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5 Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists killed in 24-hour long Kulgam encounter

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOV 17

Security Forces on Friday claimed to have caused a major dent to terrorism in South Kashmir by killing five Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists in 24-hour long encounter at Samnoo village of Damhal Hanjipora in southern district of Kulgam.

As per news agency, while addressing a joint press conference at the Behibagh headquarters of army, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police South Kashmir range, Rayees Muhammad Bhat said that acting on a specific input, a cordon was laid on November 16 in village Samnoo. "Contact was established with the terrorists of Lashkar-e-Toiba who were hiding in some residential houses. In the encounter, five terrorists of LeT were neutralised. The recoveries in the operation include 4 Ak series rifles, two pistols, four grenades and other incriminating material."

The DIG said that the operation was a big success for the



security forces as the slain terrorists were involved in the killing of minorities and attacks on minority pickets. "The killing of five terrorists has caused a major dent to terrorism in South Kashmir,"

Speaking on the occasion, Commander 2 Sector RR Anirudh Cahudhan said that specific intelligence inputs were generated due to the collaborative teamwork of J&K police and army over a sustained period of time in Kulgam district where presence of five terrorists were

reported in village Samnoo.

"A joint operation was launched on November 16. The terrorists opened fire on troops. Troops ensured the safety of the civilians in the vicinity, evacuating them to safety and carrying out a deliberate operation which lasted for over 24 hours. The operation has resulted in the neutralisation of five hard-core terrorists. A huge cache of warlike stores, which includes 4 Ak 47, 2 pistols and grenades have been found. The over-ground worker (OGW) has

been identified and suitable legal actions are being initiated against them," the army officer said.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vidhi Kumar Birdi while talking to reporters said that Samnoo encounter was a clean operation and there was zero collateral damage. "One security forces' personnel sustained a very minor injury," he said, adding that the slain belonged to Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit.

A police spokesman in a statement to KNO said that acting on a specific information regarding the presence of terrorists in village Samnoo, DH Pora area of district Kulgam, a joint cordon and search operation was launched on Thursday by Kulgam Police and Army (34 RR) in the area.

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

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Minor girl among two dead, 5 injured in Rajouri accident

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOV 17

An 11-year-old girl and a driver of a passenger cab died while five others sustained injuries after the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a gorge near Thanamandi of Rajouri.

The injured have been shifted to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri while two among them are in critical condition.

Police officials told the news agency, the accident took place when a Tata Sumo bearing registration number JKJ20-3494 plying on Thanamandi - Shahdra road fell into

a deep gorge after the driver lost his control over the vehicle.

In the accident, they said, seven persons got injured who all were rescued and shifted to Sub District Hospital Thanamandi where two of them were declared as brought dead.

The deceased have been identified as vehicle driver Mohammad Yasir, son of Mohammad Hussain of Bhangai Thanamandi and Shazia Kouser, daughter of Shafiq Ahmed of Bhangai Thanamandi.

The five passengers, who

got injured in the accident include Pooja Devi, wife of Chaman Lal of Agrati Rajouri, Arushi, daughter of Chaman Lal of Agrati Rajouri, Aliya, daughter of Zulfkar Khan of Agrati Rajouri, Shakeel Ahmed, son of Faqir Mohammad of Parori Kotranka and Kala Khan, son of Noor Mohammad of Muradpur Rajouri.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajouri, Vikas Kundal also visited GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri where he met with the injured persons as well as their attendants and inquired about their well being. KNO

LG visits injured persons at GMC Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Friday visited the citizens who were injured in a Bus accident in Assar Doda and admitted in Government Medical College, Jammu.

The Lt Governor was briefed on the conditions of the injured. He met the team of doctors and medical staff and emphasized that no effort should be spared in their treatment.



Twin delegations call on LG



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 17

A delegation of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

The Lt Governor lauded the cadets and officials for promoting the values of self-discipline, service and patriotism among youth and contributing to the national development.

The delegation also submitted a memorandum to the Lt Governor on the promotion

of Scouts & Guides activities in Universities and enhancing Admission quota of Scouts and Guides.

A delegation of Coordination Committee of Presidents of Urban Local Bodies of Kashmir headed by its Chairman, Mohammad Iqbal Ahangar called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

The members of the delegation apprised the Lt Governor of various developmental issues in their respective areas. KNO

Arms & explosives case: NIA attaches 4 properties in Poonch

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 17

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday attached the properties of a key terror operative undergoing trial in a UA (P)A case involving seizure of arms, ammunition, explosives and narcotics.

The accused, Mohd Yaseen, a resident of district Poonch in Jammu, is an operative of the banned terrorist organisation, Tehreek Ul Mujahideen (TuM).

"Acting on orders of the NIA Special Court, Jammu, the anti-terror agency has attached four properties belonging to Mohd. Yaseen under Section 33 (1) of UA (P) Act, 1967, in the case RC-02/2021/NIA/JMU. The properties are located in the accused's village of Dhroo-

ti (Dhabi) in Tehsil Balakot, District Poonch," the spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency said.

Yaseen was arrested on 27th December 2020, and a cache of arms, ammunitions and explosives was recovered from his possession. He was charge-sheeted on 24th June 2021 and is currently facing trial under sections 121 A & 122 of IPC read with section 120B of IPC, Section 7/25 of Arms Act 1959, as well as Sections 3 & 4 Explosive Substances Act and Sections 13, 18 & 39 of UA (P) Act 1967, the statement added.

"The case came to light with the arrest of one Mohd. Mustafa, which led to the arrest of Mohd. Yaseen and another accused, Mohd. Farooq along with the recovery of

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GLOBAL SOUTH SUMMIT PM Modi condemns civilian deaths in Israel-Hamas war, urges dialogue, diplomacy

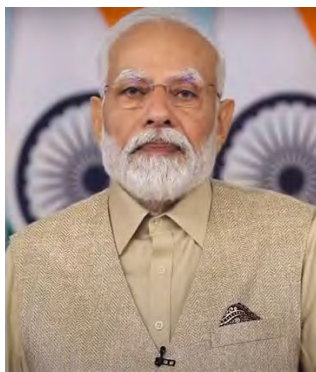
AGENCIES
NEW DELHI

Condemning the mounting civilian deaths in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said new challenges are emerging from the events in West Asia.

Reiterating India's condemnation of the Hamas terror attacks in southern Israel on October 7, PM Modi also highlighted that New Delhi has also sent humanitarian aid to the people of Palestine.

In his opening address at the Voice of Global South Summit earlier on Friday, Prime Minister Modi said, "For global prosperity, sabka saath and sabka vikas is paramount. We all are seeing that new challenges are emerging from the events in the West Asia region."

"India has condemned the terrorist attack in Israel on October 7. We have laid emphasis on exercising restraint, dialogue and diplomacy," he added.



PM Modi said that India has also sent humanitarian aid to the people of Palestine.

"We also strongly condemn the deaths of civilians in the conflict between Israel and Hamas. After talking to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, we have also sent humanitarian aid to the people of Palestine," he added.

"This is the time when the countries of the Global South should unite for the greater global good," Prime Minister Modi stated.

The Second Voice of Global South Summit is

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J&K govt sets-up committees headed by CS for periodic review of suspension cases of JKAS, JKPS officers

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 17

The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Friday constituted two high-level committees headed by chief secretary for periodic review of suspension cases of officers of the Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Services and Jammu & Kashmir Police Services.

As per news agency, headed by CS, the panel constituted for review of suspension cases of JKAS officers comprises Administrative Secretary Home Department, Administrative Secretary General Administration Department, Administrative Secretary concerned Department and Administrative secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

The review committee constituted to look into the suspension cases of JKAS officers may also discuss and review suspension cases of gazetted officers of different departments placed under

suspension for their alleged involvement in vigilance; non-gazetted officials involved in vigilance case, if they belong to more than one department; non-gazetted officials of different departments placed under suspension after being caught red handed while demanding and accepting illegal gratification and employees both gazetted and non-gazetted who have been placed under suspension for allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

According to an order issued by the General Administration Department, the committee constituted for review of suspension cases of JKPS officers comprises Chief Secretary (chairman), Administrative Secretary Home, Director General of Police, Administrative Secretary General Administration Department and Administrative Secretary Department of Law, Justice and

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It is our topmost priority to safeguard rights and benefits extended to all tribal communities: Lt Governor

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 17

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah' celebration at the Convention Centre, Jammu.

The iconic week event is dedicated to the memory of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, brave tribal freedom fighters and to celebrate and commemorate the glorious history of tribal communities, culture and achievements.

In his address, the Lt Governor paid tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other great tribal personalities and lauded the significant contribution of



tribal communities in nation-building.

He announced that the J&K UT Administration will pro-

vide 5 marla land to the 17,000 Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) eligible landless tribal

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Mainly dry weather to continue till 26th November: MeT

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR

The meteorological department forecasts generally dry weather in Jammu and Kashmir until November 26th, with occasional cloudiness on the 18th and 25th of November.

An official from the department mentioned that the current weather is mainly clear to partly cloudy across most places in the region.

Despite these conditions, shallow fog with mist during morning and evening hours may affect visibility in certain areas. The official assured that there will be no significant weather activity until November 26th.

Highlighting the minimum temperatures, the official noted a significant dip across various stations in the Kashmir Division.

Konibal recorded the lowest minimum temperature at -3.5°C, closely

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Unidentified terrorist killed in Rajouri gunfight: Police

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOV 17

An unidentified terrorist was killed in an encounter that broke out in Behrote top area of Budhal village of Rajouri district on Friday, officials said.

An official told news agency, that a cordon and search operation was launched at Behrote top area of Budhal village in the morning after information regarding suspicious

movement was received. He said that during the CASO, the contact was established with the hiding terrorists.

A police spokesman in a statement issued here said that based on specific information, a joint operation was launched by Rajouri Police, Army, Special Forces and CRPF in the general area Behrote top, Budhal.

"While moving towards the targeted house, the

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LG honors freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai on birth anniversary

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

LG Manoj Sinha on Friday paid heartfelt tributes to the revered freedom fighter and social reformer, Punjab Kesari Lala Lajpat Rai Ji, on the occasion of his punyathithi.

Sinha highlighted Rai's

indelible contributions to India's independence struggle and acknowledged his enduring legacy in shaping the nation's socio-political landscape.

Lala Lajpat Rai was a pivotal character in the Indian independence movement who

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Voter registration camps under SSR held across Ramban

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 17

Intensifying SVEEP activities, the Election Department Ramban conducted a series of awareness camps across the district under the aegis of District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary on the Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2023.

The awareness camps organized under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Programme at Government Higher Secondary School Thatharka, Government Model Higher Secondary School Batote and Government Higher Secondary School Salli Dhanadrath for the registration of new eligible youth as voters and Aadhar linkage of electoral.

During the camps, on-the-spot registration of



eligible youth were conducted, besides distributing registration forms and filled-in forms were also received from the eligible voters.

The pledge was also administered to participants to register themselves as a voter in Electoral Rolls, besides educating them about the online portal for registration of voters' on the National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) and Mobile Voter Helpline App. Meanwhile, the faculty and students sensitized the participants about SSR through IEC activities like motivational speeches, Nukkad

Natak, skits and promotional songs.

The speakers threw light on various aspects of being a voter and urged the age-specific students who have attained 18 years or to attain 18 years on 01.01.2024 to enroll themselves in the Electoral list, besides further disseminating the awareness among existing voters for modifications in the list, if any.

Special stress was laid on bridging the gender gap and mapping up of PwD voters in the electoral rolls.

BLOs and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

B2V-5: Director RDD Jammu visits Panchayat Androoth

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOV 17

Director Rural Development Department Jammu, Mohd. Mumtaz Ali visited Panchayat Androoth, Block Qila Darhal and reviewed the status of saturation of individual beneficiary oriented schemes besides developmental activities being carried out by various Departments during the fifth phase of Back to Village.

The Director also inspected completed/ongoing works under PRIs, DDC, BDC grants, CD & Pyl, PHE, PWD (R&B), PDD, Social Welfare besides, inauguration of PMAY-(G) houses in the panchayat and extended congratulations to the beneficiaries for constructing pucca houses under the scheme.

A meeting was also held with field functionaries of various departments and



PRIs to know the gaps under individual beneficiary oriented schemes where departmental representatives apprised about the status of their respective schemes.

The Director inspected various schools to have an overview of infrastructure and staff position in the schools besides enrollment. He visited Kaki Kote, Nalli areas of the

panchayat and interacted with the locals and PRIs to find out the bottle necks, if any.

A Gram Sabha was also held wherein GPDP was discussed and finalized during the meeting.

BDO Qila Darhal, Sarpanch, PRI Members and various field functionaries of different departments accompanied the Director during the visit.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri meets accident victims at GMC & AH

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal immediately rushed to GMC&AH to check the patients who had endured a dreadful Sumo accident in Hasplote area of Thanamandi tehsil in Rajouri district today.

These individuals had been transferred to the hospital for specialized care. Deputy Commissioner engaged with injured and assured financial assistance for the victims.

Tragedy struck as six people were left injured, while the lives of two innocent souls were tragically cut short in a road accident that unfolded at Hasplote area. The aftermath of the accident was nothing short of chaos, with a total of six individuals bearing the brunt of the catastrophe, all left grappling with injuries of



varying degrees. These brave survivors were rushed to the GMC Associated Hospital in Rajouri, where a dedicated medical team worked tirelessly to assess and address their conditions.

Deputy Commissioner inquired about their health and facilities being provided to them. He directed the medical team to provide the injured with the most comprehensive and effective treatment, minimizing the risk of complications and ensuring a smoother

path to recovery. Deputy Commissioner extended a heartfelt promise to the injured and their families, assuring them that the District Administration would stand by their side, offering unwavering support and all the necessary assistance required during this difficult and trying time.

Among the others, MS DH, Dr Mehmood Bajar, Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; DySP HQr, Mudasir Chowdhary and other officers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during his visit.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra continues at Gurez Bandipora

JNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 17

Continuing information dissemination and awareness campaign regarding various centrally sponsored schemes, the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Van Friday reached Khandyal, Shahpora Payeen, Shahpora Bala besides other panchayats of subdivision Gurez, Bandipora.

On the occasion, an overwhelming response was witnessed from the locals who gathered around IEC Van and enthusiastically listened to the recorded message from the Prime Minister of India regarding the campaign.

The schemes being publicized include Ayushman Bharat; PMJAY PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana; Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural



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

The IEC Van is equipped

with multimedia resources, expert speakers, and interactive sessions to engage and educate people about the benefits and application procedures of these schemes.

Experts from different departments and institutions including agriculture, horticulture, J&K Bank, etc, held interactive sessions with the locals wherein they were informed about the procedures to avail these welfare schemes.

Arrangements discussed for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Udhampur

JNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 17

Director of Commerce and Industry, Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, who is also the Prabhari Officer of District Udhampur, chaired a meeting to discuss and strategize for the seamless and successful execution of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" in the district at Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai, Senior Superintendent of Police, Joginder Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh, Additional SP Anwar-Ul-Haq, Chief Planning Officer Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar, PO, Poshan Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal besides senior officers were present in the meeting.



At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the Prabhari Officer on the comprehensive implementation of centrally sponsored schemes. She provided insights into the preparations and department-wise arrangements in progress to saturate schemes across the district. The DC also informed the meeting about the establishment of a district-level control room for overall monitoring, overseen by the designated Nodal officer.

While addressing the meeting, the Prabhari Officer stressed the importance of making adequate arrangements for the successful conduct of the

yatra. The focus was on enhanced mobilization and reaching out to those left out to include them under welfare schemes. He directed officers to ensure maximum public participation in the Yatra, aimed at raising awareness about the Government's schemes and achievements.

During the meeting, meticulous reviews of arrangements for cultural events, health camps, and various other activities associated with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra took place. This comprehensive planning aimed to guarantee a successful and impactful event for the benefit of the community.

DC Kulgam chairs DCDC meeting, reviews Cooperative sector

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired the District Cooperative Development Committee meeting at the mini-secretariat Kulgam to review the Cooperative sector in the district.

During the meeting, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, Nazir Ahmad informed the chair that the department has taken several initiatives to strengthen the cooperative movement in the district. He gave an overview of the present status of cooperative societies in the district.

It was given out that there are 14 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), 11 poultry societies, 49 dairy cooperatives and 2 Farmer producers organization (FPO)



in the district.

The DC urged the allied departments to work towards the objective of strengthening the cooperative movement in the district and deepening its reach to the grassroots level. He directed the concerned officials to make vigorous efforts in order to realize the vision of Sahakar se Samridhi for strengthening the cooperative sector.

The DC also reviewed the progress of adoption of model bylaws, Jan Aus-

hadhi Kendras and Prime Minister Kissan Samridhi Kendras and activation of PACS as CSC centres, computerization of PACS, updating of data in national cooperative databases and other agenda as per the guidelines.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC Viqar Ahmad; ACR Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; DDM NABARD, Rouf Ahmad; Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, CAO, DSHO, AD Fisheries and other officers.

Power shutdown

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 17

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Basholi, Bani, Bhond, Martha-Nagrota, Duggan and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 10 am to 2.30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Keerian Local and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Shazadpur, Ghomanhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Karloop, Dataryal and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Akhnour Town, Raja Bazar, JioPotta Chandiyar, Exchange Industrial Estate, PHE City, Dummi, Sua No. 1, Malpur, Pargwal area and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the

power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD areas and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Industrial Area, PHE and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandral and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Rajinder Nagar Keran, LaxmiPuran, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPF, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 7 am to 10 am.

70th All India Cooperative Week celebrated at Shopian



JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 17

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

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Addressing the function, ADDC impressed upon the concerned officers to provide mass awareness to the people about the schemes of the Cooperative department so that they could get benefited properly.

He called 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 ADDC highlighted the role of Cooperative Societies in the socio-economic upliftment of the people and emphasized the need for formation of new Cooperatives in different fields while impressing upon stakeholders to work hard for making cooperative soci-

eties more active and generate maximum avenues for the employment of youth.

ADDC also inspected the stalls installed by various line departments.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Shopian, Muzaffar Ahmed highlighted the achievements of Cooperative Societies in the district. He provided detailed awareness regarding various schemes of the Cooperative department in the district.

Special emphasis was given to persuade the educated youth, women and people from weaker sections to join the cooperatives for earning their livelihood in multiple diversified sectors.

Certificates and mementos were also distributed among best performing cooperatives.

Among others, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Fisheries, Assistant Registrars Cooperative Societies of district Shopian, District Manager NRLM, District Manager CSC, in addition representatives from Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Health, Drug Controller and other departments were also present besides members of cooperative societies and general public.

ADM Kathua penalizes erring traders for violations under FSS Act, 2006

JNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 17

Court of Adjudicating Officer, Additional District Magistrate Kathua, Ranjeet Singh today imposed fine to the tune of Rs. 1,82,000 lakh on complaint cases/Food Business Operators (FBOs) including manufacturers, wholesale dealers and retailers for violating the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act-2006.

The fine was imposed on the erring traders, during the proceeding of cases of Basohli, Billawar and Bani Sub divisions of district Kathua related to the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006, listed before the Adjudicating Officer.

GDC Sunderbani, Handicraft Service Centre Jammu organize Crafts Demonstration cum awareness programme

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 17

NSS Unit and Road Safety Club of Government Degree College Sunderbani in collaboration with Handicraft Service Centre, Jammu organizes 2-day Crafts Demonstration cum

Awareness Programme under District Level Gandhi Crafts and weaves Mahaotsav. The programme was organized under supervision of Principal of the College Dr. K.K Sharma.

In her keynote address, Ambika Sambhal Sr. Assistant Director briefed

about the importance of programme. Principal of the college emphasizes that Handicraft goods help to generate capital. He briefed on the handicraft of Jammu and Kashmir particularly emphasized on the handicrafts of Jammu Division and make familiar

the guests and students with the different forms of hand art prevalent in District Rajouri. Anirudh Kapil Assistant Director briefed about Handicraft business and how it is helping in generating employment with low capital investment. The resource per-

sons from handloom demonstrated their crafts and also shared their success stories with student were Arvind Kumar, Sushma Devi, Suman Balla, Bindu Ahuja and Rashpal. The students of the college took keen interest in knowing their success stories and

also in process of making the items using less capital.

Prof. Beant Singh, Prof Sheraz Kousser, Prof. Sham Lal, Rafiq Ahmed, Prof. Rabinder Kumar, Dr. Ishaq, Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman, Dr. Neha Sharma and Nishu were present on the occasion.

Chairman DLSA Ganderbal reviews preparations for upcoming National Lok Adalat

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 17

The Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District and Sessions Judge), Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey, today chaired a meeting of Judicial Officers here to discuss the preparation of upcoming 4th National Lok Adalat, scheduled to be held on 9th of December 2023.

The meeting witnessed the participation of the Civil Judge (Sr. Division) /Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak and all judicial officers of District Ganderbal. During the meeting, all the judicial officers exchanged valuable insights, discussed crucial agendas, and formulated an action plan to execute the 4th National Lok Adalat flawlessly and successfully.

It was given out that the DLSA Ganderbal, in collaboration with the participating judicial officers, will undertake comprehensive preparatory measures to ensure a successful and impactful National Lok Adalat on 9th December 2023.

Acknowledging the importance of the event, necessary arrangements will be made to accommodate a wide range of pending cases and provide an approachable, congenial environment for litigants to obtain swift resolutions.

The 4th National Lok Adalat aims to bring justice closer to the people, fostering a culture of peaceful dispute resolution and legal awareness.

The event is expected to witness a substantial turnout, facilitating the resolution of various disputes across diverse domains.

DC Poonch chairs meeting to strengthen Road Safety Measures in the District



J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary, who also serves as the Chairman of the Road Safety Committee, convened a meeting with members of the District Road Safety Committee in Poonch to address the formulation and implementation of an effective traffic management plan.

The meeting was attended by ADC Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik, ACR Poonch, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi besides other concerned officers.

The meeting encompassed a comprehensive discussion on various agenda points, highlighting key areas such as the installation of crash barriers, progress on Mughal Road construction, tackling overloading and illegal parking, organizing road safety awareness camps, enhancing ambulance facilities, identifying accident-prone areas and assessing the total number of vehicles in the district.

The DC emphasized the need for collective efforts to mitigate road accidents and urged the concerned officers to foster close interdepartmental coordination. This collaboration is necessary to minimize accidents and ensure the timely rehabilitation of accident victims.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed Naib Tehsildars, Tehsildars, Police, Traffic Police and ARTO office to establish checkpoints in their respective areas and enforce traffic regulations to curb violations effectively.

Further, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned officers

to focus on promoting road safety practices and encouraging compliance with traffic rules among the general public during intensive awareness and enforcement drives.

Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineers of PWD and PMGSY to ensure proper upkeep of roads, including repairing potholes. By identifying accident-prone areas and implementing precautionary measures such as installing signboards and necessary concretizations, the aim is to minimize road accidents.

During the meeting, the Additional Deputy Commissioner, informed that 1000 young individuals have been trained in disaster management, with their presence ensured in every relevant location to provide assistance when needed.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) were instructed to conduct meetings in their respective tehsils to review ongoing work, assess the installation of crash barriers, and evaluate the progress of PMGSY/PWD projects. Furthermore, they were tasked with conducting surveys to identify the causes of accidents and accident-prone areas, with the intention of submitting a comprehensive report.

In order to enhance emergency response, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to improve ambulance facilities in far-flung areas. This measure will ensure timely and efficient transportation of accident victims to medical facilities, thereby saving precious lives.

Mega awareness programme marks 70th All India Cooperative Week celebration at Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 17

The Department of Cooperatives District Kishtwar today held a day-long mega awareness programme to celebrate 70th All India Cooperative Week at Auditorium of the GDC Kishtwar in spirit with the theme "Role of Cooperative in \$5 Trillion Economy and SDGs".

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav was chief guest on the occasion whereas Additional SP Kishtwar Rajinder Singh was guest of Honour.

Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies Kishtwar, in his welcome address, highlighted the achievements of the Cooperative Societies.

Deputy Registrar talked about Cooperative Marketing Society Kishtwar which had over 14 lakh annual profit and working in the field of Fertilizer, Charcoal and Stationary. He also emphasised the importance of PACS which worked at the lower level and had over 4000 members in district Kishtwar.

These PACS are soon going to operate Common Service Centres, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras and Jan Aushadhi Kendras. Even Dool, Galhar MPCS and Asthangan MPCS already got the drug licence and are soon going to operate Jan Aushadhi Kendras at PHC Keeru and CHC Nowpa-



chi Marwah respectively. These Jan Aushadhi Kendras will provide affordable generic medicine to common people in these remote areas.

Deputy Commissioner, during his address, appreciated Cooperative Department Kishtwar for its exemplary work and efforts to transform the lives of people associated with Cooperative Societies.

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

The DC encouraged the District Cooperative Department to keep working hard in collaboration with other stakeholder departments like agriculture, Horticulture, Handicrafts etc and pursue it in a way that we are able to create numerous success stories in the district in alignment with the HADP programmes etc.

The main objective of the celebrations is to high-

light the achievement of the Cooperative Sector, create awareness about how to uplift the weaker sections of society, share success stories and to chalk out the future strategy for strengthening the Cooperative movement.

Students on the occasion presented the Cultural Performances besides the various societies were felicitated for their exemplary performances under cooperatives. Registration certificates were also distributed among various Societies.

The achievements and success stories of Cooperative Sector Kishtwar were highlighted through movie screening during the programme.

On the occasion, different eminent speakers of the District Cooperative societies threw light on their success stories and how they availed the different department wise public welfare schemes.

DC Kishtwar along with others also inspected the stalls of the different Cooperative Societies on the occasion.

Forest Department launches campaign on "Plastic Free Forests" during B2V5

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 17

The J&K Forest Department has initiated a UT wide campaign involving members of Gram Panchayats, ULBs, Paryavaran Mitras, locals and Forest staff to clean forest areas from plastic/ polythene garbage. Focus is being laid at tourist destinations like Patnitop, Batote, Sanasar, Pahalgam, Gulmarg Doodhpathri etc which witness high influx of floating population.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF J&K Forest Department, Roshan Jaggi, distributed certificates of participation and interacted with participants who conducted such drives in Champa and adjoining areas in Batote in last two days during B2V5 campaign.

PCCF enjoined upon locals and PRI representatives to spread awareness and lead such campaigns regularly in their respective areas to remove garbage and prevent use of SuP items in Forests to maintain health and serenity of natural environment. The PCCF also inaugurated a City Forest at Gram Panchayat Champa at Batote during

B2V programme. The City Forest has been developed over an area of 200 kanals along Batote - Ramban Highway which will offer various facilities to locals as well as tourists moving along the National Highway. Gram Panchayat, Batote Municipal Committee representatives and locals lauded Forest Department for creating recreational avenues.

PCCF & HoFF reviewed the works of Champa Gram Panchayat and participated in plantation programme under Green JK Drive. J&K Forest PCCF also held a high level meeting of officers of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban and Udampur Districts at Batote to take stock of various developmental and forest protection related works. He inspected the progress of works rehabilitation of over 600 hectare of highly degraded forest area along Nathatop - Sanasar road where 5.50 lakh plants are being planted to regenerate forests on a huge denuded forest land under CAMPA programme. It was informed that an amount of Rs. 2778.5 lakh is being spent under this special eco-restoration project. He informed that upto

March 2024, most of the vulnerable forest boundary lines in J&K shall be digitized and demarcated to create a strong deterrence against forest encroachments.

Under new Minor Forest Produce Policy of Department 1140 local households collect 12 Minor Forest Produce species including Guchie, Mushk-bala, Dhoob, Nagchatri, Belladonna, Chilgosa etc are getting benefited by earning higher profits under the new policy.

PCCF & HoFF appreciated the efforts of field / officers in slope stabilization works taken under a special CAMPA Project along Batote - Ramban - Banihal National Highway through an improvised geo-textile technology and it is proving very effective in stabilization of Chronic erosion prone vulnerable spots like Nashri.

PCCF & HoFF inaugurated the winter planting programme under Green JK Drive 2023-24 at Shopian and Anantnag areas in Kashmir Valley during his two day visit to these areas. PCCF & HoFF was accompanied by senior officers from Forest and allied departments during his field visits.

Principal SP College flags-off group of students on Education tour

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

The educational tour of Integrated MSC Environmental Science students of 5th and 6th semester of SP College Srinagar to district Rajouri and its adjoining areas commenced today.

The group of 25 students and 05 faculty and non-teaching staff was flagged-off by the Principal SP College, Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi from the campus.

He advised the students to avail this opportunity and work with utmost dedication to learn the critical aspects of biodiversity and challenges in the area.

District Pulwama marks 70th Cooperative Week with vibrant Celebrations

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 17

In a jubilant celebration of the 70th Cooperative Week, District Pulwama set the stage for a dynamic event centered on the theme, 'Emerging Areas and Ease of Doing Business for Cooperative'.

The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom as the chief guest, who, along with other dignitaries, explored the multifaceted contributions of cooperatives in the district.

The Cooperative week celebrations started-off with an energetic inspection of stalls, where various cooperative societies proudly showcased their diverse products, epitomizing the evolution of the cooperative sector in embracing emerging areas. From traditional to contemporary, the stalls depicted the adaptability and innovation of local cooperatives.

Addressing the diverse gathering, the DC expressed his pleasure at witnessing such a vibrant assembly. Emphasizing the theme, he articulated the critical role of cooperatives in uplifting the local economy. He underscored the need for continuous innovation, adaptability, and exploration of new avenues for cooperatives to thrive.

The DC further delved into the evolution of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). He articulated the significant shift of PACS from conventional shops to dynamic centers, underscoring their evolution in tandem with the changing economic landscape. He also highlighted how PACS, once confined to traditional roles, have diversified their services, becoming multifaceted hubs catering to a range of diverse economic needs.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, registration certificates were presented to newly registered cooperatives by the DC, symbolizing their official recognition and integration into the cooperative sector. Mementos



well-performing cooperative societies serving as a motivation for others to strive for excellence, fostering healthy competition within the cooperative sector.

Earlier, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Pulwama, Adnan Nazir in his address, shed light on the achievements of cooperatives within the district, emphasizing their crucial role in contributing to economic growth.

He specifically highlighted the need for cooperatives to explore emerging areas and streamline processes for ease of doing business.

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DC Rajouri presides over DLTFC Meet; clears 56 cases under JKREGP

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 17

The District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) in Rajouri, under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal approved 56 cases today under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Program (JKREGP). These cases encompassed a loan amount of Rs 368 lakh, showcasing the commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and empowering the local youth.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the pivotal role of timely disbursement of loan assistance to the deserving beneficiaries. Recognizing the significance of prompt support, the District Development Commissioner reaffirmed the commitment to fulfilling the objectives of the scheme. The Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Program, launched by the government, aims to stimulate economic growth, nurture entrepreneurship, and create self-employment avenues for young individuals.

The approval of 56 cases under the JKREGP signifies a significant stride towards provid-



ing sustainable livelihood opportunities to the youth of Rajouri. By extending financial support and encouraging entrepreneurial ventures, the program aims to address the unemployment challenges faced by the region, ultimately fostering economic development and social empowerment.

The beneficiaries of the approved cases will gain access to crucial financial resources, enabling them to establish and expand their own ventures. By promoting entrepreneurship, the program aims to create conducive environment for the growth of small-scale industries, thus driving economic progress at the grassroots level. The District Development Commissioner expressed his satisfaction with the number of cases cleared and the loan amount sanctioned under the JKREGP. He acknowledged the efforts of the DLTFC in meticulously evaluating and

selecting the deserving candidates, ensuring transparency and fairness in the selection process. He further emphasized the importance of effective implementation and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the successful execution of the program.

The approval of these cases reflects the steadfast commitment of the Government to fostering entrepreneurship and self-reliance among the youth of Rajouri. It marks a significant step towards empowering individuals by providing them with the means to become self-sufficient and contribute to the overall development of the region.

Among the others, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; General Manager DIC, Ashwini Sharma; Lead District Manager, Sanjeev Bhasin; Director RSETI, Raman Sharma; District Officer KVIB, Abdul Aziz and other concerned officers attend the meeting.

NORTHERN RAILWAY								
NOTICE INVITING TENDER								
Dy. CEE/GSU/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date 08.12.2023 at 15:00 Hrs only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.								
Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & time for submission of tender	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
27-TRD-GSU-T-105-2023-24	OHE modification work in c/w Upgradation of Signalling system from Standard-I to Standard-II at Khurdpur, Nasrala and Hoshiarpur over Firozpur Division	1,66,17,615.35p	NIL	Upto 08.12.2023 15:00 Hrs.	2,33,100/-	05 Months	08.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
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27-TRD-GSU-T-107-2023-24	OHE modification work in c/w Upgradation of Signalling system from Standard-I to Standard-II at Guru Har Sahai and Muktsar over Firozpur Division	2,35,00,945.86p	NIL	Upto 08.12.2023 15:00 Hrs.	2,67,500/-	05 Months	08.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
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AIJMS President seeks probe into rising road accidents in Jammu region

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

Ch Manmohan Singh, President of the All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS), Jammu and Kashmir and a former Mayor of Jammu, has expressed deep concern over the rising number of road accidents in the Union Territory. He has urged the government to conduct a thorough investigation to identify the root causes of these accidents and take immediate measures to curb them. In this regard, a meeting of the Jat Maha Sabha held in Jammu in which the participants observed a two-minute silence to pay homage to those who lost their lives in the recent Assar accident in Doda district. Notably, 39 persons killed and 17 were injured in the road mishap in Assar area of district Doda on October 15, 2023. He drew attention to several major accidents that had occurred in the past. On July 1, 2019, 35 persons lost their lives and 17 were injured in Kishtwar's Sirgari area due to an overloaded mini-bus veering off the road. On May 30, 2023,

10 Vaishno Devi pilgrims from Bihar were killed and 57 injured in Jammu district as their bus skidded off the road. Ch Manmohan Singh pointed out that Kishtwar and Doda districts have become accident-prone zones, with a disturbingly high number of fatalities in recent months. He criticized the Transport Department and Traffic Police for failing to take effective measures to prevent overloading and speeding, which are major contributors to road accidents. Ch Manmohan Singh further underscored the poor condition of roads in Kishtwar and Doda districts as a major contributing factor to the rising incidence of road accidents. He emphasized the urgent need for the government to prioritize road infrastructure development in these districts. He also urged the government to launch an awareness campaign to educate drivers about traffic rules and regulations. He also called for stricter enforcement of traffic rules and penalties for violators.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camps held at Matayan, Pandrass Panchayats

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KARGIL, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

To ensure the saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at Panchayat Ghar Matayan and Panchayat Ghar Pandrass in Kargil district.

During the event, block-level officers of RD&PRD, Health, Fisheries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Social Welfare, PHE Kargil, ICDS, NABARD, NRLM, Handloom, NYK, KVK, Cooperative Department besides other line departments were present.

SDM Drass, Vishal Atri, BDO Drass/Day Nodal Officer Shahid Sultan, AEE PHE Kargil Farman Ali, District Development Manager, NABARD, Tse-



wang Dioorjay, PRI members, Junior Scientist KVK Kargil, Dr Mansoor Husain and concerned officials of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, NYK Kargil, PDD and other concerned officers, officials were present.

The villagers were informed about various direct beneficiary-oriented schemes, aiming to uplift their lives. During the program, Viksit Bharat pledge was also taken by participants.

During the camp, a thorough health screen-

ing was held, encompassing essential health check-ups such as blood pressure and sugar level assessments.

In addition to health services, agricultural, horticulture, NRLM and other departments, related concerns were addressed by experts on-site. The experts assisted in resolving issues related to Agriculture and Horticulture ensuring that the farming community received valuable insights and solutions to enhance their productivity.

The camp also focused on Jal Jeevan Mission initiatives, offering guidance and support to mitigate water-related challenges in the region. One of the aspects of the event was the provision of direct beneficiary-oriented benefits to the villagers on the spot.

Besides others, the ICDS Department also informed the people about beneficiary-oriented schemes to the people. This included the distribution of various benefits and resources designed to uplift the community and improve their quality of life.

The District Development Manager, NABARD also spoke about the importance of saturation of KCC under Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyan.

Natya Rang maiden presentation enthralled audiences

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

Natya Rang, a new registered cultural society, aimed to work for the promotion of Art and Culture presented Gojri Dance performance here today at Convention Centre, Jammu in connection with the Janjatiya

Gaurav Saptah organised by Tribal Affairs Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. The presentation was choreographed by Sunny Mujoo-a well-known face in the field of Choreography. The presentation was highly applauded and enthralled the audiences with the dance skills of

the artists. The Gojri Dance presentation is a musical tradition of Gujjars who have very interesting singing narratives which beautifully portray their cultural ethos and the incidents relating to their daily life and their pet animals. Jammu and Kashmir, the crown of India

is studded with lofty, gigantic Himalayas, deep valleys and vast meadows and the nomadic tribe, Gujjars who along with their cattle, shift to plains in winters and move towards the mountains in summers provide a wonderful flavour to the cultural co-existence of this region.

Congress questions efficiency of traffic dept, condoles deaths in Thannamandi accident today

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

JKPCC has expressed shock over the loss of two precious lives and injuries to five others in a road accident in Thannamandi, Rajouri today and expressed sympathies with the bereaved families and the injured.

JKPCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wan, working President Raman Balla, Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma, DCC Vice Chairman & President DCC Shabir Ahmed Khan, DCC member & Vice President PCC Ch Sain Abdul Rasheed, General Secretaries Shakeel Mir & Iftikhar Ahmed besides

Lalit Mahajan, Rajesh Gupta, Pushpinder Gupta Vijay Guru, Ashok Sharma Manju Sharma, Ratan Mehta, Balkrishan & other senior Congress leaders shared the grief of the bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

PCC has expressed serious concern over the rising road accidents and asked the UT administration to take strict action against the erring traffic system to check rising accidents and loss of precious lives on roads.

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

IGP Jammu visits GMC, Jammu, enquires about health of injured persons



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 17

Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Shri. Anand Jain, IPS paid a visit to Govt. Medical College, Jammu and enquired about the health / welfare of the injured who sustained injuries in a road accident at Trungal Assar Doda day before yesterday

day and were undergoing treatment there. During visit to GMC, Jammu, the IGP Jammu met with injured persons and assured all possible help from the Police department. IGP Jammu Shri. Anand Jain, IPS met some of the injured individually, enquired about their well-being and wished for their speedy recovery.

GDCW Kathua organizes Investiture ceremony



JAMMU, NOV 17

Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua organised Investiture ceremony for the newly elected executive body of the college. The elected executive body actively participated in the ceremony. Prakriti of sem-5th as President, Ms. Dalu Mangotra as Vice-President, Ms. Bhojika Rajput as General Secretary, Ms. Tania Rajput as Treasurer, Literary Secretary, Ms. Kashish, Cultural Secretary, Ms. Sonika were honoured by badges by worthy Principal. Principal of the college, Dr. Savi Behl advised the newly elected class representatives to work actively for the smooth functioning of the college so that the quality in academics as well as in curricular activities may be strengthened. She advised the students to work for the betterment of the institution with positive attitude and responsibility. The ceremony was organised under the guidance of Dr. Rachna Devi, convener DSW. Senior faculty member Prof. Ashwani Kumar Khajuria, HOD Food Science and quality control and members of DSW, Dr. Vais-hano Devi, Dr. Deepti, Dr. Surekha and Mr. Roshan Lal Sharma were also present in the function. Principal of the College Dr. Savi Behl appreciated the whole team of DSW for organising such program and suggested to organise various such awareness programs in future for the welfare of the students. Proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr. Surekha Rani and formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rachna, and she also guided the student's council members to be role models and render their responsibilities sincerely as the nation builders of tomorrow.

Handball Selection Trial from 18th to 20th November

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU NOV 17

The J&K Handball Association has decided to conduct selection trial for the upcoming 46th Junior Girls National Handball championship to be held at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) from 16th December to 20th December 2023. The Three days trial shall take place at Playing Field Shastri Nager Jammu here from 18th November to 20th November at 4pm respectively. The Player Born on or after 1-1-2004 is eligible to participate in the National. All affiliated units of J&K Handball Association are requested to send the players at the venue.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

5 Lashkar-e-Toiba...

CRPF (18BN) also joined the anti-terrorist operation. However, due to darkness the operation was kept on hold till early morning. The cordon remained intact throughout the night & with the help of additional reinforcement the cordoned area was further strengthened," the spokesman said.

He said that with the first light today, the operation was resumed, which resulted in the elimination of five terrorists. "Their bodies have been retrieved from the site of encounter and have been identified as Yasir Bilal Bhat alias Humais son of Bilal Ahmad Bhat resident of KG RAINA Wapoh, Danish Hameed Thoker son of Abdul Hameed, Ubaid Ahmad Padder son of Wali Mohd Padder, both residents of Chakoora Shopian, Sameer Farooq Sheikh son of Farooq Ahmad resident of Chak Cholend Shopian and Hanzal Yaqoob Shah alias Hanzilla son of Mohd Yaqoob Shah resident of Rawalpura Shopian. All the killed terrorists were linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT/TRF," the spokesman.

The police spokesman said that as per the police records the killed terrorists were categorized terrorists and involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on Police/SFs and civilian atrocities. "They were also involved in a number of attacks on minority pickets. The killed terrorist Sameer Farooq and terrorist Danish Hameed were involved in an attack on a Kashmiri Pandith Sonu Bhat of Chotigam, Shopian. Terrorist Danish Hameed along with terrorist Hanzal Yaqoob Shah were also involved in a terror attack on outside labourers at Gagren, Shopian on 13/07/2023, in which 03 outside labourers got injured. Terrorist Sameer Farooq Sheikh was also involved in instigating & luring local youth to join terrorist ranks besides was involved in attack on minority picket at Heepora Bata-gund, Shopian," he said.

He said that incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including 04 AK-series rifles, 04 grenades and two pistols were recovered from the site of the encounter. "All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," the spokesman said, adding that the people are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials. KNO

Arms & explosives case: NIA...

arms, ammunition, explosives and narcotics from their possession," it said.

Meanwhile, NIA investigations in the case subsequently exposed a conspiracy to attack religious places in Mendhar area with grenades. KNO

It is our topmost priority...

beneficiaries in coming days.

"It is our topmost priority to safeguard the rights and benefits extended to all the tribal communities. The administration is committed to ensure that the tribal population in Jammu Kashmir enjoy equitable benefits of growth," he said.

At the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah event, the Lt Governor highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration for welfare and development of tribal communities over the past few years.

Community and Individual Forest Rights, Self Help Groups for forest produce, support to new enterprises had transformative impact in tribal areas. J&K Administration has taken concrete steps for economic empowerment of tribal communities through Sheep farms, Dairy units and Tri-Wool Project, he said.

We have expanded and made educational opportunities accessible to all tribal communities including migratory population. Construction of new tribal

hostels, smart schools, Eklavya, coaching facilities for competitive exams, skill development programmes have started showing results in overall development, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to achieve saturation of government flagship schemes and reach out to all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

"Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will ensure no tribal family is left out of the journey of development and progress," he said.

The Lt Governor also appreciated the artists for promoting the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities. Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sh Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; senior officers and members of Tribal communities in large numbers were present.

PM Modi condemns civilian...

taking place in a virtual mode. The Second Voice of the Global South Summit would focus on sharing with countries of the Global South the key outcomes achieved in various G20 meetings over the course of India's Presidency.

The challenges posed by global developments are also likely to be discussed. Further, the summit will serve as a platform to discuss ways to sustain the momentum generated towards our common aspiration of a more inclusive, representative and progressive world order.

Recently, Israel President Isaac Herzog said India advocates peace and can definitely pursue the voice of reason, security for Israel and peace for the region.

In an exclusive interview with ANI, Herzog described India as "a very important nation in the world" and "one of the greatest countries on earth".

"India is a very important nation in the world and it was my true honour to speak at the joint session of US Congress in Washington in July, just a few weeks after PM Modi spoke. We believe India advocates peace and is a very impressive country, one of the greatest on earth and India can definitely pursue the voice of reason, security for Israel and peace for the region," the Israel President said.

He was asked about India's position on the sequence of events following Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7. The war between Israel and Hamas has entered the 41st day.

Asked if India can play a role to mediate or moderate the conflict, the Israel President talked about the need to rebuild Gaza as a peaceful place and noted that there can then be talk about true dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians and India has a lot to contribute to these ideas.

"I don't know, I'm not sure but I say that the day after, part of the issue will be how do we rebuild Gaza again and how we make sure that Gaza is a safe haven and a peaceful place and then we can speak about doing business with the Mediterranean and having Israelis and Palestinians have a true dialogue. India has a lot to contribute to all these ideas," he told ANI.

Israeli Ambassador to India Naor Gilon had last month urged New Delhi to designate Hamas as a terror organisation in India as well.

He stated that both India and Israel have a "shared war" against terror and counter-terrorism is one of the areas where the countries align.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was one of the first global leaders to condemn the terror attack on Israel.

India has said it sees the attack by Hamas on Israel as "a terrorist attack" and that it has always advocated the resumption of direct negotiations towards establishing a sovereign, independent and viable state of Palestine

that lives side by side at peace with Israel.

The conflict in Gaza escalated after the October 7 attack by Hamas, where about 2,500 terrorists breached the border into Israel from the Gaza Strip, leading to casualties and the seizure of hostages.

Israel has characterised its Gaza offensive as targeting Hamas' infrastructure with the goal of eliminating the entire terror group while making efforts to minimize civilian casualties (Agencies)

J&K govt sets-up...

Parliamentary Affairs.

According to the GAD, all the administrative secretaries shall furnish brief notes in respect of suspended officer(s)/official(s) of their respective departments to the GAD for placing their cases before the concerned review committee.

The departments have also been directed to hold review of suspension of other officers by constituting review committees in the respective department, keeping the GAD informed about the outcome of such reviews.

The review committees/ department shall ensure that periodic review of suspension cases as per the Rules and Supreme Court and Central Vigilance Commission guidelines, the GAD said. KNO

Unidentified terrorist...

terrorist started firing on the operation parties from inside. The exchange of fire continued for some time and during the ensuing operation, one terrorist was killed," the statement said, adding that one AK 47- two magazines- three Chinese grenades- five Pouches were recovered.

A case under FIR number 128/2023 under section 307, 120B, 121, 122 IPC; 7/25/27 Arms Act; 13/16/18/23 UAPA Act 3/4 Explosive Substance Act has been registered at Police Station Budhal of District Rajouri, police said.

"The identity of the killed terrorist is being ascertained. Moreover, the area has been kept under cordon and search operation is going on," the spokesman said. KNO

Mainly dry weather...

followed by Pahlgam at -3°C. In Gulmarg, the mercury settled at -1.5°C, while in Kupwara, it was -0.2°C. Qazigund recorded -0.1°C, Banihal settled at 2.2°C, and Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 0.6°C.

The observed shift in temperatures indicates a cooler period for the region, according to the meteorological department. (Agencies)

LG honors freedom...

had a profound influence on early Indian literature and journalism in addition to politics.

Rai, who died on November 17, 1928, from a brain injury sustained after being bated at a protest, was vital in influencing India's literary scene and the developing press in the years leading up to independence because of his passionate dedication to the country's advancement.

He made numerous contributions to the press and literature that helped to shape the intellectual climate of his day.

Through his writings, Rai dedicated himself to furthering the ideas of liberty, justice, and equality, thereby reviving the spirit of resistance against colonial subjugation.

"Back to Village-V Program": Rachna Sharma visits Panchayat Panthal

JNEWS SERVICE REASI, NOVEMBER 17

As an integral part of the transformative Back to Village-V Program, Rachna Sharma, Secretary in Social Welfare Department embarked on a significant visit to Panchayat Panthal in Reasi district.

DDC, Rajinder Kumar Mengi, ADDC Reasi Jyoti Slathia, ACD Reasi Anirudh Rai, CDPO of Pouni Lekha Basin, BDO Block Panthal besides other field functionaries from various departments accompanied her during the tour.

A Gram Sabha was conducted which was chaired by the Secretary Rachna



Sharma. The Gram Sabha served as a platform where a spectrum of grievances resonated and were promptly brought to the attention of ADDC Reasi for immediate redressal. A resolute pledge toward

the Swachh Bharat initiative was collectively undertaken during this session, symbolizing a shared commitment to cleanliness and community welfare. Concurrently, a conscientious plantation drive was set into motion within the Panchayat, fostering a sustainable and eco-friendly ethos.

Rachna Sharma undertook a meticulous inspection of the ongoing developmental works within the Panchayat, ensuring that progress aligned seamlessly with the community's evolving needs. She also visited Government Higher Secondary School, Panthal, where she inspected the premises and also interacted with the students. The school resonated with a vibrant tapestry of cultural events, intellectual discourses through debates and seminars, and the rich tapestry of folk programs, all orchestrated by the proactive school authorities. During her address, the Secretary navigated critical social issues such as drug addiction and women's empowerment.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Office Kishtwar disburses Rs. 17,561,795 under Employee Compensation Act 1923

JNEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 17

The Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Kishtwar today disbursed financial claim of Rs. 17,561,795 to support the dependants of seven deceased workers affiliat-

ed with MSJP Associates of the Pakal Dul HEP project in Kishtwar.

These unfortunate individuals lost their lives in a tragic accident at Dangdoo Dachhan a few months ago. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav in presence of Assis-

tant Labour Commissioner, Kishtwar Mohd Idrees Lone, Labour Inspector Sunil Kumar and representative from JP Associates, the office ceremoniously handed over the invoice amount of Rs. 17,561,795 to the dependants at the office chamber of DC Kishtwar.

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

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

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY. Table with columns: Spl. Train No., Station From, Dept. Time, Station to, Arr. Time, Frequency / Day, Period.

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LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN RAILWAY NETWORK

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EDITORIAL

Collective efforts to ensure lasting peace

On Thursday, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha asked the people not to fall prey to vested interests while indirectly pointing towards the opportunist politicians who always look for an opportunity to fish in the troubled waters. He assured the people that the doors for discussions are always open for the common citizens. With every political party bracing for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections to be held in April-May next year, the statement of Lieutenant Governor is considered as a clarion call for all that the politicians may exploit the people in the name of religion and regional basis to score their petty interests. He however also made it clear that the time of conflict profiteers has gone. There are still some disturbances in peace, and whether anything happens in Jammu or Kashmir, if anything happens in the world, they try to disturb peace here. The opportunist politicians always try to mislead the people on different pretexts which is not good for society as a whole. These people spread rumours without proof. What is encouraging is the statement of the Lieutenant Governor wherein he impressed upon the people that they should come forward and convey their concerns if the administration has made any mistake. Only dialogue is the way forward to settle the long standing issues. The hard-earned peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370 needs to be maintained at any cost. The people must bear in mind that there can be no development without peace which is prerequisite for inclusive development. Be it the influx of large tourists or big investments in Jammu and Kashmir, the primary requirement is to maintain peace and normalcy. It sends a strong message across the globe that Jammu and Kashmir is the safe destination for picnicking or making investments. It is the duty of every single individual to make their contribution for a lasting peace because maintaining peace is not only the work of the police or administration; citizens also have a key role in this. If they leave this job entirely to the police and administration and forget about their responsibility, peace cannot be established. If the people remain dedicated and steadfast in their responsibility, then this peace will endure. In other words, the people are real stakeholders and they have to rise to the occasion to defeat the nefarious designs of anti-social elements as well as the opportunist politicians who are bent on disturbing the peace. The number of stone-pelting and terror incidents have come down drastically since August 5, 2019 while the recruitment of local youth in militancy has also been curbed significantly. It is now the collective responsibility of ordinary citizens and UT administration to work for restoration of lasting peace and tranquility so that Jammu and Kashmir can march on the path of progress and development like other states of the country.

How to restore Palestinian dignity?

NILANTHA ILANGAMUWA

Under the shadow of violence and injustice, the Palestinian people face a heart-wrenching reality yet again. While Israel's actions are undeniably wrong, the collective assault and destruction inflicted upon Palestine could have been avoided without resorting to such brutal measures. However, abstract discussions and philosophical debates offer little solace to the families of those who have been kidnapped and murdered by Hamas. If our children were subjected to such atrocities, how would we react? How would we demand justice? The time for empty words and inaction has long passed. It is indisputable that the Palestinian people deserve to live in peace and security, free from the constant threat of violence. Yet, justifying Hamas's actions, regardless of funding sources or other factors, is equally reprehensible and misguided.

The debates surrounding the Palestinian struggle have long faded into the abyss of history. While the creation of Israel was undoubtedly a monumental injustice against the Palestinian people, such acts of oppression and manipulation are far from unprecedented. The hand of the powerful has repeatedly redrawn the political map of West Asia (Middle East), leaving the Arab people to navigate the treacherous waters of change and upheaval.

What sets the Arab-Israeli conflict apart is the insidious brew of religious, cultural, and racial hatred,

fueled by centuries of animosity and exacerbated by a series of devastating wars. The world, in its perplexing hypocrisy, simultaneously laments the dehumanising brutality of war while celebrating the prowess of victors and mocking the vanquished. After the Arabs' successive defeats, they became the punchline of jokes that echoed around the globe, their inferior military capabilities the subject of derision and disdain. Fueled by desperation and wounded pride, a few misguided souls embarked on a path of vengeance, their actions ultimately fueling the flames of terrorism and further enraging the international community.

The conflict's gravity lies not solely in its intractable nature but also in its strategic significance, with the region's vast oil reserves and the geopolitical chess match between global powers adding an explosive dimension. The existence of rogue terrorist organisations, with their shifting allegiances and unwavering determination to achieve their goals, further complicates the situation, transforming the region into a tinderbox ripe for the spark of international conflict. The Palestine-Israeli dispute is a tragic testament to the enduring power of prejudice, the destructive consequences of unchecked ambition, and the devastating impact of political manipulation. It is a conflict that demands urgent attention, a resolution that transcends the narrow interests of any one faction, and a commitment to fostering understanding and tolerance amidst the maelstrom

of hatred and violence.

Look at the consequences of celebrating the Arab Spring. True that was not an unforeseen eruption, but rather the culmination of years of accumulated dissatisfaction with oppressive governance and economic stagnation. The uprisings were not primarily driven by the pursuit of democracy, but rather by fundamental necessities such as employment, food, and security. The United States and other Western powers were overly eager to embrace the uprisings, failing to comprehend the profound political and economic issues that had ignited them. The uprisings have resulted in a power vacuum in numerous regions of West Asia, which has been filled by extremist groups and authoritarian regimes. The United States' foreign policy in West Asia has been a significant contributor to the region's instability and requires significant rethinking.

In the current landscape, the question arises: What truly matters today? The hatred against Jews isn't about rallying against Israel but urging for Arab unity in times of need. It's not about eliminating Israel but finding a compromise for both sides, granting a chance for those exploited as propaganda tools to live. Attacking Israel doesn't significantly contribute to the Palestinian struggle; while Israel is wrong, it's essential to recognise that they aren't the sole perpetrators. They are paying the price for the actions of older generations now gone.

The Palestinian struggle to reclaim independence

has been further hindered by a multitude of internal obstacles, including disunity, corruption, and systemic irregularities. These factors have undoubtedly exacerbated the protracted and complex nature of the conflict, arguably to a greater extent than Israel's pre-emptive strikes and strategic manoeuvres.

The deeply entrenched disunity among Palestinian factions has been compounded by ideological differences, personal rivalries, and the meddling of neighbouring Arab nations, who have exploited the Palestinian cause to advance their political agendas. The Palestinians have become mere pawns in a game of regional power politics, their aspirations for self-determination sacrificed at the altar of strategic interests. Similarly, corruption within Palestinian institutions fuels the flames of frustration and disillusionment, eroding public trust and legitimacy. Sectarian violence and human rights abuses tarnish the cause and complicate international support, rather than eliciting symbolic sympathy. These internal challenges intertwine with external factors like vested interests of neighbouring Arab countries, creating a labyrinth for the Palestinian people.

The crisis in Palestine differs from Ukraine. Palestinians suffer not only from Israel but also from internal divisions and hypocritical Arab nations playing old colonial games. Yasser Arafat rightly noted, "The biggest enemy of Palestinians is the internal divisions among them." This tragedy

isn't just due to Israeli occupation but also their own mistakes. The Hamas brutality sparked a new wave of attacks, but responsible parties in Palestine largely ignored this, focusing on pure hatred against Israel. This deep-rooted disunity burdens the people, not liberating them.

The sight of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, taking to the streets to express their solidarity with the Palestinian people, including American citizens, is truly inspiring. However, similar scenes have played out across the United States in response to the US's wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and other parts of West Asia. While these protests have been overwhelmingly popular, they have unfortunately failed to alter the course of US foreign policy. This is evident in the US's unwavering support for brutal embargoes against countries like Cuba and Venezuela, despite widespread opposition from even its closest allies. Yet, this is the first time in over 70 years, since the creation of Israel over Palestine that such a groundswell of public support has emerged for the Palestinian cause. This surge of support is undoubtedly due to the Israeli government's disproportionate response to the most brutal attacks against Jews since the Holocaust.

Within hours of the Hamas attacks, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu initiated a military operation on Gaza, resulting in over a month of emergency. The outcome may see Palestinian land diminishing into Israel. Criticising Israel's responses requires a recall

of old political doctrines - a cruel attack doesn't demand a civilised counterattack. The ongoing conflict deepens crisis; the focus should be on resolution. Despite some analysts predicting the West's decline, this crisis presents an opportunity for the West to shift attention away from its ongoing international failures and the protracted conflict in Ukraine.

Arab nations with economic power rarely invest in Palestine, offering few employment opportunities. Palestinian leaders compromise unity for power, neglecting plans to uplift the poorest. Have any Palestinian political leaders compromised national unity to secure their power, despite continuing to fight like Kilkenny cats? Undeniably, collective punishment won't solve problems. Killing indiscriminately won't succeed; history proves it wrong. They murdered and buried the innocent, believing them to be truly dead. But in time, they will realise that they were seeds, a truth they never comprehended. Ceasing fire is imperative, but it alone cannot heal the wounds of this conflict. Only through unity within and among Arab countries can Palestinians achieve a life of dignity. Palestinians need life, like those in prosperous Arab countries.

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India-US dialogue focuses on conflicts

KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The recently concluded 2+2 dialogue between India and the US, underscores the warmth in the bilateral relations both countries have carefully nurtured in the last decade or so, in a bipartisan manner. It is by no means a coincidence that the dialogue took place, despite the US facing at least two, tough scenarios in Europe and West Asia, even as President Biden met his Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of the APEC summit this week. The dialogue established beyond doubt that the way forward plan for both countries is a firm reiteration of the role Indo-Pacific players (without China) will have to warm up to.

A joint statement issued post the dialogue read, "The Min-

isters reaffirmed the importance of a free, open, inclusive and resilient Indo-Pacific and renewed their shared desire to consolidate their dialogue and collaboration through the Quad. They emphasised the important role of the Quad as a force for global good for the peoples of the Indo-Pacific. The Ministers look forward to India hosting the next in-person Quad leaders' Summit in 2024. The Ministers appreciated the ongoing efforts of the I2U2 countries to enhance food and energy security and improve the movement of people and goods across hemispheres. The Ministers also noted that the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor will enhance connectivity between Asia and Europe and will unlock new potential for economic growth in the two continents. They welcomed

the relaunch of consultations between the Indian Ministry of External Affairs and the U.S. Department of State on Africa, aimed at exploring potential trilateral cooperation in Africa. They also looked forward to convening the next round of East Asia Consultations between the Indian Ministry of External Affairs and the U.S. Department of State at an early date."

The dialogue dedicated ample time to the various battles raging across geographies, straining fragile multilateral balances, pulling down the financial systems of many developing countries, especially in the global South and pushing deadlines for the crucial conversations on climate change and the shift to cleaner energy. On Ukraine and Israel, it seems, India and the US have come to the same page as

the statement read "The ministers expressed mutual deep concern over the war in Ukraine and its tragic humanitarian consequences." They again underscored the growing impacts of this war on the global economic system and food security, with consequences predominantly affecting the global South. Both countries further pledged to continue humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine and concurred on the need for post-conflict reconstruction in Ukraine. Noting horrific terrorist attacks against Israel, the Ministers reiterated that India and the United States stand with Israel against terrorism and called for adherence to international humanitarian law, including about the protection of civilians."

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden met his counterpart Chi-

nese President Xi Jinping, trying to diffuse the frostiness in the US-China relationship. China has chosen its sides on the geopolitical chess board. It supports Russia's actions in Ukraine and is backing terrorists in West Asia. It would like to coerce fence-sitters to join its camp, vis a vis the US. India, like the US, faces a tough challenge, being in a democratic set-up, where they have to carefully articulate their foreign policy goals, while not hurting domestic influence groups. Both countries also face a tough electorate next year, as the incumbent federal governments seek re-election. The silver lining is that the business-as-usual attitude in the US India dialogue, signals a bright future for the bilateral relationship.

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Freebies, a surefire recipe for disaster

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Election is the time for political parties to inform voters about their policies and proposed programs, through their election manifestos. In the past, all political parties have been wooing voters with their promises in the form of programs, but the nature of election promises has changed in the last decade and a half. In these promises, instead of policies and programmes, the announcement of cash transfers and free schemes has taken precedence over policies and programs. Announcement of various freebies, including cash transfers to women, farmers, students and sometimes minorities and weaker sections, free electricity, free water, free travel to the entire women etc., has now become a common phenomenon.

In Madhya Pradesh, apart from waiving off the loans of farmers, the Congress

party has also announced many other free schemes like free electricity, gas cylinder subsidy, Rs 1500 per month to women, unemployment allowance of Rs 3000 to youth etc. Similar announcements have been made by different political parties in Madhya Pradesh and other states going into elections. Every possible effort is being made to woo the voters. In such a situation, it is a matter of concern, whether this is a healthy trend for our democracy. Will our governments be able to fund these free schemes? Will the debt burden on state governments increase

Increasing debt in states

This trend of freebies is now spreading in many states of India. In the elections to be held this month, political parties have made a series of announcements of freebie schemes. We are hearing daily about free electricity, free transport, transfer of money to

women, unemployment allowance to youth, etc. along with free vehicles and many other freebie schemes. Some time ago, the Reserve Bank of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) published data in their respective reports about the increasing debt of the states due to freebies and have expressed concern over these freebie schemes and rising debt burden of the states.

According to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, the target debt-GSDP (gross state domestic product) Ratio, in any state, should not exceed 20 percent. But as per CAG, in most of the states of the country, this ratio is much more than the targeted one. It reached 48.98 per cent in Punjab, 42.37 per cent in Rajasthan, 37.39 per cent in West Bengal, 36.73 per cent in Bihar, 35.30 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 31.53 per cent in Madhya Pradesh,

27.80 per cent in Telangana, 27.27 per cent in Tamil Nadu and 26.47 per cent in Chhattisgarh. If the debt on state government enterprises and the guarantees given by the state government are also added, then by 2020-21 the debt to GSDP ratio in Rajasthan would be 54.94 per cent and in Punjab, it would be 58.21 per cent. In Andhra Pradesh also it has been estimated at 53.77 per cent, it is 47.89 per cent in Telangana and 47.13 per cent in Madhya Pradesh. In West Bengal and Bihar, it's 40.35 per cent and 40.51 per cent respectively, and in Tamil Nadu, it is 39.94 per cent. CAG also reported that the debt of the states is continuously increasing compared to the target ratio. Regarding Andhra Pradesh, the Reserve Bank says that after Punjab, Andhra Pradesh is the second state in the country with the highest spending on free schemes. It is noteworthy that in Punjab, 45.5 per cent of the total tax rev-

enue is being spent on free schemes and in Andhra Pradesh expenditure on freebies is 30.3 per cent of total tax revenue. Talking about the state's GDP, in Punjab 2.7 percent of the state GDP is spent on free schemes annually and in Andhra Pradesh it is 2.1 percent. Apart from this, in Madhya Pradesh, 28.8 per cent of the tax revenue is spent on subsidies, and in Jharkhand, it is 26.7 per cent.

Impact on essential expenditure

When a province spends such a large proportion of its tax revenue on free schemes, not only capital expenditure on infrastructure would go down, due to increasing debt of the state governments, but social services like education and health as well as transport and other essential services will also be impacted. For the development of any state, it is imperative to increase investment

in infrastructure. Lack of infrastructure affects investment and hence the development of the state. Therefore, it is necessary to speed up the development of the country by curbing the free schemes offered by the states.

Impact on ratings Due to increasing debt the economic rating of the country is being impacted. If this continues, our country will not only have difficulty in getting new investments but our companies and government will also have to pay higher rates of interest on borrowing from foreign countries. That is, increasing debt is not only creating fiscal imbalance but is also affecting the ability of state governments to run welfare schemes and is also blocking the path for the development of the country and industry in particular.

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NHM Association Doda organizes blood donation camp

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DODA, NOV 17:

As a part of good will gesture and in its endeavours to have moral responsibility to donate blood in the service of humanity, the National Health Mission (NHM) Employees under the banner of All J&K NHM Employees Association District Unit Doda on Friday organized a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at Associated Hospital, Govt Medical College Doda.

The event was organized in association with District Administration Doda, Govt Medical College Doda and District Health Society Doda.

The inauguration of the event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Doda Sh Harvinder Singh (IAS) along with Principal GMC Doda Dr Puja Vimesh, CMO Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar, MS AH GMC Doda Dr Tanveer Ahmed, HOD Pathology GMC Doda Dr Sumat ul Khurshid, BMO Ghat Dr Ab Gafour Ahmed, President NHM Union Doda Dr Nasir Masood Indrabi and others.

During the camp, more than 10 donors take part and donated their red wealth for the cause of



society.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC Doda urged people to donate blood voluntarily as it is a great service to humanity and helps in saving precious lives.

While lauding the contribution of blood donors, the DC Doda acknowledged the remarkable dedication and humanitarian spirit displayed by the NHM Employees of the health department for their life saving contributions.

The President NHM Association Doda Dr Nasir Masood, who was also among the blood donors, informed that it is for the first time in UT J&K, such event of blood donation by NHM employees which depicts their dedicated services rendered in the department besides benevolent and noble gesture for the cause of humanity.

The NHM Association members stressed that

every healthy person should come forward and donate their blood for this noble cause to increase the blood capacity in our health system.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner Doda along with other dignitaries gave away certificates of appreciation to all donors as a part of their encouragement.

Principal GMC Doda Dr Puja Vimesh expressed gratitude to NHM Employees Association Doda, all the distinguished guests, dedicated staff of Blood Bank and the generous blood donors for their presence & participation, emphasizing the profound impact their contribution would have on saving lives.

The members of NHM Union Doda and staff of Blood Bank AH GMC Doda offered their dedicated services in management and in making the camp successful.

Shiv Sainik pledge to restore rights of sons of land, warns terrorists, narco terror

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Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni today, called upon the terrorist organizations and macro terror operating in Jammu and Kashmir to completely stop their nefarious activities otherwise they would have to face serious consequences, on the death anniversary of Hindu Hriday Samrat venerable Bala Saheb Thackeray.

In the tribute program organized at the party state central office, leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu Kashmir unit paid their floral tribute to the venerable Balasaheb Thackeray.

Party state chief Manish Sahni, while addressing the state leaders and workers after Shradddha Suman, said that venerable Balasaheb Thackeray is not physically among us today but his thoughts and ideas are always alive in the hearts of every Shiv Sainik. Balasaheb Thackeray had given the slogan of giving preference to the sons of



the land. Apart from this, he also worked to unite people to hoist the flag of Hindutva. Venerable Balasaheb Thackeray was also the one who gave the slogan of saying proudly that we are Hindus.

Sahni said that Jammu and Kashmir has been burning in the flame of terrorism for more than three decades. Thousands of people including security personnel have been martyred. Kashmiri Hindus have been living a displaced life in their own country and state for the last 35 years. Rehabilitation of all these and protection of the rights of the

sons of the land will be the true tribute from every Shiv Sainik to venerable Balasaheb Thackeray.

Remembering the venerable Bala Saheb Thackeray, all the Shiv Sainiks present took a pledge to restore the rights of the local people and to give a befitting reply to terrorism and narco terror. On this occasion, President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Secretary Youth Wing Rajesh Handa, Women Secretary Mamta Devi and many others were present.

'Meri Pehchan' organizes Maharaja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Awards - 2023



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Chairperson of women club 'Meri Pehchan', Sandhya Gupta Along With Sunny ji And Parvinder Singh organized Mahraja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Award-2023 function in Jammu.

The function was organized at Amantran farms Jammu.

The function was started by the recitation of mantras in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. To carry forward this, Vinod Sharma, Social activist and Icon from sub district Nowshera, has started awareness campaign which was launched by Election Commission of India (ECI) in different parts of district Rajouri.

Chief Guest on the occasion were Maj Gen. Goverdhan Singh Jamwal

and Padm Shri Prof Nimohi. While the Guest of Honours were Sohail Qazami, Rohit Shastri, Shalani Khanna, Anil Paba ji, Jeet Saluja,

The celebrity guests were Amar Sandhu Singer and, Rakhi Sapera And Vijay Dance Academy Performance Dogri Dance, Deepak Kapoor, Dr Shivankur Bharti Singer

Awardees of the award function were Padma Shri Gulabo Sapera, Dr Radhika Chopra Ghazal Singer, Dr Parkash Tata international spiritual Guru Ayurved & Yoga, Narinder Singh Jassal social activist, Shri Ashok Kumar President Teacher Awardee, Ali Khan Indian Actor, Shri Vishal Batra brother of PVC Captain Vikram Batra, Sh

Satyadev Prasad, Vikas Manhas solders Story teller, Shri Surinder Farishta Actor & comedian, Shri Lokesh Tilakdhari Indian Actor, Sargam Koushal Mrs World, and Dr Dazi Parihar.

On the occasion Sandhya Gupta thanked everyone for their presence to grace the occasion.

Sandhya told that she is organizing the function since 2018 with support of her son Sidhant Gupta, a well known actor sponsors of the award function. She said that she feels proud while organizing such function on the name of Mahraja Hari Singh and wants to organize such functions outside Jammu also.

She appealed to the people to support her for the noble cause.

Preserve, promote Temples as part of our rich heritage, culture: Yudhvir, Priya

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Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President has asserted that temples and shrines are a significant part of the rich heritage and culture of Jammu and the people must play a proactive role in preservation and promotion of the temples and the ritualistic functions held there. He said that this will help in easily passing on this essential component of our culture and heritage to the future generations.

He expressed this in his address during a congregation while participating in the function organized on the occasion of Sthapna Diwas of Sukrala Mata at Purani Mandi here today. Priya Sethi, National Executive Member and Former minister was also present.

On the occasion, Ashok ji, President Sukrala Devi Sewa Dal, Purani Mandi, Ajay Sethi, General Secretary, Brij Mohan, Chairman, Amit Singh Jamwal, Vice President, Parveen Sharma Cashier, Rakesh Sharma, Narinder Singh Jawwal, Vinod Kumar, Sunil Baru, Kewal Krishan, Gora ji, Rakesh Gupta, Manoj Dogra, Sunil Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Suresh ji, Suresh Gupta, Sushant Sharma (Pandit ji), Parveen Kermi, Vipin Sharma, Amit Mahajan



and Sanjay Mahe were also present.

Amid the environment of religious fervour and gaiety, Yudhvir Sethi also participated in the Hawan and Pooja held on this occasion in the premises of the temple. Full of devotion and enthusiasm, he also distributed Langar among the large number of devotees having come to pay obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum of the holy temple.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Sukrala Mata Mandir in Kathua as well as this temple in Purani Mandi are ancient temples and people visit not only to pay obeisance but also to achieve peace of mind. He assured the people that on behalf of the BJP as well as individually he will contribute whatever would be required for the promotion of this rich cultural

heritage be it the holding of large congregations or other programmes and projects. He said that while the Temple management is also making the contribution in this regard, the people should also come forward and proactively participate in such sacred endeavours.

Priya Sethi, in her address, asserted that Temples are the identity of Jammu and in order to safeguard one's identity it is necessary for the people to remain connected to their roots.

"Temples and spiritual pursuits being inseparable part of our culture, therefore I appeal to the people of Jammu to visit the temples and temple related functions in large numbers to preserve and promote the rich heritage and culture of the City of Temples," she added.

Reach every household with Modi govt schemes: Raina to party activists

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Stressing upon the party activists to reach every household, Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina asked them to carry the schemes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government for the socio-economic upliftment of all the sections and the mega development projects.

He was addressing a meeting of BJP senior leaders, district presidents, Prabharis, seh-prabharis

and morchha presidents, at party headquarter, Jammu, alongwith general secretary (org.) Ashok Koul and general secretary Vibodh Gupta.

Ravinder Raina said that different programmes are being organized at booth and Panchayat levels across the entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir and the party leaders are supervising each programme minutely. Through these programmes, the party cadre is assigned the task of making people aware about the good governance, mega development projects,

and welfare schemes of the Narendra Modi government.

Ravinder Raina said no doubt the graph of BJP is too high but still each one of us has to put more efforts to make people realize that it is the BJP only, which has real concern for the nation and its population of about 140 crore people. Ashok Koul sought details from each president and district Prabharis related to the progress and the public response in the ongoing Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan programmes at booth levels in the UT.

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NOWSHERA, NOV 17

Election Commission of India has launched Special Summary Revision in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. To carry forward this, Vinod Sharma, Social activist and Icon from sub district Nowshera, has started awareness campaign which was launched by Election Commission of India (ECI) in different parts of district Rajouri.

While speaking during one of the programme, he urged to all the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who have already attained the age of 18 years or turning 18 years on 1 January, 2024 can apply for enrollment in the Electoral Roll. Besides, this correction of particulars in voter list and EPIC, deletion and transposition can also be made during the revision



process. The last date for submitting Claims and objection is 09th December, 2023. Application can be submitted both in Online and Offline mode.

For Online submission of application log on to Voter Helpline mobile app or www.voters.eci.gov.in and for offline, contact your Booth Level Officer (BLO) or Tehsildar. Special Camp days for enrollment at each polling sta-

tion shall be conducted on 18-11-2023 (Saturday) and 19- 11-2023(Sunday). For any query you can call on helpline number 1950. This revision exercise has already running vigorously in district Rajouri.

Please come forward, avail this opportunity, register yourself as voter and inform others to register as voter, if not already registered.

Mere lip-service, ex-gratia not enough; initiate immediate measures to bring down graph of fatal road mishaps: Tony

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Taranjit Singh Tony, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee General Secretary and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh has urged the Union Territory Administration to initiate immediate measures to bring a halt to the rocketing graph of rising road mishaps resulting in the loss of precious lives in the region every year.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior Congress leader said that it is a matter of great concern that road accidents on J&K roads especially the National Highway and other linking highways in hilly areas have become a routine feature with the authorities doing mere lip service and paying ex-gratia without bothering to address the root cause of these tragic accidents. He said that had this serious issue been addressed properly and well in time the fatal accident in Doda district would not have happened and about forty precious lives would not have been lost.

Tony urged the Administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to constitute joint teams of Traffic Police and Trans-



port Department including the RTO to check the rising accidents in J&K. He said that mere challenging of the traffic rule violators has failed to deliver positive results and in such a situation strict action against such culprits is advisable. He said that instead of canceling the license of the driver and punishing him the Authorities must punish the transporter. He said that in J&K we have lost more lives in road accidents than those killed due to terrorism and cross border firing.

He said that keeping in view the dimension assumed in case of road accidental deaths, today there is a dire need to frame a proactive policy to address this serious issue so that a result oriented strategy is adopted by the concerned Departments in bringing down the graph of fatal accidents in the J&K UT to a bare minimum.

Azad visits Baderwah Fire victims, injured in Doda road accident, assures full support



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The Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said that he will take all the possible measures and ensure the fire victims of Baderwah and those injured in tragic road accident in Doda's Assar receive proper compensation and relief from the government. Azad visited fire victims of Baderwah where several residential houses and commercial establishments were gutted in fire rendering several families homeless and many more jobless. He said it is the responsibility of govt to rehabilitate all those who were making their bread and butter from these commercial places and have lost everything in this devastating fire. "I share your concern since you are left homeless due to this fire incident. You have to face the tough times in view of coming winters. So, I will speak to the district authorities to ensure you are provided adequate relief to overcome this winter without facing any tough challenges," he told the fire victims at Baderwah. Azad said that in addition of that the fire victims who lost their shops and other businesses shall also be provided soft loans by government since they can't afford to rebuild their lives in absence of proper support. "They have meagre resources and may not be able to revive their businesses. I request the government

to provide them soft loans so that their families may not suffer," he said. Azad later travelled to GMC Doda and met those who were injured in a deadly accident. He also inquired about their health from the hospital authorities and urged them to provide all the possible treatment and support so that they resume their day-to-day activities fast. He said most of the injured in this accident have families to feed and may not afford treatment outside in private hospitals. "So, they must be provided every possible treatment and medicine by the hospital authorities," he said. DPAP chairman also met the families of injured and said that he stands by these families in this tough times. The former Chief Minister later visited the accident site where he also inquired about the reasons for this deadly accident that consumed precious 36 human lives. He said despite proper road infrastructure in place, the traffic violations is the main reason for these deadly accidents. He urged government to ensure rules are being followed by the drivers who ply on this road for the safety of common people. Mr Azad was accompanied by Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori, General Secretary Ab Majeed Wani, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal President P.R.Manhas, Distt President Doda Asif Gattu, Block President Arif Najjar, Javid Azad, Sheikh Zaffarullah, Wasim Ganai and others.

Extensive traffic checking conducted in Doda



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The officials from various departments in Doda laid special nakas and conducted traffic checking at different locations along the National Highway and sensitive areas.

Naib Tehsildar Khelani, along with the In-Charge Police Post Khelani, established a checkpoint towards Malhori.

During the inspection, four vehicles were fined for overloading passengers. Additionally, one bus was seized under Section 207 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

SDM Thathri, along with magistrates and police personnel, were involved in checking vehicles for compliance

with traffic regulations. Similarly, Tehsildar Kahara, along with Naib Tehsildar and the Police Post In-Charge of Kahara, laid down another traffic checkpoint to address traffic rules violations.

The Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) in Doda, under the supervision of ARTO Doda Rajesh Gupta, also actively participated in conducting checkpoints at sensitive areas. The inspection team from MVD Doda led by the inspector of MVD department Doda conducted the checking operation on national highways regarding the traffic violation. The inspection primarily focused on verifying vehicle licenses, insurance, helmets, and overloading issues.

DC Doda visits GMC Hospital, meets Assar bus accident victims



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Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh today visited Government Medical College (GMC), Hospital Doda to enquire about the health of those persons who were injured in recent Assar bus accident.

The primary objective was to assess the seamless functioning and proper coordination in delivering services to patients. DC interacted with the injured and their attendants and enquired about the healthcare facilities

being provided to them. The DC directed hospital authorities to make special arrangements and ensure the provision of up-to-date facilities for the accident victims. This compassionate approach reflects the administration's dedication to addressing the immediate needs of those affected by unfortunate incidents.

Principal GMC Doda, Dr Puja Vimesh and senior Doctors accompanied the Deputy Commissioner and apprised him about the treatment being provided to the bus accident victims.

JJM holds 4464 activities across J&K during "Back to Village" phase V

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As part of fifth phase of ambitious "Back to Village" programme which concluded here yesterday on high note, the Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K conducted 4464 activities across Jammu and Kashmir. The activities included awareness camps, inauguration of water supply schemes, inspection of works, training of handling and distribution of field testing kits (FTKs), holding of Gram Sabhas, debates, painting competitions, installation of signages, collection and testing of water samples and other related activities.

Among the activities conducted, 1129 special

Gram Sabhas were held, 971 women were trained in handling the field testing kits, 576 training sessions were held for handling FTKs, 530 works were inspected by the Visiting Officers, water testing with FTKs was done at 497 villages, FTKs were distributed in 221 villages besides installation of 146 signages, holding of 108 water awareness camps, 87 school rallies and 29 painting competitions.

Similarly, as per district wise data, 504 activities were held in Jammu district, 496 in Kulgam district, 407 in Rajouri district followed by Reasi with 406 activities, Kishtwar with 398 activities, Pulwama with 316 activities and other districts.

Worthwhile to mention

ADDC finalizes action plan for rollout of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Doda



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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Doda, Pran Singh, serving as the Nodal Officer for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in District Doda, orchestrated the mobilization of the district administration for the upcoming Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra scheduled from November 15 to January 26, 2024.

A workshop, attended by district officers, sectorial officers, and block development officers across the district, along with virtual participation from outstation block development officers and executive officers of municipal councils, was held in the Conference Hall of DC office complex, aiming to raise awareness and strive for the saturation of centrally sponsored schemes.

During the meeting, the ADDC emphasized the importance of flagship schemes, directing all district officers to create

videos regarding government-sponsored schemes within the stipulated time. The Yatra, designed to reaffirm a commitment to a developed India by 2047, focuses on reaching vulnerable populations to maximize the impact of various centrally sponsored schemes. The government is providing 107 mobile Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) vans to cover 4291 Panchayats of Jammu and Kashmir in 20 days. The ADDC stressed the need for effective projection of schemes and urged officers to stay informed about the latest data on beneficiaries and scheme coverage. As part of the Yatra, a Digital Van will traverse panchayats and municipal wards, delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events. The district administration has created a comprehensive schedule, and the Nodal Officers have been assigned specific duties for a smooth and successful Yatra. The ADDC directed

district officers, virtually connected block development officers and principals, to follow the prescribed dates and schedules for making videos on important topics of sponsored schemes. The Yatra will cover five clusters, and major functions will take place in Doda and Baderwah, showcasing the success stories of various departments.

The ADDC informed that video submissions are expected by November 22. The event scheduled at Doda shall feature stalls from various departments in the community hall to raise awareness about government-sponsored schemes. Five clusters will celebrate the event, covering almost all the panchayats. The meeting was attended by ACD Doda, ACP Doda, CPO Doda, district officers, principals of different degree colleges, representatives of the concerned departments and virtually attended by the BDOs and principals of Degrees Colleges.

DC Kupwara reviews Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in polling stations



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KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan who is also District Election Officer today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in Polling Stations of the district.

On the occasion, the DC took a detailed review of the polling stations where Assured Minimum Facilities like drinking water, toilets, electricity connection, ramps and internet are not in place as per the norms.

The DC impressed upon the officers to ensure availability of the facilities on war footing basis as it is the statutory obligation. She directed the PHE, R&B, PDD and RDD to ensure availability of facilities within 10 days.

She also asked the officers of R&B and RDD to

hold joint visits to the polling stations to check if the facilities installed there are up to the mark.

The DC also passed on spot directions to the concerned officers for construction of ramps at 47 polling stations, which have been reported without ramps, in the district and also to submit a certificate that ramps already in place are as per the gradient norms.

The Exen R&B Karnah, Handwara and Kupwara were directed to complete formalities for construction of toilets, in polling stations, on war footing basis and ensure that all the polling stations have toilet facilities before 31st of Dec 2023.

Dy. District Election Officer Kupwara, ACD, SE (R&B) Circle Kupwara, DIO, Dy. CEO, Executive Engineers from R&B/PDD/PHE and concerned attended the meeting.

DC Rajouri finalizes arrangements for smooth conduct of upcoming JKSSB Exams

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, chaired a meeting to finalize the arrangements for the upcoming JKSSB examination for the post of Panchayat Secretary scheduled to be held on December 10, 2023.

The meeting focused on various crucial aspects to ensure a seamless and fair examination process.

The examination will take place at 39 examination centres and 13248 candidates are appearing in the examination. To maintain the integrity of the examination and provide a conducive environment for the candidates, several



measures have been put in place.

The meeting emphasized the deployment of an adequate number of Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents and supervisory staff to oversee the examination. This step is crucial in upholding transparency and fairness throughout the examination process. Additionally, a strict invigilator-to-student ratio has been established to ensure

close monitoring during the examination.

Magistrates will be appointed at all examination centers to guarantee a peaceful and orderly conduct of the examination. A comprehensive security plan has been devised to safeguard the examination venues, ensuring the safety of both the candidates and examination personnel. In an effort to prevent any unfair means during the

examination, it was decided that mobile phones and other electronic devices would be strictly prohibited within the examination centers.

Deputy Commissioner expressed commitment to ensuring a smooth and fair conduct of the JKSSB examination on December 10, 2023. He urged all candidates to fully cooperate with the examination guidelines and adhere to the instructions provided by the examination authorities.

The meeting was attended by the ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma; CDPO Rajouri, Naseer Ahmed and other concerned officers.

'Autumn Craft Mela' begins at Boulevard, Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

World Famous Boulevard Road Dal Lake, Srinagar is to play host to 'Autumn Craft Mela', a unique handicraft and handloom exhibition showcasing the exquisite art and crafts of Kashmir. The exhibition has been put together by the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handlooms Kashmir.

Director Handicrafts & Handlooms Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah in presence of Joint Director Handicrafts Kashmir, Parveez Sajad Ganai today inaugurated the ten-day exhibition at Boulevard Srinagar. At the occasion Assistant Director Handicrafts/Handloom, Srinagar other officers and officials were also

present.

Speaking on the occasion, Director H&H Kashmir said that the Exhibition will give artisans, weavers and Cooperative societies a vibrant marketing platform to sell their products directly both to the tourists and buyers, and in turn it will give tourists visiting the Valley an opportunity to get a glimpse of the rich art and craft of Kashmir especially on the onset of Autumn season.

In order to boost the rich culture of Kashmir through handicrafts and handloom, several other exhibitions are scheduled at Gulmarg in Kashmir and in Jammu, besides the Woolen Expo at Delhi. A separate similar exhibition is currently going on at Pahalgam.

Official brochure for the First J&K Orthodontic Symposium unveiled

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The official brochure for the First J&K Orthodontic Symposium was unveiled at the Department of Orthodontics, IGGDC Jammu.

The unveiling, attended by key members of the organising committee including Dr. Akshay Gupta, Organising Chairman and HOD Orthodontics, Indira Gandhi Government Dental College, Dr. Rishabh Gupta, Dr. Rohit Gupta Dr. Aseem Sharma, Dr. Monika Koul, Dr. Simran Kour, Dr. Tanushree Sharma, and other distinguished members of the Jammu Orthodontic Study Group (JOSG). This has officially initiated the countdown to the first J&K Orthodontic Symposium scheduled for November 25th and 26th at the Hotel Radisson Blu in Jammu.

Event is exclusive for Orthodontists which is a specialised branch of dentistry addressing the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities.

With a focus on bringing together over 150 specialist orthodontists and PG students from across the country, from more than 20 premier dental institutions.



The symposium's brochure offers a preview of two days exhaustive and comprehensive scientific program designed for both experienced orthodontists, emerging professionals and post graduate students of orthodontics. Activities include a spectrum of engaging sessions such as guest lectures, research paper presentations, panel discussions, poster sessions, plenary sessions and hands-on courses, promising an intellectually stimulating experience.

This symposium will also provide a vibrant platform for young orthodontists and postgraduate students of the region to showcase their clinical and research work.

First of its kind, a dedicated and advanced trade area is planned as part of the symposium, providing sponsors and traders with a platform to showcase latest developments in the field of orthodon-

tics. The symposium boasts an impressive lineup of various distinguished speakers from the most prestigious institutions of the country.

Figures such as Dr. Ritu Duggal, Chief of CDER at AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. S. P. Singh, Professor of Dentistry at PGI Chandigarh, Dr. G. K. Singh, HOD Orthodontics at KGMC Lucknow and Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar, President of IOS, Dr Sanjay Labh Honorary secretary IOS will significantly contribute to the academic dialogue.

National guest speakers, including Dr. Sreedevi from Chennai and Dr. Suryakanta Das from Orissa, will further enrich the symposium's diverse knowledge exchange. Premier institutions, including PGI, AIIMS Delhi, KGMC Lucknow, and PG department GDC Cuttack, contribute to the symposium's national importance.

Dozens Vehicles blacklisted in Anantnag for violating Traffic Rules



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ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 17

Following complaints against flouting of traffic rules by commercial passenger vehicles, team ARTO Anantnag today laid Nakka checking in different parts of the district and challaned more than 100 such vehicles and imposed fine on vehicle owners to the tune of Rs. 60,000 for violating the norms.

A total of 200 vehicles were checked and fine under various provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and other rules was realized.

The inspection team also informed the people about their duties towards observing traffic norms and road safety rules while traveling and said that it was the prime duty of the commuters to raise their voice against overloading and use of mobile phones by the drivers at the time of driving.

ARTO Anantnag warned the drivers of passenger vehicles to strictly adhere to the traffic rules to avoid any action from the department. He said the checking of vehicles would continue in the coming days.

Rich tributes to Pt Mangat Ram on 91st birth anniversary

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Rich tributes were paid to former Deputy Chief Minister & veteran Congress leader Pt Mangat Ram Sharma on his 91st birth anniversary today, in a function at Jagat resorts, Jammu. Prominent leadership of Congress party and different political parties, social and trade organizations and members of civil society participated in the function organised by Pt Mangat Ram Sharma fan club and family members.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani was the chief guest while CWC member G A Mir presided over the function which was attended by Former BJP President & Ex- MLA Ashok Khajuria, Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Congress Ravinder Sharma, Sheikh Bashir Ex-MLC and senior NC leader, Former ministers & Vice Presidents



PCC Yogesh Sawhney, Yash Pal Kundal SS Channi, besides Rajnish Sharma, Mian-Vice President and Treasurer PCC, Dr C L Gupta, Yash Pal Gupta Traders Association, Kanta Bhan, journalists Sohail Kazmi, Zorawar Singh Jamwal -Team Jammu Capt Murli Gupta, Adv Shah Mohammad, Pranab Shahgotra, Zahida Khan, Aslam Qureshi, Adv V K Maggoo, Shashi Sharma, Shakeel Shah, Pawan Raina, Narinder Gupta, Satish Sharma, Amrit

Bali, Narinder Sharma, Manmohan Singh, Balbir Singh Naresh Sharma, Santosh Majotra, Pankaj Dogra, Bhupinder Singh Capt Murli Gupta, Sanjeev Dubey, Ch Dwarka, Vijay Sharma, Uday Bhanu Chib Hussain Ali waffa, Akash Bharat Ajay Lakhotra, Sanjeev Panda, Rajvir Singh, Vijay Shastri, Madan Chalota, Ravi Shastri, Heera Lal Pandita, Lalita Sharma, Ricky Dalotrajatn Raina, A P Lucky, Aniruddh Sawhney besides several other prominent political

& social leaders attended and paid rich tributes.

Floral tributes were paid to the veteran leader by several speakers praising the leadership qualities of Pt Mangat Ram Sharma & sharing their experiences of his personality and passion for service to people.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani paid floral tributes to him, stating that his qualities of leadership impressed everyone irrespective of political affiliations and caste,

creed, colour, region or religion. He was one of the most respected leaders of Jammu and Kashmir who had a vast experience of public life. He won the hearts of all sections of society by his approach to common man.

CWC member and former PCC President Shri Ghulam Ahmed Mir shared the description of his personality who was approachable to everyone irrespective of caste, creed, colour. He left an indelible mark on every

one who approached him in any manner.

He was a stalwart of Congress party of his time who had a vast experience of the political and social situation of the state and nation. His services shall be remembered for a long time to come. Working President JKPCC Shri Raman Bhalla described him as great leader who had lot experience, understanding and patience. He treated every body alike and fought for the due rights and share to Jammu region. He always served the people throughout his life and remained amongst people all times. He was down to earth and every one could approach him for help. He encouraged younger generation in the politics and we all learnt a lot from him.

Shri Ashok Khajuria Veteran BJP leader also paid rich tributes to Pandit ji and recalled his great contributions in public life in different capacities.

Indian Army launches Cricket Tournament at Tral, Pulwama



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SRINAGAR, NOV 17

With an aim to positively engage the youth of the area and to provide the young talent a chance to showcase their skills, Indian Army organised the Tral Premier League (TPL) KnockOut Cricket Tournament at Tral, Pulwama from 13 Nov 2023 to 17 Nov 2023. The tournament comprises of 16 teams from all over Tral sub division of Pulwama District. The tournament is being played at Bajwani Indoor Stadium.

was played between the teams of Rising Star Shaldraman and Shatlang Tigers.

After the arduous contest between the participating teams in pre quarters, quarters and semis, it was Rising Star Shaldraman and Tral XI who could manage to sail through the rough tides of the tournament and reach final. After the display of impeccable sportsmanship, team spirit and do or die attitude, it was Team Tral XI which registered its glorifying win over Rising Star Shaldraman in the grand final.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Nyoma

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To ensure the saturation of flagship government schemes, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was organised today at Government Middle School, Nyoma.

During the event, Sub-Division level Officers of RDD&PRD, Agriculture, ICDS, Revenue, Sheep Husbandry, PHE, KVK SKUAST, Ladakh Rural Livelihood Mission, JK Bank, SBI and Health Department besides other allied departments have provided the 'on-spot services' of various schemes.

Sub-Division level Officers, Sarpanch, Panches, Nambardar, and Members of villages Nyoma, Mudh, and Nidder were present. The villagers were informed about various direct beneficiary-oriented schemes, aiming to uplift their lives. The event started by welcom-



ing the IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Van followed by the Opening movie and the Viksit Bharat pledge taken by participants including the Sarpanch and Nambardar.

During the camp, a thorough health screening was held, encompassing essential health check-ups such as blood pressure, TB screening, and sugar level assessments.

Attendees had the opportunity to receive Ayushman Health Cards, providing them with quick access to healthcare

services. In addition to health services, various agriculture, Sheep, and Child care-related services and concerns were addressed by the concerned department. Progressive farmers of Nyoma, Nidder, and Mudh village adopted by KVK SKUAST-Nyoma also participated with their organic farm produce. Similarly, ICDS department also showcases and serves nutritional food.

The camp also focused on Jal Jeevan Mission initiatives, offering guidance and support to mitigate

water-related challenges in the region. An appreciation certificate was given to Sarpanch Nyoma for his unwavering support in the execution and running of the scheme.

Also, a quiz competition was organised for the students of Middle School Nyoma on the topic 'Swachhata hi Sewa', and certificates were distributed to the winners. Sanitary kits were distributed to the female students of KBGV Nyoma under the 'Beti Padhao Beti Bachao scheme'.

A cultural program was also organised by the Women Self-Help Group of Nyoma.

Later, Sub Division Magistrate Nyoma provided insights into the overarching goal of Viksit Bharat. He underlined the program's mission to transform the country into a developed nation. He expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra reaching doorsteps of residents of far flung areas of Rajouri distt

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Continuing its onward journey on Day 3 of the nationwide Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, an IEC (Information, Education and Communication) van visited two panchayats, namely Jaglanoo and Mohra A of block Budhal (old) in Rajouri district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir today. Various achievements of the Government of India during the last nine years were showcased via an LED wall embedded with the van.

Besides, calendars, flyers and other publicity material on the Government welfare schemes were distributed among the local people in both panchayats. The material was also handed over to PRI representatives for distribution among the



people in their villages.

A large number of youth, men, women, students and employees of various departments attended the programme. They welcomed the steps taken by Government for the upliftment of the people, especially those belonging to the weaker sections of society.

A Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledge was administered to the participants in the two places to realize the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a

developed India by 2047.

A demonstration on spraying of nano fertilizers, using drones was also given in two panchayats. During the demonstration, benefits of using advanced technology and techniques for better yield were explained. Representative of several government departments spoke about different schemes related to their respective departments. Some beneficiaries shared their experiences about benefits of various government initiatives.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was launched by the Prime Minister from Khunti, Jharkhand, the birth place of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on the occasion of the third Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15, 2023. The focus of the Yatra is on reaching out to people, creating awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc. The Viksit Bharat Campaign, one of the largest ever outreach initiative to be undertaken, eventually aims to cover over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats and over 3,600 urban local bodies by January 25, 2024, touching every district of the country.

Legends League Cricket all set to start its first leg in Ranchi tomorrow

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The cricketing world is set to witness a grand reunion as legendary cricketers, Munaf Patel, Pravin Tambe, and Hashim Amla along with Andrew Leypus and Raman Raheja took center stage to kickstart the highly anticipated season of Legends League Cricket (LLC) on Saturday at the JSCA Stadium in Ranchi. The league will see Bhilwara Kings and India Capitals, led by Irfan Pathan, clash against the other, promising fans a nostalgic journey and a spectacular display of cricketing prowess.

Speaking on the eve of tournament, former Indian cricketer Munaf Patel said, "Legends League Cricket is one of the biggest leagues of the country. And talking about starting the league in Ranchi, only one name comes to mind, my captain, M.S. Dhoni. The stadium that also has his name on the pavilion, is definitely one of the best stadiums in the country."

The Legends League Cricket, a six-team tournament will be played across five cities in India - Ranchi, Dehradun, Jammu, Vizag, and



Surat and is scheduled to run from November 18 to December 9, 2023. The much-anticipated season will commence with a thrilling rematch between Bhilwara Kings and India Capitals on Saturday, a repeat of last season's final where India Capitals emerged victorious, lifting the coveted trophy.

Bhilwara Kings boast a potent lineup comprising cricketing stalwarts and emerging talents. The explosive batting duo of Irfan and Yusuf Pathan, combined with the strategic prowess of Shane Watson, adds a dynamic edge to the team. The bowling attack, featuring the likes of Ryan Sidebottom and Iqbal Abdulla, promises to keep opponents on their toes.

The India Capitals present a formidable combination of seasoned campaigners and rising stars. The team's bowling arsenal is strengthened by the presence of Pravin Tambe, the dynamic Ashley Nurse, and the experienced Fidel Edwards.

Star spinner Pravin Tambe said, "Legends League Cricket is a platform to relive the joy and passion for cricket. India Capitals is a team filled with talent, and I am honored to be part of this journey."

Raman Raheja, CEO and Co-founder, Legends League Cricket said, "We are hoping for an exciting and scintillating season starting from November 18. We would like to take the opportunity to thank

our fans for the huge response and are looking forward to packed stadiums for all the matches. The matches will be reminiscent of cricketing talent that the entire country has loved over the years."

19 matches will be played across 22 days in what promises to be a mouth-watering tournament. After Ranchi, the action will shift to Dehradun on November 24, with the Bhilwara Kings clashing with the Gujarat Giants in what will be the sixth match of the season.

Six teams; India Capitals, Bhilwara Kings, Gujarat Giants, Manipal Tigers, Southern Super Stars, and Urbanrisers Hyderabad will be fighting their way to the coveted trophy.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Batambis, Choskor-A Panchayats in Kargil

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To ensure the saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at Ghar Batambis and Choskor-A Panchayats in Kargil district.

During the event, block-level officers of RD&PRD, Health, Fisheries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Social Welfare, PHE Kargil, ICDS, NABARD, NRLM, Handloom, NYK, KVK, Cooperative Department besides other line departments were present.

DPO Kargil Padma Angmo, BDO Kargil Samina Khatoun (Day Nodal Officer), CDPO Kargil Parveen Akther, DIO Dr Jaleel, NT Kargil Sajjad Hussain, District Development Manager, NABARD, Tsewang Diorjay, PRI members, Junior Scientist KVK Kargil, Dr Mansoor Hussain and concerned officials of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, NYK Kargil and other concerned officers and officials were present.

The villagers were informed about various direct beneficiary-oriented schemes, aiming to uplift their lives. During the program, Viksit Bharat pledge was taken by par-



ticipants.

During the camp, a thorough health screening was held, encompassing essential health check-ups such as blood pressure and sugar level assessments.

In addition to health services, agricultural, horticulture, NRLM and other departments, related concerns were addressed by experts on-site. The experts assisted in resolving issues related to Agriculture and Horticulture, NRL ensuring that the farming community received valuable insights and solutions to enhance their productivity.

The camp also focused

on Jal Jeevan Mission initiatives, offering guidance and support to mitigate water-related challenges in the region. One of aspects of the event was the provision of direct beneficiary-oriented benefits to the villagers on the spot. Besides others, the ICDS Department also informed the people about beneficiary-oriented schemes to the people.

This included the distribution of various benefits and resources designed to uplift the community and improve their quality of life. During the program, various government departments distributed pamphlets showcasing

diverse welfare schemes to the participants.

Initially, the BDO briefed about the goal of Viksit Bharat. She underlined the program's mission to transform the country into a developed nation. She expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement in this crucial endeavor.

The District Development Manager, NABARD, also briefed about the successful saturation of the Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyan Scheme and also informed the public about the training programs of SHGs, including MEDP and LEDP.

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre to hold free Eye & ENT Medical Camp on Nov 18

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Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udhewala, Jammu, in collaboration with KLSM Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital, Udhampur, and the Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu, will be organizing a one-day free Eye & ENT medical camp on November 18, 2023.

In a statement issued here today, the Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, informed that the medical camp will be held at the premises of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre in Udhewala, Jammu, from 9:30 AM to 2 PM.

The Secretary informed that the camp will offer a range of free medical services including Allopathic and Ayurvedic treatments for Eye and ENT issues, along with consultations from physicians in both Ayurvedic and Allopathic medicine. Specialists such as a Cardiologist, Pediatrician, Orthopedic, Gynecologist, Dental Surgeon, General Surgeon, and Physiotherapist will also be available for consultations.

In addition to these services, the camp will provide free check-ups for blood sugar, blood pressure, and lung function (Spirometry). A comprehensive Full Body Checkup encompassing 65 parameters, including CDC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests, and thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), will be available at a nominal fee of Rs. 700, significantly discounted from the usual price of Rs. 1400.

He said as a special initiative, free Ayurvedic medicines will be provided to the attendees. This camp is part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to all.

Manipulating to delay polls, BJP govt's attack on democracy in J&K: Sadhotra

BJP is depriving people of J&K of democratic rights: Ratan Lal

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JAMMU, NOV 17

A meeting of J&K National Conference functionaries of Jammu District Urban was held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu. The meeting was attended by senior National Conference functionaries including Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary and former minister and Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu. Senior Party leaders Bimla Luthra, Ayub Malik, Abdul Gani Teli and others.

At the outset of the meeting, Chander Mohan Sharma, President NC's Jammu District Urban, apprised the senior functionaries of the party about the hardships being faced by the people of Jammu city in absence of popular government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing party workers, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra observed that manipulating delay in holding Assembly polls in J&K is a glare example of BJP Government demolishing the basic concept of



democracy in this part of the country. He said that BJP Government has demeaned Indian democracy, which at one point of time is considered as the biggest democracy of the world, by showing reluctance on holding Assembly elections in J&K fearing its devastation due to anti-people policies which it has been implementing on the name of reforms and development. He said that elections are due since long but knowing well about their probable worst ever political debacle the BJP Government is running from polls.

"This is nothing but the diminishing of democracy by a party which boasted at all forums about being champion of electoral

reforms and guardian of democracy", he said, adding that BJP is defaming country by manipulating poll delay and denying democratic right of voting to the people of J&K by deferring polls on one pretext or the other.

Rattan Lal Gupta, NC Provincial President Jammu, in his address, said that the entire world is gazing at J&K and how the BJP Government is denying democratic rights to people. He said that BJP's model of democracy is authoritarian because it wanted to impose governance without holding elections thus marring the very spirit of democracy, which the Constitution of the country has guaranteed to the citizens.

People of Rajasthan wanted to get rid of corrupt Cong Govt: Kavinder Gupta

JJ NEWS SERVICE
LALSOTE (RAJASTHAN), NOV 17

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Kavinder Gupta on Friday said that people in Rajasthan have fed up with the corrupt Congress regime and wanted to oust the same in the upcoming polls. Kavinder was interacting with the people after overseeing the preparations for the upcoming rally of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 20th November at Lalsote Assembly Segment in Dausa District of Rajasthan.

The senior BJP leader said that Congress leadership has nothing to showcase before the electorate in Rajasthan as its misrule has affected one and



all, and that is the reason behind all people looking with hope towards BJP leadership in the state. He said that the rising crime and rampant corruption are the only achievements of the Congress government and the same will form the basis out its root from the State.

He said that while taking stock of the upcoming rally of UP CM, he felt the pulse of the people, who are

eagerly waiting to listen to the speech of CM Yogi and vote for the BJP to root out corruption ridden Congress dispensation from the state.

Later, the former deputy chief minister also met District Magistrate Dausa, Qamar Choudhary, who belonged to Poonch district of J&K, and discussed preparations for the upcoming rally of UP CM Yogi Adityanath.

BJP committed to ensure empowerment of last person in society, says Slathia

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SAMBA, NOV 17

Highlighting the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that encapsulates the very essence of inclusive progress, Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia today reiterated the commitment of reaching out to last person in the society for their empowerment and betterment across Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region and religion.

"BJP is committed to uplift every individual, especially those who have been left behind by successive governments over the decades", Slathia said while addressing the booth level Karyakartas and the people of Wards 10,11,12,13 and 14 in the Samba Town under the party's 'Booth Jan Samvad' programme. Slathia said the BJP



understands its responsibility to extend helping hand to the last person in the society as per the Prime Minister's cherished agenda of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas. For us the last person isn't a matter of statics but the people with urges and expectations to be part of the country's growth story as empowered citizens, politically and economically, he said, adding that the success in this regard can be measured on ground as the marginalised segments are enjoy-

ing the fruits of development and economic upliftment post August 5, 2019 landmark political developments. He said these sections have not been forgotten but brought under focused attention.

Referring to the path breaking initiatives taken in the recent years on economic, developmental and infrastructural fronts, Slathia said that youth empowerment is priority for the BJP. Apart from opening vistas of opportunities through employment and employability, policies are being devised

to provide entrepreneurship and skill development openings, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to the economy besides looking after their families. He said the BJP believes that Inclusive economic growth is not just a lofty ideal; it is a practical necessity for a sustainable and harmonious growth of the society.

"By reaching out to the last person, the BJP is strengthening and empowering the various segments of the society so that no one is left behind" Slathia said and exhorted the activists to reach out to the people and make them aware about various programs and schemes tailored for their upliftment. He hoped the people would continue to strengthen the hands of the Prime Minister by supporting the BJP in a big way.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL
SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D. DIVISION JAMMU
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

E -NIT NO GWD/178 OF 2023-24 DATED: 15.11.2023

On behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu invites tenders by e-tendering mode from reputed and registered firms with PHE/I&FC Deptt. J&K Govt. as a Drilling Agency who have sufficient experience in the field of drilling and are well equipped with drilling Rigs suitable for ODEX method.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Qty.	Estimated cost (value of work) (in lacs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Validity of Rates
Deep Drilling of 125 mm dia Bore Hole by using ODEX method including providing, installation, testing, commissioning of Mark-II Hand Pump and construction of platforms at Mohra Dharamsaal Marh NHO Kailash Kumar Pyt. Marh in Block Nagrota of District Jammu on Turnkey Basis (EPC) under MPLADS	Jal Shakti Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu	500.00 (Non-Refundable) Deposited in Govt. treasury through e-challan under the receipt head 0215 in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. GWD Div. Jammu payable at Jammu mentioning name of work	01 No.	Rs. 4.19	@ 2% of the quoted rates in shape of Fresh CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PHE (M) GWD Division	31 st March 2024

- The complete bidding process shall be online.
- Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 15.11.2023 to 23.11.2023.
- The pre bid meeting if desired by the participating firms shall be held in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 16.11.2023 (1300 hrs).
- The bids shall be submitted/uploaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 17.11.2023 (1400 hrs) to 23.11.2023 (1800 hrs).
- The complete bidding process shall be online and scanned copies of the following documents will have to be uploaded before due date:-
 - Copy of treasury e-Challan/receipt for Rs. 500.00 against the cost of tender document under the receipt Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (M) Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu indicating name of work to be executed. It may be noted that the receipt of the e-challan should be of the date after the issuance of publication of the e-tender.
 - The tenders shall be accompanied with an earnest money of 2 % of quoted rates in the shape of CDR/FDR, from a scheduled Bank payable in JAMMU. The CDR/FDR shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu, valid for a period of 12 months from the last date of submission of bids. The earnest money deposit shall be refunded in favour of unsuccessful tenderer immediately after finalization of the tender, whereas it shall be retained in case of successful tenderer till signing of agreement and furnishing of performance security
 - Copies of tender documents, terms and conditions duly signed and stamped (each page) by bidder.
 - Scanned copy of Experience certificate of having completed one similar work during last five financial years. The experience certificate shall have been issued by an officer of the rank not below an Executive Engineer of any Government Department/Semi Government/PSUs.
 - Scanned copy of Registration of Water Well Drillers issued by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu. In case the bidder is not able to furnish the Registration with the cover 1st of this bid document, he can produce the same before the opening of cover 2nd of this bid document.
 - Scanned copy of the latest Income tax return certificate.
 - Scanned copy GST return in FORMGST-3B of the latest quarter.
 - Scanned copy of documentary proof of ownership or on hire basis of requisite machinery like Air Rotary (ODEX) Drilling Rig. In case of a firm having these machine/s arranged on hire basis the firm shall produce a copy of an agreement with the actual owner (Registered Drilling Firm) of the machine for lease of the machinery and expertise, duly attested by a Magistrate First class valid for a time period of not less than 06 months from the last date of submission of bids.
 - Average Annual financial turnover during any three financial years out of the last 05 years, ending 31st March of previous financial year, issued by a registered Chartered Accountant under his seal and signature shall be Rs 25.0 lacs.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu on 25.11.2023 (1400 hrs). If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working day during the office hours.
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division Jammu. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids shall be opened on the next working or as to be decided by tender opening committee.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.
- Account Head: MPLADS (2023-24)
- AAA No. 207-DDCJ of 2023 Dated 30.10.2023
- Status of Funds: Available
- Technical Sanction No. 537 of 11/2023 Dated 11.11.2023

GWD/4832-34
DATED: 15.11.2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Mech. G.W.D. Division
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Date: 17-11-23**



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Subject :- Verification of Character & Antecedents of the applicants who have applied for compassionate appointment under SRO-43 of 1994. .

NOTICE

The following candidates are hereby directed to submit their email IDS and contact details in the Establishment Section of the Directorate of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu in person or through e-mail floriculturejammu@gmail.com with in a period of ten (10) days positively for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS) for obtaining the Character and Antecedents report from the Criminal Investigation Department.

S.No.	Name	Parentage	Address
1.	Sunil Kumar	Rattan Chand	Village Chani Mansar,P/O Majalta, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur .
2.	Rohit Kumar	Balbir Chand	Kunjwani Talab Near JK Public School P/O Gangyal Tehsil Jammu South District Jammu
3.	Anil Kumar	Bodh Raj	Village Pargalta Bajalta Tehsil & District Jammu

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Virat Kohli's wax statue to be installed in Jaipur Wax Museum

AGENCIES
JAIPUR, NOV 17

A statue of star cricketer Virat Kohli will be installed in the Wax Museum at Nahargarh Fort in Jaipur.

This decision was taken after India's victory in the semi-finals of the Cricket World Cup and Virat Kohli completing 50 centuries in one-day cricket.

Anup Srivastava, Founder Director of Jaipur Wax Museum, said that tourists were demanding the wax statue of Virat Kohli for a long time. What can be a better opportunity than now, when Kohli has reached the highest level in world cricket. Also, India is again very close to the World Cup champions trophy.

The first look of the wax statue, i.e., the clay model is ready and in the next one month, the complete statue will be made and



installed in the museum. Virat Kohli's image is that of an aggressive cricketer, hence the aggressive look has been chosen for the statue also, said Srivastava. He said, "Virat's statue will be installed along with the statue of Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar, whom Virat considers as his idol and his god and whose record

of 49 centuries has been smashed by Virat. The wax figure is being prepared by the duo sculptor Ganesh and Lakshminarayan under the creative direction of Anoop Srivastava. While the costumes are being made by Bollywood designer Bodh Singh."

A wax statue of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, known as the 'Captain Cool' of cricket, is also installed at the Jaipur Wax Museum.

Srivastava said, "We have always had a clear decision regarding statue selection that more than celebrities, those great personalities should be given a place in the museum who can inspire our future generations. All such statues have been installed in the museum. Recently, a wax statue of Swami Vivekananda was installed. A total of 43 wax statues have been installed in the museum so far.

Suryakumar Yadav to captain India in T20Is against Australia: Reports

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 17

With all-rounder Hardik Pandya yet to recover from an ankle injury, Suryakumar Yadav is likely to captain India in the upcoming T20 home series against Australia, according to a media report.

The five-match T20 series will begin on November 23 in Vizag and conclude in Hyderabad on December 3.

According to a report in the Indian Express, the selecting committee headed by Ajit Agarkar is likely to elevate Yadav to the captaincy as Pandya was ruled out due to an injury he sustained during the 2023 World Cup and will take at least two months to recover fully from his ankle injury.

Pandya is likely to miss three T20I and three ODI games against South



Africa too. Yadav served as vice-captain during India's West Indies tour, featuring in five T20 matches spanning the Caribbean and the US. Previously, he led both the Mumbai team and the India Under-23 squad in the Emerging Cup a few years back.

Following the conclusion of the ODI World

Cup, as Rahul Dravid's contract expires, the BCCI approached VVS Laxman to temporarily coach the Indian team in a stop-gap arrangement. Additionally, the support staff from the National Cricket Academy (NCA) will be tasked with overseeing the team during this period, the report further said.

Seasoned marathon runners gear up for Adani Ahmedabad Marathon 2023

AGENCIES
AHMEDABAD, NOV 17

Seasoned marathon runners are gearing up for the Adani Ahmedabad Marathon 2023, one of the city's biggest events, which is scheduled to take place on November 26.

The 83-year-old Munindra Vasavada, who will be the oldest runner at the 7th edition of the Adani Ahmedabad Marathon, spoke about his preparation for the event.

"I live in Gandhinagar with my son, who is a professor at a university here. So just a few days ago, I took part in a local running event. Everyone was so excited about my completion of the event. Looking forward to being in Ahmedabad on the 26th with my family. Although, I would say, walking and running is part of my routine, part of my life because in my young days, we didn't have easy access to vehicles, walking was the only way of commute," said Munindra Vasavada.

Vasavada further shared how running runs in his blood. The 83-year-old said, "Even though we have easy access to vehicles now, I believe in simple living.

I still prefer walking and running marathons has become my hobby. I've been taking part in the marathons for 8-10 years now. My granddaughter takes part with me in the running events. My son is an avid runner. He has taken part in around 15 full marathons both in the USA and India. So, marathon runs in our blood."

Meanwhile, Hemal Shah, who has been taking part in the Adani Ahmedabad Marathon since the first edition in 2017 expressed her excitement for the race. She said, "It's our Ahmedabad's signature event, super excited for it. I've been taking part since the first edition and also didn't miss out during COVID times as I took part virtually. I have been running for the last 20 years and have taken part in more than 15 marathons and trail marathons across India and abroad. But it's always a privilege to take part in your home event."

The 52-year-old, who is the President of the Amdavad Distance Runners group, further added that she is looking forward to running the marathon at the picturesque Riverfront Sports

Park. "We have a new route and it's across the Sabarmati riverfront, it will be a great day to run and ready rock the event," she stated.

Ingit Anand, who is a Project Lead at a Real Estate firm, expressed his excitement for the event, explaining that running and endurance sport is his preferred lifestyle. "For me, endurance sports is a lifestyle component. A way to maintain my fitness and health. I've been taking part in various triathlon events across the world. I've done around two full and more than 25 half marathons so far. Goals like these help me to get better, stronger and faster. I'm excited for this edition of AAM as it is going to offer a new route and a challenge."

The upcoming edition of the Adani Ahmedabad Marathon will begin at the picturesque Sabarmati Riverfront Sports Park, and is also going to end over there. One of the most awaited sporting events in Ahmedabad, which also is celebration of a fit lifestyle, will be flagged off by the legendary former Indian cricket captain Mithali Raj, and Gujarati actor Malhar Thakar.

Pandya set to miss series against Australia, South Africa; Reports

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 17

Indian all rounder Hardik Pandya is set to miss the five match T20I series against Australia and three match ODI and T20I series against South Africa due to an right ankle injury that he sustained during the World Cup league match against Bangladesh, suggest a media report.

The Indian Express reports that Pandya who is at the rehabilitation centre at National Cricket Academy, Bengaluru might be out of the action for another two months.

However, the medical team is yet to take a call on whether Pandya needs surgery or not.

"Two weeks ago, Pandya was asked to bowl



in the nets with strength and conditioning coaches advising him to increase speed slowly. The support staff didn't want him to put too much pressure on his ankle. It is learnt that

Pandya didn't face any problem in the first three balls he bowled. He decided to increase the intensity of his bowling for the next delivery. It was during the fourth ball that he felt a bit of pain in his leg," a source was quoted as saying by Indian Express.

Pandya informed the support staff about the pain he felt on his right ankle. The NCA medical team decided to get another round of scans done.

The tournament's Event Technical Committee had approved seamer Prasad Krishna as Pandya's replacement. The 27-year-old, Krishna, who has made a comeback after a long injury layoff, has played 17 ODIs for India and has bagged 29 wickets.

Bolivia clinch first win of 2026 World Cup qualifiers

AGENCIES
LA PAZ, NOV 17

Henry and Ramiro Vaca scored either side of half-time as Bolivia eased to a 2-0 home win over Peru in their FIFA World Cup qualifier here on Thursday. Henry opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he combined with Marcelo Moreno before rifling a left-footed shot

from distance into the far corner, reports Xinhua.

Ramiro doubled the advantage by receiving Jaime Arrascaita's pass and taking a steady touch before beating goalkeeper Pedro Gallese with a powerful shot from outside the 18-yard box. The result marked Bolivia's first win of the campaign and left Peru as the only side in the group without a victory.

"We've taken the first important step by winning this match," Ramiro told reporters after the match. "We were under a lot of pressure after a bad run of results and hopefully we now have something that we can build upon in the next few matches."

Earlier on Thursday, Ecuador held Venezuela to a goalless draw in their qualifier in Maturin.

Bhilwara Kings all set for LCC season 2; retain Pathan brothers and Tilakaratne Dilshan

AGENCIES
RANCHI, NOV 17

Last season's runner-up Bhilwara Kings are all geared up for the second season of the Legends League Cricket (LLC) as they've retained icons like Irfan Pathan, Yusuf Pathan and Tilakaratne Dilshan, boosting their chances of victory. The upcoming LLC season is expected to have 19 matches and is scheduled to begin on November 18 to December 9 with matches being held across the country in cities such as Ranchi, Jammu, Dehradun, Vizag, and Surat. Bhilwara Kings will be competing with the likes of Gujrat Giants, India Capitals, Manipal Tigers along with Southern Super Stars and Urbanisers Hyderabad.

Kings has brought 12 players from a pool of



more than 200 players at a recently held auction, further strengthening the team.

"As we embark on the upcoming season, I am confident that the foundation of integrity, resilience, and camaraderie we've built will propel us to new heights. The meticulous composition of our

team reflects our commitment to excellence, and I am excited to witness the collective spirit that will define the Bhilwara Kings on and off the field. Let's play not just for victory but for the indomitable spirit that defines us as Bhilwara Kings," Gurpreet Sareen CEO, of Bhilwara Kings said.

ATP Finals Perfect Sinner tops group, helps Djokovic into semis

AGENCIES
TURIN, NOV 17

Jannik Sinner's Nitto ATP Finals charge has taken him all the way to the top of Green Group. The home favourite wrapped a perfect round-robin stage at the prestigious season finale on Thursday by downing Holger Rune 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. In doing so, he also ensured that six-time champion and World No. 1 Novak Djokovic progressed to the semi-finals alongside him. Sinner backed up his opening wins against Stefanos Tsitsipas and Djokovic with a courageous third performance of the week inside the Pala Alpitour, converting two of four break points he earned to register a two-hour, 33-minute triumph in a match that swung back and forth.

"For me it was really important, resetting after the good win against Novak," said Sinner. "I



never won against [Rune], so I really tried my best. I started off really well. In the second, he served better, he moved better, so it was a much more even match. The third set could have gone his way. At 4-3 I saved a break point. It was a little bit of a roller coaster today, but obviously really happy and happy to be in the semis."

Sinner looked the more comfortable player for the first set and a half of the match but his movement appeared compromised by

an apparent back concern from midway through the second set. Holding firm, the Italian took the match deep into the deciding set and rode the raucous support from the stands to clinch his first win against Rune in three Lexus ATP Head2Head meetings between the two.

Now 60-14 for the 2023 season, Sinner is two matches away from winning five four-level tournaments in a single year for the first time. The 22-year-old, who became champi-

Messi's Argentina loses 0-2 to Uruguay

AGENCIES
BUENOS AIRES, NOV 17

The Lionel Messi-led Argentina lost to Uruguay 2-0 in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifiers at the Bombonera stadium thanks to goals from Ronald Araujo and Darwin Nunez in each half.

Uruguay was superior from beginning to end and, with the victory, moved up to second place in the standings with 10 points, two points behind leaders Argentina, who lost their first five games of the South American World Cup Qualifiers. Additionally, Argentina had not allowed goals in an international encounter since the FIFA World Cup 2022 final.

Argentina hadn't lost a competitive match since its group-stage opener against Saudi Arabia during last year's World Cup in Qatar.

Argentina still leads the 10-team South American qualifying group with 12 points from five matches. Uruguay is second with 10 points. Colombia has nine and Venezuela eight.

Brazil will host the World Cup champions at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro in fifth position, with seven points.

"We never felt comfortable in this match," Messi said. "Uruguay is a physical team, they have good teamwork. It is always like that against them."

Messi's close friend Luis Suárez, who just returned to the Uruguayan national team, did not play.

In the previous round of World Cup qualifying, Uruguay beat Brazil by the same score in Montevideo. Its next match will be against Bolivia.

China stages turnaround against Thailand in World Cup qualifier

AGENCIES
BANGKOK, NOV 17

China registered a morale-boosting victory as it came from behind to beat Thailand 2-1 in the 2026 World Cup qualifiers Round 2 here on Thursday.

Without key defender Jiang Guangtai, Chinese head coach Aleksandar Jankovic opted for Zhu Chenjie and Jiang Shenglong at the back-line, while Wu Lei led the trident upfront with Wu Xi pulling the string in the midfield, reports Xinhua.

Suphanat Mueanta's strike in the 5th minute was too weak to surprise China's goalkeeper Yan Junling, while at the other end Jiang's effort was wide of the post.

The host broke the deadlock in the 23rd minute through a counterattack, as Suphanat's attempt was denied by Yan, but he collected the loose ball and squared for Supachok Sarachat who laid it off for Sarach Yooyen to volley home.

China quickly got back on level terms minutes later as Wei Shihao charged forward and rolled across for Wu Lei to slide it in at the back post.

However, Wu Lei should have bagged a brace before the interval, as Wei sent him through, but he only saw his solo effort go wide.

Sarach'e twisting header was denied by Yan minutes after the break, and China completed the turnaround in the 74th minute with a combination of two substitutes as Xie Pengfei's lobbing pass found unmarked Wang Shangyuan who finished with a diving header undisturbed.

In a desperate bid to avoid a home defeat, Thailand poured forward in the dying minutes, but was still toothless to get back into it.

In an earlier fixture on Thursday, South Korea crushed Singapore 5-0. China will host South Korea on November 21.

on in Montpellier, Beijing, Toronto and Vienna this season, is the first Italian to advance to the singles semi-finals in the 54-year history of the Nitto ATP Finals.

"It means for sure more doing it here in Italy, in Turin, a special place, special tournament," said Sinner of earning his milestone 60th win – the most for an Italian man in the Open Era. "I'm very happy that I have the chance to have at least two more matches. Hopefully I can finish the year in a good way. I think it's going in the right direction, and let's see what's coming."

Roared on by the vocal Italian support, Sinner made a rapid start in his bid to maintain his perfect run in Turin. He opened a 4-0 lead by being clinical every time he went on the attack, and he ultimately powered nine winners past the unsettled Rune en route to the opening set.

In need of a fast turnaround, the World No. 8 Rune, who would have topped the group himself and eliminated Djokovic by beating Sinner, dug deep to work through his early struggles. The Dane received treatment on his right knee from the physio at 3-2 in the second set but that did not prevent him raising his level and taking command as Sinner began to clutch his back inbetween points. Rune made his move at 6-5 in the second set, capitalising on a wayward service game from Sinner to level the match and carry significant momentum into the decider. What transpired was a tense third set in which both players fended off break points. Appearing to move freely again, it was Sinner who took his chance in style, dropping a stunning backhand volley over the net at 4-4, 30/40 for an ultimately decisive break.

Cadet Simran Kumari from GDC Kishtwar demonstrates outstanding performance at Para Basic Course in Agra

JINNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 17

Cadet Simran Kumari, a dedicated cadet from Government Degree College Kishtwar, has exemplified exceptional valor and determination by actively participating in the rigorous Para Basic Course conducted at the esteemed Para Training School in Agra.

Cadet Simran Kumari's involvement in the course is especially commendable, having leapt alongside DG NCC India, Lt General Gurbir Pal Singh AVSM VSM, a true testament to her dedication and commitment to excelling in this domain.

The prestigious Para Basic Course, an intensive training regiment, accommodates a select group of 40 young men and 40 women cadets annually.

This training demands a pinnacle of physical prowess, requiring candidates to achieve formi-



dable benchmarks such as running 1 km within 4 minutes, performing 5-6 pull-ups, 22 push-ups, and 36 squats—a testament to the requisite stamina and fortitude to become a paratrooper.

The journey to becoming a paratrooper is arduous, commencing approximately 4 months prior to the camp. Prospective candidates undergo a rigorous selection process, involving interviews at the unit, group, and directorate levels, ensuring only the most deserving and fortunate individuals are bestowed the opportunity to partake in the Para Basic Course.

Cadet Simran Kumari's participation not only reflects her personal commitment but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring youth, showcasing the possibilities achievable through unwavering determination and unwavering dedication to the pursuit of excellence.

DC Srinagar inspects under construction Migrant Transit Accommodation at Zewan

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Friday undertook a visit to Zewan area of District to oversee the progress of ongoing works being executed for providing Migrant Transit Accommodation to the PM Package employees.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer, PHE, Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer PDD, Tehsildar Panthachowk and other concerned.

The Deputy Commissioner took a round of the various under construction blocks of the Migrant Transit Accommodations. He was apprised that the work on the project for construction of 39 blocks comprising of 936 flats is going on in full swing and as on date an amount of Rs

50 Cr has been expended against the allotted cost of Rs 112.34 crore.

While reviewing the present status of the project, the DC was informed that over 50 percent target under the project has been achieved with completion of civil works on 26 blocks comprising 624 flats.

With regard to providing of drinking water facilities at the Transit Camp, the DC was informed that over 40 % works have been completed on the construction of 50,000 Gallons RCC Sump and Operators quarter at a cost of Rs 32.24 lakh. While 75 % works on Construction of 100000 Gallons dome type RCC service reservoir has been completed for which Rs 35.04 lakh have been earmarked.

Likewise, Rs 1.28 crore project for Pipe network and construction of Chowkidar quarter is also under allotment process.

In addition, project for Construction of chain-link fencing around structures has also been allotted with the cost of Rs 19 lakh.

While Rs 1.10 project for Electrical Mechanical component is in tendering process through Rural Mechanical Division.

Similarly, while reviewing the Status of under construction 1x10 MVA, 33/11 kV Receiving Station & allied works for Transit Accommodation being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs 3.61 crore, the DC was informed that 10 Mva Receiving station will be commissioned, however, power supply to the towers would be made by December 2023.

Similarly, the DC took firsthand appraisal of Distribution works being executed at an estimated cost of Rs 6.06 crore comprising Erection of 2 No. 11kV feeders, DTs for of 39 residential towers, and

Illumination/ Streetlights to the periphery.

The DC was informed that 2 No. dedicated 11kV feeders for transit camp shall be completed by December 2023 and Insulation of 10 Nos DTs for 10 Blocks which are expected to be made functional by end of December 23 shall be taken up side by side with landscape works of R&B department. While for installation of streetlights SE KPDCCL was told to immediate start the same based on layout given by R & B Department.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned executing agency to handover 10 blocks of the facility by the December, 2023 as committed by the executing agency and further accelerate the pace of ongoing construction works to ensure timely completion of the whole project.

PD&SJs of Pulwama & Kupwara condole demise of father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

The Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar and PD&SJ Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum today condoled the demise of Shri Utam Chand Shukla, the father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

In this connection, two separate condolence meetings were held at District Court Complex (DCC) Pulwama and DCC Kupwara chaired by PD&SJ Pulwama and PD&SJ Kupwara respectively.

In the condolence meeting held at DCC Pulwama, the PD&SJ Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar extended condolences and expressed deep sym-



pathies on behalf of all the participants to the grieved family particularly to Justice Sanjeev Kumar.

The Condolence meeting, attended by all the Judicial Officers of the District and other staff members, emphasized the solidarity and support of the legal fraternity of District Pulwama with the bereaved family at this difficult time.

Judicial officers from

muffasil courts of District Pulwama joined the meeting through virtual mode.

The PD&SJ Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum on the occasion shared words of solace, acknowledging the immense loss suffered by the bereaved family. She expressed deep sympathy for Justice Sanjeev Kumar, recognizing the profound impact of losing a beloved father.

The memories of Late

Utam Chand Shukla will forever be cherished, and his contributions to the legal fraternity will be remembered with deep respect, added Shazia Tabasum.

Meanwhile, Judicial Officers of District Kupwara also expressed heartfelt condolences to Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla and members of the bereaved family, on the sad demise of his father.

Div Com reviews arrangements for Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls in District Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir & Electoral Roll Observer Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today reviewed the arrangements for the on-going Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls and disposal of claims in Srinagar District, in a meeting here at the Conference Hall of DC Office Srinagar.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar was also present on the occasion.

At the outset the Divisional Commissioner took a detailed review of the progress achieved in the District under on-going SSR-2023 and the number of fresh applications received for inclusion besides the number of other claims and objections. He also reviewed the digitization process and disposal of claims and objections. He emphasised upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revisions according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedites the process for achieving targets.

The chair was informed that all 8 EROs in the District are in Place and all the necessary training/orientation programmes for all concerned Officers/Officials including Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have already been organized well in time in every Assembly Constituency



before the commencement of Revision of Rolls. During the training the focus was given on use of BLO App, Voter helpline App. and other available portals of the Election Commission for lodging any claim or objection regarding inclusion of name, deletion of name, correction of name or transposition of in the electoral rolls.

Further, it was stated that sufficient number of the relevant forms required for the summary revision of electoral rolls have been kept available in the offices of DEO, ERO, AERO, BLO, Ward Offices, Niabat Offices, in Educational Institutions/Univer-

sities and at Polling Station Level.

Besides, it was given that a well-equipped Public Grievance Management System (PGMS) has already been established at the office of DEO/AERO to address the problems of the people related to revision of electoral rolls and other connected issues/grievances.

The chair emphasized that EROs must put in their best efforts through various means of awareness under the SVEEP program to motivate all young eligible electors for registering their name in electoral rolls and ensure that no eligible voter remains un-registered.

DC Kulgam finalises preparations for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of Officers to finalise the action plan and preparations for smooth and successful conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district.

The DC directed the Officers to ensure maximum public participation in Viksit Yatra, which is aimed to raise awareness about the Government's achievements and schemes among the public, across the district.

It was informed by concerned Nodal officers, entrusted with the Yatra arrangements, that all arrangements have been put in place to make the Yatra impactful.

Digital Vans, it was informed, will traverse all Panchayats of the district including urban areas, delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting of promotional events and publicising the government schemes.

It was also informed that district administration has prepared a comprehensive schedule to cover all blocks and urban areas, with Nodal Officers assigned specific duties for a smooth yatra passage.

During the meeting, the DC stressed the importance of flagship schemes and underlined the need for effective projection of the same to maximize their impact.

He called for effective coordination among the departments for the successful conduct of Yatra while finalising the District Action Plan.

Ayushman Bhava Health Mela organised at Uri



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BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 17

In a significant stride towards community healthcare, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Baramulla, alongside Block Medical Officer, inaugurated Ayushman Health Mela at the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Uri.

The Health Department organized this event under the Ayushman Bhava Campaign, aiming to extend quality healthcare services to the community.

A specialized team of doctors from GMC Baram-

ulla, led by Prof. Abdul Majid, in collaboration with doctors from Block Uri's healthcare centers, provided free counseling and examinations across various medical disciplines, encompassing gynecology, dermatology, orthopedics, and general surgery etc. Free diagnostic tests for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and TB screening were conducted, complemented by the provision of free medications to patients examined during the Mela.

A total of about 620 beneficiaries attended the

Mela, who were extensively briefed on various health schemes and guided on the necessary steps to access these benefits. Additionally, beneficiaries were registered for Golden-cards and ABHA cards, ensuring they could avail themselves of insurance and holistic healthcare scheme benefits.

Speaking during the event, the CMO highlighted the 'Ayushman Bhava' initiative as a governmental commitment to saturate healthcare services across villages and towns, in line with the commit-

ment to ensure reach to the last mile and enable access to health care services to everyone in the society.

Dr. Parvaiz Ahmad Masoodi, Medical Superintendent of GMC Baramulla, on the occasion, underscored the pivotal contribution of GMC Baramulla in deploying specialized teams of doctors for every Ayushman Bhava program in the district ensuring doorstep access to specialized healthcare services and commitment to community well-being and accessibility.

Union Joint Secretary reviews arrangements for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 17

Union Joint Secretary and Additional Financial Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Amitabh Ranjan Sinha, today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review and strategize the arrangements for impending "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra," here at Conference

Hall, Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal. Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyamir, SSP, Nikhil Borkar, ADDC, ADC, ACR, CPO, SDM Kangan and all district officers were present in the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner briefed the meeting about the plan formulated and the arrangements being put in place for

smooth conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. He informed that the Yatra will commence on 20th of November 2023 and continue for 20 days.

The focus of the yatra will be on reaching out to people, raising awareness, and offering the advantages of welfare programs like access to LPG cylinders, electricity connections,

sanitation facilities, basic financial services, food security, healthy nutrition, dependable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc.

To enhance efficiency of the campaign, IT portal has been establishment at the district level that will serve as centralized hub for event monitoring and information dissemination, informed the DC.