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Dynastic politics everything for Congress, they can't think of anything except appeasement: PM Modi

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 JAIPUR, NOV 20

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said Rajasthan needs a government which gives top priority to development, while for the Congress there is nothing more important than corruption and dynastic politics. At an election rally in Rajasthan's Pali district, he said the Congress cannot think of anything except appeasement.

He also accused the Congress and its allies of



having an anti-women giving reservation to women 'Narishakti Vandan Act' was passed,

they have started a campaign against women. The leaders of the arrogant alliance have made very objectionable comments about our mothers and sisters," he charged.

The Bihar chief minister used extremely derogatory words against women in the Assembly but no Congress leader said anything about this. "This is the real face of Congress, which the people of Rajasthan have recognised," he said. He also said that the Congress turns a

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Shrine board slashes Atka Aarti Fee for Vaishno Devi pilgrims availing facility online

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In a major relief, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has slashed the Atka Aarti fee for the pilgrims availing of the facility through online mode.

Now, four people, including two adults and two children (up to 10 years old), can attend the Atka Arti for Rs 5100, as earlier the fee was Rs 2000 per person.

"The fee for attending Atka Aarti has been reduced to Rs 5100 for four people, including two adults and two children (up to 10 years)," the



Shrine Board official said here on Monday.

He said that earlier the fee was Rs 2000 per person, and the benefit of the slashed fee will be available to groups only through online booking.

"For on-the-spot booking, the pilgrims have to pay the same fee (Rs 2000 per person) and separate fees for accommodation at Bhawan," he said, adding

that accommodation facilities are included in online booking.

"After the expansion of infrastructure, 400 to 500 devotees can now attend the aarti at the same time," he said.

Notably, Atka Aarti is performed near the old natural cave in the morning and evening, which is attended by the devotees who had applied for it.

"The slashed fee structure will remain effective until the month of February, following which it will be reviewed for its further continuation," said an official.

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VHP to form Village committees to empower Hindus living in J&K slums

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The VHP will form village-level committees for the empowerment of the weaker sections among the Hindus, especially those living in slums across Jammu and Kashmir, an organisation official said on Monday.

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) is engaged in various social awareness campaigns to ensure justice and respect to the weaker sections among the Hindu community, the official further said.

"Committees will be formed in each village to supervise various programmes such as skill development training for the uplift of SC and ST Hindus living in slums and forests," Devji Bhai Rawat, the VHP's national secretary, told reporters.

"The skill development training is being conducted for uneducated youngsters to enable them to earn a living for their families," he added after chairing a meeting with organisation office-bearers to finalise the programme.

Rawat further said the VHP is also making continuous efforts to end untouchability among the Hindus and will celebrate the birth anniversaries of social reformers such as Dr BR Ambedkar, Sant Ravidas, Maharishi Valmiki, Sant Kabir and Ramanujacharya, among others, with the weaker sections.

He also extended an invitation to the Hindus of Jammu and Kashmir to take part in the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22.

Don't take up small projects under capex funding: H&UDD tells departments

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In a significant move, the Housing & Urban Development Department has directed the departments under its administrative control to refrain from taking up small-sized projects from the funds made available by the government, saying that they don't have any tangible impact on the ground and also face monitoring challenges.

The H&UDD has directed the authorities and agencies to avoid small-sized projects from the

funds made available by the government under different schemes.

"If the Urban Local Bodies or any other entity still feel a need for such tiny projects, they are encouraged to raise their own resources for such projects, since the used of their own funds is likely to create a self-policing measures at the local level," the H&UDD said, in an order. As per H&UDD, a project should minimum involve capital expenditure of Rs five lakh.

The departments have also been directed that

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Don't make people feel their blood is cheap: Omar on bail to Army Captain in Fake Encounter Case

JINNEWS SERVICE
 SRINAGAR, NOV 20

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Monday criticised the granting of bail to an Army captain convicted by a general court-martial for his role in the 2020 Amshipora fake encounter case.

"I want to appeal to the Centre not to play with the people here. Do not make the people here think that our blood is so cheap that a person found guilty of murder is enlarged on bail so easily," Abdullah told reporters in reply to a query on the issue The



armed forces tribunal in Delhi has suspended the life sentence of Captain Bhoopendra Singh who was found guilty of killing three men in a "staged" encounter in south Kashmir's Amshipora village in July 2020.

The tribunal also granted conditional bail to him and directed him to appear before its principal registrar on the first Monday of every month starting from January next year "Those

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2 minor girls among 4 dead in two separate accidents in Kathua

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Four people, including two minor girls, were killed in two separate accidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua, police said on Monday.

Surjeet Kumar (40) and his daughter Sonali (11) of Shab-e-Check village of Rajbagh were killed when their motorcycle was hit by a truck at Lakhanpur on the Jammu-Pathankot national highway around 12.45 pm, a police official said.

They were returning to their village from Pathankot when their motorcycle was hit by the Jammu-bound truck, the official said.

In another accident, a woman and her granddaughter were killed when they were hit by an unknown motorcycle near Sadq-e-Check on the highway on Sunday evening, the official said.

While seven-year-old Sameera died on the

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Army's northern commander, DGP discuss security plan in J&K ahead of winter



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The Indian Army's northern commander and the director general of Jammu

and Kashmir Police have reviewed the security plan against terrorism and the administrative arrangements ahead of the winter months, the Army said on

Monday.

This was the first interaction that RR Swain, the director general of Jammu and Kashmir Police, has had with the Indian

Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi since taking charge on October 31.

"Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army Cdr NC, interacted with RR Swain, director general of police, Jammu and Kashmir, to discuss about enhanced coordination between the forces, plans for zero tolerance to terror and the security and administrative arrangements amid upcoming winters," according to a post on the X account of the Army's Udhampur-based Northern Command. Sharing pictures of the

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Search operation launched in Rajouri



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Security forces on Monday launched a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district after information was received about suspected move-

ment of terrorists, sources said. They said the movement of terrorists was reported in the Saloki forest area in Rajouri.

According to the sources, a joint team of security forces is conducting the search operation.

Rs 1,162 Cr earned from scrap disposal during 'Swachhata' Campaign: Dr Jitendra Singh

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 NEW DELHI, NOV 20

The Centre has earned a whopping Rs 1,162 crore from disposal of scrap during its special cleanliness drives and plans are afoot to further accelerate it with the help of states, Union Minister Incharge Personnel/ DoPT, Dr Jitendra Singh said today.

In an exclusive interview, the Minister said, a cleanliness campaign carried out at over 4 lakh sites resulted in weeding out of nearly 96.1 lakh files, including electronic files besides freeing up of 355.5 lakh square feet of



spaces, which could house a huge mall. "As much as Rs 1,162.49 crore has been earned through disposal of office scrap including e-waste like old computers and other electronic items. The cleanliness drive has become India's largest campaign for insti-

tutionalising 'swachata'," Singh said.

Giving full credit to PM Narendra Modi, Dr Jitendra Singh says, PM made a call for Swachhta from the Red Fort in his first Independence Day address of 2014 and soon it turned into a mass movement. In

very first year, more than 4 lakh toilets were built, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, without spending any significant sum, the government has been able to earn so many crores of revenue through the cleanliness campaign, "which in my opinion is a huge success". The revenue of Rs 1,162.49 crore was earned in the three special campaigns carried out by the central government during 2021 to 2023, he said. "We have seen tremendous improvement in the office space. There was a time when we had cluttered office

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SC directs States, UTs to carry out drive to identify children for adoption in childcare institutions

AGENCIES
 NEW DELHI, NOV 20

Noting the "mismatch" between the number of children legally available for adoption and registered prospective adoptive parents, the Supreme Court on Monday directed all states and the Union territories to carry out a drive every two months to identify the children in abandoned and surrendered (OAS) category in child care institutions.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra said the first of such an



exercise should be carried out by December 7.

"All states and UTs are directed to ensure that within every district Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) shall be set up by January 31, 2024.

"The nodal department in charge of implementing the Juvenile Jus-

tice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 shall positively communicate compliance to the director, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and secretary Ministry of Women and Child Development by January 31, 2024," the bench said.

The bench also directed

all states and UTs to compile and submit to the CARA Director data on Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act (HAMA) adoptions by January 31, 2024. The top court had earlier said the child adoption process in India is "very tedious" and that there is an urgent need for the procedures to be "streamlined".

The apex court was hearing a PIL by "The Temple of Healing" which sought simplification of the legal process for child adoption in India, saying only 4,000 adoptions take place annually in the country.

KVK Gbl holds mega Interactive/ Training, awareness, Technology Exhibition on GAPs under HADP

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 20

A Mega Awareness cum Technology Demonstration Programme was conducted today at Government Degree College on "Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Innovative Approaches for Production and Processing of Agri-Enterprises" held by KVK Ganderbal, SKUAST-Kashmir under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Project.

The programme was presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Ganderbal, Shyambir as Chief Guest and co-chaired by Director Extension SKUAST-K, Prof. Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi.

The dignitaries initially visited technology demonstration stalls showcasing the latest technologies, varieties, hybrid seeds and value-added products developed by the

University, KVK Ganderbal entrepreneurs, startups, and NRLM. A large number of stalls were set up by line departments, progressive farmers and entrepreneurs of District Ganderbal.

In his presidential address, the DDC appreciated the relentless efforts of KVK Ganderbal in conducting such events from time to time and reaching out to farmers across the District.

He further encouraged the farmers for adopting good and ethical practices in Agriculture, for preserving the brand name of Kashmiri products which are in huge demand across the World.

Shyambir motivated farmers to take up entrepreneurial ventures and ensured full support and cooperation to them.

In his keynote address, Director Extension highlighted the aims and objectives of HADP. He revealed that if followed



in letter and spirit, such approaches will change the face of agriculture and allied sectors in the District. Prof. Makhdoomi also appreciated the efforts of the KVK in dissemination of knowledge from lab to land.

Prof. Masood Salim Mir, PI HADP presented a brief overview of the conceptualization and framing of HADP Project. He further stressed on adoption of Innovative Extension approaches in agricultural production and process-

ing of agri-enterprises. Dr. Ishfaq Abidi, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Ganderbal gave a comprehensive overview of the innovative extension approaches and roadmap of HADP and revealed that HADP aims to revolution-

ize agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu & Kashmir by taking all stakeholders on board. He revealed that Good Agricultural Practices addresses economic, environmental and social sustainability of farming

operations. Dr. Abidi further appraised the gathering about the ongoing programmes of the Kendra which are focused on outcome-based skill and entrepreneurship development, fodder resource development, nutrition of women and children, organic farming, climate resilient agriculture and drone technology and expressed hope of better participation of stakeholders in these programmes.

Prof. Azra Kamili from Central University gave a comprehensive overview about entrepreneurship and startups in enterprise development.

In the second session, Scientists of the KVK viz. Dr. Shafat A. Banday, Dr. Ejaz A. Dar and Dr. Shaheen Farooq detailed lectures regarding innovative approaches and recent advances in their respective fields.

The programme witnessed participation of Scientists, Professors,

Research scholars, Chief Agriculture/Horticulture Officers, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Principal GDC Ganderbal, farmers, entrepreneurs, farm women, local leaders and students.

On the occasion, the DDC was felicitated on behalf of KVK Ganderbal & SKUAST-K by Director Extension for his people friendly approach, relentless contribution and untiring efforts for the development of the district along with Director Extension SKUAST-K and PI HADP for their massive contribution in their respective fields.

Dr. Ishfaq Abidi was also felicitated for his efforts and contribution as Head KVK Ganderbal in ushering a new wave of agriculture development in the District. Champion farmers of the District were appreciated by DDC for significant achievements in their fields.

Union Joint Secretary AYUSH participates in Tribal Pride Week celebration at Jammu

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

In a significant stride towards fostering tribal welfare and inclusivity, Kavita Garg, Union Joint Secretary, Ministry for AYUSH, visited the Post Graduate Boys Tribal Hostel, Jammu.

The visit was a critical component of the broader Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and coincided with the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah, a week-long celebration honoring the rich cultural heritage and contribution of tribal communities in India.

As the Parbhari Officer for Jammu district, Garg's visit was instrumental in delivering a much needed asset to the hostel, a 63KV generator set. This infrastructure enhancement, long sought after by the hostel's student community, signifies govern-



ment's responsiveness towards the needs of tribal students.

The event was attended by the officers including Musheer Ahmad Mirza, Director Tribal Affairs Department, Sandeep Seointra, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Ishita Rathi, Dr. Abdul Khabir, Deputy Director of the department.

During her address,

Garg highlighted the significance of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, emphasizing its role as the government's most expansive outreach initiative. She underscored the commitment towards ensuring that the fruits of government schemes reach every corner of the nation, aligning with the vision of 100% saturation in service delivery. The occasion

also dovetailed with the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah, providing a platform to celebrate the unique cultures, traditions and achievements of India's tribal communities.

This event was one among a series of initiatives being held during the week that aimed to showcase tribal art, culture, and heritage, fostering a greater understanding and appreciation among the broader population. Dr. Abdul Khabir, in his welcome address, outlined various initiatives being undertaken by the department for tribal students. He highlighted the reformative measures being implemented by the department.

DDC Chairperson Ramban kick starts work numerous development projects in Sub Division Gool

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RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 20

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan today kick started construction work on various developmental works in the Sub Division, Gool.

The Chairperson kick started construction work of Bus stand Sangaldan under DDC grant with an approved cost of Rs. 337.47 lakh. She started construction work on 0.7km Kohli morh to Jamia Masjid Sharif Gagarulla road under Aspirational Block Developmental Programme (ABDP) with an allotted cost of Rs. 5.99 lakh and work on a road project from Sajad Morh to Sehmat Mohalla, length 0.5 km with an allotted cost Rs. 3.96 Lakh.



Addressing the gathering, the Chairperson said that with the completion of the projects, a long pending demand of the area will be fulfilled which will go a long way in easing the life of locals.

The Chairperson directed the officers of PW (R&B) Department and line Departments to ensure quality and timely completion of construction work which will benefit thousands of souls of the area.

The Chairperson also

asked the PRIs to personally monitor the execution of work to ensure quality and timely completion of developmental works and implementation of all youth and beneficiary oriented schemes in their respective areas.

The Chairperson also interacted with the people and listened to their issues of developmental needs.

Among others, PRIs, Engineers from PWD and a large number of the general public present on the occasion.

36.15 Kanal Evacuee Land retrieved at Village Sahar Logate

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The Evacuee Property Department Jammu has launched an extensive Eviction Drive to vacate EP Land from illegal occupants/ encroachers/land grabbers etc. The move has been initiated on the directions issued by Custodian General J&K Rajinder Singh Tara. In this context an eviction team was constituted under close supervision of Custodian Evacuee Property Jammu Ravinder Sharma and over all supervision of the Custodian General J&K Rajinder Singh Tara.

The eviction team headed by Aijaz Ahmed Deputy Custodian Evacuee Property Jammu /Kathua retrieved the evacuee Property Land covered under Khasra No.524 (15 kanals 14 marlas) and Khasra No. 525 (21 Kanals 01 marlas) totaling 36 Kanal 15 Marlas situated at Village Sahar Logate, Tehsil & District Kathua.

JKAACL pays rich tributes to Mushtaq Kak



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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages concedes the sad demise of renowned theatre personality Mushtaq Kak here today. Several theatre and cinema personalities paid tributes to the departed soul.

Born on 11 September 1961 in Jammu, Mushtaq Kak a recipient of the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award is a well-known theatre director. A former director of Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, New Delhi, Shri Kak has been continuously working on new plays, and conducting workshops nation-wide. Kak started working in theatre as a back-stage artist, and as a designer of lighting, costume, make-up and sets.

Later, he turned towards directing plays. He has directed plays in Dogri, Urdu, English and

even Sanskrit language. Mushtaq Kak has directed more than 100 plays including Manto-Ba Qalam Khud, Main Manto Hoon, Siyah Hashi, Kahani Kahani based on short stories by Saadat Hasan Manto, Anton Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard and The Seagull, Jean Paul Sartre's Men Without Shadows, Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author, Krishan Chander's Ek Gadhe ki Wapsi and Ek Gadhe ki Atam katha, Dillip based on William Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona, Oma in Dogri based on Shakespeare's Othello, and Shakespeare's Macbeth in Dogri, Sharad-joshi's Alladad, Mahesh Elkunchwar's Vasaansi Jeernani, Dharamputra and Holi, Vasant Kanetkar's Kasturi Mrig, Moti Lai Kemmu's Nagar Udaas, Federico Garcia Lorca's The Blood Wedding, Meera Kant's Kali Baraf, Premanand Gajvi's

Mahabrahman, Chekhov in My Life based on Lydia Avilov's autobiography and Max Frisch's, 4Worra. A recipient of both Junior and Senior Fellowships of the Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Mushtaq Kak has conducted many production-oriented theatre workshops.

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), Sikkandar (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 Masudahib, Tejas (2023) as Khatooni, and others.

For his contribution to the field of theatre, Mushtaq Kak has been felicitated by many reputed institutions including Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Srinagar/Jammu; and the Sahitya Kala Parishad, New Delhi. While expressing his views Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL said that real tribute to Mushtaq Kakji will be to follow his path and vision.

Prominent among others who presented condolences included Khalid Hussain, Dr. Javaid Rahi, Arvinder Singh Amn, Dr. Liaqat Jafri, Deepak Kumar, Sandeep Ratan Verma, Ravinder Koul and many others. Various Artists from different art fields were present and expressing grief over the loss of this legendary artist.

DC approves 93 HADP, 17 PMFME cases at Rajouri



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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 20

In a groundbreaking move to propel Agricultural development, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led a pivotal District Level Committee meeting centered on the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) today.

Commencing the meeting, the DC meticulously examined the strides made in implementing all facets of the HADP encompassing a variety of sectors.

Notably, the committee approved a total of 93 applications comprising 42 under the Animal

Husbandry sector and 51 of the Agricultural sector distributed across diverse projects and components.

In endorsing these applications, the DC emphatically directed the Agriculture and allied departments to expedite the fulfillment of targets outlined within the HADP framework for the district.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal underscored the imperative need for seamless collaboration among stakeholder departments towards the implementation of diverse initiatives.

He specifically directed these departments to extend their outreach to

farmers residing in remote areas and foster awareness about cutting-edge agricultural technologies. The proactive and comprehensive approach underscores the commitment to not only approve applications but also ensure the expeditious and efficient execution of agricultural initiatives for the holistic development of the region.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also approved 17 cases under PMFME, paving the way for beneficiaries to access financial support under this laudable initiative.

He emphasised the importance of equipping beneficiaries with compre-

hensive information and unwavering support related to the PMFME scheme, including the swift disbursement of funds. He stressed the necessity for rigorous monitoring of the progress made by these enterprises, ensuring that the allocated funds are deployed judiciously for their intended purposes.

Officers who attended the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; CAO, Sohan Singh; CAHO; Dr Khalid Hussain; DSHO, PP Sagotra; DHO, Shafqat Mir; DDM NAVARD, LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin and other concerned officers.

Girls AAG Taekwondo Tournament held at Doda

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DODA, NOVEMBER 20

The Department of Youth Services and Sports Doda today orchestrated an Inter-District Divisional level tournament in the discipline of Taekwondo for Girls AAG in

the Sports Stadium Doda.

The Doda Taekwondo Girls team showcased exceptional skills, securing an impressive overall 2nd position. Guided by DYSSO Doda, Jaffer Haider Sheikh, and under the diligent coaching of district

coach Barinder Singh PET, the team clinched a total of 18 medals. This remarkable tally included 9 Gold, 4 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals.

The outstanding dedication and hard work of the players were complemented by the efforts of the

dedicated incharges and coaches, namely Rajni PET, Babita PET, and Jatinder REK Their collective commitment contributed significantly to the success of the Doda Taekwondo Girls team in this Divisional level tournament.

DC Kishtwar Reviews Progress of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) & Electoral Rolls in Polling Stations

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 20

Dr. Devansh Yadav Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Kishtwar, who is also the District Election Officer (DEO), on Monday convened a meeting of concerned officers of Election Cell Kishtwar to review the Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in polling stations across the district besides taking Booth wise status of the progress under Electoral Rolls.

During the meeting, the DC meticulously assessed polling stations lacking Assured Minimum Facilities such as drinking water, toilets, electricity connections, ramps, and internet, not meeting the prescribed norms.

The Deputy District Election Officer Kishtwar Naresh Kumar JKAS informed the chair that a total of 405 polling stations in the district require 201 ramps, 71 drinking facilities, 100 toilets, 105 electricity connections, and 189 proper signages.

The DC emphasized the urgent need for these



facilities, highlighting it as a statutory obligation, and directed the Public Health Engineering (PHE), School Education Department, Power Development Department (PDD), and Rural Development Department (RDD) to ensure their availability within the stipulated time.

Additionally, the Block Development Officers (BDOs) were instructed to conduct joint visits to polling stations to ensure the adequacy of installed facilities.

Spot directives were issued by the DC for the

supervision strictly. Earlier, the DEO Kishtwar reviewed the progress of Addition, Deletion, and Transposition of voters by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in their respective polling booths.

The DEO meticulously examined the progress in compiling the Electorate Register. All BLOs received instructions to personally visit households in their jurisdiction to avoid excluding any eligible voters. Furthermore, BLOs were directed to conduct Summary Revisions after school hours.

In attendance at the meeting were Dy. District Election Officer Kishtwar Naresh Kumar, ERO (ADC) Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ERO (ACR Kishtwar) Varunjeet Singh Charak, AEROs, Dy. CEO, and concerned officials from the Election Cell Kishtwar.

construction of 201 ramps at polling stations lacking them, with a requirement for certification to ensure compliance with gradient norms for existing ramps. The CEO Kishtwar received orders to expedite the construction of toilets in polling stations housed within educational institutions, aiming to ensure toilet facilities across all polling stations before December 26th, 2023.

The AEROs were directed to get added the eligible voters from educational institutions within a week's time under their

Audit Diwas Week: PAG Office organises Blood Donation Camp

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

As part of ongoing week-long Programme of Audit Diwas (19-24 Nov. 2023), a Blood Donation Camp was organised in the Office premises of Principal Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu here today.

The Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated by the Principal Govt. Medical College Jammu Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, along with HOD Blood Bank, Govt. Medical College Jammu Dr. Meena Sidhu, Administrative Officer GMC Ashwani Khajuria, in presence of Ravinder Singh, Sr. Dy. Accountant General, Jagbir Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Sukhdarshan Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Surinder Kumar, Assistant Accountant General, Ashok Kaul, Sr. Accounts Officer and Nodal Officer Blood Donation Camp, V.K.Bhat, Sr. Audit Officer, Nodal Officer Media & Publicity Wing, Ravi Thakur, Sr. Administrative Officer, Jyotsna Durani, AAO, Sunil Kumar, AAO, Atun Khargal (Incharges Blood Donation Camp) and Baljit Singh, Welfare Assistant. The Chief Guests among other digni-



taries were welcomed by presenting a bouquet.

The blood was donated by around 75 donors of the Offices of audit, A&E and RTI, civil Society and defence forces. It was a good gesture to provide Blood support to the patients of Cancer, Thalassemia and Traumas.

Principal GMC, Dr. Gupta, in his inaugural address, thanked the CAG organization for such a wonderful philanthropic act. He also appreciated the office for voluntarily organizing this donation camp and described the importance of donation of blood. He requested that such camps should be organized by other departments as well.

Dr. Meena, HOD Blood Bank, JMC Jammu described the importance of blood donation and reiterated that a single point of blood

can save 4 lives. Ravinder Singh, Sr. DAG appreciated the Move of CAG to establish a direct connection with the civil society by organizing the different events of the week. He also informed the participants that a parallel donation camp is being organized by our head office at Srinagar. Singh also thanked the Principal Govt. Medical College Jammu, HOD Blood Bank for providing Blood donation bus and Van along with Medical and Para Medical staff without which it was not possible to run the show so magnificently. Some of the blood donors viz Sanjana Kachroo and Narinder Gupta, both Sr. Audit Officers of the Organization reiterated that they were proud to be part of the donation camp and would voluntarily participate in such camps in future also. Light refreshments were distributed among the donors and other staff members.

During the meeting, Police and Education departments were entrusted to ensure foolproof security and proper seating arrangements at all the centres while SDM and Tehsildars were instructed to monitor the seating arrangements. Besides, arrangements for provision of drinking water, heating, electricity, transport, manpower, etc were also reviewed.

DC Shopian reviews arrangements for smooth conduct of JKSSB exams

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 20

In order to review the arrangements for the upcoming JKSSB OMR based written examination of Panchayat Secretaries, a meeting was today convened by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb at Mini-secretariat, here.

At the outset, the DC discussed threadbare arrangements to be put in place at 13 examination centres set up for the smooth conduct of the SSB examination across the district.

During the meeting, Police and Education departments were entrusted to ensure foolproof security and proper seating arrangements at all the centres while SDM and Tehsildars were instructed to monitor the seating arrangements.

Besides, arrangements for provision of drinking water, heating, electricity, transport, manpower, etc were also reviewed.

The DC instructed nodal officers to visit the examination centres and ensure all arrangements are in place well in time and impressed upon all stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure smooth and successful conduct of examination. The meeting was attended by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; PO ICDS, Nisar Ahmad Malik; SDM, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone; Addt.SP, Naresh Singh; Dy.DEO, Jahangir Ahmad, DTO, CEO, DIO, Tehsildar Shopian and other concerned officers and officials.

Principal Secretary PDD reviews power sector, emphasizes no power curtailment beyond schedule

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD), H. Rajesh Prasad, today reviewed the power supply position in J&K, particularly in Kashmir valley amid decreasing temperatures, during a meeting held with the Managing Directors of Corporations and all Chief Engineers and senior officers of the department.

During the review, it was informed that a curtailment schedule has been prepared based on the power availability in the region.

Accordingly, Principal Secretary asked the engineers to strictly follow the schedule, emphasizing that no unscheduled power cuts shall be tolerated. He also stressed that

under no circumstances should J&K engage in over-drawal of power, which is important not only to stay within the budget but also to uphold grid discipline and prevent unwarranted disruptions in power supply. It was further highlighted that sufficient infrastructure has been created in recent years to improve the quality of power supply in the region. Additionally, J&K has availed loans under various Government of India schemes such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and LPS Rules, whereby all outstanding dues of power generators accumulated over the years have been cleared. However, under the schemes the J&K has committed to the GoI that the losses shall be reduced to minimum to ensure the viability of the sector.

In line with the commitment to reduce the losses, Principal Secretary issued explicit instructions to the engineers to put an all out effort to eradicate the menace of power pilferage by adopting stringent enforcement measures. He asked to maintain regular power supply in areas where people are regularly paying for their consumption, whereas in high loss areas, measures like metering and AB cabling be taken on priority.

Principal Secretary noted with deep concern that despite dispatching more energy to the valley during this year compared to previous year, there has not been much improvement in the revenue realization. As such, he directed the concerned officers to ensure that the bills are timely generated

and distributed to the consumers. He also directed that the power outages be attended promptly and faults be cleared with minimum downtime particularly the damaged Distribution Transformers (DT) be replaced in shortest possible time to avoid any inconvenience to people.

In conclusion, the Principal Secretary reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment towards stability and growth of the power sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The anticipated implementation of these directives is poised not only to improve the reliability of power supply but also to fortify the financial health of the power sector, ensuring a resilient and responsive energy infrastructure for the people of the region.

70th Cooperative Week celebrations conclude in Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 20

A grand district-level function was today organised by the Cooperative Department Rajouri to mark the culmination of the 70th All India Cooperative Week.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal presided over the event which witnessed an array of speakers expound upon the rich history of the cooperative movement and its integral role in the socio-economic development.

At the outset of the event, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies highlighted the achievements of cooperative department Rajouri like establishment of Jan Ashudhi Kendra, Common Service Centers, PM Kisan Samridhi kendras through PACS etc.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal underscored the objective of the celebrations, which he said was to showcase cooperative sector achievements, raise awareness about its potential for emancipation of marginalized sections, share success stories and outline future strategies for strengthening the cooperative movement. He elaborated the district administration's efforts to fortify cooperative societies, emphasizing their pivotal role in self-employment generation and regional economic bolstering.



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri outlined the roadmap to achieve the vision of the PM initiative, "Shahkar se Samridhi" (Prosperity through Cooperatives). He emphasized the importance of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) as institutions that provide a platform for the convergence of all agricultural and allied department schemes. To facilitate this, the Government of India has constituted a District Development Cooperative Committee (DCDC), comprising officers from agriculture and allied departments, to ensure effective coordination and implementation of these schemes. The Deputy Commissioner also encouraged cooperative members to explore new avenues and venture into unexplored areas to further enhance the impact of their cooperative initiatives. The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal particularly emphasized the commitment of the district towards doubling farmers' income through cooperatives, with a keen focus on marketing local produce through these

societies. He urged members to work diligently towards making the cooperative movement a resounding success, directing Cooperative Department officers and members to collaborate closely to achieve shared goals. Adding a vibrant cultural touch to the festivities, students from the cooperative school Badhoon captivated the audience with a mesmerizing performance. They not only showcased their artistic talent but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the region. The rhythmic melodies and heartfelt lyrics resonated through the gathering, adding a harmonious note to the event and fostering a sense of unity among the participants. This cultural presentation by the students added an extra layer of joy and community spirit to the celebration of the cooperative movement. Among the others, ADCC, Pawan Kumar; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rajinder Sharma; Dy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Adnan Rather and Assistant Registrars attended the event.

Girls AAG Taekwondo Tournament held at Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

The Department of Youth Services and Sports today orchestrated an Inter-District Divisional level tournament in the discipline of Taekwondo for Girls AAG in the Sports Stadium Poonch. The Doda Taekwondo Girls team showcased exceptional skills, securing an impressive overall 2nd position. Guided by DYSSO Doda, Jaffer Haider Sheikh, and under the diligent coaching of district coach Barinder Singh PET, the team clinched a total of 18 medals. This remarkable tally included 9 Gold, 4 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals. The outstanding dedication and hard work of the players were complemented by the efforts of the dedicated in-charges and coaches, namely Rajni PET, Babita PET, and Jatinder REK. Their collective commitment contributed significantly to the success of the Doda Taekwondo Girls team in this Divisional level tournament.

70th All India Cooperative Week Celebrated at Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 20

The Department of Cooperative, Udhampur, marked the 70th Cooperative Week at Riwayat Udhampur, with Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives Department, Yasha Mudgul, as the chief guest.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu, Champa Devi, Joint Registrar Banking and Finance, Rakesh Dubey, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, and officers from different departments were present on the occasion.

Commissioner Secretary inspected the stalls established by various government departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Handicraft, Handloom, and Cooperative Societies. He reviewed and discussed the progress achieved under these government schemes.

Commissioner Secretary emphasized the department's achievements and activities, underscoring the historic



role of the Cooperative movement in uplifting the poor and uneducated masses. She asked the officials to engage all sections of society, especially farmers, in educating them about departmental achievements and opportunities.

The celebration aimed to showcase cooperative sector achievements and plan future growth strategies. Yasha Mudgul urged upon the stakeholders to work towards realizing the Prime Minister's vision of revitalizing Cooperatives for a robust economy. She emphasised on bridging rural-urban gaps, creating income-generating opportunities, and marketing local products.

Meanwhile, Sainik Cooperative School stu-

dents presented captivating cultural performances aligned with the event's theme.

Commissioner Secretary Cooperative distributed mementoes among the participating students and outstanding Cooperative institutions besides presenting registration certificates to newly registered societies.

The program concluded with Deputy Registrar Cooperative Department, Udhampur, Nishtha Nayyar, highlighting the day's importance and presenting the vote of thanks.

Earlier, District Audit Officer Cooperative Department, Priyanka Sharma, highlighted the achievements and importance of the Cooperative movement.

DEO reviews Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in polling stations of Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 20

To ensure implementation of the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the District Election Officer Doda Harvinder Singh today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in Polling Stations of the district. On the occasion, the DEO took a detailed review of the polling stations where Assured Minimum Facilities like drink-

ing water, toilets, electricity connection and ramps are not in place as per the norms. It was informed that there are 529 polling stations in the district. Out of these 62 Polling Stations require the construction of Ramps, 8 require electricity facility, 2 require water connections, 5 need toilet facility and 6 need furniture facility.

The DC impressed upon the officers to ensure availability of the facilities at every polling station as per

the specifications and guidelines of the ECI. He directed the ACD, CEO, Ex Ens of PHE, R&B, and PDD to ensure that the facilities are made available in these polling stations

within 7 days. Dy. District Election Officer, ACD, DIO, CEO, Executive Engineers from R&B/PDD/PHE and concerned attended the meeting.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railways, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India Invites Tenders (Two Packet System) for Development of GCT at Vijaypur Jammu, Railway Station, details as under: The date of pre-bid meeting which has been fixed as 11.12.2023 and written as 14.12.2023 in Tender Document is hereby corrected in Tender documents and the date of Pre-Bid Meeting may please be read as 11.12.2023. Rest of the conditions provided on ireps.gov.in will remain same. For further details please visit on Railway's website ireps.gov.in.
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Empowering DIPR Officials:

Transformative Media & Communication Course begins at IIMC New Delhi

J I NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

A week-long Media and Communication course exclusively designed for officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in Jammu & Kashmir commenced today at IIMC New Delhi.

The primary aim of this intensive training programme is to empower DIPR staff with profound insights into the dynamic landscape of mass communication.

The program will comprehensively delve into new and social media, underscoring their influential role in shaping the evolving communication paradigm in the region.

Throughout the course, participants can anticipate acquiring a nuanced understanding of modern communication methods,



ensuring they remain well-informed about the latest developments in this swiftly evolving field.

Sculptor Ganesh Sharma awarded International Picasso Fine Arts Award

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 20

Ganesh Kumar Sharma eminent senior contemporary Sculptor of Jammu and Kashmir UT has been awarded "International Picasso Fine Arts Award" jointly by management of "University of OXFORD" Department of Psychology and the management of the "Iraqi Civilization Academy Iraq".

An International Online Art Exhibition organized by Academy of Iraqi Civilization, Department of Fine Arts, and University of OXFORD, Department of Psychology titled "International Picasso Fine Arts Award".

The art work Sculpture in Sheesham Wood, size five feet height, a Standing Figure of female made by Ganesh Kumar Sharma got selected and awarded this beautiful Sculpture "International Picasso Fine Arts Award" amongst the received entries from across the world by international jury members.

The President of the Academy Dr. Rafif - Kazemi, the management team and Dr. Mearaj Pariss International artist conveyed thousand congratulations to Ganesh Kumar Sharma and wishes more creativity and brilliance.

It is mentioned here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma is working in the field of art and culture for more than forty five years and have been awarded so many State, National and International awards.

Indian Army supported in conducting Final of Manwan Premier Cricket League-2023



J I NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA 19 NOV

In an endeavour and to continue its efforts in promoting culture of sports and to provide a platform to the youth of Kupwara Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers with the help of local cricket body conducted final of Manwan Premier League at Awoora Kupwara on 19 Nov 23.

This league was started on 10 Oct 21 at Awoora Manwan in which a total 24 teams from Awoora, and nearby villages have participated. The final of this tournament was played today on 19 Nov 23 at Manwan cricket ground between Star sports Manwan and Sufian Eleven Manwan_ which was won by Star sports Manwan by 17 runs. Man of the match award was given to Tanveer Ah Khan of Star Sports Manwan for his brilliant performance as he took 04 wickets while as Man of the series award was given to Suhail

Khan for his all-rounder performances. He scored 180 runs and took 13 wickets in the tournament.

The event was organised by Mr Showkat Ahmad Khan from Awoora assisted and supported by Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers. The final match was witnessed by Mr. Zahoor Shah DDC Qadirabad, Sarpanch Awoora Mr Khurshheed Khatana, and the officials from Indian Army Kupwara Terriers. All the players were encouraged for their participation in the tournament and the winning team was awarded with winning trophy by the chief guest. He also congratulated them for their impressive performance.

Participants and organizers thanked Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers for supporting and assisting in conduct of the event. Indian Army, Kupwara Terriers, remains in forefront of encouraging such events to boost a culture of sports in Kupwara.

Only NC can secure future of J&K: Sunil



J I NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, NOV 20

Leaders and social activists from various political parties on Monday joined the National Conference during a function held at Panchayat Mand East Block Tikri in presence of District President, Udhampur, Sunil Verma, District Secretary Pavitar Singh, District President Capt Balbir Singh (Retd) and Treasurer Channa Ram Sethi.

The joining programme was organized by Block President Tikri, Manmohan Verma and Block secretary Swaran Singh. Among those who joined the Party fold include Romail Singh, ch Zakin Ali, ch Mohidin, Mohd Farooq Khan, Ajeet Singh, Hazi Bashir Mohammad, Nirmal Singh, Abdul Sadeeq, Suram Chand, Sultan Mohd, Romesh Singh, Abhishek Sharma, Yash Paul, Anvar Hussain, Rakesh Kumar, Kuldeep chand, Mushtaq Ahmad, Arjun Singh, Arun Singh and others.

While addressing the gathering, Sunil Verma welcomed the newly joined members into party fold, congratulating them for having taken the right

decision to join the most secular party of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the BJP Govt has miserably failed to stand on the aspirations of people of Jammu and Kashmir who are already struggling for survival amid terrorism, price hike and inflation and their miseries are multiplying with each passing day.

Asserting that only National Conference is capable of securing the future of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and its people, Sunil said today there is a need to further strengthen party at all levels. He said that the party cadre including the new entrants will have to work relentlessly at the grass roots level to expose the anti-people especially the anti-youth policies of the BJP Govt that have brought only miseries for the common man.

The senior NC leader Sunil Verma appealed to the people of district Udhampur to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah and support National Conference in the upcoming polls in order to ensure the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir and the welfare of its people.

Khatana calls for Congress Mukti Rajasthan for prosperous State

J I NEWS SERVICE

RAJASTHAN, NOV 20

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana today gave a clarion call for "Congress Mukti Rajasthan" as a crucial milestone in the quest for a new and prosperous state. He said that this initiative goes beyond being a mere slogan; it reflects the determination of the people to free Rajasthan from corruption and the stronghold of dynastic politics.

Addressing various public meetings in Pokhran assembly constituency in favour of BJP candidate Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj, MP Khatana highlighted the exploitation of common people by the Congress party, accusing them of falling short on delivering meaningful development and progress for the state of Rajasthan.



He underscored the Bharatiya Janata Party's persistent efforts to revive democracy and ensure the democratic rights of women, SCs/STs.

He asserted the transformative impact of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government. He commended the government's historic decision to provide 33 percent reservation for women, a move aimed at empowering women and fostering gender equality. Additionally, he praised the initiative to provide free ration to 80 crore citizens, viewing it as a

step that has opened up a plethora of opportunities for the people and contributed to restoring India's cultural and traditional glory.

The BJP MP urged the citizens of Rajasthan to rally behind the vision of a "Congress Mukti Rajasthan" and participate actively in building a corruption-free and progressive state. He emphasized that this movement is not just a political stance but a collective endeavor to usher in an era of good governance, development, and social justice.

EED of GPJ organizes Technical visit for students to Baglihar HE Power Plant, Chanderkote

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 20

Government Polytechnic College Jammu organized one day Technical visit for the students of 5th semester Electrical Engineering department to Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Plant Project (BHEP, 900 MW) Chanderkote, Ramban under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic College Jammu and Er. Manjeet Singh H.O.D Electrical Engineering department. The main objective of

this Technical visit was to provide a first hand experience of the work atmosphere of the Power Plant and an insight regarding Internal working of Major Hydro Electric Power Plant, Dam site and to visualize the major components like how spill ways, Penstock, Turbine, Shaft, Generator parts like stator & Rotor, Surge shaft, Head Race Tunnel, Tail Race Tunnel, Draft Tubes, Vertical shaft sync. Generators, 16.5 KV to 400 KV Power Transformers etc operates and to understand how

exactly all these Components of BHEP SI & S2 accounts for bulk Power generation.

Er. Arvind Singh A.E.E Power House -1, Er. Ved Parkash A.E.E Dam site and Er. Shubam Sharma J.E Power House -1 demonstrated the students regarding whole BHEP and its working. Staff members from Government Polytechnic College Jammu accompanied the students during the visit were Er. Himanshu Bakshi, Er. Itika Sharma, Er. Vicky Sharma and sh. Ankush langhe.

Kashi, J&K have similarities in spiritual, cultural terms:

Prof Upadhyay

- Lord Shankar resides in every corner of Kashi: Swami Jagadishwaranand
- Shri Sitaram Katha is basis of Sanatan Culture: Kokil Krishna



J I NEWS SERVICE

KASHI (UP), NOV 20

In Kashi, the holy land of spirituality and knowledge, Shri Sitaram Gyan Yagya was inaugurated by more than 200 Ram devotees from Jammu and Kashmir by touring the city with Kalash Yatra from Jagambadi Math to Dashashwamedh Ghat. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Chairman of the Priesthood Department of National Sanskrit University, who came as the chief guest on this occasion, was Prof. Ram Raj Upadhyay said that Kashi and Kashmir have had their own special knowledge tradition since ancient times. Kashi is the only holy land where Yug Drasta like Tulsi Das ji has done a great favor to the society by connecting Sanatan culture with positive energy. There is similarity between Kashi and Jammu and Kashmir from spiritual and cultural point of view. There is an incident in the ancient story that Lord Bholenath had first made Mother Bhagwati listen to the story of Ram.

Swami Dr. Jagadishwaranand Ji Maharaj, who came as a special guest, said that Lord Shankar resides in every corner of Kashi and the story of Shri Sitaram is also very dear to Bhoot Bhawan Baba Bholenath. Explaining the nature and plan of the program in detail, Dr. Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay, former Principal of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan and Chief Trustee of Sri Sri 1008 Sri Mouni Baba Charitable Trust, said that the plan of Sri Sitaram Katha Gyan Yagya in Kashi will give an oriental spiritual city an

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Dynastic politics...

blind eye to incidents of atrocities against Dalits. "Congress closes its eyes when it sees those committing atrocities against Dalits," he said. "The Congress government here thinks of nothing except appeasement," he added.

The prime minister said today the entire country is working day and night for the goal of development and Rajasthan will play a huge role in the heights India will reach in the 21st century.

"There is a need for a government in Rajasthan which gives top priority to the development of the state," he said. (Agencies)

Shrine board slashes...

"We are sure that more devotees will avail themselves of this facility, especially between November and February, when there is no huge rush of pilgrims," he added. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Chief Executive Officer, Anshul Garg, however, confirmed the decision taken on slashing the fee for Atka Arti.

Don't take up small...

the funds made available by the government shouldn't be split into tiny-sized projects, such as frequently done by the Urban Local Bodies/Municipal Corporations.

The departments/ authorities have also been directed to undertake the third-party quality monitoring by a reputed agency.

As per the department, all the civil works costing more than Rs five crore and machinery and equipment purchased over Rs 50 lakh shall be subjected to the third-party quality monitoring. (KNO)

Don't make people...

arrested on minor charges do not get bail for years. On the other hand, an army officer who was, not by a civilian court but by army court-martial, convicted on murder charges, in a fake encounter.. got bail," the former chief minister told reporters at Kulgam.

On the "delay" in holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said he was hopeful that the Supreme Court will decide on the polls as well when the apex court gives the verdict on the Article 370 petitions.

"We are hopeful that the Supreme Court judgement on Article 370 petitions would also make a mention of the elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"When Panthers Party moved an application in the Supreme Court for holding elections, the Chief Justice at that time had said that this issue is connected with Article 370 and would be decided at that time," he added.

Abdullah expressed concern over the electricity supply situation in Kashmir, claiming the power cuts being faced by the people were unprecedented.

"We are getting cheated in the name of elections, in the name of ending unemployment, in the name of development and in the name of electricity. What is the reason that the electricity system cannot be set right? "The situation was not this bad during our tenure. Today, they say they have ample funds. Why don't they make arrangements for electricity then? Why are people facing up to 12 hours of power cuts?" he asked. (Agencies)

2 minor girls among...

spot, her grandmother Santosh (50) succumbed to injuries at a hospital, he said.

In Udhampur, Meanwhile, a woman was killed and seven others injured when two private cars collided at Garnai near Tikri along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Sunday, the official said.

The condition of two of the injured persons was stated to be serious, the official said. (Agencies)

Army's northern commander...

interaction, it said the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police are committed to bolster safety and security of the Union Territory.

Police and other security agencies are on high alert across Jammu and Kashmir, especially along the Line of Control, to thwart any infiltration attempt by terrorists

before heavy snowfall blocks the possible infiltration routes, officials said.

Anti-terrorist operations have also been intensified in the villages close to the forests and borders as part of an area domination exercise, they said.

Rs 1,162 Cr earned from...

spaces with huge piles of files".

Through these campaigns, Dr Jitendra Singh said, that typical image of the government office space is no longer a reality. The special cleanliness campaign is one big initiative out of several other initiatives being taken to improve the overall functioning of the government," the minister said. Singh said, the central government wants to make its cleanliness campaign a mass movement with the help of state governments.

"We are in touch with the state governments, the Minister said. Some of the state governments, including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, have already taken noteworthy initiatives in this regard. We expect more state governments to accelerate this drive to make wealth out of waste," he said. Singh said that the cleanliness campaigns have resulted in a healthier work environment and decluttered office spaces.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Government offices have been modernised through the adoption of mechanical cleaning, digital initiatives, and compactors for effective records management. Millions of citizens visiting government offices experience a healthier work environment and the adoption of digital portals has led to minimal office visits for them," he said. Singh said the first edition of the special cleanliness drive covered around 6,154 office sites. "The efforts to enhance the office space and minimize pendency were continued and regular review meetings were held to sustain the efforts. Special campaign 2.0, held last year, covered around one lakh sites across the country," he said.

The Minister said, during the special campaign 3.0 this year, a saturation approach was adopted to cover all field/public-centric offices covering around 2.5 lakh sites. IT alone helped in earning around Rs 556 crore of revenue through scrap disposal," the minister added.

Yasha Mudgul reviews developmental scenario in Udhampur

JIN NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 20

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgul, who is also the Incharge Secretary of Udhampur, convened a comprehensive meeting to review development scenario in the district.

She had a detailed assessment of progress achieved, so far, on ongoing developmental works by various departments in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai, SSP Joginder Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh, DFO Rushal Garg, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, and Chief Planning Officer Mudassar Yaqoob Zargar besides others attended the meeting. Commissioner Sec-



retary emphasized effective implementation of all schemes, directing departments to mobilize resources for 100% coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

Necessary directives were given to address drinking water issues in schools, increase cooperatives in the dairy sector, and promote women membership through camps.

While reviewing road-

wise progress in the PWD sector, Yasha Mudgul asked the authorities to expedite work execution to meet set time-lines for completion. She had updates from district heads on the status of schemes within their respective departments.

Commissioner Secretary directed the officers to work in coordination, stressing the need for maximum awareness

about self-employment schemes for unemployed youth. She asked the officials to gear up for target completion and fund utilization before end of the financial year.

Expressing satisfaction over scheme implementation, Yasha Mudgul appreciated the efforts of the district administration and various departments. She emphasized generation of self-employment opportunities and directed district officers to organize awareness programs for local communities.

Earlier, DC displayed sector-wise PowerPoint Presentation on ongoing developmental projects. Sectors covered included PHE, PWD, Health, Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, JJM, and more, along with financial progress under the District Capex budget 2023-24.

70th All India Cooperative Week: Cooperative Deptt organises mega concluding function at SKICC

JIN NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

The Cooperative Department was attended by Registrar organised a mega function to wrap up the week long celebrations of 70th All India Cooperative Week at SKICC, Srinagar.

The mega programme was attended by Registrar Cooperative Department, J&K, Mohammad Akbar Wani; Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Kashmir, Syed Qamar Sajad; Director Agriculture, Director Industries, Director Animal Husbandry, Director Command Area Development, Joint Director Horticulture, Deputy Registrars, Assistant Registrars, Representatives of Cooperative Societies, officers and officials of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Registrar Cooperative Department has intro-

duced Smart Classes and Science labs in cooperative schools.

The Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies, Kashmir said that the Cooperative department creates a relation between the producer and consumer by providing the best and convenient interface where the interests of both are protected and served in a better way by removing the intermediaries and middlemen.

He said the Cooperative department creates a buffer zone to maintain equilibrium in the market prices and to control the monopoly of few over the consumer goods. He enjoined upon officers to encourage the people to come forward to benefit from the fruitful guidance of the department.

He said that the department has diversified its approach by investing in

Several Deputy Registrars also highlighted the pivotal role of the department in empowering the weaker sections of the society.

On the occasion, the members of different societies including Milk Producers Cooperative Limited, Bat Manufacturing Unit besides societies of Pashmina, Wicker, Honey, Mushroom and Pottery units, shared about the support received from the department in establishing their societies and helping them to earn good income.

To steer the department to new heights of progress to fulfilling its objectives, the department displayed an array of videos showcasing the infrastructure interventions in districts, multifaceted Super Bazaars, service centers, and testimonials of beneficiaries.

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

Anticipating the post festival rush of passengers, Railways have planned to run the following post Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

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	upto 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
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EDITORIAL

A daunting task to keep flock together

The opposition parties have been facing a challenging task of keeping all constituents of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) bloc together against the backdrop of the simmering differences among them over several key issues. What is important is the timing as it is happening just ahead of the Parliament elections which are scheduled to be held in April-May next year. These parties had decided to join hands with a sole motive of defeating the BJP in the parliamentary elections and dislodging its government at the Centre. In a fresh instance, former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir and National conference vice president Omar Abdullah castigated the Congress government in Karnataka for banning all forms of head cover during recruitment examinations. 'Why the government is taking such decisions where only Muslims are being targeted' he questioned and sought the intervention of the Congress high command. This is not for the first time when Omar Abdullah has raised the issue which has the potential of affecting the unity of INDIA bloc. Earlier Omar had said, 'All is not well with the INDIA alliance'. He had said that the situation within the opposition INDIA alliance was not good. 'All is not well with the INDIA alliance. Some internal squabbles, which should not have been there, can be seen, especially in the five states where elections are being held', Omar had said, adding 'We have seen how the Samajwadi Party and Congress are fighting each other. Both are saying that they will contest all the seats in UP. This is not good for the INDIA alliance. Maybe after these state elections, we will meet again and will try to work together'. This is despite the fact that the leaders of different political parties have sought to downplay differences that cropped up among constituents of I.N.D.I.A. In five states where the assembly elections are conducted, the decision of some of the constituents of the I.N.D.I.A to fight against each other in these elections raises the serious issue of growing fissures among them. 'If INDIA alliance did not want to share seats in the state elections, then they should have cleared it beforehand. I have been participating in the meetings, and the topic of whether the alliance is for assemblies or not, came up again and again, but there was no decision. And now the result is in front of everyone', Omar had said recently. The People's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti has already stated that no decision has been taken yet over contesting elections in Jammu and Kashmir in an alliance with other parties when asked if her party would contest the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, whenever they are held, in an alliance with the National Conference (NC) and Congress. There is no doubt that the BJP is facing anti-incumbency in different states and it is the great opportunity for the opposition parties to corner the Saffron party but the growing differences among INDIA bloc constituents will only give an edge in Lok Sabha polls.

PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY, FOSTERING GENUINE CONNECTIONS

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Youth and adolescents today are increasingly turning to unconventional means and shortcuts in their pursuit of success. The digital world, despite its claims of transparency, often proves to be deceptive and misleading. This has led to a growing desire for privacy among the new generation, who feel that personal boundaries are being eroded. The need for privacy arises from a fear of exposing fractured relationships, as familiarity and transparency can make individuals vulnerable to exploitation. It is a delicate balance, one that is influenced by the standards set by market targets.

As young people navigate this landscape, they are confronted with the challenge of maintaining their privacy while still achieving their goals. This tension between the desire for success and the need for privacy is a defining characteristic of the current generation. In order to navigate this delicate dance, individuals must carefully consider the risks and benefits of sharing personal information in the digital age.

In today's society, the relentless pursuit of wealth and fame has emerged as the primary driving force behind the actions of many individuals, particularly the younger generation. This societal shift has resulted in a fractured social landscape, where visibility and personal gain have taken precedence over traditional values and morality. As a consequence, the worldview of individuals has undergone a significant transformation, with an increasing detachment from moral principles.

Moreover, the mask of sensitivity has been lifted, revealing a disturbing trend of legitimizing lies and deception. This can be observed in various forms, such as the rise of radical nationalism and the manipulation of religious beliefs for personal gain. The manipulation of truth has become a powerful tool employed by individuals to achieve their desired level of wealth, fame, and power. This shift in societal values is concerning, as it erodes the foundation of trust and integrity that is crucial for a harmoni-

ous and just society. It is imperative that we recognize and address this issue, promoting a return to honesty, empathy, and a genuine concern for the well-being of others.

Furthermore, the economic data presented to us is frequently biased and misleading, resulting in a distorted market logic that undermines the intrinsic worth of individuals. In this commodified world, where people are reduced to mere objects of trade, it is disheartening to observe the gradual erosion of our humanity. The manipulation of economic data is a pervasive issue, as it often serves the interests of those in power, perpetuating inequality and reinforcing existing hierarchies.

This deceitful presentation of economic information not only distorts market dynamics, but also perpetuates a system that values profit over people. As a consequence, the true value of human beings is overshadowed by the relentless pursuit of financial gain. This commodification of individuals not only devalues our inherent worth, but also perpetuates a culture of exploitation and objectification. It is crucial to recognize the detrimental impact of unfair economic data, as it perpetuates an unjust system that prioritizes economic gain at the expense of human dignity. Only by challenging and rectifying these distortions can we hope to restore the true value of humanity in our society.

The youth and adolescents of today face a complex and treacherous landscape. They are tempted by shortcuts and unconventional means, promising quick success and instant gratification. However, the consequences of such actions are far-reaching and often detrimental to both individuals and society as a whole. These shortcuts may provide immediate gains, but they often come at the expense of long-term growth and development. By opting for quick fixes, young people miss out on the valuable lessons and experiences that come with perseverance and hard work. Moreover, the allure of instant gratification can lead to a lack of patience and an inability

to delay gratification, which are crucial skills for success in any endeavor. The pursuit of shortcuts and unconventional means can undermine the integrity of individuals and society. It erodes trust and undermines the social fabric, as people become more focused on personal gain rather than collective well-being. In the long run, this can lead to a breakdown in social cohesion and a decline in societal values.

Therefore, it is essential for young people to recognize the dangers of shortcuts and unconventional means and instead embrace the virtues of hard work, perseverance, and delayed gratification. By doing so, they can navigate the complex landscape of today's world with integrity and contribute to a more sustainable and prosperous future. To fully comprehend the implications of this phenomenon, it is imperative to explore the multitude of factors that contribute to this fractured reality. The digital world, with its expansive range of platforms and technologies, has engendered a deceptive sense of transparency. Although it may seem that everything is readily accessible, the truth is frequently obfuscated and manipulated. This deceptive nature of the digital realm has sparked an escalating need for privacy, as individuals strive to shield themselves from the potential perils that can arise from incessant exposure.

The proliferation of social media platforms, for instance, has facilitated the dissemination of personal information, leaving individuals vulnerable to identity theft, cyberbullying, and online harassment. Moreover, the pervasive use of data analytics and targeted advertising has further eroded privacy, as companies collect and exploit personal



information for financial gain. Consequently, there is a growing awareness of the need to safeguard personal data and limit digital footprints. This has prompted the development of privacy-enhancing technologies, such as virtual private networks (VPNs) and encrypted messaging apps, which offer individuals a means to regain control over their online presence. The fractured reality of the digital world necessitates a deeper examination of the contributing factors and a heightened emphasis on privacy protection.

The need for privacy is a response to the constant changes and evolution of the world. However, this need comes at a cost, as it has led to fractured relationships and a struggle to maintain authenticity and trust. Societal expectations and the desire for constant visibility in the social landscape have contributed to a disconnection from one's true self.

This disconnection has not only affected individuals on a personal level but has also had a profound impact on the collective consciousness of society. It is important to recognize that privacy is not inherently negative, but rather a natural response to the complexities of modern life. It allows individuals to protect their personal boundaries, maintain a sense of autonomy, and cultivate a deeper understanding of themselves.

However, when privacy is prioritized at the expense of genuine connection and vulnerability, it can lead to a sense of isolation and a lack of meaningful relationships. Striking a balance between privacy and connection is crucial in navigating the challenges of the digital age. It requires conscious effort to create spaces where individuals feel safe to share their authentic selves and build trusting

relationships. By recognizing the importance of privacy while also prioritizing genuine connection, we can work towards a healthier and more fulfilling social landscape. The erosion of morality is a significant consequence of the fractured reality we find ourselves in. In a world where success is primarily measured by wealth and fame, individuals often feel compelled to compromise their values and integrity in order to achieve their goals. This is a disturbing trend that has become all too common. The legitimization of lies has become a regular occurrence, as individuals find ways to justify their actions through radical nationalism or the guise of militant religiosity.

This distortion of truth not only undermines the very fabric of society, but it also perpetuates a culture of deceit and manipulation. This culture, in turn, breeds a lack of trust and a sense of skepticism among people. When honesty and integrity are no longer valued, it becomes difficult to distinguish between what is real and what is fabricated. This erosion of morality has far-reaching consequences, as it affects not only individuals but also the collective well-being of society as a whole. It is imperative that we recognize and address this issue, for the sake of our own humanity and the future of our world.

Furthermore, it is important to acknowledge that the economic data that is presented to us can often be skewed and misleading. This can have significant implications on the market logic that is derived from such data. One of the key issues with this approach is that it fails to take into account the true value of human beings. Instead, individuals are reduced to mere commodities, with their worth being determined solely by their economic output.

This commodification of human beings not only devalues individuals as unique and complex beings, but it also perpetuates a system of inequality and exploitation. By reducing people to economic units, we overlook the diverse contributions

that individuals can make to society beyond their economic productivity. This narrow focus on economic output disregards the importance of other aspects of human existence, such as personal growth, creativity, and social connections. Moreover, this commodification reinforces existing power dynamics and perpetuates a system where some individuals are able to exploit the labor and resources of others. In order to create a more equitable and just society, it is crucial that we challenge this commodification of human beings and recognize the multifaceted value that each individual brings to the table.

The youth and adolescents of today face a complex and treacherous landscape. The allure of shortcuts and unconventional means may seem enticing, but the consequences of such actions are far-reaching and detrimental. The digital world, with its false transparency, has created a demand for privacy, leading to fractured relationships and a disconnect from one's true self.

This disconnect can have profound psychological and emotional impacts, as individuals struggle to find genuine connections in a world that prioritizes curated online personas. Moreover, the erosion of morality and the legitimization of lies have further contributed to this fractured reality. The prevalence of fake news and misinformation has eroded trust in institutions and undermined the very fabric of our society.

The distorted market logic that is derived from unfair economic data has commodified human beings, reducing them to mere statistics and undermining their true worth. This dehumanization perpetuates inequality and fosters a culture of exploitation. It is imperative that we recognize and address these issues in order to create a more equitable and compassionate society. By promoting transparency, fostering genuine connections, and challenging the prevailing market logic, we can strive towards a future where the youth and adolescents can navigate a landscape that is fair, just, and conducive to their personal growth and well-being.

transient figures passing through; they are locals intricately woven into the cultural fabric of their communities. This local insight isn't just an advantage but a crucial aspect of their teaching philosophy. Their understanding of family backgrounds and the nuanced psychology of each child allows them to craft a learning environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries.

As we marvel at the resilience and dedication of Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers, it is time to acknowledge the emotional investment they bring to their classrooms. They are not just educators but mentors, guardians, and beacons of inspiration. In their pursuit of shaping young minds, they are not merely writing a saga of love,

dedication, and commitment; they are architecting a legacy that warrants recognition and a standing ovation. The Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers stand as virtuosos in Jammu and Kashmir's education renaissance, navigating through challenging landscapes, both geographical and societal. Their commitment goes beyond the call of duty, becoming a lifeline for needy communities. It is time to spotlight their stories, appreciate their resilience, and recognize their pivotal role in steering Jammu and Kashmir towards a brighter and more enlightened future.

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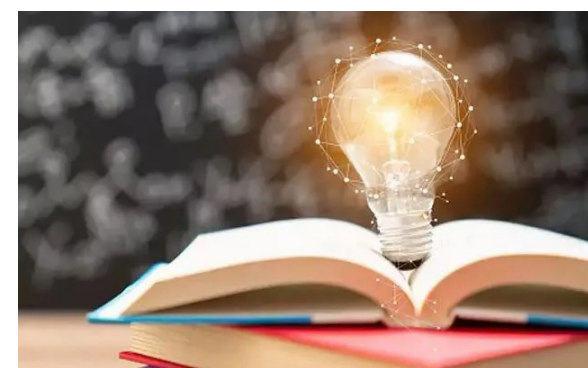
In the breathtaking valleys of Jammu and Kashmir, a silent force of educators is carving out a saga of unwavering dedication and resilience. The Rehbar-e-Taleem (RET) teachers, often overlooked, have emerged as the unsung heroes in the evolving narrative of education in this picturesque yet challenging region.

The inception of the Rehbar-e-Taleem scheme in 2000 marked a strategic initiative to bridge educational gaps in primary and middle schools, particularly in the remote corners of Jammu and Kashmir. Local teachers, the backbone of a new era in education, flooded these areas, not just for a salary but to become architects of their communities'

educational destiny. With an initial remuneration of Rs 1500, later revised to Rs 3,000, and a promise of regularization after five years of continuous service, these educators became torchbearers of a vision rooted in sustainable community-driven education.

However, the narrative surrounding the Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers has sometimes fallen victim to the pitfalls of social media journalism. The Vision 2047 document, a panoramic roadmap for the future, has been misrepresented in videos on platforms like Facebook, distorting the reality of the scheme's impact. It is imperative to set the record straight and recognize the profound contributions of these educators.

Contrary to misconcep-



tions, Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers are not placeholders; they are highly qualified individuals adorned with academic laurels, including PhDs, M.Phils, post-graduation, and certifications such as NET and SET. Their professional training in education, including B.Ed and M.Ed, has elevated these educators beyond their roles. When the call for

highly qualified teachers echoed in high and higher secondary schools, these educators, motivated by a deep desire to be mentors, chose this path over more lucrative career opportunities, showcasing their commitment to shaping young minds and the entire educational landscape.

Importantly, Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers are not

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dedication, and commitment; they are architecting a legacy that warrants recognition and a standing ovation. The Rehbar-e-Taleem teachers stand as virtuosos in Jammu and Kashmir's education renaissance, navigating through challenging landscapes, both geographical and societal. Their commitment goes beyond the call of duty, becoming a lifeline for needy communities. It is time to spotlight their stories, appreciate their resilience, and recognize their pivotal role in steering Jammu and Kashmir towards a brighter and more enlightened future.

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Normal Body Temperature: Knowing The Basics

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Body temperature is a term that represents the naturally occurring temperature range generated by the human body. Any deviation from this range signifies the body's response to internal issues, potentially arising from factors such as excessive physical exertion, inadequate nutrition, or the presence of an underlying medical condition. The body temperature is a vital part of human physiology, playing a fundamental role in maintaining health, regulating internal processes, and serving as an invaluable diagnostic tool for medical professionals.

The Mechanism Behind Normal Body Temperature

Humans, as warm-blooded mammals, possess the remarkable ability to maintain a consistent internal body temperature irrespective of external environmental conditions. This temperature regulation is a prime example of homeostasis, a self-regulating process that ensures an organism's internal equilibrium is conducive to survival. Typically, the human body's normal temperature is 37°C (98.6°F), but numerous factors can influence this value, including environmental exposure, hormonal fluctuations, individual metabolic rates, and the presence of diseases. These factors can lead to deviations in body temperature, both high and low.

Central to the regulation of body temperature is the hypothalamus in the brain, which orchestrates the following processes:

Sensory information regarding body temperature is relayed through the nervous and circulatory systems to the brain, enabling the adjustment of breathing rate, blood sugar levels, and metabolic rate to counteract temperature fluctuations.

The body promotes heat loss through decreased muscular activity, sweat, and heat-exchange mechanisms that facilitate blood circulation near the skin surface.

Conversely, the body minimises heat loss through insulation mechanisms like reduced blood flow to the skin and underlying fat, as well as through the use of clothing, shelter, and external heat sources.

Additionally, the body can generate heat through shivering, a response regulated by the hypothalamus. Shivering is like your body's natural heater. When you're cold, your brain, specifically the hypothalamus, tells your muscles to shake, creating heat to warm you up.

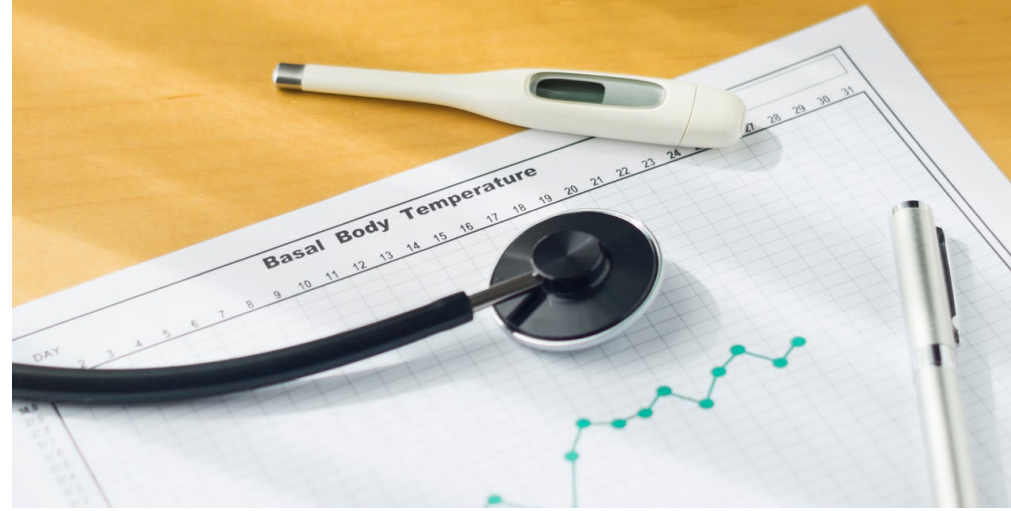
The spectrum between high and low body temperatures defines the normal range vital for sustaining life. As the body approaches either extreme, corrective mechanisms come into play, returning the system to its balanced range.

Summary

Human beings, warm-blooded mammals, exhibit the remarkable capacity to uphold a constant internal body temperature. Typically at 37°C (98.6°F), this temperature can fluctuate due to environmental factors, hormones, metabolism, or disease. Orchestrated by the hypothalamus in the brain, the body employs a complex system to maintain equilibrium. It involves adjustments in metabolic rate, breathing, perspiration, and heat-exchange mechanisms to regulate temperature. In the face of extreme temperatures, the body's corrective mechanisms ensure it returns to its normal range, preserving the delicate balance.

Normal Body Temperature Range

Normal body temperature is not a fixed value but instead exhibits slight variations



among individuals. While a 19th-century German doctor established the benchmark at 98.6°F, modern research suggests a more accurate average is approximately 98.2°F. For adults, body temperature spans 97°F (36.1°C) to 99°F (37.2°C), with a slightly elevated range of 97.9°F to 100.4°F for infants and children.

Various factors influence body temperature fluctuations, including physical activity, time of day, age, gender, diet, and menstrual cycle stage. Temperature readings can vary based on where you measure them on the body. For instance, readings from the rectum tend to be around one degree Fahrenheit higher than readings from the mouth, while underarm readings are about one degree lower. It happens because different body parts have slightly different temperatures, and these variations affect the thermometer's reading. Notably, skin temperature, in constant interaction with the environment, tends to be marginally cooler than core body temperature, averaging 92.3-98.4°F (33.5 - 36.9°C) compared to the 97-99°F (36.1-37.2°C) range for internal temperature.

Summary

The concept of "normal" body temperature is not uniform

and can vary slightly from person to person. Recent research suggests the more accurate average is around 98.2°F. Body temperature often ranges from 97°F to 99°F in adults, with infants and children having a slightly higher range of 97.9°F to 100.4°F. Multiple factors influence these variations, including physical activity, time of day, age, gender, diet, and measurement location on the body. Skin temperature typically runs cooler than core body temperature, with respective averages of 92.3-98.4°F (33.5 - 36.9°C) and 97-99°F (36.1-37.2°C).

Ways to Measure Temperature

There are various methods to measure body temperature, each suited for specific age groups and accuracy levels:

Rectal thermometers: Inserted into the rectum, offering high precision.

Oral thermometers: Placed in the mouth.

Temporal artery thermometer: Uses an infrared scanner on the forehead's temporal artery.

Armpit (axillary) and ear (tympanic membrane) thermometers: Generally less accurate.

Rectal measurements are the most precise due to minimal variations. The recommended methods for different

age groups are as follows:

Under three months: Rectal

3-6 months: Rectal, Temporal

Six months - 3 years: Rectal, Temporal, Tympanic

Four years - teens: Temporal, Oral, Tympanic

Adults: Temporal, Oral, Tympanic

Older Adults: Temporal, Oral, Tympanic

Summary

Measuring body temperature varies by method and age group. Options include rectal and oral thermometers, temporal artery thermometers (forehead), and less accurate armpit and ear thermometers. Rectal readings are the most precise. The recommended methods for different age groups are as follows: Under three months and 3-6 months, use rectal; 6 months to 3 years, use rectal, temporal, and tympanic (ear); 4 years to teens, use temporal, oral, and tympanic; adults use temporal, oral, and tympanic; and older adults use the same methods as adults.

Impacts of Body Temperature Changes

The effects of body temperature fluctuations encompass two critical conditions: fever and hypothermia.

Fever

Fever, characterised by a body temperature exceeding 100.4°F, signifies the body's response to infections. Prolonged fever or temperatures above 103°F should prompt a doctor's consultation. Certain health conditions like hypothyroidism, diabetes, and injuries can affect temperature regulation.

Fever may manifest alongside symptoms like sore throat, headache, and vomiting. Home remedies include hydration, light clothing, and over-the-counter medications, but persistent fever warrants medical attention, especially in children under certain conditions.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature falls below 95°F, posing severe risks. It's of particular concern for infants and older people, with temperatures below 97°F being alarming for babies. Symptoms include confusion, shivering, and slurred speech. Hypothermia causes include exposure to cold, medical conditions, or substance use.

In cases of abnormal temperature changes, consult a medical professional promptly for evaluation and appropriate management.

Summary

Body temperature changes can manifest as fever or hypothermia. Fever, triggered by infections and other conditions, can be managed with home remedies like hydration and OTC medications. Persistent fever, particularly in children under certain conditions, requires medical attention. Hypothermia, characterised by low body temperature, is especially concerning for infants and the elderly. Symptoms include confusion and shivering. Multiple factors can cause hypothermia, including exposure to cold and underlying medical conditions.

HealthifyMe Suggestion

Let's look at the top 3 foods that have a warming and cooling effect on the body:-

Here are the top 3 warming foods:

Ginger: known for its warming properties, it can be consumed in teas or added to soups.

Cinnamon: This spice may help improve circulation and contribute to a feeling of warmth.

Root Vegetables: Vegetables like sweet potatoes and carrots can have a warming effect when cooked.

Here are the top 3 cooling foods:

Cucumbers:- High water content and a refreshing taste make cucumbers cooling

Watermelons:- Composed mainly of water, watermelon is hydrating and cooling

Mint:- Whether in Teas or as a Herb, mint has a cooling effect on the body.

Also, a quick tip to bring down body temperature when running a high temperature is to soak a cloth in ice water, then squeeze out the water and apply this cloth to your forehead.

The Final Word

The temperature of the human body keeps changing based on multiple factors. The Hypothalamus, which is a part of the brain, is responsible for performing this function as it sends signals of temperature change to the body on the basis of the temperature of the surroundings and other external or internal factors responsible. Slight variations in body temperature can occur sometimes. However, if the temperature changes persist for a more extended period and the symptoms of fever or hypothermia arise, then contacting a doctor and seeking medical help is advised.

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Humidifiers: Improve Your Home's Air Quality for Health

SHWETA KUMARI

Steam Vaporisers

Steam vaporisers or warm-mist humidifiers produce steam, which cools before exiting the machine, using power. It boils water to create steam. If you have kids, do not purchase this humidifier. If a steam vaporiser's hot water spills, it could burn you.

Ultrasonic Humidifiers

These humidifiers use sound waves to release a cold mist. These leave water vaporising via vibrations rather than electricity. Its surface vibrates at a very high speed (1.65 million times/sec) and has a small water storage tank.

Evaporators

These devices produce humidity utilising conductive and convective heat transfer. It uses a fan to blow air through a wet wick, filter, or belt. As the air passes through, it picks up moisture and distributes it into the room. These devices are cost-effective and suitable for larger areas.

Cool Mist Humidifiers

Cool mist humidifiers work by releasing room temperature or cool mist into the air. They are safer to use in households with children and are more energy-efficient. These are further categorised into two subtypes:

Impeller Humidifiers: These use a rotating disk to produce a fine mist.

Ultrasonic Humidifiers: As mentioned earlier, these use ultrasonic vibrations to create a cool mist.

Travel Humidifiers

Travel humidifiers are designed to be compact and portable, making them friendly for travellers. They work by adding moisture to the air, which is especially useful in dry hotel rooms or during



long flights where the air can become very dry. By maintaining a comfortable humidity level, these humidifiers can help travellers avoid issues like dry skin, dry throat, and discomfort caused by dry air, ensuring a more pleasant and healthier travel experience. Their small size and ease of use make them convenient companions for those on the go.

Summary

Humidifiers come in various types, each offering unique features and advantages. Central Air Humidifiers are integrated into homes and offices, connecting to HVAC systems to humidify entire spaces. Impeller Humidifiers are child-friendly, using a rotating disc to disperse a cold mist. Steam Vaporizers produce warm mist but can be risky around children due to hot water. Ultrasonic Humidifiers employ sound waves to release a cold mist. Evaporators use heat transfer with a wet wick or filter to distribute moisture effectively. Cool Mist Humidifiers, including Impeller and Ultrasonic types, release room-temperature mist, which is ideal for households with children. Travel Humidifiers offer portability for maintaining comfort while on the move.

Benefits of Humidifiers

Humidifiers offer a multitude of benefits, not only for your home but also for your well-being. Such as:

Benefits Your Home

Moisture from a humidifier may benefit the interior environment of your house. It may make your wood floors or wooden furniture last longer. Houseplants thrive in a more humid environment, which can benefit both your indoor air quality and your greenery. Moreover, humidity can also prevent wallpapers from cracking and static electricity from accumulating.

Keeps Skin, Lips, and Hair Moist

For many, winter months mean dry skin, lips and hair. You can avoid this by getting a humidifier that adds moisture to the air and helps to ease cracked or dry skin.

Reduces Snoring

Increasing the amount of moisture in the air can also reduce snoring. Snoring results from a person's dry airways. If the airways are sufficiently lubricated, it will help reduce snoring. Humidifiers can also provide relief from nasal congestion, sinusitis, and cold symptoms, making breathing more comfortable.

Prevents Influenza

Humidifiers may lower the chance of contracting the flu, according to studies. Studies have shown that humidity levels higher than 40% destroy virus particles, significantly reducing their infectious potential. Humidifiers help maintain optimal humidity levels, reducing the risk of airborne pollutants and allergens.

Summary

Within your home, humidifiers create a favourable environment for houseplants, extending the life of wooden furniture and preventing wallpaper cracks. Moreover, they keep skin, lips, and hair moist during dry winter months. Humidifiers can reduce snoring by lubricating airways and ease breathing discomfort caused by congestion and cold symptoms. Additionally, studies suggest they lower the risk of contracting influenza by reducing the infectious potential of virus particles through optimal humidity levels above 40%.

Possible Risks Dirty Humidifiers

Keeping your humidifier clean is of utmost importance. If a humidifier isn't cleaned regularly (ideally every 3 to 5 days), it can become a breeding ground for viruses and bacteria. When these micro-

organisms are released into the air, they can lead to various health issues, potentially causing infectious diseases and triggering lung illnesses. To prevent this, make cleaning your humidifier a routine task.

Too Damp Air

Maintaining the right level of humidity is vital to a healthy indoor environment. When humidity levels are too high (above 60%), it can create problems. Excessive moisture provides an ideal setting for common allergens like dust mites and mould to thrive, which can be troublesome. To ensure a comfortable and safe atmosphere, it's advisable to keep indoor humidity levels between 30% and 50%. Using a hygrometer can help you monitor and maintain the proper humidity.

Asthma and Allergies

Research has suggested a link between the use of humidifiers and an increased risk of asthma in children. Additionally, excessive humidity can exacerbate existing allergies and make it harder to breathe. To minimise these risks, it's essential to strike a balance with humidity levels in your home. Maintaining the recommended indoor humidity range of 30-50% is vital for optimal respiratory health, particularly for children, as it can help reduce the likelihood of asthma and allergy-related issues.

Summary

Maintaining a clean humidifier is essential to avoid health risks associated with airborne viruses and bacteria. Regular cleaning, ideally every 3 to 5 days, prevents the release of these harmful microorganisms, which can lead to infectious diseases and lung problems. Moreover, maintaining

indoor humidity levels within the range of 30% to 50% is crucial to prevent allergens from thriving in overly damp conditions. Excessive humidity above 60% can make breathing difficult and worsen allergies. By striking the right balance in humidity, especially for children, you can reduce the risk of asthma and allergy-related complications.

Suggestion

In only a few minutes, you can make your own humidifier. A plastic tub, a bath towel, a small fan, and a chair are all you need. Place the chair against a wall near an electrical outlet. Position the tub so that it is at the back of the chair. Add a few inches of water to the tub. Place one end of the towel in the water and the other over the back of the chair. Set the fan to low and place it on the seat of the chair, facing the towel. As the towel absorbs water from the tub, the fan will blow air across the damp surface, quickly raising the moisture content of the air around you.

The Final Word

Humidifiers are household devices meticulously designed to augment air moisture within enclosed spaces or rooms. They release water vapour into their surroundings, effectively elevating the overall humidity. Their efficacy is particularly noteworthy in addressing issues such as dry skin, nasal discomfort, throat irritation, and chapped lips, all of which are common inconveniences arising from low indoor humidity levels. However, remember to keep track of the humidity levels, clean the device often, change its filters, change its water regularly and practise caution whenever children are near it.

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Audit Week inaugurated at AG Office Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

The Principal Accountant General (PAG) Pramod Kumar and DAG Inabat Khaliq today inaugurated Audit Week at the AG office, here.

The day commenced with a dignified ceremony, setting the tone for a week of engaging activities.

A notable event followed—the Blood Donation Camp, graced by Dr. Masood Tanvir, Principal of GMC, Srinagar, and Dr. Muzaffar Hussain Sherwani, Medical Superintendent of LD Hospital. The response was overwhelming, with a substantial number of donors participating generously.

The festivities continued with a burst of creativity as the AG Office premises hosted a Rangoli Competition, featuring seven teams showcasing

their artistic prowess.

Throughout Audit Week, a diverse array of activities unfolded, from an Audit Marathon cum Cleanliness Drive on November 19 to a stimulating University Students Interaction Programme at SKAUST-K on November 21.

The schedule includes sports events on November 22-23, a Quiz and Painting Competition on November 24, and culmination in a vibrant Cultural Evening on November 25. The weeklong celebration not only marks the foundation day of CAG India but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and community engagement. Participants and attendees alike contributed to the success of this multifaceted celebration, creating lasting memories within the AG Office community and beyond.

70th All India Cooperative Week concludes successfully in Doda



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DODA, NOVEMBER 20

The week long program of All India Cooperative Week concluded successfully here today in town hall Doda. The participants representing different cooperative societies and organizations had converged to celebrate and promote the cooperative movement in the region.

The week-long event featured seminars, workshops, and cultural programs aimed at raising awareness about the importance of cooperatives in driving economic growth and empowering local communities.

Earlier, the valedictory event kicked off with the lighting of the traditional Lamp followed by cultural dances presented by students of Doda Town schools. Besides, a debate competition was also organized and students participated with great enthusiasm. The event also provided a platform to the cooperative members to exchange ideas,

share best practices, and discuss challenges facing the sector. Representatives from government agencies and financial institutions were also present to offer support and guidance to cooperative societies.

DDC, Harvinder Singh and SSP, Abdul Qayoom graced the closing ceremony at Town Hall Doda. DC Doda, while speaking at the closing ceremony, emphasized the role of cooperative societies in fostering inclusive development and addressing social and economic inequalities. He also highlighted the need for continued collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders to further strengthen the cooperative movement in the District.

Overall, the All India Cooperative Week in Doda was hailed as a resounding success, with participants expressing their commitment to advance the cooperative cause by working towards a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

World Heritage Week: Special Exhibition on Archival Heritage & Manuscripts inaugurated at Art Gallery Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

To commemorate 'World Heritage Week' the Department of Archives Archaeology and Museum (Kashmir Division) has inaugurated week long special exhibition from 19th to 25th November 2023, of Archival Heritage and Manuscripts at Art Gallery Shergari Complex Srinagar and Special Exhibition on Paintings at SPS Museum Lalmandi Srinagar.

Union Joint Secretary reviews, finalizes preparations for "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra"

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 20

Union Joint Secretary Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), Angshuman Dey, designated District Prabhari Officer for Anantnag, today visited the district and reviewed the ongoing "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" preparations.

Deputy Commissioner, S F Hamid, briefed the Prabhari Officer about the district plan for the upcoming 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'. The plan included formation of transport and route schedule, appointment of nodal person and training of the stakeholders about various facets of the Sankalp Yatra.

Union Joint Secretary interacted with the district officers and other stakeholders involved in the Yatra and had detailed assessment of the arrange-



ments.

The threadbare discussions focused on evaluating the impact of the initiative on various aspects such as infrastructure development, community engagement, and overall socio-economic upliftment.

He expressed satisfaction over the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders involved in the initiative. He highlighted the importance of sustained

community participation and emphasized the need for continued coordination among government agencies, local authorities and the public to ensure the success of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra."

Union Joint Secretary stressed upon the officers to effectively coordinate the arrangements for the Yatra besides organizing training sessions for the officers and resource persons of line departments.

During the meeting, various schemes were discussed and slated for promotion including PM Vishwakarma, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Mudra Loan, PMEGP, Mumkin, Poshan Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, PM Awas Yojana (Rural), PM Kisan Saman, Kisan Credit Card, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Har Ghar Jal - Jal Jeevan Mission, etc.

Prabhari Officer expressed confidence in positive impact of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" and reiterated the government's commitment towards holistic development of Anantnag district.

Among others, ADDC, ADC, Joint Director Planning, ACR, DPO ICDS, ASP, ACP, ACD, DPO, BDOs and other district officers attended the meeting.

Yasha Mudgul reviews progress on Special Summary Revision 2023-24 in Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 20

Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgul, who is also the Roll Observer for District Udhampur, chaired a meeting at the DC Office Complex Udhampur to assess the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls for the year 2023-24.

District Election Officer, Saloni Rai, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Deputy District Election Officer Gurdev Kumar, SDM Ramnagar Shishir Gupta, ACR, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) besides Booth Level Officers (BLOs) attended the

meeting. The meeting focused on progress on the revision, with the qualifying date set as 01-01-2024.

District Election Officer presented a detailed overview of the ongoing special summary revision in Udhampur. She highlighted the active participation in the district and the concurrent SVEEP activities aimed at creating awareness about the right to franchise.

Commissioner Secretary conducted a thorough review, enquiring about the pace of the electoral roll update from Booth Level Officers and assessing the ongoing Special Summary Revision. She asked the officials to ensure completion of the revision, including addition of new voters,

rectification of omissions, and deletion of duplicate entries, within the stipulated timeline.

Emphasizing the need for dedication and efficiency, Commissioner Secretary directed the officers to mobilize resources and complete the SSR 2023-24 process within the given timeline, aiming for 100 percent enrollment of eligible voters.

In specific directives, the Secretary Cooperatives exhorted upon the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to finalize the special summary revision before the due date.

Subsequently, Commissioner Secretary visited various polling stations to assess the on-ground situation.

DC Ganderbal leads District Committee Meeting on CLU

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GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 20

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today presided over a District Level Committee meeting addressing Change of Land Use (CLU) cases in the region, here at the VC Room of Mini Secretariat Complex, Ganderbal.

During the session, in-depth discussions took place regarding comments from various departments on pending CLU cases.

Emphasizing the importance of timely resolution, the DC urged departments to provide quality comments and necessary NOCs within the specified timeframe. He stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination due to the multifaceted nature of CLU cases and instructed officers to adhere to deadlines.

The meeting was attended by ACR Ganderbal, Chief Agriculture Officer, and other relevant officers. Representatives from various line departments involved in authorizing changes in land use were also present during the meeting.

DC Doda reviews implementation of schemes by Zila Sainik Welfare Office



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DODA, NOVEMBER 20

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh today visited Zila Sainik Welfare Office to take stock of implementation of welfare measures and schemes being run by the Government for the Ex-Servicemen.

Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Wing Commander, Tirath Singh (Retd) briefed about the duties and responsibilities of Zila Sainik Welfare Office and staff strength, Composition of KSB, RSB, ZSWO and present status of Ex-servicemen in the district. He also briefed about facil-

ities and schemes available for Ex-Servicemen (ESM). The DC applauded the efforts of the Zila Sainik Welfare officer for keeping the premises neat and tidy. He also appreciated the Zila Sainik Welfare Office for serving the one who served the nation and assured that the District Administration shall extend its full cooperation to the ZSWO for the welfare of Ex-servicemen. DC has assured that the shortage of staff and funds/ approval for construction of security/compound wall shall be taken up with the concerned higher authorities for early consideration.

Preparations for 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' finalized at Anantnag

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 20

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Director Horticulture visits ACHD Zainapora



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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 20

Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir today visited the Advanced Centre for Horticulture Development (ACHD) at Zainapora, Shopian, as part of an inspection of the facilities and initiatives being implemented under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP). The Director also took stock of the Mother Orchard being developed at the farm.

During the visit, Director Horticulture actively engaged with the newly recruited Horticulture Technicians, who recently completed a one-month orientation-cum-training programme at the farm. In recognition of their successful completion of the

training, certificates were distributed to 50 trainees.

In his address to the trainees, the Director shared valuable insights and advice regarding the evolving landscape of horticulture practices. He emphasized on the importance of adopting innovative and sustainable techniques for fruit cultivation, urging the trainees to contribute to the growth of the horticulture sector. The event was attended by Farm Manager of ACHD, Zainapora, Divisional Training Officer, and other officers of the department.

The Director also conducted a general review of the farm's operations, ensuring that it aligns with the objectives outlined in the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan.

Jammu admin discusses arrangements for Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 554th Parkash Ustav



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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

A meeting of line departments was held here today to discuss the arrangements for 554th Parkash Ustav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji to be celebrated on November 27 this year.

Chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anusya Jamwal, the meeting was attended by representatives of District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu and the district officers of line departments.

It was informed that the main congregation will be held on November 27 from 10 am to 5 pm at Gurudwara Maharani Chand Kaur in the city. Akhand Path will also start on November 25 at the same place.

The representatives of District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee informed the chair about the different issues that

require necessary attention of the departments for the smooth and peaceful celebration of the auspicious occasion.

The chair directed the departments to make arrangements for adequate security, traffic regulation, cleanliness, sanitation, water supply, electricity, fire safety at the main function.

Assuring the representatives of the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee that all the arrangements will be made in time, the chair asked them to coordinate with the concerned officers for any further assistance.

The ADC also appreciated the efforts of the departments for making excellent arrangements for the previous year's celebration and hoped that this year also the same level of coordination and cooperation will be maintained.

Crackdown on Traffic Violators continues in Anantnag; 4 DLs Suspended

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ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 20

A team of Motor Vehicles Department today laid special nakka at Khanabal-Bijbehara Road to check violation of the various visible offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

During the checking, nearly 120 Vehicles were checked which included as many as 30 School Buses. 40 vehicles were blacklisted on spot for various offences such as diversion of route permit, carrying students in private vehicles, carrying

excess students in school buses, Non use of seat belt, plying without fitness, without permit and tempering Speed Limiting Device. Fine to the tune of Rs 45000 is expected to be realised from the violators.

Meanwhile the inspection team also made the people aware about their duties towards observing traffic norms and road safety while travelling.

The violators were informed that similar checking drives would continue in the coming days and asked them to strictly adhere to traffic norms to avoid any further strict action by the department.

Govt failed to check transport, Violations in J&K: Mubarak Gul

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JAMMU, NOV 20

Mubarak Gul, senior NC leader and former Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly on Monday slammed the incumbent government for its failure to take adequate measures to curb the rising number of road accidents in Jammu and Kashmir.

While interacting with the senior colleagues of party at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here, the senior NC leader said that the LG led Administration has turned a blind eye towards the plight of the people who are losing their lives in road accidents on a regular basis. Mubarak Gul expressed deep concern over the recent Assar Doda accident, in which 39 people have lost their lives and nearly 17 received severe injuries. He said that such incidents are a stark reminder of the government's apathy towards the safety of its citizens.

He asserted that the government has failed to implement the recommendations of a committee formed during his tenure as Speaker of the J&K Assembly to curb road accidents. "The committee had submitted a comprehensive report with detailed recommendations, but the government has failed to act on it."

The former Speaker said that the government's inaction has resulted in the loss of countless lives and has caused immense pain and suffering to the families of the victims.

"The government needs to wake up from its slumber and take immediate action to address this issue," he said, adding that the recommendations of the committee should be implemented without any further delay to stop the frequent accident in hilly areas." The NC leader also called for a thorough investigation into the Doda accident and said



that those responsible for the tragedy should be held accountable. "The government needs to ensure that such incidents do not happen again. The safety of the people should be its top priority," he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu, also raised serious concerns about the effectiveness of the Back to Village programs, stating that it has failed to address the issues raised during its implementation. He termed it as futile attempt in wasting the hard earned money of public while carrying out such wasteful exercise which serves no

purposes.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that people have Gheraod the Administrative Officers during their visits to rural areas as the promises made with people remained unfulfilled.

Gupta also slammed the government for showing high class hypocrisy by celebrating Cooperative Week after abolishing even the last one in J&K as if it was the enemy number one of this people's movement, which was thriving in J&K during the tenures of NC governments.

The senior NC leader said that Cooperative marketing societies and

Cooperative banking, had played a vital role in farming sector especially helping tillers to get fertilizers and seeds at affordable prices. He said that the government in seat had only used rhetoric to mislead the people and spread bogus narrative against the previous regimes but in actuality things are contrary as the people helming the state of affairs failed this vital movement in the region although they are brazenly beating the drums in the shape of cooperative week celebrations trying to fool the people over the issue.

The Provincial Presi-

dent emphasised that the National Conference stands firm in its commitment to safeguard the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and pledged to work tirelessly to address the grievances faced by the general public.

Among those who were present include: Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries Jammu, Vijay Lakhshmi Datta Ex Provincial President Women Wing, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU Pyare Lal Sharma, Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Younis Gul, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West A, S. Prithpal Singh, Arunpal Singh, Jahagir Mughal, Vishal Thakur, Mohit Bassan, Deeraj Sharma, Prince Kichloo, Varun, Er. Wajahat, Khurshed and others.

J&K UT Senior Basketball Championship Concludes



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J&K UT Senior Basketball Championship was organised by the J and K Basketball Association at MA Stadium on the 18th to 20th of November 2023. Various teams, both Men and Women participated in the championship with players from different districts of J & K . A total of 20 Teams Participated in the championship with 13 Men's teams and 7 Women's Teams Among the Women the Championship was won by Warriors, Reasi was placed first runner up and in the Mens section STC Warriors won the Gold where as STC Terriers won the first runner up.

Bhanu Pratap Singh Assistant Director SAI, Jammu was the Chief Guest for the day. He con-

gratulated all the players and said that the energy of the players on the courts was simply electrifying and it was a treat to watch such talented players.

Suraj Bhan, Manager Indoor Stadium was the Guest of Honour for the day. He congratulated all the participating teams. He congratulated all the people involved in making this championship a grand success. Dr Vikram Handa, Secretary, Ashok Singh, Treasurer were among the notable dignitaries present. Sushma Jamwal, Chief Coach JK Sports Council, Ranbir Singh Coach from youth Services and Sports, Shubham Sharma Mentor Khelo India, Rohan Kundal, Kunal, Manoj Kumar Solanki, Bandral and Vinit were among others who acted as officials during the Championship.

Reshaping higher learning: Arni University sees remarkable increase from 200 students to 2000 in a few years

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

Vivek Singh, the dynamic and purpose-driven Chancellor of Arni University (AU) in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, is spearheading a transformative journey in the higher education landscape. His relentless passion for reshaping the future of higher learning brought him to Himachal nearly a decade ago, where he emerged as a pioneer and change-maker. By blending innovative learning techniques, a focus on soft skills, and cutting-edge courses, he has turned Arni University into a magnet for students from across Northern India, leading to a remarkable increase in student enrollment from 200 to 2000 in just a few years. Under Vivek Singh's visionary leadership, Arni University has witnessed an astonishing surge in its student population. From a humble 200 students when it gained UGC accreditation in 2009, the institution's enrollment has skyrocketed to 2000 in 2023, with steady growth in each academic session.

Vivek Singh's commitment to innovation is evident in AU's approach. The university offers a diverse array of programs, promotes interdisciplinary learning, and focuses

on soft skills and personal-ity development, setting it apart from its peers. AU offers a range of new-age courses that encompass emerging fields like artificial intelligence, data science, sustainable development, and more, equipping students to excel in the rapidly evolving job market. This combination of factors has not only attracted students but also contributed to the growth of Himachal Pradesh's higher education landscape. Arni University has become a vital part of the region's educational fabric, empowering students to excel academically and prepare for successful careers. The university's vision of 'Skill Comprehensive Higher Education' underscores its forward-thinking approach, specifically focusing on building sustainable livelihoods in a challenging geographical region - Himachal Pradesh. Vivek Singh's vision extends beyond employability; he aims to ignite the spirit of entrepreneurship among students. Arni University serves as a holistic educational ecosystem, where students are equipped with the tools needed to excel in their chosen fields, contribute to society, and make a lasting impact on the world. The institution fosters versatil-

ity, promotes experiential learning, and encourages an interdisciplinary approach, enabling students to pursue their passions and achieve their dream careers.

In a recent groundbreaking initiative, Vivek Singh announced special provisions for students from defense families seeking admission to different courses. The university has been empannelled for the Jammu and Kashmir Scholarship Scheme, offering admission to students recommended by the Indian Army's Northern Command Headquarters. This initiative is a testament to AU's commitment to serving those who have served the nation.

Vivek Singh's visionary leadership has transformed Arni University into a hub of innovative learning and social responsibility. The institution's meteoric growth in student population, its commitment to new-age courses, and its focus on nurturing socially sensitive individuals have not only impacted Himachal Pradesh but also extended the reach of quality higher education to Northern India. Under Vivek Singh's guidance, Arni University is on its way to becoming a beacon of education and empowerment for the entire region.

Ashok Koul addresses Shakti Kendra Pramukh meeting in Kulgam



JJ NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOV 20

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, addressed a Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan of DH Pora, Kulgam and Devsar Assembly constituencies in District Kulgam under Rajouri-Anantnag Parliamentary Constituency.

Ashok Koul was also accompanied by Seh Prabhari BJP Kashmir Rafiq Wani, District Prabhari Kulgam Adv. Wajahat Hussain, District President Zubair Ahmed Ganai, and Parliamentary Constituency Vistarak Veer Saraf among others.

Ashok Koul, in his address to the Shakti

Kendra Pramukhs, deliberated on their prominent role in strengthening the party at the grass root level. He said that the Modi government has all through these years worked to empower the people living at the bottom level of societal hierarchy and for which various welfare schemes were engineered, specifically targeting the lowest level of implementation.

BJP, he said, has in fact stressed on the booth level involving the activists in every single area to ensure that public welfare schemes are implemented in letter and spirit. He added that as Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, they have the prime responsibility to ensure the imple-

mentation of the party's programmes and deliverance of party's policies to the masses along with the utmost duty to assist in the ground implementation of all public welfare schemes for the benefit of the needy.

Ashok Koul stressed upon the Shakti Kendra Pramukh to ensure that the programmes launched from time to time to reach the masses, are undertaken with sincerity and completed within the stipulated time. He said that proper ground work is key to success in the elections and there should be no leniency in any task given to the party activists who have to contribute a lot by their work.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Panchayat Halqa Stongday in Zanskar Block



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KARGIL, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

To ensure the widespread implementation of government flagship schemes, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was organized today at the Panchayat Halqa Stongday in the Zanskar Block.

At the event, Block-level officers from various departments, including RD&PRD, Health, PHE, Handloom, FCS&CA, and other relevant line departments, were present.

The Nodal Officer/BDO Zanskar, Tsewang Rigzin, provided a comprehensive briefing to all Panchayat members during the day, covering vari-

ous beneficiary-oriented schemes and elaborating on the details of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY). A thorough health screening was carried out, incorporating the online registration of eligible beneficiaries for Ayushman Bharat. Six Golden cards were distributed, and an equivalent number of beneficiaries were successfully registered. As part of the camp, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) screening was conducted, with 11 individuals undergoing tuberculosis screening, and samples were collected accordingly. As part of the program, the Agriculture Department conducted e-KYC for 8 beneficiaries under

PM-KISAN and completed the Aadhar seeding process for 10 individuals.

The camp prioritized addressing eKYC-related issues to facilitate the accessibility of financial incentives under various ongoing schemes of different departments.

Sarpanch Stongday Panchayat, Pasang Ithang, along with officers, officials from line departments, and Panchayat members, warmly welcomed the IEC van.

The Nodal Officer expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement and cooperation, emphasizing the collective effort in realizing the envisioned goals of the Central Government.

SLCA J&K organizes Five-days Training Program for functionaries of GIA & De-addiction Institutes



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JAMMU, NOV 20

SLCA J&K (State Level Coordinating Agency J&K) organized "5-days Capacity building program on Drug De-addiction for functionaries of GIA and de-addiction Institutions" at Srinagar in collaboration with the NISD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India & University of Kashmir. Around 25 functionaries from GIA & De-addiction Institutions from all over the J&K including Srinagar, Kupwara, Kulgam, Anantnag, Rajauri, Jammu etc. participated in the training program.

Program started with the inaugural speech by Project Director, SLCA J&K, Ms. Pallavi Singh. Resource persons for

capacity building program were from Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir. Topics covered in Five-days training program were "Overview of drugs, drug addiction, prevention and treatment", "Key concepts of Motivational Interviewing (MI)", "Developing competence in the Pathway to Change", "Recovery Management", "Challenges & Issues in Recovery Management", "Relapse Prevention", "Individual-based Relapse and Relapse Prevention", "System-based Relapse Prevention". Training program concluded with the feedback session from participants and certificate distribution function and program ended with the vote of thanks to all the participants by SLCA official.

To commemorate Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day), Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs invites all to participate in Constitution Quiz, Online Reading of Preamble

JJ NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOV 20

The Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day) is celebrated every year on 26 November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India besides highlighting and reaffirming the ideals & principles, it upholds and honor and acknowledge the contribution of our Founding fathers.

To commemorate Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day), the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs invites all citizens to participate in the Constitution Quiz and Online Reading of the Preamble. The Ministry has made two web portals operational



to ensure Maximum Jan Bhagidari. These web portals are:

Online reading of the Preamble to the Constitution in 22 Official Languages

and English: <https://readpreamble.nic.in/> ; Online Quiz on ("Bharat: Loktantra Ki Janani": <https://constitutionquiz.nic.in/>

IGP Jammu adheres new rank to newly promoted Dy. SP (Ministerial)



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

The Inspector General of Police of Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain, IPS decorated newly promoted Dy.SP (M) Administrative Officer S.Narinder Singh PID No. MEG871236 by pinning new rank on his promotion in a simple function held at ZPHQ Jammu this morning. The officer who was decorated is presently posted at ZPHQ, Jammu. IGP

Jammu while felicitating the Dy.SP (M) urged him to work with zeal and zest to make the department proud. He expressed his hope that the promotion would bring a new spirit of public service among the officer. The other Police officers who were present on the occasion are Shri. Vishal Manhas, JKPS S.O to IGP Jammu, Shri. Janardhan Singh Slathia Dy.SP (S) Private Secy. to IGP Jammu Zone.

Blood Donation Camp organised at office of Principal Accountant General, J&K, Jammu

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JAMMU, NOV 20

As a part of ongoing week long Programme of Audit Diwas (19-24 Nov. 2023), Blood Donation Camp was organised in the Office premises of Principal Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu on 20/11/2023. The Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated by Principal, Govt. Medical College Shri Ashutosh Gupta, Jammu along with HOD Blood Bank, Govt. Medical College Jammu Dr Meena Sidhu, Administrative Officer Shri Ashwani Khajuria GMC, Jammu in presence of Shri Ravinder Singh, Sr. Dy. Accountant General, Shri Jagbir Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Shri Sukhdarshan Singh, Dy. Accountant General, Shri Surinder Kumar, Assistant Accountant

General, Shri Ashok Kaul, Sr. Accounts Officer and Nodal Officer Blood Donation Camp, Shri V.K.Bhat, Sr. Audit Officer, Nodal Officer Media & Publicity Wing, Shri Ravi Thakur, Sr. Administrative Officer, Ms. Jyotsna Durani, AAO, Shri Sunil Kumar, AAO, Shri Atun Khargal (and Incharges Blood Donation Camp) and Shri Baljit Singh, Welfare Assistant. The Chief Guests among other dignitaries were presented a bouquet as a good gesture. The blood was donated by around 75 donors of the Offices of audit, A&E and RTI, civil Society and defence forces. It was as good gesture to provide Blood support to the GMC who is providing medical facilities throughout the region particularly to the patients of Cancers, Thalassaemia and Traumas.

Principal GMC, Dr. Gupta in his inaugural address thanked the CAG organization for such a wonderful philanthropic act. He also appreciated the office for voluntarily organizing this donation camp and described the importance of donation of blood. He requested that such camps should be organized by other departments as well. Dr. Meena, HOD Blood Bank, JMC Jammu described the importance of donation of blood reiterated that a single point of blood can save 4 lives. Shri Ravinder Singh, Sr. DAG appreciated the Move of CAG to establish a direct connect with the civil society by organizing the different events of the week. He also informed that a parallel donation camp is being organized by our head office at Srinagar. Shri Singh also thanked

the Principal Govt. Medical college Jammu, HOD Blood Bank for providing Blood donation bus and Van along with Medical and Para Medical staff without which it was not possible to run the show so magnificently. Some of the blood donors viz Smt. Sanjana Kachroo and Shri Narinder Gupta, both Sr. Audit Officers of the Organization reiterated that they were proud to be part of the donation camp and would voluntarily participate in such camps in future also. Light refreshments were distributed among the donors and other staff members. During this camp a fully equipped Blood mobile van donated to the Government Medical College, Jammu by INTAS foundation was also inaugurated by Dr Ashutosh Gupta and Mr Ravinder Singh.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Goshan, Holiyal Panchayats in Drass

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KARGIL, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at Panchayat Halqa Goshan and Holiyal Drass in Kargil district.

BDC Chairman, Drass Noor Mohammad participated in the program as chief guest. BDO Drass/Day Nodal Officer Shahid Sultan, AEE PDD, TSO Drass, Water Testing experts from Jal Shakti, Health, ICDS, Horticulture department, Officials of Agriculture and representatives of other departments took part in the program.

During the event, villagers were briefed on various beneficiary-oriented schemes designed to enhance their lives.

The camp also focused on Jal Jeevan Mission ini-



atives, offering guidance and support to mitigate water-related challenges in the region. One of the aspects of the event was the provision of direct beneficiary-oriented benefits to the villagers on the spot.

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

of life. During the program, various government departments distributed pamphlets showcasing diverse welfare schemes to the participants.

During the program, BDO Drass, Shahid Sultan, briefed the general public about the goal of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and underlined its mission.

The officials expressed gratitude to participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The Viksit Bharat pledge was also taken by the participants.

06 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

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JAMMU, NOV 20

In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of PS Kanachak, PP Chatha, PP Pounichak and PP Chowki Choura acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 06 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under:

02 vehicles i.e One tipper and One tractor trolley without Registration Nos. by PS Kanachak

Two tractor trollies bearing Registration No. JK02DSS5447 and Chassis No MBNBEBBAZNE04258, by PP Chatha

One tractor trolley without Registration No by PP Pounichak, One Tractor Trolley bearing Registration No JK02CR-2891, by PP Chowki Choura.

Bali Bhagat implores voters to reject Congress, embrace BJP for a prosperous Rajasthan

JJ NEWS SERVICE
AJMER (RAJASTHAN), NOV 20

Bali Bhagat, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Health and Medical Education Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has urged the people of Rajasthan to use their precious right to franchise by voting for BJP in the upcoming Assembly polls to get rid of the miseries thrust upon them by the Congress Government.

He expressed this while addressing a meeting organized jointly by BJP's Shakti Kendra, Booth President and Arya Mandal Prabhari Ajmer in connection with the election campaigning by the party for Assembly elections.

The former minister highlighted that during the five-year Congress rule in Rajasthan, the state has witnessed a shocking 19 instances of paper leaks in various recruitment and selection processes, exposing a deep-rooted scam that has shattered the aspirations of countless educated youth. This unprecedented scandal, the largest of its kind in



India, highlights the Congress party's blatant disregard for meritocracy and its collusion with the paper leak mafia, he added.

"The systematic leakage of exam papers has not only deprived deserving candidates of their rightful opportunities but has also instilled a deep sense of disillusionment and betrayal among the educated youth of Rajasthan. The Congress government's failure to curb this rampant corruption has exposed its inherent apathy towards the state's future generations," he added. The former minister has asked the people in Rajasthan to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to ensure double engine growth with the same party's rule at the

Centre and State. He said that the Congress rule in Rajasthan has only multiplied the problems of the common people of Rajasthan thus bringing this state to a precarious situation. He said that the Congress party kept the development and welfare of the people on the back bench and instead preferred to indulge in criticizing and fighting with the Centre for its every welfare measure which ultimately resulted in loss to the people of Rajasthan. He asserted that once BJP returns to power in Rajasthan the Lotus brand engines at Delhi the functioning of double engine will ensure maximum development and welfare of this state and its people. Bali Bhagat castigated the Congress for claim-

ing that four generations of the Gandhi family have contributed a lot for the country's development and said that the reality is that the Gandhis are cut off from the ground reality and that is why they cannot understand the pain of the people, not to talk of addressing it.

Prominent among others present during the significant meeting were Booth President and Arya Mandal in-charge in Ward No. 19 of Rajasthan (Ajmer) South Assembly in which Dr. Arvind Sharma, State in-Charge IT Department, Divisional President Mohan Lalwani, Divisional General Secretary Bhawani Ji Jedyia, former MLA Harish Ji Jhamnani, Ward in-Charge Atal Ji Sharma, Shakti Kendra Coordinator Narendra Ji Soni, Ward Councillor Lalit Sammaria, Arya Model OBC Morcha President Rajesh Sharma, Booth President Jitendra Ji Shukla, Booth President Jitendra Ji Sammaria, Booth President Sunil Ji Nakwal, Booth Vice President Chandmal Ji Dolia, etc.

I & B Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurates 17th edition of Film Bazaar at IFFI, Goa

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GOA, 20 NOVEMBER 2023

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur while inaugurating the Film Bazaar the largest South Asian film market at Marriott Resort, Goa today said that the film bazaar, much like a bustling marketplace of ideas, is a haven for filmmakers, producers, and storytellers from all corners of the globe. It's a confluence of creativity and commerce, ideas and inspirations that form the building blocks of this thriving cinematic marketplace, he added.

On the occasion, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur said that Indian media & entertainment industry, with an annual growth rate of 20%, is hailed as the fifth-largest and most globalized industry in the world. In its 17th year, the Film Bazaar has become an indispensable cornerstone of the IFFI, transcending borders and evolving into one of Asia's biggest film markets, the minister added.

Union Minister informed that this year, the selection of films for the Film Bazaar



reflects a diverse mix of fiction, docu-shorts, documentaries, horror films, and even an animated film that deals with universal themes relating to the diaspora, patriarchy, urban angst, extreme poverty, climate crisis, nationalism, sports and fitness.

Speaking of the co-production market, the Minister said "We proudly present twelve documentaries from 7 countries in the Coproduction Market, exploring life in 17 different languages. It's a journey into the heart of reality through the lens of filmmakers."

He also said that the video library platform, the Viewing Room, shows 190 submissions, a few submissions from which will be selected for the Film Bazaar Recommends (FBR). "The

Work-in-Progress Lab is where filmmakers show the raw beauty of their work. Doubling the project count from last year, we have 10 projects ready to unveil this year," the Minister said.

Thakur also announced that as a nod to innovation and in line with the Prime Minister's call for ease of doing business, an exciting new component, "Book to Box Office," has been added which will showcase 59 submissions seamlessly making the jump from books to screens. In the sidelines of the event, the Minister also inaugurated Google Arts and Culture Hindi exhibit which is an online hub having images and short videos from Hindi films. The 10 recommended films from a variety of genres to be showcased in Film Bazaar

at IFFI 54TH including documentary, horror, climate crisis, fiction etc. The films are in English, Hindi, Bengali, Marwari, Kannada, and Maori (New Zealand language). This year, the Film Bazaar has a newly curated "VFX & Tech Pavilion" which intends to make the filmmakers aware of the latest innovations, to explore the possibilities of storytelling by not just the traditional way of "taking the shot", but also "creating the shot". The Film Bazaar showcases the official selection of the feature-length projects of the Co-Production Market from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, USA, UK, Singapore, Germany, France, Poland, Luxembourg and Israel. The selected filmmakers will be pitching their projects to International and Indian producers, distributors, festival programmers, financiers, and sales agents at the open Pitch. Initiated by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Film Bazaar has evolved into South Asia's largest film market, connecting local film makers to the global producers and distributors.

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI SHORTNOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No.88of2023-24 Dated 11-11-2023

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (in lacs)	Cost of doc. (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD NEAR SHIV MANDIR MARI TO GEETA NAGAR REASI	25.00	600/-	50000/-	24Month	A'B'C Class
2.	MAINTENANCE AND UP-GRADATION FOR THE BUILDING OF DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT AND COUNSELLING CENTRE REASI. SCOPE OF WORK: WHITE WASHING OF BUILDING, PAINT TO ENTRY GATES AND GRILLS AND DECCAT DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND COUNSELLING CENTRE SEELA REASI.	00.77	600/-	1540/-	1Month	'D' Class

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	11-11-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11-11-2023 to 18-11-2023, 1600Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	11-11-2023
5	Bid submission End Date	25-11-2023 upto 1600Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-11-2023 on or after 1200Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi as mentioned in the bid documents.

2. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi.

4. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.

5. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

6. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi. The date for same shall be intimated separately. No:-5948-52

SD/-

(Er. Rajesh Sharma)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Reasi

DIP/J-11428/23
Date: 20-11-23

Indian Army organizes Blood Donation Camp at Drugmulla

JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOV 20

In a commendable humanitarian effort, the Indian Army, in partnership with the Government Sub District Hospital, Kupwara, organized a pivotal Blood Donation Camp at Drugmulla.

This joint initiative was aimed at bolstering the local healthcare infrastructure and fostering the spirit of solidarity within the community.

The camp, organized by the Indian Army, emerges as a beacon of hope for those in need. The event garnered an overwhelming response from both the military personnel and the local residents, who wholeheartedly participated in this life-saving endeavour.

The Kupwara based Vajr Division expressed its heartfelt gratitude to



all the donors and participants.

The blood donation camp is a testament to Indian Army's unwavering dedication to saving lives and contributing to the health and prosperity of the local populace.

The event witnessed a diverse turnout, with donors from various backgrounds uniting for a noble cause. The collected blood was handed over to the local healthcare authority, ensuring swift distribution to those

in urgent need of transfusions.

This collaborative initiative not only showcases the Indian Army's commitment to the welfare of the people in the Kashmir Valley, but also strengthens the bond between the armed forces and the local community. It reflects a collective effort towards building a healthier and more resilient society. Such initiatives underline the Army's ethos of service, selflessness, and solidarity.

BJP holds Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan programmes

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyaan programmes at the Booth and Panchayat levels in Jammu province at different places.

The senior party leaders accompanied by the youth leaders addressed the programmes in which they enumerated the achievements of the Narendra Modi government during the past nine and half years.

In District Rajouri, a programme was organized in the Thannamandi constituency, Panchayat Manyal lower at Booth No-23 and 24. Shahnawaz Khan and Dr. Garu Sanahi were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 109 of Panchayat -Agrati north of Rajouri Constituency. Sanjay Sharma and Kundan Lal, others addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri



another programme was organized in the Booth number 119, 120 of panchayat -saranoo Mandal -Dhangri Rajouri constituency. CP Sharma and Harish Bharti were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 104 and 105 of Panchayat-saaj B Thanna Mandi constituency. Shahnawaz Khan and Nazakat Husain were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 27 of panchayat -karyote Thannaman-

di Mandal in Thanna Mandi constituency. Qazi Qamar and Shah Nawaz Khan were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 102 and 103 of Panchayat -Saj A, Mandal -Behrote Thanna Mandi constituency. Mukhtar Ahmed and Shah Nawaz Khan were among others who addressed the programme.

In Displaced District, a programme was organized in the Booth number 1&2 Durga Mandal. Omkar Nath and Raina H L Bhat were among others who addressed the programme.

Indian Professor delivers guest lecture to students of Indonesia



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

Prof. Parshant Bakshi son of soil, who is presently working as Head, Fruit Science and also Head, Centre for Organic and Natural Farming, Chatha, SKUAST-Jammu is on deputation till December 6, 2023 as visiting scientist to Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) University, Bogor Indonesia for international training and exposure visit. He has been awarded a fellowship under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP, IDP-SKUAST-Jammu). During his stay from last 34 days, has taken a new initiative from any Professor of SKUAST-Jammu to conduct online classes by conducting Live sessions for PG and Ph.D students of Division of Fruit Science, SKUAST-Jammu, India on Youtube from Indonesia and shared more than 26 videos till date on tropical fruit production, smart greenhouse nursery, floating hydroponics, bagging of

guava fruits, drone application for spraying of micronutrients, futuristic farming under controlled conditions using LED lights, organic production of vegetables by sensors, packaging of organic produce, media for green house plants and automatic sowing of seeds, visit to Agribusiness Technology Park, Centre for Tropical Horticulture in Tajur and Sukhmantri, largest plant producing Rumpin nursery. It is worth while to mention here that he has developed YouTube as a tool for online teaching of students during corona period and shared content for the interest of fruit growers, students, researchers, scholars, scientists, extension workers and others who are interested in latest technological interventions in Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sciences and appreciating the efforts of Prof. Bakshi for teaching students the latest technological innovations in Agriculture and Organic Farming in Indonesia.

He has also been offered

with some guest lectures by the IPB, University and has taken fourth lecture of 120 under graduate students of Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, IPB University on Industry and Regulation of Vegetatively Propagated Seeds in India in the Sukhmantri farm of IPB wherein he discussed about regulations taken by Government of India for having check on quality, germination, disease free and timely supply of seeds and plant material to the growers. He also discussed the role of National Seed Corporation and other amendments by Government of India in Seed act 1966 to protect the farmer's interest. The students showed keen interest in the lecture not only by asking the questions but also replying to the questions asked by Prof. Bakshi in the lecture.

Prof Awang and Prof. Dewi are the coordinator and moderator for smooth conduct of this lecture.

Billawaria inaugurates "AV Car Accessories and Automobile" Showroom at Sehora Road, Bishnah

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated the "A.V Car Accessories and Automobile" Showroom (All Kinds of Car Accessories & E Rickshaw) at Sehora Road in Bishnah constituency. Billawaria and other guests were welcomed and felicitated by Rajat Sharma, Proprietor of the "A.V Car Accessories and Automobile Showroom". Speaking on the occasion, Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria said that after the removal of Article 370, companies and brands from all over the country have opened businesses in Jammu and Kashmir, due to which Jammu and Kashmir is moving forward day by day in terms of business. Billawaria said that it is very good for Jammu and Kashmir that youth will come forward and start new ventures. It also helps to decrease unemployment and



make a drug free society because when youth will be on the right path then the country will definitely be in the safe hands. Billawaria further said that many schemes of the Modi Government have created job avenues and appealed to the youth to become job providers instead of job seekers. He also said that a job provider plays a great role in boosting the economy. Billawaria expressed his hope that "A.V Car Accessories and Automobile" showroom will become a more popular destination for automobile lovers. He also said that "A.V Car Accessories and Automobile" should provide best service at reasonable prices so that the citizens get the best value for their money. He said that with the opening of this showroom in Sehora

road Bishnah local population will get an option to choose from the variety of car accessories available at their nearest place. He appealed to the youth to take inspiration from entrepreneurs like Rajat Sharma and commence their journey towards becoming job providers in their economic interest as well as in the ultimate interest of this Union Territory. He hailed the efforts of the owner of the showroom for taking such an initiative and further providing employment to the people. He said that everyone should come to "A.V Car Accessories and Automobile" showroom and avail the benefits. Proprietor Rajat Sharma complimented the Former Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for attending the event.

PM launched schemes played pivotal role to uplift common people: Sham Langer

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JAMMU, NOV 20

Sham Lal Langar, Conventor Trade Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the over nine years of BJP rule has launched multiple schemes that have played a vital role in uplifting the living standards of the common people especially the under privileged sections of the society.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that the launch of the aforesaid schemes from time to time



took care of every section of the society and tailored these schemes as per suitability of the different sections. Not only the underprivileged but the Modi led Govt has been quite instrumental in launching specially crafted schemes for the youth and women

of this nation. Sham Lal Langar said that the Prime Minister deserves full appreciation for launching of the multipronged scheme, the ultimate goal of which is to enhance the livelihood opportunities, quality of life for the people at large. He appealed to the people at large especially in Jammu and Kashmir to come forward and avail the benefit of these schemes. He said that the peculiarity of empowering schemes for women and youth is that these serve the dual purpose of financing as well as training.

Indian Army empowers Self-reliance among women of border village



JI NEWS SERVICE
NOWSHERA, NOV 20

Warriors of Indian Army on 20 Nov 2023 organised distribution of Sewing Machines for local women of the border village Kalal under 'OP SADHBHAVANA'. The sentinels of Nowshera aims to kick start small scale enterprises to enhance overall socio-economic landscape

amongst the villagers of border villages. The event aims to create a supportive community to get better employment and make them financially independent to ensure skill-sharing among participants. This free sewing machine camp embodies the spirit of community empowerment demonstrating that a small contribution can lead to significant lasting change.

As sewing needles weave through fabrics, they also thread together the fabric of a stronger, more resilient community. The event was graced by Army Officials & Civil dignitaries in the presence of villagers of Kalal. The women community and locals expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Indian Army for organising the event.

SMVDU Girl Students embark on Educational Venture (Gyanodaya Express)



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 20

In a momentous event, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha flagged off the 'Gyanodaya Express - College on Wheels' train from Katra Railway Station on Sunday. The train is a unique initiative aimed at transforming education, has onboard 700 girl students from various universities across the Union Territory, including 40 enthusiastic students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). The expedition seeks to break down the traditional barriers of classrooms and academic disciplines, fostering immersive, collaborative, and project-based learning experiences. Amidst a delightful breakfast gathering at his residence, Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of SMVDU University, inspired the participating students, to embrace this opportunity fully. He encouraged them to gain invaluable experiences by exploring new areas, diverse cultures, and interacting with individuals from various backgrounds. The girls from SMVDU will be actively engaged in

seven different projects spanning the domains of consumer behavior, internet of things, science, humanities, and social sciences. The primary aim of this initiative is to expand the scope of education, fostering increased confidence, curiosity, and independence in girls. Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, the liaison officer of College on Wheels JKGE, along with Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Mishra, Dean of Students, are accompanying the SMVDU students on this enriching expedition with enthusiasm and care. As the students traverse various destinations like Parliament house and President house in New Delhi, Sabarmati ashram, places of importance in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Goa, Bengaluru and Wardha, they will have the unique opportunity to interact with people, gaining insights into the life of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Gyanodaya stands as an innovative and noble project, aiming for the comprehensive empowerment of girl students, providing them with real-world experiences that go beyond traditional academic boundaries.

Yogi, Kavinder address rally in poll bound Lalsote constituency



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJASTHAN, NOV 20

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath and former deputy Chief Minister J&K, Kavinder Gupta on Monday held a rally in poll bound Lalsote constituency in Rajasthan's Dausa District seeking people's mandate for in the State.

Yogi, while taking head on the present Congress regime for its hopeless policies which led to sufferings of the common man in Rajasthan, said that BJP is the only hope for the people and that is the reason everyone is eagerly waiting for replacing bad government with the people-friendly BJP regime. He highlighted the issues of rampant corruption, uncontrolled crime especially against women folks with no one bothering to provide justice.

The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, said that the Congress tenure in Rajasthan has set an example of worst ever governance in the country as such lawlessness

was never seen by the people in the history of India as defunct leadership has created free for all situation in every nook and corner of the State. He however maintained that BJP is all set to clean sweep assembly polls and regain power with stunning majority.

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP functionary from J&K, said that the people are fed up of the phlegmatic government in the State as common man has been left with no option to raise his plight because those enjoying access to power corridor are least bothered to provide Roti, Kapda, Makan and Samman to masses. He said that the prevailing situation in Rajasthan is like that of Monarchs reigning the public with no say of the people.

Kavinder said democracy has been decayed under Ghehot Government and there is no one to listen to issues and problems of poor, women, old and the youth as all are suffering alike with only hope that BJP will bring the much desired change.

DC Doda affirms augmentation of healthcare in CHC Assar to cater to emergencies on Highway

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, NOVEMBER 20

To ensure the safety and well-being of the residents and travelers on the Batote-Doda-Kishtwar Highway, Harvinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, has initiated concrete measures to augment healthcare services in the Community Health Center (CHC) Assar. The step aims to cater to any emergency that may arise on the highway connecting district Doda and Kishtwar.

Assessing the recent bus accident at Assar and recognizing the significance of accessible and efficient healthcare facilities on highway, the DC Doda, in collaboration with the concerned authorities, is establishing a comprehensive healthcare plan for the CHC in Assar.

These initiatives include the deployment of additional medical staff, the procurement of essential medical equipment, preparing/training volunteers for Rescue/CPR/First aid and the improvement of infrastructure to enhance the overall quality and efficiency of healthcare and roads.

In this regard, the DC visited Assar today and met with the sub-divisional authorities at BDO office Assar to devise a comprehensive rescue and response plan for the highway. DC also attended the 'Rescue, CPR, and First Aid' drill organised by SDRF for the local and Alkhair Foundation (NGO) volunteers. DC also appre-



ciated the efforts of volunteers of Alkhair Foundation (NGO) for their selfless, timely, and effective services in rescue operation during recent bus accident at Assar. DC Harvinder Singh also checked the roadside nakas held by different stakeholders to ensure the following of traffic rules for the safety of the commuters. The DC Doda has emphasized the importance of preparedness and the ability to respond swiftly to any medical emergencies that may occur on the highway. The focus is to ensure that all necessary medical facilities are readily available for residents, commuters, and tourists passing through the area.

The measures being implemented aim to strengthen the existing healthcare infrastructure and equip the CHC Assar with the necessary resources to handle any eventualities effectively. These efforts will help in providing timely and adequate medical care to individuals in need, contributing to the overall safety and well-being of the region. It is pertinent to mention here that the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) under the chairmanship of DC Harvinder Singh, has discussed Integrated Road Safety Database (iRAD) / Electronic Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR), revealing concerning statistics.

It was informed that since July 2022, the district witnessed 257 accidents resulting in 112 casualties. It includes recent bus accident at Assar, in which 40 people lost their precious lives. It was further revealed that 75% of accidents occur due to speeding and rash driving, while 25% accidents happen due to roads and mechanical failure. To enhance road safety measures, the DRSC has approved mapping of roads under various agencies. Identifying blackspots in prone areas was emphasized to proactively address potential hazards. It was decided by the DRSC to declare spots having less

than 100 metres visibility as black spots. The directions have been passed to have a road safety audit of all the roads by a technical committee. Additionally, the DC directed the installation of speed limit signboards and crush barriers with glow tap along roads, underscoring the commitment to ensuring a safer commuting environment. The DC also urged to set up the small traffic Booths, CCTV Cameras, and Cats Eye equipments, across the roads. The DC also made the direction to dismantle the illegal encroachment near the highway and other roads.

The DRSC has asked ADC to identify the first responders/ volunteers, near black spots, atleast 5 from each spot, across the district and impart them basic training of Resue, CPR and first aid, through SDRF trainers. ARTO Doda has been instructed to make compulsory installation of CCTV camera in every passenger vehicles particularly in metadoors and busses. He has instructed to have mandatory information in every passenger vehicle, including PCR and Traffic toll free numbers, Driver's and vehicle's information, and speed limit authorized for that particular road. The DC also directed to the concerned officers to ensure fixing of speed governors in every passenger vehicles to avoid rash driving and speeding. The authority also issued directions to have an audit of Advance Life Support (ALS) Ambulances available in the district.

Director Ministry of Tribal Affairs reviews Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra preparations in Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 20

Director Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI, Sangeeta Gupta, who is also the Prabhari Officer of District Kishtwar chaired a meeting of District Officers here in the VC Room of the DC Office Complex to discuss and strategize the seamless and successful execution of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav, ADDC Sham Lal, Joint Director Planning Mohammad Iqbal, DFO Kishtwar Sagar Singh, DFO Marwah Vijay Kumar, PO ICDS Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, GM DIC Mohamad Ashraf, ACP Zakir Hussain, DIO Kishtwar and other concerned officer participated in the meeting, demonstrating a collaborative approach towards success of the Yatra.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner along with concerned officers briefed the Prabhari Officer on the comprehensive implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in the district. DC Kishtwar provided insights into the preparations and department-wise arrangements to saturate schemes across the district under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. He informed that 3 Digital Vans have been deployed that will traverse all Panchayats, delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events.



The DC further informed the Prabhari Officer about the establishment of a district-level control room for overall monitoring, overseen by the designated Nodal officer besides organizing training sessions for the officers and resource persons of line departments.

During the meeting, the Prabhari Officer also took meticulous reviews of arrangements for cultural events, health camps, and various other activities associated with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra including the IEC materials.

While addressing the meeting, the Prabhari Officer stressed the importance of making comprehensive arrangements for the successful conduct of the yatra. This comprehensive planning is aimed to guarantee a successful

and impactful event for the benefit of the community.

Prabhari Officer Sangeeta Gupta said that the focus is on enhanced mobilization and reaching out to those left out to include them under welfare schemes. She directed officers to ensure maximum public participation, particularly engaging Youths, aimed at raising awareness about the Government's schemes and achievements.

Emphasizing the significance of flagship schemes, District Prabhari Sangeeta Gupta stressed the need for effective projection to maximize their impact on the ground. She termed the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra as an opportunity to penetrate the flagship schemes at the gram panchayats for maximum saturation of the schemes.

Central Nodal Officer-JSA-CTR visits Ramban

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 20

Director (Law & Order), Internal Security-I Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyaan (JSA)- Catch the Rain (CTR), Nishtha Tiwari, along with Scientist Central Ground Water, Chandreyee De, who are on 3-day visit to the Ramban district, chaired a meeting of senior functionaries of the District Administration to review the progress on Jal Shakti Abhiyan here today.

Taking a detailed assessment of crucial aspects of the program, the Director reviewed the JJM implementation and the financial and physical progress achieved so far in the district.

Directing the concerned to formulate district Level Water Conservation Plan under 'Catch the Rain' of all concerned departments, the Director Asked them to submit a detailed report of their respective departments about targets and achievements, besides highlighting shortfalls and



limits in their schemes. She directed them to ensure Geo-tagging of all natural water bodies in their respective jurisdiction to develop them as per the needs of locals. She also reviewed the status of Ground Water recharging, response of villagers and benefits being availed by them from Amrit Sarovars and other developed water bodies. She directed them to ensure cleanliness of Amrit Sarovars and other water bodies to ensure their sustainability and conservation.

The Director directed technical officers to submit a separate report of works taken up, completed and uses of their water and its other benefits to the people. She directed the Executive Engineer for ensuring proper function-

ing of Jal Shakti Kendra in the district.

Presenting a detailed report on the steps taken by the District Administration to harvest the rainwater and recharge the groundwater in the district, the meeting was informed that as many as 681 springs and 169 nallahs have been tapped as water sources for different Water Supply Schemes under JJM and other schemes.

The officers of the Forest department also briefed the chair about measures taken by the department for afforestation. As many as 16 check dams have been taken up, of which 6 have been completed so far, the meeting was informed and added that the Education Department has also constructed water tanks in various

educational institutions under 'Catch the Rain' programme.

The District Administration has organized various attractive and informative programmes to sensitize the people about Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls, the meeting was informed and added the district administration has restored and created numerous new water harvesting structures under RDD, IWMP, Horticulture, Soil Conservation, Agriculture, Jal Shakti, Forest and other departments. Moreover, 110 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed in the district so far to conserve water and recharge ground water along with the protection of the fragile ecosystem of the region.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal, Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, ACD, Ashok Katoch, Divisional Forest Officers, Rajan Singh, and Kuldeep Singh, CAO, Gopal Sharma, CHO, Anil Gorka, Executive Engineers, JSD, Rajiv Ghai and other officers of line departments attended the meeting.

Performance of J&K athletes at National scene portraits picture of excellence in infra, coaching: Sarmad Hafeez

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 20

Terming fencers and their escorts from across the nation as the peace ambassadors, Secretary Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez, said that the sportspersons are the messengers of love, brotherhood and harmony.

Sarmad Hafeez said this after inaugurating 67th National School Games in the discipline of Fencing U-19 boys and girls in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu here.

While extending thanks to School Games Federation of India for sanctioning four Nationals to J&K this year, Sarmad Hafeez said that the Government of J&K was committed to promote sports and possess all that was required to host mega sporting events in a most befitting manner. He said, the performance of J&K athletes



at the National scene and the Indian athletes at the International arena portrayed the picture of enhancement in sports infrastructural facilities and excellence in coaching standards.

Secretary YSS said that this event is part of the series of National School Games that J&K has been hosting and till now four national level competitions in sports disciplines of Football, Volleyball, Judo and Fencing have been organised during the current year. This has also immensely helped in sending out a message of changing J&K.

Sarmad Hafeez further said that last year 60 lakh youth from across J&K

took part in various sports activities and this year the target is comparatively much more. He added that mega events like this apart from helping youth to showcase their sporting skills, also help them to exchange their culture and language.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chibber highlighted the achievements of the Department.

While encouraging the participants, Chibber said winning and losing is the part of the game but participation itself is an achievement. He assured the participating contingents of all facilities and comfortable stay.

Meanwhile, J&K U-19 boys won sabre team gold on day-1 today.

The gold medal winners included Harshit Kohli, Anubhav Sharma, Vatsal Gandhotra and Amish Sharma. The silver medal in this category went to Haryana and the bronze was bagged by Punjab and Gujarat.

In U-19 girls epee, Maharashtra clinched the gold and the winners included Gargee Nitin Dongare, Arpita, Mahendra Kate, Mahi Kishore Aradwad and Vinaya Balukrushna Jadhao. The silver medal in this event went to CBSE Welfare Sports Organisation and the bronze by IBSSO and Kerala.

The medal winners were felicitated by Neelam Khajuria, Additional Secretary YS & Sports and Misbah Arjumand, Under Secretary Youth Services and Sports in presence of a galaxy of officers and officials.

Mobile Eye Testing Camp for commercial drivers organized in Reasi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, NOVEMBER 20

In a collaborative effort between the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Reasi, Rotary Eye Hospital Udhampur, and Transport Associations, a Mobile Eye Testing Camp and awareness camp for commercial drivers was successfully

conducted today at the Bus Stand Reasi.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The Mobile Eye Testing Camp saw active participation from hundreds of commercial drivers and conductors. A team of expert

doctors conducted screenings, including blood pressure and eye tests, aiming to address health concerns and promote road safety.

In addition to the medical screenings, free medicines, eye drops, and creams were distributed among drivers who were identified with various ailments and eye problems/



irritations.

District Development

Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, addressing the

gathering, emphasized the crucial role drivers play in ensuring road safety. He urged drivers to adhere to all precautions and road safety measures while driving and encouraged them to raise awareness among their family and friends about the importance of following precautionary measures. He urged driv-

ers to prioritize safety by avoiding rash driving, abstaining from driving under the influence of alcohol, and adhering to speed limits.

"This initiative is not only about addressing immediate health concerns but is a sustained effort to enhance the visual health of drivers, ultimately contributing to

safer roads and a reduced risk of accidents," stated DDC Mahajan.

He said collaborative initiative between MVD Reasi, Rotary Eye Hospital Udhampur, and Transport Associations underscores the importance of public-private partnerships in promoting community well-being and road safety.