underlie the conflict and foster an environment conducive to negotiation and reconciliation. The narratives of atrocities in Baluchistan serve as a stark reminder of the multifaceted costs of unchecked power, political negligence and the erosion of human rights. The stories of the Baloch people demand our collective attention, empathy and action. It is incumbent upon the state, civil society and the international community to join hands in ensuring accountability, justice and the protection of human rights for the people of Baluchistan. The path ahead is fraught with challenges, but it is a path that must be taken.

Pakistan's Betrayal of Xinjiang's Uyghur Muslims

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On September 27, 2019, while speaking at the annual United Nations General Assembly [UNGA] meet at Geneva, Pakistan's then Prime Minister Imran Khan passionately spoke on Islamophobia. While his particular concern for what he perceives as persecution of the 'ummah' [the entire Muslim community considered as a whole] should have won him accolades but it didn't, and the reason for this was his patently selective approach on this issue.

Readers would recall that just a month before his UNGA address, Khan had been asked during an interview given to Al Jazeera, whether he had ever discussed the issue of Uyghur Muslims with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Palpably 'bowled out', the cricketer turned politician clumsily tried to circumvent this query by saying, "No, I have not. We have been facing so many of our internal problems right now that I do not know much about this problem." [Emphasis added]. This reply was again a big fat lie.

About a week and half before Khan's Al Jazeera interview, the media reported that Islamabad had carried out an internal assessment on the impact of the Uyghur issue on public sentiments in Pakistan. This report confirmed that there was "seething anger" amongst Pakistanis against the way Chinese authorities were treating Muslim Uyghurs and came out with four recommendations for Beijing.

These recommendations included the establishment of 'confidence building measures' in Xinjiang, getting a "better understanding of the religion [Islam]," communication through "reliable and mature religious leaders," and not to perceive the "common population of Xinjiang as a collective threat." Instead of examining these suggestions, Beijing adopted a tough stance and reportedly told Islamabad that its concerns on Uyghurs were "taking the shape of emotions" and advised it to "manage negative sentiments domestically."

Islamabad promptly complied without any questions being asked. So, at a time when Islamabad and Beijing were exchanging communications on this subject, it's well nigh impossible that Khan would be unaware about the Uyghur issue as he had claimed during the Al Jazeera interview. Even if this was the case, how could Khan who projects himself as a consummate crusader for Muslim rights, have missed taking note of Beijing's 2017 'Sinification' programme which has the impertinence to presuppose that Islam in its present form isn't compatible with socialism and hence needs to be adapted to meet the Communist Party of China's requirements?

Pakistan's apathy on the Uyghur issue is heart-rending and with Khan admitting that "Because of our extreme proximity and relationship with China, we actually accept the Chinese version" [Emphasis added], aptly reveals Islamabad's absolute subservience to

Beijing's diktats. Not only this, Pakistan has been rounding up and deporting Uyghurs who fled Xinjiang to escape religious persecution and settled down in Pakistan or in parts of Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir [PoJK]. Simultaneously, Beijing has put many Uyghur women married to Pakistani men in detention camps and the most shameful part is that Islamabad has turned a deaf ear to frantic appeals of husbands demanding to be reunited with their wives.

Pakistan's duplicity has also been univocally condemned by Geneva based World Uyghur Congress with its president Dolkun Isa telling ANI that "Pakistan Prime Minister brings up the Kashmir issue all the time but when it comes to the Uyghurs, he closes his eyes and supports China's policy. This is a double standard." However, Isa isn't the only one who has exposed Islamabad's perfidy on the Uyghur issue.

The Diplomat quotes Pakistan's former foreign minister Khurshid Kasuri saying that "Turkey should be vocal about the Uyghur issue. They [Uyghurs] are Turkic origin people. It is not in Pakistan's interest to discuss issues related to China publicly." This matter-of-fact statement truly reflects Islamabad's expediency on the Uyghur issue and this sentiment also echoes in the European Foundation for South Asian Studies [EFSAS] commentary of June 11, 2021.

The EFSAS report observes that "In the case of the Uyghurs, it is not Pakistan's self interest in the region that is the culprit.

Pakistan's submission to the hegemony of China and the lure of the Yuan are what are to blame. The suppression of the small population of Uyghur refugees living in Pakistan and the deportation of hundreds of them to China without due legal procedures being followed nevertheless hopelessly exposes Pakistan's hypocrisy, its utter disregard for Muslims, and the complete absence of any solidarity with them. It demonstrates beyond any doubt that as far as Pakistan is concerned, the protection of Islam is merely a convenient weapon that periodically requires to be greased with lip service." [Emphasis added].

This is why the international community isn't impressed by Islamabad's comical charade of trying to project itself as the global leader of the anti-Islamophobia crusade. Despite there being no formal restrictions on publishing news, views and opinions on the Uyghur issue, Pakistani media generally plays by the 'discretion is the better part of valour' rule and avoids publishing unsavoury facts on the brutal way in which Beijing is repressing Uyghur Muslims due to fears of being 'punished' in a number of ways ranging from legal action to harassment, abduction and physical abuse.

It's thus but natural that few would like to stick their necks out by taking up this issue. However, there are some who refuse to fall in line, and Pakistani columnist Qazi Javed who writes for the Urdu publication Daily Jasarat is one such daring scribe. Reacting to China's Foreign Min-

ister Qin Gang's criticism of Taliban's ill-treatment of women, Javed wrote "Yes, this is the same China where the women of the Muslim Uyghur community are left naked, handcuffed, and humiliated in front of humanoid dogs and other animals for practising Muslim beliefs!"

Pakistan apologists may argue that when no Islamic nation is being critical of Beijing's ill-treatment of the Muslim Uyghurs, why Pakistan is being singled out as the sole delinquent. The answer is simple while other Islamic nations may not be expressing solidarity with the Uyghurs, they aren't doing anything to facilitate persecution of Uyghurs. Pakistan on the other hand, is helping Beijing to legitimise persecution of Uyghurs both by omission and commission.

The 2021 joint Uyghur Human Rights Project [UHRP] and Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs [Oxus] report ['Nets Cast from the Earth to the Sky: China's Hunt for Pakistan's Uyghurs'] mentions "...several instances in which China rewarded Pakistan for aiding its campaign against Uyghurs. In exchange for development assistance, Pakistan signed extradition treaties, arrested individuals at China's request, and rebuked critics of China's harsh policies, all of which made it easier for China to continue repressing Uyghurs." [Emphasis added].

So, considering its great disservice to the beleaguered Uyghur Muslims of Xinjiang, how can Pakistan escape being singled out?

Navigating the dual nature of phones and internet

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Our everyday lives are heavily reliant on technology in a time when smartphones and the internet rule the roost. While there are never-before-seen possibilities for communication, access to information, and entertainment with these tools, there is also a challenge in striking a balance between useful use and potentially time-wasting activities, especially with social media. This article explores methods for utilizing phones and the internet to their greatest potential while stressing the significance of screen time management for education and income.

Understanding the Dual Nature of Phones and the Internet

The Allure of Social Media

Social media platforms, which offer channels for communication, expression, and entertainment, have ingrained themselves into our daily lives. However, these platforms' addictive qualities can result in excessive screen time, which could impede one's ability to advance both personally and professionally.

The Power of Information and Connectivity

The internet and phones, on the other hand, provide unmatched access to knowledge, virtual learning environments, and social media. Using this potential can open doors to career advancement, skill development, and

even income generation.

Balancing Act**1. Set Digital Boundaries:**

Setting up definite boundaries is essential. Establish limits on when you can use social media, and set aside time for concentrated work or study. This aids in preventing the pointless scrolling that can waste time.

2. Prioritize Learning Platforms:

Determine trustworthy online education resources and schedule time for learning. Sites such as Khan Academy, Udemy, and Coursera provide courses in a range of subjects and offer an organized method for developing new skills.

3. Embrace Productive Apps:

Look into time management apps that can help you be more productive.

Users can prevent distractions by setting timers for focused work or learning sessions with apps like Forest or StayFocusd.

4. Cultivate a Learning Mindset:

Turn downtime into educational opportunities. During breaks, listen to podcasts, read audiobooks, or take in brief educational content that is relevant to your professional or personal objectives rather than aimlessly scrolling through social media.

Turning Social Media into a Tool for Growth:**1. Curate a Purposeful Feed:**

Examine and select social media feeds for information that inspires, informs, and supports your career and personal objectives. Unfollow accounts that promote negativity and mindless

scrolling.

2. Network with Intent:

As a tool for networking, use social media. Become a member of communities and professional groups to meet like-minded people, mentors, and possible partners. For instance, LinkedIn can be a very effective tool for career advancement.

3. Showcase Skills and Achievements:

Transform personal social media accounts into expert showcases. Emphasize your abilities, successes, and endeavours to establish a favourable online image that may draw in business.

Unlocking Earning Opportunities**1. Freelancing and Gig Economy:**

Look into platforms and freelance opportunities that fit your interests and

skill set. Many websites offer opportunities to make money while working on projects of your own choosing.

2. Online Entrepreneurship:

Think about making a hobby or online business profitable. You can use websites such as Etsy, YouTube, or your own blog to market and make money off of your abilities and creativity.

3. Remote Work Opportunities:

Take advantage of the expanding remote work trend. Use internet job boards to locate remote work opportunities in your industry and broaden your career prospects without regard to location.

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Manjit Singh demands release of pending economic package for DPs

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Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has demanded release of the pending economic package for the Displaced Persons that was sanctioned by the previous Govt of India.

"The DPs have suffered for decades after their displacement from different places of Jammu region following hostility between two countries in 1947, 1965 and 1971. These unexpected situations forced them out of their homes and fertile agricultural fields," said Manjit Singh while addressing a worker's meeting in Ramgarh that was organized by District President Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti and other leader of Apni



Party to discuss the issues of DPs, and border residents in Ramgarh.

In his address, he said that the DPs who were displaced from their own lands were settled in the border belt of Jammu in different locations in hostile conditions. However, these DPs managed to survive for all these tough years with no reservation in education, jobs and other sectors.

"These people lived a life under poverty while agriculture and labour work was their main source of earning. It was due to the years of suffering that the then Govt of India sanctioned Rs 25 lakhs in favour of each DP family in J&K. But this amount was not released completely," he reminded.

He said that around Rs 5.5 lakhs was released and many DP families com-

plained that the revenue department and other related departments were asking them for formalities that were not possible for them to fulfill.

In the backdrop of the development and pending package, he said that it becomes imperative for the Govt of India to release the pending amount of economic package in favour of the DPs in Jammu and Kashmir so

that it could help them for their upliftment.

He also demanded reservation in jobs, professional education and educational institutes. He also demanded that the Govt should hold on to spot recruitment drives for the unemployed youth of DPs in defence, paramilitary and J&K Police.

Meanwhile, he said that the DPs of 1965 and 1971 should be provided proprietary rights on the land they were given by the Govt and accordingly, the land deficiency should be fulfilled as per the promises made by the Govt in the past. "The DPs are holding insufficient land in many areas, and they should be provided prescribed land at par with other DPs to end the land deficiency among the DPs," he added.

Bhalla, Ravinder visit GMC to meet Doda injured



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JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Sr Vice President and Chief Spokesperson JKPCC Ravinder Sharma today evening visited GMC hospital Jammu to enquire about the condition of injured persons in Doda accident. They expressed deep shock over the loss of precious lives in the accident and conveyed heartfelt condolences to their

families. They met the injured and their family members and enquired from the doctors about their condition. Doctors told the visiting leaders that they are doing their best to provide all sorts of available treatment. The Senior Congress Leaders noticed that some injured patients require specialised treatment and urged the authorities to arrange best treatment to save their lives. Bhalla & Ravinder Sharma have

demanding that LG administration should immediately provide adequate amount of financial relief to the families of those killed and the injured to arrange for their specialised treatment especially the serious ones. They demanded Rs ten lac for the families of deceased and five lac for seriously injured and free treatment to them. They also demanded thorough investigation into the causes of accident.

National Cultural Jatha: "Celebrating Unity in Diversity: Jammu's Day One Embrace of 'Dhai Aakhar Prem' for Cultural Harmony"

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The inaugural day of the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' in Jammu unfolded with vibrant cultural activities, fostering an atmosphere of love, peace, and harmony. Led by the esteemed Shri Prasanna, the day's events brought together artists, intellectuals, and enthusiasts in a celebration of cultural unity.

The day commenced with a captivating procession from Panjbaktar Mahadev Mandir to Peer Mitha Sahib Dargah. The colorful parade traversed the city, symbolizing the journey of love and cultural enrichment.

The "Panjbaktar Mahadeva Mandir," also known as the "Rupaiye Wala Mandir," boasts a unique and rich history as Jammu City's oldest temple. Suresh Sharma,



the receiver of the temple, shares insights into its distinctive features with National Cultural Jatha. Noteworthy for its floor adorned with British-era coins, the temple reflects a historical and cultural blend. Serving as a cultural nucleus, it hosts classical music events in its amphitheater, such as the Sawan Mahotsav, Sharad Mahotsav and dance performances. Positioned centrally in Jammu, this revered site harmonizes

rare antiquity, spiritual significance, and cultural richness in the city's heart. Ziyarat Peer Mitha, a timeless symbol of harmony, welcoming people of all faiths for centuries. As the 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' parades through Jammu, it echoes the shrine's ethos of unity. Led by Shri Prasanna, the Jatha's cultural odyssey aligns with Ziyarat's spirit, fostering love, peace, and coexistence.

Jatha. The cultural Jatha reached its pinnacle at K.L. Sehgal Hall at Abhinav Theatre Complex. The hall resonated with discussions on the life and role of Comrade Dhanwantri, a freedom fighter from Jammu who was very much impressed with the ideology of Bhagat Singh. The paper on Comrade Dhanwantri read by Dr. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha, Jammu. Prasanna and Sh. Tan-

veer Akhtar engaged the audience in an insightful interaction, followed by a dynamic question/answer session.

The soulful melody of peace echoed through the hall as Smt. Seema Anil Sehgal presented a heartfelt song, further enhancing the cultural tapestry of the evening. The program concluded with a captivating performance by the talented artists of IPTA, Patna, leaving the audience with a profound appreciation for the arts.

Shri Prasanna's guidance and leadership played a pivotal role in orchestrating the day's events, infusing them with a spirit of artistic expression and cultural understanding. The 'Dhai Aakhar Prem: National Cultural Jatha' continues its transformative journey, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of Jammu.

Abhay Bakaya calls on Director Industries Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Apni Party General Secretary, Youth Wing and Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya called on Director Industries, Jammu, Dr Arun Manhas here in Jammu and discussed various issues confronted by the unemployed youth.

As per a press release, Abhay met the newly posted Director Industries Jammu Dr Arun Manhas where he held threadbare discussion with him regarding policy of helping the unemployed youth in opening industrial small-scale units.

During the meeting, he was conveyed about easing the formalities and support that is being provided by the Industries Department to the aspirants. On the other hand, Abhay expressed his gratitude to Director



Industries, Jammu for his innovative initiatives for empowering youth and providing possible support for establishing small-scale units in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the growing unemployment has posed a challenge to the unemployed youth and therefore, it becomes important to provide a

source of employment or self-employment. He also appreciated Dr Arun Manhas for his positive and dynamic approach towards the industrial sector that is the economic backbone for Jammu and Kashmir and requires special attention to boost the industrial units/small-scale units in an innovative manner.

NC expresses deep sorrow over Doda Bus Accident

Rattan Lal calls for providing best medical treatment to injured, probe into Doda Bus accident

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference expressed grief over the tragic bus accident in Doda, which has claimed the lives of 38 people.

Expressing grief over the accident, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K NC said, "I am deeply saddened by the news of this horrific accident. My heart goes out to the bereaved families during this difficult time. I pray for the speedy recovery of those who have been injured."

The senior NC leader urged the authorities sitting at the helm to provide best medical treatment to the injured and also conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the acci-

dent and take all necessary steps to prevent such tragedies from happening in the future.

"The National Conference stands in solidarity with the bereaved families and urges the Govt to provide all possible assistance to them," he said.

Gupta also called the government to streamline the traffic scenario in the region.

"The government must take urgent steps to address the issue of over-speeding on our roads which is a major cause of accidents, and we must do everything we can to prevent it," he added. The Provincial Body of J&K NC Jammu also expressed grief over the loss of lives and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Police solves theft case in Ganderbal; 02 arrested

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOV 15

Police in Ganderbal have solved a theft case by arresting 02 accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property from their possession.

On 11/11/2023, Police Station Lar received a written complaint from one person namely Farooq Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Nabi Ganie resident of Kurhama Ganderbal stating there-in that during intervening night of 8/9-11-2023, some unknown thieves have stolen spare parts worth lacs from his Warehouse located at Benhama Lar.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 73/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Lar and investigation was set into motion.

Pritam Saini expresses grief over Doda Accident

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

The Ganmanya Samaj Sangathan today expressed deep grief over the tragic accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 people and left 17 others injured.

In a statement issued here today, Pritam Singh Saini, the National Vice President of the Ganmanya Samaj Sangathan, New Delhi and President of J&K Kshtriya Saini Sabha conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 innocent people. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. I pray for the eternal peace of the departed souls," he added.

Pritam Saini urged the government to provide the best medical care to the injured and offer adequate compensation to the families of the victims.

He also expressed concern over the alarming frequency of such accidents in Doda district, emphasizing the need for thorough investigations to identify the root causes of these tragedies. He called for stricter enforcement of traffic regulations and urged the authorities to ensure that only roadworthy vehicles and qualified drivers operate on the roads.

He also stressed the importance of raising awareness about road safety among the general public, especially among the youth. He urged everyone to follow traffic rules and regulations and to be careful while driving.

JKPCC expresses deep shock over loss of lives, injuries in a tragic road accident at Assar

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

JKPCC has expressed deep shock over the loss of several precious lives and injuries to several others in a tragic road accident at Assar near Doda and expressed sympathies with the bereaved families.

Expressing grave shock over loss of 38 passengers and injuries to several others in Assar area of Doda today, JKPCC President shri Vikar Rasool Wani has said that such a huge loss of lives is very painful and shocking. He conveyed deep sympathies with the bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

JKPCC Chief had demanded that the cause of accident should be investigated and neces-

sary measures should be taken to prevent maximum number of accidents in the area..

He demanded adequate ex gratia relief to the families of the deceased and the injured besides best medical treatment to them.

Several senior leaders of the Congress party have expressed shock over the incident and expressed sympathies with the bereaved families and the injured. They included Working President Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice Presidents Shri Mula Ram, Thakur Balwan Singh and Ravinder Sharma besides Shri Haider Sheikh, Naresh Gupta, Ashok Dogra, Imtiaz Ahmed Khandey Pyare Lal Shan Sham Lal Bhagat, Nadeem Sharief Niaz, Irshad Sheikh, Sheikh Mujeeb & Javed Lone .

Police organises drug awareness seminar in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOV 15

On the directions of SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS, Police in Ganderbal under the aegis of Civic Action Programme organised drug awareness seminar at Govt. Higher Sec. School Safapora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal Shri Gh Hassan-JKPS in which teachers, PRIs, respectable citizens, community members, social activists & students participated with huge enthusiasm.

While speaking on the onset of the Seminar, DySP Hqrs Ganderbal talked about the burning issue of Drug Addiction. He encouraged the participants to refrain from this severe menace & stated that Police is always on toes to eradicate Drug menace & ready to help the youth in promoting sports & games.

Azad expresses grief over Doda accident, demand relief for victims' kin

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

The DPAP chairman & former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad today expressed grief on the death of 39 passengers who lost their lives in tragic road accident in Doda district. Azad also prayed

for speedy recovery of the injured passengers who have been shifted to various hospitals for treatment. Azad termed this as an unfortunate incident and urged the Lt Governor administration for relief of families of victims and also all the possible help and specialized

treatment to the injured passengers. Azad said the condition of roads and Highways must be improved on war footing basis to avoid tragic accidents in future that consumes precious human lives. He said that after he left the chief minister ship no attention has been paid

for improvement of infrastructure and roads in Doda district which is resulting in frequent road accidents.

"The government should probe the reasons behind the frequent road accidents in Chenab valley," he said. Azad further said that there have been serious com-

plaints that traffic rules are not followed by drivers in Doda district. He said that after his government will be formed in J&K, the major emphasis will be given to upgrade and enhance roads of Doda district especially the Highways which have witnessed frequent road

accidents. The DPAP chairman said that special committee should be formed by the government which should provide guidelines to transporters how to avoid these accidents in future. Azad further said that the special police squads should be deployed on the

major roads and Highways of Doda district with a mandate to keep an eye on violators. "Over the years the Doda region has been ignored by the people at the helm of affairs, despite the region being landlocked with limited opportunities for its people," he said.

BJP stands for equality, justice to OBCs: Koul

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

BJP OBC Morcha Udhampur team led by district president Sagar Verma, called on Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (organization) in presence of Sunil Prajapati, J&K BJP OBC Morcha president and discussed in detail the issues of OBC community in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ashok Koul gave a patient hearing to the district team and said that the BJP is of the view that this community has been discriminated against and ill treated for long and that the political parties in the past were never serious for the welfare and political empower-



Minister of the country for the third term.

He also assures the members that OBC's of Jammu Kashmir will get all their pending constitutional rights in coming times.

Ashok Bandral, Sub. Om Parkash District Vice presidents, Rakesh Kumar, Mulkh Raj, Sub. Subash Chander, Gurdeyal Dhiman Mandal Presidents Krimchi, Majalta, khoon, Tikrialhad, captain Nandlal, Charan Dass Sumbria, Kuldeep Kumar Pathania District General secretaries and Babu Ram vice President Malhad Mandal and others the team members who called on Ashok Koul.

ment. He said that the BJP has repeatedly stood for equality and justice to all the communities of the society. As far as OBCs, the BJP stands for socio-economic and political empowerment and the Narendra Modi government at the centre, is committed to deliver justice to this community at

all levels.

Ashok Koul asked the district team to intensify their political activities in the ongoing Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan programmes and educate the people to strengthen BJP and vote overwhelmingly in its favour in 2024 general elections to see Narendra Modi as Prime

Raman Suri expresses shock over Doda accident, seeks inquiry



of each deceased and Rs. 50,000 to be given to the injured.

Suri also demanded an inquiry into the incident so that the guilty can be fixed and such accidents be prevented in the future. He said the Kishtwar roads have already claimed several lives over the years but despite that, adequate corrective measures are not being taken by those deployed to manage traffic, check overloading, or set the roads right especially at curves, from where vehicles usually skid off the road.

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 11

Expressing shock over the tragic bus accident near Trungal - Assar area on Batote-Kishtwar National Highway in Doda district that claimed more than thirty-six lives and left several injured, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri said that he is extremely pained and expressed his condolences to the bereaved families. Seeking best treatment for the injured, Raman Suri said that PM Narendra Modi has announced ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakhs from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) to be given to the next of kin

Raman Suri urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administration to hold an in-depth inquiry into the incident and punish all those who did not perform their duties well, resulting in this tragic accident. The punishment, he added, should be exemplary so that in future, officers do their jobs well and people feel safe to travel on such hilly roads.

The BJP leader also prayed for strength to the bereaved families and wished for speedy recovery of those injured in the accident.

Aryans organizes Legal Aid Awareness Camp



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 15

As per the directives of the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, Legal Services Day was celebrated by Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. A legal aid awareness camp was organized by Aryans LLB & BA. LLB students along with the faculty members in nearby villages.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group said that the aim to organize this free legal awareness camp was to empower the disadvantaged sections of society to seek and demand justice services. Also, Legal literacy

helps the weaker section to stay aware & updated of their various legal & constitutional rights, he asserted.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Law said that such awareness camp always impart practical knowledge about the basic legal rights and remedies provided under various women related laws & various machineries of the Justice delivery system available for redressal of their grievances, he added. On the occasion Ms. Navneet Kaur, HoD, Dr. Pritika & Ms. Jyoti, Dr. Baldeep Faculty, Aryans College of Law were present.

BSP pays floral tributes to Som Raj Majotra



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Bahujan Samaj party organised Condolence ceremony on uncertain demise of president BSP JKUT Late Sh. Som Raj Majotra at state Head office satwari and paid floral tributes to Late Som Raj Majotra who promoted and spread the mission in his entire life started by various Sant Mahatmas and particularly Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar for the upliftment of down trodden community who were ignored years together from education religious social and economical over all development to the down trodden people and aware them to fight against the atrocities inflicted by the other rich peoples and various organisation.

While addressing the gathering Ex M.P & Coordinator Sh. Raja Ram ji requested the participant to work with dedication and reach the door steps of the poor masses to aware them about the evil designs of the presents Govt. at the Centre and State who are exploiting the poor people by raising all falls propaganda and misleading the public about the policies introduced but never imple-

mented on grounds. The poor people are ignored from the benefit of the policies.

While paying tributes to Majotra BSP J&K UT General Secretary Rajesh Gupta said he was leader of masses and very popular among the people of Kathua. Gupta assured that we will leave no stone unturned to bring BSP to new heights.

The other prominent speakers are Vice President Charanjeet Chargoora, & State General Secretary Shashi Bhushan Thappa, State Coordinator Gurbaksh Gourav spoken on behalf of party that whole party stands at this time with family of Late Sh. Majotra and will work on the foot print of our beloved president to fulfil all his dreams. The prominent persons present on the occasion were Coordinator Badri Nath, General Secretary Baldev Raj, Cashier Raja Singh, Coordinator Darshan Rana, Coordinator Bishan Dass Coordinator Tilak Raj, Coordinator Abdul Gani Aftab, District President Jammu Koushal Targotra, District President Jammu Aswani Karloopia Senior leader Jagdish Verma District President Udhampur Mangal Dass, District President Samba Sardari Lal etc.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra begins in Jammu and Kashmir

Massive outreach initiative aims to ensure saturation of flagship government schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JAMMU, NOV 15

In a major step towards attaining saturation of welfare schemes of the government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from Khunti, Jharkhand, the birth place of Shri Birsa Munda, today on the occasion of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

Specially designed IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Vans marking the launch of the massive outreach programme of the Government were 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 Jammu and Kashmir



the IEC campaign kicked off from Dawar Gurez in Bandipora District with an inaugural programme that was attended by District Commissioner Bandipora, Shri Owais Ahmed along with local people, youth, PRIs and senior Government functionaries. During the event, beneficiaries of government sponsored schemes interacted with Lieutenant Governor, J&K, Shri Manoj Sinha virtually and shared their experiences about the benefits of availed scheme through 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani'

segment.

Similarly in Jammu region, a major IEC campaign was launched in Budhal Tehsil, Rajouri District in presence of Director, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Shri Sumit Kumar Jaranagal, District Commissioner, Rajouri Shri Vikas Kundal and other dignitaries.

The events organised in both the tribal dominated areas witnessed an overwhelming participation of masses.

AAP-J&K appeals LG to look into increasing road accidents in Chenab Region, demanded stern action against concerned authorities

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

While expressing grief & anguish over the tragic Bus accident in District Doda at Assar area in which 36 persons were killed & many others were injured. Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao, State Organization Building & Manifesto drafting committee Member, AAP J&K-UT, Jammu in a press statement issued here have expressed grief over the loss of precious lives and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family & also prayed for speedy recovery of the injured persons. Mr. Rao has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K-UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha to immediately release Rs. 10 Lakh as ex-gratia relief in favour of Kins of poor deceased & also Rs.2 lakh to the seriously injured ones in the Bus accident at Assar in Doda District.

He also expressed concern over the increasing road accidents in Chenab Region due to overloading of the vehicles / bad conditions of roads. He wondered as to how, heavy toll of lives occurred in the road accidents have failed to wake up the concerned Department particularly



the state government from deep slumber over the years and miserably failed to formulate concrete policy aimed to the safety of the commuters? Is it that the concerned traffic authorities have no concern for the lives lost or that they take the things as a matter of routine happening? What the huge deployment of traffic sleuths are doing on the roads? Passengers often see them negotiating with transport operators at different points on the road and simply share with themselves the unholy nexus between them desperately. The government in general and the concerned departments in particular owes an explanation to the public at large as to who is responsible for the loss of lives in road accidents, Mr. Rao said and expressed great astonishment that the public has never come to know about punishment handed to any traffic con-

stabulary ever since inception of traffic department? Is it a simple game of state managed money extortion on the road to share the booty from bottom to top? Why the outdated & overloaded busses & Tata Sumo are plying on these roads and there is no check on these outdated Mini-buses & Tata Sumos. Why the enquires are not conducted by special technical exports in all types of irregularities in construction of roads, including wrong Surveys of roads & wrong constructions of roads by PWD department?

He fervently appeals the Lt. Governor of J&K-UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha to look seriously in to all these irregularities which have not so far been controlled sternly. Mr. Rao has appealed to initiate enquiries into all types of irregularities including wrong Surveys of roads, wrong constructions etc in the construction of all roads in Chenab Region and stern action taken against the defaulters. All the outdated vehicles should be immediately banned from plying on the roads & The traffic sleuths should be strictly watched so that they do not compromise

LG Sinha should own responsibility on Doda accident, give his resignation: BSP

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Rajesh Gupta, the general secretary Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has expressed deep concern regarding the rising number of road accidents in the region.

In a statement released today, Gupta specifically referred today's Doda accident, in which 37 people lost their lives and several others sustained serious injuries after a passenger bus from Doda rolled down into 300 meters in deep george. He said it is total failure of LG administration in J&K. LG Manoj Sinha should take the responsibility and give his resignation.

Expressing shock and anguish, Gupta urged the authorities to implement a preventive strategy to



curb accidents rather than relying solely on post-accident measures.

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

Gupta stated that

numerous lives have been lost, and many people have suffered severe injuries due to road accidents in these areas.

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

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

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

Bhalla condoles loss of lives in Doda accident, demands suitable ex-gratia, best treatment to injured

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

Expressing grief over the loss of lives in a road accident in Doda district, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla in a condolence message said, "Saddened by the road accident near Thatri, Doda. In this hour of grief, I convey my condolences to the bereaved families. I pray that the people who have been injured recover at the earliest. Bhalla expressed deep shock over the road accident and demanded immediate airlifting of the critically injured persons to the Srinagar or Jammu Govt Hospital or out of J&K for specialized treatment. "The critically



injured should be provided specialized treatment on priority basis," said Bhalla while demanding adequate compensation for the next of kins who lost their lives in the road accident at Assar. He expressed sympathy with the bereaved family members who lost their loved ones in the road mishap and demanded compensation to all the victims of the road accident. He said roads in Chenab Valley have become a death trap

Congress committed to serve, empower people: Vikar Rasool

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN NOV 15

Congress Party is credited with having granted District to apple town Shopian aiming to empower people, besides ensuring facilities on their door steps. The party has also vigorously worked towards developing Shopian, which has great significance given its famous apple industry and the topography.

JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani made these comments while addressing a party worker's meeting in Shopian today.

Vikar Rasool Wani said that people of Shopian shall never forget about the Congress Party's remarkable move to grant District and ensure that the public enjoy every facilities at their door steps for which earlier they had to travel to erstwhile district headquarter Pulwama for redressal of their grievances and resolution of other problems.

Since J&K has no elected Govt in place for last several years, the issues of public importance and the developmental needs have gone unheard, despite that BJP Govt claims to have done development in J&K particularly after downgrading full-fledged State into to two UT, Wani added and told the workers till the elections are held and people elect their representative, who could hear them and solve their problems the real development is a distant dream, but unfortunately, BJP Govt at Centre doesn't want the democratic process to be restored thereby keeping people at the mercy of Bureaucracy.

On this occasion, JKPC Chief congratulated party workers for their resolve and enthusiasm towards strengthening the party in Shopian. Wani took the opportunity of worker's meeting to appeal people to come forward and support Congress in its endeavors to safeguard their just rights. Wani also said Shopian District has a great significance given its famous apple industry and topography, Congress Party feels committed to put in its strenuous efforts to ensure that people of J&K live a dignified life and enjoy fruit of democracy, for that matter, the Party shall vigorously deal with the challenges and defeat BJP's vendetta and divisive policies.

J&K BJP expresses grief over loss of lives in tragic bus accident in Doda

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, expressed deep shock and agony over the tragic accident in which dozens of people lost their precious lives and many others injured, when a bus they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Assar Doda.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP, said that the loss of lives in such an unforeseen tragedy

is deeply saddening. He said that the BJP stands in solidarity with the affected people and offers the party's support during this difficult time. He urged the authorities to provide all necessary assistance to those affected by this tragedy.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.), J&K BJP, conveyed sympathies to the bereaved families. He said that the accident in Kishtwar is heart-wrenching. We mourn all those who lost their precious lives and express con-

lences to the bereaved families, he said. He also prayed to the Almighty for the recovery of the injured at the earliest.

Similarly, the party's senior leaders, MPs, former ministers, former MLAs and MLCs, state office bearers, morcha presidents, Cells Convenors, also expressed their sympathies with the families who lost their dear ones and urged upon the administration to provide medical facilities to the injured ones for their recovery at the earliest.

DPAP shocked over Doda bus mishap, deaths



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JAMMU NOV 15

Vice chairman dpap GM saroori, General Secretaries, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) RS Chib, Jugal kishore sharma Provincial president

Ab Majeed Wani, Anita thakur, advocate ashok sharma provincial vice president, prov gen secretaries- maheswar singh, Sobat ali, Vishal chopra Gen sec. & Print Media incharge, PR Manhas zonal President pir panchal, Gharu Ram choudary zonal president jammu zone, expressed deep anguish over fatal Bus accident at Assar Doda NH today morning, killing over 32 and scores grievously injured

DPAP activists and leadership demanded high level judicial enquiry into the accident to fix the responsibility for such

road accidents and recommend remedial measures to prevent further death on roads in hilly areas. DPAP Leaders said that road accidents on DODA Baderwah Kishtwar on NH 44 has become regular feature for media to report, but responsible Traffic and Road management Authorities are behaving like Ostrich to see human dying on roads

DPAP has further urged upon PRIME MINISTER NARINDER MODI & HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH & CENTRAL GOVT. to Sanction Ex Gratia relief of 5 Lakh Rupees to Next kin of the Deceased and one lac to injured persons. DPAP leaders Also visit Govt. Medical hospital jammu to look condition of patients, They further conveyed condolences to the aggrieved families and prayed for eternal peace to the departed noble souls

Jharkhand Foundation Day observed in a solemn ceremony at Raj Bhavan Srinagar



JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

The Foundation Day of Jharkhand was observed in a solemn ceremony at Raj Bhawan Srinagar, today.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, senior officials of the Lt Governor's Secretariat, and the invitees including Students, Security personnel and the people of Jharkhand living

in J&K, observed two-minute silence in the memory of citizens who lost their lives in an unfortunate bus accident in Assar Doda and prayed for speedy recovery of injured.

Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah expresses deep sorrow over Doda road accident

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 15

Jammu and Kashmir - November 15, 2023 - Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah, the BJP Media Incharge Kashmir, today expressed his deepest condolences following the tragic bus accident in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir, which has left 33 people dead and 22 others injured.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of life in this tragic accident," said Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah.



"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims during this diffi-

cult time." The BJP Media Incharge also extended his best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who were injured in the accident. "We hope that they will find the strength to overcome this tragedy and heal quickly," he added.

The BJP Jammu and Kashmir stand with the families in this time of grief. We will do everything we can to support the families of the victims and help them through this difficult time.

LIC's stall at International trade fair inaugurated

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

LIC stall at the 42nd India International Trade Fair was inaugurated by Executive Director (Corporate Communications), Sh. Aditya Gupta. The occasion was also graced by Zonal Manager, Northern Zone, Sh J PS Bajaj and other senior officials.

During the 14 day period of the India International Trade Fair, in the LIC stall, information regarding various plans of the Corporation and Career opportunity for recruitment as agents will be available. Information regarding LIC's E-services



and online services will also be shared.

LIC is celebrating its 67th Anniversary this year. Being one of the major financial institutions of the nation, LIC has catered to a large number of people for their insurance needs and

has come up with better products in the changing needs and preferences of the insurable population. Customers can also get information regarding their policies from Policy Mitra site by accessing to the LIC website. Alter-

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In the changing scenario, the Corporation through various tools has made policy servicing more easy and accessible. Policy holders can pay premiums through different online modes.

Along with Insurance, LIC also fulfills its social obligations through LIC's Golden Jubilee Foundation that contributes towards education, medical and other social services. LIC has also been contributing towards nation building projects as well.

LIC's motto-Yogakshem Vahamyaham from Srimad Bhagavad Geeta meaning your welfare is our responsibility truly sums up the objective of the Corporation.

JDU State President G M Shaheen and State General Secretary Vivek Bali has expressed deepest condolences on behalf of JDU leaders to the families of Passengers who lost their lives in the tragic road accident at Assar Doda.

G M Shaheen has requested LG Administration is to immediately press men and machinery to evacuate the bodies and injured with deployment of Helicopters to lift/shift the injured to GMC for specialised treatment.

Vivek Bali has expressed sympathy with the bereaved family members who lost their loved



ones in the road Accident and demanded compensation to all the victims of the road accident.

JDU leaders urged the Administration for release of immediate of ex-gratia payment to all

the bereaved families and to the injured also. All are requested to pray for fast recovery of the injured and for eternal peace to the departed souls with solidarity to the bereaved family member.

70th All India Cooperative Week celebrations begin at Budgam

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 15

The Department of Cooperatives District Budgam today held a daylong awareness programme to celebrate 70th All India Cooperative Week at Sheikh-UI -Alam Hall, Budgam. The theme of the 68th All India Cooperative Week is "Role of Cooperative in \$5 Trillion Economy and SDGs" and under the theme of the day November - 15 "Revitalization of Non-Credit Cooperatives and Financial Inclusion."

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo, who was chief guest on the occasion, appreciated Cooperative Department Budgam for its exemplary work and efforts to transform the lives of people associated with Cooperative Societies.

The DC encouraged the District Cooperative Department Budgam to keep working hard and pursue it in a way that we are able to create numerous success stories in the district Budgam.

The main objective of the celebrations is to highlight the achievement of the Cooperative Sector, create awareness about

how to uplift the weaker sections of society, share success stories and to chalk out the future strategy for strengthening the Cooperative movement.

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr Akramullah Tak along with Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies District Budgam Aabida Nabi unfurled the Cooperative Flag to mark the celebrations.

Various students of

Gousia Cooperative Educational Institute Panzan were felicitated for their exemplary performances in studies on the occasion. Besides registration certificates were also distributed among various Societies.

The Deputy Registrar highlighted the role of Cooperative in the socio-economic up-liftment and emphasized on the need for formation of new Cooperatives in different fields by involving more and more youth. He also

highlighted the achievements and success stories of Cooperative Sector Budgam through Power-Point Presentation. A

Cultural programme was performed by the students of Gousia Cooperative Educational Institute Panzan.

On the occasion, different eminent speakers including CMO Budgam and other district officers threw light on their different department wise public welfare schemes.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION
UDHAMPUR**

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Name of work:- Cancellation of tenders for Replacement of Sewerage pipes including renovation of washrooms at Associated Hospitals GMC Udhampur

Reference:- This office e-NIT No. 125 of 2023-24 dated 03.11.2023.

Due to some technical issues, the above noted tender is hereby cancelled with immediate effect and fresh tender shall be invited shortly.

No. 20524-29
DT:- 13/11/2023

DIP/J-11165/23
Date: 15-11-23

Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division,
Udhampur

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Short Term) MHDJ/e-NIT 174 of 2023-24

Dated: 13.11.2023
Due : 24.11.2023

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

S. No	Description of work	Project Authority	Estt	AAA/TS	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	COMPLETE SERVICING / REPAIRS TO 250 KW ELECTRICALLY OPERATED HOT WATER GENERATORS No 1 & 2 (FOR WINTER SEASON) INSTALLED AT NEW EMERGENCY BLOCK OF GMCH JAMMU.	Principal GMC & Associated Hospital Jammu	1.85 LACS	ACCREDITED	Rs.4000.00 In the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer M&H Div Jammu	Rs 200.00 in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal. OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account no. 0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Jammu Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu Branch Code:0097 IFSC code: JAKA0TNHALL MICR CODE: 180051025	10 day	OEM/Authorized /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" Electromechanical nature of work

THE NIT CONSISTING OF Qualifying INFORMATION, ELGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.jktenders.gov.in.

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Jammu

Observance of Closing Ceremony of Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2023 by DoT, Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Department of Telecommunications (DoT), J&K Licensed Service Area, Jammu is observing Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2023. The focus of the observance of Campaign is to build awareness and re-affirm the commitment to uphold integrity in public governance. The Central Vigilance Commission observes Vigilance Awareness Week every year in the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls i.e 30th October to 5th November. However, this year, the Central Vigilance Commission has decided that the Vigilance Awareness campaign 2023 is to be observed from 16th August 2023 - 15th November 2023. As part of the Vigilance Awareness

Campaign 2023, a session was organised on "Say No to Corruption: Commit to Nation" by J&K LSA, DoT on 15th November 2023 at 3.00 pm at Conference Hall, BSNL Building, J&K Circle, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The Session was taken by Dr. Vidyut Vikash, IRS, CBI Head, Jammu. He comprehensively covered the entire gamut of vigilance and spoke on sources of corruption, impacts of corruption, social corruption, preventive measures and various laws and acts. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Director delivered the formal welcome address and Sh. Abdul Kayum, Deputy Director General welcomed the speaker. The proceedings were conducted by Sh. Arun Agarwal, Deputy Director General and presented a shawl to the speaker as a

token of appreciation. The programme was attended by officers and staff of DoT and BSNL as well as media persons. Other Events organised during the "Vigilance Awareness campaign 2023". The J&K LSA of Department of Telecommunication organised a number of events during the Vigilance Awareness campaign 2023. A session was organised on "Disposal of Complaints" by Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Retd. IAS, on 06 Sept'2023 wherein it was emphasized to expedite the appropriate disposal of complaints. A presentation was made by Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Director (Rural) on "Vigilance in Department of Telecommunications (DoT)" on 10 November 2023 in which an overview of the vigilance mechanism in DoT was explained.

Charak demands Heli ambulance for shifting injured in Doda accident, seeks investigation

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

BJP leader Rajeev Charak today demanded the Heli ambulance services and other measures to avoid tragic accidents and resultant loss of lives. Expressing grief very losses of lives in Doda accident, Charak said many Governments came and went but dance of death on J&K roads are continue. He said Government and its agencies have fail to control the menace of overloading, over speeding, talking on mobiles while driving or playing blaringly loud distracting music in public transport



and of course bad roads. He also coined the introduction of usage of helicopter ambulance service for timely shifting of injured in accident. "Each accident is followed by messages of 'shock and grief', some ex-gratia grants for the

dead and injured, strict checking of the unrelated private car owners and their challans, raised 'collections' from public transporters at shady road bends and enquiries leading nowhere; and the milieu carries on till the next accident," he said. He demanded the Government to depute some quite capable officers to find out the causes of such tragic accidents and lapses in performing the duty by the concerned agencies responsible for implementing the traffic rules and causes of such heinous crimes so that innocent lives could be saved.

Infantry commanders' conference concluded at the infantry school, MHOW



JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOV 15

37th Infantry Commanders' Conference was successfully conducted on 14th and 15th November 2023 at Infantry School, Mhow. This biennial conference was presided over by General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS). A large number of current and futuristic issues pertaining to Infantry in operations, training, capability development and infusion of technology were discussed. While assessing the capabilities of Infantry in conventional war scenario and in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorism operations, necessary decisions were made to further

enhance the capability of Infantry in sync with the future challenges. During the conference, the Infantry showcased its latest acquisitions in various arenas of lethality, mobility, battlefield transparency, situational awareness and survivability. The demonstration of recently acquired advanced New Generation Weapons & Equipment systems infused confidence in the emerging capabilities of Infantry to counter the adversaries. The conference was conducted in hybrid mode and was attended by the Vice Chief of Army Staff, six General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, seventeen officers of the rank of Lieutenant Gener-

als and fourteen officers of the rank of Major Generals besides Colonels of the Infantry Regiments and Regimental Center Commandants. While many participants were physically present at Mhow, others attended the conference in online mode from major Military Stations across the country. The COAS complimented the participants for the dedicated and unflinching efforts being made at all levels towards infusion and adoption of latest technology to transform the Infantry into a formidable force for the future. The forum fostered the Infantry spirit and further strengthened the bonds of the larger Infantry fraternity cutting across Regimental lines.

Kavinder expresses grief over loss of lives in bus accident

Pays condolences to bereaved families

JI NEWS SERVICE
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Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta expressed profound grief and shock over the tragic road accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 people and left 17 others injured.



In a statement issued here today, Gupta conveyed his deepest condolences to the bereaved families, expressing the profound sorrow that has gripped the community in the wake of this devastating loss. He offered his heartfelt prayers for the eternal peace of the departed souls and extended his sympathy to those who have been left behind to grapple with this immense tragedy. Gupta acknowledged

that no amount of compensation can truly mend the wounds of such a loss, but he assured the affected families that the government is committed to providing immediate relief and support during this difficult time. He pledged that the administration would spare no effort in providing the best possible medical treatment to those still battling for their lives. The former Deputy

Chief Minister also expressed his concern over the alarming frequency of such accidents in Doda district, emphasizing the need for thorough investigations to identify the root causes of these tragedies. He called for stricter enforcement of traffic regulations and urged the authorities to ensure that only roadworthy vehicles and qualified drivers are permitted to operate on the roads. Gupta reiterated his firm commitment to working towards addressing this critical issue and ensuring the safety of all commuters in Doda and across the region. He vowed to collaborate with the relevant authorities to implement effective measures that would prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

What was secret of Altaf Bukhari's freedom in 2019: Omar Abdullah

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BARAMULLA, NOV 15



National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah Wednesday said that he failed to understand that when he despite being a former Chief Minister, and other top politicians were spending days and nights in detention in 2019, how come Altaf Bukhari was enjoying freedom. "Please tell us this secret, how and why you (Altaf Bukhari) were free?" Omar Asked. Omar Abdullah was addressing a party convention at Pattan town of North

Kashmir's Baramulla district. Omar said he doesn't compromise. "Wrong is wrong and I speak up against the wrongdoings. Despite being a part of the INDIA Alliance I talked about the wrong decision of the Congress government in Karnataka about the 'headgear' issue. I do talk against this government in Jammu and Kashmir and against LG whenever there is anything

wrong, but Altaf Bukhari can't talk against BJP which he is part of," Omar said. While reacting to the assertions of Syed Altaf Bukhari about the Tangmarg episode in 2010, Omar Abdullah said that Bukhari should explain who put Tangmarg on fire then. "Conspiracy against a Chief Minister in Jammu and Kashmir is not new and it started way back in 1953. Let us talk about 1984 also," he said adding that only MPs meeting was held in Tangmarg in 2010 to apprise them about the ground reality.

Altaf Bukhari expresses shock over enormous loss of lives in Doda Road mishap

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has expressed his grief and sorrow over a tragic road accident at Assar in District Doda that has resulted into the death of dozens of people and injured many others after a passenger bus skidded off the road and it rolled into a deep gorge on Wednesday.

He expressed sympathy with the bereaved family members who lost their loved ones in the road mishap and demanded compensation to all the victims of the road accident. He said that the Govt should order a detailed investigation into the road accident at Assar and accused persons should be brought to book. The roads in Chenab Valley have become a death trap and the authorities concerned have failed to fix problems on the road that connects Jammu - Doda - Ramban - Kishtwar.

"The traffic police should act against the overloading and speedy vehicles on the hilly roads that often lead to fatal road accidents and loss of lives. The transport department and traffic police should work in coordination so that the traffic rule violators can be identified, and action

can be taken accordingly," he said. He said that the roads are in shabby condition across Chenab Valley and the commuters often complain of road mishaps because of the bad roads that require immediate attention of the Govt. "A safety audit of the roads across Chenab Valley should be conducted regarding its safety for the commuters, and corrective measures should also be taken. There is a need to fix accountability both on the public transport, traffic police and civil administration to ensure such road accidents can be avoided in future," he suggested. Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir; Vice President Choudhary Zulfkar Ali; Vice President, Aijaz Ahmed Khan; General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya; General Secretary, Syed Asgar Ali; Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh; State Secretary, Mohinder Parihar;

All J&K Backward Classes hold a condolence meeting in Jammu and have expressed grief over the bus accident at Assar of District Doda. In a press note, The Backward Classes have expressed their grief and expressed their condolences to the bereaved families and said that we are with them in this hour of sorrow and expressed grief over the sad demises in District Doda. The backward classes also expressed sympathy with the bereaved families and prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls. Prominent among those who attended the condolence meeting included Abdul Qadir Kundria, Ghulam Hussain Shair Gojri, Balwant Raj Katria, Fareeq Chand Satiya, Mohd. Shabir, Bansilal Choudhary, Ramesh Kumar, Muktiyar Kalia, Mohd. Iqbal, Reham Din Malik, Mohd. Hussain, Mohd Iqbal, Amit Kumar Mehra, Aashiq Hussain, Mushtaq Ahmed, Kasturi Lal Basotra and others.

Police arrests 4 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Sopore; Contraband substances recovered

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOV 15

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 04 drug peddlers including a notorious & wanted lady drug peddler in Baramulla & Sopore and recovered contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party of Police Station Tangmarg

headed by SHO PS Tangmarg under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Sharai Tangmarg intercepted 02 persons. During search, 65 grams of Charas like contraband substance was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Bashir Ahmad Magray son of Sonallah Magray resident of Drooru & Javid Ahmad Ganie son of Ab Ahad resident of Shrai.

Meanwhile, a police party of Police Station Baramulla headed by SHO PS Baramulla under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla arrested a notorious and wanted lady drug peddler at Dewanbagh near Grid Station. She has been identified as Afroza Begum @ Afree wife of Late Fayaz Ahmad Dar resident of Ganie Hamam Baramulla A/P Hygam Sopore. During the search, 60 grams of con-

traband Brown Sugar like substance was recovered from her possession. In Sopore, a police party of Police Post Watergam at a checkpoint established at Ziyarat Shareef Berhampura intercepted a suspicious person who after noticing police party tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. He has been identified as Muhammad Nadeem Mir @ Shiya son of Muham-

mad Mubarak Mir resident of Behrampura Rafiabad. During search, 12 bottles of codeine phosphate were recovered from his possession. All the accused have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigation has been

initiated. We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

Vilakshan Singh expresses grief over tragic bus accident in Doda District

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 15

Vilakshan Singh State President of J&K National Panthers Party has expressed grief over the tragic road accident that took place in Doda District when a bus carrying 55 passengers skidded off the road near Trungal-Assar on Batote Kishtwar National Highway and in which 36 persons lost their lives and 19 persons received severe injuries. He expressed condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. He also wished speedy recovery for those who got injured in the said accident.

Singh said that road accidents are frequently claiming precious lives and no amount of money can compensate for the loss suffered by those who have lost their loved ones. He said that the road traffic accident is the area which is of the least concern for the government. He said that the government mainly focuses on collection of fines but is least concerned about taking the measures to minimize road traffic accidents leading to loss of precious lives. He said that traffic laws should be implemented strictly and security audits of the vulnerable roads should be carried out by the government at regular intervals. He said that besides strict implementation of traffic laws, regular counseling of the drivers of the public transport vehicles should be done so that they may understand the responsibility which they carry while driving public transport vehicles.

Singh said that the government is boasting of unprecedented growth in J&K but the frequent tragic road accidents in hilly areas have exposed the false claims of the UT administration. Singh urged the government to wake up from the deep slumber and take concrete actions for ensuring the safety of passengers particularly in hilly areas.

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, expresses profound anguish and grief over Assar Doda accident

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 15

In the wake of the devastating accident near Assar Doda that claimed the lives of more than 40 individuals, Professor Amitabh Mattoo, a distinguished academic and thought leader, has expressed his deep anguish and pain. Prof. Mattoo, known for his insightful contributions to academia and public discourse, conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families affected by this tragic incident. He remarked, "The loss of lives in the Assar Doda accident is a profound tragedy that has left our hearts heavy with sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost their loved ones, and my deepest condolences go out to them during this incredibly challenging time." Prof. Mattoo emphasized the need for collective support and solidarity, stating, "It is crucial for us to come together to extend our support to those affected. In times of such immense grief, our unity becomes a source of strength and solace."

He further said that "We must learn from this unfortunate event and work towards implementing measures that ensure the safety and well-being of our communities," he added.

AJKBC holds condolence meeting, expressed grief over bus accident at Assar, Doda

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Sham Lal Gupta expresses grief over tragic Doda accident

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JAMMU, NOV 15

Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman NGO Anti Crime Bureau, expressed deep grief over the tragic accident in Doda district that claimed the lives of 38 people and left 17 others injured.

In a statement issued today, Sham Lal conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls. He urged the government to provide the best medical care to the injured and offer adequate compensation to the families of the victims.

Sham expressed concern over the alarming frequency of such accidents in Doda district, emphasizing the need for thorough investigations to identify the root causes of these tragedies. He also stressed the importance of raising awareness about road safety among the general public, especially among the youth. He urged everyone to follow traffic rules and regulations and to be careful while driving.

'Back to Village' Phase V Yasha Mudgal visits Kunfer Panchayat; Interacts with PRIs, locals

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 15

Commissioner Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, today visited Kunfer panchayat in Ramban block as Visiting Officer under ongoing ambitious "Back to Village" Phase V programme to assess the status of development works and beneficiary oriented schemes.

Interacting with the people, she outlined the significance of 'Back to Village' Programme saying that the main motive behind launching this Government-people interface programme is to ensure that not even a single person is deprived of the benefit of development schemes. She emphasized upon the people to ensure their proactive engagement with the district administration in taking the development profile of the district to top place.

Emphasizing the role of Nasha Mukht youth in developing a flourished society, Commissioner Secretary asked the District Administration and people to launch a joint Nasha Mukht campaign on mission mode to save the youth from drug addiction.

Yasha Mudgal had feedback from the general public about implementation of welfare schemes as well as developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

Commissioner Secretary also reviewed the action taken by the departments on directions issues in the previous "Back to Village" meetings.



She directed the CEO, Ramban and executing agency to complete the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya building and make it functional as per directions. She directed the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative to intensify awareness drives to sensitize the people about schemes of Cooperative sectors.

Yasha Mudgal appreciated the Deputy Commissioner for adopting Kunfer panchayat for development as model Panchayat.

She also inaugurated a Carrom Match at Government Upper Primary School, Chanderkote.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, briefed

the Commissioner Secretary about the initiatives being taken up by the District Administration in coordination with concerned officers to resolve all the issues of public interest pertaining to their respective departments. He directed the officers of NHAI to construct an overhead bridge at Chanderkote to facilitate the locals, especially students.

During the programme, the officers from various departments sensitized the people about several schemes of their respective departments.

Earlier, the PRIs and locals highlighted their issues during Gram Sabha including construction of overhead bridges, completion of JJM schemes and augmentation of Water Supply Scheme, up-gradation of local Government High School, Chanderkote, construction of stadium, road connectivity to Magdan, etc.

Commissioner Secretary also distributed certificates among newly registered Cooperative Societies, sanction letters among loan beneficiaries besides baby and poshan kits, Nano Urea kits and blankets among the beneficiaries.

Among others, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, ADC, Harbans Lal, ACR, Giasul Haq, ACD, PRIs, other senior officers and people in large number participated in the programme.

Action plan for smooth conduct of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' reviewed at Kupwara

JINNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 15

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Altaf Ahmed Khan today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review action plan and preparations for smooth and successful conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district.

The ADDC directed the officers to ensure maximum public participation in the Yatra which is aimed to raise awareness about the Government's schemes and achievements.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will be a massive IEC campaign in the country to make people aware about various Govt Schemes.

It was informed in the meeting that Digital Vans will traverse all Panchayats delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events.

It was also informed that the district administration has prepared a comprehensive schedule to cover 385 panchayats and all wards of three MCs.

PD&SJ Srinagar & In charge PD&SJ Ganderbal condole demise of father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar



JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

The Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Srinagar, Jawad Ahmad and Chief Judicial Magistrate (In charge PD&SJ) Ganderbal, Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi today condoled the demise of Shri Utam Chand Shukla, the father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

In this connection, two separate condolence meetings were held at District Court Complex (DCC) Srinagar and DCC Ganderbal chaired by Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Srinagar and Chief Judicial Magistrate (In charge PD&SJ) Ganderbal respectively.

In the condolence meeting held at DCC Mominabad Srinagar, the PD&SJ Srinagar, Jawad Ahmad, extended condolences and expressed deep sym-

pathies on behalf of all the participants to the bereaved family particularly to Justice Sanjeev Kumar. The Condolence meeting, attended by all the Judicial Officers of the District and other staff members, emphasized the solidarity and support of the legal fraternity of District Srinagar with the bereaved family at this difficult time. The PD&SJ, Srinagar, on the occasion shared words of solace, acknowledging the immense loss suffered by the bereaved family. He expressed deep sympathy for Justice Sanjeev Kumar, recognizing the profound impact of losing a beloved father.

At the end of the meeting, two-minute silence was observed by all the participants as a mark of respect and tribute to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Judicial Officers of District Ganderbal also expressed heartfelt condolences to

Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla and members of the bereaved family, on the sad demise of his father.

The condolence meeting was convened in the office chamber of Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal by Chief Judicial Magistrate (In charge PD&SJ) Ganderbal, Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, and was attended by Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak, Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kangan, Easar-Ul-Nabi, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Ganderbal, Mehnaaz Qadir & Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ganderbal, Mohammad Waseem Mirza.

The Officers observed Two minutes silence in the condolence meeting and prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear such a great loss.

Back to Village Phase -V: Massive Public Response witnessed in Udhampur District

JINNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 15

The fifth phase of the 'Back to Village' initiative, a flagship program in the Union Territory, garnered significant public engagement in Udhampur district.

Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav, as the visiting officer of Panchayat Mantalai, extensively interacted with PRI members and officials of line departments.

The Udhampur District visiting officer actively participated in the Gram Sabha session, inspected Capex works, PMAY house, Patwar Khana and other government institutions.

Throughout the day, the visiting officers engaged with PRIs and the general public across different Panchayats in the district, seeking detailed feedback on the ground-level status of government schemes. The discussions included inquiries about ongoing



developmental works and flagship schemes.

Numerous activities took place in the Panchayats, such as inaugurations of various projects, sports and cultural events,

plantation drives, Gram Sabhas, inspections of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and other development works, interactions with farmers, visits to Anganwadi and other government insti-

tutions, and awareness sessions on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

Additionally, sports kits were distributed to further support community engagement.

Back to Village-5 Second round takes off in Reasi District

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REASI, NOVEMBER 15

The second leg of Back to Village-5 (B2V5) programme started today in 62 Panchayats of Reasi district, with much enthusiasm and public participation.

The designated Visiting Officers along with supporting staff remained stationed at their allocated village panchayats and listened to villagers and prepared Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) as per the needs of people of the village.

On second phase B2V5, Senior Officers of district administration visited different Gram Panchayats of the district to monitor the proceedings of the ambitious Back to Village programme. On the occasion,



the officers were accompanied by the concerned tehsildars and BDOs.

Gram Sabhas were organised in all the 62 Panchayats and the visiting officers garnered feedback regarding development activities and requirements.

Sports kits, soil health cards, sanction cards for old age widow and handicapped pension schemes, seeds and indoor game kits were distributed among the beneficiaries by the visiting officers at their

respective stations.

The visiting officers were seen interacting with members of the Gram Sabha, administering pledges to make the system and society corruption free. Besides the formulation of GPDP, inspection of public offices, inspection of works taken up under various CSS, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), PMAY-G, PMEGP, PM-Kissan, and KCC was also conducted.

The Visiting Officers also inspected Amrit Sarovar projects, con-

ducted awareness on Self Employment schemes and took feedback on welfare schemes.

They documented all the grievances projected during these days and assured locals of early redressal of their genuine issues and demands.

The resource persons 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 Sanjeev Verma reviews development scenario in Maitra panchayat-A, interacts with PRIs, officers

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 15

Commissioner Secretary, General Administrative Department, Sanjeev Verma, Prabhari Officer for Panchayat Maitra-A, Ramban block under "Back to Village" phase V, on Wednesday reviewed implementation of various development and individual-oriented schemes during his visit to the allotted Panchayat.

Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, Senior Superintendent of Police, ADDC, ADC, ACR, ACD and other senior officers besides PRIs and people in large number participated in the programme.

Commissioner Secretary interacted with PRIs, locals and officers from different departments and addressed the concerns raised by the PRIs and other people.

Responding to the issues, Commissioner Secretary directed the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department to conduct an audit of all existing and new ongoing water supply schemes to ensure proper



water supply in the panchayat and surrounding areas.

Commissioner Secretary asked the officers of all departments to share details of bottlenecks hindering progress on developmental works of public interest. He exhorted upon the officers to conduct joint visits of all road projects sanctioned under different schemes to upload reports on Parivesh Portal for Forest Clearance.

Commissioner Secretary directed the AD

Food to ensure proper distribution at Maitra Depot. He asked the officers of Jal Shakti to identify new sources for water supply like dug well near river Chenab, besides ensuring plantation in coordination with concerned departments in surrounding of the conventional sources.

Commissioner Secretary directed the concerned officers to resolve all the genuine issues of the public at the earliest. He also assured the people

that their demands and grievances will be taken up with concerned authorities for redressal.

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti was asked to immediately start renovation work on filtration plant Maitra to ensure quality and uninterrupted supply of water. Besides, the PRIs and other participants were asked to sensitize the people to install electric meters in their homes to pay bills as per consumption of electricity. Earlier, PRIs highlighted their issues including, sanction of new Higher Secondary School for Maitra, Ramban, allotment of land to landless eligible people under Forest Right Act, start of classes of Kendriya Vidyalaya Ramban, sanction of new ration depot to minimize rush at ration depot Maitra, start of work on Kanga-Koti Jagir and Gali to Pachal via Duri roads, completion of construction work of Gujjar Hostel, Maitra, bridge, opening of Awass Plus portal to include new beneficiaries, sanction of irrigation kul and completion of JJM schemes.