



# JINDRAH IMAGES

DAILY | JAMMU | VOL NO: 10 | ISSUE NO: 265 | PAGES: 12 | PRICE: Rs 2/- | RNI NO: JKENG/2013/49471 | POSTAL REGD. NO. JK-497/22-24 | dailyjindrahimages.com/Epaper.php | jindrahimages123@gmail.com

## LG Sinha chairs security review meet in Srinagar, 'Winter Strategy' finalised

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday chaired a high level security review meeting in Srinagar to finalise the 'winter strategy' to keep the peace intact in the Union Territory.

Reliable sources told the news agency that LG Sinha chaired the security review meeting at Rajbhawan Srinagar to finalise the 'winter strategy' to be adopted by the security agencies during the winter months—'November to March'. "The meeting was



aimed to work out a plan to ensure there is no disturbance to the prevailing peace and to further cement the peace in

UT to provide more relief to common people," a source revealed. He said that with an aim to

see a record number of tourists during winter months, the meeting discussed

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Key Terror launch commander killed in URI infiltration bid

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

In a major blow to terror infrastructure and terror sympathisers in the Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, security forces have eliminated key launch commander Bashir Ahmad Malik in an anti-infiltration operation in the Uri sector, the army said on Thursday.

Malik and another terrorist were killed Wednesday in a joint operation, codenamed Op Kali, by the army and Jammu and Kashmir Police along the Line of Control.

"The salient aspect of this operation is the neutralization of Bashir Ahmed Malik, one of the two terrorists killed. He was an important cog in the Pakistan-enabled crossborder terrorism Jammu and Kashmir. He was an important terrorist launch commander for terror tanzeems (organisations) from Leepa in the North to the areas in PoJ&K, opposite Rajouri in the South," an army official said.

The official said Malik, who was active for the past 30 years, had enabled infiltration of a number of terrorists



who caused the death of many Indian citizens, both security forces personnel as well as civilians.

"His neutralisation is a major blow dealt by us to the terror infrastructure across the line of control and its sympathisers and supporters," the official said.

Repeated infiltration attempts through the same area in the Uri sector of Baramulla district was a display of desperation by the adversary to push more terrorists into the Kashmir valley to spoil the prevailing peace and tranquility, he said.

"We have a robust line of control security grid and we are on a high vigil. The Indian

Army is well prepared to defeat any such infiltrations attempts and we will not let the enemy succeed with his devious designs," he added.

The joint operation was launched in the early hours of 15 November on specific intelligence from "own sources and SB, Srinagar, with respect to the likelihood of infiltration of terrorists across Line of Control in Uri sector", the officials said.

It was the second infiltration bid in the area with the last few days. The first bid was also thwarted.

"Based on the intelligence own counter intelligence and surveillance grids in this

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Doors for discussions always open if common people feel any Govt decision is 'wrong': LG Sinha

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

Urging the people not to fall prey to 'vested interests' who blow issues out of proportion to disrupt the peace in J&K, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that 'doors for the discussions' are always open for the common citizens if they feel any government 'decision is wrong' of against their interests.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Srinagar Smart City Ltd's four Dal Lake



front projects here, the LG as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that the time of conflict profiteers is over. "But there are some people who try to foment trouble and disrupt peace by blowing the issues out of proportion. I urge the people not to fall prey to such elements," the LG said, adding that "doors for discussing any government decision are open for the common people."

"If people any decision is against them or their

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Kulgam encounter underway, cordon layers tightened, lights installed

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
KULGAM, NOV 16

A gunfight between the security forces and terrorists is underway at Samnoo village of Damhal Hanjippra belt in South Kashmir's Kulgam district while as five terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area, officials said.

Official sources told the news agency that a joint team of Police, Army's 34 Rashtriya Rifles and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation on specific information about the presence of terrorists in the area.

They said that as the joint team of forces approached the suspected spot, the hiding ter-

rorists fired upon them, which was retaliated, thus triggering an encounter.

"The operation got delayed due to the darkness while the cordon layers have been tightened to ensure the militants aren't able to flee," they said.

"Lights have been installed to keep a watch on the

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Jaishankar asks Canada to provide evidence in support of its allegations

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
LONDON, NOV 16

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said that India is not ruling out an investigation but asked Canada to provide evidence in support of its allegations about the involvement of agents of the Indian government in the killing of a Khalistani separatist in that country.

Mr. Jaishankar made the comments in response to questions during a conversation with veteran journalist Lionel Barber titled 'How a Billion People See the World' here.

"If you have a reason to make such an allegation please share the evidence because we are not ruling out an investigation....," Mr. Jaishankar, who is here on a five-day official visit to the U.K., said while responding to a question.

He emphasised that Canada has not shared any evidence with India to support its alle-



gation.

The ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in September of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

India has rejected Mr. Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated".

Mr. Jaishankar said that freedom of speech and freedom of expression comes with a certain responsibility and the misuse of those freedoms and the tolerance of that misuse for political purposes would be very wrong, referring to the pro-Khalistani activities in Canada.

He recalled the attacks on the High Commission of India in Canada, or smoke bomb attacks on the High Commission and Consulate

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Over half-a-dozen structures damaged in major fire in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOV 16

At least half a dozen residential houses, a guest house and a food point were gutted in a major fire that broke out in Bharderwah town of Doda district, officials said on Thursday.

An official told the news agency that the fire broke out in Chinote locality of Bharderwah town in the wee hours today. He said that soon after the incident fire tenders rushed to the spot, however, half a dozen residential houses, a guest house, a food point were reduced to ashes by the time they reached.

SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom told KNO that police have started investigation into the matter, but as per preliminary probe short circuit seems to be the reason behind the fire.KNO

## JTFRP significant in raising critical infra, livelihood creation: CS

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Thursday chaired the 5th Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of the World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) implemented by J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) here.

Besides the Secretary Tourism & CEO, ERA the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce; DG, Planning; and others concerned.



During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the pace of the ongoing projects and stressed on further enhancing it for projects nearing completion so that these are dedicated to public before the onset of winter season. He

further instructed for completing the infrastructure projects in all respects so that people do not face any kind of inconvenience in their smooth utilization.

Dr Mehta called JTFRP very pivotal in improving public utilities like schools, colleges, hospitals and other disaster mitigating assets. He asserted that project has also revived the traditional handicrafts which has directly and indirectly provided employment to thousands of our artisans and craftsmen. Regarding the unutilized funds lend

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## 3.9-Magnitude Earthquake hits Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

A 3.9-magnitude earthquake hit Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Thursday, officials said. No loss of life or damage to property has been reported, they said.

The earthquake of 3.9 magnitude occurred at 9:34 am, the National Center for Seismology said. Its epicentre was in Doda. It occurred at latitude 33.05 degrees north and longitude 76.18 degrees east, it said.

## India's global supremacy to be determined by its scientific prowess: Dr Jitendra Singh



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said, India's global supremacy will be determined

by its scientific prowess.

He said that the recent twin achievements of Chandrayaan-3 and Covid vaccine have placed India's scientific community at par with interna-

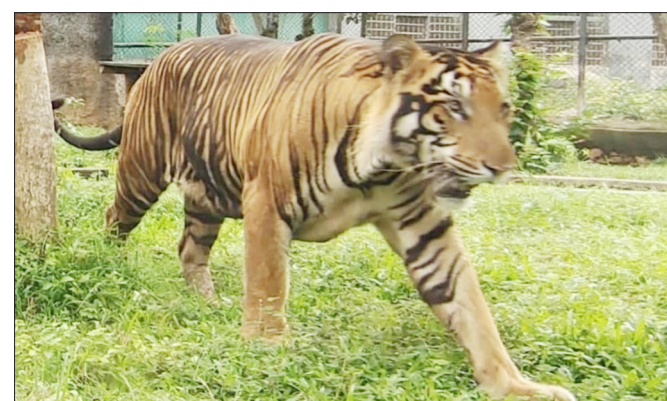
tional benchmarks.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh was briefing the media about the upcoming 9th India International Science Festival (IISF) - 2023 to be held in Faridabad in January 2024.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the last over 9 years under the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, scientific breakthroughs have been used to bring 'Ease of Living' for the common man. Dr Jitendra Singh said,

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Royal Bengal Tiger pair to roar in Jambu Zoo



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

A pair of Royal Bengal Tiger, the National Animal, aged 9

years, is reaching Jambu Zoo Thursday from Aringar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## SIU attaches orchard property of JeM OGW in Pulwama

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu & Kashmir Police on Thursday attached property of a Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) Over Ground Worker (OGW) under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in Pulwama district, officials said.

The SIU attached an orchard property measuring seven kanals and seven marlas under Khasra Number 207 at village Chitrat, Arigram Pulwama, belonging to

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4



## 'Back to Village' Phase V

## Shaleen Kabra visits Sool panchayat, assesses development works, public grievances

J I NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, NOVEMBER 16

The fifth phase of transformative 'Back to Village' Programme witnessed overwhelming public response which resonated throughout Reasi district.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, Visiting officer and Mentor Secretary for Reasi, held extensive interactions with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members and various line departments at Panchayat Sool.

ACS participated in the Gram Sabha session and inspected stalls established by different departments for public awareness regarding their respective schemes. He had detailed feedback from the PRIs and general public regarding implementation of



government schemes in the area. He took stock of ongoing developmental projects besides assessing the impact of flagship initiatives.

Shaleen Kabra inaugurated a link road from Pamote to Dharote, constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 87.30 lakh.

Similarly, various Panchayats witnessed inaugu-

ration of projects, sports and cultural events, plantation drives, Gram Sabhas, inspections of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and other development works. The interactions spanned diverse facets, including engaging with farmers, visiting Anganwadi centers and other government institutions besides and conducting awareness

sessions on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

Furthermore, Shalin Kabra distributed land passbooks, Swamitva property cards and other documents.

District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, ACD Anirudh Rai, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, SE JAL Shakti Department, Executive Engineers Jal Shakti and PWD Katra, BDO Panthal and other district officers were present on the occasion.

This holistic approach underscores the program's dedication towards grass-root development and community empowerment, creating a meaningful impact across Reasi district.

## Inter-College Seminar to celebrate World Philosophy Day organized at Amar Singh College

J I NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 16

The Department of Philosophy, Amar Singh College Cluster University, Srinagar today organized an Inter-College seminar on the theme "The Human of The Future", to celebrate the World Philosophy Day, 2023, here. The program commenced with the welcome address proposed by Prof. Tabasum Lone, Head Department of Philosophy. In her address Prof. Tabasum reflected on the importance of World Philosophy Day and also accentuated the importance of this year's theme The Human of The Future.

Prof. Tabasum pointed out that by awakening minds to the exercise of thinking and the reasoned confrontation of opinions, philosophy helps to build a more tolerant, more respectful society and that shall be the determin-



ing force in moulding the human of the future.

The presidential address was delivered by Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Principal Amar Singh College and Nodal Principal Kashmir Division colleges. He pointed out that Philosophy is an inspiring discipline as well as an everyday practice that can transform societies. By enabling to discover the diversity of the intellectual currents in the world, philosophy can go

a long way in stimulating intercultural dialogue.

Prof. Ajaz contended that the awakening minds to the exercise of thinking and the reasoned confrontation of opinions can go a long way to build a more tolerant, more respectful society.

Immediately after the presidential address the seminar commenced and the students from seven participating colleges of the Kashmir division elaborated and exchanged

their ideas about the human of the future.

The session was thought provoking and interesting for both the participants and the audience. Faisal Javid, student of Amar Singh College was awarded the 1st prize followed by Asiya Bashir of Islamia College of Science & Commerce and Huzaifa Bashir, AAMD College Bemina, earned the 2nd & 3rd prize respectively.

Fazal Ilahi from Institute of Advanced Studies in Education and Prof. Abdul Wahid Bhat Head Department of History, Amar Singh College were judges for the event. Both the judges were felicitated during a brief felicitation and prize distribution ceremony.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Shahnawaz Muntazir, Head Department of English.

## DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Gurupurb celebrations

J I NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, NOVEMBER 16

In preparation for the Gurupurb (Prakash Diwas of Guru Nanak Dev Ji), Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today presided over a meeting here in the conference hall of DC Office to discuss the arrangements for the auspicious day with the stakeholder departments and representatives of religious organisations.

It was informed that the Morning Parbhat Pheri would commence on November 19th, followed by the Nagar Kirtan procession on November 25th. The main congregation will be held at Gurdwara Singh Sabha on November 27th.

The attendees highlighted a range of issues pertaining to the event's organization, including the provision of drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation, security arrangements,

medical facilities and the installation of barricades for the performance of martial arts (Gatka) at the college ground.

The Deputy Commissioner issued directions to the Executive Engineers from the Jal Shakti and Power development departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply to all Gurudwaras on the day of Parakash Diwas.

The Municipal authorities were asked to maintain cleanliness and clear the dump sites, if any, near the Gurudwara Sahib and other religious places.

The meeting attendees were informed that comprehensive security and traffic plans have been formulated to facilitate the smooth movement and joyful celebrations of Guru Purab.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to make available medical facilities



and deploy an ambulance during the Nagar Kirtan procession.

The Xen PHE was instructed to deploy water tanks as required, while the AD Food was tasked with ensuring an adequate supply of HP Gas Cylinders.

The other religious heads assured that they will together provide

full support to facilitate smooth and harmonious celebration of Gurupurb with unity and solidarity.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anees Altaf Nabi; Xen PHE, Riaz Ahmed; Xen JPDCL,

Aftab; Dysp Hqr, Arat Hussain; Tehsildar Haveli, Anjum Bashir Khan Khattak; Tehsildar Hqr. Jahangir Hussain; AD FC & CA, Waheed Ahmed; CEO Municipality, Mohd. Yaqoob; Abdul Rehman from Fire & Emergency; DPC Ayushman Bharat, Dr. Tanveer Malik, besides religious leaders including President SDS, S. Khetarpal; President Dashnami Akhara, Basant Ram; President GBMMS, Anmol Singh; Vice President DGPC, Surinder Singh; Gen. Secy, DGPC, Harcharan Singh; Joint Secy, DGPC, Gurcharan Singh; Secy, GBMMS, Balbir Singh; Cashier DGPC, Gurpreet Singh; Jaswant Singh, Amrik Singh, Taj Mir, Adv. Iftikar Bazmi, Adv. Rajinder Singh, Onkar Singh, and other concerned officers and prominent citizens.

## Enforcement teams launch major crackdown on illegal mining in Doda

J I NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOVEMBER 16

In a major crackdown, Geology and Mining Department and police seized huge stashes of illegally mined minor minerals and heavy machines from 2 separate locations in District Doda.

District Mineral Officer (DMO), under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, conducted the raids with police and seized a heavy excavator involved in illegal mining in the Malik Pura area of Sub-division Gandoh. The operation, conducted in the presence of the Naib Tehsildar and the police party, signifies a decisive step against unauthorized mining activities. In another concerted effort, a joint operation led by District Mineral Officer Sunil Kumar Manhas and the police department resulted in the seizure of



a JCB and 100 M.T of illegally crushed material at Diamond Stone Crusher in Tehsil Kahara. The operation, executed in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, reflected the commitment of the District Administration to enforce regulations outlined in the Mineral Act to curb the detrimental impact of unauthorized

mining practices. The entire seizure operation was meticulously executed, demonstrating adherence to the laws outlined in the Mineral Act. This decisive action against illegal mining not only safeguards the region's natural resources but also stands as a significant stride in upholding the rule of law.

## Deputy Commissioner reviews progress on Jal Jeevan Mission Schemes in Rajouri District



J I NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 16

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to assess the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes, aiming to ensure clean drinking water access for rural communities. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the crucial aspects of high-quality work, timely project completion, and effective supervision to achieve the goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission. The discussion highlighted significant advancements in Rajouri,

with 293 JJM schemes approved and active work on 266 schemes.

To accelerate the implementation of these schemes, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal directed officers to adopt a results-driven approach, adhering to strict timelines. Through focused efforts and dedicated work, the mission is rapidly transforming into a reality, promising a healthier and happier life for the residents of the region.

For the schemes where the work has not been started yet, the Deputy Commissioner directed officers to promptly

address issues hindering the initiation of work on such schemes. Ensuring a swift resolution, he emphasized the need for immediate action to kickstart the projects at the earliest.

The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the need for a holistic approach towards water management, emphasizing that it is not just about providing access to clean drinking water but also about preserving and sustainably utilizing this vital resource.

This meeting was a testament to the commitment

of the District Administration to implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission effectively, ensuring that rural areas have access to a basic necessity - clean drinking water.

The Deputy Commissioner directed them to continue working with dedication and commitment to achieve the objectives of the mission.

Officers who attended the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, Bharam Jyoti Sharma; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; XEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid and other concerned officers.

## DC Anantnag Inaugurates 70th Cooperative Week

J I NEWS SERVICE  
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 16

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, S.F Hamid today inaugurated the 70th Cooperative Week, underscoring the pivotal role of the cooperative sector in the district's progress.

The district level function was organized by the Department of Cooperative District Anantnag in collaboration with Cooperative Banks and Cooperative Societies, and witnessed participation from various stakeholders.

The DC on the occasion said that the new initiatives taken by the UT Administration through the intervention of Ministry of Cooperation, Govt of India for strengthening of Cooperative sector at ground level has vast scope for employment generation particularly in rural areas by making Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) as vibrant



entities and stressed for enhancing membership base of the Cooperative Societies, so that benefits of schemes can be best reaped in the interest of social transformation.

He said that the 70th All India Cooperative Week celebrations in Anantnag were a resounding success, bringing together stakeholders from vari-

ous cooperative sectors to strengthen the cooperative movement.

Earlier, the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Anantnag, Muzaffar Ahmad Beigh highlighted the achievements of the Cooperative Societies and informed that in District Anantnag 56 Cooperative Societies including two Cooperative Banks regis-

tered under J&K Cooperative Societies Act, 1989 are functioning.

He said, during the year 2022-23, the Cooperative Societies have registered a business turnover of Rs 1643.33 lacs which include fertilizers Rs 287.58 lacs, consumer goods Rs 759.92 lacs, medicines Rs 444.40 lacs, Poultry business Rs 18.70 lacs, Dairy Rs 10.55 lacs, Timber Rs 56.14 lacs, and Sugar 66.04 lac.

The programme was attended by District Audit officer Cooperative Societies Anantnag, General Manager Super Bazaar Anantnag, General Manager Anantnag Central Cooperative Bank, General Manager Urban Cooperative Bank, Assistants Registrars, Bank officers, field functionaries of Cooperative Department and representatives of different Cooperative Societies including Central level Cooperatives.

## Tribal Youth Festival organised to mark celebration of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah'

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 16

In a vibrant celebration of tribal culture and heritage, the Department of Tribal Affairs, Jammu and Kashmir today organized a day-long Tribal

Youth Festival in the complex of Gurjardesh Charitable Trust, Jammu. The event, held in connection with 'Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah' - Tribal Pride week, brought together 200 young tribal artists from across the region to commemorate

the birth anniversary of the iconic tribal leader, Birsamunda.

The event was graced by the presence of key dignitaries, including Musheer Ahmad Mirza, Director Tribal Affairs Department J&K, Dr. Abdul

Khabir, Deputy Director Tribal Affairs, Noted Tribal Researcher Dr. Javaid Rahi, Sharief Chouhan, General Secretary of GDCT, tribal elders, senior officers from Tribal Welfare department and a significant number of locals who enthusiastically participated in the festivities.

Dr. Abdul Khabir, in his welcome address, outlined the primary objective of the week-long celebrations - to highlight the contributions of the Tribal freedom fighters and

organize a series of events to project and protect the diverse tribal culture prevalent in the region.

In his concluding remarks, Musheer Ahmad Mirza expressed that the festival aimed to provide a platform

for young tribal artists to showcase their talents before a diverse audience. He emphasized that such events would be meticulously documented to preserve and promote the rich cultural tapestry of the tribal communities.



## DC Rajouri presides over B2V5 Program at Muradpur-B Panchayat

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 16

The fifth phase of the ambitious Back to Village (B2V5) program, a transformative initiative aimed at comprehensive development culminated successfully in Rajouri district. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, embarked on a detailed tour of Muradpur-B Panchayat in the Rajouri block on the last day of the program.

Engaging with both officers and the public, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal delved into discussions that unveiled valuable insights into public concerns. From power supply and water availability to road conditions and health services, the dialogue with locals revealed a collective desire for improvements in these essential services, recognizing their crucial role in shaping daily lives.

In an impassioned address to the public, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized



the dedication of the administration to delivering essential facilities directly to the doorsteps of the common masses. The ongoing efforts to alleviate daily inconveniences were highlighted, with Back to Village identified as a key initiative in efficiently addressing public grievances.

Providing a comprehensive overview, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal shed light on various welfare schemes and government programs designed for the general public. He assured the community that the administration, under LG leadership, is committed to ensuring that the benefits of these initiatives

reach every individual in the Union Territory.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal also actively sought feedback on the implementation of government schemes in the Panchayat, and the public responded with a notably positive reception. The engagement not only provided an avenue for the residents to voice their opinions but also reflected a constructive dialogue between the administration and the community.

In a forward-looking approach, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal took the opportunity to motivate the youth, encouraging them to seize the benefits of self-employment schemes initiated by

the government. Recognizing the potential for empowerment and economic growth, he emphasized the importance of active participation in these programs, aiming to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal astutely emphasized the pivotal role of public awareness in ensuring the optimal implementation of government schemes. Recognizing that an informed community is instrumental in the success of these initiatives, he underscored the need for heightened awareness among the public. During his address, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal urged Sar-

panches, Panches, and senior citizens to actively participate in formulating plans for the effective development of their respective areas. This call for a participatory role underscores the belief in the transformative power of community engagement in shaping the destiny of the region.

The residents of Rajouri, recognizing the significance of such initiatives, pledged unwavering cooperation with the administration in these grand developmental festivities. This collaborative partnership between the people and the administration not only signifies a shared vision but also promises a brighter and

more prosperous future for the Rajouri district.

The visiting officers meticulously documented all grievances projected during these days, assuring swift redressal of genuine issues and demands. Resource persons took the opportunity to enlighten the public about numerous welfare schemes and programs being implemented in the district, motivating them to actively avail themselves of the benefits.

As B2V5 culminates in Rajouri, the collective spirit of progress and collaboration lingers, promising a future where community and administration stand hand in hand, steering the course towards prosperity and inclusive development.

Among the others, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; BDO Rajouri, Pardeep Bakshi and Sarpanches and the general public attended the event.

## Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrated at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Shirmal Shopian



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 16

The District Administration, Shopian today celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas which marks the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the iconic tribal freedom fighter at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel Shirmal, Shopian.

Joint Director Planning Khurshheed Ahmad Khattana presided over the function. Speaking during the event, JDP said that this is for the first time that the programme is being organized on a large scale to pay tributes to great tribal freedom fighter for his selfless services for the nation. Highlighting the

measures being taken for the welfare of the tribal community, JDP said that the Government is very much concerned for the socio-economic uplift of the SC/ST and OBC sections and highlighted major interventions of the Government for their upliftment. On this occasion, a variety of cultural performances including Painting, Drama and Patriotic songs in Gojri were also presented by the students. Prizes were also distributed among the students. Among others officers, PRIs, other concerned officials and students in large numbers participated in the said programme.

## 'Back to Village' Phase V Principal Secretary Finance chairs mega event at Qazibagh, Budgam; participates in multifarious activities

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 16

Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh Kumar Vaidya, today chaired "Back To Village Phase V" programme at Qazibagh panchayat in Budgam block.

On the occasion, Principal Secretary inspected stalls, set up by various departments to showcase their products and create awareness on various welfare schemes for the general public.

During the inspection, Santosh Vaidya reviewed implementation of various schemes and interacted with the beneficiaries seeking their feedback.

He also chaired a Bal Sabha at Middle School Zoorigund and interacted with local students.

Principal Secretary took stock of progress on devel-



opmental works particularly raised and discussed during last Back to Village programmes in panchayat halqa Qazibagh.

During public interaction, Santosh Vaidya listened to the demands of locals of Qazibagh, Zoorigund, Thukarpora and other adjoining villages of the Panchayat halqa. He assured them that all their issues and concerns would be taken up with the concerned for an early

redressal.

Principal Secretary said that the UT Government is committed towards robust development of Panchayats ensuring prompt redressal of the issues of general public through programmes like 'Back to Village', under which the government itself reaches out to the general public to their doorsteps.

He emphasized speedy work completion of all ongoing developmental

works in the area while asking the executing agencies for expeditious execution of their respective works.

Later, Principal Secretary visited the playfield at Qazibagh and inaugurated series of sports events there. He also held interaction with the budding sports persons and encouraged them to accord complete focus on games for brighter future.

On the Occasion, Santosh Vaidya felicitated the winners who participated in Tug of War, kabaddi and sack race sports activities.

Among others, ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak, JD Planning, ACD, CEO, Executive Engineers from different engineering wings, BDO, DYSS, AD Handicrafts, BMO and other concerned officers and officials were also present on the occasion.

## 'Back to Village' Phase-V concludes successfully in Udhampur District

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 16

The fifth phase of the Government's 'Back to Village' program concluded successfully in Udhampur district. The initiative, aimed at enhancing the Government-public interface, received widespread acclaim as officers reached out to citizens at their doorsteps, addressing basic needs and challenges.

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai, Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, BDC Chairman Nisha Sharma, Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral and other officials, along with PRI members and the general public, actively participated in the program.

The extensive outreach

covered 236 panchayats in 17 blocks of Udhampur, focusing on empowering Panchayats, gathering feedback on government programs, assessing economic potential, and addressing village-specific needs. Ashok Kumar Parmar, Chairman of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and visiting officer of Panchayat Tikri-A, engaged with Panchayat representatives and the public, gaining insights into their concerns and developmental requirements. He interacted with department officers, received feedback on ongoing developmental works and flagship schemes, and attended Gram Sabha at Panchayat Tikri-A with Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai. The Gram Sabha included a comprehensive review of the implementation status of government schemes in the area. Parmar also

inspected exhibitions of various departmental schemes, participated in cultural and sports activities, conducted site inspections of ongoing works, and distributed first aid kits among beneficiaries.

Throughout the day, diverse activities such as Gram Sabhas, cultural and sports events, discussions on flagship schemes, Nasha Mukht pledges, inauguration of Capex works, and inspections of institutions were conducted across various panchayats in the district.

The positive response from villagers showcased their enthusiasm in actively participating and expressing their demands and grievances during this pro-people initiative. Visiting officers were warmly welcomed by PRIs and local residents in the allocated panchayats, fostering a constructive dialogue.

## Dengue control measures discussed in Samba

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 16

A meeting to discuss Dengue control and treatment measures was today chaired by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma here in DC office complex Samba.

The Chair reviewed the number of dengue cases village-wise, emphasizing the identification of hotspot areas.

The DC Samba issued clear instructions to monitor each case diligently and actively. Further, the DC conducted a comprehensive assessment of testing and treatment to effectively manage the dengue situation in the district.

The meeting was attended by CMO, SDM Ghagwal, District Nodal officers, District Epidemiologist, Block Medical officers, and EOs of respective municipalities.

## 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Additional Secretary PMO attends activities in Gurez Says VBSY a march towards a stronger, more vibrant India

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 16

Additional Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Punya Salila Srivastava Thursday undertook a comprehensive visit to the Gurez Valley under the banner of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a transformative journey aimed at fostering development and progress across the Nation.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad along with SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, was present on the occasion.

During the visit, Punya Salila engaged with locals, PRIs, community leaders, and residents to gain firsthand insights into the needs and aspirations of the region.

The Additional Secretary said that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister, is a proactive initiative to bridge the developmental gaps and ensure that every corner of the nation flourishes through various centrally sponsored welfare schemes.

She said that the Yatra



aims to bring together government officials, local leaders including DDCs, BDCs, PRIs, and communities to chart a course for inclusive and sustainable development of every nook and corner of the country. The objective is to ensure outreach and last mile delivery of the government's developmental initiatives to all the people, especially those in the farthest and most remote parts of the country.

Punya Salila said that VBSY underscores the commitment of the government to leaving no

area behind in the march towards a stronger, developed, and more vibrant India.

On the occasion, the DC informed that during the yatra, several schemes including Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana and Urea Subsidy Scheme will be showcased and 100 percent saturation ensured.

Punya Salila further informed that the vans will travel to different

gram panchayats of Gurez sub division, disseminating information through audio-visuals, brochures, pamphlets, and other mediums in regional languages.

Earlier, the Additional Secretary also inspected various stalls installed by different departments. She also handed over authority and sanction letters to various beneficiaries pertaining to welfare and income generation schemes.

Punya Salila also handed over keys of vehicles under district capex, among the beneficiaries besides keys of mechanised agricultural machinery were also handed to unemployed youth.

Meanwhile, a series of cultural events and programs were also presented, displaying rich shina culture as also the message of natural farming.

Among others, ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, SDM Gurez Mukhtar Ahmad, JD Planning Imtiaz Ahmad besides other senior officers of the district administration were present on the occasion.

## 'Back to Village' Phase V Dr Singla visits Mathwar panchayat, emphasizes prompt public outreach, timely service delivery

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 16

As a sequel to fifth phase of ambitious "Back to Village" programme, Secretary Revenue, Dr. Piyush Singla, who also holds the charge of Secretary Planning, Monitoring and Development, today visited Mathwar panchayat in Mathwar block, Jammu as Prabhari Officer.

Addressing the public darbar at Mathwar, Dr. Singla emphasized the significance of Back to Village public outreach program. He described it as a crucial planning exercise that allows for addressing grievances and meeting public demands while considering the available resources. Dr. Singla highlighted the importance of involving all stakeholders in micro-planning process, as it enables creation of feasible plans and ensures swift execution of projects.

In his address, Dr. Singla assured the gathering that the government is fully committed towards reaching out to the public and providing them time-bound and hassle-free services. He mentioned



the effective utilization of Information & Communication technology, which has made nearly 30 services of the Revenue Department accessible to the public through a digital interface.

He also highlighted the coverage of services under Public Services Guarantee Act and implementation of the Auto Appeal System, which reflects Government's commitment towards transparent and accountable service

delivery.

Dr. Singla expressed satisfaction over the positive feedback received from the public, which demonstrates the success of Back to Village program in promoting development and ensuring prosperity of the panchayat.

He praised the Sarpanch and other Panchayati Raj Representatives, present on the occasion, for their dedicated planning and monitoring in implementation of Gram Sabha

development plans. He invigorated them to continue to work in close coordination with the line departments for rapid development of Mathwar.

After interacting with the public, Dr. Singla visited the assets created in the Panchayat through MGNREGA, PMAY U, Finance Commission Grants, etc. He interacted with the students at Govt Middle School Mawa, inspected the functioning of Anganwadi Centre as well the POSHAN VATIKA and initiated a work for rejuvenation of water body to be taken up under Amrit Sarovar.

Among others, Joint Director, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Programme Officer, ICDS, Sub Divisional Magistrate Jammu North, Chief Education Officer, Tehsildar and Block Development Officer Mathwar, Sarpanch and other PRIs were present on the occasion.



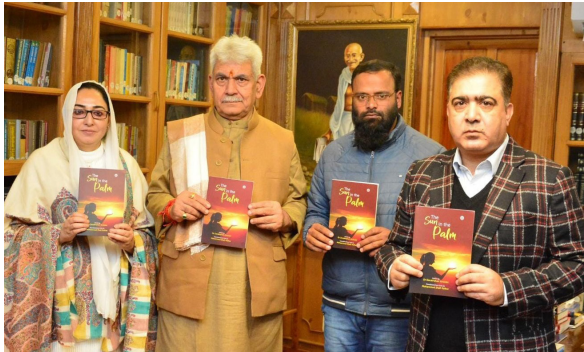
## Lt Governor releases translation of Dr Darakshan Andrabi's Urdu poetry

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 16

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha released 'Sun in the Palm', the English translation of Urdu Poetry collection of Dr Darakshan Andrabi 'Hatheli Pe Suraj', at Raj Bhawan today.

The book of Nazams has been translated by young scholar and author Mohammad Shafi Rather.

The Lt Governor complimented Dr Darak-



shan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board and extended his best wishes for her future literary

endeavours. He also appreciated the efforts of Sh Mohammad Shafi Rather.

## President KCCI calls on Lt Governor



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 16

Javid Ahmad Tenga, President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj

Sinha at Raj Bhavan the recent fire incident at Dal Lake.

The KCCI President apprised the Lt Governor on the issues pertaining to the relief and rehabilitation of the houseboat owners affected due to

the Lt Governor assured Sh Tenga of appropriate redressal of the issues projected by him during the interaction.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG Sinha chairs security...

various means to ensure safety and security of all guests including foreign visitors to the Valley. It may be recalled that post G-20 summit in Srinagar in May this year, foreign tourist arrivals have picked up after a long time.

The source stated that those who participated include Principal Secretary home department, R K Goyal, Chief Secretary A K Mehta, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhiduri, DGP J&K RR Swain, ADGP Law and Order Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir V K Birdi and Deputy Commissioners of all ten districts besides other officials from the civil administration.

An official present in the meeting told KNO that LG Sinha stressed on keeping the development momentum on during the winter months stating that "winter months shouldn't become hurdle in the ongoing development in the Valley." He said that developmental works should be speeded up till the snowfall is witnessed in Kashmir.

The LG, as per sources, while expressing satisfaction over the peaceful atmosphere prevailing in Kashmir, said that more efforts need to be put in to eliminate the terror-co system and the remaining terrorists. "Security forces have to ensure that peace becomes a permanent feature in J&K," he said.

LG Sinha, as per KNO, tweeted: "Chaired a high-level meeting in Srinagar today to review the security and development scenario in all 10 districts of Kashmir division. J&K administration is committed to completely eliminate the terror ecosystem and to ensure inclusive and progressive development of UT."

This is the second security review meeting chaired by LG in Srinagar in a fortnight. Earlier, on November 1, LG chaired a Unified High Command meeting in Srinagar. Sources said the primary focus of today's meeting was to deliberate on development that entails ongoing projects, projects nearing completion. "Focus was to ensure development gains pace while braving winter challenges," sources said.KNO

### Doors for discussions...

interests, let them come forward for discussion," the LG said.

He said that if peace is disrupted, there will be no tourism, no economic growth and no livelihood for the youth. "I have always been saying that without peace, development can't take place. Police and security forces are doing their job but leaving everything to them is not the way. If common people shy away from their responsibilities of contributing towards peace, it is difficult to keep peace intact," the LG said.

He said that Kashmir should be known for developmental activities not for the person who killed 100 people. About Srinagar, the LG said that Srinagar is emerging as the developmental model for many cities across the country.

The LG said that the projects inaugurated today will be city's most unique and serene attractions. "It will provide opportunity to explore soothing environment, creative urban life, scenic plaza and numerous charming spots to sit and enjoy Mother Nature's rhythm," he said.

The LG said that these projects are testimony to the commitment of reviving historical social relationship of Srinagar city with lakes & rivers & providing a better quality of life.

"Pedestrian walkway, cycling facility, open space around Dal lake will enhance experience of citizens and tourists. Incredibly beautiful Dal Lake Sunset Plaza, Eco Park at Shalimar, Phase-I of Northern Foreshore Road Lakefront project from Nishat to Naseem Bagh will offer bundle of happiness to people. Congratulations to @sclsrinagar for excellent city planning and execution," he said.KNO

### Key Terror launch...

area was strengthened and own ambush were deployed," the official said.

He said the weather during the operation was inclement and the area of this operation was treacherous in terms of terrain.

"This operation has resulted in neutralisation of two terrorists, whose mortal remains have been recovered. However, there may be more terrorist casualties who could be on the other side of the Line of Control. We did not cross the Line of Control. "The other recoveries included war-like stores encompassing two AK series rifles, two pistols, four Chinese hand grenades, ammunition along with medicines, eatables, Rupees 2630 in Pakistan currency and Pakistan National Identity Card," the official added. (Agencies)

### Kulgam encounter...

spot where terrorists are hiding," they said.

Meanwhile, sources informed that at least five terrorists are believed to be trapped in two different locations in the area, and majority of them belong to Shopian district.KNO

### Jaishankar asks Canada...

General, and said Indian diplomats were intimidated in public, with no action from the Canadian authorities against culprits.

Last week, Prime Minister Trudeau underlined that a "fight" with India was not something Canada wanted to be having right now but reiterated his allegations and said Ottawa wants to "work constructively" with New Delhi on this "very serious matter".

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said India has conveyed to the U.S. side its serious concerns over increasing activities of pro-Khalistani elements in Canada.

"Insofar as Canada is concerned, we have been having very consistent conversations with all our friends and partners. Our position on this matter has been enunciated and explained in full detail on multiple occasions," Mr. Kwatra said in New Delhi recently.

Days after Mr. Trudeau's allegations in September, India temporarily suspended the issuance of visas to Canadian citizens and asked Ottawa to downsize its diplomatic presence in the country to ensure parity.

India resumed some visa services in Canada last month, more than a month after they were suspended.

On China, Mr. Jaishankar said that the 2020 deadly clash has vitiated the relationship between the two countries.

He said China did not adhere to the agreement not to amass troops at the Line of Actual Control as he asserted that such acts of not following pacts have consequences in terms of credibility. (Agencies)

### JTFRP significant in raising...

by the World Bank to JTFRP the Chief Secretary directed for looking into the ways and means for securing extension of the project, if possible. He made out that the projects completed under it have proved lot more beneficial for the people and the funds can be used to bring about further improvement in critical infrastructure and livelihood opportunities for people.

Dr Mehta took note of the delay caused in 2019 & 2020 due to unforeseen Covid-19 situation. He asked for making best use of the time window available with them. He also advised them to prioritize the projects that can be implemented in a short span of time.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the detailed progress of all the sub-projects and directed that the ones under execution through JKPC shall be taken over by the Public Works (R&B) Department on priority basis.

The Chief Secretary asked the Public Works Department to take-up the incomplete infrastructure projects for executing them within the deadline. He also directed the respective line departments to take over all the completed sub-projects under JTFRP within a weeks time.

He asked for bringing in innovation and further augment the productivity of these projects poised to create livelihood opportunities for our people. He called for examining the projects completed till date so that their functionality is ascertained afresh especially that of the Storm Water Drainage projects around the Srinagar city.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the budget and audit report of the agency during the meeting. He directed the CEO to rework the cost of the AMC of the projects beyond the project completion period. He also gave directives for increasing the efficiency of projects besides broadening their scope for encompassing people from other walks of life.

In his presentation, the CEO, ERA, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah highlighted the performance of the agency made from 2019. He gave out that out of 213 works, 174 stands completed and 39 are currently at the advanced stages of completion. He further informed that contracts worth 1763 Cr stands awarded against which a cumulative expenditure to the tune of 1320 Cr has been incurred till October this year.

It was revealed that the JTFRP focused on recovery and mitigating risks linked to occurrence of floods here and it has largely achieved this goal. It was given out that the restored and improved public buildings have served 2,185,798 people, way above the target of 1,000,000.

Moreover the infrastructure works completed under JTFRP includes 52 Schools, 4 higher education buildings, one fire station, 80 km of roads, 4 bridges, 75 km drainage network and 33 storm water drainage pumping stations.

It was added that critical medical equipment and supplies to 36 hospitals, augmenting 100- Helpline with 68 critical care ambulances, commissioning of 30 oxygen generation plants covering all districts of Jammu and Kashmir was also achieved under this project.

With respect to livelihoods augmentation it was said that market access for 600 families associated with cocoon rearing, enhanced cocoon procurement capacity and production capacity has already been created. In addition to these interventions similar developments were made in wool, handloom and handicraft sectors of the UT, as was given out in the meeting.KNO

### India's global supremacy...

IISF is an outreach festival for those who could get benefitted by Science, Technology and Innovation. The role of science & technology has permeated in

every aspect of our lives as almost all Ministries and Departments are having STI applications for sectoral development, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, whether it is the Roads, Railways, Smart City project, Telemedicine, Deep Sea Exploration, Ground Water Mapping, Crop Imaging, the applications of S&T are quite visible to all.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Science Festival will be celebrated at three levels, - first, the number of success stories which are of global implications, will be shared with key stakeholders like Startups, Industry bodies, Innovators, Researchers, Students and scientific community from India and abroad; second, we are at the same page now in major global scientific breakthroughs as the National Quantum Mission recently announced, is having the R&D with an elite league of six other countries.

The Third reason by the S&T Minister is that India has set an example before the world that scientific research is meant for development purposes and more so, in the last almost ten years, almost all the Flagship Schemes have the footprint of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood said that IISF will kindle the spirit of entrepreneurship in our young people and will provide an opportunity to showcase the marvels of science around us through exhibitions and Startup conclave.

Secretary, DST, Dr Abhay Karandikar said that more than 10,000 school children will participate in IISF, apart from 500 young researchers who will deliberate on new initiatives and cutting edge technologies. More than 100 Startups will exhibit their achievements and it is expected that over 12,000 delegates will be part of this grand event.

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 the 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.

During the IISF-2023, IISF Challenge will be a unique event wherein a new record will be created and put up at global level as a challenge. This year nearly 500 Satellites (WeMoSat) will be developed by the team of two students from Class 9th. All such meteorological satellites will measure pressure, temperature, humidity etc. upto the height of 200 meter. All the assembled satellites will be taken to such height by paramotor.

Nearly 100 women scientists and successful entrepreneurs will participate in the festival and will showcase their achievements and successful stories among the delegates. Besides, nearly 40 to 50 international experts are likely to visit the festival and will deliver talks and interact with various stakeholders for the possible collaboration in various streams of S&T.

### Royal Bengal Tiger...

Pertinently, the tiger pair has been brought here in exchange of a pair of Himalayan Black Bear from Jambu Zoo to Aringar Anna Zoological Park as part of an animal exchange programme.

The Royal Bengal Tiger is one of the largest, fiercest, and most powerful member of the Big Cat family. Every tiger has a distinct strip pattern which makes them different from other tigers and makes it easy in counting them during the tiger census. There are around 3,167 tigers in India's forests, which is more than 75% of the global Tiger population as per the 2023 Tiger Census. .

The Tiger pair will be housed in a naturalistic and enriched enclosure having a space of more than 4500 square meter as per the Central Zoo Authority's norms with water ponds, machans, heating and ventilation facility for extreme weather conditions. The Tigers will be kept under quarantine for a week's time and thereafter will be released in the paddock for public display.

Royal Bengal Tiger will be an additional attraction in the family of Jambu Zoo and a great delight for the public especially children, wildlife enthusiasts and other the visitors.KNO

### SIU attaches orchard...

one Ghulam Nabi Wani, father of accused Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, resident of Chitrat Arigam Pulwama.

"The property has been attached under section 25 of UA(P)A through an order dated 13.11.2023, by the competent authority", a statement of the agency said.

## 'Back to Village' Phase V Saurab Bhagat visits Bhunikhet panchayat, takes stock of public grievances, demands

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, NOVEMBER 16

Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurab Bhagat, today visited Panchayat Bhunikhet in Buziaz Block as part of fifth phase of public outreach initiative "Back to Village".

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

The programme witnessed massive participation of people from all the adjacent villages. The public and the PRI representatives put forth their demands and grievances pertaining to their respective areas.

Commissioner Secretary inspected the stalls set up by various departments and assessed the progress made under different schemes, focusing on achieving the predetermined targets. He actively engaged with PRIs, senior citizens and the general public and had detailed feedback on developmental activities being undertaken in the area.

Saurab Bhagat enquired from the officers about the status of activities being carried out by them under different schemes. He also asked from the PRI representatives about the response from the allied departments. He encouraged both the PRIs and people to participate in such people friendly programmes which play an instrumental role in redressal of their issues and concerns.

As part of the visit, Commissioner Secretary distributed school bags under the "Beti Bachao Beti Padho" scheme, sports kits among local sportsperson, water testing kits and Ayushman Cards among the beneficiaries. He also inaugurated a Community hall in the Panchayat.

Later, an oath ceremony was also organized wherein all participants were administered pledge regarding Nasha Mukta.

The visiting officer also participated in a plantation drive.

Addressing the gathering, Saurab Bhagat said that the B2V5 programme is aimed to involve the general public and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas. He further said that the present administration is committed towards ensuring that the benefits of government schemes shall reach out to every citizen.

Commissioner Secretary also announced 1000 Bio mass cook stoves and Solar Cookers. He asked Deputy Commissioner to prepare a list of the beneficiaries for distribution of the same.

Saurab Bhagat 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.

Earlier, PRIs projected their demands which inter alia included completion of PMGSY road, solar plant for the Panchayat, protection wall along Suran river, electric poles for the Panchayat, appointment of Veterinary Doctor, construction of ground, Taruma Hospital, completion of Water Supply Schemes and others.

While giving a patient hearing to these demands, Saurab Bhagat assured time bound redressal of the same.

## Online services, Jan Bhagidari portal increase public participation in development: DDC Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 16

District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a special public outreach event at Surinsar panchayat in block Nagrota as part of the Back to Village 5 programme.

DDC Member, Rahat Ali and Sarpanch, Bodh Raj were also present on the occasion.

The event witnessed participation of public representatives, Panchayati Raj Institution representatives and the public who raised their concerns about local issues and demands for the overall benefit of the local population.

PRI representatives raised problems like the monkey menace and frequent power disruptions, urging the administration to fast-track road projects crucial for connectivity. The public emphasised the need for revenue permissions and resolution of wildlife and forest-related issues. They also requested a Primary Health Centre and an ATM. The DDC assured a prompt review and prioritised resolution of these matters.

Additional concerns were presented, including the demand for subject-specific teachers in the local higher secondary school and updates on Jal Shakti works. The DDC assured routine availability of doctors and ongoing efforts for enhanced health facilities.

In his address, the DDC stated, "The district administration is working like a team to address all public issues," and reassured that a lot has improved in the past few years, emphasising that development is a gradual process.

He informed the gathering about the Jan Bhagidari portal, stating, "Almost all services can be availed through the portal, eradicating hassles and reducing the scope for corruption."

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar highlighted the urgency of tackling the drug menace through public cooperation. He urged sharing information on drug-related issues with the police and emphasised the link between drug consumption and peddling. The SSP informed about de-addiction and counselling facilities and increased police action against drug-related crimes.

He further recommended tenant verification before property rentals for better public safety.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Preeti Sharma besides district officers were also present at the public meeting.



## Div Com conducts spot inspection of safety measures at accident site

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 16

In response to tragic road mishap in Doda, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today visited the accident site at Assar to take first-hand evaluation of the road condition.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, DIG DKR Dr Sunil Gupta, DIG Traffic Jammu, Sridhar Patil, Transport Commissioner Jammu, Chief Engineer PWD, SSP Doda, SSP Traffic, Executive Engineers and other officials, the Div Com conducted thorough assessment and discussed immediate safety measures to prevent such mishaps in the future.

The Div Com directed the Executive Engineer PWD to identify and compile a list of black spots along the Highway and other roads in the district. To enhance the road safety, he instructed concerned officers to raise the crash barrier height and install signages and mirrors to improve visibility and awareness on the roads.



After comprehensive assessment and discussion with the experts, he asked the stakeholder departments to take every possible step to ensure the safety of commuters and prevent future mishaps on the roads of Doda. Later, the Divisional Commissioner visited Government Medical College & Hospital Doda and inquired about the condition of those injured in the accident.

Senior doctors apprised the Div Com about the health status of injured and medical procedures

being followed. The Div Com directed the District administration to appoint a nodal officer for coordination and to take care of the injured at Associated Hospital GMC Doda. It was informed that 15 injured were admitted to GMC Doda for treatment and all are stable.

He directed the Hospital Administration to provide best possible medical care and assistance to injured persons for their speedy recovery.

Later, Ramesh Kumar chaired the Road Safety Committee meeting in the

Conference Hall of the DC office complex to assess the cause and discuss future Safety measures to minimize such fatal road accidents.

Instructions were passed to post a senior doctor and paramedic in the CHC Assar and a station a critical care/Advanced Life Support Ambulance between Assar and Khellani to strengthen the rescue and response system to attend to the emergency situations and to minimize the loss of life. The Div Com asked ARTO to take strict

action against the defaulters and habitual traffic rule violators, besides increasing the roadside checking of vehicles and drivers.

The PWD, PMGSY, and NHIDCL authorities were directed to install proper crash barriers, signages, speed limit monitors, and other safety equipment along all the black spots for the safety and awareness of the commuters.

The Divisional Commissioner further asked for strengthening control rooms, Inter-District coordination and health care infrastructure in the erstwhile District Doda. He asked to have an updated and active blood donors group, disaster response teams and local rescue volunteers. He impressed upon the district authority to arrange for advance training of Civil Defense volunteers, and general public for immediate rescue response when required. He emphasized immediate audit of the causes of accidents and casualties by the designated officers drawn from Civil, Police, MVD, Health, and Traffic Department.

## 70th All India Cooperative Week celebrated at Town Hall Kupwara

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 16

On the eve of 70th All India Cooperative Week, the Department of Cooperatives, District Kupwara, in collaboration with Cooperative Societies today organized a seminar to highlight the achievements of the cooperative sector in the district and to generate awareness among general public.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat was chief guest on the occasion.

At arrival, the ADC hoisted the Cooperative flag in presence of Deputy Registrar Cooperative, Mohammad Arif Shah and other concerned officers to mark the celebration of the event. While addressing the function, the ADC impressed upon the concerned officers to provide mass awareness to the people about the schemes of the Cooperative department so that they could get benefitted properly. He directed them for proper coverage of success stories of the department so that unemployed youth in particular will be encouraged to earn their livelihood through different avenues



provided by the department.

The ADC highlighted the role of Cooperative Societies in the socio-economic upliftment of the members of the Societies and emphasized the need for formation of new Cooperatives in different fields by involving more and more unemphed educated youth. He impressed upon all the stakeholders to work hard for revitalizing the vast infrastructure of cooperative societies and generate maximum avenues for the employment of unemphed educated youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies highlighted the achievements of Cooperative

Societies in the district. He provided detailed awareness regarding various schemes of the Cooperative department in the district. The other speakers enlightened the fundamentals of the cooperative movement and its essence in the present scenario. Special emphasis was given to persuade the educated youth, women and people from weaker sections to join the fold of cooperatives for earning their livelihood in multiple diversified sectors.

Among others, Cooperators, Managing Committee Members, office bearers and employees of various Cooperative Societies participated in the function.

## B2V5 concludes in all 237 panchayats of Doda on high note

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 16

With the culmination of third and last round of Back to Village Phase-5 in 68 Gram Panchayats, the flagship programme of UT Government concluded in all the 237 Gram Panchayats of 17 CD Blocks of Doda District here today.

The Back to Village (B2V) Programme is the flagship public outreach, participation, and feedback programme. During the programme, the Prabhari Officers visited their allotted panchayats, stayed there for a specific period to interact and obtain public feedback so as to tailor Government efforts in improving the delivery of village-specific services. The B2V Programme is aimed at involving the people and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development in rural areas. Many senior government functionaries including Principal Secretary to Government PDD, H Rajesh Prasad; Pawan Singh Rathore, Special Secretary to Govt Hospitality and Protocol Department; Suraj Parkash Rakhwal, Special Secretary DMRR Department; Ms 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; Pankaj Katoch, Addl. Com. in the Div Com office; Bharat Bhushan CEO IWMP; Yasir Sharief, FA&CAO Skill Dev Deptt. and others, were seen in their allotted Gram Panchayats holding interaction with the PRIs, Public, listening their issues and imparting awareness of government schemes, initiatives, and policies.

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD), H. Rajesh Prasad, who was Visiting Officer for Chinote Panchayat of Bhandarwah block, conducted multiple activities with huge participation of all stakeholders. Prasad conducted a special Gram Sabha at panchayat Ghar, Akhrot Bagh, Chinote and took stock of grievances and demands raised by the participants. He issued on the spot directions to

the concerned officers to prepare a Detailed Project Report for all feasible works projected by the people.

He also inaugurated many works completed under the Capex Budget in the Panchayat and attended a Cultural program held at GHS Mathola. The designated Visiting/Prabhari Officers, along with supporting staff and field functionaries of the line departments listened to villagers and prepared Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) as per the wishes of people of the village. The Prabhari Officers also ensured the awareness and saturation of all the government schemes and a detailed report shall be submitted to the government on the aspirations and feedback of the people of their respective panchayats. The VOs were exhorted

upon 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, was supervised and managed by the District Administration Doda, under the leadership of District Development Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh.

They also visited the sites of ongoing and completed works under MGN-REGA, Capex Budget, PMAY, SBM, and other such schemes. Visiting officers also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of some of the important public assets. Visiting officers inspected Amrit Sarovars, interacted with the public especially youth and created awareness on Self-Employment schemes. Feedback on welfare schemes, services delivery, and the punctuality of officials in the villages was reviewed by the visiting officers. The designated officers also held interactions with the sarpanches, panches, and general public, who brought forth a range of genuine and specific grievances and developmental requirements of their areas. The resource persons of line departments also educated the public about scores of welfare schemes and programmes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same.

## Tributes paid to legendary novelist Shri Krishan Chander on his 113 Birth Anniversary



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, NOVEMBER 16

Renowned novelist and short story writer, Shri Krishan Chander was paid rich tributes on his 113th Birth Anniversary, here today. Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary garlanded the bust of the legendary Hindi and Urdu Writer of Poonch. The event was also attended by prominent literary personalities of Poonch including Pardeep Khanna, Khurshid Rather, Prem Parkash, Dr. Zamrud Mughal and enthusiastic children, who converged to honour the memory and legacy of this literary icon.

The event commenced with Deputy Commissioner and literary figures gathering to pay their respects to the one of the tallest 20th century litterateur here at Krishan Chander Park in Poonch.

Later, the DC and others visited the memorial of Krishan Chander and inspected the premises. On the demand of the liter-

ary personalities, Deputy Commissioner assured immediate steps for the renovation of the premises to attract the visitors. He also issued direction to Floriculture department to restore the dysfunctional Fountains and beauty the surrounding landscape.

The children present at the event evinced great interest in the life and works of the great author. The Deputy Commissioner advised the students to read the literary works of Krishan Chander and follow the footsteps of Late Krishan Chander.

During the program, the Deputy Commissioner addressed the literary figures of Poonch and assured them of the administration's commitment towards developing the Krishan Chander Park and its surroundings. He emphasized the importance of preserving the literary heritage of Poonch and expressed his vision of transforming the park as a centre of attraction to attract visitors and tourists from across the J&K UT.

## District Road Safety Committee reviews implementation of Action Plan in Samba



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 16

The District Road Safety Committee today reviewed the implementation of road safety plan in District Samba here at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to take immediate and necessary steps to minimize road accidents. Detailed department-wise review of implementation of safety measures was conducted, and SP Traffic and ARTO were directed to raise awareness among drivers about road safety rules. They were also tasked with conducting regular checking to curb traffic violations and ensure the implementation of traffic rules.

To promote a comprehensive approach, the Chief Education Officer was directed to submit an Action Plan for organizing year-round activities on road safety in all Hr. Sec. Schools to educate students about traffic rules.

The CMO was asked to conduct free health checkup camps for commercial vehicle drivers, ensuring their physical and mental fitness for safe driving. The health department authorities were asked to ensure prompt availability of Ambulances in case of road accidents.

The Executive Engi-

neer (R&B) was directed to make roads pothole-free, install crash barriers, and road signs at vulnerable points. The R&B was asked to complete all assigned works under the district road safety action plan by November 30, 2023. The Officer from the National Highway Authority was instructed to take corrective measures on the National Highway, including pot-hole removal, blacktopping of side roads, installing road signages and creating a by lane at Bus Stop, Vijaypur.

The SDM Ghagwal was directed to identify space at Nonath for idle parking of about 300 trucks on Mansar road due to the closure of the National Highway. This aims to prevent road accidents caused by traffic jamming on the Samba-Mansar road.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for immediate steps and safety measures across all concerned departments to minimize road accidents and safeguard precious human lives in the district. The meeting saw the participation of key officials, including Additional S.P Samba, SDM Ghagwal, Vijaypur, Executive Engineer PWD(R&B), representatives from Irrigation and Flood Control, Dy.SP Traffic Samba, CEO Samba, CMO Samba, ARTO Samba, and a representative from NHAI.

## Special Summary Revision 2023

### Yasha Mudgal reviews progress achieved during ongoing SSR of Electoral Rolls in Ramban

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 16

Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives, Ramban, Yasha Mudgal, who is also the Electoral Roll Observer for Ramban, on Thursday chaired a meeting to review progress achieved under ongoing Special

Summary Revision-2023 of Electoral Rolls in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The EROs briefed the Commissioner Secretary about the progress and



ongoing work with regard to SSR of Photo Electoral Rolls in their respective

Assembly Constituencies. Taking a review of progress achieved in the

district during ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR)2023, the E-Roll Observer sought details about the number of claims and objections received, so far.

Emphasizing upon the concerned EROs and AEROs for conducting the Summary revisions

of e-rolls according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule, she asked them to activate BLOs to achieve the targets ensuring that no eligible voter is left behind without registration. She also directed for ensuring timely disposal of claims and objections.



## EDITORIAL

## Desire for dialogue &amp; dilemma

The leaders of Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance are eagerly waiting for the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to call for a second round of talks to be held in New Delhi shortly. The MHA is yet to fix the schedule for the dialogue which is expected to take place this month. These leaders want discussions on all issues including separate statehood and sixth schedule status to the region, as and when talks are held but the Centre is yet to divulge the agenda for talks but the invitation extended to the leaders of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) has been accepted and these leaders have now geared up for another round of talks to be held in New Delhi soon. It is yet not clear whether these leaders will show some flexibility while deciding to take their respective delegations to New Delhi for talks. They have already submitted their respective list of members who will be the part of discussions over the contentious issues including grant of statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh. Besides 14 members from LAB and KDA, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) BD Mishra, BJP Lok Sabha Member from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and both Chairpersons-cum-CECs of Hill Development Councils, Leh and Kargil have also been called to the meeting which is expected to take place in first half of November. To put pressure on the government of India, Ladakh leaders have decided to resume the awareness or interactive tour to different regions of Ladakh to sensitize people at the grassroots level besides intensifying the movement in the coming days. The LAB and the KDA activities had put on a halt for almost four months in view of the recent visit of His Holiness Dalai Lama to Ladakh and the elections to Kargil Hill Council. The election process has concluded and the KDA representatives can now freely take part in the dialogue process. The KDA members would be invited to Leh this time where yjru will devise a detailed strategy before holding talks with the MHA. Union MoS Home Nityanand Rai had chaired a high-level meeting of Ladakh leaders in North Block, New Delhi on June 19 wherein the KDA and the LAB leaders stressed for inclusion of their agenda whenever the HPC constituted by the Union Home Ministry to discuss issues of Ladakh, meets. Apart from grant of Statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh, the leaders have been asking for the constitution of the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Ladakh and if it can't be constituted, Ladakh should be included in the PSC of Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. They have also been asking for making Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) mandatory for all kinds of recruitments in the region. The LAB and KDA had reservations over the HPC which, headed by Nityanand Rai, was constituted by the MHA on January 4 this year. They had objected to the inclusion of some leaders and wanted that representatives of LAB and KDA in the HPC should be finalized with their consent. With Lok Sabha elections round the corner, the ruling BJP at the Centre will definitely move cautiously and engage the stakeholders to end the stalemate.

## Aap Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha is right in retaining the unity of India BLOC at all costs

SUSHIL KUTTY

It takes a lot to upset the equanimity of Aam Aadmi Party leader Raghav Chadha. Especially when he's still the fresh hubby with a pretty life partner. Yet, Chadha is lacking the spring in his steps. The much touted unity in the INDI-Alliance is what bothers the AAP's Rajya Sabha MP, the wavering ties between the Congress and AAP as also the GOP's running battles with the Samajwadi Party. Chadha seems to have a wise head and nobody is going to call him 'Murkhon Ka Sardar', which is a title Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been foisting on an especially irritating political adversary. Raghav Chadha the other day advised the Congress to "fight unitedly", which sounds friendlier than 'Murkhon Ka Sardar'.

Frankly, disunity will be the Opposition's bugbear for as long as the Congress can bear it. The BJP-led NDA has been ruling the

roost for a decade on the back of opposition disunity. Ambitious regional satraps and egotistic opposition stalwarts have been routinely playing spoilsport and giving the BJP chance upon chance to foist Narendra Modi on India despite knowing well that minus opposition unity the country is staring at a PM-for-Life!

With AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal quite frankly unable to lead from the front because of uniquely AAP problems, it has been left to a level-headed AAP leader to address issues related to INDI-Alliance. And Chadha seems to have risen to the challenge, perhaps with the consent and approval of Arvind Kejriwal.

Both the AAP and the Congress are part of the INDIA bloc and all INDI-Alliance constituents have to stick together till after Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ousted and somebody who is not "Murkhon Ka Sardar" gets a shot at becoming Prime Minister!

But "Mission Accomplished" cannot come if everybody in the INDI-Alliance isn't as accommodating as Raghav Chadha. The AAP MP is an example of marrying early and doing well.

Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi missed that particular boat. But that shouldn't mean Gandhi is completely blind to "this kind of tutu main main hurts the hopes of people", which is part of a Raghav Chadha quote doing the rounds in troubled INDI-Alliance circles. Chadha knows the root cause, the party at the centre of the alliance's troubles - the Congress!

Like it or not, the Congress is the fulcrum of the INDI-Alliance. It should take its responsibility seriously. Stop the antics and lead by example. If the five states' elections are to go the Modi way, the INDI-Alliance can kiss goodbye any chances of seeing the back of Prime Minister Narendra Modi come 2024 and the general elections.

By now everybody in the Opposition should know PM Modi plays hard and fast. And comments like "Murkhon Ka Sardar" find ready takers among the largely rustic and carefree electorate. They like the comic turn of phrase. It tickled their funny bones. Such turns of phrase are considered slapstick smart - "Wah, Modi Ne Kya Mara!" With that "filmy dialogue", Modi called the entire INDI-Alliance and its vote-bank a bunch of fools.

And what is INDI-Alliance doing? Squabbling to win the assemblies even if it means losing the general. The Congress wants to win Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Nay, it is confident of victory that it does not mind trampling on Samajwadi Party ambitions. The alliance doesn't click at the state-level, which is also Chadha's view.

But the AAP is not making the breakdown of the alliance at the states' level into a big issue

whereas for the Samajwadi Party it's complete betrayal of alliance-dharma, unpardonable and god save Rahul Gandhi and the Congress. The Congress took a risk and now it's too late. The differences in the INDI-Alliance have persisted even as the assembly elections in five states are underway. The voters aren't amused or forgiving.

Currently in India, there is the Muslim vote-bank and there is the Hindu vote-bank. Then there is the so-called 'secular vote-bank'. Last, but not the least, the 'undecided vote-bank'. The squabbling in the INDI-Alliance is making it difficult for the undecided vote-bank to decide. And that is "Advantage Modi". AAP's Raghav Chadha is the rare Opposition politician who has understood this. The Congress party's standard-bearer Rahul Gandhi chooses not to.

With six months left until general elections, the INDI-Alliance is fray-

ing at the edges. Many INDI-Alliance constituents are champing at the bits. Their restlessness speaks volumes of what awaits the INDIA bloc if the Congress does not get down to brass-tacks. Akhilesh Yadav and CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury have spoken. Is INDI-Alliance intact?

Under the circumstances, "listen to Chadha" should be the mantra: "All of us should strive to keep the INDIA bloc united. When the INDIA bloc was formed, it reflected the popular imagination, thought, and hope of an alternative for 135 crore Indians. This kind of tu-tu main-main hurts the hopes of people." At the end of the day, Chadha is also a politician but at least he understands what's at stake. Nobody will call Chadha "Murkhon Ka Sardar". Seems like it wasn't a long time ago that NCP Supremo Sharad Pawar said that "Rahul will one day lead India."

(IPA Service)

## "NOW AND THEN"- THE LAST SONG FROM THE BEATLES IS A BIG HIT GLOBALLY

TIRTHANKAR MITRA

Arguably, the most influential music band, The Beatles used their platform to spread love and peace in a troubled time. The last song of The Beatles remind the audience why the audience fell in love with the mop-topped boys from Liverpool.

It is "Now and Then". It is a moot question whether the last two Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr should have gone ahead sans consent from their late band mates, John Lennon and George Harrison to release a brand new song.

The band broke up 53 years ago. Yet there has always been the faintest sense that there was still more to come. Nothing really does. At least not in the era that has seen ABBA's return to live music after 40 years and the exhumation of Francis Crane, Carrie Bradshaw and

Luke Skywalker.

"Now and Then" was written and demoed on tape in 1978: by John Lennon. It was drafted as a Beatles track in the 1990s by three surviving members but it was scrapped due to poor audio quality on the original recording. It was brought back to life by Peter Jackson's AI technology. Setting aside purists' anxieties all four members of the band have sung or played in "Now and Then".

Like Paul McCartney recoding a guitar solo in the style of George Harrison as a tribute. Producer Giles Martin (son of legendary Beatles collaborator, George Martin) pulling snippets of vocals from older Beatles tracks to create their four part harmonies.

If it was greeted with scepticism, given its present trajectory "Now and Then" is well on its way to becoming a chart topper.

It has been embraced by fans and there is no denying the fact that the last Beatles song is a hit.

"Now and Then" billed the final Beatles single, can't live up to "Let it Be", "Strawberry Fields Forever" or whichever is one's personal favourite Beatles song. It began as a modest demonstration and has been blown out into a credible full-band production. It is a heartfelt, lovingly rendered song which is high on curiosity value. And the present generation does not ask for more.

Perhaps McCartney and Starr, both above 80, are trying to ensure that that the Beatles stay relevant six decades after this foursome band came together to make music history. Nothing wrong in that as the famous want to retain their fame long after they and their works have become a part of history.

One cannot dismiss as doubt-

ing Thomases those who ask where exactly the track fits into the Beatles' vast influential body of work. It is certainly not an irrelevant question which wonders whether this a mere commercial project, a venture designed to cash in on most storied names of pop music? It is all of this and something more. It is an offering from McCartney and Starr to Lennon and Harrison as well as the Beatles fans, old and new.

Defining "Now and Then" is not a difficult job. Perhaps it cannot be spoken of in the same breath as done other Beatles song but it is certainly lovely and wispily that would take away some of one's blues on a chilly evening.

It is a surprising and welcome exhibition of emotions from the living members of the Beatles. After all, they are not known wearing their heart on

their sleeves. "Now and Then" is a marker of time that feels both non-committal and a little self protective. The strongest thrust of emotion in this song is the baggage that it brings to listeners.

The apocryphal tale goes that the last words spoken by John to Paul were "Think of me every now and then, old friend." A few months later John was shot dead in New York City, McCartney was brought to tears after hearing the phrase, coincidentally a song the musician Carl Perkins had written.

A decade later, Lennon's widow Yoko Ono gifted the Beatles that would become "Now and Then". Those parting words of Lennon haunted McCartney once again. We the Beatles fans share Paul's feelings. Owing to our empathy with Paul, we are enjoying "Now and Then" all the more. (IPA Service)

## LEFT DEMOCRATIC FRONT GOVT IN KERALA IS WINNING HEARTS OF PEOPLE THROUGH ITS WORK

BINOY VISWAM

The Sarsanghchalak of the RSS, Mr. Mohan Bhagwat expressed in clear terms their ideological bitterness towards Marxism, the other day during his vijayadashmi address. There was nothing new in his statement because that hatred of the Hindutva forces towards the Marxists was clearly spelt by Golwalkar in his early writings itself. In every sphere of activity, the Parivar was adamant in being revengeful towards leftward thinking. The political forces committed to the Left ideology were regarded as the number one enemy by the right reactionary forces led by the RSS

Their ideology and politics are indebted to ideas of racial supremacy and greed of big capital. Whenever they got the opportunity to handle political power in India, the RSS tried to attack the Left and governments with Left participation. This tendency was visible since the 1970s, when the Janata government came into power with two

leading RSS men - A B Vajpayee and L K Advani - as ministers. When the RSS became more powerful with dominant control over political power at Centre, they became more aggressive against the Left. The Left Front governments in Bengal, Tripura and Kerala were targeted because of political vengeance.

At present, there exists only one Left-led government in India - the LDF government in Kerala. That government of the LDF successfully completed its first tenure from 2016 to 2021. Because of its pro-people governance, the voters of Kerala elected the LDF government led by Pinarayi Vijayan back to power for a consecutive second term. After the C Achutha Menon government in the 1970s, this was the first time that people of Kerala voted to continue the government.

This repeated victory of the Left in the southern-most state of India surprised the Sangh Parivar and sharpened their anger to the Left. By defeating the lone BJP

member in the previous assembly, the people of Kerala closed the BJP's account in the State. The only Left government in the country naturally makes its impact on the national politics with its pro-poor, pro-peasant, pro-worker policies. Many of the projects undertaken by the LDF government in the fields of housing, health, education, agriculture, civil supplies and social welfare provide an impetus to the people all over the country.

The Kerala model of development is the people's alternative to the Modi model of development, driven by Adani and others of the same lot. Handling political power in the state under a federal Constitution, Kerala attempts to realise the goals of a welfare state. The progressive democratic forces all over the country look up to Kerala with great expectations and regard this state as a land of hope. Sangh Parivar with its proclaimed anti-Marxist stance is hell-bent to hinder the onward march of Kerala to new frontiers

of progress. The Union government led by Narendra Modi is acting as an instrument in the hands of the Parivar forces.

Kerala is grappling with an unprecedented fiscal crisis, aggravated by adverse policies from the Central government that threatens to withhold Rs 57,400 crore in transfers and loan approvals this fiscal year. The state faces reduced borrowing limits, a diminished revenue deficit grant, and the absence of GST compensation, placing a substantial financial burden on its ability to fund essential projects and meet growing expenditures. With the left-ruled state forced to rely on its own revenues for up to 80 per cent of expenses, financial strain is exacerbated by arrears exceeding Rs 50,000 crore, impacting critical areas such as welfare pensions, local self-government funds, government employee dues, construction work contracts, etc. As per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission Report, Kerala is entitled for unconditional loans of Rs 32,442 crores. But

the Union finance ministry unilaterally reduced the borrowing limit of the state, suggesting flimsy reasons.

For paddy procurement, the Kerala government is yet to receive Rs 792 crores and Rs 61 crores share as part of the Food Security Act. Rs 137 crores are due in health sector grants and Rs 51.5 crores are due in municipalities grants. To financially choke the LDF government further, entitled revenue subsidy and GST compensations are stopped. Along with this, the anti-farmer stance of nationalised banks and agencies like CIBIL scores creates burdens for the agricultural sector. The Modi government's promise of the MSP still remains on paper.

The nationalised banks, while writing off lakhs of crores for the big business, have no concerns for the peasants and their difficulties. Kerala's demand for raising the loan limit fell on the deaf ears of the Union government. The Union government has adopted a financial policy aimed at strangling the state of

Kerala. Their political strategy is to undermine all the achievements of the Left government and to minimise the importance of the Left alternative. The anti-Left ideology and politics of the BJP have to be fought with people's support and political clarity.

The LDF in Kerala has planned a massive campaign in this direction. As part of it, the chief minister and the ministers will go to all the 140 assembly constituencies in Kerala together. They would tell the masses about the LDF concept of building a new Kerala, facing onslaughts from the BJP rulers at the Centre. As culmination of this mass-awareness programme, the LDF chief minister, his cabinet colleagues, the MLAs and MPs from Kerala would stage a massive dharna in the national capital in mid-January demanding the due financial share of Kerala from the Union government. The Left has trust in the people and the people believe the Left. With this confidence, LDF will march forward.

IPA Service







## Kerala Govt invites Balwant Thakur to showcase world theatre

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

The Department of Education, Government of Kerala has invited eminent theatre director Padamshree Balwant Thakur to Kerala to showcase and present the new dimensions of world theatre in various state universities and the institutions. His tour to Kerala will start from 20th November, 2023 and will continue for five days covering over 8 prestigious interactive events. During the Kerala visit he is also scheduled to inaugurate and address as key speaker in the national seminar entitled 'Contemporary Drama and the Theatre' organised by Directorate of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. His another significant presentation will be at Rangaprabhath Children Theatre, Natakgram, Venjaramoodu where being an accomplished playwright and a direc-

tor of children theatre, he will deliberate on the new emerging trends and approaches of children theatre globally. In rest of interaction programmes he will present the global perspective of Indian Theatre including world view about the contemporary theatre practices. Widely travelled Balwant Thakur earlier as an Indian theatre director with his presentations to various continents and later as the cultural diplomat of India to South Africa and Mauritius have had the occasion to see and observe contemporary global theatre practices very closely. This unique world exposure of Balwant Thakur has elevated him to a distinctive position in the country where he is in huge demand for sharing his knowledge about international theatre practices. In the instant case, the theatre fraternity of Kerala is very much excited about his visit to their state and would like to utilise this



opportunity to the maximum extent. For him this is also an opportunity to expose Kerala about the theatre of Jammu & Kashmir which despite negligible patronage survived successive onslaughts and established itself internationally as one of the theatre happening regions of India.

Balwant Thakur is one of the most creative theatre directors of the country who have given a new identity to Indian theatre with their highly innovative theatre productions. Decorated with the highest Indian honor in performing arts i.e., Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Direc-

tion in theatre, Balwant Thakur is credited for being the youngest theatre director of India who has participated over three hundred National Theatre Festivals as director and holding of over 6000 events, which is a record in the country. Known as a magic man of theatre, his outstanding visual poetics on stage like 'Ghumayee' 'Bawa Jitto' 'Suno Eh Kahani' 'Chauraha' 'Mata Ki Kahani' and 'Mahabhoj' have vibrated the theatre scene of North India. Recognizing his outstanding contribution in Indian theatre, the Department of Culture, Govt. of India Awarded him the National Senior fellowship for three years to do research on the performing modes of Jammu. In 1992 he was decorated with yet another prestigious award of the country i.e., 'Sanskriti Award' for direction in theatre, which is given once in three years to a theatre person. Same year

he got The Ford Foundation (USA) Grant Award for his research project 'Search for a New Theatre Language'. He has also been honored with the title 'Duggar Rattan'. In 2005 he won the best Director Award in the 1st Doordarshan Theatre Festival. In 2011 he was honored by the Royal Award 'Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Award 2011', Tagore Sammaan-2012, Gursaran Singh Commitment to Theatre Award (World Theatre Day Honor of Punjab Govt)-2013. He was conferred PADAMSHREE by President of India in 2013. J&K's highest State Award for Lifetime achievement-2017, Prithvi Raj Kapoor Saman 2017, B V Karanth Memorial Award for Life-time achievement-2018 and Gandhi@150 by Indian Associations of South Africa. He worked as Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages for over eight years. Among

many accomplishments, under his creative guidance the State of J&K won Best tableaux Award for the first time in 1997 and continued the tradition of winning Best Awards in 1999 and 2001. He also worked as Regional Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Ministry of External Affairs between 2012 to 2018. He also served on the Boards of prestigious Institutions of the country including, Department of Culture, Govt. of India, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, North Zone Cultural Centre, Council for Promotion of Urdu Language and as an expert for National School of Drama, Department of Culture, M.P., Department of Language & Culture, H.P. and Association of Indian Universities. Court Member of Central University of Jammu and member of Audit Advisory Committee of Accountant General of India.

## GDC Kilhotran organizes Webinar on "Financial skills Enhancement Motivational and Informative literacy"

JI NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOV 16

Department of Economics GDC Kilhotran in collaboration with Excellence Global Skill, Raipur Chhattisgarh organised a webinar on the Theme "Financial skills Enhancement Motivational and Informative literacy" under the overall supervision of The Principal of the College Dr. Javid Iqbal. The event started with an introductory session by Prof. Majid Gani Zargar who in his address highlighted the need and skill in the business of Money Management. The resource person on the occasion was Mr. Jagdish Mane who was welcomed by Prof. Majid Gani Zargar who appreciated the efforts of excellence Global Skill for

having such an innovative and relevant vision. The resource person Mr. Jagdish Mane in his lecture elaborated various Money Management options available for better management of finances and risk-free returns in the long run. The lecture was followed with an interactive query session in which students asked their doubts which were very clearly and precisely answered by the resource person. The event was also coordinated by the members of Excellence Global Skill viz., Ms. Priyanka Kanwar and Ms. Khushbu Newra. Prof. Majid Gani Zargar thanked Dr. Barkat Ali, Prof. Arshad Ayoub, Prof. Deepak Raj and Dr. Mohd Ashraf (Lecturer Urdu) for their technical assistance and coordination.

## IIM Jammu hosts SIDBI delegation led by Chairman, MD, SIDBI at Srinagar Campus

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted a delegation from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) at its Srinagar Campus. The visit included Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI, Dr. Subhansu Acharya, Chief General Manager, SIDBI, Shri. Balbir Singh, General Manager, SIDBI and several other key officials from SIDBI. The SIDBI team was received and welcomed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu along with his IIM Jammu's Srinagar team.

On the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI released the brochure and the posters of

Skill to Enterprise Module (STEM). During the visit, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI discussed the ongoing collaborations, possible future collaborations, including joint research projects, skill development programs, and outreach activities to empower aspiring entrepreneurs. The meeting resulted in fruitful and productive discussion around future collaborations and joint efforts to propagate entrepreneurship and start up culture in the country.

Expressing his enthusiasm, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, stated, "IIM Jammu is committed to nurturing entrepreneurial talent and contributing to the economic development of the region. Our part-



nership with SIDBI is a significant step towards fostering innovation and supporting the growth of small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy."

Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman & Managing Director, SIDBI, remarked on the importance of academia-industry partnerships, saying, "I am delighted to visit IIM Jammu and witness the enthusiasm for entrepreneurship and innovation among the students and faculty. Collaborations like these are

essential to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering a holistic approach to business development."

IIM Jammu and SIDBI recently collaborated to launch Skill to Enterprise Module (STEM) which is a one-year long extensive program on entrepreneurship exclusively for youth of J&K and Ladakh. The program with 4-week residential training with 8-weeks virtual training is designed to equip the youth with the necessary knowledge of business management, compliance,

finance, planning and strategic aspects of business. The candidates for the upcoming programme will be selected by the experts based on the readiness of their ideas and will be provided guidance through industry mentorship and incubation. There will be two batches of STEM commencing from 4th December 2023 and 19th December 2023 at IIM Jammu's Srinagar and Jammu campuses.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson Srinagar campus IIM Jammu. This collaborative effort between IIM Jammu and SIDBI is poised to contribute significantly to the development of a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region, aligning with the Government's vision of promoting economic growth through Small and Medium enterprises.

JI NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOV 16

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP, visited the spot of accident at Assar, Doda, the Doda hospital and also attended the cremations of the deceased.

While visiting the spot of the accident, he interacted with the locals and was informed about the exact turn of events at the time of the tragedy.

Raina also met with DC Doda Harvinder Singh, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom and other administrative officers to ensure the best possible facilities to the injured and the relief to the bereaved families.

Raina also met with the families of those who lost their precious lives in the most unfortunate accident, in which the ill-fated bus rolled down into the steep gorge.

In order to show soli-



undergoing treatment at Doda as well as in Jammu hospitals, are being given the satisfactory treatment. He

again assured of every possible help to the affected ones.

Raina assured the people that BJP stands with them in this difficult hour and assured them that all possible help would be ensured to them at the earliest.

DDC Chairperson Dhanantar Singh, Vice-chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat, district President Vijay Mohan Thakur, senior leader Shashi Goswami, Shivankar Singh, Vipin Sharma and other party leaders accompanied BJP President Ravinder Raina during his visit to Assar, the Doda hospital and cremation sites.

## SIDBI signs agreement for SCDF with JKUT to accelerate MSME Cluster Infrastructure Devp

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU NOVEMBER 16, 2023:

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed Agreement for SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) with UT of Jammu & Kashmir to accelerate MSME Cluster infrastructure development in UT of Jammu & Kashmir. SIDBI and UT of J&K partnered for supporting modernization/upgradation or establishment of infrastructure / development of MSME Cluster related infrastructure in the Jammu & Kashmir region. SCDF would facilitate to augment the low cost, longer repayment funds for holistic coverage of cluster development projects falling under three broad categories viz (I) Industrial and Agri-allied sectors in the

MSME eco-space, (2) Social Sector projects in and around MSME clusters and (3) Connectivity to MSME Clusters. The Agreement was signed at office Honorable Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir in the august presence of Shri Manoj Sinha, LG UT of J&K and Shri S Ramann, CMD SIDBI. While SIDBI shall facilitate availability of SCDF to enhance infrastructure development of both greenfield (induced clusters) and brownfield clusters, Finance Department, Jammu & Kashmir would act as nodal agency to coordinate and submit the proposals to be considered under SCDF.

On this occasion Shri Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director of SIDBI said, "We are poised to be an ever

strong and vibrant MSME ecosystem in the country and more so in Jammu and Kashmir. To further strengthen the infrastructure gap, SIDBI join hands with State government and Union Territories and transforming both hard and soft infrastructure shall be mainstay of such collaborations. This structured support will lend impetus to the culture of enterprise development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr S.S. Acharya, CGM SIDBI while signing the Master Agreement reiterated SIDBI's commitment for MSMEs and vision to take forward the industrial growth in the country. We envision that by creating such focused MSME infrastructure development fund, States and Union Territories

may improve the ease of doing business and aspire youth to become entrepreneurs and be a job creator than job seeker.

Shri Santosh D Vaidya, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance Department expressed happiness at the signing of Agreement with SIDBI and said that "this partnership with SIDBI shall lead to many innovative infrastructure improvement and development in the UT and in overall growth of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. It will be an endeavor to build processes and systems with the support of SIDBI to utilize SCDF by key departments supporting MSMEs like Industries and Commerce, Tourism, Power and Skill Development etc."

## Billawaria inaugurates three newly constructed lanes, drains to public at ward-45, Digiana

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated and dedicated three newly constructed lanes along with drains to the public at Ward 45, Digiana in Bahu Assembly constituency. The works were constructed under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at an approximate cost of Rs 45 lakh with paver tiles was executed in order to give best possible infra to the masses in Digiana area. Billawaria was also accompanied by a large number of people including Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) officials, local residents and political activists of the area. Speaking on the occasion, Former Deputy Mayor



Jammu and BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria said that during his tenure as Deputy Mayor of Jammu, he had got these development works to fulfill the demands of the people and today the same development works are being dedicated. "I am happy that I am getting the privilege of inaugurating the development works that I had planned", he added. Billawaria further said that after the demise of late councillor Raj Rani, he took the responsibility of this ward and he tried

to clean and develop the said ward. He said that to fulfill the resolution taken by late BJP councillor Raj Rani to make Ward No. 45 Digiana a modern ward, he dedicated his full contribution with the cooperation of BJP workers, due to which today the condition of the ward is better than before. He said that the development works are being done in each and every ward of Jammu city and wherever necessary, the works are being executed by the concerned departments

on priority so that people do not suffer. Billawaria stated that Jammu city has developed a lot in recent years and it can be judged by the quality of infra that is being provided to the inhabitants of all 75 wards by the administration at their doorstep to provide the best facilities. He also stated that BJP is the only party which has taken overall development as the primary task and government schemes have reached out to every household under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Bhai Modi. He said that there are many works that are to be taken up in areas soon so that best possible infra is provided to the masses. Satpal Choudhary, Vinod Kumar Sharma, Raj Singh Randhawa, Sanjay Sharma, Ritika Dhiman, Rajni Gupta and other dignitaries were present.

## President graces 3rd audit diwas celebrations

JI NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOV 16

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 3rd Audit Diwas Celebrations in New Delhi today (November 16, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that under

the leadership of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, government's audit community has made significant contributions in strengthening integrity, governance and system building.

The President said that people of India want to move forward rapidly towards build-

ing a developed India by the year 2047. All important institutions and communities of the country, including C&A, have to contribute to achieve this goal. She was happy to note that C&A has taken many forward looking steps, including the establishment of the Centre for Data Manage-

ment and Analytics, in which digital technology and other modern methods are being used in line with the future.

The President said that the entire team of C&A is expected to contribute as a controller and an examiner who is both a companion and a guide in the country's developmental

journey. She stated that C&A team will have an important role in making India the third largest economy in the world.

The President said that the impact of today's market system characterized by global competition is relevant to all institutions and enterprises. The ability to compete on the

basis of ethics should continuously increase in all enterprises and activities of the country. Removing obstacles in achieving the national goals of accelerated growth and development while ensuring financial propriety and legality is the touchstone of effective contribution by every institution

and individual responsible for good governance, including the C&A. She emphasised that the auditors should be considered as facilitators of good governance, not critics. She added that they should be considered guides whose scrutiny teaches us to follow the right path.



## CNH signs MOU with ICAR – CITH Srinagar for Technical Collaboration in Fruit Harvesting

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 16 NOV

CNH signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (ICAR-CITH), Srinagar to collaborate on fruit harvesting technology in India.

The partnership will focus on enhancing the mechanization of fruit harvesting, specifically apples, integrating cutting-edge techniques. It will also foster the development of innovative solutions tailored to India's unique agricultural challenges.

"This strategic partnership seeks to pioneer groundbreaking innovation within horticulture. Together with ICAR - CITH, we look forward to combining our knowledge and expertise to deliver a step



change in agricultural efficiency and productivity, benefiting the farmers and the wider agriculture community," said Dr. Garv Modwel, Group Leader, Advanced Technology and Innovation, CNH India Technology Center.

According to the MOU, CNH will oversee the design and development process of harvesting. The company will supply prototypes for field tests and

make improvements based on the trial outcomes.

Dr. M.K Verma, Director, ICAR - CITH Srinagar, said, "We look forward to collaborating with CNH to bring technological advancement to the Indian horticultural sector. The project offers an opportunity for our experts to apply their experience and understanding in developing solutions that will help reshape the future of fruit

harvesting in India."

ICAR-CITH will support image collection, logistics and operational aspects. The institute will analyze field test data such as picking efficiency, post-harvest losses, and the impact on fruit quality.

CNH India serves the country through its Case IH, New Holland Agriculture and CASE Construction Equipment brands, delivering on the promise to provide world class products of engineering excellence, with 'Made in India' manufacturing operations for over 25 years. ICAR-CITH plays a significant role in formulating and advancing research initiatives aimed at enhancing crop improvement, production, protection, and post-harvest management to ensure economic and nutritional stability across the Himalayan region.

## DIG Shakti Pathak honours Har Shikhar Tiranga Team head Col RS Jamwal at Jammu

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Today Shri Kailakh jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust organised a program at Jammu. On the occasion DIG Jammu, Samba & Kathua Range Shakti Pathak (IPS) was chief guest. Trust Har Shikhar Tiranga Team head Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal.

Shakti Pathak Said Har Shikhar Tiranga is such a campaign that has never happened in history. Climbing the highest peaks of all 28 states, this unprecedented feat was achieved under the leadership of Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal, the director of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS). This courageous endeavor received admiration and respect across India, with every state expressing



love and honour for this campaign. Program guest of honour Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust Trustee & Former CEO of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd, R K Chhibber honour Col R S Jamwal comprising Nb Sub T Chosgail, Hav Rakesh Yadav, Hav Kewal and Amit Chowdhury.

On occasion trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri said Colonel Ranveer

Singh Jamwal-an Indian Army officer from Jammu for scaling Mount Everest three times & has also the highest mountain of all seven continents. A feat no body has achieved in the state except him.

He is a veteran of more than 50 mountaineering expeditions and has two Asian records and four Indian records in his name. Colonel Ranveer Singh also recently

completed six countries cycling expeditions which started from Vietnam and completed at Singapore by passing through the four other countries including Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia by covering the distance of around 5,374 kilometers.

"Before this expedition, he along with four cyclists, led by him had completed the 1100 kilometers cycling expedition of 'Seven Sister States' of North East and become the first team who paddled the Seven Sisters States for the first time in December last year."

Col. Ranveer said Encouraging the young generation during his talk, he said that everyone can achieve the target but the only mantra is, he/she should be focused towards their goal and should stay away from the distraction and bad things.

## CCI Jammu expresses deep shock, anguish, sadness over tragic Doda bus accident

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

In a meeting of the Office Bearers of Chamber of Commerce & Industry held today at Chamber House, Sh. Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed deep shock, anguish and sadness over the tragic Bus Accident that occurred Assar in Doda district yesterday in which 39 people including women and children have lost their precious lives and 17 persons have been injured. The meeting also expressed heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and also prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured in the Bus accident. Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed thanks to Sh. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for announcing Rs. 2 lacs each for the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs. 50 thousand for the injured



from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

Arun Gupta also thanked Sh. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble LG UT of J&K for announcing ex-gratia relief of Rs. 5 lacs each for the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs. 1 lacs for the injured besides every possible help.

The meeting also called on the State Administra-

tion to take effective steps so that such unfortunate incidents do not take place in future.

The other office bearers present in the meeting include Sh. Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Sh. Manish Gupta, Secretary and Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

## Raman Suri applauds resumption of chartered flights for Ladakh deployed soldiers

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri commended the resumption of the chartered flight service by the Indian Army, facilitating the transportation of soldiers deployed in and around Leh, after a hiatus of six months.

The Indian Army has recently entered into a new contractual agreement resulting in the resumption of operational chartered flights from Delhi to Leh as well as from Leh to Delhi. While expressing his satisfaction over the move, Raman Suri also highlighted the significant challenges faced by the soldiers in their movement during the suspended phase of chartered flights.

Suri emphasized that the recent resumption of chartered flights on

November 11 has alleviated the hardships faced by the soldiers, providing them with a quicker and more efficient mode of transport. Prior to the resumption, soldiers had to rely on road travel, consuming 6-7 days for the journey between Leh and Delhi.

Whenever road stretch from Leh to Jammu used to get closed due to heavy snowfall, soldiers faced hardships to reach their destinations. Now that the air service has been thrown open, this speaks of the priority of government with regard to taking care of the soldiers who are guarding our borders round the clock, Raman Suri said.

The earlier chartered flight service, crucial for soldiers on leave or returning from leave, had been suspended for over six months, which added challenges for the soldiers in Leh. With the renewed

agreement, approximately 300 soldiers have already availed the chartered flight service, reducing the travel time to a mere 2-3 hours.

Raman Suri expressed his gratitude for the timely resumption of this essential service, especially during the festive period, acknowledging the positive impact it will have on the mobility and well-being of the soldiers deployed in the challenging terrain of Ladakh.

Raman Suri said that the Indian Army is the best in the world which cares for its soldiers and this is the reason why we civilians are able to carry out our activities smoothly. Our borders, he added, are safe and secure in the hands of the Indian Army and the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel who are monitoring them round the clock and in all-weather conditions.

## Dr Parneesh expresses grief over Doda bus mishap

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor, Department of Training, BJP, J&K, expressed grief over the tragic bus accident in Assar area of district Doda, which has claimed the lives of 39 people.

Expressing grief over the accident, the senior BJP leader 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 BJP 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 accident and take all necessary steps to prevent such tragedies from hap-



pening in the future. Dr Parneesh urged the authorities concerned to streamline the traffic scenario in the region. He said that the authorities must take stringent steps to address the issue of over-speeding on roads which is a major cause of accidents, and they must do everything they can to prevent such accidents in near future.

## Congress stands for secularism, unification: Vikar Rasool B2V-5, good photo ops for administration: Bhalla

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 16

JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani has said that Congress always stands for secularism and unification amongst people and those creating division are greatest enemies of nation and people must identify them.

JKPCC Chief along with JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla today addressed huge public gathering in Ramban District Congress Committee Ramban.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include JKPCC General Secy and Ex MLA Ashok Kumar Dogra, Imtiaz Khanday DDC Member, Prevez Ahmed President DCC Ramban, Feroz Khan Ex- All India NSUI, Ishaq Khan, Rashid Malik, Mohan Singh, Sanjeev Dar, Zakir Pacho, Onkar Singh, Mohd Ashraf, Farooq Niak, Gopal Raina, Khalid Wari, Janak Singh, Pritam Singh, Mohd. Iqbal, Zakir Hussain besides others.

Earlier Shri Wani along with Raman Bhalla led huge public march through bazzars highlighting public issues and raising slogans against BJP Govt. They inaugurated a new DCC office also.

JKPCC Chief said that



Congress never compromised on its basic ideals of secularism but some parties do politics of convenience by adopting religious polarization & division for vote bank politics. Such parties do great disservice to the nation and society and are threat to the secular fabric. People should see through designs of such parties and leaders & not get exploited.

The fight is between two opposite ideologies that of Congress which stands for unification and another of BJP which creates division in the society. People have to choose between two but more importantly identify those leaders & parties, who pose something else but indirectly try to help BJP- RSS and weaken Congress.

He pointed out that now-a-days, people living in remote areas are facing severe crisis due to administrative inertia by the present dispensation, adding that the administration is clueless about the problems

of the people live in remote and far flung areas. He said that bad condition of most of roads has badly impacted mobility and added to the misery of the people living in these remote villages and demanded upgradation and black topping of all leftover roads. While highlighting the local problems, he complained about the dilapidated condition of roads, erratic power supply in far-off areas besides lack of health care facilities in their villages and demanded uninterrupted electricity supply in their respective villages. He also complained about the scarcity of drinking water in several villages in the area. He said the hollow promises made by government on jobs, development and good governance have proven to be a big hoax. He said youth vote will play a crucial role in the elections, whenever it's held in J&K. The aspirations of our youth have turned into anxiety.

Wani said that the Congress is the only party

having its presence in every nook and corner of Jammu, Kashmir.

He urged upon the party workers to reach out to the people and help them to mitigate the problems faced by them on day to day basis particularly in far flung areas. Wani further said that "Congress is the only party with credible footprints in all 90 Assembly constituencies of the state.

Speaking on the occasion, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla said that BJP govt & UT administration engage in photos opportunities like Back to village-5, whereas people are fed up with the bureaucrats.

Jammu and Kashmir requires restoration democracy at the earliest besides peace, prosperity and harmony and this is only possible when Congress party will be further strengthened.

He urged unity among the people, asking people in general and party cadres in particular to "unite against forces who destroyed our Dogra state and divide its people." He pointed out that Nowadays, people of J&K are facing a great crisis and are concerned whether their democratic, constitutional and fundamental rights will

continue to exist.

Bhalla said that the communal forces were destined to get decimated in the ensuing assembly elections whenever they are held in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir saying that "there was no alternative to Congress as the party has strived for ensuring peace and undertaking development during most testing times.

He described Congress as a deep rooted public movement, which, he said, believes in single entity of the State and has been striving for assuaging the politico-developmental aspirations of all segments of people.

He referred to the historic role of Congress in generating political awakening and making the people masters of their own destiny. Ex MLA Ashok Kumar in his address said that BJP and its allies have been peddling different narratives to misguide the people towards real issues. All their efforts have failed. This is why the BJP and its ilk in J&K is frustrated. Finding itself on shaky ground, BJP is bringing outside voters to help it win the elections," he added. Nothing can rescue BJP, people have made it a point to punish them democratically, he said.

## Dhaatu Mitra club celebrates National Metallurgist Day at NIT Srinagar

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOV 16

In a spirited celebration of National Metallurgist Day, Dhaatu Mitra, the official club of the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (MME) at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The event featured a diverse range of activities, including a challenging quiz, a creative drawing competition, an eloquent extempore session, and a research poster competition. Students enthusiastically participated, demonstrating their profound knowledge of metallurgy and their creative flair.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr) Sudhakar Yedla, graced the occasion as the chief guest. He appreciated Dhaatu Mitra for organizing an event that not only celebrated the significance of National Metallurgist Day but showcased the talents and expertise of MME community.

He emphasized the importance of such events in promoting innovation and camaraderie among students.

Prof. Yedla lauded the efforts of Dhaatu Mitra in providing a platform for students to showcase their talents and explore the vast realm of metallurgy



beyond the classroom.

The event was attended by all the faculty members of MME and HOD Prof Atikur Rahman, faculty coordinators Dr. Nitika Kundan and Dr Anshul Gupta.

The quiz tested the participants' theoretical knowledge, the drawing competition allowed them to express their creativity, the extempore session showcased their ability to think on their feet, and the research poster competition highlighted their research and analytical skills.

Prof. Yedla also highlighted the importance of such events in promoting innovation and camaraderie. Later he along with other dignitaries presented the awards to the winners including Akeel and Asif for Quiz, Hameem Habib for Extempore and

Research Poster Competition, Berzish for Drawing Competition.

Dhaatu Mitra's successful execution of the event reflects their commitment to excellence in metallurgy and their dedication to nurturing a collaborative spirit within the MME community at NIT Srinagar.

The event not only celebrated the achievements of the students but also reinforced the club's role as a catalyst for academic and creative growth.

National Metallurgist Day serves as a reminder of the invaluable contributions of metallurgists to the field of materials science and engineering. Through events like these, Dhaatu Mitra continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future leaders and innovators in the field of metallurgy.



## BJP committed to resolve day-to-day issues of public: Yudhvir

### Holds grievances redressal camp



J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, held a public grievance camp at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan Kacchi Chawni Jammu and listened to the issues faced by the public. The camp witnessed a huge rush of people from across Jammu city who came to the party office to discuss their issues with senior BJP leaders.

On the occasion, Parveen Keri, President East Mandal accompanied the senior BJP leader.

Various deputations, including individual persons--most of whom were women--visited the camp to present their grievances on issues such as ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, and other development-related topics, as well as personal issues. Yudhvir Sethi gave a patient hear-

ing to the deputations and resolved most of their issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on the phone.

Sethi said that the BJP is committed to address the day-to-day problems being faced by the people in general and Jammu City in particular and that the party is making a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people. The senior BJP leader also stated that only BJP can fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and address their issues on a priority basis.

The public recognizes the BJP's commitment to reach out and solve their issues, and people believe in the party's ability to resolve their grievances.

Yudhvir Sethi has assured the public that he will take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get them resolved soon.

## IAS Rehana Batul presents Certificates to GKET Students at Sallan



J I NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, NOV 16

Aligning with the commitment of honourable PM Narendra Modi Ji to mushrooming employment prospect for youth at regional level, Department of Employment and Counselling Centre Kathua in collaboration with G K Educational Trust had skilled candidates for Make-up Artist Course. The Tenure of the course was three months.

Chief Guest Ms. Rehana Batul, IAS (Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Labour & Employment

Department, Mr. Naresh Kumar (Assistant Director Employment) and other officials were present. Ms. Rehana Batul congratulated the students for passing out in the respective skill course and presented Certificates to them.

GK Educational Trust is committed to create opportunities and improving the lives of people in the community by skilling them in particular field. Mr. Ammar Nehvi (Director GK Educational Trust), Ms. Pritpal Kour (Centre Incharge) and other staff members were also present.

## Indian Army organizes picnic for girls of Basera-E-Tabassum Orphanage, Kupwara



J I NEWS SERVICE  
KUPWARA, NOV 16

Indian Army organised picnic for girls from Basera-E-Tabassum orphanage, Kupwara to Srinagar in which 40 girls visited \*Mukdam Sab, Dargah and Nishad garden, Dal Lake, Medical mobile unit\*. This heartwarming event was organized for orphan girls in the community, for a day filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments. The day-out aimed to bring happiness and create beautiful memories for these young souls who lack family support.

In continuation to care for orphan girls, they are also invited on regular basis by Indian Army for events like \*Raksha Bandhan and other National festivals\*. In this particular recreational trip various activities were

planned to entertain and engage the girls throughout the day including visit to tourist places in Srinagar. The highlight of the day was seeing the smiles on the girls faces, radiating pure happiness as they played, laughed, and got time to bond with each other. The picnic concluded with heartfelt goodbyes and promises of future gatherings, leaving behind cherished memories and a sense of belonging for these girls. The event served as a reminder of the power of compassion and community coming together to bring joy to those who need it most.

The picnic for orphan girls was a \*resounding success, leaving a lasting impact\* not just on the girls but on Indian Army as well, fostering a spirit of empathy and solidarity within community.

## Chander Mohan listens to public grievances at BJP headquarter

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Chander Mohan Gupta, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Mayor, JMC, accompanied by party secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, listened to the grievances of people during weekly public darbar at party headquarter, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Chander Mohan Gupta said that owing to the robust governance model and welfare of needy people at the bottomline of the needy people by the Modi government, the people have developed unprecedented faith in the political system of the nation. He said that the dedication of BJP cadre in meeting out to the aspirations of the people is commendable and can be seen in their daily activities.

## "One Month Basic Computer Course" concludes at PTTI Vijaypur

J I NEWS SERVICE  
VIJAYPUR, NOV 16

One month "Basic Computer Course" organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur was concluded in which 26 police personnel of various units of Police Department participated. On this occasion a Valedictory function was organized which was graced by Shri Shiv Kumar, IPS, Principal PTTI Vijaypur.

While speaking on the occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that the objective of course was to hone the skills of Police personnel and enhance their capabilities in handling/operating of Computer System and its function. Principal assured that these courses would definitely help Police personnel in performing their duties. Besides, inauguration of "one Week Traffic Induction Course" and



"15 days Special Security Course" also held by Shri Shiv Kumar, IPS, Principal PTTI Vijaypur and the trainees were briefed about the objectives of the said course. Among others, Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP (Outdoor), Shri Kuldeep

Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech.), Shri Surrinder Paul Dy.SP, Insp. Javed Hussain RI/CDI, SI Sulinder Singh, ASI (T) Balbir Kumar, HC Narinder Kumar, HC Manoj Kumar, HC Gopal Singh were present on the occasion.

## Congress making false claims to be fool people: Vibodh

J I NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Reacting sharply to the claim by JKPC chief that Congress is committed to serve and empower people, Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, termed it as a bundle of lies. He said that a glance at the past record of Congress in Jammu and Kashmir, will make it crystal clear that this party adopted different yardsticks for different regions and sections of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Vibodh Gupta said that remaining in the limelight can be a compulsion of Congress leaders but they should not make false and misleading claims. The Congress, whose leaders are today talking of serving and empowering the people, should first explain as to why they did not treat every region and section equal in its programmes and policies during the decades of their rule at the centre and in Jammu and Kashmir.

Citing few examples how Congress discriminated with the West Pakistan refugees, daughters of the soil, Displace Persons from PoJK, SCs, Valmiki Samaj and others, Vibodh said that history stands proof that the refugees were not granted citizenship rights. The daughters of the soil, were deprived of their basic rights on marrying outside J&K. The same Congress made hollow promises of giving compensation to the Displaced Persons but in practical did nothing. The SCs were not granted political reservation for more than two decades

in J&K. The plight of the Valmiki Samaj was miserable during Congress rule. The BJP leader questioned the JKPC chief to explain as to why empowerment of the refugees, DPs and other mentioned sections was not possible when it was in power for many years.

Vibodh Gupta asked the people not to get misled on false claims of Congress. They must know that it is actually BJP, and not Congress, which is really committed to empower the people, irrespective of their region, class, community and gender.

### DIRECTORATE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, J&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR.

Tel: 01912457821 E-mail: info.fesjk@jk.gov.in Fax: 01912453013

Subject:-Advisory for awareness of general public for fire safety measures in winter.  
\*\*\*

In severe winter season the frequency of fires in Jammu and Kashmir rises uncommonly due to excessive heating arrangements like hamams, Kerosene / LPG Bukharis, electric heaters/ blankets, wood and coal burning etc. improper use of kangris, candles, cigarettes etc. Every preventive measure needs to be taken to avoid fires in winter which leaves families homeless.

In order to minimize the losses due to fires, the following precautionary measures require to be taken by the General public during the winter:-

1. Turn off when portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
2. Avoid use of multiple electric heating appliances in rooms to avoid overloading and short circuits.
3. Avoid use of multiple extension cords for heating appliances.
4. Install MCBs in electric panels to trip off the electric supply in case of overload.
5. Make sure the heating appliances are away from sources of heat and water.
6. Switch off the LPG cylinder and stove knob.
7. Store the additional LPG Cylinders outside and away from your residential house.
8. Repair/ replace the damaged wires, switches, knobs to avoid short circuits.
9. Never leave a burning candle in the room.
10. Do not store dry grass, charcoal and fire wood in your residential houses
11. Do not through live cigarette butts.

DIP/J-11274/23  
Date: 16-11-23

NO: DF&ES/FP/2023/CC-7227841

Alok Kumar-IPS (ADGP),  
Director,  
Fire & Emergency Services, J&K  
Jammu/ Srinagar.  
Dated:- 14.11.2023.

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPARTMENT JAMMU B.C. ROAD, BUS STAND, JAMMU

TELE: 0191-2544356, 0191-2547586 E-Mail: phecejmu@gmail.com

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. PHE/JJM/132 of 2023-24 Dated: 14.11.2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, JAMMU invites e-tenders on item rate basis from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums of all classes, required to be registered with Jal Shakti (PHE) Department of UT of J&K apart from registration with JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other State / UT Government for "Construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells by ODEX Method for 01 Water Supply Scheme (01 no. Bore well) in District Udhampur of Jammu Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)". The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz. Cover 1-consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2 shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No.	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Bid Validity	Estimated AMOUNT (in Rs.)	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	6
1.	Construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells by ODEX Method for 01 Water Supply Scheme (01 no. Bore well) in District Udhampur of JAMMU Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	1000/- (Valid for all tender Ids under this e-NIT)	35000/- (Valid for all tender Ids under this e-NIT)	180 days	As per Appendix "E" of the SBD	As per bid document.

#### As per tender Documents

Position of funds: Available Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
Tendering authority is Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu.  
The awarding authority is District, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Udhampur.  
Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	14/11/2023
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	14/11/2023
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	16/11/2023 (11:00 AM)
iv	Bids submission start date	16/11/2023 (3:00 PM onwards)
v	Bids submission end date	24/11/2023 (6:00 PM)
vi	Date and time of Bid opening	25/11/2023 (3:00 PM onwards)

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
2. The pre-bid meeting shall held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu through virtual/online mode.
3. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
4. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu.
5. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and EMD as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu.
  - a. EMD to be pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer (CAO), Jal Shakti PHE Department Jammu. EMD will be in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bid.
  - b. The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR / e-challan / Receipt under Major Head, MH:0215 in favour of CAO, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu or by online payment via NEFT/RTGS as detailed below:-  
A/c Name : Chief Account Officer, PHE Jammu.  
Bank : J & K Bank Ltd.  
Account No: 0097010100002093  
IFSC : JAKA00NHALL  
Branch : Town Hall Jammu
6. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan/NEFT, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as LI.
7. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
9. Queries by email if any, should be made at [phecejmu@gmail.com](mailto:phecejmu@gmail.com).

No: PHE/JJM/11432-44  
Date: 14.11.2023

DIP/J-11226/23  
Date: 16-11-23

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer,  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Department  
Jammu



## Apollo Hospitals celebrates 25 Years of India's First Liver Transplant Program

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Apollo Hospitals Group celebrated the completion of 25 years of paediatric liver transplant program in India. The Apollo Transplant program is one of the world's largest and most comprehensive transplant programs performing more than 1600 solid organ transplants a year. The program offers a host of state-of-the-art services which include Management of Liver Disease, Management of Kidney Disease, Liver and Kidney Transplantation, Heart and Lung Transplantation, Intestinal, Pancreas and GI Transplant Surgeries and Pediatric Transplant Services. With 90% success rates, The Apollo Liver Transplant program is a beacon of quality and hope for patients from across the world.

Noted Film Actress Dimple Kapadia, who graced the function said, "In Dil Chahta Hai, my character Tara Jaiswal died because of a silent killer. Liver Cirrhosis.

As we go about our daily lives, we often neglect the importance of our liver, this unsung hero of our bodies. Our liver is a remarkable organ, tirelessly working to cleanse your blood, store energy, and produce essential proteins. It is the silent guardian that protects us from



harmful toxins and keeps us healthy. But just like any other organ, it can be damaged, and when it is, the consequences can be devastating.

Liver cirrhosis leads to liver failure which took Tara's life. At that point in time, Liver Transplantation wasn't well established in India. Today, Liver transplantation is a life saving therapy saving lives every day. Liver Transplantation has given a new lease of life to Sanjay, the first child in India to receive a liver transplant, Prisha the 500th child transplanted at Apollo and hundreds of children and adults not just from India but from 50 countries across the world.

I would like to congratulate the Apollo Team and wish them the very best in their commitment to save lives". Dr. Preetha Reddy, Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Group said "Liver disease remains a significant concern within the country, resulting in the annual loss of approximately 200,000 lives. Despite approximately 1,800 liver transplants

conducted each year, the demand for this procedure reaches as high as 20,000 individuals at any given time. While India has made substantial progress since the inception of these operations, a considerable gap remains unaddressed. At Apollo, our dedication lies in ensuring that no individual succumbs due to a lack of access to transplantation. Our focus involves establishing top-tier transplant centres, led by esteemed clinicians. We are committed to extending our expertise to individuals worldwide seeking liver transplant services."

Shivakumar Pattabhiraman, Managing Director, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, India's prominence in organ transplantation is on the rise. With a rich legacy spanning 25 years, we at Apollo celebrate a landmark achievement in liver transplantation, solidifying its position as a pioneering force in India's medical domain. The institution stands as a beacon of exceptional care and ground breaking advance-

ments, setting global standards in liver transplants. Our unwavering commitment to advancing liver transplantation and relentless pursuit of pushing the boundaries of medical science underscores a pledge to deliver the best outcomes for our patients."

Marking the occasion, Apollo Hospitals' Group Medical Director and Senior Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Dr. Anupam Sibal said, "Today is a significant milestone for Indian medical advancements. The liver transplant program at Apollo Institutes commenced 25 years ago, marking a pivotal moment in India's medical landscape. This ground breaking initiative, coupled with the resilience shown by patients like Sanjay, has led the Apollo Institutes of Transplant to successfully carry out over 4300 liver transplants, including 515 procedures in children. I distinctly remember the day I first saw Sanjay, the hours spent in the ICU and today 25 years on, Dr Sanjay will soon be married. As his doctor, I cannot express the happiness and satisfaction I am feeling in words. Today we are able to perform the most challenging transplants including ABO incompatible and combined liver-kidney transplants. We are also operating on babies as small as 4 kgs."

## India committed to freedom of navigation, overflight & unimpeded lawful commerce in international waters: Rajnath Singh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 16

Rajnath Singh attended the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Jakarta, Indonesia on November 16, 2023. In his address, he affirmed the ASEAN centrality and appreciated its role in promoting dialogue & consensus in the region. He also reiterated India's commitment to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in the international waters in accordance with international laws, including United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.

The Raksha Mantri called for regional security initiatives that are consultative and development-oriented to reflect the larger consensus among various stakeholders. He committed towards nurturing practical, forward-looking and result-oriented cooperation with ADMM-Plus for enhancing maritime security in the region.

Highlighting that the conflicts extract a terrible



toll in terms of human lives lost and livelihoods destroyed, disturb the stability at regional as well as global level and have adverse implications for food security, energy security etc, Shri Rajnath Singh reiterated India's commitment to work with ASEAN and Plus countries to ensure peace, prosperity and security, which is an apt theme for this year's ADMM Plus. He cited Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote on peace "there is no way to peace, peace is the only way".

The Raksha Mantri stressed the role of dialogue and diplomacy to have enduring peace, and in ensuring global stability. He reaffirmed India's message to the world at

large, that "this is not an era of war", and spoke about the imperative to give up the "us versus them" mindset.

Rajnath Singh appreciated ASEAN Member States' enthusiastic participation in India-ASEAN activities, particularly the Initiative for Women in UN Peacekeeping Operations, and Initiative for Marine Plastic Pollution Response. He also appreciated ASEAN Member States' active participation in the maiden ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise held in May this year, as well as in the Expert Working Group (EWG) on Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) activities, of which India and Indonesia are co-chairs in the current 2020-2023 cycle.

Recognising that terrorism is a serious threat to international peace and security, including in the ASEAN region, India proposed to co-chair the EWG on Counter-Terrorism. This proposal was endorsed by ADMM-Plus as terrorism remains a serious concern to countries in the region.

## Team Mask Force Chairman expresses shock, anguish over tragic Doda accident

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 16

Team Mask Force chairman vijay Sharma in a press release here this afternoon expressed shock & grief over the tragic accident which took place near Doda. He said with great Anguish that mostly Accidents do take place and those authorities who are responsible for checking the Menace of the causes of Accidents simply expressed shocks & issue statements over the incidents and pass on token monies in lieu of the lives of human beings which mostly include kith & kins of families who are sole bread earners of these families. The Authorities must not sleep over their responsibilities and shirk from their duties & responsibilities from such incidents. Few pucks of relief measures taken after the Accidents won't serve the purpose & loss of life which is unfulfilled at the end said Sharma chairman TMF.

## Modi Govt stands committed to empowerment of women: Kavinder

### Appeals to support BJP in Rajasthan

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJASTHAN, NOV 16

Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Centre has empowered the women of the country by introducing various enormous schemes for their welfare.

This was stated by Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister while campaigning in Bandikui, Dausa district of Rajasthan.

Kavinder highlighted the numerous ground-breaking schemes introduced by the Modi Government that have played a pivotal role in advancing the welfare of women across the country. He emphasized that the Modi Government has been at the forefront of



driving initiatives for the empowerment of women. These schemes are not just policies on paper but are making a real impact in the lives of millions of women, enabling them to become more self-reliant and participate actively in the nation's development.

Kavinder asserted that the Modi Government has launched several flagship schemes that have significantly contributed to the empowerment of women. He said the Modi Government has done a lot for the women of the country by initiating several schemes like Ujjawala

Yojana, Sukanya scheme, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, One Stop Centre Scheme, Women Helpline Scheme, UJJAWALA, Nari Shakti Puraskar, Triple Talaq, 33 per cent reservation in politics for women, Mahila Shakti Kendras (MSK), Nirbhaya and a lot more since 2014. He asserted that the Modi Government stands fully committed to empowerment of women across the nation.

The senior BJP leader applauded the efforts of women leaders within the BJP, particularly their role in community

engagement. He praised their dedication in educating the public about the electoral process, using tools like dummy voting machines, as part of the preparations for the upcoming polls in the state.

Kavinder also discussed the role of Mahila Morcha in the upcoming programmes of the Party and exhorted upon them to have direct contact with the women beneficiaries of central sponsored schemes and make aware them about the policies and programmes of the Party.

Gupta reaffirmed that these initiatives reflect the BJP's vision for an inclusive society where women are key drivers of growth and development. The party's commitment to empowering women aligns with the broader goal of building a strong and prosperous nation, he added.

## Farooq, Omar convey condolences over passing away of Khan Mohd Khan

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU NOVEMBER 16

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Khan Mohd Khan former Provincial Secretary Jammu Province who passed yesterday at Baderwah and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu, Khalid Najeer Suharwardhy former minister and Provincial Vice President, Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo former minister and Zone President Chenab Valley, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Mehboob Iqbal, Abdul Qayoom Bagwan District President Doda Rural Baderwah, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Arif Mir, Abid Magrey have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

## Grass-root democracy yearning for justice: Ajay Sadhotra



### Sensing defeat BJP Govt deferred polls, denied rights to people: Rattan Lal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU NOVEMBER 16TH

Accusing the government for undermining the grassroot democratic institutions by deferring polls, J&K National Conference observed that fearing defeat the party in power has been relying on unfounded alibis to deny the people their right to exercise franchise for holding power.

A meeting of Jammu District Urban JKNC was held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan under the chairmanship of Chander Mohan Sharma, President Jammu District Urban. In the meeting, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of JKNC, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President JKNC, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik, Abdul Gani Telil, Vijay Lochan, Satwant Kour Dogra, Harshvardhan Singh and Ankush Abrol were present.

Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC said the people's suffering under the present government

as authoritative dispensation is taking decisions on its own without taking care of the people's aspirations. He said that people never felt so bad under any regime as they feel today under the so-called Achhe Din Sarkar. Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, said that there is a big difference in what the BJP government speaks and what it executes on ground. He said that saying that democracy is under siege under the incumbent government is in no way wrong because populacism in J&K is feeling suffocated under the present proxy rule of the central government in which there is no one to listen to the plight of common man as directions have been broadcasted from New Delhi and implemented in J&K, with no say of people or even the local representatives including those belonging to the ruling party also as number of times BJP leadership raised the issue before its higher command. He said the claims of distributing power among 30,000 people in J&K also seems to be a hollow promise as the tenure of elected representatives has ended and the incumbents have failed to restore democ-

racy by not holding the elections.

Expressing shock and grief over the tragic incident, Rattan Lal Gupta said that government should improve road infrastructure on ground because such tragedies are the testimony to the fact that a lot more has to be done to stop deaths on roads as people are struggling to cope up with poor edifice and insensitive Babugiri prevalent in J&K today

Before the culmination, the meeting also observed two minutes' silence for the people killed in the Doda Accident and prayed to the departed souls rest in peace and the National Conference stands in solidarity with the bereaved families.

Those who were present Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Lakhshmi Datta, Dilshad Malik, Rakesh Singh Raka, Rashida Begum, Som Raj Taroch, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Farman Ali, Anoop Sharma, Shabir Sambyal, Ashwani Charak, Sardar Gurnam Singh, Sardar Parvinder Singh, Dharminder Sharma, Sardar Nirmal Singh, Sardar Tejinder Singh, Sardar Sandeep Singh Wazir, Sahil Kerni and others.

## Rekha meets JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav, other officials

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, 16 NOV

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan meets with Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rahul Yadav, Xen JMC Arun Kumar, Health officer Dr. Vinod Sharma, AEE mechanical SP Singh other senior officers and engineers of JMC. Rekha apprised the dilemmas being faced by the public in Jammu South. She underlined that during the party "Booth Jan Samvaad" direct relationship with the general populace, public outreach program, and common masses face many troubles in context with the repair of street lights, sanitation, and other related issues in the meeting and examined the difficulties which are being encountered by the general populace of Jammu South. To review the pace of ongoing development and allied works in Jammu South. The offi-



cials informed the Rekha Mahajan of various initiatives taken by the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

BJP District Vice President Karuna Chetri, District Secretary Abhinav Anand, Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, and Mandal Vice President Subash Choudhary accompanied her during the visit. During the interactive session with JMC officials in Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Rekha Mahajan debated in length various issues related to the common masses. She encouraged for time-bound completion of the ongoing works to provide better ameni-

ties to the people. Rekha said that it's an urgent need to repair streetlights in different areas and also need the installation of new streetlights in different locations. Rekha prompted the health officer for regular fogging and also appealed to the general public to take all the precautionary measures to prevent the threat of Dengue. She asked the concerned officials to spread awareness among the masses regarding the precautions against the fatal disease.

Rekha asked the officials to reach out to the people and take all the requisite measures for the redressal of their grievances. Rekha

Mahajan admired the work done by the department in recent times and asked them to keep up the good work for the advancement of the public at large.

Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rahul Yadav gave attention to all the problems patiently addressed by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan and admitted that there is a need to improve many things.

Arun Kumar gave on-the-spot directions to concerned officers to repair the lights in different areas at the earliest in a phased manner. He also appealed general public to register complaints regarding the repair of street lights on the toll-free number 18001803580, so that we can sort out the problems of the general public effectively Health Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma assured to improve the sanitation system areas including lanes and drains works and any kind of help required at the earliest.



'Back to Village' Phase V

## Sanjeev Verma chairs mega Gram Sabha at Panchayat Maitra- A

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 16

Commissioner Secretary, General Administrative Department, Sanjeev Verma, chaired a mega Gram Sabha and listened to the issues of PRIs and general public at Panchayat Maitra-A, Ramban block, under "Back to Village" phase-V on Thursday.

Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, DDC member, Renuka Katoch, ADDC Rajinder Sharma, ADC Harbans Lal, ACR Ghias Ul Haq, ACD Ashok Katoch, Sarpanch Mohinder Singh and other senior officers, besides PRIs and people in large number participated in the programme.

Appreciating the commitment of public representatives from all three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system for development of their areas across the district, Commissioner Secretary asked them to work in coordination with the district administration to ensure infrastructural as well as social development of the society.

Sanjeev Verma lauded the role of frontline workers including ASHA and Anganwadi staff in sensitizing and maintaining physical health of children and women folk.

Commissioner Secretary directed the District Administration to focus on implementation of employment and other job oriented schemes on a mission mode, besides encouraging the youth to participate in recruitment process, especially for notified posts of police department at different



levels.

Inspecting the stalls set up by the various departments including Revenue, Agriculture, Horticulture, Horticulture Planning and Marketing, Cooperative Department, Labour and Employment, Handloom and Handicrafts, District Industry Centre, ICDS, Social Welfare, J&K Bank and Lead Bank, SBI-RSETI and Jal Shakti, Commissioner Secretary directed them to provide benefit of the schemes to general public.

Sanjeev Verma impressed upon the Agriculture, Handloom, Handicraft and Cooperatives to scale up production of their products to ensure sufficient supply in the market which help to generate more job opportunities for the locals. He also advised them to ensure quality, attractive and eco-friendly packaging of their products for its value addition. He directed them to set up Rural Haats to provide marketing assistance to the handicrafts and village industries, artisans and farmers for their agro-based products.

Sanjeev Verma asked the District Administra-

tion and locals to launch a massive drive against drug abuse to declare the entire panchayats drug free in the district.

Commissioner Secretary distributed land pass-books, Nano urea kits, certificates among newly registered Cooperative Societies and sanction letters of loan cases among the beneficiaries.

Commissioner Secretary also inspected various development works at Phalti. He visited educational institutions and interacted with the students, teachers and locals.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner said that the district administration is working under a well knit strategy to provide benefits of all the beneficiary oriented schemes to people, especially youth, women and deprived sections of the society. He also asked them to participate in such programmes to avail the benefits of all government schemes and programmes specially meant for upliftment of youth, women, socially and financially weaker sections of the society.

Earlier, PRIs and other

speakers thanked the Commissioner Secretary for fulfilling their long pending demands highlighted in previous Back to Village meetings including up-gradation of Maitra - Billawat road with an expenditure of Rs 8.80 crore and indoor stadium at Phality.

They also highlighted their issues including, sanction of High School for Maitra, Girls Higher Secondary School for Ramban, building for Primary School, Bakshi Mohalla and Kundi School, Maternity & Children Hospital for Ramban, allotment of land to landless eligible people under Forest Right Act, sanction of new ration depots, water tank in ward no. 6, Maitra to Datua road, issuance of new ration cards, land compensation under TV tower to Gagwal road project, double lanning of Maitra bridge, appointment of doctor in NTPHC Maitra, development of play ground, opening of Awass Plus portal to include new beneficiaries, completion of JJM schemes, etc.

Later, the participants were administered the Nasha Mukti pledge.

## Last Leg of Back to Village Phase 5th culminates successfully in District Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 16

The activities under flagship outreach programme under the umbrella of the 5th phase of the Back to Village initiative concluded today in all 136 Panchayats of district Kishtwar.

The comprehensive programme in the district was divided into two rounds, encompassing all 136 Gram Panchayats across 13 Blocks. The first round took place on the 14th and 15th of November across 73 Gram Panchayats, while the second round commenced on the 15th and culminated today, covering the remaining 63 Gram Panchayats.

The Prabhari Officers led the highly impactful public outreach initiative at the assigned gram panchayats, immersing themselves in grass-roots interactions to gather feedback and insights crucial for tailoring government efforts towards enhancing village-specific services.

The VOs, including senior government functionaries Roshan Lal, Spl Secretary Labour and Employment J&K; MD JKPC Rajesh Kumar Shawan; Imam Din, MD Horticulture; Rajnesh Kumar, Addl. Secretary Public Works (R&B) J&K; Kishori Lal Sharma, Director Estates; Mohsin Raza, Deputy Secretary H&ME; Dharam Paul, Deputy Director Information; Bishan Dass, Under Secretary RD&PR and many others, actively participated in this mega outreach, engaging with PRIs and



the public. They listened attentively to their concerns while raising awareness about various government schemes, initiatives, and policies.

The atmosphere in the villages was festive, welcoming the Prabhari Officers for the second round with grand gestures. During their stay, officers, along with supporting staff and field functionaries, diligently listened to villagers, crafting the Gram Panchayat Development Plan in alignment with the community's aspirations.

The Back to Village Programme aims to bridge the gap between the people and government officials, working collaboratively to achieve equitable rural development. Subse-

quently, comprehensive reports highlighting the aspirations and feedback of each Panchayat's populace have been submitted to the government.

Beyond the outreach programme of the core objectives, the key focus areas included the saturation of pension cases, health camps for screening various health conditions, formulating development plans, reviewing ongoing schemes, hosting employment melas, and conducting mutation camps in each Panchayat.

Efforts were also directed towards enhancing online service penetration in rural areas to expedite transparent public service delivery. Various departments educated the public

about welfare schemes, encouraging them to avail the benefits.

The entire program was supervised by the District Administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav.

Besides, the programme's success was bolstered by the concerted efforts of numerous officials, including ADDC, Sham Lal; ACD, Manoj Kumar; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal and others.

Notably, Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav and ADDC personally supervised the proceedings at multiple Gram Panchayats, inspecting health camps and ensuring the success of the programme.

Additionally, the Back to Village programme also encompassed activities aimed at education, cleanliness, plantation drives, parent-teacher meetings, cultural performances showcasing Panchayats' success stories.

Certificates, including income certificates and Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards, were distributed among beneficiaries across Gram Panchayats. Further, the programme involved engaging youth in sports, cultural events, and talent hunts, promoting key initiatives like Nasha Mukti Bharat, Swachh Gram and self-employment schemes.

Visiting Officers also undertook tasks such as inspecting newly constructed houses, facilitating Griha Pravesh ceremonies, and verifying developmental works, further enriching the programme's impact.

Back to Village 5

## Director Rural Sanitation visits Sunderbani

JI NEWS SERVICE

SUNDERBANI (RAJOURI), NOVEMBER 16

Director Rural Sanitation Jammu and Kashmir Charandeep Singh today visited different areas of Block Sunderbani as part of Government's flagship public outreach programme aimed to connect with the rural populace and took feedback on governance issues.

On his arrival on the first day, the Director, as per the programme, visited the designated Panchayat Upper Bhajwal-A, interacted with the PRIs, frontline workers of all the departments and public at Panchayat Ghar building Upper Bhajwal-A.

The interaction programme was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Tehsildar Sunderbani, Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti Department, Assistant Engineer JPDCL, Assistant Engineer PWD (R&B).

After the interaction session, the Director visited the Amrit Sarovar at Larya and took stock of developmental and other issues of public importance. During the inspection of Amrit Sarovar, the officer also visited "eagle point", a local tourist spot nearby Amrit Sarovar and inspected the ongoing construction of a Tourist Hut by the Forest Department.

He also inspected the



developmental works carried out by the Rural Development Department (RDD) which included the construction of Lane Drain with allied work on the main Road to Krishan Moh; construction of Lane Drain at OP Moh W.No.2 and construction of Lane with Tile work at Mata Mandir Laman.

At Laman and Kund, the Director visited vegetable bowls and interacted with vegetable growers of the area. During the visit to agricultural Bowl, he also inspected soakage pits and interacted with the public about the use of individual and community soakage pits.

Soon after that, he concluded his first day program by visiting a Segregation Shed and Community Compost Pits. On this occasion, people raised issues and demands of public importance with the officer and provided feedback on different gov-

ernment schemes and programmes.

During the 2nd day of the visit, the officer inspected Govt. Middle School Kund where a sports activity was also organized in presence of Visiting Officer. After the inspection of School, the officer visited the Anganwadi Centre at Kund and interacted with Anganwadi workers and other staff of the Social Welfare Department (ICDS). After that the director proceeded to Community Hall, near Shiv Mandir Laman to attend Gram Sabha wherein he interacted with the common masses of the panchayat and redressed the grievances and complaints of public.

During the visit to Gram Sabha the officer inspected various stalls displayed by the Health Department, Forest Department and Social welfare (ICDS). At the conclusion of Gram

Sabha, the pledge under "Nasha Mukti Bharat" Abhiyaan and "Corruption Free Bharat" was also taken. The Gram Sabha was also attended by Member District Development Council, Constituency Sunderbani, Chairman Block Development Council Sunderbani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Block Development Officer Sunderbani, Assistant Engineer JPDCL, Assistant Engineer PWD (R&B) and officials from all line Departments.

Director Rural Sanitation also inaugurated the PMAY Houses. During the finalization of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2024-25 of Panchayat, the Director said that Back to Village 5 is helping the PRIs and departments to showcase their works and encouraged the public representatives to raise genuine and effective demands.

## B2V5 activities conclude in all 143 panchayats of Ramban district



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 16

The activities under government's ambitious 'Back to Village' phase V (B2V5) program successfully concluded in all 143 panchayats of the district Ramban.

The programme witnessed huge public participation across all areas reflecting the success of the programme and high expectations of the people from the UT of J&K and District Administration in bringing a positive change in their life by fostering progress, development, and prosperity in the region. The visiting officers (VOs) including Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, Cooperatives Department, Yasha Mudgal, Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums J&K, Pardeep Kumar, PCCF/ Director Social Forestry, Roshan Jaggi, Director Handicrafts and Handlooms Kashmir, Mehmood Ahmed Shah, Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Shafiq Chak, Additional Secretary Forest, Ecology & Environment, Dhanant-

er Singh, Chief Conservator of Forest, Eco-tourism, Shally Ranjan 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 Plans.

The Prabhari Officers also spread awareness and ensured the saturation of all the government schemes. The VOs exhorted the penetration of online services in the rural population to expedite the public services delivery in a transparent manner.

During a two day visit to panchayats, the VOs inspected different Government institutions viz. Schools, Anganwadi Centres, Ration depots, Health institutions, Panchayat Ghars etc. They also visited the sites of ongoing and completed works under MGNREGA, Capex Budget, PMAY, SBM, and other such schemes.

Interaction meetings with the general public especially, youth, awareness on Self-Employment schemes, Feedback on welfare schemes, services

delivery, and the punctuality of officials in the villages was reviewed by the visiting officers. The senior officers from the District Administration also visited various panchayats during the B2V5 across the district.

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

The Visiting Officers noted public demands and special attention was laid to address the grievances of villagers, especially that of women as well as youth. The Government-Public interface programme was focused on Nasha Mukti, Bhraashachar Mukti, as well as development oriented programmes.

The frontline officers and officials of different departments participated in B2V5 and worked in coordination with Visiting Officers, PRIs and the general public, besides highlighting the programmes and achievements of their respective departments.

## Prabhari Officer conducts wide-ranging activities at Panchayat Aghar Ballian - Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, NOVEMBER 16

Dr Rehana Akhter Bijli, Personnel Officer at Associated Hospital Jammu and the visiting officer for Panchayat Aghar Ballian-Reasi conducted a series of activities as part of the ongoing Back to Village program phase V.

The Visiting Officer actively interacted with PRIs representatives, frontline government functionaries, prominent citizens, and the youth. The agenda encompassed visits to development work sites, reviewing activities of village-level institutions, and inaugurating the chaupal's renovation. Additionally, the officer actively participated in plantation drives, took the Nash Mukti pledge and distributed soil health cards among the farmers. The inspection of ongoing works related to Jal Jeevan Mission and PMAY houses was conducted, along with witnessing cultural and sports activities in the presence of DPO Reasi, OP Bhagat and BDO Rampaul. Engaging in a detailed discussion with the local community, the Visiting Officer addressed core issues faced by the residents, deliberating on effective ways to resolve them. Throughout the program, the officer also informed the public about various centrally sponsored and UT-run schemes aimed at the welfare of the general populace.