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“Awaam Ki Awaaz”: LG shares inspiring stories of Progressive Farmers of J&K

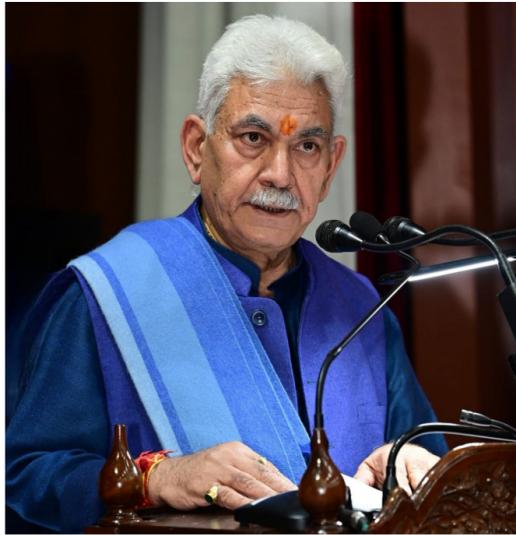
JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 19

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha during this month’s ‘Awaam Ki Awaaz’ programme reiterated the resolve of J&K UT Administration to promote equitable and inclusive development, based on the ideals of Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

“The principal architect of the Indian Constitution and one of the greatest social reformers of India Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had observed in constituent assembly that social democracy means that way of life which recognizes liberty, equality and fraternity as principles of life,” the Lt Governor said.

Through his speech, Baba Saheb had drawn the country’s attention towards social equality. In the last 9 years, under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, this cherished goal is being realized and a record 13.5 cr people moved out of multidimensional poverty, he added.

He said the Back to Village



campaign, a unique endeavour of UT Administration envisages a renewed focus on the social and economic empowerment of villages. Its main objective is to bring about a paradigm shift in the rural socio-economic system and make villages a vibrant force of J&K’s development.

“The Back to Village campaign gives another big message that many challenges can be tackled through Janbhagidari. We must make mutual cooperation a permanent feature in the development journey of our villages,” the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor shared the

inspiring journey of progressive farmers of J&K. He said the farmers with their hard work and innovative approach are achieving the ambitious target of doubling the income.

He made a special mention of Bandna Devi of village Malothi, Doda; Ganderbal’s Shafeeqa Shora and Sunita Devi of Basohli who have emerged as a source of motivation for other women through their awe-inspiring success stories.

Bandna Devi is a living example of Nari Shakti’s ability to show the way to prosperity. She has created a new revolution in Malothi village with successful diversification from ‘maize to marigold farming’, he said.

He appreciated Sunita Devi of Basohli for transforming her land into a flourishing integrated farm, combining dairy, vegetables, spices and traditional crops.

Ganderbal’s Shafeeqa Shora, with her skills, knowledge, determination and support from the administration, has started a dairy unit that is contributing to

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DGP J&K visits Rajouri; interacts with field officers



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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 19

Jammu and Kashmir Police is best force to fight terrorism as no one knows the topography & demography as we do, this was stated by Director General of Police J&K Sh. R R Swain while addressing the darbar of officers and jawans at District Police Line Rajouri.

The DGP J&K was on a day-

long visit to border district Rajouri where he interacted with the jurisdictional DySPs & SHOs of district Rajouri and Poonch. He also chaired meeting of officers from Army, CRPF, BSF and sister agencies besides range & district Police officers.

During the meeting with the officers of different forces besides sister agencies, all officers agreed upon more actions

against terrorism and their supporters.

Officers agreed upon clean and green operations while taking due care about the problems being faced by the citizens of the border districts.

Revisiting and rejuvenating Border Police Posts with the support and synergy of other forces was also discussed. Measures for strengthening

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ICC World Cup | Australia defeats India by six wickets to win sixth title



AGENCIES
AHMEDABAD, NOV 19

Chasing a target of 241, Australia maintained their killer instinct and pressure from the huge number of fans at the stadium to beat India comprehensively during the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 final in Ahmedabad on November 19. India was comprehensive beaten in all departments at the final.

Travis Head took a brilliant catch to dismiss Rohit Sharma and scored an excellent century to take his team to the title. Australia reached the target in 42.5 overs with six wickets in hand. Australia lost David Warner (7) early in the

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Train journey is considered as a voyage to transform present form of knowledge: LG



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KATRA, NOVEMBER 19

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha flagged off “Gyanodaya Express- College on Wheels”, the first-of-its-kind mobile educational endeavor in Jammu Kashmir, from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Railway Station, Katra.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the unique and unprecedented effort of the Higher Education Council, University of Jammu and everyone associated with the initiative aims at empowering approximately 700 girl students from across Universities of the Union Territory.

“Gyanodaya Express will

travel through various states and it will be an educational pilgrimage for the students. The journey endeavors to dissolve boundaries of classrooms, streams and evolve education by providing immersive, collaborative, and project-based learning experiences, the Lt Governor said.

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CIC updates Dr Jitendra about RTI disposal rising above 90%

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, NOV 19

The Chief Information Commissioner of India, Shri Heeralal Samariya today called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh. He also updated the Minister about the RTI disposal rate this year rising above 90%.

This is the first meeting between the CIC and the DoPT Minister since Samariya, who was working as an Information Commissioner for three years, was sworn in as the CIC on 6 November, 2023.

During an hour-long meeting with the Minister, Samariya informed the Minister that the disposal rate of Right to Information (RTI) Appeals/Complaints has, for the first time, crossed 90% in the current Financial Year of 2023-24.

As per CIC data available as

on November 9, 2023, 11,499 RTI Appeals/Complaints were disposed of while a total of 12,695 were received, marking a disposal rate of 90.5%. In 2022-23, a total of 19,018 Appeals were registered, while in 2021-22, a total of 19,604 appeals were registered and in 2020-21, a total of 19,183 RTI Appeals were registered. The figures for RTI Appeals disposed of in 2022-23, was 29,210; in 2021-22, 28,793 Appeals were disposed and in 2020-21, a total of 17,017 Appeals were disposed. Figures include the backlog of pending RTI Appeals also disposed of during the respective year.

The Minister applauded the office of Chief Information Commission for being the first Government body to use Artificial Intelligence for study, analysis and pattern of RTIs and also checking credentials of RTI applicants.

CIC also apprised the Minister of the hybrid mode, - physical cum video conferencing, introduced in the office of CIC for hearing and disposal of RTI appeals. Dr Jitendra Singh told the CIC to urge the

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Army Commander compliments troops for two successful operations in J&K



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 19

Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upenendra Dwivedi visited troops deployed in the counter-terrorism grid in Rajouri and Kulgam districts of Jammu and Kashmir and complimented the troops for neutralising six terrorists in two separate successful operations.

While five Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in Nehama village during an 18-hour long operation on Friday, another terrorist was eliminated in an encounter in Budhal area of Rajouri district the same day.

In a post on X, Northern

Command of Indian Army said Dvivedi visited the troops deployed in the counter-terrorism grid at Budhal in Rajouri district of Jammu region and Kulgam in Anantnag district of south Kashmir on Saturday.

“The Army Cdr (commander) complimented the Cdrs (commanders), troops & @JmuKmrPolice for their meticulous planning, jointmanship & synergy, displayed in precise execution & successful conduct of operations in eliminating six terrorists & recovery of war-like stores,” the Northern Command said.

The Army stands by its commitment to keep Jammu and Kashmir terror-free, it said.

Cricket should be played in sporting spirit, not treated like war: Mufti

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 19

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday said cricket should be played in a sporting spirit and not treated as if it were a war.

“Cricket is a sport and it should be played like one. It is not a war,” Mufti said when asked about her views on the ongoing Cricket World Cup.

The PDP president said the then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf attended India-Pakistan cricket matches in each other’s countries.

“When an Indian player played well, the Pakistani crowd appreciated it and the same was done by the Indian crowd for Pakistani players. That is how the game should be seen,” she added.

Mufti also hit out at the Jammu and Kashmir

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Imphal Airport on high alert after small-sized drone detected in Airspace



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IMPHAL (MANIPUR), NOV 19

Imphal Airport was put on high alert after a small-sized drone was spotted by security personnel on Sunday afternoon, sources said.

According to sources, the drone was spotted by a security personnel at 3 pm thereafter alert was issued.

“An alert was also issued to other agencies at the airport and operations were postponed till security clear-

ance,” sources said. Three flights were affected due to the security clearance and flight operations later resumed at 5.30 pm.

In this regard, the Eastern Command of the Indian Air Force said that it activated its Air Defence response mechanism. In a post on X, Eastern Command said, “IAF activated its Air Defence response mechanism based on visual inputs from Imphal airport. The small object was not seen thereafter.”

Directorate of Rural Sanitation J&K Commemorates World Toilet Day in Udhampur, Emphasizes Sustainable Sanitation Practices

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOV 19

In a dedicated effort to underscore the importance of sanitation and hygiene, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation Jammu and Kashmir celebrated World Toilet Day at an event held in Udhampur which was attended by DDCs, BDCs, PRIs, Students, and staff members of Government Higher Secondary School Barolla, locals, RDD staff and sanitation workers.

Addressing the gathering, the Director Mr. Charandeep Singh highlighted the significance of World Toilet Day as a platform to raise awareness about sanitation challenges and promote effective solutions. Emphasizing the role of sustainable practices, the director urged the community to adopt measures that contribute to long-term cleanliness. "Ensuring access to proper sanitation is not only a matter of health but



also a fundamental right. We must focus on sustainable practices that go beyond just building toilets. It involves creating a culture of cleanliness and hygiene that lasts," stated the director.

He emphasized that there was a critical need for sustainable sanitation practices to ensure the overall well-being of communities.

During the event, the Director launched Toilet Etiquette posters to be put on all CSCs. Various initiatives from Single Pit

to Twin Pit, Compost Pits and Soak Pits, and projects aimed at promoting sustainable sanitation were showcased at Government Higher Secondary School, Barolla Udhampur. The Director also visited the GOBARdhan project in the block.

The director called for active public support in implementing these measures, emphasizing that community involvement is essential for the success of any sanitation program.

Residents and community leaders attended the

event, expressing their commitment to supporting initiatives that promote cleanliness. Discussions revolved around the need for collective efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

Chairman DDC Lal Chand also emphasized on the importance of sanitation. He informed that sanitation in rural areas have improved phenomenally.

On the occasion, the Director asked the field staff to inform the public about the twin pit technology and conduct a survey for construction of twin pits. Each twin pit beneficiary would be given Rs 6000.

The Director lauded the teachers for constructing demo of twin pit in school and making students aware and praised the students for participating in rangoli making related to swachhata and Slogan writing competition.

Awards were distrib-

uted among the top performing students in slogan writing competition. Miss Gudiya Sharma got the 1st, Miss Madhu Devi 2nd and Miss Manisha Devi 3rd position respectively in slogan writing competition.

Students also highlighted the importance of sanitation by participating in cultural programs organised by the authorities.

The director concluded the event by calling for a united front in the pursuit of sustainable sanitation practices. "Cleanliness is a shared responsibility, and together, we can create a lasting impact. Let us work hand in hand to build a healthier and more sustainable future for our communities," the director urged.

As the World Toilet Day celebration concluded, the focus now shifts to implementing the discussed initiatives and garnering continued public support for sustainable sanitation practices in the rural J&K.

DC Jammu inaugurates Painting Exhibition on life and culture of J&K Tribes

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 19

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today inaugurated a painting exhibition showcasing the life and culture of tribal groups in Jammu and Kashmir. The exhibition, held at the Master Sansar Chand Gallery at Kalakendra, was organized by the Tribal Affairs Department. It forms part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah celebrations taking place across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was attended by numerous dignitaries, artists, and members of the tribal community, who gathered to appreciate and celebrate the region's unique cultural diversity.

During the inauguration, Sachin Kumar Vaishya highlighted the significance of tribal communities, focusing on the need to project and preserve the diverse ethno-cultural ethos of Scheduled Tribes groups. Drawing from his experiences as District Magistrate in various districts, Vaishya commended the exhibition participants for their remarkable works on display, noting the great cultural richness among indigenous tribes.

Musheer Ahmad Mirza, Director Tribal Affairs



Department, expressed his belief that such creative endeavors are crucial in drawing attention to tribal culture.

Dr. Abdul Khabir, Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Department, emphasized that the main objective of the program is to showcase the inherent creativity in tribal life and culture. He mentioned that the event aligns with the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah' celebrations in Jammu and Kashmir, with more activities planned during the week. Dr.

Javaid Rahi, a renowned tribal researcher, provided insights into the exhibition. He noted that the participating painters were tasked with creating portraits reflecting the lives and culture of Jammu and Kashmir's tribes. The exhibition featured a total of 20 oil paintings, each offering a unique perspective on the theme. The significance of the exhibition was further underscored by the many visitors who recorded their views and experiences in the visitor's book.

Audit Diwas Week Celebration takes off in Jammu on high note

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 19

The week-long Audit Diwas celebration, being observed from 19th to 24th November 2023, took off in Jammu on a high note as Principal Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu, organised Audit-Run-Marathon and a mega cleanliness drive here today.

Amid enthusiastic participation of 300-350 people including senior functionaries of Audit/Accounts/Regional Training Institute, their children and Family members, besides Ace Athletes and civil society members, the Audit Marathon Started from Muthi Side Flyover at 8:15 A.M. and Culminated at Canal head at 9:00 A.M.

The Chief Guest, Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh, International Wushu Champion Flagged off the 4.5 Km and 2 KM Audit Marathon in presence of Ravinder Singh, Sr. Dy. Accountant General, Jagbir Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Sukhdarshan Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Surinder Kumar, Assistant Accountant General,



Sanjay Sharma, Sr. Ranji Player and Ranjit Bali, Sr. Ranji Player.

Cleanliness Drive started from Canal Walk way Opposite PAG office at 10:A.M and culminated at the exit point of the walkway Near Pawan Ice cream at around 11:00 AM.

Senior officers, employees and people from Civil society attended the cleanliness drive in great numbers. The Officials from Jammu Municipality along with man and machinery were also present on the occasion to provide logistic support.

Prize Distribution for winners of the Audit Marathon followed by distribution of light refreshments among all those who participated in the twin events. In the 4.2 Km male Category, Ramdayal Ji secured 1st Posi-

tion, Arjun Singh was first runner up and Samanyu Cyrish finished as second runner up.

The Youngest participant Shreyan Kumar, 8 year old was awarded a consolation prize in the 4.2 Km male. In the 4.2 km female category Antekshika emerged winner, while Veena Sharma stood 2nd and Navneeta Kumari ended as 3rd. In the 2 Km male category Adil Singh stood 1st, Vipin Kumar, 2nd and Arvind Verma 3rd. In the 2 Km female category, Shivani Sharma stood 1st, Sanjana Kachroo Stood 2nd and. Kiran Jyoti Wattal Stood 3rd.

The mega event was coordinated by Manish Sambyal, Senior Audit Officer and Nodal Officer, Audit Marathon and Cleanliness Drive and his team.

District-Wide Crackdown on Traffic Violators Continues in Doda District



J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 19

Under the decisive leadership of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, a rigorous drive has been launched to clamp down on traffic violations across the district. This comprehensive effort targets both commercial and private drivers to ensure the safety and compliance of road users.

On the fourth consecutive day, MVD, Executive Magistrates and Police Officers conducted extensive checking across the district.

The Motor Vehicles Department (MVD), led by Robin Parihar MVI, Neetan Singh AMVI, Arshid MVTA, along with the staff, spearheaded an enforcement drive. The operation, spanning from Gatsoo to Bhaderwah road, placed a special emphasis on passenger vehicles, focusing on the removal of extra seats, grills covering emergency exits, and tackling overloading.

During the drive, a thorough inspection of vehicles revealed a staggering 46 operating in contravention of various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. Challans were promptly issued for offenses including unauthorized seating (Section 207), absence of speed limiting devices (SLD), violations under Section 190, traffic signal infractions (Section 52/177), mobile phone usage while driving, overloading of

passengers, overloading of goods, and compound-related violations. The on-the-spot realization of Rs. 13,500 from compounded challans underscored the seriousness of the enforcement measures. In a notable development, one driving license has been recommended for suspension, signalling the commitment of the authorities to uphold road safety standards.

Similar checking drives have been reported from Gandoh, Thathri, Assar, Bhaderwah, and other parts of the district, where Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Police Officers conducted thorough inspection/ checking of vehicles plying on roads to ensure the safety of the commuters. Hundreds of challans have been issued and many driving licenses and RCs have been recommended for suspension and cancellation.

It is pertinent to mention here that yesterday, a crucial District Road Safety Committee meeting was held in which directions have been issued to make compulsory installation of CCTV cameras in every passenger vehicle particularly in metadoors and buses. ARTO DODA has issued an order in this regard. Furthermore, it has been made mandatory to display information in every passenger vehicle, depicting PCR and Traffic Police toll free numbers, Driver and vehicle's information, and speed limit authorised for that particular road.

Kathua wins divisional level round of Kala Utsav for 3rd consecutive year



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 19

Kathua registered a resounding win in the recently concluded Divisional Level round of Kala Utsav 2023-24, as the students from the District bagged maximum first position among all districts of Jammu division. It was the third consecutive win of the district in the early Divisional Level Round of Kala Utsav.

The two-day long event was conducted from 17th November to 18th November at Teachers' Bhawan, Jammu.

The students from district Kathua participated in all 20 competitions held under 10 different categories of art forms of dance, music, instrumental, indigenous toy making, 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional visual arts, drama in which the district level winners from all districts from Jammu

division competed with each other.

The winners of the divisional level competition had also won contests held at school and zonal levels. In the overall results, district Kathua was declared champion and in 20 competitions, seven first positions, Six 2nd Positions and two third positions meant overall 15 positions were won by Kathua district. The winners included Pragati Mishra, Shivam Singh, Rubby, Manish Kumar, Bhumika Singh, Vaishnavi Parasher, Kushal Kumar, Suhani Mehta, Pratham, Suvanshika, Sahil Kumar, Shivanshi Thakur, Riyaz Ahmed, Sahira Tabasum & Anshika Sharma.

The first winners of this round would be competing with the winners from the Kashmir division at the UT level Kala Ustav competition.

Chief Education Officer Kathua, P.L. Thapa con-

gratulated the winners, mentor teachers, DCCs, ZICCs, SICCs, ZEOs of all the concerned HOIs and teaching community of district Kathua for a brilliant performance. He said that it gives him immense pleasure to be part of the winning district for the third consecutive year.

The officer said that he wishes that district Kathua shall lead on all fronts and all the competitions. He further said that he had seen himself, the participants and all other stakeholders working very hard and wished that they win at UT level and National level as well. He said that he recognizes the work done by all the stakeholders and specially appreciates District Incharge Cultural & Education Cell Kathua headed by Monika Khosla and her team of all Zonal Incharges in conducting the whole event smoothly.

One-Day Conference- Sangoshthi held at GMC Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 19

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology GMC Udhampur, in collaboration with the North India Gynae Forum and Indian Fertility Society, today organized a one-day Conference- Sangoshthi.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Mrityunjay Gupta, Principal GMC Udhampur, in the presence of Dr. B.L. Choudhary, Medical Superintendent, Associated Hospital. Dr. Manu Bhatnagar, Additional Director of J&K AIDS Control Society, delivered the keynote address on HIV.

In his welcome address, Dr. Mrityunjay Gupta highlighted the concept behind organizing this conference, emphasizing



ing its role in creating an academic atmosphere and improving patient care.

Later, Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Professor at GMC Udhampur, delivered the vote of thanks.

Among the attendees were former HODs of GMC Jammu, Dr. Sad-

hana Sharma, Dr. Sudha Sharma, Dr. Surender Kumar, and a galaxy of experts from the entire province of Jammu. Dr. Arun Arora, HOD of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at GMC Udhampur, was also present.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Ramban Admin organizes sensitization training for supervisory staff

JINews Service
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 19

District Administration Ramban today organized a training session for the officers and resource persons of line departments to facilitate successful conduct of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district here under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Rajinder Sharma presided over the training session, besides reviewing the arrangements for conducting planned activities in Panchayats across the District to achieve the goals of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a rural as well as urban awareness programme to saturate the

schemes. He informed that Coordination Committees have been constituted at District, Sub Division and Panchayat levels to conduct Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra successfully in the district.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal, ACR Giasul-Haq, CPO Ganesh Kumar, ACD, Ashok Katoch, GM, DIC, Ravinder Anand, all District Officers, BDOs and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The ADDC directed the officers of line department to immediately share the latest data pertaining to the flagship and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes with district level control room, especially seven-teen mentioned schemes of various sectors to check out the modalities to satu-



rate the same in the district.

Briefing the officers about line of activities planned by the departments and targets to be achieved by them under their respective schemes, the ADDC directed them all the activities will be coordinate by the Panchayat Level Coordination Committees in their respective Panchayats, besides

ensuring the involvement of beneficiaries and general public for their awareness and to saturate the schemes in letter and spirit in the district.

The ADDC directed the officers to activate their field functionaries in coordination with BDOs to give a festive look to Panchayats by using

locally available and traditional materials, banners of their departments for the beautification of Panchayats. Meanwhile, the ADC directed the departments to start activities at Panchayat level to put enthusiasm among the

public about beneficiary oriented schemes and the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra which will visit in all Panchayats of the district. The DIO NIC, Prashant Kumar imparted the hand-holding to the officers about operation of IT portal and mobile responsive platform, besides briefing them of other technicalities pertaining to the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and implementation of online schemes.

GPC Ramban organizes online webinar on career guidance

JINews Service
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 19

Government Polytechnic College, Ramban organized an online Webinar on "Career Guidance on Financial Wellness enhancement, education & motivation in collaboration with Excellence Global Skill, Training & Development Organization.

As many as 80 students and staff members of the institution registered and subsequently participated in the event.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India Invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division.

Auction Catalogue No.	EAFZR-PMBJK-2
Auction Date & Time	01-12-2023 at 14:30 Hrs

Name of work : Allotment of space on contract basis for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at Railway Station Srinagar

For participation registration and further information please visit n Railway website www.reps.gov.in 3619/2023

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
e-Auction Notice

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India Invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:

1. Auction Catalogue No.	FZRPARECEL67
Auction Date & Time	02.12.2023 at 11.00 Hrs
Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 14654-F1, 14654-F2, 14654-R1, 22430-F1, 22430-F2, 22480-F1, 19108-F1, 15099-F1, 12422-F1, 19028-F1, 12470-F1, 19612-F1, 22446-F1, 12472-VP & 12414-VP.	
2. Auction Catalogue No.	FZRPARECEL68
Auction Date & Time	04.12.2023 at 11.00 Hrs
Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 12014-F1, 14508-R1, 14508-F2, 14633-F1, 14633-F2, 14834-R1, 12498-F1, 14634-F2, 14508-F1, 14634-F1, 14633-R1, 14632-F1, 12414-F1 & 12920-F1.	
3. Auction Catalogue No.	FZRPARECEL69
Auction Date & Time	05.12.2023 at 11.00 Hrs
Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 14036-R1, 12752-F1, 22552-F1, 14036-F1, 12588-F1, 14036-F2, 22706-F1, 12478-F2, 19804-F1, 19326-F1, 22402-F1 & 22486-F1.	

For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.reps.gov.in.

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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:-

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Mon, Wed, Fri	20.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tue, Thu, Sat	21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Wednesday	22.11.2023 to 06.12.2023
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	Tue, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 29.11.2023
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Sunday, Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Tuesday, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Wednesday, Sat	upto 29.11.2023
04488	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
04487	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn	11:20	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01663	Saharsa Jn	14:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
05578	Ambala Cant Jn	03:40	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05531	Raxaul Jn	22:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:00	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05532	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Raxaul Jn	14:30	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Wednesday, Saturday	22.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
04049	New Delhi	23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Monday, Saturday	upto 27.11.2023
04050	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Mon, Thu, Sat	Upto 30.11.2023
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00	Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 01.12.2023
01654	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:20	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
01653	Varanasi Jn	06:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:20	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04051	Saharsa Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	07:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Sunday	19.11.2023
04057	Jaynagar (Unreserved Spl.)	11:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Sunday	19.11.2023
04066	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:00	Patna Jn.	16:00	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04065	Patna Jn.	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:35	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30	Sunday	19, 26.11.23 & 03, 10.12.23
04061	Barauni Jn.	08:00	Delhi Jn.	05:50	Monday	20, 27.11.23 & 04, 12.12.23
01676	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	21:15	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01675	Muzaffarpur Jn.	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
01678	New Delhi	08:10	Gaya Jn.	00:30	Monday, Friday	20, 24, 27.11.23 & 01, 04.12.23
01677	Gaya Jn.	07:35	New Delhi	23:35	Tuesday, Saturday	21, 25, 28.11.23 & 02, 05.12.23
02250	New Delhi (Rajdhani Spl.)	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed	19, 21, 23, 25, 27 & 29.11.23
02249	Patna Jn. (Rajdhani Spl.)	09:00	New Delhi	21:00	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu	20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30.11.23
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn.	18:11	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 18.12.2023
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00	Thursday, Sunday	upto 19.12.2023
09097	Bandra Terminus	21:50	Jammu Tawi	08:35	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
09098	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Bandra Terminus	10:10	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09523	Okha	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09524	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Okha	13:50	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:30	Monday	20 & 27.11.2023
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:30	Malda Town	23:30	Tuesday	21 & 28.11.2023
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti Spl.)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	Daily	19.11.2023 to 30.11.2023
02245	New Delhi (Gati Shakti Spl.)	19:00	New Delhi	10:30	Daily	19.11.2023 to 01.12.2023
05734	Katihar	07:50	Amritsar	00:05	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
05733	Amritsar	12:45	Katihar	03:30	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
04527	Saharsa Jn.	19:00	Ambala Cantt.	22:20	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed	20, 23, 26 & 29.11.2023
04528	Sirhind Jn.	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	16:00	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	19, 22, 25 & 28.11.2023
04490	New Delhi	19:35	Darbhanga Jn.	16:45	Tue, Fri, Mon, Thu	21, 24, 27 & 30.11.2023
04489	Darbhanga Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	19, 22, 25, 28.11.23 & 01.12.23
04115	Prayagraj Jn.	21:25	Anand Vihar (T)	08:15	Tuesday, Thursday	21.11.2023 & 23.11.2023
04116	Anand Vihar (T)	10:15	Prayagraj Jn.	20:00	Wednesday, Friday	22.11.2023 & 24.11.2023
05023	Gorakhpur Jn.	20:55	Delhi Jn.	12:30	Sunday	upto 03.12.2023
05024	Delhi Jn.	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:30	Monday	upto 04.12.2023
05115	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar (T)	11:50	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
05116	Anand Vihar (T)	14:45	Chhapra	09:30	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
05306	Lal Kuan	22:00	Chhapra	07:10	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	upto 29.12.2023
05305	Chhapra	08:55	Lal Kuan	18:00	Wed, Thu, Sat, Mon	upto 30.12.2023
04016	New Delhi	14:55	Saharsa Jn.	15:50	Tuesday	21.11.2023
04015	Saharsa Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	19:20	Sun, Wed	19 & 22.11.2023
02248	Anand Vihar (Terminal)	00:30	Patna Jn.	16:30	Thu, Sat, Thu	23, 25 & 30.11.2023
02247	Patna Jn.	19:10	Anand Vihar (Terminal)	10:50	Thu, Sat, Thu	23, 25 & 30.11.2023

09129	Vadodara	19:00	Haridwar	14:30	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 25.11.2023
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05065	Gorakhpur Jn.	23:00	New Delhi	12:00	Weekly	Wednesday	29.11.2023
05066	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:15	Weekly	Thursday	30.11.2023
05069	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:00	New Delhi	22:05	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
05070	New Delhi	00:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	14:45	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
05071	Gomti Nagar	23:00	New Delhi	08:15	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
05072	New Delhi	10:00	Chhapra Jn.	04:15	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05159	Chhapra Jn.	23:55	New Delhi	20:00	Weekly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
05160	New Delhi	00:30	Chhapra Jn.	19:25	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
09557	Bhavnagar	10:10	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	08:50	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 & 01.12.2023
09558	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Bhavnagar	10:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 & 02.12.2023
05527	Darbhanga Jn.	13:15	Delhi Jn.	13:30	Weekly	Thursday	23.11.2023 to 07.12.2023
05528	Delhi Jn.	15:30	Darbhanga Jn.	15:45	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03227	Ara Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	15:45	Anand Vihar (T)	07:15	Date wise	Wed, Sat	22, 25, 29.11.23 & 02.12.23
03228	Anand Vihar (T) (Unreserved Spl.)	09:30	Ara Jn.	04:00	Date wise	Sun, Thu	19, 23, 26, 30.11.23 & 03.12.23
04018	New Delhi	14:55	Bapudham Motihari	12:15	Date wise	Tue, Fri, Mon	21, 24 & 27.11.2023
04017	Bapudham Motihari	15:00	New Delhi	13:15	Date wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	19, 22, 25 & 28.11.2023
04028	Anand Vihar (T)	01:00	Bapudham Motihari	23:30	Date wise	Tue, Fri, Mon	

70th All India Cooperative Week celebration held at Kulgam

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KULGAM, NOVEMBER 19

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

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi ud din Bhat presided over the function.

Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies Kulgam in his welcome address highlighted the achievements of the Cooperative Societies in the district and emphasised the importance of PACs, which are on their way to operate Common Service Centres, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras and Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADC Viqar Ahmad Giri also spoke on the celebration of Cooperative week and highlighted the need to strengthen the



cooperative movement on democratic and sustainable basis.

Deputy Commissioner while appreciating the potential of Cooperatives to transform the lives of people highlighted the role of Cooperative in the socio-economic upliftment of people and emphasized on the need for strengthening the sector.

The DC encouraged the Cooperative Department to keep working hard in

collaboration with other stakeholder departments like agriculture, Horticulture, Handicrafts and others, and pursue it in a way that we are able to create numerous employment opportunities.

Major focus over the past few years is being provided to revitalise the cooperative sector to harness its true potential, for accelerating socio economic development of the people, DC further added. On the occasion, reg-

istration certificates, Jan Aushadhi Licenses and CSC registration certificates were also distributed among various Societies for the operation of their new economic initiatives.

Different members of the District Cooperative societies also threw light on their success stories and how they have utilised the platform provided by Cooperatives to bring about socioeconomic upliftment of their mem-

S.P. College student bags gold in 37th National Games at Goa

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 19

In a momentous feat, Disha Pandith a talented 3rd Semester student who also happens to be a Black Belt holder in SQAY (Ancient Traditional Martial Arts of Kashmir) from S. P. College, Srinagar, has clinched the Gold Medal in SQAY category at the prestigious 37th National Games, 2023 held in Goa.

The Principal of the SP College, Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi expressed his elation and congratulated the student for her outstanding achievement.

Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi said "that the remarkable accomplishment serves as an inspiration to all our students, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and



strive for greatness.

Our institution takes immense pride in providing a nurturing environment that supports and encourages students to excel not only academically but also in various extracurricular activities, he added.

"This achievement is a testament to the holistic education provided by our

institution", he said.

He further reiterated that the remarkable victory is a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by both the student and the entire college community.

Celebrating another

feather in the cap, the entire Staff of S.P. College extends heartiest congratulations to the gold medalist, Disha Pandith for her exceptional performance and wishes her continued success in future endeavors as well.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

"Awaam Ki Awaaz": LG...

improve the lives of many people and inspiring the women of the area to fulfill their dreams, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor lauded Pushpinder Singh of Kartholi Block, Samba for initiating reforms in agriculture and inspiring others to increase productivity through diversification.

Zahoor Ahmad of Kulgam district has successfully grown the premium Mushkbudji rice using the techniques of hydroponics. It is a shining example that the use of technology and innovative methods can create a vital infrastructure for future growth in agriculture, he added.

In this month's Awaam Ki Awaaz, the Lt Governor voiced the suggestions received from Varun Sharma from Jammu; Samba's Shivendra Shandilya; Shiekh Jamsheed; Shoaib Malik from Poonch and Neha Sharma from Reasi regarding addressing the issues concerning senior citizens through Back to Village campaign; organizing Youth Parliament at district level; promotion of ethics, civics and critical thinking in educational curriculum; recognition of young talents and making Yuva Utsav a glowing success.

He also shared the valuable inputs received from Samar Jamil Batt from Anantnag, Gazanfar Abass from Bandipora and Poonam Mahajan from Jammu on the celebration of Constitution Day.

The Lt Governor congratulated Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar for their stellar performance in the recently concluded Asian Para Games. He urged the youth to take inspiration from the exemplary achievements of the true champions.

DGP J&K visits Rajouri...

the Intelligence & Border Security Grids were also discussed in the meeting.

During interaction with jurisdictional DySSP & SHOs of twin border districts Rajouri & Poonch, DGP listened to views of all officers. Detailed discussions were held to improve the People friendly policing and reaching to them in times of their need.

DGP emphasized upon officers to work with dedication and not to be afraid of making mistakes as those who run do fall at times. He impressed upon them to develop a mechanism wherein the bond between people and police gets stronger. Stress was laid on for identification of terror ecosystem besides identification of forward & backward linkages in NDPS Cases and strict action under law against each of them should be ensured, that would be possible only with the deep rooted investigation. Officers were directed by the Director General of Police to ensure zero tolerance on terror, narcotics bovine smuggling and corruption.

Addressing the darbar of Police personnel, the DGP stressed upon personnel to work with honesty and full dedication adding that there is no need to be afraid of anyone for doing lawful duty. Speaking about the relation between senior and junior officers of the force, he said besides discipline there should be fairplay between officers & jawans of the force especially between gazetted officers & their subordinates adding that we should look and be equal. He said looking after the welfare of jawans should be a priority always in the mind of senior officers while jawans must do their duty honestly for earning more respect of our organization and for welfare of the people of the community. Referring to the recent grievance redressal programme at PHQ in Srinagar, the DGP said that many grievances were of families of our own jawans which itself defines that grievance of jawans need to be redressed at the right place in the first instance.

Directing officers to look into the genuine grievances of their jawans, DGP impressed that a situation should not arise that a jawan sends his/her family members for redressal of his/her grievances. Advising jawans not to be self centered, DGP said that I am sure that there is no dearth of spirit among the jawans of our force. DGP said that officers should not hesitate in sanctioning leave for subordinates for important occasions adding that officers must know the honest & dedicated subordinate.

The DGP said that no one can be better than J&K

Police in fight against terrorism here as no one knows the topography & demography as we do. Jurisdictional officers & jawans must establish goodwill bonds with the people and that is possible only when we reach to the people to listen to their problems/issues. He exhorted upon the officers & jawans to develop mechanisms wherein the bond with the people are strengthened which will help in getting more and more actionable information about the anti national elements and will help in destroying the terror ecosystem. Make efforts to be in good contact with maximum people in your area of responsibilities, and we have to ensure their trust on us because we are from them, we are one of them, he said. The cutting edge officers particularly the Station House officers are the image makers of the department, it is their duty to exhibit such conduct which adds more pride to the department. We should show ownership towards our department and our work. The DGP announced a monthly special reward among the different subordinate ranks for displaying outstanding good relations with the people in their respective duty areas.

The first meeting with DySSP & SHOs was attended by Sh. Anand Jain, IGP Jammu Zone, Sh. Haseeb Mughal, DIG Police RP Range, Sh. Amritpal Singh, IPS SSP Rajouri, Sh. Vinay Kumar, SSP Poonch, Sh. Randeep Kumar, CO IRP 2nd Bn., Sh. Zulfqar Ahmed, Adtl. SP CID Rajouri, all GOs of Rajouri & Poonch district including Traffic DySP.

Maj. Gen. Gaurav Rishi SC. SM, GOC 25 DIV, Maj. Gen. Manish Gupta GOC ROMEO FORCE, Sh. Sandeep Khirwar, IG CRPF, Brig. NV Nanjundeshwara, Commander 25 Infantry, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, DIG CRPF, Col T.P. Jadhav 225, Lt Col. Pankaj Negi (GS), Sh. Anil Tiga, CO SHQ BSF Rajouri, Sh. Nishit Upadhyay, CO 79 Bn BSF, Sh. Shree Ram Meena, CO 72 Bn. CRPF and Sh. Ashok Kumar, CO 237 CRPF joined in for the meeting of DGP J&K with Security forces and CAPFs.

The DGP J&K Shri R.R Swain also felicitated the officers and personnel who participated in the recent Behrote Top operation on Nov 17, 2023

ICC World Cup | Australia...

innings to Mohammed Shami. Then Jaspirt Bumrah removed both Mitchell Marsh (15) and Steven Smith (4). Australia were 47 for 3 at that stage. But Travis Head (137) and Marnus Labuschagne (58 not out) maintained their composure and started to build a match winning partnership of 196 runs to put Australia on top and took their team to the sixth title.

Despite Rohit Sharma rotating his bowlers, it didn't give any fruitful result for the Indian team.

Travis Head was troubled early in the innings but showed an excellent temperament and played a brilliant knock to take his team to win.

Australia lost their opening two games at the start of World Cup 2023 and then won seven in a row to enter the semifinals. In the semifinals they beat South Africa to face India.

On the other hand, India dominated and won all their group matches and defeated New Zealand in the semifinals. In the finals, the team could not withstand the onslaught of Australian team.

With this win Australia has won the World Cup title 6 times viz. 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015 and 2023.

Train journey is considered...

Soon, a similar Gyanodaya Express will be flagged off from Jammu Kashmir comprising of male students from J&K's Universities and students from aboard, he added.

He said the College on Wheels is inspired by the life of Mahatma Gandhi, where he undertook epic tour of the country by train, interacted with people from all walks of life and awakened the society with universal and eternal values Satya and Ahimsa, Truth and Non-Violence.

"For students, College on Wheels will be a journey of knowing oneself. It will be a lifetime opportunity to discover diverse regions, culture of country and to explore new aspects of life and wisdom," the Lt Governor said.

He said the students will be able to collaborate on different subjects during the journey and create something new in the spirit of cooperation and teamwork.

Train journey will strengthen transdisciplinary education and provide the students with opportunity for experiential learning. They will be able to share experiences with each other and understand the issues, cultural and spiritual wealth of different regions, he added.

Train journey is considered as a voyage to transform present form of knowledge. The journey of students along with mentors to centre of excellence such as Indian Navy, ISRO, Sabarmati Ashram will provide them with new ideas, insight and hands-on knowledge for new research, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor interacted with the group of students, mentors and extended his best wishes to them.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu highlighted the unique and innovative project 'College on Wheels' for empowerment of students by endowing them with experiential knowledge of the world outside the classrooms.

Gyanodaya Express- College on Wheels is aligned with the visionary National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and seeks to propel a shift from job seekers to job creators, fostering a culture of idea incubation, innovation, and skill development.

Beyond academic pursuits, the Gyanodaya Express will enable the students to gain a holistic understanding of the areas they visit. It will also serve as a catalyst for personal growth, innovation, and national unity.

A handbook on 'College on Wheels' and a publication on 'Design your Degree' programme were also released.

Sh Saraf Singh Nag, Chairman, District Development Council Reasi; Sh Kamlesh Kumar Mishra, Director Tourism and Marketing, IRCTC; Vice Chancellor of various Universities, senior officers, Heads of Educational Institutions and faculty members were also present.

CIC updates Dr. Jitendra...



State Information Commissions to also introduce the hybrid mode latest by this year end.

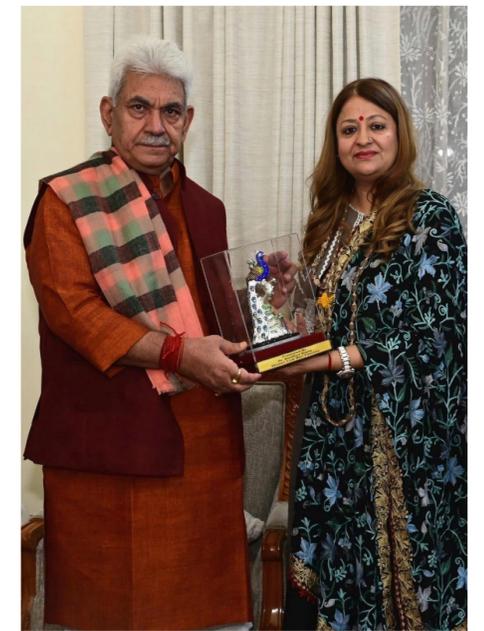
The Commission conducted 4,783 VCs in the year 2020-21, 7,514 in the year 2021-22 and 11,090 during 2022-23. With such improvements the pendency of appeals and complaints was brought down progressively from 38,116 in the year 2020-21 to 29,213 in 2021-22 and further to a record low of 19,233 in the year 2022-23.

The Union Minister said that it was during the Modi Government that a 24-hour portal service was introduced for e-filing of the RTI applications at any time of the day or night and from any part of the country or abroad. It was during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure, he said, that the office of Central Information Commissioner was shifted to its own exclusive office complex.

Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated that the role of the Central Information Commission is important to live up to PM Modi's vision of transparency and citizen participation in the functioning of the government.

Cricket should be played...

administration for the alleged power crisis in the Union Territory. She accused the administration of spending huge amounts on official functions and publicity, while the people are allegedly being made to suffer. (AGENCIES)



Sandhya Gupta, Chairperson of Women Club - Meri Pehchan called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan

Exciting 'Masterclasses' and 'In-conversation' sessions await this year's IFFI

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GOA, 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Michael Douglas, Pankaj Tripathi, Zoya Akhtar, notice anything familiar? They are world acclaimed filmmakers/actors, who have captured the hearts of many by their creative skills in film making/acting, will hold In-conversation sessions at the 54th edition of the International Film Festival of India. In an exciting development the festival is set to conduct its masterclasses and in-conversation sessions on the art and craft of filmmaking.

Over 20 Masterclasses and In-conversation sessions with eminent filmmakers, cinematographers, and actors are lined up at this year's IFFI. The sessions will be held at the renovated and refurbished Kala Academy at Festival Mile, Panjim, Goa. Brendan Galvin, Brillante Mendoza, Sunny Deol, Rani Mukerjee, Vidya Balan, John Goldwater, Vijay Sethupathi, Sara Ali Khan, Nawazuddin Siddhiqui, Kay Kay Menon, Karan Johar, Madhur Bhandarkar, Manoj Bajpayee, Kartiki Gonsalves, Boney Kapoor, Allu Aravind, Theodore Gluck, Gulshan Grover and others will also be participating in the sessions this year.

An unparalleled opportunity for profound insights and meaningful

discourse await as the legendary Hollywood Actor and Producer, Michael Douglas will have an exclusive In-conversation session on the topic 'Is It Time For One World Cinema?' The world-renowned Actor is also set to receive this year's prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI.

Not only providing a rare glimpse into the filmmaking process, the Masterclasses promises to be an immersive experience, offering participants a 360 degree view into the creative process behind the art of storytelling, cinematography, and the business of filmmaking. Offering an extraordinary opportunity to learn from one of the industry's best 'Brillante Mendoza on 'Film Direction', the session promises to provide value-addition to budding film admirers.

This innovative method of 'Masterclasses' and 'In-conversation' sessions offer a once in a lifetime opportunity for film buffs to explore the different disciplines of filmmaking through self-reflection, memories and conceptual interventions by world-class Masters/experts.

This year, bringing more good news that is in store, the entry and registration for students for Masterclasses are free. For more details, visit <https://www.iffigoa.org/mcic.php>

Modi govt ensured benefits to weaker, neglected, oppressed sections: Ashok Koul

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RAMBAN, NOV 19

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir along with other party leaders addressed the public meeting at Ramban.

Koul was accompanied by BJP District President Ramban Rajeshwar Kumar, Prabhari Puraan Chand, DDC Members Rakesh Thakur & Balbir Singh Bali and former district President Ramesh during the programme.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the people, stressed on the increased role of youth in the nation in politics along with their prominent role in leading the nation on various fronts like science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship etc. He stressed that today, under the strong and decisive leadership of Prime Min-



ister Narendra Modi, the nation has witnessed huge transformation in terms of development and progress and stressed that this development spree has to be taken forward by the hard working youth of the nation.

"Modi government, in the past nine and half years, has ensured that the weaker, neglected and the oppressed sections get their rights. The Modi government has initiated the public welfare schemes that have provided direct

benefit to the needy by weeding out irregularities that were deep rooted in the system earlier", said Ashok Koul and added that the Modi government is determined to continue the benefits to every needy with more public welfare schemes and policies.

Ashok Koul further said that the way the people have been showing the love and mass support to the BJP's programmes in the ongoing "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan",

speaks volumes of the people's faith in the party's policies. He also said that this faith and trust has been built on the strong dedication of BJP activists and the unprecedented development under the Modi government.

Rajeshwar Kumar thanked the people for their participation in the programme and stressed on the party activists in taking the Modi government's schemes to the masses.

BJP brought about discernible turnaround in J&K's developmental scenario: Slathia

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SAMBA, NOV 20

Having been steered out of the difficult situation during the past over four years, former minister and Vice President Pradesh BJP Surjeet Singh Slathia today said that Jammu and Kashmir is at the threshold of massive transformation with large scale investments pouring in various infrastructural sectors and development getting unprecedented impetus.

"The concerted initiatives will open up vistas of opportunities in terms of jobs, developmental revolution and economic upliftment across the Union Territory", Slathia said while addressing Karyakartas during the "Booth Jan Samvad" programme of the party at Mandal Gurha Slathia in the Samba Assembly Constituency.

He said rapid industrialization and infrastructure upgradation is keyword for Naya Jammu and Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi that has brought about discernible turnaround in the overall scenario across the Union Territory. As per the cherished agenda of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas the BJP is working towards realizing this vision by ending discrimination and ensuring holistic development of all the regions and sub-regions in a steadfast manner, he added.

Slathia said the BJP is a mass movement, standing for empowerment of the people and support from all sections of the society is the biggest strength that enables it to fight for the just cause of the people

and stand resolute in resolving issues confronting them. As a result of sustained efforts, the BJP has emerged as a force to reckon with, he added.

The former minister said the BJP is committed to address the issues of the youth, the marginalized and weaker sections besides women, asserting that the party will ensure to remove the disparity between regions and sub regions perpetrated by the successive governments over decades.

Slathia said the BJP has paved the way for the people to have access to all the privileges, rights and facilities available to their fellow citizens

across the country. This was something not known in this part of the country due to wrong policies adopted over the years, he said adding that continued support of the people to the BJP will help in expediting the development and making Jammu and Kashmir part of the country's growth story.

Prominent among those present in the public meeting included Vice President BJP Samba Vijay Singh, Mandal President BJP Brijpal Singh, Sarpanch Jatinder Singh, Tajinder Kour Ex President BJP Samba, Amar Singh, Vinod Singh, Binny Corporator MNC Samba, Vikas Slathia and others.

Khushboo Bhagat concerned over inaction of authorities against violators of traffic rules in Kathua

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Apni Party Spokesperson, Ms. Khushboo Bhagat today demanded stringent action under Motor Vehicle Act against the violation of traffic rules, rash driving, overloading and mess created by passenger vehicles in Kathua District that has led to death of two persons including an elderly woman in separate road mishaps in last 24 hours.

Ms Khushboo Bhagat expressed shock over the loss of life in the road mishaps because of the negligent driving and ignorance of the authorities.

As per the press releases issued here today, Ms. Bhagat said that the passenger vehicles especially

battery - operated vehicles, mini-buses and autos have created problems that need to be channelized to avoid any untoward incident in future.

"The transport system should be monitored in Kathua to avoid road mishap on the interior and highways. The local police, civil administration, traffic police, and motor vehicle department have failed to keep check on the overloading, and rash driving," she said.

She said that the concerned Govt Departments, and J&K Police wings should coordinate with each other to ensure proper implementation of road safety measures and check on the violators that has not happened till date.

"The Jammu-Pathankot is vulnerable to repeated road accidents in Kathua whereas the roads in the town have also become a major site for possible fatal road mishaps," she further added.

She suggested that the Transport Unions, Govt Departments and J&K Police Wings should take a united effort to check on the traffic rule violators and take strict actions against the violators to ensure imposition of rules.

She further claimed that the battery - operated vehicles and mini - buses have been floating routes permit rules despite and the authorities have remained inactive, and no action has been taken against the violators.

Indira created history in world by Dividing Pakistan: Ravinder

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JKPCC Senior Vice President & Chief spokesperson Mr Ravinder Sharma has said that Smt Indira Gandhi had created history in the world by dividing Pakistan and creation of Bangladesh, for which every Indian feels proud.

Paying rich tributes to Smt Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary today at a meeting of prominent party workers including Mahila congress and youth congress, at Sunderbani, Mr Sharma said that many leaders in the country and world try to copy & match Indira ji, but they are no match to her, so far, as She was remains unmatched. She was so decisive, bold & daring leader who could divide Pakistan and create a new country besides taking several other bold & timely decisions in the national interests.

Senior Congress leader said that every Prime Minister contributed in many ways but what Indira Gandhi could do for the nation, no body could do. She also never boosted of her, as few others but her contributions, commit-



ment & sacrifice to the nation are unmatched.

Her decision of nationalisation of banks & abolishing of privy purses of erstwhile Maharajas/ Rajas & several other such decisions were also a very bold & timely decisions which saved people's money & had to lay down her life. Her political grooming under Mahatma Gandhi, Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru and several other stalwarts of congress was such that she could face every challenge and deal with every difficult situations. As a young leader, she led the Bharat Chhodo Andolanin 1942, when entire Congress leadership was jailed,

while few other so called nationalist were helping Britishers to crush the Congress and defeat the movement.

Block Presidents Nain Chand Sharma & Sdr Ajit Singh, Smt Manju Chadha, Smt Manju Kohli, Vijay Damral, Chuni Lal, Om Parkash, Yog Raj, Govind Sudan, President AYC, Th Hari Singh, Krishan Lal, Tilak Raj, Ashwani Sharma, Nobat Ram, Raj Ved Kukka, Doda Ram, Raj Kumar, Sher Kumar, Harmesh Sharma, Kuldeep Verma, Lok Nath Sharma, Pranab Kohli, Sanjay Kumar, Manni Sharma & several others also attended.

Mushtaq Kak, Renowned Theatre Director Actor, passes away at 62

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Mushtaq Kak, renowned theatre personality, Bollywood film passed away last night at 62. As per family sources, he was battling a chronic illness. His last rites were solemnly performed today, and he was laid to rest in the Sidhara Graveyard.

Mushtaq Kak, born in Jammu in 1961, was a distinguished personality in the field of performing arts. A recipient of the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, he served as the director of Shri Ram Centre, New Delhi, for a commendable five-year term. Throughout his illustrious career, Mushtaq Kak directed around 100 plays, acted in two dozen Bollywood movies, and directed 30 drama series for Doordarshan.

As an actor, Mushtaq Kak made significant contributions to Indian cinema, featuring in popular movies between 2007 and 2022. Some of his notable roles include Amal (2007) as Doctor, Hijack (2008) as the main



villain (Mushtaq), Sikan-dar (2009) as Moulvi Allah Baksh, Vishwaroopam-I (2013) as Manawar, Dishoom (2016) as a Shopkeeper, M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story (2016) as a Shopkeeper, Vishwaroopam II (2018) as Manawar, Romeo Akbar Walter (2019) as Joker, Shikara (2020) as Masud ahib, Tejas (2023) as Khatooni, and others.

His funeral was attended by a multitude of theatre personalities, writers, poets, actors, and a large number of people who came to pay their respects. Mushtaq Kak's legacy in the world of performing arts will continue to inspire generations to come.

Modi govt restored cultural glory of J&K: Vibodh



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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held an impressive public meeting at Paloura, Jammu on Sunday which was addressed by BJP Jammu and Kashmir general secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta. Speaking on the occasion Vibodh highlighted the misdeeds of the National Conference, PDP and Congress in Jammu and Kashmir and maintained that it is necessary to root out these corrupt and anti-nationalist parties to safeguard peace, prosperity and development of the Union Territory. "NC, PDP and Congress Mukht Jammu and Kashmir will be the major cornerstone in the making of New and prosperous J&K. It is not merely a slogan but the determination of the people to make the Union

Territory corruption-free and liberate it from the clutches of dynastic political parties. These parties exploited common people and did nothing for the development and progress of J&K," said Vibodh.

Vibodh highlighted the 70-year-long history of struggle and sacrifices of BJP leaders to abrogate Article 370 to revive democracy and to give democratic rights to women, SCs, PoJK refugees, Gujjars and others. He strongly asserted that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi led central Government with its courage and historic decision to abrogate Article 370 and 35 A opened up a plethora of opportunities for our people and restored the past cultural and traditional glory of Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing the gather-

ing, BJP district president Omi Khajuria thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for unprecedented growth and development in Jammu & Kashmir and said that the region is witnessing major development under the Modi government. He said that terrorist activities are on sharp decline in these years. Our brave security forces will soon eliminate all terrorists to make J&K terrorism free.

Speaking on the occasion, BJP Mahila Morcha leader Arti Thakur said that the Modi government has worked on the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas". She enumerated various public welfare schemes like PMAY, Swachh Bharat, e Shram cards, Pension schemes etc and their direct welfare benefits to the needy population.

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Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded reservation of skilled and unskilled jobs for the local youths in the industrial sector of Jammu and Kashmir. The Former Minister was addressing a Party worker meeting here in Samba District to discuss various issues confronted by the people in the district regarding development, employment, and other things.

The meeting was organized by Provincial President Jammu SC Wing, Adv Lovely Mangol at Samba. In this meeting, District President Samba, Raman Thappa; Women Wing District President Samba, Priyanka Mangota and others were present.



During the meeting, Manjit Singh said that the non - locals are being engaged in the industrial sectors whereas the local youths face unemployment and deliberate negligence from the management of the industrial units in Samba, Jammu, and Kathua Districts.

However, the Apni Party believe in the protection of jobs, natural resources and land for the locals of

Jammu and Kashmir, he said while assuring the participants that if Apni Party forms next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir the rights of the locals would be protected, and reservation would be provided to locals up to 80 per cent in industrial sector.

He said that the industrial sector has violated the norms of engaging local youth and the Govt must act against the violators.

While informing about the developmental agenda, he said that the Apni Party is committed to provide 500 units of free electricity in summer season in Jammu region and 300 units of free electricity in winter season across the division. He also said that the Party is committed to enhance Rs 5000 from Rs 1000 per month as pension for widow/handicapped/old age pensioner/

orphans. "We will also ensure four cooking gas cylinders under Ujjwala scheme for each poor family, and the marriage assistance to the girls belonging to the economically weaker section will be enhanced up to Rs 1 lakhs from Rs 50, 000.

He said that the Apni Party is concerned about the plight of the people who suffer because of delayed development and poor response from the authorities to their issues.

"The issues have multiplied in Samba and other Districts of Jammu plains in absence of an elected Govt and this has resulted into the feeling of alienation among the people of both the Regions. To restore the confidence of the people, it is important to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

EDITORIAL

Ensure good hygienic practices in schools

Recently, the Supreme Court gave a significant direction to the Centre wherein it asked for upgrading the sanitation infrastructure in government-run schools. The government has been asked to formulate a national model for building toilets commensurate with the number of girls in government-aided and residential schools. The directive holds great significance against the backdrop of the complaints of either non-availability or unused toilets in schools. Various studies conducted by different agencies show that the lack of clean and functional toilets in schools has a direct impact on education as it discourages the students, particularly female students from attending schools. Menstruating girls bear the brunt and are the worst sufferers as it leads to low attendance and some even choosing to drop out. Instances abound of students limiting their consumption of food and drinks to avoid having to use the toilet. According to a survey conducted in over 1900 co-educational government schools in the year 2020, it was found that 40 per cent of the toilets were non-existent or unused. About 72 per cent had no running water. What is more unfortunate is that school authorities remained least concerned to either build new toilets or make existing toilets functional. In January 2019, the then state government had accorded sanction of the district level committee for achieving 100 percent Saturation of toilets, drinking water and electricity in government schools by February 28. The District Development Commissioner of the concerned district was made the chairman of the panel while the Chief Education Officer (CEO), Executive Engineers of Public Health Engineering department (PHE), power development department (PDD) and school education department were to be members of these panels. The committees were asked to have actual assessment of deficient schools on the minimum requirement basis and preparing of Detail Project Reports (DPRs) for the purpose; to monitor the works executed by different agencies i.e PHE, PDD and Engineering wing of the School Education Department and to ensure completion of works by February 28; and work out requirement of additional funds for providing electricity, drinking water connections to the school. Unfortunately, authorities concerned have shown least interest in conducting audit and assessment of all government schools to ensure 100 percent saturation of functional toilets. Before that, all states and UTs had been ordered to submit their menstrual hygiene plans. Specific information was sought on the steps taken to provide low-cost sanitary pads and vending machines in schools as well as appropriate disposal facilities. The Supreme Court has now called for adopting the best practices and bringing uniformity in terms of modalities for the distribution of sanitary napkins. The Centre has said its draft national policy on menstrual hygiene has been sent to the stakeholders for eliciting comments. The Centre has been providing liberal funding to all the states and UT administrations for maintaining effective sanitation in government run schools particularly toilets. It is the duty of all stakeholders including state governments and UT administrations to supplement these efforts and ensure that girl students don't face any inconvenience in schools. The priority should be the well-being of the students and the staff, apart from privacy and promotion of good hygienic practices.

BHOPINDER SINGH

As per Brown University's Institute of International and Public Affairs, the United States is believed to have incurred \$2.3 trillion and 6247 war deaths (including Military, Contractors, and Civilians) in the ill-fated War in Afghanistan (2001-2021). This bill does not include future interest payments on borrowings made to fund this war or the associated Veteran care that will be required in the future. The net result of this war is that ultimately the US had to negotiate with the same group for its own exit from Afghanistan, which it had originally come to defeat in Afghanistan i.e., the Taliban. The actual superpower with which Afghanistan ought to have concerns given the contiguity of a shared land border i.e., China, stayed peacefully out of the conflict for twenty years and has gingerly walked in as the only superpower to have a real equation with the government in Afghanistan, today. All without incurring any money or firing a single shot!

German research institute, Kiel, has estimated that the United States

has directed more than \$75 billion in assistance to Ukraine in the form of military, financial and humanitarian aid. This makes Ukraine the top aid recipient of US foreign aid - a first-time status for a European country since the Harry Truman Government had sanctioned the rebuilding of the European continent after World War 2. The list includes cutting-edge technology like Abram tanks, coastal defence ships, anti-aircraft missiles, and advanced surveillance and radar systems, yet the Russian-Ukraine war is a stalemate, at best.

China which has a 4210 km long land border with Russia and its own axe to grind with the United States thought it best to offer platitudes that seem to blame the US or NATO more than the Russians, yet the Ukrainians strangely seem satisfied with the Chinese indifference. Zelensky, who is propped by the US largesse said incredulously, "China has chosen the policy of staying away. At the moment, Ukraine is satisfied with this policy. It is better than helping the Russian Federation in any case. And I want to believe that China will not pursue another



policy. We are satisfied with this status quo, to be honest." Again, without investing any resources, firing a shot or committing to a meaningful stand, the Chinese have retained a favourable position with Ukrainians (and obviously with the Russians), even though it is the US that is picking up the tab!

The latest global war that has drawn the United States into its ambit is the Israel-Hamas war which has resulted in Washington DC giving at least \$14 billion (traditionally the US was providing up to \$3 billion worth in military assistance, annually) to Israel to spruce up its air and missile systems, including the much-ban-

Beijing to either of the sides in the Israel-Hamas conflict immediately, but it does save China from burning precious money from its treasury and then deciding as to which side to tilt as the dust starts settling in the Gaza Strip. Irrespective of the outcome of the war, the US will have more enemies than it had before the war started and it would have sunk huge amounts in a war that was essentially, someone else's.

The above examples of the US's global military intervention do not include the rather substantial 'investments' that it is already committed to in the war-torn Middle Eastern theatre, restive Sub-Saharan Africa etc.,. Yet nowhere is the US intervention leading to any tangible or long-term improvements in its sovereign perceptions or relations - whereas the fleet-footed Chinese who despite all accusations of 'debt-traps', inconsistent or amoral stands are increasingly getting afforded the sort of expansionism that Beijing desperately seeks.

Given that the Chinese have very little to lose and much to gain at the expense of the existing

American global footprint and perceptions, it plays a snake-like baiting game of 'wait and watch', and then strikes when the opportunity offers itself with minimal effort or fuss. The already battered global economy post-pandemic had led to credible talks of an impending recession in the US, yet it continues sinking its fast-depleting resources under the pretext of ensuring "American security for generations". Biden is feeding the fear of abstaining from interventions by suggesting that the "outcome of these fights for democracy against terrorism and tyranny are vital to the safety of the American people". So far, the US interventions haven't paid dividends in most places whereas the Chinese are happy to play the second fiddle with only accusatory statements and saving its resources for the rainy day. Something is clearly wrong in the American admixture of diplomacy as it is fast ceding ground to the penny-pinching Chinese.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

Empowering women to be harbinger of climate change

UPMANYU PATIL

With floods, cyclones and heat waves becoming more frequent, the world is witnessing adverse and devastating impacts of climate change. Even though climate change affects everyone, it does not affect everyone equally. Vulnerability to climate change is aggravated by inequity and marginalization associated with gender, ethnicity and other social and economic factors. Women are disproportionately impacted by climate change owing to their socio-economic status, lack of resources and absence of participation in public decision-making.

Even though the discourse around the negative impacts of climate change has gained significant traction, conversations on the critical role communities and vulnerable groups like women play in climate action need to be mainstreamed as well. Women have been at the forefront of environmental conservation and

have the expertise to use renewable energy sources, which can help combat climate action. One such group of women known as Sakhis are championing the demand for clean energy technology specifically for the rural areas, communities that have limited awareness and access to modern energy services.

Under the initiative, Women's Entrepreneurship in clean energy programme initiated by Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) in districts of Maharashtra and Bihar, Sakhis are at the core of the programme, aided by multi-sector partnership providing access to technology, finance and markets. These women are not just torchbearers of clean energy transitions, they are symbols of empowerment connecting all vital dots, including women's entrepreneurship, driving awareness and ensuring last-mile delivery of sustainable energy products like solar lamps, advanced cook stoves, solar water heaters, enabling public-private partnership by



curating local solutions keeping in mind the needs of the grass root communities.

The demand for clean & renewable energy technology and its products, solutions, and their adoption, continue to lag behind in rural India due to a lack of awareness and access. "Empowering and creating strong networks of women clean energy entrepreneurs has significantly enhanced awareness, outreach, and enabled access to clean energy information and solutions for the last mile", says Vandana Khandekar, a fellow Sakhi, grassroots leader and entrepreneur from Solapur district Maharashtra. She started her journey by being a member of the

group, receiving training on Entrepreneurship Development and Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming. Overcoming her personal challenges, Vandana is now one of village leaders sensitizing community members about organic farming, vermicomposting, promoting clean energy solutions like bio-digesters (biogas plants), with the objective of promoting zero-waste farming and increased financial savings within small and marginal farming households. Vandana has not only guided 200 women farmers in implementing one-acre farming, improving household health and nutrition, along with increasing earnings through the sale of organic

vegetables locally. She has also been instrumental in getting 20 biogas plants and 8 vermicompost beds installed in households across her village. Vandana's journey is not just a personal transformation but also a testament to women's critical role in developing inclusive climate solutions.

Many more women like Vandana in various parts of the country are making their homes and communities more sustainable and resilient. The program has been pivotal in building the capacity of these Sakhis, running public awareness programs, and community meetings, providing public platforms to connect these entrepreneurs to technology providers, financial institutions. More than this, they have played an integral role in overcoming historical societal inequalities in energy systems.

Resources and products tailored to community needs are showing clear benefits in deploying renewable technologies, improving efficiency, reducing expenses, and

generating local livelihood opportunities. Additionally, the adoption of these energy-efficient & socially beneficial products (like LED bulbs, solar lamps, induction cook stoves, and bio compost) has played a pivotal role in the reduction of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions - contributing to a broader climate action approach.

Empowering women, and placing them at the centre of clean energy transitions is not only improving people's lives but also garnering increased attention as effective agents towards more inclusive systems. Training and capacity building of rural women as entrepreneurs, equipping them with the knowledge to adapt to changing environmental conditions, scaling financial resources and providing technical support to women-led initiatives are crucial strategies for enabling them to lead the charge on climate action.

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Skills intelligence and workforce optimisation

SUJIT KARPE

When times change, innovation and revamping operational procedures comes across as the best way to ensure resilience and maintain performance levels in an organisation. Of late, the dynamic changes in employment and head-hunting, and the rising emphasis on employee engagement, and retention has significantly changed workforce management. Today, the key to optimisation of the human resources available lies in understanding skills and skill adjacencies. Companies are paying more attention to internal relocation of resources and creating precise learning and skill development strategies to get better outcomes.

In this scenario, it is very clear that skills-based hiring processes are far more effective compared to the conventional job titles-driven recruitment. There is a paradigm shift

that is based on identifying an individual's ability to perform, adapt to the demands of the role, and capacity for growth. There is much greater emphasis now on soft skills such as learning agility and adaptability. Technologies are changing rapidly, and change-resistance can be the biggest detriment to an individual's growth and capability of contributing to the organisation's growth as well. Therefore, it is important to foster a workforce that is ready to take up new roles and acquire skills that prepare them for those roles.

This kind of approach can be successful only when it is adequately backed by transparent internal mobility and recruitment focus. Companies that put in place tools and systems that empower employees to express their expectations, future growth aspirations and share opportunities with them that can take them closer to their goals, are also the ones that will perform better in the



years ahead.

Why change to 'Skills-First'

The shift to a Skills-First approach is directly reflective of the way the operational landscape has changed. One can no longer acquire skills that guarantee a lifetime of employment especially in the field of technology. Skills have become fluid and it is not uncommon to see them become outdated in a time frame shorter than what it takes to obtain a graduate degree or a PG diploma

nowadays. Even though the job titles remain the same, the roles and the execution strategies are constantly changing. For instance, we still have computer programmers, but what a programmer does today is vastly different from what he did 15 years ago. There are also new roles that are emerging with the change in tech landscape, and they need to be catered to. For instance, nobody worked as a 'Full Stack Developer' at the start of the millennium, but today it is a key role in almost every tech organisation. Thus, it is important to understand that new skills are emerging and they are necessitating creation of new roles as well as redefining existing or conventional job titles.

This skills-driven strategy has led to most prominent employers starting their skill assessment journey for new hires, even before the start of the formal recruitment process. There are world-class, AI-powered skills intelligence tools

to ensure there is no inherent bias in the process, no error or inconsistency of judgment and a focus on the skills that candidates possess instead of the job titles they hold. Organisations are using smart skills cloud and skills-driven hiring processes to continuously gain insights into their internal talent pool's skill assessment, and use this skills intelligence to determine learning programmes as well as the hiring strategies. All this is being done automatically without manual inputs from the employees.

Conclusion

Companies that proactively embrace the new approach and adopt the right AI-powered skills intelligence tool will edge out those that continue to rely on traditional and time-consuming methodologies, and achieve superior growth as well as talent retention outcomes!

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Assembly Youth Congress Jammu North Honoured Local Women's Contributions on Late Indira Gandhi's 106th Birth Anniversary

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On the occasion of the 106th Birth Anniversary of Late Smt. Indira Gandhi Ji, Bharat Ratna, First Lady Prime Minister of India, the Assembly Youth Congress Jammu North organized the prestigious Indira Priyadarshini Awards 2023. The ceremony, held in Ward No. 60 Jammu North, aimed to recognize and appreciate the significant contributions of various local women in the region to society and to confer the Indira Priyadarshini Certificates upon the women who have been working for the community, and hold important positions in society. Senior Leaders, Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC, Uday Bahnu Chib former State President (NSUI, Youth Congress) J&K, along with Anirudh Sawhney General Secretary JKPYC, Soam Nath Block President Congress Patta Paloura, Parveen Akhtar Mahila Congress State Secre-



tary J&K, Vankul Jamba DYC President Jammu Urban, Sunil Singh AYC President Jammu North were present. Senior Leaders present shared words of encouragement and appreciation for the awardees, highlighting the importance of recognizing and celebrating the achievements of women in various fields. Various women, including underprivileged, SC, ST and BPL ladies were honored with the certificate for their work.

Speaking on the occasion, Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC paid tribute to the Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, Bharat Ratna recipient and the First Lady Prime Minister of India, stating that she continues to inspire generations with her leader-

ship and dedication to the nation. The Indira Priyadarshini Awards serve as a platform to honor women who follow in her footsteps, making noteworthy contributions to the betterment of society. She was a people's leader and visionary who led India greatly toward development. Her legacy continues to inspire and resonate with people across the nation. As we pay homage to the first lady Prime Minister of India and recipient of the Bharat Ratna, we reflect on the indelible mark she left on our country's history with utmost respect, he said.

Uday Bahnu Chib former State President (NSUI, Youth Congress) J&K, speaking in the ceremony, stated that through the awards, they were com-

memorating the historical icon; and celebrating the enduring spirit of empowerment that Indira Gandhi Ji symbolized, especially for women. Former PM Indira Gandhi Ji's contributions to India's growth, both on the domestic and international fronts, are exemplary. Her ability to make tough decisions, coupled with a vision for a progressive and inclusive India, laid the foundation for the country we know today. We should draw inspiration from her life and welcome inclusivity of more women leaders who continuously work for the betterment of this society by their daily work. We honor the women who continue to serve the community despite several hardships and challenges that come their way, Uday

Bhanu Chib said.

Anirudh Sawhney, General Secretary JKPYC, also spoke in the event and thanked the women who were honoured with the Indira Priyadarshini Certificates for their unrelenting contribution to the people. He said that Indira Gandhi Ji was unsurpassed in her courage and dedication to the nation, and all people, women and men, can learn from her life. Her contribution to the nation are countless and we will continue to strive to embody her teachings and ideology in our working, said Anirudh Sawhney.

The recipients of the Indira Priyadarshini Awards 2023 were acknowledged for their outstanding work across diverse sectors, ranging from education and healthcare to social activism and community development. The awards paid homage to Late Smt. Indira Gandhi Ji and aimed to inspire a new wave of women leaders who can contribute significantly to the progress of the nation.

Khatana promises renaissance of Pokhran, Gajinder accuses Congress of Corruption



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Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, highlighted the historical significance of Pokhran and the need for its comprehensive development. Emphasizing that Pokhran was bestowed with international recognition during the tenure of then President APJ Kalam and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he lamented the deliberate neglect of the region by the Congress party.

MP Khatana asserted that once the BJP assumes power, Pokhran will be accorded top priority, receiving a substantial

boost in developmental initiatives. He underscored the party's commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for growth for all sections of society, with a particular focus on minority communities.

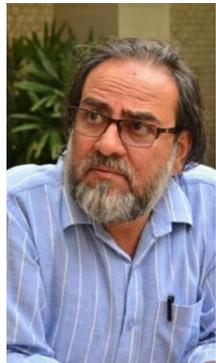
Union Minister Gajinder Singh accused the Congress of being synonymous with corruption and accusing them of perpetuating a "transfer industry" in Rajasthan. Minister Singh emphasized the BJP's dedication to good governance and a corruption-free administration, promising a restoration of law and order in the state.

Pokhran BJP Candidate, Mahant Pratappuri

Ji Maharaj, also expressed his vision for the constituency. If given the opportunity, he pledged to transform Pokhran into a model constituency, excelling in development, employment opportunities, and overall growth.

The BJP leaders collectively advocated for a brighter future for Pokhran, promising to eradicate the shadows of underdevelopment and corruption that they claim have plagued the region for too long. As the election season unfolds, the BJP aims to garner support based on its commitment to progress, inclusivity, and accountable governance.

Natrang condoles untimely demise of Mushtaq Kak



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The artists of Natrang condoled the sad and untimely demise of Sh. Mushtaq Kak ji- an eminent theatre director/actor. Mustaq Kak ji received several awards and honours for his contribution in the field of theatre which includes prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi award for theatre direction in the year 2015. He was a multifaceted personality and had great skills of design and direction. Other than theatre, Sh. Mustaq Kak, son of the soil had contributed immensely in the field of Cinema and Television. Director Natrang, Padma Shree Balwant Thakur expressed his sorrow over this tragic loss and asserted that this has created a huge vacuum in the theatre scenario of the Country.

BJP is rising new heights under PM Modi: Vinay Gupta



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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and Seh Prabhari Jammu North, Vinay Gupta along with Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman Cantonment Board and BJP Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Kick-started Lane and Drain work in Cantonment ward no.3, Govind Pura in Bahu Constituency of Jammu South District in the presence of Narinder Gupta koki District Vice President, Jasmeet Pandey Ex. Member Cantonment Board, Sanjeev Gupta, Kuldeep Kumar, Sr.Gurdayal Singh, Sr.Manjeet Singh, Surjeet Kour, Surinder Kour, Jagan Kour, Parveen Kour and others were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, BJP leader Vinay Gupta said that the mission of his party is to empower much-required momentum to the enduring advancement works so that people don't encounter

any kind of obstacle. He expressed that residents should rest assured that the development works commenced under his patronage will be of the best quality and long-lasting. Moreover, Gupta pointed to the concerns of PM Modi about protecting the interests of different domains of society.

Vinay, while taking a dig at the previous regime of NC-Congress, said that the previous Government always thought of their benefits and gave a hard blow on the face of the common man by indulging in corrupt practices and doing low-quality work which made the life of common man miserable. He added that this time no compromise will be done with the quality of work and special care will be taken in its execution. The life of the lane and drains is also going to increase and it is not going to break down easily, he added. Vinay also counted that this road will be very

helpful for the people living in faraway villages and residents. He said that BJP is committed to developing every sector of every nook & corner so that we can fulfill the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He elaborated that to serve the people of every caste creed and religion and also appealed to the people of the area to strengthen the hands of the BJP and wipe out such persons who only focus on vote bank politics.

The residents of the area notified the other difficulties to Vinay Gupta of other issues and problems with which they were confronted. After giving a patient hearing, Vinay spotlighted to them that all their issues would be addressed in a phased manner and he assured that the BJP under the strong leadership of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah would change the entire spectrum of development in the Union territory of J&K.

Childhood risk factors: Future burden of coronary heart disease: Dr Sushil

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In view of increasing prevalence of cardiovascular ailments in younger masses and minimal awareness regarding same Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness Cum health Check up camp in loving memory of Lt. Shri Aman Kumar Wazir at Wazir Janki Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School, Rani Bagh Jammu. The people and particularly younger generation were educated regarding the need to adopt optimal cardiovascular lifestyle right from childhood which will in turn lead to reduced socioeconomic burden and morbidity.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil Stated that Cardiovascular diseases are the main causes of death and health costs in developed as well as developing countries. Although cardiovascular diseases are thought to affect only adulthood, the underlying process of atherosclerosis begins in the first decade of life. Epidemiological studies show that severity of atherosclerosis depends both on the number and intensity of risk factors. Early detection of cardiovascular risk in childhood is the most powerful tool to prevent cardiovascular



accidents in adulthood and possibly reduce its consequent burden for the future.

Dr Sushil Sharma while emphasising on the primary prevention of cardiac ailments told that atherosclerosis begins in childhood and there currently is an increasing prevalence of children in both developed and developing nations with cardiovascular risk factors. It is now possible to detect early evidence of arterial disease. Major gains will likely accrue from public health strategies targeting overweight, exercise and cigarette smoking. Individualised atheroprotective strategies in childhood, however, will initially focus on the highest risk children such as those with familial hyperlipidaemia, diabetes, hypertension and obesity. In the future, genotype and phenotype information may allow the targeting of interventions in childhood that might

prevent clinical vascular events in adult life.

He elaborated that among the various cardiovascular risk factors, LDL cholesterol (LDL-C) is probably the most implicated in the development of atherosclerotic plaques. Continuous exposure to high serum LDL-C levels during adolescence can lead to the accumulation of calcium in the coronary arteries and, consequently, to the development of atherosclerotic plaques in adulthood. Hypertension in children is a leading determinant of CVD in adults. The estimated prevalence of arterial hypertension in children and adolescents aged 0 to 18 years ranges from 3 to 5%. Optimal cardiovascular health, defined as avoiding smoking, physical inactivity, obesity, poor diet, hypertension, high cholesterol, and diabetes, is associated with less incident heart failure and vascular disease. However,

<1% of children meet all 7 criteria for ideal health, he said.

Management Committee of the Wazir Janki Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School Himilini Singh Wazir (Principal), Dimple Sharma, Anju Rajput, Yashvardhan Singh, Manjit Singh and Raghini Singh Wazir appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up camp in their premises.

Others who were part of this Camp includes Dr Nasir Ali Choudhary, Dr Yashwant Sharma and Dr Dhaneshwar Kapoor. Paramedics and volunteers includes kamal Sharma, Arun Singh, Nitish Mahajan, Faisal Rashid, Maninder Singh, Rohit Nayyar, Mukesh Kumar, Jatni Bhasin, Arjun Ghuman, Ranjit Singh, Moosa Mushtaq, Gourav Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Vikas Kumar and Nirvair Singh Bali.

BJP Govt firmly committed to root out terrorism: Purnima

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JKUT BJP Spokesperson and Former Deputy Mayor JMC, Adv Purnima Sharma has asserted that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Bharatiya Janata Party government has proved during its governance its firm committed to rooting out terrorism from the country especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader while referring to the killing of



5 terrorists in Kulgam and others in Rajouri and Uri said that the annihilation of terrorists is being carried on a regular basis in Jammu and Kashmir as per the proactive strategy planned by the security

forces. She said that it is for the first time that every aspect of every terror related case is being investigated in detail now which ensures that not only the terrorists get killed and all those sheltering them, providing them logistics and helping them in identifying the person for targeted killing are punished.

She said that BJP Govt in synchronized action with the UT Administration have zeroed in on the use of official as well as unofficial channels in financing terrorism, besides taking full note of the use of new

and emerging technologies for terrorism financing thus giving the terror ecosystem a death blow.

Purnima said that the greatest achievement of BJP Govt is that people in Kashmir are coming forward to establish peace and prosperity. She stated that BJP Govt has always reaffirmed that the actions to counter terrorism and its financing should be collective and unified, without exceptions on any ground besides reiterating its commitment to a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism.

Satguru Indresh Charan Dass Maharaj's 109th birthday celebrated with great enthusiasm

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On His Holiness Satguru Indresh Charan Dass Maharaj's 109th birthday, devotees at Khanpur celebrated the occasion with great enthusiasm. Swami Vinay Muni, a spiritual leader from Jammu, inspired thousands through his Satsang. The celebration consisted of a programme filled with energy and devotion along with speeches elabo-



rated on Satguru Indresh Charan Dass Maharaj's humility, seva, and bhakti virtues. Bhajans extolling his virtues were also sung. In addition, the devotees performed dances to express their emotions on this joyous occasion. By celebrating Satguru

Indresh Charan Dass Maharaj's life, we are reminded that by living a spiritual, helpful, and humble life, we can emulate his God-and Guru-centric life and always experience a state of bliss, the devotees said. On the occasion, Social Activist Kuljeet Sarhal announced to give Rs 5 lakh for the Shed of Dharamshala. Also, Jeet Baba Belgium donated Rs 51,000/- to Club for instal-

lation of a Swing Set in its Park. Among others who participated in the birth celebration included Messrs Balbir Singh Karnana Chairman, Davinder Bunga, Hans Raj Bunga, Sarpanch Rattu, Madan Lal, Harnam Dass, Jagan Nath, Jarnail Bunga, Joga Singh Khatkar, Satnam Singh Kuka, Manjeet Kaur, Kamaljeet Bunga, Monika Bunga, Palwinder Kaur, Inderjeet Kaur, Baljinder Suman and Thakur Suman.

Urdu Intellectuals Unite in Jammu to Preserve and Promote Language



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In a significant gathering organized by the Iqra Foundation J&K, Urdu authors, poets, and scholars from Jammu and Kashmir came together to discuss strategies for promoting the Urdu language. Chaired by Qudous Javed, the event addressed ending Urdu's exclusive status and its promotion at school, college level.

Distinguished attendees included Prof. Qadus Javed, Khalid Hussain, Wali Mohammed Aseer, Prof. Mohd. Assadullah Wani, Dr. Abdul Mejeed, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, Ameen Banihali, Khurshid Kazmi, Rashid Ahmed

Fani, Ghulam Ahmed Khwaja (Retd DC), Mohd Aslam Qureshi (Retd DC), Tanveer Iqbal Malik, Tariq Ali Raza, Fozia Mughal, Dr. Shahida Parveen, Dr. Mohd Maqeeem, Ghulam Qadir, Sadaket Malik, Ch Mohd. Shabir (Retd SSP), and Dr. Arshad Wali.

The speakers highlighted the historical significance, noting that Urdu became the official language in 1889 during Maharaja Pratap Singh's rule, a decision made by Dogra ruler Maharaja Ranbir Singh. Emphasizing the diverse linguistic landscape of J&K, with Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh having distinct cultures and languages, speakers explained how Urdu was chosen as the

link and official language. Expressing concern over the declining number of Urdu speakers, speakers cited Census data from 2011 and raised questions about the exclusion of Urdu from the New Education Policy. They urged the government to recognize Urdu as a national language, given its significance among the minority population.

Addressing these concerns, the speakers proposed measures to enhance the standard of Urdu schools, highlighting the importance of local involvement and government policies. They emphasized that Urdu's survival in J&K can be attributed to its use in religious scriptures, newspa-

pers, and official records for land, revenue, courts, and FIRs.

The intellectuals called for improvements in the quality and environment of Urdu schools in Jammu and Kashmir and stressed the need to establish Urdu schools in states with a considerable Urdu-speaking population. They lamented the decreasing number of Urdu teachers at the school and college levels, emphasizing the importance of Urdu as a major subject.

The program's proceedings were conducted by Shahid Saleem, President Tehreek i Urdu, and the vote of thanks was presented by Shabir Rather, President Iqra Foundation J&K.

Gopashtami festival at world's 1st & only 'Maat-Pitaa Mandir' today

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MOHALL, NOVEMBER 19

Gopashtami festival will be organized at world's first and only Godham Mahatirtha 'Maat-Pitaa Mandir' at Khallaur village on Banur-Ambala road in this district on Monday. Devotees from Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi will participate in this religious event.

Sharman Jain Sweets owner Bipan Jain, MBA Chai Wala founder Prafulla Billore and Azad Radio Wala owner Manish will be chief guests during the Gopashtami ceremony. While Ashok Garg from Sirsa, Gyan Chand Ladi from Rajpura and Pradeep Goyal from Panchkula



will participate as special guests.

During the Gopashtami ceremony, 501 desi ghee diyas will be lit by the devotees. On the occasion, the entire Gaushtala will be lighted up like Diwali.

Gochar Das Gyan Chand

Walia, founder of Maat Pitaa Godham Mahatirtha said that this is the only first temple in the world where no god idol has been put up.

He further said that this temple is dedicated to the parents. The objective of

the temple is also be to focus on the spiritual benefits of the mother cow.

Meanwhile, the temple has also got a certificate from the World Book of Records as the world's first and only 'Maat Pita Mandir'.

BJP organised Booth Jan Samvad program at Booth no 44, Jammu

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BJP organised Booth Jan Samvad Program at Ward no 29, Booth no 44 of Bakshi Mandal Jammu.

Dist President BJP Parmod Kapahi, Braham Jyot Satti State (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha) and Atul Bakshi (Mandal President bakshi nagar) were present in main in the program and it was organized by Sanjay Verma (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha).

Surinder Choudhary (ex corporater), Anil Angral (Spokesperson), Perveen badyal (Dist vice president OBC) were present on the occasion.

In the program they interacted with general public and Anil Angral briefed them about achievements of BJP Government from past 9 years. They also briefed about development works and Various schemes of Government which are highly beneficial and available for the betterment of public.

People were very happy and raised slogans in the favour of India and BJP and said BJP is the only political party which is



actually working for our nation and citizens.

While Addressing, Parmod Kapahi, Braham Jyot and Atul Bakshi said from past 9 year PM Narendra Modi led government is working for betterment of public and giving true example of Sewa, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan.

They said BJP was elected by the people in 2014 after suffering from Congress's dynasty and corruption and since then our government has lived up to the expectations of the people. In the state, where the Congress government could not fulfill its own announcements, under the leadership of the central government, various schemes of devel-

opment were successfully implemented in the interest of the nation by completing various historical works in the country.

They said Prime Minister Modi is very dedicated and down to earth personality and has launched various beneficial schemes for our youth and has provided new carrier opportunities to them.

They highlighted various schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi yojna, cleanliness campaign, Aawas Yojna, Ujjwala gas scheme and how their effect was visible on the ground and said that during the tenure of the BJP government, under the Jan Dhan Yojana,

lakhs of people are being directly benefited by connecting them with banking facilities.

They said that in past 9 years BJP has deal with big issues like surgical strike to strengthen the country, construction of Ram temple which has been in dispute for a long time, removal of Article 370 to connect Kashmir in the main stream, ban on triple talaq for justice to minority women.

They said BJP is working on the ideology of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas providing helping hand to every segment of society. BJP has dealt with various issues and implemented various beneficial schemes for our public in past 9 years.

Congress remembers Indira Gandhi on her 106th Birth Anniverasry

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Rich tributes were paid to Smt. Indira Gandhi former Prime Minister of India, on her 106th Birth Anniversary today. Congress organized several functions across the state, to celebrate the day.

An impressive function was held at Indira Chowk Jammu where floral tributes were paid by garlanding the statue of Smt. Indira Gandhi by the PCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, senior Vice Presidents Th. Balwan Singh, Vice President Yogesh Sawhney, Ved Mahajan, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma (Mian), besides PCC General Secretaries, Secretaries, Frontal Organizations heads, DCC, BCC functionaries and others.

The function was organized by the Dist. Congress Jammu Urban led by Th. Manmohan Singh.

Interacting with the media persons at Indira Chowk PCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani recalled the bold leadership of Smt. Indira Gandhi, as she led the nation to great heights in the World and took courageous decisions in her life for the might of the nation. The Country progressed on all fronts and faced numerous challenges successfully. She lashed out at those forces who are trying to belittle the role and great works of top stalwarts of Congress especially Nehru - Gandhi leadership for political vested interests. He said the present BJP regime led by Shri Modi is making every effort to distort the historical facts to divert the attention of the nation from contribution of Congress and its great leaders.

Wani said that people



of Jammu and Kashmir will not for give BJP for its historical blunder of disbanding a full fledged state Jammu and Kashmir and downgraded it to UT. In this way the people have been deprived of their powers and rights in an arbitrary and undemocratic manner. The party shall strive for seeking the full fledged status of the state and other constitutional safeguards for the protection of the rights of the people and youth of the state, he added.

Raman Bhalla while paying rich tributes to Smt. Indira Gandhi former Prime Minister of India, on her 106th Birth Anniversary, said that Smt. Indira Gandhi was one of the strongest leaders of the world so far and will always go down in the history of the world as the iron lady of India. She led the country to new heights in every sphere and enhanced the image of the country worldwide. She always took revolutionary steps keeping in view the poor and down trodden sections of the society and was a source of empowerment for women in the country. She nationalized the private banks, abolished privy purses and launched 20 point programme for the welfare and poverty alleviation programme for the poor.

He said that Indira ji was known for her bold decisions and she led the country to victory during the 1971 war, leading to creation of Bangladesh and the surrender of over 90 thousand Pakistani troops before the Indian forces, ignoring the threats of United States. She brought into existence the historical 'Shimla Agreement', which committed Pakistan for settlement of all outstanding issues through bilateral dialogue. She successfully handled the foreign policy and remained the Chairperson of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), leading the country to the newer heights in the community of nations.

Th. Balwan Singh Senior Vice President While paying floral tributes described Smt. Indira Gandhi as a dynamic and visionary leader who remained committed to the secular and socialist ideals of the party and worked for the welfare of the poor and the down trodden in the country. She launched various programmes for the upliftment of the poor and the weaker sections of the society. The country progressed on all fronts under her leadership. She firmly believed that secularism is the basic strength of our nation and fought against the communal forces in

the country, she sacrificed her life for the unity and integrity of the country.

Former Minister and Member PCC Executive Smt. Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Vice Presidents Trilok Singh Bajwa, Ved Mahajan, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma, DCC President Rajouri Shabir Ahmed Khan, DCC President Jammu Urban Th. Manmohan Singh while addressing described Indira Ji as leader of firm determination and great courage who took revolutionary steps during her leadership of the Country and sacrificed her life for the unity and integrity of the Country.

PCC general Secretaries Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Satish Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Narinder Sharma, Thomas Khokhar, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Chairman OBC Dept. Madan Lal Chalotra, Chairman RTI Cell Bhavishya Soodan, PCC Secretaries Bhushan Dogra, Sanjeev Panda, Hoshyar Singh, Vijay Shastri, Jati Raina, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Charanjeet Bhagat, Ritu Choudhary, Dwarka Choudhary, Jyoti Vaid, Bhanu Mahajan, Bhupinder Kour, Parveen Singh, Vijay Malhotra, R.P. Sharma, Sanjay Rajdhan, Raj Kumar Sodi, also paid tributes to Shmt. India Gandhi.

Harsh Dev to file suit against Vilakshan for Perjury, Impersonation and Defamation

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Accusing Vilakshan Singh S/o Jagdish Singh R/o Sidhra for cheating the Munsiff Court Jammu and obtaining a bellicose direction from the court against him through a treacherous petition, Mr Harsh Dev Singh Former Minister and State President JKNPP announced to proceed against the former for perjury, false evidence and defamation. He said that Mr Vilakshan Singh was trying to use the most sacrosanct temple of Justice for settling personal scores with him and was therefore liable for criminal action against him under law. Mr Harsh Dev said that two cases had been filed against Vilakshan Singh in Jammu Courts by the aggrieved persons who had been the victims of 'latter's' opprobrious moves. He said that the first case related to alleged exploitation of a minor child named Manshu by Vilakshan Singh in his house which had been

filed by one Harbans Singh and the court had sent the same for Police verification. The second case related to alleged grabbing of Prof Bhim Singh's land by Vilakshan Singh which was being heard by the revenue court and was filed by Ankit Love through his Attorneys. "In both the cases the aggrieved parties had sought my help and therefore to settle scores with me, the said Vilakshan had lodged a false, frivolous, concocted defamation petition against me and obtained some unpleasant notice from court as reported in media namely State times and Dainik Jagran.

Charging Vilakshan of having cheated the court for obtaining a notice, Mr Harsh Dev Singh said that the cheater had taken three false grounds before the court. Firstly he has claimed himself to be the President of JKNPP which he is not. Secondly he states that Harsh Dev has conspired to defame him only to get him ousted as President which is

completely baseless and absurd. And the most importantly he has relied on the third ground where in he states that Harsh Dev has shared the defamatory statement of Ankit love on his facebook page. This is wholly incorrect as I have only one facebook page and I have never shared any such media statement of Ankit love on it as is being claimed by Vilakshan Singh. I have never mentioned the name of Vilakshan Singh in my media statements who however continues to make derogatory comments against me in said media.

The said Vilakshan Singh has therefore made false statements before the court, and in pursuance thereof obtained a hostile notice against me through fraud and deception which deserves due cognizance of the court.

Harsh Dev said that the offences committed by Vilakshan Singh being most heinous, the said culprit be tried for Perjury, False Evidence, Impersonation, Fraud and Defamation.

SP North Jammu tours city for domination and deterence of crime activities

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To keep in check the security concerns of the area in Jammu District, SP City North Kulbir Handa, SDPO North Sunil Kumar Kesar, SHO PS Pacca Danga Inspr Sushil Kumar, SHO PS Bus stand Inspr Sudhir Sadotra, SHO PS City SI Mohinder Singh and other police officials made the foot tour of Jammu city.

SP North Jammu visited the old city areas and other adjoining areas. During the visit SP North Jammu interacted with the shopkeepers of the area as well as civilians to know the problems faced by them at grass-root level.

Moreover he ensured them every possible help from Police if needed. He also ensured them that Police is always there to help people in every matter.

ParshottamRupala will inaugurate Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 tomorrow

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Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri ParshottamRupala will inaugurate the Global Fisheries Conference India 2023, a two-day mega event, on Tuesday at Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad. Under the theme 'Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth', the conference aims to bring together key stakeholders on one platform for fruitful discussions, market insights and networking. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel, Minister of State Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan and Minister of State Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, High level delegations from about 10 countries, Delegates from International Organizations, Fisheries Associations, Fishers and other dignitaries will be present at the inaugural ceremony.

Gujarat Minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Cowbreeding Shri. Raghavjibhai Patel, Union Fisheries Secretary Dr Abhilash Likhi and India Head of Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) Mr. Takayuki Hagiwara will speak on the occasion. Joint Secretaries of the Department of Fisheries Shri. Sagar Mehra and Ms Neetu Kumari will deliver welcome address and propose the vote of thanks respectively.

In a major development

in the fisheries sector of Gujarat, the Inland Reservoir Leasing Policy of the state will be launched on the occasion. The opening session will also witness the official declaration of the State Fish of Gujarat; distribution of Group Accident Insurance Scheme claim cheques, KCC cards, transponders for vessel communication and support system to the beneficiaries; and release of a booklet 'State Fishes of India' and a handbook on Fisheries Statistics. Awards on the World Fisheries Day will also be distributed on the occasion.

International Round Table led by Union Minister

One of the major highlights of the conference is an International Round Table Conference chaired by Union Minister Shri. ParshottamRupala. This high-level dialogue, attended by different nations and representatives of various international agencies, will focus on international collaborative efforts to sustain the sector amid a range of critical challenges, including climate crisis. Monique Tran representing Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, France; Cristian Rodrigo Valdes Carter and Arti Bhatia Kumar from Norway; Dr Richard Niall, First Secretary (Agriculture) from Australian High Commission; Muratov Sergey, Aditullin Ilias and Shagushina Anna from Russia; Wagner Antunes, Head of the Trade Promotion Department of the Embassy of Brazil; Mr. Dimitrios Ioannou, Minister and Ambassa-

dor, Greece; Borja Velasco Tuduri, Counsellor, Spain; Melanie Phillips, Counsellor (Agriculture), New Zealand; and Peter Hobwani, Deputy Ambassador, Zimbabwe have will grace the occasion. About 50 Indian missions are also expected to join through virtual mode.

High-level of diplomatic delegations from more than 10 countries have confirmed their participation and will attend the conference physically. In addition, around 50 other foreign diplomats are anticipated to join the meet virtually. Similarly, around 10 renowned international organizations, including Asian Development Bank (ADB), Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO), GIZ, Bay of Bengal Inter-Governmental Programme (BOBP-IGO) and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) will also attend the global meet. A diverse array of dignitaries and stakeholders including state fisheries ministers, ambassadors of different nations, global fisheries scientists, policy makers, fisheries communities and investment bankers will attend the conference.

Exhibition

The conference covers over 210 national and international exhibitors, including start-ups, exporters, fisheries associations, and processing industries. It will showcase their products, technology, success stories, and innovative solutions. This will offer a unique opportunity to the enterprises, startups,

associations, co-operatives, Self Help Groups (SHGs) and small-medium fisheries enterprises to come together on one platform and showcase their range of products and services in the fisheries.

The event will encompass technical sessions, including Matsya Manthan, featuring technical discussions with national and international experts; industry connect for interactions between industry stakeholders and policy makers; Government to Government (G2G), Business to Government (B2G) and Business to Business (B2B) Bilateral meets; exhibition showcasing cutting-edge fisheries and aquaculture technologies. A special pavilion will be set up to exclusively demonstrate 10 transformative initiatives in the fisheries sector.

The conference will witness more than 5,000 visitors, including fishers, fish farmers, fish vendors, foreign delegates, investors, local communities and representatives of fisheries cooperatives and fisheries start-ups. International leaders, technology investors, research and development institutions, equipment manufacturers, export councils, fisheries' associations, financial institutions, international fishing industry organizations, and aquaculture pharmaceuticals will also participate in the two-day mega event. More than 4000 fishers are expected to attend from various region of Gujarat in addition to participation from other states.

Dharmendra Pradhan launches 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha

PIB
NEW DELHI, NOV 20

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha. Dignitaries, officials, academicians, and students were also present at the event.

While speaking at the event, Shri Pradhan expressed his gratitude for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and said, these schools will work in full spirit of the National Education Policy 2020 and provide quality education to the students with comprehensive and inclusive education. He also informed that about 800 government schools in Odisha will be developed into PM Shri Schools and more than Rs. 1600 crore will come. He also requested the Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik to sign an MoU to implement the PM Shri Yojana in Government Schools of Odisha through which, two writing schools in every block and urban area of Odisha will be developed into PM Shri



Schools. Pradhan stated that to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047, the education sector of the country needs to move forward. For that, rural children should be educated in the 21st century to prepare them for the future, he commented.

Earlier in the day, the Minister inaugurated the administrative and academic building, dormitory and guest house at the Oriental Language Centre of the Indian Language Institute, Bhubaneswar. Shri Pradhan, while speaking at the event, highlighted the importance of the development projects that will help to expand the facilities for training Odia, Shantali, Bengali, and Maithili. Pradhan also emphasized

the unique identity of the Odia language, stating the sweetness of the language spoken in Sambalpur and Ganjam and the elegance of the language in Mayurbhanj and Dhenkanal. He also mentioned that the tribes of Odisha have different languages. The Minister also informed that on the occasion of the Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas, to be celebrated on the birth anniversary of freedom fighter, eminent Tamil poet Mahakabi Chinna Swamy Subramania Bharati, on 11 December, lecture and essay competition on Odia language will be organised in all schools and colleges, to encourage the new generation. Expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for

implementing the National Education Policy 2020, Shri Pradhan mentioned that priority has been given to teaching not only language as a subject but also other subjects in the mother tongue. When children read texts in the language they speak and listen to at an early stage, their ability to research, reason and analyse is enhanced, he commented.

PM SHRI schools will showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools shaping the path towards a brighter future for students. They will create holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with key 21st-century skills.

54th IFFI showcasing an eclectic array of World Cinema set to begin toady with a gala opening ceremony

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GOA, 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Setting alight the shores of Goa, the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is all set to begin tomorrow at Panaji Goa with a gala opening ceremony. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur will inaugurate the event at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur will inaugurate the opening ceremony at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium. The Minister will felicitate the filmmakers and cast of the opening film at INOX Complex. The Minister will also inaugurate the Film Bazaar on the sidelines of IFFI 54. The Film Bazaar is South Asia's largest global film market organised by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) alongside IFFI every year, supporting and showcasing the South Asian content and talent in film making, production and distribution. It also facilitates the promotion of world cinema in the south Asian region.

The Opening Ceremony will showcase performances by Bollywood superstars Madhuri Dixit and Shahid Kapoor. Bollywood stars Shriya Saran, Nushrat Bharucha, Pankaj Tripathi, Shantanu Moitra, Shreya Ghoshal and Sukhwinder Singh will also perform in the opening ceremony. The Festival would be graced by eminent personalities from the film industry Catherine Zeta Jones, Salman Khan, Vidya Balan, Ayushmann Khurrana, Anupam Kher,



Vicky Kaushal, Siddharth Malhotra, Aditi Rao Hydari, AR Rahman, Amit Trivedi, among other celebrated actors, singers and filmmakers.

The nine day film festival, showcasing an eclectic array of world cinema to the audiences worldwide, will kickstart with the international premiere of Catching Dust, by award-winning British filmmaker Stuart Gatt.

Earlier, conveying his wishes to the film festival, Shri Anurag Thakur had said that in an age where technology continues to reshape the way we consume content, film festivals remain a testament to the enduring appeal of cinematic experience. He said, "IFFI has become a perfect platform for establishing collaborations, joint productions and cutting-edge technology and IFFI has been growing every year due to the passion of our film makers and collaborations with directors and film makers".

This year, IFFI has received an overwhelming response. A total of 2926 entries from 105 countries were received, which is three times more international submissions than last year. During the nine day festival, more than 270

films will be showcased at 4 venues of the festival. 13 World Premieres, 18 International Premieres, 62 Asia Premieres and 89 India Premieres will be screened during the festival. A total of 32 entries have been received in 10 languages from 15 OTT platforms for Best Web Series (OTT) Award. 15 feature films (12 International films and 3 Indian films) will compete for the coveted Golden Peacock award this year.

To highlight the importance of documentary film making, a Docu-Montage section has also been introduced this year. Besides this, Seven International films and three Indian films that reflect the ideals of UNESCO will also be featured in ICFT UNESCO Gandhi medal award session during the festival.

As a testament to its commitment to nurturing emerging talent, IFFI will also host masterclasses, workshops, and panel discussions conducted by renowned industry stalwarts. More than 20 leading companies will hold professional master classes and a Talent Camp for the 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT) candidates during the festival.

The NFDC Film Bazaar

will exhibit a VFX & Tech Pavilion, introducing Documentary & Non-Feature Projects/Films, the Knowledge Series and Book to Box Office. A novel initiative of a Restored Classics section will feature seven world premieres of the world class restorations done by NFDC-NFAI under the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) from the damaged celluloid reels of the Indian Classics. Three international films restored under the mission will also be screened during the festival.

An exhibition with immersive visual content has also been set up by the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The cine enthusiasts will also learn about films through interactive displays. Entry is free for all. Besides this, Open Air Screenings will also be held for the public at three locations along with initiatives such as Caravans, Shigmotsav, Goa Carnival, Selfie points, IFFI Merchandise and others.

As part of media facilitation, Press Information Bureau will issue Press Releases in English, Hindi, and regional languages on all the events related to the festival. PIB will also issue press releases in Konkani language to cater to the local media, for the first time. PIB Social Media team will do live streaming of Press Conferences and other events, posting live updates on its social media handles. PIB has also set up a Media Facilitation Centre at the venue for providing required support to the media.

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

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 137 of 2023-24 Dated:-16.11.2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from the eligible consultants registration with Council of Architecture (CoA) India duly empanelled with Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department, Jammu vide Circular No. CEJ/TS/14137-64 dated 17.11.2022 under Category-A for the below mentioned works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money @2% of Advertised Cost	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)
1.	Providing structural and architectural consultancy for Construction of 1st floor of Poultry shed No. 2,5,8,14 Hatchery building, entrance road, gate & compound wall of Mangager Hatchery Poultry Project Kallar, Udhampur (Under HADP Programme)	4.40	600/- (only treasury challan will be accepted)	8800/-	30days	23-11-2023 after 1200 Hrs

Position of AAA = Accorded

Position of funds = Available

1.	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	16-11-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bid documents	17-11-2023 from 900Hrs.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	17-11-2023 from 900Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	22-11-2023 upto 1800 Hrs.
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-11-2023 after 1200 Hrs.
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Bidders shall upload EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR duly pledged to the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur. The Earnest Money Deposit (2% of the Advertised Cost of the tender) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR before evaluation of technical bids. The EMD of successful bidder shall be released after successful completion of the work.
- Cost of tender document: Bid must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/receipt issued after date of issuance of e-NIT under MH 0059-Rev mentioning the name of work otherwise will not be accepted for which the tender fee was deposited in favour of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur. Copy of receipt of cost of tender document should be uploaded on official website www.jktenders.gov.in upto the specified bid submission date and time.
- Time schedule: The work, as per "Scope of work" should be completed in 90 days.
- Clarification: Bidders can seek clarification to the RFP document by writing at email id: xenrandbudhampur@gmail.com or from the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Udhampur on any working day.

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Nukkad Natak on Punjabi Language at Aryans

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JAMMU NOVEMBER 19

Under the student welfare department, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh in collaboration with the OTT channel Chaupal, presented a Nukkad Natak to promote Punjabi Language at Aryans Campus. Aryans students of Engineering, Pharmacy, Law, Nursing, Paramedical, Physiotherapy etc. participated enthusiastically. The audience was enthralled by the performance. The students were applauded



whole-heartedly for their energetic rendition. The purpose of this enactment was to promote Punjabi language and to push the dying art of Nukkad Natak in the Punjabi society and culture. The entire activity was held under the supervision of Dr. JK Saini, Director, Aryans Group of Colleges. He emphasized on the need to conduct such act which promote Punjabi language and culture and which is the need of the hour also.

Gopashtami to be Celebrated on November 20th, Monday: Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 19

On the eighth day of Kartik Shukla Paksha, Gopashtami is celebrated. In this regard, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, shared that this year Gopashtami will be observed on Monday, November 20th. On the eighth day of Kartik Shukla Paksha, Lord Shri Krishna was sent to graze the cows in the forest. Mother Yashoda, out of love, never allowed Shri Krishna to go for cow grazing. However, one day, Krishna insisted on going, and Yashoda arranged an



auspicious moment, sending him for cow grazing on Gopashtami.

On Gopashtami, bathe the cows and calves in the morning, worship them with fragrant flowers, and adorn them with beautiful ornaments. If ornaments are not available, decorate their horns with colors or adorn them with a gar-

land of yellow flowers. Feed them green fodder and jaggery. Perform circumambulation around the cows and calves, offer Aarti with cloth and incense, and worship the cowshed. Make donations for the welfare of the cowshed. Worshipping the cows and calves on Gopashtami pleases Lord Shri Krishna, bringing prosperity and happiness to the devotee's life, along with the presence of Goddess Lakshmi in the home.

Mahant Rohit Shastri emphasized that in the evening, when the cows and calves return from grazing, pay respects to them and touch their hoof prints to the forehead.

BJP is always committed and dedicated to uplift every individual: Rekha Mahajan



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 19 NOV

Accelerate the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) "Viksit Bharat" (Visionary Bharat) activities under the stalwart leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the ground level, as a masses outreach program in Jammu South, led by its President BJP District Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan today elaborate the remarkable, strengthening India on "Jan Samvad Abhiyan" in Belicharana area of Gandhi Nagar Mandal of Bahu Constituency in presence of BJP leaders include Narinder Gupta koki District Vice President, Bharat Bhusan Mandal President, Suraj Rana Mandal General Secretary, Main Speaker Raghav Arora and the general public were present on the occasion.

Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the public on Booth Jan Abhiyan highlights that the BJP is always committed and dedicated to uplifting every individual, primarily those who have been left behind by successive Governments over the decades, and constantly reaching out to the last person in the society for their empowerment and betterment across union territory of J&K, irrespective of region and caste obstacles. Rekha educates the general populace that PM Modi isn't bothered by criticism and credited him for taking "radical decisions at the cost of his popularity" throughout every

hub of the world. She counted that PM Modi's supernatural, extraordinary brainiac skills always miracle all segments of society, especially impoverished people those were depended upon the central government's welfare and multiple friendly schemes for their upliftment. Rekha underlined that PM Modi is a "selfless man" always committed and devoted to the national interest of the public. She further claimed that the policies of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had secured a political resolution to the "protests and sporadic incidents of insurgency and infiltrations" in Jammu and Kashmir. Rekha added that she would like to credit the "Modi Sarkaar" primarily the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, for always exhibiting and keeping confidence in the general public of J&K.

Narinder Gupta and Bharat Bhusan emphasized the BJP's commitment to inclusive development, echoing the party's mantra of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

Booth President Ravi Sharma, Ranjit Singh, Ward President Pritam Shan, Shakti Kendra Parmukh Rakesh Sharma, Anita Shan, Rishil Langleh, Amarika Kotwal, Ramkour, Susheela Sharma, Daler Singh, Vikram Rao, Rajesh Sharma, Bashir Khan, Barkat Ali, Abbas Rather were present in the program.

Strengthen PM's hands for equitable development of J&K: Johal

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMGARH, NOV 19

Sarbjit Singh Johal, President BJP Kissan Morcha JKUT and DDC Ramgarh has asserted that only BJP can fulfill the aspirations of common people of this Union Territory especially in rural and far flung areas and urged the people to further strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for equitable development of every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He expressed this during a function in which he kick started development work of a boundary wall of PHC Lagwal and Keso Manhasa Panchyat at Block Ramgarh District Samba.



Territory, he asserted that for the first time the rural areas of this Union Territory are receiving special attention because under the PM's dynamic vision, there has to be overall equitable development which clearly implies that development in rural areas has to be equitably proportionate so that these areas are brought at par with the urban areas.

He stated that it is an open secret that rural and far flung areas remained totally neglected for about seven decades in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir and it is only after Articles 370 and 35A that there has been a strategic

shift in terms of development with rural and neglected areas being the focus areas of the BJP government. He said that only BJP can fulfill the aspirations of common people of this Union Territory especially in rural and far flung areas.

Johal appealed to the people to further strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for equitable development of every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

BDO Mukesh Sharma, Sarpaanch Dr Kuldeep Ra., Naib Sarpanch Parveen Choudhary and Rampaul were present on the occasion.

Tulsi Vivah on November 23, Thursday: Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya

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JAMMU AND KASHMIR

According to the scriptures, Tulsi Vivah with Lord Shaligram is to be conducted from Kartik Shukla Ekadashi to Purnima. Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Institution Trust, explained that this year Tulsi Vivah.

This year Tulsi Vivah on November 23, Thursday after 9:03 PM because 23 November bhadra kal will occur on November 23, starting at 10:04 AM and ending at 9:03 PM. It is advised to perform the Tulsi Vivah and Puja after 9:03 PM on November 23 in an auspicious lagna.

Mahant Rohit Shastri suggested adorning the Tulsi plant with sugarcane around it. A chunari or scarf should be draped on the Tulsi plant. During Tulsi worship, chant the mantra (Om Tulasyai

Namah). On the next day, perform puja for both Tulsi and Lord Vishnu, feed a Brahmin, and then have your meal to complete the fast. Eating fallen Tulsi leaves is considered auspicious.

Tulsi holds significant religious, spiritual, and Ayurvedic importance. Its presence brings spiritual progress, happiness, peace, and prosperity to the home, improving cleanliness and purity in the environment. It controls pollution and enhances health, providing numerous benefits.

Having Tulsi in the house is akin to having a healer, eliminating Vastu doshas. It plays a vital role from birth to death.

Different Types of Tulsi Plants: According to scriptures, various types of Tulsi plants exist, such as Shri Krishna Tulsi, Ram Tulsi, Lakshmi Tulsi, Shyama Tulsi, Van Tulsi,

Bhoo Tulsi, Rakt Tulsi, etc.

Do Not Pluck Tulsi Leaves on These Days: According to scriptures, avoid plucking Tulsi leaves on Ekadashi, Sundays, and during solar and lunar eclipses. Plucking Tulsi leaves at night or without purpose is also discouraged.

Never Offer Tulsi Leaves to These Deities: Tulsi leaves should not be offered in the worship of Shiva Linga and Lord Ganesha. Different beliefs surround using Tulsi leaves for these deities.

Do Not Keep a Dried Tulsi Plant: If a Tulsi plant dries up in the house, it should be immersed in a flowing river or water, as keeping a dried Tulsi plant at home is considered inauspicious.

Never Step on Tulsi Plants: Stepping on Tulsi plants is considered disrespectful; hence, it should be avoided.

Police arrests 02 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam; Contraband substances recovered

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 19

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Post Palhallan headed by Incharge Police Post Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan at a checkpoint established at Ghat Palhallan intercepted a person identified as Ab Ahad Dar son of Khazir Mohammad resident of Ghat Palhallan Baramulla. During search, 1.5kgs of charas powder like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to



Police Station where he remains in custody.

In Kulgam, a team of Kulgam police led by SHO Police Station Behibagh under the supervision of DySP PC Hatipora Shri Aarif Hussain-JKPS recovered contraband substance & arrested a drug



peddler during cordon & search operation at Munnad. The contraband substance which includes 106 Kgs of Poppy Straw like substance concealed in three (03) nylon bags, digital weighing machine and a grinder with 03 Jars has been recovered

during the search operation of a residential house belonging to Feroz Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Ahmad Khan resident of Munnad. The accused person has been shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigation has been initiated.

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

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Girgit'

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 19

Hindi play 'Girgit' directed by Neeraj Kant featured here today in Natrang's weekly Theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at Rani Park, Jammu. Based on a Russian short Story by Anton Chekhov the play proved to be the hard hitting satire on the present socio-political system. The adaptation of the play was deeply rooted in the soil of Jammu and its dramatic structure made the audience feel as if they are watching their own story. Every time the play is staged, some highly contemporary and situational aspect is added to it which refines its beauty. Natrang has been endeavoring to showcase highly relevant political and social satires and today's play demonstrated to be the shining example of that.

The play Girgit revolves around a Dog and corrupt



Police Officer, who changes colours like a chameleon, every time as the situation changes irrespective of right or wrong. The stage action starts when a Dog bites a pickpocket who approaches the officers to help him to roundup owner but in vain. A passerby hints that the dog belongs to the local Minister as he saw a similar dog moving around his Bungalow. On

getting his clue, the officer starts beating the pickpocket for teasing a respectable dog. The officer claims that a dog of minister cannot bite unless and until forced to do so. While he is beating the pickpocket, another man from the crowd observes that the local minister cannot keep such dog, as he is known to have pointer-hunting dogs only. On this, dog is thrashed

and search continues for the owner of the dog to enable the pickpocket to claim the compensation. The beating of the dog continues until a servant of the minister appears on the scene. At first he refuses to recognize the dog but later identifies him as the minister's brother's dog who has visited from Delhi. Here the dog is escorted back home with full official protocol. Vishal Sharma as Police Officer portrayed aesthetically the changes of colours of the central character who was equally supported by Aadesh Dhar as his subordinate. Neeraj Kant as the senior officer successfully exhibited the complexities of the senior bureaucrats. Among others who gave impressive performances included Sanket Bhagat as thief, Sumit Bandaral & Brijesh Avtar Sharma as Minister's Servant, Tarun Sharma as Dog, Abhimanyu Choudhary and Kushal Bhat.

AG Office Srinagar Commences Audit Week Celebrations with Marathon and Cleanliness Drive

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 19

The AG Office Srinagar initiated the Audit Week celebrations today with a marathon and a cleanliness drive. The marathon, starting from Dalgate to SKICC, was flagged off by Principal AG Pramod Kumar and Deputy Accountant General Inabat Khaliq in presence

of many dignitaries. Post-marathon, participants actively engaged in a Dal Lake cleaning initiative, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental awareness and sanitation.

The event witnessed a participation of environmentalist Manzoor Wangnoo, Baby Jannat, footballer Ishfaq Ahmed, and DFO Ghazala Abdul-



lah among others. These activities coincide with the commemoration of CAG India's foundation day, promising a week of diverse engagements. The upcoming week will host events like a blood donation drive, Rangoli competition, university student interaction program at SKAUST-K, sports events, quiz, painting competition, which culminates

with a cultural evening on November 25. The objective is not only to promote professional excellence but also to emphasize social responsibility, fostering a sense of community and holistic well-being during Audit Week. The AG Office, Srinagar, leads these initiatives, serving as the driving force behind this harmonious blend of activities.

Godawari Electric Motors announces first-of-its kind Roadside Assistance Program for electric auto Eblu Rozee (L5M)

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 19

Godawari Electric Motors, manufacturers of the Eblu range of electric 2 and 3-wheelers, today announced a one-of-its-kind Roadside Assistance Program for its EV three-wheeler, Eblu Rozee. The company is offering 3-year complimentary Roadside Assistance to all the Eblu Rozee purchased in the month of November (1st November-30th November 2023). The RSA will be valid across all the touch-points of the company across the country.

The 24x7 Roadside Assistance program guarantees complete peace of mind to the customers at no additional cost and will cover a wide range of benefits which include Flat tyre assistance, Battery jumpstart, Lockout service, Minor repairs and towing service. There



will be a dedicated round-the-clock helpline to assist customers in case of any unwarranted emergency. A dedicated helpline number will assist the customers and skilled technicians will be dispatched to assist customers to their location with towing

truck support in case of a requirement. In the event of a major breakdown, towing support up to 40 km will be provided to the nearest authorized service center.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Hyder Khan, CEO, Godawari Electric

Motors, said, "We have a clear customer-centric approach as the EV adoption in the country is at an all-time high and perception about EVs have significantly improved in the past couple of years. We have carefully curated the RSA program for Eblu Rozee customers and have trained our technicians to address any customer concerns with shorter turnaround times. We will continue to enhance EV ownership for our customers and create a holistic ecosystem to drive the sustainability agenda."

Godawari Electric Motors currently has 50 dealerships across the country and is aiming to have 100 dealerships by the end of this fiscal. It currently retails a wide range of EV products which include Eblu Feo scooter, Eblu Spin and Thrill e-bicycle range and Eblu Reino loader.

DDC Reasi meets scores of public delegations at Katra

JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 19

During a day-long tour to Sub District Katra, District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, engaged in a comprehensive public interaction while meeting numerous delegations representing diverse segments of the Society. The delegations comprised representatives of Hotel, transport, Restaurant and Labour associations, besides Political persons, prominent citizens and NGOs.

A wide range of issues were highlighted during these interactions and included road network and power infrastructure strengthening, construction of circular road in Katra, pending land compensation, parking and overcharging by Autos, encroachments in the market places and a strong call for action against drug peddlers. The DDC patiently listened to each grievance and assured prompt resolution within the capacity of the District Administration.

Mahajan emphasized that grievances beyond immediate resolution would be escalated to higher authorities at the UT level for timely redressal. He addressed several concerns on the



spot by issuing necessary instructions to the relevant departments.

Furthermore, the DDC called upon the young generation and all stakeholders in Katra to actively contribute to the campaign against drug abuse, aiming to make Reasi district a drug-free area. He also urged them to champion the Swachh Bharat mission, becoming ambassadors for clean India and green India in their respective areas.

Later, the DDC conducted an interaction meeting with local media persons in Katra. The session focused on fostering better coordination between the district administration and media agencies to ensure

accurate information dissemination. Media representatives shared their concerns, and discussions were held to address challenges and seek suggestions for improved collaboration. The DDC highlighted the crucial role of media in upholding democracy, expressing commitment to support free, fair, and healthy journalism. He encouraged journalists to report on welfare schemes and government programs, emphasizing their role in bringing anomalies to light for the benefit of the public.

SSP Reasi Amit Gupta, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, SP Katra Vipin Chandran and other district officers were present.

AG Office Srinagar Celebrates Audit Week

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 19

On Sunday, the Accountant General Office, Srinagar held a vibrant marathon cum cleanliness drive to celebrate the commencement Audit Week.

Marathon from Dalgate to SKICC/Centaur Hotel was flagged-off by PAG Pramod Kumar and DAG Inabat Khaliq early in the morning in presence of distinguished personalities including renowned environmentalist Manzoor Wangnoo and Baby Jannat, prominent footballer Ishfaq Ahmed, and DFO Ghazala Abdullah.

Later, participants actively engaged in Dal Lake cleaning initiative, thereby, conveying a powerful message of environmental consciousness and cleanliness.

The Audit Week celebrations shall witness a diverse array of activities in the coming week, including a blood donation drive, Rangoli competition, university student interaction program at SKUAST-K, sports events, quiz, painting competition besides cultural event on the culminating day on Nov 25.

This multifaceted approach aims to promote both professional excellence and social responsibility, fostering a sense of community and holistic well-being during Audit Week.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

200 Students from Tribal Hostels and EMRSs Engage in Cultural Exchange Program

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 19

As part of the vibrant and culturally rich Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah, a significant cultural exchange program was organized for 200 enthusiastic students drawn from different tribal hostels and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) of J&K by Tribal Research Institute, Tribal Affairs Department.

This initiative is a testa-

ment to the commitment of the Government to foster understanding and appreciation of diverse tribal cultures.

It reflects the vision of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, who has been a guiding force in various tribal welfare initiatives.

The program was arranged under the direction of Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary of

the Tribal Affairs Department. This day-long event, supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, included a series of enriching activities designed to provide students with a platform for cultural interaction and learning.

The students had the opportunity to visit various significant places, engage in entertaining activities, and participate in interactive sessions that celebrated their unique cultural heri-

tages.

Dr Abdul Khabir, Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Department said that the cultural exchange program not only served as a conduit for cultural learning but also as a platform for building friendships and understanding among the youth from different tribal backgrounds. It is a step forward in our ongoing efforts to celebrate tribal culture and ensure their integral place in nation building.

Special SSR camps held across district Ramban

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 19

As part of Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, Special camps were today conducted across district Ramban here under the supervision of the District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary.

On the directions of District Election Officer (DEO), Electoral Registration Officer, (ACR) Gasul Haq and Deputy District Election Officer, Lal Chand conducted an extensive tour of AC-54-Ramban to take stock of progress on registration of eligible voters at the Special Camps organized at Polling Stations across the district.

During the tour, they



inspected Polling Station No, 148, 154, 155, 157 159, & 160 and Polling Stations 29, 50, 51, 80, 81, 83, 86, 93, & 94 of AC-54 Ramban and AC-55-Banihal respectively.

During his visit the Dy. DEO interacted with BLOs and instructed the BLOs to ensure 100% enroll-

ment of new and eligible voters during this special summary Revision.

Interacting with the BLOs at the camps, they instructed them to ensure the cent per cent registration of eligible voters falling under the jurisdiction of their respective Polling Stations. They also

instructed them to conduct house to house visits to identify the unregistered eligible youth as voters with special focus on bridging the gender gap, besides mapping up of PwD voters.

Sensitizing the people with regard to registration of unregistered eligible youth as voters, they also appealed to them to cooperate with the BLOs of their respective areas.

Similarly, the Electoral Registration Officer, and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers of AC-55-Banihal and AEROs of AC-54-Ramban along with Election Naib Tehsildar Mohan Lal also visited various Polling Stations and took stock of the electoral registration process at the Polling Stations.

DC Ramban reviews progress on RDD sector Works

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 19

Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary today underlined the need to achieve cent percent financial and physical targets under District CAPEX and Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Rural Development Department.

"It will help to achieve need based development, besides transforming socio-economic profile of rural population," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner was chairing a meeting of Block Development Officers and Rural Engineering Wing,



convened to review the physical and financial achievements under various schemes being executed by the Rural Development Department under District Capex and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Directing the BDOs to achieve the financial and physical targets under

Area Development Fund of DDC, BDC and PRIs, MGNREGA, PMAY-G and other schemes, the Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned authorities to ensure timely completion of all developmental projects sanctioned and taken up by the RDD.

Directing the Executive Engineer, REW to take up

all the allotted works, the Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned to complete all the works well before the start of harsh winter season especially in snow bound areas. He also directed the concerned for completion of allotment and tendering process of sanctioned works.

LG visits KCCI stalls - IITF at Pragati Maidan

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 19

The Lt. Governor Shri Manoj Sinha visited the Kashmir Chamber of Industry & Commerce (KCCI) stalls at the India International Trade Fair (IITF), being held at Pragati Maidan, on Saturday, 18th of November. The day was being celebrated as "Kashmir Divas" at the Fair. The LG was escorted by the President KCCI Javed Tenga and the Trade Fair Committee Chairman Muzaffar Majid & the treasurer Zubair Mahajan. The Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Commissioner Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh, JKTPO Managing Director Khalid Jehangir accompanied the Lt. Governor. It is worth mentioning that the KCCI is participating in IITF for the first time. The LG went round all the stalls and spent time with the participants after inaugurating the



Fair on the eve of opening of Retail Sales. The IITF is considered to be the highest visited trade fair where the participants make huge sales. The Lt. Governor earlier on visited Kashmir Trade Fair Organisation (JKTPO) Exhibition Hall. Addressing a large number of gathering at the IITF the

LG paid glowing tributes to the incomparable artistry & workmanship of Kashmiri artisans and weavers. He added that he proudly states that Kashmiri Art, Culture, Handicrafts and Heritage craft has no parallel in the World. He lauded the master craftsmen for taking the Craft to high-

est levels. The GI tagging of more than 10 products will help in promotion and growth of Kashmir Handicrafts. The LG, the Chief Secretary, Commissioner Industries & Commerce and MD JKTPO expressed appreciation for the role of KCCI for promotion of Kashmir Products.

70th all India Cooperative Week celebrated at Ganderbal

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 19

To celebrate 70th All India Cooperative Week, an impressive function was organised by the Department of Cooperatives District Ganderbal at Town Hall.

The function was presided over by the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Maqdoomi, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Block Lar, Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal, Branch manager State Cooperative Bank Ganderbal.

Members and stakeholders of Cooperative Societies of the district participated in the said programme.

Mohammad Rafiq Baba, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Block Lar in his welcome address



described the importance and significance of Cooperative Week Celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Registrar highlighted the pioneering role played by the Cooperative Institutions in strengthening the national economy by bridging the rural urban divide and creating opportunities for income generations besides illuminated the gathering with various schemes and programmes extended through the department also stressed upon the need for diversification of business activities.

On the occasion, highlighting the achievements, success stories, the speakers from the Department of Cooperatives and Baba Mian Nizam Ud Din Cooperative Educational Institution elaborated the contribution in serving the community through the Cooperative Sector.

In his address, the Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal praised the role played by the Cooperatives in serving the general masses. He stressed the need to organise awareness camps at various levels, so that the essence of doing business

on a Cooperative based economic model is disseminated far and wide. He also complimented Cooperative Department Ganderbal for organising an impressive and fruitful programme.

At the end of the programme, in recognition of their outstanding contribution in their respective fields, cooperatives were awarded with certificate of appreciation/excellence and registration certificates were distributed among 3 newly registered Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies and 1 Dairy Cooperative Society by the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Ganderbal, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Block Lar, Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal, Branch manager State Cooperative Bank Ganderbal.