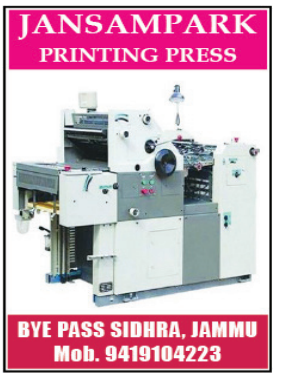




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## LG addresses EEPC India National Export Awards function in New Delhi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 21

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India) National Export Awards function in New Delhi on Tuesday and felicitated the recipients of the prestigious Awards for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the award winners of the 52nd and 53rd EEPC India National Export Awards and hoped that their achievements would



inspire others for sustained excellence in engineering goods export in the years ahead. "India is a global bright

spot under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and today we are not only contributing to global growth

but also accelerating our own economic progress," the Lt Governor said. He said, the emergence

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## India late in infra development along LAC, now catching up: Lt Gen RP Kalita

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GUWAHATI, NOV 21

Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita on Tuesday said India started late compared to China in developing infrastructure along the border between the two nations, but it is now "catching up" with the progress of the neighbour.

The Eastern Command General Officer Commanding-in-Chief also said the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is "normal but some amount of unpredictability" is there.

As a 'Guest of Gauhati



Press Club', Kalita said, "They (China) started constructing infrastructure much before us. We are, slightly as a nation, late in commencing construction of infrastructure but

now we are catching up." There has been tremendous effort in developing infrastructure all along the border with China, whether it is in Ladakh or Sikkim or Arunachal Pradesh or

Uttarakhand or Himachal, he added.

On how prepared Indian forces are compared to their Chinese counterparts, Kalita said, "Our preparation in the last two decades has been tremendous... The terrain on the Indian side is difficult due to the mountain range, while it is a plateau on the Chinese side." He said the government is building roads and tracks for basic connectivity and helipads for mobile communication.

"As part of the vibrant village programme, India is creating a lot of

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## Jambu Zoo roars to life with arrival of Lions and Tigers



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

In a momentous event, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun

Kumar Mehta Tuesday paid a visit to Jambu Zoo Nagrota today, witnessing the grand arrival of majestic big cats.

The zoo proudly welcomed Tiger and Tigris from Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Lion and

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## Congress symbol of corruption, nepotism and appeasement: PM Modi



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAIPUR, NOV 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the Congress is a symbol of corruption, nepotism and appeasement – three evils preventing India

from becoming a developed nation. Addressing a public meeting in poll-bound Rajasthan's Baran district, the prime minister said Congress leaders are unruly and the people of the

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## One more held in case of weapons delivery to militants through Drones

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

The National Investigation Agency has arrested an accused in a Pakistan-backed terrorism case involving the delivery of weapons through drones to militants active in Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Tuesday.

Zakir Hussain (22), a resident of Kathua district in the Jammu region, is the eighth accused to be arrested in the case, a spokesperson of the federal probe agency said.

The case was taken over by the federal agency on July 30 last year.

The local police registered the case on May 29 last year following the interception of a drone and seizure of several rounds of Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) along with magnetic bombs near the Dhalli area in Kathua.

The spokesperson said Hussain was arrested by an NIA team in Jammu on Monday. He was allegedly involved in collecting, receiving and transporting the weapons dropped from across the international border to militants active in Kashmir, the officials said.

One of the seven

accused arrested earlier had died due to cardiac arrest while in judicial custody in August last year, while two Pakistan-based terror operatives are absconding, the spokesperson said.

The seven arrested accused and the two absconders were earlier chargesheeted by NIA on January 12 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Arms Act, the Explosive Substances Act and the Indian Penal Code.

Officials said the accused were working on the directions of their

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## 28-yr-old man found hanging

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOV 21

A 28-year-old man, hailing from Deoli village of Teryath Tehsil in Rajouri district was found hanging from a tree on Tuesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Akram (28), son of Sultan Mohammad resident of Deoli Teryath. Police told the news agency that the body of the deceased was on Tuesday morning found hanging from a tree at his native village. A team reached the spot and took the body into their possession, police said. Police informed that the medico-legal formalities have been conducted in the hospital while investigation into matter is going on.

## 60-year-old man dies

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOV 21

A 60-year-old man from Dhanore Dindian village of Rajouri died after a car he was travelling in met with an accident near Rajouri town on Tuesday. Police officials told the news agency that an accident took place when a car bearing registration number JK11C-8560 was

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## DIPR participates in prestigious 54th IFFI, 17th NFDC Film Bazaar at Goa



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GOA, NOV 21

Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J&K is participating

in prestigious 54th Annual International Film Festival India (IFFI) and 17th edition of NFDC Film Bazaar being held at Goa from 20th to 28th November

2023. The festival is being attended by international film stakeholders from multiple countries like Russia, Canada, UK, South

Africa, among others. Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, MP, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh are also participating in this grand event.

On the second day of the event, DIPR team led by Nodal Officer, J&K Film Policy, actively participated in the 17th edition of NFDC Film Bazaar, an essential marketplace for film professionals, creating opportunities for collaboration and distribution. The team actively engaged with reputed international filmmakers from countries like United Kingdom, Russia,

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## Army installs 104-ft tall National flag near LoC in Tithwal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOV 21

The Indian Army on Tuesday installed a 104-ft tall national flag near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Tithwal area of Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The flag was hoisted by General Officer Commanding of 15 Corps Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai at the Tithwal-Chileena Crossing Point (TCCP)," an official said here.

The flag, which is less than 100 metres from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, has been named Azmat-e-Hind, the official said.

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## India dismisses 'unwarranted and habitual' reference to Kashmir by Pakistan during UNSC debate

**AGENCIES**  
UNITED NATIONS, NOV 21

India has dismissed an "unwarranted and habitual" reference to Kashmir made by Pakistan during a Security Council meeting here.

India's retort came at the UN Security Council open debate on 'Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Promoting Sustaining Peace through Common Development'.

The debate was held under China's Presidency after Pakistan's UN envoy Munir Akram made a reference to Kashmir in his



remarks at the debate. "I will take not more than a few seconds to dismiss the unwarranted and habitual remarks made by a Permanent Representative earlier against my country and I will not dignify them with a response here," Counsellor in

India's Permanent Mission to the UN R. Madhu Sudan said Monday.

Pakistan consistently rakes up the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at various UN platforms, irrespective of the agenda and topic of discussion at the meetings and fails to

garner any traction.

Tensions between India and Pakistan have spiked since New Delhi abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. India's decision evoked strong reactions from Pakistan, which downgraded diplomatic ties and expelled the Indian envoy. India has categorically told the international community that the scrapping of Article 370 was an internal matter. It also advised Pakistan to accept the reality and stop all anti-India propaganda.

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## Fire breaks out at factory in Gangyal area

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

A fire broke out in a factory in the Gangyal area of Jammu on Tuesday.

Fire tenders are engaged in efforts to douse the blaze.

No casualties have been reported in the incident till the filing of this report. As of now, the cause of the fire is unknown.

More details are awaited.

Earlier this week, three tourists were killed and eight others had to be rescued after a fire broke out at a Houseboat on Dal Lake in Srinagar district on November 11.

According to officials, three tourists from Ban-



gladesh who were staying in houseboat Safeena lost their lives in the devastating fire.

As per officials, the

flames quickly spread and engulfed five houseboats namely Safeena, Sabreena, Young Gulshan, Lala Rukh, and Khar Palace.

Moreover, seven residential huts and neighbouring houses in the vicinity were also gutted in the ensuing blaze.



## World Heritage Week: Twin Exhibitions on rare Manuscripts and Artifacts organised in Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

The World Heritage Week is being observed globally from 19th to 25th November every year. The event marks the celebration and spread of awareness about Art, Culture and Heritage of a place. The Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums which is the vanguard of Art and Culture of Dogra Pride is also celebrating the World Heritage Week with vigour and enthusiasm.

To mark the occasion, a special exhibition on rare Manuscripts, Royal Albums and Historical Records has been organized in Archives Repository, Jammu.

Similarly, an exhibition of Artefacts, Manuscripts, Paintings, and Numismatics etc has also been organized in Dogra Art Museum, Jammu. A



number of students from schools and colleges of Jammu have been invited to come to the Department for familiarization and awareness about Dogra Art and Culture. A number of schools have visited the Museum where they show keen interest in Manuscripts, Royal Albums and Historical Record, objects and artefacts put on display. The children of various schools were taken for a guided tour of different

galleries of the Museum and Archives Repository where they were made aware of history and significance of various Art objects by well-trained guides. The event is being closely monitored and supervised by Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Assistant Director Archives, Archaeology and Museum, Jammu & Sh. Mukul Magotra, Curator, Dogra Art Museum, Jammu. Pardeep Kumar, Director Archives, Archae-

ology and Museum, J&K is very keen and particular about spreading the awareness of Art and Culture to every nook and corner of the UT of J&K. To give fillip to this objective, instructions have been imparted from the Director to make the event a grand success by inviting more and more people and institutions for the occasion so that a comprehensive awareness about Art and Culture is generated.

On a post-monsoon visit to Gool, the Director along with a team of officers interacted with the Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan and other PRIs and took stock of their issues and concerns. The Director was accompanied by SDM Gool, Tanveer-Ul-Majid, members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, ACD, Ashok Katoch, DFO, Rajan Singh, CHO, Anil Gorka, CAO, Ram Gopal Sharma, BDO,

## Central Nodal Officer-JSA-CTR visits Gool

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 21

The Director (Law & Order), Internal Security-I Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Central Nodal Officer (CNO) for Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)- Catch the Rain (CTR), Nishtha Tiwari, along with Scientist Central Ground water, Chandreyee De, today visited Sub Division Gool as a part of their 3-day visit to district Ramban.

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The Director was accompanied by SDM Gool, Tanveer-Ul-Majid, members of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, ACD, Ashok Katoch, DFO, Rajan Singh, CHO, Anil Gorka, CAO, Ram Gopal Sharma, BDO,



Tanjeel Runyal, Executive Engineer, JSD, Rajiv Ghai and other concerned engineers and officials.

The Director appreciated the District Administration for implementing inputs given by the Central team during the pre-monsoon visit to the district in the current year. She also advised the departments to construct more soakage pits for ground water recharging, besides ensuring Geo-tagging of all water bodies in the district.

The Central team

inspected Amrit Sarovars and other assets constructed for storage of water under 'Catch the Rain, Where it falls, When it falls' initiative by the RDD and other line departments in Sub Division, Gool. The developmental projects being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission in the area were also inspected.

Inspecting the historic site and springs at Ghoda Gali, the Director informed that the Jal Shakti Abhiyan is a flagship programme of the Government of India focused on ensuring water

security and conservation in the country.

During the interaction with PRIs and locals, the Director and Scientist CGW sensitized them about the importance of water conservation, promoting water harvesting, and improving infrastructure for water storage and distribution.

They asked them to understand the need of water conservation and its judicious use, protection and preservation of water sources and rain water harvesting to ensure safe and sufficient water availability for our future generations.

The Chairperson, DDC Ramban also discussed various issues pertaining to the water harvesting, besides apprising her about initiatives taken by the departments for ensuring ground water recharging and water harvesting under 'Catch the Water' programme in the district.

## 'World Fisheries Day' celebrated at Ganderbal

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 21

The 'World Fisheries Day' was today celebrated with full zeal and zest at Trout Fish Farm Mammar, here in solidarity with the fishermen and fish farmers of Ganderbal.

The day is celebrated worldwide every year to pay tribute to the fishermen community who contribute to 25% of the total protein requirement of the human population.

The celebration was presided over by ADDC Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmed Simnani; SDM Kangan, Javid Ahmed Rather, Scientists from SKUAST (K) and Central University were also present.

A huge gathering of students and farmers were also present on the occasion.

The program was conducted in collaboration with KVK and the Department of Fisheries,



Ganderbal. Appreciating the efforts of the Fisheries department, ADDC Ganderbal applauded the importance of the world Fisheries day and emphasized the need for sustainable fisheries in and around the world.

SDM Kangan praised the efforts put in by all the stakeholders for management and conservation of Fisheries resources in the state of J&K, with particular reference to District Ganderbal.

Earlier, Assistant Direc-

tor Fisheries Ganderbal, Salman Rauoof Chalkoo briefed the audience about the importance of World Fisheries Day along with the efforts put in by the Department of Fisheries for farmer upliftment and economic upgradation.

In consonance with Yuva Vani under HADP, the students were briefed about the holistic approach to be adopted by the young generation to adopt fish farming and other agricultural practices. The students of the central university Kashmir presented two cultural events of Kashmiri attire.

The magazine on Holistic Agricultural Development plan was also showcased during the event.

## DIET Doda hosts Folk music, District-Level-Role-Play competition to promote Adolescence Education Program

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
DODA, NOVEMBER 21

District Institute of Education and Training Doda, in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education today organised District-Level Role Play and Folk Song and Dance Competition to promote National Population/Adolescence Education Program, Jammu.

Chief Education Officer Parshotam Das Gouria inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest. It was a grand success held under guidance and supervision of DIET Principal Sandhra Malhotra.

A total of 10 teams from different Zones of District Doda participated in the twin events. In the Role-Play event, the Team from Government Higher Secondary School (Girls) Doda emerged the winner, while the Team



from Government Higher Secondary School (Boys) Doda won Folk Song/Dance competition.

The event was anchored by Basit Masood Suharwardy.

Jaffer Hussain Zarger, Sr.Lect, Physics and Ajit Babu, Lecturer Chemistry were Jury for Role-play and Naseem-ul-haq Butt, a prominent figure in the field of music and

singing was the Jury for Folk Song/Dance.

The event was managed by the Coordinator of the program, Mussarat Jahan Mintoo, Sr. Lect, DIET; Doda presented the Vote of thanks.

The event concluded with presenting of prizes to winners and certificates of participation to winners. She extended the Vote of thanks to the

Principal for her Guidance that encouraged them to do their Best.

Special thanks to Basit for his efforts towards anchoring the event. His own ideas & elegance of explanation was Highly Appreciated. She extended sincere gratitude to all colleagues (DIET Faculty) for their cooperation who worked hard for smooth conduct of the event.

## DC reviews realisation of Developmental Deliverables in Rajouri District

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 21

In a proactive effort to boost developmental outcomes, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of the Line Departments in achieving developmental Deliverables. During the comprehensive meeting, different departments such as PMGSY, PDD, PWD(R&B), Jal Shakti, Labour, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Agriculture, Health, and Education were scrutinized for their performance. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal directed the departments to intensify efforts to ensure the achievement of developmental targets.

Acknowledging the diverse sectors under review, the meeting under-



scored the importance of a collective and concerted approach towards development. The concerned officers were directed to redouble their efforts in meeting the stipulated developmental targets within the established timeframe.

Emphasizing the need for optimal resource management, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal directed the officers to meticulously adhere to predefined parameters, underscoring the importance of a systematic approach and thorough documentation. To

enhance on-the-ground outcomes, officers were tasked with prioritizing transformative activities in their respective domains, fostering increased efficiency in overall governance.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal highlighted the significance of inter-departmental convergence and coordination, advocating for the pooling of resources to synergize efforts and expedite the realization of desired results within the designated timeline. The DDC accentuated the impor-

tance of close monitoring of progress, underscoring its pivotal role in achieving tangible and quantifiable outcomes.

The meeting was attended by the DFO Nowshera Satyendra Maurya; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; SE PWD(R&B), Devi Dayal; DMO, Naseeb Bajrang; DSWO, Abdul Rahim; CAO, Sohan Singh; CAHO, Dr Khalid Hussain; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO, Sultana Kouser; XENs of PWD, Jal Shakti, PMGSY, PDD and other concerned officers.

## Chairperson DDC B'la presides General Meeting; reviews progress of Developmental Projects

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 21

In order to take a first-hand appraisal of Department wise progress, District Capex, Aspirational District Programme, Area Development Fund and other sectors, the Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla, Safina Beigh today chaired a general meeting of all DDC Members and Officers at Dak Bungalow, here.

Among members of DDC, the meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf; ACD, Officers of R&B, Health, Education, PDD besides District and Sectoral officers of all the departments. At the outset, the Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the physi-

cal and financial progress achieved in developmental works being executed under different sectors in the district during the year 2023-24. He also briefed the chair about the physical progress of the Area Development plan and apprised about the completed works so far.

The officers of R&B, RDD, Education, PDD, Health and Jal Shakti gave sector wise briefings of different works and presented in-depth details of the progress of developmental projects.

During the meeting, it was informed that a total of 399 new works have been completed under Area Development Fund including PRI/ BDC/ DDC Grants and the work for ongoing works stands at 50.

Similarly, it was also given out that 442 works have been completed under District Capex and

2004 new projects have been tendered in various sectors including R&B, Health, PHE and others.

With regard to the tendering status (Department wise) under ADF for PRI Grants, the meeting was further apprised that 338 new projects have been completed against 1420 works allotted for execution.

After threadbare discussion and sector wise review, Safina Beigh exhorted upon all the concerned officers to gear up the process for completion of targets and utilization of 100% funds to avoid lapse. The Chairperson stressed upon the officers to maintain transparency and accountability in the execution of works.

Safena Beigh further stressed on close monitoring of ongoing works to ensure quality and adherence to timelines.

With regard to the

impediments in the ongoing projects, the Chairperson DDC Baramulla asked the members of DDC to keep a vigil on the working nature of the contractors adding that the contractors taking unnecessary delay in the execution of works will be blacklisted.

Furthermore, the Chairperson DDC emphasized for mobilising all the available resources productively and effectively for achieving the desired results. She also assured full cooperation on her part and added that socio-economic development should be sole priority.

Meanwhile, the BDOs were asked to share the data of the works completed, tendered out and under execution with the respective PRIs to ensure transparency and an enabling environment for development in their respective constituencies/blocks.

## Tribal Poetry Festival celebrates Nature-Centric Creativity during Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah in Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

The Tribal Poetry Festival, a key highlight of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah (Tribal Pride Week), unfolded at the Abhinav Theatre Com-

plex in Jammu, showcasing the rich tapestry of tribal poetry.

The festival organized by the Department of Tribal Affairs, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, witnessed the convergence of 50

tribal poets from diverse regions of Jammu and Kashmir, sharing their heartfelt poetic expressions.

The event was graced by the presence of Ch. Ghulam Sarwar Chouhan, a prominent Gojri poet,

who presided over the gathering. The presidium included luminaries such as Musheer Ahmad Mirza, Director of Tribal Affairs; Dr. Abdul Khahir, Deputy Director, Tribal Research Institute; Dr. Javaid Rahi, tribal researcher; and

Shiekh Sajjad.

Musheer Ahmad Mirza, in his address, emphasized the department's commitment to fostering tribal culture and identity through literary and cultural events.

Dr. Abdul Khahir eluci-

dated the festival's aim of nurturing tribal creativity and enhancing the understanding of tribal poetic expressions. He further stressed that the Tribal Poetry Festival stood as a testament to the rich and diverse cultural heritage

of the tribal communities in Jammu and Kashmir, underlining the significance of such events in promoting and preserving the unique tribal identities and their poetic expressions.

A significant announce-

ment was the upcoming publication of a Tribal Poetry compilation, featuring languages like Gojri, Shina, Boti, and Bhamroni/Gaddi, marking a milestone in preserving and promoting tribal literary heritage.



## DLCC reviews enforcement of Tobacco Control measures in Rajouri District



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 21

To fortify the ongoing efforts towards tobacco control, a pivotal meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) was convened today here under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

The focus of the meeting was to enhance the capacity of stakeholders and foster a comprehensive understanding of the enforcement provisions outlined in The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003, commonly known as

COTPA, 2003. The meeting provided a detailed overview of the agenda, elucidating the roles and responsibilities of DLCC members in the context of NTCP.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner fervently urged all stakeholders present to actively participate in the stringent enforcement of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003, commonly known as

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, he emphasized the pivotal role each stakeholder plays in generating public awareness, particularly

among the youth. The DC underscored the hazardous effects of tobacco use, emphasizing that it is not merely an individual concern but a shared responsibility in safeguarding public health.

In alignment with this imperative, the DC directed the Chief Education Officer to take a proactive role, and directions were passed to create awareness among students about the perils of tobacco consumption.

The meeting served as a collaborative platform, fostering dialogue and coordination among diverse stakeholders. The Participants representing different sectors contributed insights and expertise to strengthen the local implementation of anti-

tobacco measures.

The DLCC affirmed its commitment to the cause of tobacco control, acknowledging the significance of a united front in mitigating the detrimental impact of tobacco on community health. As the DLCC takes decisive steps, it reaffirms its dedication to building a healthier and tobacco-free future for the district.

The meeting was attended by the CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; Dy CMO, CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; CAO, Sohan Singh; ARTO, Pawan Kumar; DTO, Dr Khalid Hussain and other concerned officers.

## DC Kathua kick starts Wheat Sowing across Indo-Pak International Border in Hiranagar Sector

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas today kick started wheat sowing across the Indo Pak Border in Hiranagar Sector.

SDM Hiranagar, Manisha Koul and Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Rai were also present.

After inaugurating the new crop season, the DC Kathua said, "We are encouraging farmers of the border belt to bring more vacant land under cultivation along the Indo-Pak international Border. The farmers are also being motivated for integrated farming, using the latest machinery to reduce the cost of farming to enhance income in agriculture production".

He further said, "District Administration, Border Security Force and Department of Agriculture Kathua are working in coordination with farmers to facilitate safe and secure cultivation of the Rabi and Kharif crops across the fence. While interacting with local farmers the DC said



provided machines such as Tractor, Cultivator to farmers actually involved in border sowing and Team of officers/ officials from the department are also technically facilitating the farmers in every aspect, he added. The CAO further disclosed that "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for effective sowing of wheat crop by using Super Seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as ploughing, sowing and planking of the field simultaneously, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods."

President, Border Farmers' Association Nanak Chand who is also a progressive farmer, said "the farmers of the Border Areas appreciate relentless efforts of Agriculture Department Kathua for facilitating us in sowing our lands across the Indo-Pak International border and now we are able to cultivate in both Rabi and Kharif Seasons."

On the occasion Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta, informed that for the current fiscal the Department of Agriculture kathua has set a target of Wheat Sowing in 300 Acres of land during Rabi 2023-24 across the fence. He said "about 200 acres of land across the fence was sown today in which 67 farmers from villages of Chack Changa, Karol Krishna, Karol Maithrian and Chann Tanda participated". To facilitate effective sowing across the fence, the Department of Agriculture has also pro-

## Chairperson DDC Kulgam presides over Annual Day celebration of MS Katrasoo

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 21

The Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, Mohammad Afzal Parry, today presided over the Annual Day celebrations held at Middle School Katrasoo, Kulgam as chief guest.

On the occasion, the Chairperson DDC stressed upon school authorities that quality education must be prioritised, teachers must give their best to facilitate the children so as to ensure result oriented outcomes.

He also emphasised upon school children to take part in sports activities and other extracurricular activities, along with regular studies in order to nourish their potential for their overall upliftment.

He appreciated the department for taking sincere efforts towards the deliverance of quality education and thanked the school administration for inviting him on their big day.

On the occasion, students participated in various activities including debate, speech and cultural events and showcased talent.

Chief Education Officer, Mushtaq Ahmad Qadri, other staff and students were also present.

## GDC Ajas organises Awareness programme on Corporal Punishment, its ill effects

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 21

The Government Degree College (GDC) Ajas, under the banner of 'My Constitution My Pride', today organised an awareness programme on Corporal Punishment and its detrimental effects.

The event aimed to shed light on the repercussions of corporal punishment and promote a culture of understanding and empathy in educational institutions.

On the occasion, Bilal Ahmad Bhat, from the Department of Education, emphasized the importance of creating a nurturing educational environment free from physical discipline, fostering intellectual growth and emotional well-being.

Dr. Mohammad Husain Yattoo, a member of the Department of Political Science, provided a broader societal perspective on the implications of corporal punishment, linking it to fundamental human rights and the principles enshrined in the constitution. The Principal, Prof Dr. Parveen Kousar eloquently articulated the college's commitment to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment. She emphasized the pivotal role of educators in shaping the future by adopting non-violent disciplinary measures.

## District-wide SVEEP initiatives in Pulwama raise Voter Awareness for Stronger Democracy

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 21

A series of impactful Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiatives have been carried out across the district, demonstrating the commitment of educational institutions to fostering civic responsibility and voter awareness.

In this connection, notable events were hosted by Government Degree College Tral, Government Degree College Pampore and Government Polytechnic College Pulwama.

Government Degree College Tral organized a Special Lecture Series as part of the Voter Awareness

Programme (SVEEP). Dr. Nisar Ahmad Meer's lecture on 'Democracy and Elections' underscored the pivotal role elections play in democracy. Dr. M. Shafi Bhat's lecture on the 'Importance of SVEEP' highlighted the program's role in educating citizens about the electoral process.

Simultaneously, Government Degree College Pampore conducted a 'Special Awareness Drive for Women Voters'. Dr. Mudasir emphasized the transformative power of voting in a democracy, particularly as an instrument of social change. Dr. Mudasir Ahmad Qazi highlighted the government's commendable efforts to reduce the gender gap

in the political process through the Election Commission's initiatives.

Government Polytechnic College Pulwama hosted a dynamic one-day program under SVEEP activities. Principal Er. Firdoce Ahmad Itoo expressed the institution's dedication to instilling civic duty and awareness among students and staff, recognizing the power they hold in shaping the nation's future through voting.

SVEEP, as the flagship program of the Election Commission of India, aims at voter education, spreading awareness and promoting literacy. The activities conducted by these institutions focused on educating electors

about procedures for voter registration, correction of details, and deletion of names of shifted or deceased family members.

Moreover, SVEEP activities aimed to inform citizens about various online and offline facilities available for ethical voting. This includes guidance on how to cast a vote and contribute to preventing corrupt practices during elections.

These district-wide SVEEP initiatives, involving Government Degree Colleges have significantly contributed to enhancing voter literacy, demystifying the electoral process, and encouraging active participation in the democratic journey.

## DDC spearheads initiatives to Enhance Cooperative Development & Entrepreneurship in Reasi district



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, NOVEMBER 21

A pivotal meeting of the District Cooperatives Development Committee (DCDC) was today chaired by District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan to underscore initiatives to invigorate cooperative development and entrepreneurship.

The District Rural Cooperative Society (DRCS) outlined departmental efforts to fortify cooperative movement, prompting an extensive dialogue on the feasibility of the World's Largest Grain Storage Project. Instructions were issued to the Revenue Department for identifying suitable land. NABARD's role in providing a list of existing Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) for targeting uncovered blocks through PACS was emphasized.

The committee tackled goals such as establishing multipurpose PACS in unreached Panchayats, implementing the PM Kisan Samridhi Kendra initiative via PACS, utilizing PACS as Common Service Centers, and establishing Jan Aushadi Kendras through PACS for rural access to generic medicines. Coordination between the NRLM and Cooperatives department was stressed for involving Self-Help Group (SHG) members in new M-PACS/dairy/fishery Cooperatives.

Special focus was directed towards forming Wool Producers Cooperatives to provide market opportunities. Agricultural and Allied sectors were urged to identify products for registration under National Cooperative Organic Society, National Cooperative Export Society, and Bhartiya Beej Sehkari Samiti. The committee also dis-

cussed training programs on Milk Processing, food processing, and value addition of existing Agricultural/Allied Produce.

The DC was briefed on on-boarding Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) as Common Service Centers (CSCs), with directives to ensure inter-departmental collaboration to meet set targets.

In a subsequent District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting, chaired by DDC Vishesh Mahajan, the progress of the MUMKIN scheme was evaluated. Assistant Director of Employment, Rekha Bali, elucidated the scheme's guidelines.

After meticulous review, the DDC approved 34 new cases under MUMKIN, showcasing the district's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship. Emphasizing efficiency, he instructed veri-

fication of pending cases and prompt forwarding of newly approved cases to banks. The meeting boasted attendance from key officials in various departments, affirming a collaborative approach towards enhancing cooperative development and economic opportunities in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Reasi, Jyoti Slathia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Anshumali Sharma, General Manager DIC, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Reasi, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Medical Officer Reasi, DPM NRLM, Assistant Director Employment, Assistant Director CAPD and representatives from Sheep Husbandry, Tourism, DCCB, NABARD and Fisheries Departments.

## Div Com Jammu reviews arrangements for annual Jhiri Mela



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the arrangements being put in place by different departments for annual Jhiri Mela 2023.

The arrangements discussed in the meeting mainly included sanitation, uninterrupted electricity, ensuring of regular and safe drinking water, security arrangements, adequate stocks of ration, provision of health facilities, mobile toilets, accommodation for the devotees, deployment of fire tenders at the venue.

The Div Com emphasized on maintaining

cleanliness and hygiene in and around the vicinity during Jhiri Mela and directed the concerned departments to place dustbins in and around the temple.

The R&B department was asked to complete the blacktopping and up-gradation work of approach roads to Jhiri well before commencing of the Mela. Jal Shakti Department was asked to ensure uninterrupted water supply with provision for additional water tanks at Langer sites.

The Div Com also directed the line departments to install their departmental stalls to disseminate awareness about Government schemes especially among the farmers.

Inquiring about the cultural programmes, the Div Com directed Secretary JKAACL and Director Tourism to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

The Div Com also reviewed in detail traffic arrangement and instructed concerned officers to formulate a traffic management plan well before the Mela for smooth flow of traffic.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; SSP Jammu, SSP Traffic besides HoDs of RDD, Jal Shakti, and senior officers of PWD, Health, JPDCL, SDM Marh.

## DDC Kulgam reviews RDD sector works, instructs to develop durable assets

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 21

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers and officials of Rural Development Department and Panchayat Raj (RDD&PR) at mini-secretariat here to review the functioning, progress and implementation status of various schemes in the district.

During the meeting, ACD, Mohammad Imran apprised the chair about the progress made under various schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY-G, District Capex, etc and informed that 45259 active job cards have been issued during the ongoing year with 30 percent women job card workers ratio.

The meeting was informed that 4184 works under MGNREGA during year 2023-24 have been taken-up and completed with a wage disbursement of Rs. 40.85 crores and under PMAY (G), against



and beautiful, by adhering to the proper strategies of waste management.

Dr Bilal called for timely completion of all the works with judicious utilization of funds, while ensuring quality of work, in order to create durable assets.

The meeting was attended by ACR, Imtiyaz-Ul Aziz, CPO, Zahid Sajjad, ACP, Shurjeel Ahmad, Exen, Rev, BDOs and other officers and officials.

the target of 5999 units, 2454 units have been completed whereas 3545 are under progress and the expenditure cost is around 62.59 crore as on date.

It was also shared that under District Capex, 1925 works have been approved, out of which 1207 works have been completed with an expenditure of Rs 751.53 crores.

The DDC instructed the concerned to expedite the process of works under District Capex 2023-24 and PMAY (G) and complete the same within set timelines.

He also stressed upon concerned to work religiously to make all villages of the district clean

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## Apollo Hospitals successfully treated 66-year-old female suffering from liver cirrhosis with hypertension

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 21

Apollo Hospitals, a leading healthcare institution, recently treated successfully a 66-year-old patient from Tajikistan with a complex and long standing medical condition.

The patient was diagnosed with compensated cirrhosis of the liver and portal hypertension, a condition in which the liver is scarred and blood flow through the liver is impaired due to increased pressure in the blood vessels along with a severely reduced level of proteins and albumin, leading to swelling in her entire body. She was evaluated for this at multiple centres and was advised a liver transplantation.

Upon presentation to IAH, she had a swollen abdomen, swelling in both lower limbs, and significant abdominal discomfort and was restricted to her bed, unable to move because of these issues. The protein and albumin levels in her body were significantly low. After further investigations, she was found to have compensated cirrhosis of the liver with portal hypertension, Grade II Hiatus Hernia (a condition where part of the stomach pushes up into the chest through an opening in the diaphragm), small esophageal varices (swollen blood vessels in the tube connecting the throat to the



stomach), and mild Portal Hypertensive Gastropathy (PHG) (a condition where the lining of the stomach becomes irritated due to increased pressure in the portal vein, the vein that carries blood from the digestive organs to the liver).

Under the expert care and supervision of Dr. Yogesh Batra, Senior Consultant in Gastroenterology at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, the patient was admitted on 23rd September 2023. Dr. Batra and his team embarked on a comprehensive treatment plan tailored to the patient's unique medical needs. She remained under medical care with multimodality treatment to help with the underlying cause of liver cirrhosis as well as the varied symptoms arising out of it. She gradually showed signs of improvement, with an improved appetite, significant decrease in the swelling over legs and abdomen as well as improvement in mobility wherein she was

able to walk herself out of the hospital.

After 8 days of inpatient care, she was finally discharged in significantly better shape, with near normal blood parameters and liver function.

Speaking on the same, Dr. Yogesh Batra, Senior Consultant said, "This complex case presented a significant medical challenge, but our priority was to provide a precise diagnosis and multidisciplinary care to manage the patient's condition effectively, with medical care only and without the need for an urgent liver transplant. The successful treatment of this case is a testament to the expertise and dedication of our team at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, as well as the collaboration between our medical experts and the patient's determination. We are committed to providing our patients with the highest quality of care, and we are proud to have helped this patient achieve a better quality of life."

## FICCI FLO JKL delegation of 21 Women Entrepreneurs meets Vice President of India in New Delhi



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOV 21

Varuna Anand, Chairperson of FICCI FLO Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh, spearheaded a delegation comprising 21 distinguished Women Entrepreneurs representing a diverse array of expertise and achievements. The delegation convened at the residence of the Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, in New Delhi for an insightful and engaging dialogue centered around pivotal issues concerning women's empowerment and societal progress. Also present for the interaction were Dr. Sudesh Dhanakar, wife of Hon'ble Vice President & his daughter Kamna.

Accompanying Mrs. Varuna Anand were esteemed members of the delegation including Kunwarani Ritu Singh, Ruchika Gupta, Mona Saraf, Pooja Gandotra, Chandni Kapoor, Ridhima Dewan, Namrata Modi, Sanya Bansal, Payal Saraf, Naina Kukreja, Sapna Rohmetra, Neha Mahajan, Kanupriya Garg, Dr.

Palki Sharma, CA Samriti Kohli, Adishree Singh, Aditi Chopra Puri, Dhriti Jain, Parakh Jain & Geetika G Mahajan.

The meeting, a platform for meaningful discourse, delved into various facets of women's empowerment, advocating for policies and initiatives that promote gender parity, inclusivity, and empowerment across the nation.

The Hon'ble Vice President patiently interacted with each member engaging them with his knowledge & wit. He also shed light on many women-centric initiatives by the current government under the able leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chairperson Varuna Anand expressed her gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice President for his receptiveness and shared her insights on the imperative role played by women in driving social, economic, and cultural progress. She underscored the need for collaborative efforts and robust policies to create an enabling environment for women to excel in diverse

fields. The FICCI FLO JKL gifted him a painting created by artist Savtanter Bhart during a two day Art camp held by FLO JKL at Suchetgarh Border symbolizing, peace, growth Development and the role of BSF in keeping our Borders secure.

The Hon'ble Vice President extended his appreciation to the delegation for their dedication to advancing the cause of women's empowerment. He reiterated the government's commitment to fostering an ecosystem that nurtures and supports the aspirations of women from all walks of life.

The meeting concluded with an immaculately well planned & guided tour of the New & Old Parliament House, which was a moment of great pride and honor for the delegation.

This rendezvous stands as a testament to the collective determination and collaborative spirit of the FICCI FLO JKL Chapter, in championing the cause of women's empowerment and paving the way for a more progressive and inclusive society.

## Army hoists 104 feet high National Flag at Tithwal, Karnah along LoC



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, 21 NOV

Chinar Corps Commander, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai hoisted the tallest tricolor in the area from the ramparts of Tithwal-Chileana Crossing Point (TCCP), Tithwal in the presence of civil & military dignitaries of Kupwara District. The flag named as "Azmat-e-Hind" was hoisted at Tithwal just 100 meters from Lower Neelum Valley Road of POK. The tricolour flag hoisted at Tithwal is a symbol of our national pride.

The inauguration of the flag was followed by a cultural program organised by the students of AGS, Tithwal and the

people of Karnah valley. The event culminated with the interaction of Chinar Corps Commander with the citizens who were present in a large number. Approximately 500 people, including School Children, Ex-Servicemen and civil dignitaries, participated in the event.

The Chinar Corps Commander also inaugurated the 1st edition of Tiranga Cup-2023 Cricket Tournament at Shan-e-Tithwal Cricket ground. The tournament will be played over a period of three weeks from 21 Nov to 13 Dec. A total of 32 teams from Karnah sub division will be participating in the tournament.

## GoC 15 Corps Rajiv Ghai inaugurates Vegetarian eatery at LoC Teetwal



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
TEETWAL (KASHMIR) NOV 21

Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai, Commander 15 Corps Badami Bagh Cantt visited Crossing Point LoC Teetwal, today and threw open to public a Vegetarian Eatery meant for Veg food lovers, who throng Sharda Temple and other places around Teetwal. Among those present were GoC 28 Infantry Kupwara Girish Kalia, 104 Brigade Commander Kumara Das and thousands of locals & Children. On this occasion a 104 ft high Indian flag was

erected & unfurled right on LoC. Sharda Yatra Construction Committee members Ajaz Khan & others were also present on the occasion. Ravinder Pandita Head & Founder of Save Sharda Committee thanked Indian Army for setting up of the vegetarian eatery. "This will not only cater to yatri of Sharda temple but to the locals also in general" said Ravinder Pandita.

A colourful event marked the event and Tiranga Cricket tournament was also started at Shan-e-Teetwal cricket ground today.

## Vikasit Bharat Yatra reaches Ufti-Pibiting Zanskar

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
ZANSKAR, 21-NOVEMBER-2023:

Vikasit Bharat Yatra reached Ufti Pibiting Panchayat today, to ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government.

During the event, Block level officers of RD & PR, Agriculture, Health, PHE, Handloom, FCS & CA, besides other line departments were present.

Day Nodal officer Tsewang Rigzin (BDO) Zanskar briefed the participants on various beneficiary oriented schemes and highlighted the participant about the ideas behind VBSY.

During the event Tsering Norboo SDAO zanskar spoke at length about various schemes being implemented through the Agriculture Department.

Comprehensive health screening was conducted,

including online registration of eligible beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat.

A total of 6 Golden cards were distributed and 6 beneficiaries were registered as of now.

Besides 20 persons were screened for TB and samples were collected.

During the programme the Agriculture Department has saturated the kyc of Beneficiary under PMKISSAN and did Aadhar seeding of 10 beneficiaries.

The camp also focused to mitigate all the issues related to EKYC to avail the financial incentive of all the ongoing schemes of various departments.

Sarpanch stongday panchayat Pasang Ithawang along with all the officers and officials of line department including Panchayat members have enthusiastically greeted the IEC van.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG addresses EEPC...

of 'Engineering Goods' as one of the major contributors to export growth and its 7.2 percent growth in comparison to previous year, shows the relentless efforts of our dynamic entrepreneurs and EEPC India with an aim to promote 'Make in India' and to establish our capability across the globe.

At the Award ceremony, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration to optimize the immense potential of the business and Industry sector in Jammu Kashmir.

"I invite the industry captains to experience the urban transformation happening in our cities like Jammu and Srinagar and invest in the UT of J&K. This will also be your contribution to strengthen the nation's unity. I assure every support and assistance from the UT administration," the Lt Governor said.

Now, we have a favorable environment, connectivity, young talent, an improved security scenario and all the infrastructure for industrial growth, he said.

"Jammu Kashmir is offering the investors endless possibility and a partnership in strong profitable growth. If you are looking at the big picture and ready to capture a new segment, then Jammu Kashmir is your new destination," the Lt Governor said.

He called upon the industry leaders, EEPC India and other stakeholders for creating new opportunities for businesses in engineering goods and services.

Our inclusive vision will not only bring prosperity but it will also ensure that new technology and innovations contribute to efficiency and productivity and also focus on equitable and sustainable growth for 'Viksit Bharat', the Lt Governor said

"I am fully confident about the ability of the engineering sector to translate India's dreams into reality," he said.

Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman EEPC India; Pankaj Chadha, Vice Chairman, EEPC India; Pradeep Kumar Aggarwal, Regional Chairman, Northern Region, EEPC India; Suranjan Gupta, Executive Director and other members of EEPC India, industry leaders and exporters were present-(KNO)

### India late in infra...

infrastructure in the villages which are close to the LAC so that basic facilities like education, healthcare are available," Kalita said in freewheeling interaction on a wide range of topics.

On the current situation in the border areas between India and China, he said, "Regarding the LAC in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, the situation is normal, but some amount of unpredictability is there. Problems will remain until the issue is resolved." India-China border is not a settled border and is not demarcated on ground, leading to difference in perceptions, he added.

"What we assume as our border and what they assume as their border - there is a difference in that perception. That leads to a certain amount of escalation. We would like to carry out domination which we know as our own. Then a certain amount of confrontation takes place," Kalita said.

He, however, said almost all issues in the Eastern sector have been resolved through the established mechanism like flag meetings and hotline talks.

"Because of the border not being demarcated, people in those difficult areas go for hunting and herb collec-

tion. That is when they inadvertently cross over to the other side. Then we resolve through the established mechanism and bring them back," the Lieutenant General said. (AGENCIES)

### Jambu Zoo roars...

Lioness from Gujarat, which would add a new dimension to the diverse wildlife population.

During his comprehensive tour of the facility, Dr Mehta actively inquired about the care and facilities provided for the animals, underlining the importance of ensuring their well-being. Expressing optimism, he stated, "I hope that Jambu Zoo will soon be recognized among the best zoos in the country."

Jammu, experiencing significant on-ground changes and rapid development, sees Jambu Zoo as a key attraction, Dr Mehta said.

He, while assessing the situation, identified the opportunity to boost visitor numbers. He emphasized the need to increase awareness among school children and nature enthusiasts about the unique features and behavior of the zoo's diverse inhabitants.

The Chief Secretary said that Jambu Zoo looks forward to a future where it not only will stand as a symbol of wildlife conservation but also captivate the hearts of visitors through its uniqueness.

Dr. Mehta highlighted the distinct features and prime location of the zoo. The visitors coming to the Jammu city and Katra will play a pivotal role in increasing foot-fall.

During his visit, he was accompanied by Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Wildlife Warden, Zoo Manager, and other relevant departmental officers-(KNO)

### Congress symbol of...

state are suffering as the ruling party has handed them over to robbers, rioters and criminals.

"As long as three enemies of the country - corruption, nepotism and appeasement - are among us, it will be difficult to fulfil the resolution to make India a developed nation. The Congress is the biggest symbol of these three evils," Modi told the gathering.

"Be it Congress MLAs or ministers, everyone is unruly and the public is suffering. The Congress has handed over the people of Rajasthan to robbers, rioters, tyrants and criminals," he said.

"Today, even children in Rajasthan are saying 'Gehlot ji, you won't get votes'," he added.

The prime minister also targeted the Congress over the law and order situation in Rajasthan, saying its ministers have been seen standing with those who committed atrocities against sisters and daughters.

The BJP's priority is to ensure women's welfare and safety, Modi said.

The morale of anti-social forces in Rajasthan is high due to Congress support, he said. (Agencies)

### One more held in...

Pakistani handler identified as Sajjad Gul.

"The NIA is continuing with its investigations in the matter to unravel the bigger conspiracy of Pakistan-

backed terrorist groups to carry out acts of terror and violence in Kashmir and across India," the spokesperson said.

### 60-year-old...

on its way to Choudhary Nar from Rajouri, leaving a 60-year-old man travelling in the vehicle severely injured. Identified as Nasir Hussain, son of Barkit Hussain of Dhanore Dindian, the injured was shifted to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri where he succumbed to his injuries.

Police said to have taken up investigation into the matter, adding that a case has been registered-(KNO)

### DIPR participates in...

South Korea and others as well as the renowned filmmakers of India and representatives of Indian Motion Producers Association, PHD Chamber of Commerce and industry, New Delhi, Indian Television Academy at the JK stall of Film Bazaar providing a space for networking and the exploration of new cinematic ventures across Jammu and Kashmir.

The DIPR team during the interaction highlighted the main facets of J&K Film Policy with the visitors and addressed their queries diligently.

Jammu and Kashmir is one of the focus film destinations with 23rd November being focus day for J&K. The DIPR will be pitching the new J&K Film Policy and Film Tourism destinations on this day and the activities will include panel discussions, presentations and screening of videos about the film policy and films being shot in J&K.

The team is represented by Joint Director, DIPR, Vivek Puri; Nodal Officer, J&K, Film Policy, Afaq Gadda; AO, DIPR, Hitesh Choudhary, Tourist Officer, Hyderabad, Mohammad Sajid Kirmani and Film Librarian, Abid Hussain.

Pertinently, the multi-venue festival is being hosted by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and was inaugurated by Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anuragh Thakur. The festival features filmmakers and artists from across countries and abroad-(KNO)

### Army installs 104-ft...

Senior officers from the Army and civil administration were present at the flag-hoisting ceremony.

The towering flag pole is a testament to the resilience of the people of Karnah Valley who continue to stand tall despite facing numerous challenges from both the enemy and nature, the official said.

Following the flag hoisting, Lt Gen Ghai inaugurated the first edition of the Tiranga Cup 2023 cricket tournament at the Shan-e-Tithwal cricket ground.

The tournament is being played over 23 days from 21st November at Tithwal. (Agencies)

### India dismisses 'unwarranted...'

India has told Pakistan that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Islamabad in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence. (Agencies)



## DHEW Jammu organizes free health check-up Camp



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

Mission Shakti - District Hub for Empowerment of women Jammu today organised a free health check-up camp at village Panjgrain, Block Dansal. The health checkup was conducted by a medical team led by Dr. Digvijay, Medical Officer, Staff Member and

Vivek, Regional Manager of Amandeep Hospital, Jammu. Free medicines were also distributed during the camp. Sarpanch, Thoru Ram extended gratitude to District Mission Coordinator Mission Shakti, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Jammu and team of doctors for conducting the health camp at their doorstep.

## GDC Marh organises awareness program on 'Women Empowerment'



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

IQAC, Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with Northern News India (NNI) under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, today organized an interactive session on Women Empowerment. Principal of the college said that the Media is an important pillar of the society and organizing such awareness programmes through this institution is of utmost importance. Kiran Sharma, Reporter of the

channel interacted with faculty and students on different dimensions of Women empowerment. Students of BA 1st and 3rd semester namely Kapil Kumar, Abhay Singh Jamwal, Manish Kumar, Varun Kumar, Aman Verma, Kashish, Sneha Gupta, Harsha Kharoo, Komal Verma, Mishu Devi, Nerakshi Sharma expressed their views and raised queries on different gender issues. The programme was organized by, Prof. Sachin Kumar, Prof. Asha, Dr. Balwinder Saini, Dr. Sheetal, Dr. Shakun and Dr. Ruchika.

## DC discusses action plan for seamless implementation of PM Vishwakarma Scheme in Reasi District



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan today led a crucial meeting to discuss and facilitate the seamless implementation of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, aimed at empowering traditional artisans. GM DIC, Mohammad Anwar Bandy, provided insights into the scheme's objectives, while Ankur Sharma, FM, delivered a comprehensive presentation. DDC Mahajan underscored the initiative's significance in supporting artisans, emphasizing the active involvement of PRI members in beneficiary enrollment. He stressed the need for extensive implementation across municipalities and

panchayats, emphasizing the role of awareness campaigns. Affirming the commitment to effective implementation, Mahajan highlighted the distribution of pamphlets for maximum beneficiary participation. Sensitization and awareness camps were also stressed to ensure eligible artisans are well-informed about the scheme's transformative benefits. The meeting, attended by key officers including ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ACP Pardeep Kumar, PO ICDS, Anwar Bandy and Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Bhawani Attri showcased the district's dedication to uplifting the lives of artisans through this impactful scheme.

## Ajaz Ahmad assumes charge as Director, Sericulture Development Department, J&K



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 21

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat today assumed the charge as Director, Sericulture Development Department, Jammu & Kashmir at Tulsibagh, Srinagar. Soon after taking over the charge, Bhat chaired a meeting of officers/officials of the Department at Directorate of Sericulture Development Department, Tulsibagh Srinagar, where representatives from Sericulture Industry were also present. The Director Sericulture J&K expressed commitment to develop the Sericulture Sector in the

region. He highlighted the rich tradition of sericulture in Jammu & Kashmir and the pivotal role that it has been playing in supporting and nurturing this age-old industry. "As we take charge, our primary focus will be on producing high-quality silk that meets global standards. The Sericulture Development Department has a rich legacy, and we aim to build on that legacy by introducing modern techniques and practices to enhance silk production," stated Bhat. Recognizing the importance of hands-on experience in the sericulture sector, the Director out-

lined plans for exposure visits for silkworm rearsers and departmental employees. These visits are intended to provide valuable insights, share best practices, and foster a collaborative environment within the sericulture community. The Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for Sericulture was also discussed in the meeting and he emphasized to have clear programme for achieving the set targets by the department. Bhat also highlighted the department's commitment to generating employment opportunities for the youth in the region.

## H&H Department inaugurates 'Craft Exhibition' at Gulmarg

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 21

A 10 days 'Craft Exhibition' organized by the Department of H&H Kashmir was today inaugurated in Gulmarg wherein an exhibition-cum-sale of handicraft products is in progress. The exhibition will showcase the finest crafts from Kashmir. 20 Stalls displaying artifacts of various Handicrafts and Handloom Sector have been set up at the exhibition with the objective to provide market linkage to the artisans and to help boost the handicraft sector at the grassroots level. The department is encouraging the people to come forward and avail various schemes and facilities extended by the department.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah. He said that the exhibition would give artisans a suitable marketing platform to sell their products directly to the buyers and will further give the tourists an opportunity to get a glimpse of the rich art and craft of Kashmir.

The Director H&H inspected the Stalls and interacted with the grassroots level artisans who have been provided rent-free space by the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir to sell their products directly to the buyers at this prestigious spot. The Department is currently organising Exhibitions at Boulevard and Pahalgam. The events will continue in the current winter season within and outside the UT. Among others, Assistant Director Handicrafts/ Handloom Baramulla and other senior officers from the department were present at the event.

## ACD inspects development works in Kastigarh, Bhagwah blocks



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 21

To inspect the pace of ongoing works under different RDD schemes, ACD Doda Phulail Singh today visited Kastigarh and Bhagwah block. He inspected the ongoing works especially development of Playgrounds, capex works, besides reviewing implementation of PMAY scheme and bottlenecks if any. During the tour ACD Doda also interacted with scores of PRIs and locals of

the twin blocks, listened to their demands and issued on the spot instructions to the functionaries of the department to resolve the same. The ACD urged them to register the artisans of their panchayat in the PM Vishwakarma scheme and to participate in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra ensuing in the panchayats soon. Later, the ACD reviewed the progress of works and implementation of the PMAY scheme at a meeting with local staff.

## DC inspects progress of work on Khalleni Tunnel



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh today visited Khalleni Tunnel to inspect the progress and status of work and working conditions. The DC inspected different aspects of the tunnel, including its structural integrity, ventilation system, provision of lighting and other safety measures. He also reviewed the compliance of the construction project with the specified standards and guidelines. The DC expressed satisfaction over the work done so far and appreciated the efforts of the construction team. He emphasized the importance of completing the project within the stipulated time frame and ensuring the quality of work meets the required

standards. The Khalleni Tunnel is a significant infrastructure development project of alternate National Highway 244 under execution of NHIDCL, in Doda and Kishtwar district, which aims to improve connectivity and enable smoother transportation in the region. The tunnel, once completed, will provide a shorter and more efficient travel experience to the commuters of the area, particularly during harsh weather conditions. The DC assured the public that all necessary measures will be taken to expedite the construction work and ensure its timely completion. He also urged the concerned authorities to maintain quality control throughout the project to ensure a safe and durable tunnel for the benefit of the local community.

## DDC Chairperson Ramban visits Gool

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 21

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan today kick-started work on Link road from Salbala to Degree College Gool taken up under Area Development Fund of DDC.

The construction work on the 1 Km stretch will be completed with an allotted cost of Rs. 6 lakhs.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairperson said that with the completion of the project, 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 concerned executive departments to ensure quality and timely completion of construction work which will benefit



hundreds of souls of the area.

The PRIs and locals projected their demands relating to need based development of their respective areas.

After listening to the problems and demands of the people, the DDC Chairperson directed the concerned officers

to attend to the issues of public interest on priority basis. She also stressed upon the officers to work with dedication and sincerity and redress genuine grievances of the people pertaining to their respective departments. Among others, PRIs, Engineers and locals were present on the occasion.

## DLCC reviews implementation of National Tobacco Control Programme

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KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a crucial meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) on the National Tobacco Control Programme.

The meeting was attended by ADC Inderjeet Parihar; Add SP Rajinder Singh; CMO Dr M Y Mir; Medical Superintendent DH Dr. Yudhveer Singh Kotwal; Dy.CMO Dr. Balbir Kumar; District Immunization Officer, Dr. Sajjad Hussain; BMO Kishtwar, Dr. S.L Manhas, BMO Chatroo, Dr.Saima; BMO Dachhan, Dr. Krishan Singh Katoch, State Programme Officer NTCP Mohd Naser, Drug Inspector, Manish Kumar, representative of Education, Agriculture and Food Safety Departments.

The meeting assessed the progress made in enforcing the provisions outlined in The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA, 2003) and to strategize the implementation of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP).

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) outlined the agenda and delineated the roles and responsibilities of the DLCC members



under NTCP.

State Programme Officer NTCP Mohd Naser, threw light on the current scenario of tobacco usage in the District. He also detailed the punitive measures and enforcement provisions of COTPA-2003, along with strategies and comprehensive intervention measures for its effective implementation. Reviewing the action taken on decisions taken in the previous meeting, the Deputy Commissioner urged all stakeholders to actively participate in enforcing the provisions of COTPA-2003. He emphasized the importance of generating public awareness, particularly among the youth, regarding the detrimental effects of tobacco use.

In devising an action plan to curb tobacco usage, he highlighted the prevalence of tobacco consumption in smoking form and stressed the need to develop strategies aimed at reducing its consumption accordingly. Furthermore, he directed the Chief Education Officer Kishtwar to disseminate anti-tobacco messages during morning

assemblies in educational institutions and ensure that no business establishment sells tobacco products within 100 yards of any educational institution.

Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized the involvement of district youth icons in the campaign to effectively raise awareness against the hazards of tobacco.

Stakeholders were tasked with conducting capacity-building programs for enforcement officers. They were also directed to conduct field inspections and visits to ensure strict enforcement of COPTA provisions in public places and educational institutions.

Highlighting the importance of creating No Smoking zones, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the installation of appropriate signage for reinforcing these zones within the district.

He underlined the need to form surveillance teams for evidence-based research, data collection, and analysis of oral cancer cases in the district, facilitating real-time planning and implementation.

## DHEW Bandipora organises BBBP awareness program at GHSS Mantrigam

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 21

District Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti) on Tuesday organised a day-long awareness programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at Government Higher Secondary School Mantrigam.

Principal GHSS Mantrigam, Masood ul Hassan Reshi was the chief guest on the occasion while Gender Specialists Sumaya Muzaffar and Aisha Shafi and Financial Literacy specialist Najmu Saqib besides teachers and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, the principal of the School highlighted the importance of girl education and stressed on the upliftment of girls' socio-



economic status. He said education is the way to uplift the socio-economic condition of the girls in society.

On the occasion, specialist in financial literacy Najm-u-Saqib highlighted Sukanaya Samridhi Yojana-a sub scheme under BBBP and urged the women folk to build a fund for higher education and other expenses of their girl child.

Gender Specialists Aisha Shafi and Sumaya Muzaffar highlighted the importance of girl children, their education and financial independence and informed participants how the government

has come up with many schemes to help girls/women to accomplish education, employment and self-reliance.

They gave a brief introduction about various welfare schemes offered by the government for the females besides informing the students about self-employment schemes offered by the government to facilitate the young educated females to start their own income generation units.

DHEW team members also distributed educational kits among girl students including bags, tiffin boxes, water bottles and other stationery material.



## EDITORIAL

## Big encouragement for border farmers

Amid ongoing tension between India and Pakistan along the 198-km-long International Border (IB) in Jammu region, there is a positive development in Kathua where the farmers of the district, living close to the border, have started sowing wheat crop beyond the fence to utilize the fertile land. For this, the district administration has taken a major initiative and encouraged the farmers to sow wheat crop beyond the fence in the Hiranagar sector which has witnessed repeated ceasefire violations in the past. The Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas along with the senior officials of the administration and agriculture department personally visited the border belts and asked the farmers to go for sowing the wheat crop without any fear. This is notwithstanding the fact that Pakistan thrice violated ceasefire along the border in a month. During the last month, Pakistan violated the ceasefire thrice on the International Border creating fear among border residents. On November 5, a Head Constable of the BSF Lalfam Kima lost his life in the line of duty due to unprovoked firing by the Pakistan Ranger in the Ramgarh sector of Samba district of Jammu province. On October 17, two BSF personnel were injured in unprovoked firing by the Pakistan Rangers in the Arnia sector of Jammu district. Pakistan again resorted to unprovoked firing on October 27 targeting civilian areas. The administration decision has been welcomed by the farming community and it will bring more vacant land under cultivation along the border. The farmers in border belts are also being motivated for integrated farming, using the latest machinery to reduce the cost of farming to enhance income in agriculture production. The administration, at the same, must ensure that there should be a complete coordination among various agencies, including district administration, BSF, and Department of Agriculture Kathua, to facilitate farmers with safe and secure cultivation of the Rabi and Kharif crops across the fence. It should be the approach of the administration to bring entire fellow land under cultivation for which farmers of the border belt need to be given extended support through agriculture and allied departments. It has been given out that for the current fiscal the Department of Agriculture, Kathua has set a target of wheat sowing on 300 acres of land during Rabi 2023-24 across the fence. About 200 acres of land across the fence has already been sown in the villages of Chack Changa, Karol Krishna, Karol Maithrian, and Chann Tanda. Farmers are being encouraged to use mechanized methods for effective sowing of wheat crop by using super seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as plowing, sowing, and planking of the field simultaneously, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods. The administration and the BSF, however, need to remain cautious while extending support to the farmers for sowing crops beyond the fence. Pakistan has never been a reliable country and it can resort to any misadventure without any provocation. The safety and security of farmers should be kept at priority.

## Governor's rule through proxy must stop

SUMANTH RAMAN

The ongoing tussle between Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi and the DMK state government took another turn when the Governor, last week, returned 10 pending Bills to the government refusing assent for them. Within the week the Assembly convened, the Bills were passed again and sent back to the Governor for an assent that he now, constitutionally cannot refuse.

The Governor's decision to return the Bills itself was precipitated by the state government's petition in the Supreme Court where they alleged that he was dragging his feet unduly on the Bills passed by the Assembly and sent to him for approval, sitting on them for years together without either giving his assent or rejecting the same. The Supreme Court in earlier hearings expressed its displeasure with Governors who were sitting on legislation that the state governments wanted enacting.

The long-running saga of Governors of states ruled by political parties that oppose the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is in power at the Centre (and appoints Governors), putting a spoke in the wheel of these state governments has been a major irritant for several Opposition Chief Ministers. Whether it be Arif Mohammed Khan in Kerala, Jagdeep Dhankar earlier and now Ananda Bose in West Bengal, Tamilisai Soundararajan in Telangana, Banwarilal Purohit earlier in Tamil Nadu and now in Punjab, and Ravi in Tamil Nadu, Governors have become a thorn in the flesh of the democratically-elected governments. Lieutenant Governors in Delhi have almost continuously troubled the Aam Aadmi Party government. From refusing to convene Assembly sessions, sitting for months or even years on legislation, making political speeches directly at odds with state government policy and appointing Vice Chancellors unilaterally, Governors in

these states have pushed the law to its limit using every loophole there is to create trouble.

The Punjab, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu governments, at various stages, decided to approach the Supreme Court for relief. While the court's observations have been scathing about Governors' actions (going as far as to say that the Punjab Governor was playing with fire) the orders in these cases are still awaited. The fact that there is no time limit in the law within which a Governor must either give their assent or return legislation for reconsideration is being utilised fully by Governors in these states. This can effectively paralyze state government functioning, as without the assent of the Governor the Bills do not become law. Governors argue that they are not mere rubber stamps to sign whatever is put up to them, and that they have cleared the majority of Bills put up to them and there are only a small number overall that they have sat on.

However, it has been the convention for Governors not to withhold assent unless there is a serious constitutional issue with the Bill. Also, the practice of sitting on the Bill for years together is a more recent method adopted by Governors.

The state government asked the Centre to instruct the Governor to clear the Bills on time and said he was acting against the interests of the state. The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MPs also raised this issue in Parliament. Yet Ravi has gone on merrily, taking regular potshots at the government and even more irritatingly for the ruling party, rubbishing the ideology of the DMK by praising Sanatana Dharma and cultural values that are anathema to the Dravidian party. In June, he even unilaterally dismissed arrested Minister Senthil Balaji, but withdrew the dismissal order within hours after receiving a message from Union minister Amit Shah. Clearly, the BJP sees

Governors as a means of keeping Opposition-run governments in check. Governors in BJP-ruled States have largely remained invisible, and have been enthusiastic supporters of the ruling state governments. To be fair to the BJP, they are certainly not the first ruling party at the Centre to attempt to misuse the office of the Governor. Through its long years in power, from the time of Indira Gandhi onwards, the Congress used Governors as their stooges in state capitals, and many of them were used to dismiss democratically-elected state governments. The BJP is merely carrying on that tradition and finding newer ways to needle state governments.

Ravi, a former police officer, came to Tamil Nadu after a stint as Governor of Nagaland where he was abruptly transferred to Chennai. He was expected to maintain a lower profile once he took charge in Tamil Nadu in September 2021. But he had other ideas. Within months,

matters had reached such a head that Stalin and his Cabinet boycotted the Governors tea party on Republic Day. Soon, some alliance partners of the DMK and smaller parties were holding demonstrations and showing black flags against the Governor. A recent incident, where a bottle filled with petrol was lit and thrown near the gate of the Raj Bhavan in Chennai by a person who allegedly wanted the abolition of the NEET exam, gave further ammunition to the Governor to claim law and order was poor in the state. The running battle continues. In the interest of the development of states it is essential that the Supreme Court give clear directions to the Governors in line with the constitutional provisions. The stymieing of the peoples' mandate by the unelected representatives appointed by New Delhi has gone on for too long. It is time for it to stop.

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## Sowing Change: KVKs and Millet Momentum

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The creation of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) is a significant initiative in the dynamic field of Indian agriculture, as it establishes a crucial connection between agricultural research and its practical implementation. The historical significance of KVKs in India is examined in this article, with a particular emphasis on their revolutionary work in the stunning region of Kashmir. It also explores the growing focus on millet as a wholesome and sustainable substitute, illuminating the critical role KVKs play in advancing millet farming.

## The Genesis of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

The roots of KVKs trace back to the recommendations of the Education Commission of 1964-66, which emphasized the need for specialized institutions to provide vocational education in agriculture. After years of deliberation, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) introduced the concept of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 1974, starting with a pilot project in Pudukkottai. Over time, the number of KVKs has grown to 731 across India, each playing a vital role in technology assessment, demonstration, and capacity development.

## Mandate and Activities of KVKs

The mandate of KVKs is comprehensive, encompassing on-farm testing, frontline demonstrations, capacity develop-



ment of farmers and extension personnel, serving as knowledge and resource centres, providing farm advisories, and producing quality technological products. This multifaceted approach positions KVKs as catalysts for agricultural development, impacting the lives of farmers and fostering innovation in the sector.

## KVKs in Kashmir

In Jammu & Kashmir, the first KVK was established in the 1970s at Srinagar, and since then, 19 more have been set up in the Union Territory. These decentralized units of ICAR operate in collaboration with state agricultural universities, playing a pivotal role in bridging the gap between research and extension services. The activities of KVKs

in Kashmir, including on-farm trials, training programs, information dissemination, and facilitation of technology adoption, have significantly contributed to the growth of horticulture, livestock, and fisheries in the region.

## The Millets Revolution: A Path to Sustainable Agriculture

In recent times, there has been a renewed focus on millets, acknowledging their potential to address food security and nutrition challenges. Millets, often referred to as "nutri-cereals," have been recognized for their resilience, nutritional benefits, and suitability to diverse agro-ecologies. The International Year of Millets, declared by the United Nations in 2023, underscores the global significance of

these crops.

## KVKs and Millet Promotion in Kashmir

The celebration of Millets Day organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ganderbal in the month of October exemplifies the commitment to promoting millet cultivation. The event featured discussions and demonstrations highlighting the nutritional value and climate-resilient characteristics of millets. The commitment to supporting millet cultivation through value addition, branding, and the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) reflects a comprehensive approach by KVKs in Kashmir.

## The Global Context: Millets as a Sustainable Alternative

The recognition of millet as a sustainable alternative to major cereals has gained momentum on the global stage. Millets are characterized by their low water requirements, low carbon footprint, and resilience to climate extremes. More than 90 million people in Africa and Asia depend on millet, highlighting their importance in the context of global food security.

## Challenges and Opportunities in Millet Cultivation

Despite the numerous benefits of millets, challenges persist in promoting their cultivation. Millets do not benefit from the same level of subsidies, research, and investments as major crops like wheat, rice, and maize. The disparity in support systems poses a hurdle to the

widespread adoption of millets. Additionally, concerns about sustainability and ethics arise, as seen in the case of quinoa, where increased global demand leads to challenges for local farmers.

## The Road Ahead: Overcoming Barriers to Millet Promotion

To overcome the challenges associated with millet cultivation, concerted efforts are needed. Investments in research on mechanisation, cultivation practices, production technologies, and value addition are crucial. Quality seed supply and addressing the yield disparity are key focus areas. Government support, procurement, and distribution through food schemes can play a pivotal role in ensuring the sustainability of millet cultivation.

## Conclusion: Embracing Millets for a Sustainable Future

Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been instrumental in shaping the agricultural landscape of India, with a notable impact in Kashmir. The promotion of millet aligns with the global push for sustainable and nutritious alternatives to traditional cereals. KVKs, with their multifaceted mandate, stand as pillars of support in the journey towards a more resilient and prosperous agricultural future. As we navigate the complexities of global food security and changing climatic conditions, embracing millets becomes not just a choice but a necessity for a healthier and sustainable tomorrow.

## Elon Musk's X drama hurts Tesla where it matters most

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During a 1990 Senate race in his home state of North Carolina, Michael Jordan was asked why he didn't endorse the African-American Democratic candidate. He was still explaining his response – "Republicans buy sneakers too" – to reporters 30 years later, saying he wasn't an activist in the mold of Muhammad Ali: "I thought of myself as a basketball player."

Elon Musk may think of himself as an entrepreneur, and a celebrity one at that, but he wears many hats with enthusiasm, including as an activist in the cause of, as he sees it, free speech. His latest outrage, endorsing an anti-semitic comment on X, has drawn a backlash, including companies pulling ads from the social media platform. But there may also be repercussions for the main source of his fame and wealth: Tesla

Inc. Tesla has, of course, glided through many of Musk's prior controversies, including those with direct legal implications ("funding secured.") What is different today is that the market for electric vehicle has become sharply more competitive, as Tesla's own sinking margins and missed sales estimates show, with price cuts indicating buyers are thinking twice about EVs. Musk's company is also gambling on a long-delayed new model, the Cybertruck, whose price and specs remain a mystery 10 days out from launch.

Observing a spate of headlines about Americans falling out of love with electric vehicles, Alexander Edwards, chief executive of Strategic Vision, a consumer behavior consultancy, says: "There never has been a love affair with the EV." He's right about that: Even as EV sales in the US increased by about 50

per cent in the third quarter, they accounted for only 7.9 per cent of new vehicle sales overall.

For all the progress to date, buying an EV in the US remains unusual and, as Edwards points out, requires the customer to make compromises, whether it be choosing from a relatively limited range of models – and paying a premium to do so – installing a charger in their garage or just getting their head around public charging rather than gassing up.

As it is, EVs, along with clean technologies in general, have become politicized as part of the broader US conflation of climate science with culture wars. EV buying displays a strong correlation with Democratic political support at both the state and county level, according to a new paper out of the Energy Institute at Haas, UC Berkeley. There's a strong correla-

tion even when controlling for factors like income, population density and gasoline prices or excluding the EV hotspots of the West Coast. Republicans buy EVs too, yes, but they undoubtedly buy more sneakers.

Does being a resident of a blue state or county mean Musk's endorsement of antisemitism is a deal-breaker for that new Model Y? That is very difficult, if not impossible, to answer. The point is, leaving aside the moral dimension, this is not a time to be needlessly alienating potential buyers among your core customer base. One other point from third-quarter EV sales figures is that Tesla's market share fell to 50 per cent, the lowest on record, according to Cox Automotive; and that is despite hefty price cuts throughout the year.

Strategic Vision noticed a drop in enthusiasm for Tesla last December, which

it attributed to negative associations with Musk's acquisition of Twitter Inc. and subsequent changes to the platform. In surveying 38,000 vehicle buyers, Strategic Vision found Tesla lost ground across every facet of brand value in 2022, providing an opening for competitors. Were the legacy automakers more nimble with their electrification plans, Tesla's market share may have slipped even further.

Musk is trying to contain the latest backlash, denying accusations of antisemitism via a tweet this weekend. He has sometimes reversed course quickly in the past when faced with resistance to some unexpected move at Tesla, most notably when he announced in 2019 that the company would close virtually all its retail sites and his attempt to find an impractical steering "yoke" on new models earlier this year. Those aren't comparable

controversies, of course; the point is that Musk's impetuosity, a strength in some respects, can also expose his companies to real risk, as he himself sometimes seems to recognize.

The addition of X to Musk's stable presents a structural risk for Tesla. There is a financial link, given Musk's personal exposure to the loss of value in X; his heavy selling of Tesla stock in 2022 accelerated as it became clear he would have to make good on his overpriced takeover offer. The wild card, though, is the brand exposure. To a large degree, Musk is X, where, for either personal or financial reasons – maybe both – he appears to regard controversy as currency. And, to an extent not seen elsewhere in the auto business, Musk is also Tesla. In a more competitive EV market, at least some customers might prefer the car brand that is just a car brand.



# QUICK AND EFFECTIVE HEADACHE REMEDIES YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Headaches are a common problem affecting people of all ages and backgrounds. They come with a broad spectrum of symptoms, from the dull, persistent ache of tension headaches to the unbearable pain of migraines. Headaches, whether they take the form of tension, migraines, or clusters, have the potential to inflict intense pain, disrupting daily life and well-being. From lifestyle modifications to home remedies, this article will cover the top remedies and strategies to treat headaches.

## Causes of Headaches

Understanding the root causes of headaches is the primary step in managing and preventing them, rather than solely seeking remedies. Research shows the significant influence of dietary and lifestyle choices on headaches. Factors such as alcohol consumption, caffeine withdrawal, dehydration, inadequate sleep, nutrient deficiencies, and insufficient calorie intake can all contribute to headache onset.

Furthermore, headaches may indicate underlying health conditions, some of which can be severe, such as tumours, blood clots, or traumatic brain injuries. Excessive medication use and infections within the central nervous system can also cause headaches. Hence, understanding the causes and triggers of headaches is an essential first step toward effective prevention and management.

Besides understanding the causes of headaches, it's essential to know how to diagnose the underlying reasons or seek professional help if needed. If you frequently experience headaches and are unsure of the cause, it's advisable to maintain a headache diary. In this diary, you can record when your headaches occurred, what you were doing before they started, what you ate, how much water you drank, and any other relevant details. It can help identify patterns and potential triggers. If your headaches persist, worsen, or are accompanied by concerning symptoms, it's essential to consult a healthcare professional for a thorough evaluation and diagnosis. They can provide guidance, recommend tests if necessary, and develop a tailored plan for headache management and prevention.

## Summary

Understanding the causes of headaches is crucial for prevention and management. Dietary and lifestyle factors like alcohol, caffeine withdrawal, and dehydration can trigger headaches. They can also signal underlying health conditions, including serious ones like tumours and blood clots. Recognising these factors empowers individuals to take proactive steps to reduce their headache risk.

## Natural Remedies for Headaches: Finding Relief Beyond Painkillers

Headaches, often an unwelcome visitor, can disrupt our daily lives. Instead of reaching for painkillers, consider these natural remedies that not only provide relief but also address the root causes of headaches.

### 1. Hydration

It might sound simple, but dehydration is a common trigger of headaches. Inadequate water intake can lead to concentration difficulties and irritability. Dehydration puts stress on the body, and the brain reacts by triggering headaches. Keeping well-hydrated supports overall well-being and acts as a simple but powerful remedy.

Adequate hydration throughout the day and including water-rich foods in the diet can reduce the likelihood, duration, and intensity of headaches. It's a small change that can make a big difference.

### 2. Quality Sleep

Sleep deprivation can cause various imbalances in the body that lead to headaches. Establishing a consistent and adequate sleep routine is a natural way to prevent headaches.

Getting a good night's sleep is like giving the body a chance to hit the reset button. Poor sleep quality and insomnia can lead to increased headache frequency and severity. Striking the right balance with 7-9 hours of sleep per night is crucial. Both too little and too much sleep can trigger headaches, so finding that sweet spot is essential.

### 3. Moderate Alcohol Intake

While a glass of wine might seem like a way to unwind, studies show that alcohol can trigger migraines in about one-third of individuals with frequent headaches. The causes include inflammation, specific neuronal pathways, and dehydration. By moderating alcohol consumption, one might observe a significant reduction in the frequency and intensity of tension headaches and migraines.



Alcohol can cause chemical and vascular changes in the brain, leading to headaches. Moderation helps avoid these triggers, promoting overall well-being.

### 4. Histamine-Aware Diet

Histamine is a natural compound found in the body and in certain foods. It can induce migraines in sensitive individuals and contribute to headaches if its breakdown is impaired due to enzyme dysfunction. Eliminating histamine-rich foods, such as aged cheeses and fermented products, might alleviate symptoms.

Histamine, when not broken down properly, can contribute to headaches. Adjusting your diet based on individual triggers offers a personalised way to manage headaches naturally.

### 5. Essential Oils

Essential oils like peppermint, lavender, and eucalyptus offer relief from headaches. Research indicates their efficacy in alleviating headache symptoms. These oils can be diffused or applied topically, and they can provide a soothing effect. The aromatic compounds in essential oils have therapeutic benefits and can help alleviate headache symptoms, offering a natural and enjoyable remedy.

Incorporating essential oils into your routine provides a natural and pleasant way to manage headaches. It also promotes relaxation and well-being.

### 6. B-Complex Vitamins

B vitamins play a crucial role in neurotransmitter synthesis and energy production. Studies highlight the effectiveness of B2 (riboflavin), folate, B12, and B6 in reducing headache symptoms. B-complex supplements provide a safe and cost-effective means to address headaches naturally.

B vitamins support various bodily functions, and their deficiency can contribute to headaches. Supplementing ensures a steady supply and offers protection against headaches.

### 7. Cold Compress

A simple yet effective remedy, the cold compress reduces inflammation, slows nerve conduction, and constricts blood vessels. Whether applied to the neck, head, or temples, a cold compress offers a tangible and immediate solution for headache relief.

The cold helps constrict blood vessels and reduce inflammation, providing quick relief from certain types of headaches.

### 8. Ginger's Healing Touch

Ginger root, abundant in antioxidants and anti-inflammatory substances, proves effective in reducing migraine pain. Studies demonstrate its pain-relieving properties, along with alleviating nausea and vomiting associated with severe headaches. Whether consumed through supplements or as a refreshing tea, ginger offers a natural and palatable solution for headache relief.

Ginger's anti-inflammatory and pain-relieving properties make it a potent remedy for migraine relief, addressing both the symptoms and the underlying causes.

### 9. Identify Triggers with an Elimination Diet

Food intolerances can be potent triggers for headaches. Temporarily removing common headache-inducing foods through an elimination diet allows individuals to identify and manage specific triggers. Research supports

the efficacy of elimination diets in reducing headache frequency, duration, and severity.

Removing potential trigger foods helps identify and avoid specific elements that contribute to headaches, offering a personalised and sustainable approach to relief.

### 10. Caffeine Boost

Caffeinated beverages, such as tea or coffee, offer more than just a morning pick-me-up. Caffeine's mood-enhancing, alertness-boosting, and blood vessel-constricting properties contribute positively to headache symptoms. Moreover, caffeine complements the effectiveness of common headache medications.

Caffeine can enhance the effects of pain relievers and improve mood, making it a versatile ally against headaches. However, mindful consumption is crucial to avoid caffeine withdrawal headaches.

### 11. Explore Acupuncture

Rooted in traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture involves stimulating specific points in the body to reduce headache symptoms. Extensive reviews affirm acupuncture's effectiveness, showcasing it as a viable therapy for migraine management. Recent studies support the positive impact of acupuncture on reducing migraine frequency and severity.

Acupuncture stimulates the release of neurotransmitters and hormones, promoting natural pain relief and reducing the frequency and severity of migraines.

### 12. Yoga for Holistic Well-being

Beyond its stress-relieving benefits, yoga emerges as a potent tool for headache management. Research demonstrates the positive effects of yoga therapy on reducing chronic migraines. Incorporating yoga into conventional care significantly reduces headache frequency and intensity. A holistic approach to well-being, yoga addresses the physical and mental aspects of headaches, making it an accessible and enjoyable remedy for individuals seeking natural relief.

### 13. Avoid Strong Smells

Strong odours, especially from perfumes and cleaning products, can trigger headaches in sensitive individuals. Avoiding strong smells, including perfumes and cigarette smoke, can decrease the likelihood of migraines. A proactive approach to environmental factors showcases the impact of lifestyle adjustments in managing headache symptoms naturally.

Individuals with chronic migraines often have heightened sensitivity to smells. Avoiding strong odours reduces the likelihood of triggering headaches in this sensitive group.

### 14. Herbal Allies

Certain herbs, including curcumin, chamomile, and butterbur, present promising results in reducing headache symptoms. Research highlights curcumin's preventive potential and chamomile's acute treatment efficacy for migraines. While herbs offer natural relief, caution is essential, considering potential interactions with medications and individual health conditions. Prior consultation with a healthcare professional ensures the safe incorporation of herbal remedies into headache management strategies.

Herbs like curcumin and chamomile have anti-inflammatory and soothing properties, providing a natural way to manage head-

ache symptoms.

### 15. Be Nitrate Aware

Nitrates and nitrites, common preservatives in processed meats, can be headache triggers. These compounds may induce headaches by expanding blood vessels. To reduce exposure, opt for nitrate-free products and limit your intake of processed meat. Heightened awareness of food additives underscores the importance of dietary choices in preventing headaches naturally.

Nitrate-containing foods can lead to the dilation of blood vessels, contributing to headaches. Being nitrate-aware helps in making healthier dietary choices, reducing the risk of headaches.

### 16. Move More, Hurt Less

Engaging in regular physical activity emerges as a straightforward yet impactful strategy to reduce headache frequency and severity. Numerous studies affirm the positive effects of exercise on migraine intensity, frequency, and duration. Increasing daily steps becomes a simple and accessible way to enhance overall well-being, making physical activity an integral part of a holistic approach to managing headaches naturally.

## Summary

Discover natural relief for headaches without reaching for painkillers. Start by staying hydrated and including water-rich foods in your diet for a simple yet effective strategy. Prioritise quality sleep (aim for 7-9 hours per night) to combat poor sleep quality linked to increased headaches. Moderate alcohol intake, explore a histamine-aware diet and try essential oils like peppermint and lavender for soothing effects. Supplement with B-complex vitamins and use a cold compress for immediate relief. Embrace the healing properties of ginger, an elimination diet to identify triggers, and consider caffeine as an ally with mindful consumption. Explore acupuncture for natural pain relief and yoga for a holistic approach to well-being. Avoid strong smells, be nitrate-aware in your diet, and engage in regular physical activity to significantly reduce headache frequency and severity. These diverse and accessible remedies provide a natural alternative to traditional painkillers, ensuring relief without compromise.

## How to Prevent Headaches?

Prevention is always better than cure. Rather than trying out different remedies once you have a headache, it is best to follow ways to try and avoid them. To prevent headaches, you can try implementing the following tips:

### Stay Hydrated

Staying adequately hydrated is a simple and effective way to lower the risk of headaches and promote overall health. Your hydration needs depend on factors such as activity levels, body size, and climate. Listen to your body's thirst signals as a guide.

### Identify Underlying Causes

Frequent headaches can have various underlying causes, including nutrient deficiencies. Consult a healthcare professional for an evaluation to identify and address potential triggers.

### Have Consistent Eating Habits

Avoid undereating and caloric restriction, as these can lead to headaches. Ensure you consume a sufficient amount of calories

throughout the day, and avoid prolonged periods without eating.

### Have Optimal Sleep Patterns

Maintain a balanced sleep routine to prevent headaches. Both sleep deprivation and excessive sleep can trigger constant and prolonged headaches. Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep.

### Stress Management

Stress is a common headache trigger and can negatively impact overall health. Implement healthy stress management techniques, such as regular exercise, meditation, and yoga, to reduce stress levels and prevent headaches.

### Seek Professional Guidance

Consult a healthcare professional to explore additional strategies for reducing the frequency, duration, and severity of headaches. Collaborate with them to develop a personalised plan tailored to your specific needs.

By incorporating these strategies and seeking guidance from a healthcare expert, one can effectively reduce the occurrence of headaches and enhance overall well-being.

## Summary

It's essential to adopt a proactive approach by staying adequately hydrated, identifying and addressing underlying causes through healthcare consultation, maintaining consistent eating habits, ensuring optimal sleep patterns, managing stress with techniques like exercise and meditation, and seeking professional guidance to tailor a personalised prevention plan. These strategies collectively reduce the risk of headaches and promote overall well-being, emphasising the significance of prevention over remedy when it comes to headaches.

### HealthifyMe Suggestion

A nice cup of herbal tea can have a soothing effect that helps to reduce headaches. Herbal tea is also a great way to stay hydrated. Some examples of herbal teas: Chamomile tea is great to drink when you have a headache. Chamomile works to reduce inflammation, which can cause headache pain. It also helps to lessen stress and anxiety, which can often be contributing factors to headaches. Peppermint tea has been shown to help treat tension-type headaches, which are the most common type of headaches. Ginger tea can help to reduce headaches, as mentioned above. Turmeric tea has an active ingredient called curcumin, which has been shown to have neuroprotective effects and can help to mitigate migraine and headache pain. Lavender tea has a soothing effect that has been used in herbal medicine to treat a wide variety of illnesses, from headaches to anxiety and depression. So, try these herbal teas to alleviate pain and stay hydrated.

### The Final Word

There are several effective natural remedies available to alleviate and prevent headaches. From staying well-hydrated and getting sufficient sleep to managing stress and considering options like acupuncture and ginger, these holistic approaches offer a range of solutions for headache relief. By incorporating these strategies, one can often find comfort and relief without relying on pharmaceutical interventions, promoting a more holistic and health-conscious approach to managing headaches.



# All India Jat Mahasabha hosts Jat Maha Adhiveshan in New Delhi

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All India Jat Mahasabha (AIJMS) successfully organized the grand Jat Maha Adhiveshan at Tal Katora Stadium, New Delhi.

This historic convention saw an unprecedented turnout of nearly 50,000 Jats from various parts of the country, underlining the solidarity and collective spirit of the community. Presidents of State and Union Territory, along with their teams, graced the event, marking it as a national summit of great importance. Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS, Jammu & Kashmir, attended with his dedicated team, highlighting the widespread participation across regions.

Speaking on the occasion, the National General Secretary's has commended Ch Manmohan Singh for his unwavering commitment and selfless service to the community. He praised Ch Manmohan Singh for successfully organizing the first-ever women's convention in Jammu, a milestone event with over 4200 partici-



pants. This convention played a pivotal role in the Jammu & Kashmir Government's decision to grant OBC reservation to the Jat community.

Addressing the participants, Ch Manmohan Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the Jat Maha Sabha and the community for their support and recognition of his efforts. He asserted that whenever we get the opportunity to work for society in any position, we should respect the chair and give our 100 percent to fulfill the assigned task.

Ch Manmohan mentioned that more than 5 lakh Jat community mem-

bers residing in Jammu and Kashmir, and out of which, 3.5 lakh Jats who belonged to the Chamb Sector were migrated to Jammu in 1947, 1965, and 1971. He mentioned that the then State and Central Governments had settled the migrated Jat community on Jammu borders and allotted them land chunks for their survival.

He brought attention to the longstanding issue of land ownership rights, stressing that the community, despite facing adversities, continues to be resilient and steadfast in their quest for justice.

The Jat Maha Sabha leader mentioned that

the aforesaid allotted land chunks are still under the occupation of custodian land, and the Jat Community is still deprived of ownership rights of aforesaid lands. He termed it unfortunate that the present and successive governments had failed to provide ownership rights to the Jat community for the last more than 70 years.

To highlight the issues of the Jat community, several protests, rallies, and conventions were organized in Jammu, but the government did nothing for the Jat community.

He said that the Jat community will continue its fight for ownership rights

of that land and, in this regard, Ch Manmohan Singh sought support from the Jat Maha Sabha.

Ch Manmohan Singh made a strong appeal to the Central Government for direct compensation to Jat families affected by land acquisition for government projects, bypassing the custodian department. Additionally, he urged for the expedited clearance of the OBC reservation file, to bring J&K Jats on par with their counterparts across the country.

The convention concluded with a powerful message of unity and determination. The participants unanimously pledged their support to the issues raised by Ch Manmohan Singh. The AIJMS leader also encouraged the youth to respect their elders and contribute positively to the nation. He also thanked the Central Jat Sabha team for honoring him. Avtar Singh, District President of Kathua, Reena CH, Mahila District President of Samba, and Sat Pal Ch, Tehsil President of Kathua, accompanied Ch Manmohan Singh from Jammu.

## Government Polytechnic Jammu organizes "Handicrafts Demonstration Workshop"



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Government Polytechnic Jammu organized a Two-Days Handicrafts Demonstration Workshop in collaboration with Handicrafts Service Centre Jammu, for the students of the institution. The main objective of the Workshop was to aware the students about the various local handicrafts like miniature Basholi Painting, Bamboo

craft, crochet designing, Embroidery, Phulkari art. Ms. Ambika Sambyal, Assistant Director Handicrafts introduced the various local artisans who then briefed the students about their journey and also demonstrated their skills.

Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu also welcomed the artisans and emphasized upon conducting such hands on training cum awareness

programmes in the institute so as to promote the local emerging talents. Various artisans present were Sanchaita Pradhan- Shilpkari Bazaar, Khushi- Happy hearts by khushi, Suresh- Bamboo artisan, Renu Billowria- Embroidery, Antima Manhas- Basholi Painting. The workshop was coordinated by Er. Sakshi Kapahi Incharge Basholi Painting, Ar. Manu Rajput demonstrator Architecture Assistantship.

## Gopal Vittal urges customers to consider adopting E-Sims for convenient, efficient connectivity

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Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service provider, today, in a customer letter emphasized the advancements in mobile technology with embedded SIMs (e-SIMs) and encouraged Airtel users to make the switch to an e-SIM. Bharti Airtel has streamlined the e-SIM upgrade process through the Airtel Thanks App, simplifying the transition from a physical SIM to an e-SIM.

An e-SIM is an online extension of one's regular SIM card, eliminating the need to physically access SIM card on one's phone. In today's digital first lifestyle and with increasing penetration of newer models of smart wearables, smartphones, etc being e-SIM enabled, the shift from physical SIM can provide seamless



connectivity between multiple devices.

In the customer letter, Gopal Vittal, MD and CEO, Bharti Airtel cited a few examples where an e-SIM comes in handy for users. Like when going for a morning jog, now Airtel e-SIM users can just wear their smart watch and be connected to their phone without having to physically carry it. e-SIMs also help against theft as it makes it more difficult for the criminals to disconnect the e-SIM from the stolen device as compared to physical SIMs; also making a lost phone easily traceable. e-SIMs let customers use multiple mobile phone numbers on single SIM and device and

makes shifting from a device to the other easy and seamless.

Airtel has tried to make the switch to an e-SIM as seamless as possible for customers. Airtel CEO highlighted that all devices supporting the e-SIM feature are compatible with Airtel e-SIM. Customers can easily convert a physical SIM into an e-SIM through the Airtel Thanks App, available for download on both the Google Play Store and Apple iOS App Stores.

For more information on e-SIM for smart phones or smart watches and a step-by-step conversion process, Airtel customers can visit [www.airtel.in/esim](http://www.airtel.in/esim). Airtel ensures efficient connectivity by activating the e-SIM profile as soon as it's downloaded and enabled. Further details and Airtel e-SIM Card FAQs can be found on the provided URL.

## Peace, normalcy restored after Aug 5, 2019 in J&K: Vibodh Gupta

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Further gearing up the ongoing "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" in the UT, Jammu and Kashmir BJP general secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, alongwith Senior Leader and former Minister, Priya Sethi, addressed a largely attended programme of booth number 110 and 111 in Gali Kumhara, Ward No. 11 of Jammu East assembly Constituency. Besides local senior leaders, the beneficiaries of various welfare schemes, the senior citizens and youth of both the wards attended the programme.

Vibodh Gupta, who is also in charge of Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan, while speaking in the programme, said that the massive public response to the BJP's programmes and meetings itself speak that the people are convinced by the programmes and policies of Narendra Modi government. He said that after 05 August 2019, things have changed in Jammu and Kashmir. There is a positive wave

in the entire length and breadth of the Union Territory, which endorses the decision of the Modi government to abrogate Article 370 and 35 A. During the past four years, the people have seen return of peace and normalcy, educational institutions and government offices are functioning normally, there is no stone pelting, no bandh calls, markets are opened, people moving fearlessly, the tourist inflow has recorded steep rise, global events like G-20 have been conducted successfully.

Vibodh Gupta said that Jammu and Kashmir faced uncertainty, insecurity deaths and destruction, the menace of terrorism due to soft and appeasement policies of the government in J&K run by the Congress, NC and PDP, which left this beautiful state underdeveloped in every field and at all levels. Had the BJP under PM Narendra Modi came to power a few years ago, the situation in J&K would have been entirely different, he said. Vibodh Gupta further said that the party has set a target



of 3000 programmes and till date 525 programmes stand successfully organized, which witnessed attendance of over 65000 people from all walks of life. He said that the overwhelming response to the BJP has also shocked the opposition parties, which have unleashed false, misinformation campaigns against BJP, which need to be defeated by educating the people through different means.

Priya Sethi, while addressing the programme, said that the Narendra Modi government has taken care of all the regions and sections of the society while formulating various welfare schemes. These welfare schemes benefitted every

citizen in the country. She said that the women have got special attention in the schemes, which has empowered them socially and economically. It is the same government under Narendra Modi, which has come forward to grant political reservation to women. The granted the basic rights, which were denied to them before the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A. She asked the participants in the programme to strengthen the BJP and give one more chance to Narendra Modi to be PM for a third term.

BJYM Publicity Secretary Anil Rakhwal, spoke on various schemes to benefit the youth and make them self-dependent through schemes like

Start Up. He said that the youth has a very important role in strengthening any organization and the BJP is fortunate enough to announce that it has enrolled maximum youth as its members.

Mandal President Parveen Kerni conducted the programme proceedings.

BJP District Vice President Manav Mahajan, Ward President Amit Gupta, Shakti Kendar Parmukh Trilochan Dutt, Booth President Rajesh Talla & Sukhbir Kohli, Parveen Arora, Neeru Anand, Indu Gupta, Vidya Devi, Kartar Gupta, Anuradha Sharma, Sanjay Kohli and Meenu were also present in the programme.

Similarly, BJP, today organized 65 'Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan' programmes at various places like Booth no 65, 71 in East Mandal, Booth No-108,111 in Phallian Mandal in Marh Constituency, Ramgarh, Mandals Ghagwal, Vijaypur, Rajpura and Samba in District Samba, Mandals Hiranagar, Logate and Kathua City in District Kathua.

## Anurag Thakur inaugurates VFX and Tech Pavilion at 54th IFFI

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Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Singh Thakur today inaugurated the VFX and Tech Pavilion as part of the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Established for the first time in Film Bazaar history by NFDC at IFFI, the VFX and Tech Pavilion will showcase some of the most dynamic, immersive and cutting edge advances in film-making technology in the field of animation, visual effects, virtual reality and CGI.

The Minister inaugurated and inspected various sections of the Pavilion including Cine Museum, Viewing Zones of Amazon Prime and Netflix, among others. The Minister took a demonstration of full frame Cinema Line Cameras of Sony and interacted

with the young film makers, selected under 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow initiative. He also interacted with the selected authors in the Book to Box section of the Tech Pavilion.

Thakur said that India's growth from 10th to the 5th largest media and entertainment economy has been phenomenal. He said, "given the talent and volume of film and media content produced in the country, India will soon become the 3rd largest Media and Entertainment Industry in the world."

The Minister said that India is embracing new technological interventions and innovations in film production, adding "India is the most sought-after destination for film



shoots and post production backed by the talent of our youth and children and the innovation of our industry leaders."

Highlighting the role of new technological interventions, the Minister said, "India is a country of storytelling and people like and consume immersive, creative and original content." The Minister

added that content creators should make use of ever evolving technology in media and film making, with a focus on informing and educating the audiences alongside entertainment.

Thakur further said, "India is a hub of post-production, adding that the newly established VFX and Tech Pavilion

will further augment the post production in film making."

The experts from the creative and AI spaces will unveil the possibilities and advancements in moviemaking by devising virtual worlds, forming intelligent characters, and sharing personalized experiences to showcase the magic beyond the camera.

Some of this year's esteemed, participating brands include Google Arts and Culture, Netflix and Amazon.

The Minister was accompanied by Ms. Neeraja Sekhar, Additional Secretary, M/o I&B; and Mr. Prithul Kumar, Joint Secretary (Films), M/o I&B and MD, NFDC.

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SRINAGAR, NOV 21

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, addressed a review meeting of the party's Morchas at Residency road, Church Lane.

Office Bearers of BJP ST Morcha, OBC Morcha, Kissan Morcha and Minority Morcha participated in the meeting. Prabhari Minority Morcha Sheikh Bashir, President ST Morcha Roshan Choudhary, OBC State General Secretary Sajjad Kumar Hussain, Minority Morcha State General Secretary Imtiaz Ahmed, Kissan Morcha leaders Dr. Amin Bhat, Javed Ahmed Mir and Nazir Ahmed were among the prominent to attend the meeting.

Ashok Koul chaired

and addressed another meeting of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs of district Srinagar at SMC Park, Jawahar Nagar. Former MLC Surinder Ambaradar, district President Srinagar Ashok Bhat, Arif Raja, Gayoor and other prominent party leaders, also accompanied Ashok Koul.

Ashok Koul while addressing the meetings of the party's Morcha leaders, stressed on their prominent role in taking the public welfare schemes to the public. He said that the Morchas of the party act as a bridge between different communities and the party. He said that while the Morcha projects the aspirations of the community members at the appropriate platform, it also ensures the reach of the party's ideology to the community. He said that the Modi govern-

ment has rolled out the policies to empower the communities who are still at the bottom line in the hierarchy and the Morcha leaders need to ensure that the policies benefit the intended population. He stressed upon them to get them well acquainted with the social welfare schemes of the Modi government, educate, and help them in availing the benefits.

While addressing the Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, Ashok Koul asked them to reach up to masses at the ground level. He asked them to increase their working in view of upcoming Parliament elections. He prompted them to get fully familiar with the schemes, policies and achievements of the Modi government while reaching out to the public in their areas of work.



## IGP Jammu reviews law & order, security situation on opening of League Cricket matches at MA Stadium, Jammu

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JAMMU, NOV 21

The Inspector General of Police of Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain, IPS today chaired a meeting of Jammu based officers of Police, Armed, Security, Traffic, CID and Railways to review the deployment, law & order, security arrangements made by different wings in and around the Maulana Azad Stadium Jammu and on all the routes being used by the players at Jammu.

The officers present in the meeting briefed the IGP Jammu about the arrangements made for enhancing the security, law/order arrangements at Jammu. During the meeting, the IGP Jammu emphasized on foolproof arrangements in terms of



security, traffic management, transportation, accommodation and first aid etc. for the cricket player and their team. IGP Jammu, Sh. Anand Jain, IPS while briefing the officers directed them to put adequate security and law and order arrangements during the event. He also directed SSP Jammu to provide necessary assistance to traffic police where traffic jams are frequent for

regulation of traffic as and when need arises so that no inconvenience is caused to the participants also. The discussions were also held on the aspects pertaining to the security arrangements being extended to the players on their stay at Jammu city. The meeting was attended by, DIG Traffic Jammu, DIG IRP/AP Jammu, SSP Jammu, SSP Security, SSP Traffic SSP PCR Jammu, SSP APCR

Jammu, SSP Railways. It is reiterated that, as the schedule for the Legends League Cricket will be played four matches out of total 19 at Maulana Azad Stadium here. The first match in Jammu will be played on November 27th, second match to be played on November 29th, third match to be played November 30th and fourth match to be played on December 1st, 2023.

## SMVDU, Faculty Members presented papers at the University of Kashmir

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Dr. Satish K. Tiwari, Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy & Culture, Mr. Keshav K. Pandey, Guest faculty, Vaidik Studies, and Mr. Krishna K. Pandey, Guest faculty, Vaidik Studies presented papers in a Three-Day National Seminar on "Relevance of the Vedas in the Modern Context", dated 6th to 8th November 2023, organized by Department of Sanskrit, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, in collaboration with Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda-vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain (MP).

Dr. Satish K. Tiwari deliberated on the topic 'Philosophical Analysis of Vaidik Concept of Rashtravad'. He emphasized the difference between the concept of 'Nation' and 'Rashtra'. The concept of Nation developed in the



context of the struggle between church and state. The state uses the concept of Nation to connect the people in favor of it. So, the concept of Nation is supported and created by the State, and the concept of Rashtra is developed by the will of common consciousness. Vaidik literature presents a journey from 'Sva' (self) to 'Sarva' (all). Rashtra is the aim in the form of a global family (Vasudha Kutumbkam): "ayam nijah paro veti ganana laghucetasam ludaracaritanam tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam II"

Mr. Krishna K. Pandey talked about vedeshu-jantuvigyaanan (zoology in Vaidik Literature). He dis-

cussed zoological content in Vaidik Literature. In Vaidik Literature, there are references to zoological concepts and observations. The Rigveda mentions various animals and their significance. Animals were often associated with deities and their characteristics were sometimes used as metaphors.

Mr. Keshav K. Pandey presented on vedeshu-jantuvigyaanan (botany in Vaidik Literature). He explored the references to plants and botanical concepts that reflect the significance of flora in ancient Indian cultures. Plants are important in rituals, medicinal practices, and daily life. They are considered sacred and used in religious ceremonies and sacrifices. The Head, School of Philosophy & Culture applauded the efforts of faculty members of the department.

## Trial cum selection of under 17, 19 years girls starts at GMHSS, Basohli

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BASOHLI, NOV 21

Trial cum selection of under 17 and under 19 years girls started at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Basohli with the direction of DYSSO Kathua District Officer Kathua Sunil Kumar along with activity section members today on 21.11.2023. The said trial conducted by the convener of committee Mohan Lal Dub (PEM) DYSSO Kathua. 34 number of girls participated in the said trial. All the three zone participated in the trail cum selection. The aim of trial is to search the talent hunt of girls cricket player for upcoming inter-distt division level competition. Selected Player Bini Devi Under 17 as a Wicket Keeper Cricket Women Team From Higher Secondary school Sananghat. Under 19 Rekha Devi From Higher Secondary School Dharmanpur.

## Jan Seva is vital essence of BJP: Rekha Mahajan

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Jan Seva is the essence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and it has been in service of the people since its inception this was expressed by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, while addressing booth level Karykarts of booth no 114,115 in Greater Kailash of Jammu South to mark the party's "Booth Jan Samvad" public outreach Programme.

State Secretary Naresh Singh, Former Corporator Anil Kumar, Mandal General Secretaries Pawan Chib, Jyoti Parkash, Main Speaker Preeti Choudhary, Captain Jameet Singh Subash Sharna Shaktikendra Parmukh, Booth President Namak Chand, Dutta were prominent person present in the program.

While addressing the public gathering Rekha Mahajan spotlighted the Modi-led government's productive friendly policies indicating that PM Narendra Modi's mission of ensuring that every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of article 370, benefited from numerous develop-



ments and has gained momentum with the active participation of the people in the union territory of J&K. Rekha asserted that peace, progress, and infrastructures along with developmental approach are inclusive, embracing and all sections of society by giving due regard to their needs and urges, regardless of the region, religion, caste or ethnicity they belong she added. Rekha Mahajan underlined that Modi Sarkaar wins the hearts of the people of J&K and has initiated the public welfare schemes that have provided direct benefit to the needy by weeding out irregularities that were deep-rooted in the system earlier.

While connected the direct connection with the common masses Rekha

Mahajan, emphasized a lot of fear-mongering used to be done about the impact of Article 370 removal but his government opened the heart by the way of doors to development and peace in Jammu and Kashmir by removing it. She educates that terrorism is ending there and tourism rising, under the vibrant leadership of PM Modi. She underlined that his government has committed to the region reaching new heights of development in favor of the general populace. Rekha also touched upon a host of development measures taken by his government to highlight the changes, asserting that India's growing middle class and reducing poverty will become the foundation for a massive economic cycle.

## Rescue operations intensify at Silkyara tunnel collapse site

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NEW DELHI, NOV 21

Continuing their unwavering commitment to saving lives, the government is actively engaged in ongoing rescue operations at the Silkyara Tunnel in Uttarkashi, where 41 workers remain trapped.

The 2 km section of the tunnel, with completed concrete work ensuring the safety of the workers, is the focus of the rescue efforts. In this secured portion of the tunnel, electricity and water supply are operational, and provisions, including food and medicines, are being delivered through a dedicated 4-inch compressor pipeline.

Various government agencies have been mobilized, each assigned specific tasks to ensure the safe evacuation of the workers. The government maintains constant communication to boost the morale of those trapped.

NHIDCL Lifeline Efforts:

Yesterday marked a significant breakthrough as NHIDCL completed the drilling of an additional lifeline—a 6-inch diameter

pipeline—for the supply of essential items.

Video communication has been established with the stranded workforce, and efforts were made to clear debris inside the pipeline using compressors and water pressure.

Horizontal Boring by NHIDCL: NHIDCL has resumed horizontal boring from the Silkyara end to rescue workers using an Augur boring machine.

Fabrication of a protective canopy for the drilling machine is underway, with modifications to the augur diameter and welding of the pipeline in progress.

Vertical Drilling for Rescue by SJVNL: SJVNL's machine for the vertical rescue tunnel construction has arrived at the site, with installation currently underway. Machines are being transported from Gujarat and Odisha for this purpose.

Horizontal Drilling from Barkot Side by THDCL:

THDC has initiated the construction of a rescue tunnel from the Barkot end, with two blasts already completed,

resulting in a 6.4-meter drift. Three blasts per day are planned.

Perpendicular-Horizontal Drilling by RVNL:

RVNL is transporting machinery for micro-tunneling through horizontal drilling to rescue laborers. Additional backup machines are being brought in from Odisha.

Vertical Drilling Toward Barkot End by ONGC:

ONGC is mobilizing machinery from the USA, Mumbai, and Ghaziabad for vertical boring.

Drift Tunnel by Manual-Semi Mechanized Method by Joint Team of THDCL/Army/Coal India and NHIDCL:

Work is underway to create a drift inside the tunnel, with a safe channel established from 180 meters to 150 meters. The Army is mobilizing box culverts for this purpose.

Road Cutting and Supportive Work by BRO:

BRO has rapidly constructed an approach road for vertical drilling by SJVNL within 48 hours. The work is ongoing for the approach road for ONGC, with geological surveys conducted by ONGC.

## Dead body of elderly man found from deep Gorge Kathanu, Sunderbani



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SUNDERBANI, NOV 21

A body of elderly man found near Baba Nar Singh temple Kathanu who has been misplaced from Nowshera on 30 October 2023.

According to reports on elderly man namely Kirpal Singh 75 years resident of village Rajpur Kameela, Tehsil Qila Darhal misplaced 22 days ago from Nowshera city. Today early morning some

labourers men went to deep Gorge then they saw dead body near Thanda Pani river. Meanwhile they informed to police station Sunderbani then on the direction of SHO Sunderbani Rajesh Jastoria ASI Kuldeep Sharma with police team rushed on the spot and shift dead body to sub division hospital (SDH) Sunderbani. After postmortem and legal formalities police handed over dead body to his relatives.

## Kavinder asks workers to persuade every household to vote for BJP



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
DAUSA (RAJASTHAN), NOV 21

Former Deputy Chief Minister J&K Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday asked BJP's grassroots cadre to persuade every single household to come out and vote for BJP as even a single vote counts in elections.

Kavinder maintained this while reviewing booth management at Bandikui and Sikrai Assembly segments in Dausa district in Rajasthan. He said that last minute lethargy by the grassroots workers could cost dearly to the party therefore until and unless every pledge by all voters doesn't transformed into votes,

the party cadre is not supposed to go relaxed because "there is many a slip between cup and the lip". The BJP stalwart from J&K also conducted several nukkad meetings to take stock about the sensitive booths and how the government should be informed regarding the same for taking proactive measures to stop any untoward happening on poll day. He asked the party workers not to take things lightly as their efforts can change the scenario in a big way making path for the grand victory of BJP.

It is pertinent to mention that former Speaker of erstwhile State Assem-

bly of J&K Kavinder Gupta is camping in Rajasthan for the last several days in connection with canvassing for the party candidates and ensuring landslide victory of BJP.

Kavinder Gupta has maintained contact at the grassroots level to sensitise the population about the fruitless policies of incumbent Congress government and the misdeeds which galore during CM Gehlot's tenure giving miserable moments to the poor strata of the society as no one was safe under his governance with record breaking number of rapes and other crimes ruling the roost.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Mushkoo, Gindiyal Panchayats in Drass

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KARGIL, NOV 21

To ensure saturation of flagship schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was today organized at in Mushkoo Panchayat and Gindiyal Panchayat in Drass.

BDC Chairman participated in the program as chief guest. BDO Drass/Day Nodal Officer Shahid Sultan, Agricultural Scientist, SKUAST, Dr Maheshwar, Agriculture Officer Drass, Mohammad Shah, TSO Drass Gh. Rasool, JE PDD Sadiq Ali, Microbiologist Sajida Bano and officials of RD&PRD, Handloom, Agriculture, JJM, and representatives of other line 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 initiatives, offering guidance



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

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

During the program, all the 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 VBSY camp witnessed huge participation of the people.

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

## Painting competition held at lawns of office of Pr. AG, J&K, Jammu



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

As a part of ongoing week long Programme of Audit Diwas (19-24 Nov. 2023), Painting competition held on 20/11/2023 at 3 pm in the lawns of Office of the Pr. Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu. The Painting competition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest on the occasion Shri. Jagbir Singh, Dy. Accountant General in presence of Shri Surinder Kumar, Asstt. Accountant General. Smt. Sangeeta Kaul, Sr. AO and Ms. Riya Saproo were invited as a

Jury members. A Total of 52 children from nursery to 10th class participated in the painting competition. Children acquiring 1st second and 3rd position in each category were awarded medals along with certificates. Participation certificates along with Chocolate boxes were distributed among all the participants. At the end of the event a light refreshment was served amongst the participants and spectators. The programme was coordinated by Smt. Rozy Wali, Sr Audit Officer and Nodal officer Painting competition and her team.



## DC Kathua, CAO Kathua inaugurate Wheat Sowing across Indo Pak Int'l Border in Hiranagar Sector

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KATHUA, NOV 21

DC Kathua Sh. Rakesh Minhas (IAS), Sh. Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua along with Sub Divisional Magistrate, Hiranagar Ms. Manisha Koul inaugurated Wheat Sowing across the Indo Pak Border in Village Chack Changa of Hiranagar Sector.

Sh. Rakesh Minhas, IAS, DC Kathua said, We are encouraging the farmer to bring more vacant land under cultivation along Indo-Pak international Border. The farmers are also being motivated for integrated farming, use of latest machinery to reduce the cost of farming to enhance income in agriculture production". He also said, "District Administration, Border Security Force and Department of Agriculture Kathua are working in coordination with farmers to facilitate safe and secure sowing of wheat crop across the fence. He also interacted with local farmers upon his visit. Sanjeev Rai Gupta, CAO Kathua said, "This year Department has set target of Wheat Sowing in 300 Acres of land during Rabi 2023-24 across the fence. Today, 200 acres of land across



fence was sown involving 67 farmers from villages of Chack Changa, Karol Krishna, Karol Maithrian and Chann Tanda. For effective sowing across the fence, Department of agriculture has also provided machines such as Tractor, Cultivator to farmers actually involved in border sowing and Team of officers/ officials from the department are also technically facilitating the farmers in every aspect.

He also said "We are encouraging farmers to use mechanized methods for effective sowing of wheat crop by using Super Seeder, a highly mechanized machine which can perform multi-functions such as ploughing, sowing and planking of the field simultaneously, a revolutionary step, thereby saving input cost and time taken in comparison to old traditional methods." Sh. Nanak Chand, Pres-

ident, Border Farmers' Association and, a progressive farmer, said "We, the farmers of the Border Area appreciate relentless efforts of Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua for facilitating us in sowing our vacant lands across the Indo-Pak International border in both Rabi and Kharif Season."

It is pertinent to mention that Department of Agriculture has relentlessly supported farmers of the Border Areas since 2019 and more farmers owning vacant land along and across the Indo Pak international border has been motivated to sow their vacant land consistently in each season.

During the visit, officers and officials accompanied were Sh. Jamshed Singh, AEO Marheen, Sh. Narayan Singh, JAEO, Sh. Rajesh Sharma JAEO, Sh. Vishal JAEO and Sanjay Kumar AEA.

## Assembly Elections must address to public issues: Manjit Singh



JNEWS SERVICE  
VJAYPUR, NOV 21

Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded holding of Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir to address growing public issues.

As per a press release, a meeting of Apni Party leaders and workers was organized here at Vijaypur which was chaired by Manjit Singh.

In this meeting, Manjit Singh reviewed the political scenario and developmental issues confronted by the people in Samba and other Districts in Jammu Region.

"The people in J&K are facing great incontinence since August 5, 2019, in absence of an elected Govt. The authorities are

not working as per the expectation of the people. Therefore, this situation has given rise to the feeling of alienation," he said.

He said that "It appears that the authorities are not willing to fulfill the projected demands of the people and hence, the issues have multiplied with growing unemployment in private and Govt sectors. Unemployment has remained a major concern of the people especially because of the increasing number of educated unemployed."

He said that the scams in the recruitment process have created mistrust among the aspirants of different jobs.

He also raised the issue of demand of 5 marla plots to the border residents in safer places, water crises in kandi belt, construction

of civilian bunkers, canal water supply system, electricity issues etc remained unfulfilled.

"The elected Govt could have handled issues carefully. Unfortunately, the Panchayati Raj elections, and Urban Local Body elections were scheduled, but they were delayed without citing reason," he said.

He further stated that the Govt must hold Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir without further delay. The situation is peaceful and there is no reason to delay Assembly Elections.

He said that the development, employment, border resident's issues, Displaced Persons and farmer's concern need attention of the authorities, but they remain unaddressed for years.

## IIL uplifts community well-being with new toilet complex at Government Degree College, Samba

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 21

Insecticides (India) Limited, through its CSR arm, IIL Foundation, has taken a significant step towards promoting sanitation and hygiene under their Project Vidhya, by inaugurating a new toilet complex at Government Degree College, in Samba, Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative aims to contribute to the well-being of students and highlights IIL Foundation's commitment to societal development.

The ceremony was officially unveiled by Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Managing Director of Insecticides (India) Limited, in the presence of key dignitaries like Dr. Twinkle Suri, Principal, Government Degree College, Samba; and Mr. Jitender Aggarwal, Unit Head, IIL Samba; alongside students and college staff.

The newly constructed toilet complex comprises separate blocks for girls and boys, each equipped with modern amenities to ensure a clean and hygienic environment. The girls' toilet block houses nine toilets, including a facil-



ity for the handicapped, while the boys' toilet block features 13 toilets, including a provision for the handicapped.

Speaking about the project, Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Managing Director of Insecticides (India) Limited, said, "At IIL Foundation, our focus extends beyond agricultural endeavors to encompass holistic community development. We recognize the importance of sanitation and hygiene, particularly in educational institutions, and that promoting sanitary hygiene goes hand-in-hand with raising awareness. By setting real examples, such as constructing these toilet complexes, we aim to emphasize the importance of practical actions. The construction of these toilet blocks stands as evidence of our commitment to nurturing a healthier and more conducive envi-

ronment for students to thrive."

Principle at Govt. Degree College, Dr. Suri thanked IIL Foundation for extending such support for the college. She Mentioned "It is encouraging to see the companies like Insecticides (India) Limited coming forward and supporting the education institutes and well-being of students."

Previously, the Foundation has successfully executed similar projects, exemplified by the construction of toilet blocks for girls and boys at Govt Senior Secondary School in Jodia Mev and Tapu Khera, Alwar district, Rajasthan. These efforts highlight the IIL Foundation's steadfast dedication to supporting government schools and colleges, aligning with their overarching commitment to education, farmer awareness, and health.

## Khatana urges Tpt Comm to resolve Transporters issues

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 21

BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has urged the Transport Commissioner, J&K Govt. to resolve the issue of transporters facing problems at Sonamarg check post in ganderbal district.

In a communiqué to Transport Commissioner, Rahul Sharma, IAS, MP informed that over the past few months, a number of delegations of transporters have met and sought his assistance in addressing a recurring issue that has been plaguing the transportation

industry in our Jammu and Kashmir pertaining to the apparent obstruction of the onward journey of 14 Chakka trucks heading to Leh at the Sonamarg Check Post.

The transporters have expressed their grave concerns regarding the frequent stopping of 14 Chakka trucks by the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) at the Sonamarg Check Post, leading to substantial delays and considerable financial losses. Furthermore, there is a serious discrepancy in the interpretation of regulations governing the movement of commercial

vehicles through this check-point.

Transporters said that the Additional Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) of Ganderbal Sh. Wajahat claims that the Deputy Commissioner's permission is necessary for the 14 Chakka trucks to pass through Sonamarg. However, conflicting reports from the Traffic Police Department indicate that no such restrictions exist. This inconsistency in the application of the rules has caused significant confusion among the transporters and has also given rise to allegations of corruption within the MVD.

## Vrindalika Sharma of DPS Jammu declared winner of NHPC (State Level) painting competition

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOV 21

As a part of National Awareness Campaign to promote Energy Conservation in the country, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC), Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized a prestigious State Level Painting Competition on 20th November, 2023 at NHPC Regional Office, Jammu wherein Vrindalika Sharma (Class IX-C) of Delhi Public School Jammu bagged the coveted 1st position and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- in Category-B while Vanshika Dutta (X-J) won 3rd prize of cash Rs. 20,000/- in Category-B. Chief Guest, Sh. Bikram Singh, ED, RO felicitated both the winners.

The competition was organized by NHPC for classes V, VI, & VII under group-A and for VIII, IX & X under group-B. Around 6000 students from J&K U.T had participated in the said competition out of which 800 students were from DPS Jammu. Vrinda-



lika and Vanshika having won the coveted 1st & 3rd positions have also been selected for the national level painting competition to be held later in the month of December-2023. Ms. Ruchi Chabra, Principal-DPS Jammu congratulated both the students and said that it was a proud moment for the school to stand out as a state level winner of J&K out of thousands of students across J&K.

The esteemed Management DPS Jammu, Hon'ble President-RCT, Sh. M.K Ajatshatru Singh Ji, distinguished PVC-Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh Ji and Hon'ble Director-Sh. S.S Sodhi Ji congratulated Vrindalika, Vanshika, their parents and teacher in-charge, Mr. Suresh Kumar Sharma for their achievements. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future national competition.

## Police organizes Drugs Awareness Programme at Christ High School, Lamberi



JNEWS SERVICE  
NOWSHERA, NOV 21

Under the aegis of Range Police Headquarters and District Police Office Rajouri, Police organized 'Drugs Awareness' programme at Christ High School Lamberi Nowshera. Among others who attended the event included Principal Christ High School Lamberi Mathew Nelledath, Additional SP Nowshera Mohd Rafi Girkps, Teachers Sunita Sharma (Science), Anita Sharma (Hindi), Shaheed Chouhan (Maths), Geeta Sharma (Social Science), Pallavi Sharma (Science) and Ram Sharma (Computer), media fraternity members and large number of students. To start with Principal of the School welcomed Additional SP for conducting the Drugs Awareness programme in the school and said that in future he would like these types of events, seminars, debates to be held regularly to aware the students who are the future of our society and nation.

Additional SP Nowshera while talking to the students about Drug Abuse and the way out, explained to the students the very concept of drug

abuse, various types of drugs, scenario at the International, national, state and district level. He said that substance abuse has affected human lives in every aspect. He also appreciated participants for being part of the event organized by Rajouri Police to get aware about the ill effects of drugs and cooperating Rajouri Police in organizing Drug Awareness Programme, which he said, will prove to be useful in the long run. He said that for the betterment of youth J&K Police always remain on the forefront. He also said that to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, public cooperation is necessary and stressed upon the students and teachers to share all such information related to drug supply in the area so that Police can act swiftly. He also appealed to the participants to cooperate with the Police in identifying drug addicts in their locality so that they can be counseled in better ways. Students and other participants displayed hoardings/posters against drug abuse in the college premises and showed their full commitment for working against the menace in the interest of society and nation.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp held at Panchayat Ghar Tsaga



JNEWS SERVICE  
LEH, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

To ensure the saturation of flagship government schemes, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra camp was organised at Panchayat Ghar Tsaga on November 20. During the event, sub-division level officers of Rural Development

Department (RDD) and Panchayat Raj Department (PRD), Animal, Agriculture, ICDS, Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry, PHE, Ladakh Rural Livelihood Mission, JK Bank, and Health Department besides other allied departments have provided 'on-spot services' of various schemes.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) e-tenders are invited in two cover system, from reputed and registered firms for the job mentioned below:-

S.No	Description of work	N.I.T. No.	Earnest Money	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Position of Funds	Position of AA/ Tech. Sanction	Tender Receiving Authority
01.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning 35 KVA DG Set along with Construction of Underground water tank of 8'x8'x7' for Controlled Mushroom Cultivation Unit with allied Civil and Electromechanical Works on turn Key Basis at SM Farm Granwalla District Reasi	e-NIT No. 59 of 2023-24 Dt. 20.11.2023 Due on 28.11.2023	3% of the contract value shall be submitted by the lowest Bidder before the allotment of work order in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR/BG/	Rs. 1000/- (Fixed Amount) in the shape of challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to MH-0059(PWD) Misc. Revenue and uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt on e-tendering portal OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in shape of e-challan through Account No. 0028010200000009, J&K Bank, Udhampur, of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Udhampur	30 days	Available	Accorded	Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Udhampur

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### Do not sensationalise ongoing rescue operations at Silkyara, Uttarakhand: Ministry of I&B advises TV channels

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 21

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has today issued an advisory to television channels to refrain from sensationalizing the ongoing rescue operation underway at Silkyara, Uttarakhand and from undertaking any live posts/videos from close proximity of the tunnel site where the rescue operations are underway, and ensure that the human life saving activity by the various agencies is in no way disrupted or disturbed by the very presence of cameramen, reporters or equipment near or around the operations site.

Government is keeping constant communication and making all efforts to keep up the morale of the workers trapped in the 2 km-built tunnel portion.

Various Government agencies are working tirelessly for the safe evacuation of 41 workers. The operation underway around the tunnel is of an extremely sensitive nature involving saving so many lives. Telecast of video footages and other pictures relating to the operations by the TV channels specially by placing cameras and other equipment at close proximity to the rescue operations site have the potential to adversely affect the ongoing operations.

The Ministry has advised the TV channels to be cautious and sensitive while reporting on the matter especially in putting out headlines, videos & images and take due care of the sensitive nature of operation, psychological status of the family members and as well as the viewers in general.

### Amit Sharma chairs meeting to formulate Information and Cyber Security Policy for Ladakh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
LEH, NOV 21

Administrative Secretary of Information Technology, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma presided over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat in Leh. The primary agenda of the meeting was to deliberate and discuss the formulation of a comprehensive Information and Cyber Security Policy tailored to the unique needs of Ladakh.

The meeting attended by experts from the National Institute for Smart Government, and officials from the Information Technology Department marked a significant pace in acknowledging the critical role that cybersecurity plays in safeguarding the integrity of digital infrastructure.

The discussions explored various facets of information security, encompassing the protection of sensitive data, critical infrastructure, and the privacy of citizens. Participants engaged in a thorough analysis of emerging cyber threats and vulnerabilities specific to the Ladakh region, paving the way for a targeted and effective policy.

Secretary Amit Sharma underscored the impera-



tive nature of a robust cybersecurity framework, especially in an era where digital advancements are transforming the landscape of governance and public services. He highlighted the need for a collective effort to combat cyber threats and promote a culture of cybersecurity awareness and education among the populace.

This important meeting marks a crucial step towards fortifying defenses against cyber threats and ensuring the trust and safety of citizens in the digital realm, Amit Sharma stated. Key areas addressed in

the meeting included the establishment of a dedicated cybersecurity task force, regular security audits, and the development of capacity-building programs for government officials and the public.

The proposed Information and Cyber Security Policy is expected to be a benchmark document, aligning with international best practices while addressing the unique challenges faced by Ladakh. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the urgency of finalizing the policy and initiating its implementation at the earliest.

### All land issues of Jammu Airport Expansion resolved; Div Com directs Airport Authority to initiate work



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

Marking a significant breakthrough, all land issues pertaining to the expansion of Jammu Airport have been successfully resolved. Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, chaired a meeting today, directing the Airport Authority Jammu to initiate the long-awaited project.

During the meeting, it was revealed that the majority of the required land has already been provided to the Airport Authority. Land with few structures of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna was

pending. The Director of Animal Husbandry reported that the remaining structures on the pending land are now vacant, paving the way for the smooth execution of work.

To ensure a seamless execution of the prestigious project, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the Director of Animal Husbandry to formally hand over the remaining land to the Airport Authority.

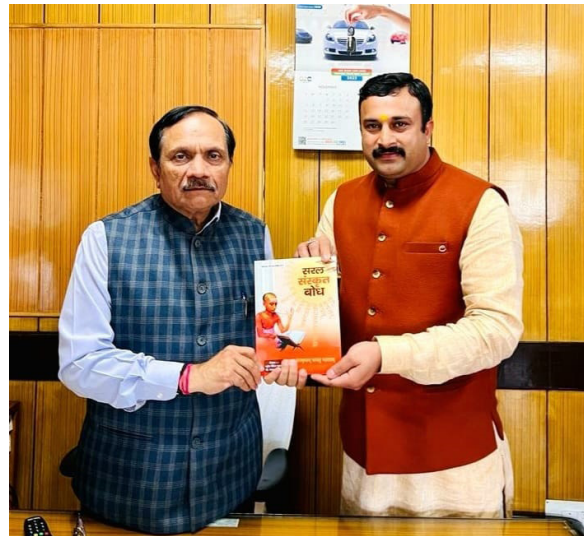
The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Director Animal Husbandry Shubhra Sharma and Director Airport S K Garg and other

concerned officers. Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners through video conferencing to review the stamp duty rates revision.

He directed Deputy Commissioners to hold meetings of District Level Committees and send proposals to Divisional level committee for finalization of revised stamp duty rates of immovable property.

VC JDA, DC Stamps, Director Agriculture, Chief Engineer Irrigation besides officers of Forest, Revenue and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

### Rohit Shastri meets Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, advisor to LG JKUT



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

Mahant Rohit Shastri, president of Shri kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, Raipur Banatalab Jammu (registered), had a courteous meeting with Advisor Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar in the Civil Secretariat in Jammu. During the meeting, Mahant Rohit Shastri presented the "Saras Sanskrit Bodh" Book and appealed to initiate the study and teaching of Sanskrit language from the sixth grade in schools across Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the commitment of his

trust to the preservation and enhancement of Sanskrit, a language deeply rooted in ancient Indian knowledge and literary tradition. It is noteworthy that special efforts are being made by Shrikailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan with Advisor Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar (registered), under the leadership of Mahant Rohit Shastri, to start the study and teaching of Sanskrit language from the sixth grade in schools of Jammu and Kashmir. Today's courteous meeting with Advisor Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar is a part of these ongoing efforts.

### Dinesh Chand Deshwal took over charge as Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, New Delhi

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOV 21

Dinesh Chand Deshwal has taken the charge of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, New Delhi today i.e. on 21.11.2023. He will look after the Railway Safety of the Northern Railway, coming under the Northern Circle.

He belongs to the 1990 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE). Dinesh Chand Deshwal started his career in Western Railway and held various important positions in Open line, Construction, and Projects on various zonal railways.

Shri Deshwal has also held key assignments on deputation as Managing Director, HRIDC (JV Company of MOR and Govt. of Haryana). Prior



to his appointment as Commissioner of Railway Safety, he was working as Chief Bridge Engineer, at North Western Railway. Having 31+ years of experience in the Construction, and O&M of Railway Infrastructure, he has served in important Divisions viz. Vadodara, Ratlam, Ajmer, and Bikaner. Throughout his career, he has held a variety of positions as CE/MRTS/Northern Railway, Sr. Faculty NAIIR, MD/HRIDC, and CBE/NW Rail-

way, among many other responsibilities.

His key achievements are the successful planning, financial structuring, and sanctioning of the 'Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor' Project - a multipurpose 144 km long double line electrified rail corridor around Delhi, and successfully building HRIDC from its inspection into a vibrant entity having a strong multi-disciplinary team from project planning, implementation, operation, and operation & management as its founding Managing Director and vast exposure to PPP projects private sidings, private freight terminals, CONCOR terminals, metro rail projects of DMRC, LMRC, & NCRTC among many other accomplishments.

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 21

Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Sr. AAP leader J&K-UT, Jammu in a press statement issued here, said that time has come when all political Parties have been compelled to dole out Delhi Model of welfare schemes in the poll bound states in times to come sensing the mood of public who are badly fed up with the lies & JUMLAS of BJP, price rise, unemployment, selling of ancestral assets to the friendly industrialists, corruption, acute price hike in Diesel, Petrol & LPG, Atta, Milk & other kitchen items etc Mr. Rao said and added that almost all people seemed angry & disappointed over the situation. He said that people were smartly befooled in 2014 & 2019 Parliamentary elections also in state elections in this duration, promising 2 crore jobs every year, removing corruption, decriminalization of politics, lowering prices of Diesel, Petrol, domestic gas, sand, Bajri, stones, making 100 smart cities, running of Bullet trains, constructing 1 model village in each constituency every year etc, he said and added that enough is enough now and that all the people can't be befooled for all the time as the people have seen through the game of polarization, of all traditional Political Parties so called the savior of Hindus

& Muslims. Rao further said that the promise of providing 2 crore jobs annually to the youths of the country in 2014 and 50,000 jobs to the youths of J&K after abrogation of Art. 370 still haunts the minds of young highly educated youths here, which never saw the light of the day. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on contractual basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need based arrangements in all departments be it Home guard, Education, PDD, PHE, Health, Food & civil supplies & so on so forth has compounded the miseries of frustrated youths with every passing day as scores of them are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope of ACHHE DIN, he maintained and said that previous leaders of successive state governments are squarely responsible for the present mess who, without any planning & application of mind, adjusted the youths simply to create vote banks & appease their kith & kins, has put thousands of youths in great dilemma & worst confusion, he claimed & maintained that Educational Institutions were opened with political considerations without proper infrastructure in place, Health Institutions sanctioned without availability of staff & Buildings. He further said that after snatching of Statehood, outsiders have taken full

control on miner minerals like sand & Bajri. With this, the rates of sand, stones, Bajri etc have gone sky high & constructing a house has gone beyond the control of a middle class.. There is loot of local resources which is needed to be stopped.

Rao further appealed the masses to read between the lines and judge for themselves as to the false claims of VIKAS and throw away the age old tested spent forces in times to come, he said & added that Delhi type of governance is a death blow to communalism & hate policy of certain Political Parties & he further affirmed that all Political Parties in the country have now admitted that they will have to deliver on the issue of power, water, quality education in government Institutions & quality Health services in government Hospitals, if they want to rule the country and this is Delhi Model of governance. Mr. Rao appeals the masses to read the writings on the wall as AAP is the only alternative before them for all round development on Delhi pattern if they are voted to power because people have already been badly exploited by all Conventional Political Parties for last 74 years and now they need a change, he said & added that all Traditional Political Parties are the chips of the same block & cannot befooled the masses by adding old wine in new bottles.

### Yuva Vani programme: Youth sensitized about agri-business across Ramban District

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 21

To sensitize the youth about agri-business, the District Administration Ramban organised series of "Yuva Vani" programme under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in Degree Colleges of Ramban, Batote and Gool.

The programme commenced on November 15 across the district under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary with the aim to empower youth of the district about the scope of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture sector.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr Suhail Kawoosa, who is also Nodal Officer HADP in the district, sensitized the students and staff about the "Yuva Vani" programme during an interaction session held at Government Degree College Ramban. He said that there are ample business opportunities available in agriculture and allied sectors for the youth.

The participants showed keen interest in opting for Agricultural entrepreneurship which has been designed exclusively for the youth within the age group of 18-35 years.

Similarly, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ramban, Ram Gopal Sharma sensitized the participants at Government Degree College, Batote, while, Assistant Director, Fisheries Ramban, Fayaz Ahmed interacted with the participants at Government Degree College, Gool.

Expressing gratitude to the District Administration for organizing programmes in their institutions, the Principals and faculty of the host Colleges urged the visiting officers to organize such more youth oriented and informative events in their institutions.

### Awareness program on Consumer protection & grievance redress mechanism under RBI'S "One Nation-One Ombudsman Scheme" held at Ramban

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 21

To create awareness about consumer protection and grievance redressal mechanism available under Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021, a Town Hall Meeting was organized by the Office of the Banking Ombudsman, RBI, Jammu at Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Ramban.

The programme was chaired by Ramesh Chand, RBI Ombudsman (RBIO), for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and attended by the customers of regulated entities of RBI, senior officers of banks, branch heads of Ramban District and students and faculty members of ITI. In his

keynote address, Ramesh Chand highlighted the customer centric features of the Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021 (RBIOS-2021) which aims to improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against regulated entities such as banks, NBFCs and payment service operators, etc. He explained about various initiatives being undertaken by the Reserve Bank to protect and safeguard the customers' right and the manner of functioning of Office of RBI Ombudsman meeting the objective of customers' grievances redressal in cost free, expeditious and fair manner.

He cautioned the participants about use of dif-

ferent innovative methods of digital frauds by the fraudsters and appealed to the participants to stay away from the lure of such tricks/offers. The Ombudsman also encouraged the participants to come forward and take benefit of grievance redress mechanism under Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021.

Deputy RBI Ombudsman (DRBIO) briefed the participants about RBI's Complaint Management Portal and the easy ways of lodging complaints under RBIOS-2021. He also made the participants aware about the precautions to be taken while carrying out banking transactions through net banking/ debit/credit card and advised them to visit RBI

website <https://cms.rbi.org.in> for further details on filing of complaint etc.

Senior officials from State Bank of India, J&K Bank and Punjab National Bank were also present during the event, who explained the internal grievance redress mechanism followed in their respective banks for the knowledge and convenience of the participants.

Later, an interactive session was held, where the participants raised their queries and complaints related to banking services, which were addressed/ clarified on the spot. The meeting was concluded with a quiz round for all the participants and winners of the quiz were felicitated with attractive prizes.

### Power shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Rajinder Nagar Keran, Laxmi Puran, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPE, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Patoli, Shiv Nagar, Subash Nagar, Government Quarter Sarwal, Shanti Nagar, Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Keerian Local and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Vijaypur, Town, Kolpur, Bandral and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 8 am to 3.30 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 23 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.



## Secy L&E discusses ways & means for bringing down UT's unemployment rate at par with National Avg

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 21

Secretary, Labour & Employment, Rehana Batul today held threadbare discussions with all the stakeholders for further bringing down the unemployment rate of the UT at par with the National Average.

The meeting was attended by Director, Employment, Nisar Ahmad; Mission Director, NRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib; Director Animal Husbandry, Jammu; Representatives from Agriculture, Industries & Commerce, Handicrafts, KVIB, KVIC, Mission Youth, J&K Bank besides other concerned officers.

In the onset of the meeting the Secretary impressed upon the stakeholders to work in close coordination with each other and in an altruistic mindset. She made out that more than a dozen of departments are working for employment generation here and implements many more schemes in this pursuit.

Rehana Batul maintained that all the depart-



ments should learn from each others best practices for replicating them in the implementation of their schemes. She advised each of them to go through each other's schemes and the method of implementing them by the concerned so that there is coherence and creation of domino effect by the same.

She stated that our sole motive should be to contribute towards providing ample opportunities to the aspiring youth. She asked them to be ready to sit with the financial institutions for ironing out any differences for meeting our targets smoothly.

The Secretary also applauded the role of NRLM and KVIB in doing a commendable job towards

creation of employment opportunities for rural youth. She called upon others to learn from their expertise. She enquired from them about the targets they have been able to meet till now and their expectations till end of the financial year. She called on them to make it a motive to further bring the unemployment rate down at par with the National average in the year ahead.

The MD, NRLM shared a document with the stakeholders defining the method of assistance and mentoring their organization is providing to the SHGs. She gave out that the document will decipher to them the strategy to cut out on NPA rate besides being pivotal in

enhancing their approval rates from the concerned bank branches too.

Earlier on the Director Employment, Nisar Ahmad gave overview of the employment scenario of J&K. He made out that in the recent survey of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the unemployment rate in the UT has taken a dip and reduced to around 4% from earlier 5.2% (2021-22).

It was given out that the employment department is going to facilitate all those implementing employment generation schemes here so that the rate of unemployment is brought to just 3%, which is at par with the National Average in the country.

## J&K Fisheries deptt ranks top among best performing districts across country

JINNEWS SERVICE  
AHMEDABAD, (GUJARAT),  
NOVEMBER 21

Receiving high recognition and appreciation at the national level, the Department of Fisheries ranked top among the best performing districts across all Union Territories of the Country for vigorous development of fish and fisheries in the Jammu and Kashmir.

Anantnag district, which has been privileged with this outstanding achievement, was presented a trophy and a certificate of merit. The felicitation was conferred on the occasion of World Fisheries Day celebrated at National level in Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

The event was inaugurated and presided over by Purshotam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

The function was attended by the fisheries fraternity of National and International repute. On the occasion, Union Minister recognized and appreciated efforts of the department for development of Fisheries particularly Cold water in the UT of J&K. He emphasized



that Government of India has launched a number of schemes for promotion of fish marketing, branding and export under PMMSY. He exhorted upon the youth to take the benefit of such schemes for development of market linkage in the form of cold chain to get remunerative prices for their produce.

Pertinently, Kashmir region of J&K is epicenter for the development of Cold water Fisheries and under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and guidance of Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar various steps are being taken by the UT government for enhancing the productivity as well as

income of Fishers. Special subsidy component has been kept for the UT to attract more farmers for adopting this profitable venture.

Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar, said that the focus of the department is to make farmers more resourceful through implementation of various schemes for marketing of trout and also for export to other States.

Anantnag is in the forefront of Trout Production and a hub of Trout production among all the districts of the country. Besides, the district is traversed by different trout streams being angled by the esteemed anglers both local and foreigner

and thus an explicit boost to the ecotourism. Effective implementation of the schemes like PMMSY, HADP, FIDF etc envisages the trout production to be doubled during the next five years creating gainful employment opportunities for educated unemployed youth.

The World Fisheries Day 2023 was celebrated in all the districts of J&K and the main function was held at Regional Fish Farmers Development Agency of Jammu Division and Kashmir Division. Large number of fishers participated in the event and witnessed live streaming of the World Fisheries Day event held at Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad Gujarat.

## Andrabi awards winners of 3rd National Judo League under Khelo India

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 21

Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, today awarded the winners of 3rd Khelo India National Judo League for Northern Zone held under Khelo India at SK Indoor Sports Stadium, Srinagar.

Teams of three different age categories from nine Northern States and Union Territories of the country participated in the event. The league was held by the Sports Authority of India under Khelo India initiative of the Union Ministry of Sports.

Technical Director of League, Deepak Gupta besides Sushma Avasthi and Yogesh K from the Sports Authority of India also graced the occasion.

Dr Andrabi felicitated the winners and runners up teams and individual players in different categories with medals and certificates.

Dr Darakhshan said that Modiji's Khelo India mission has revolutionized the sports sector in India and



now like other important sectors of life, India is fast becoming a global sports power. "During the past nine years the initiatives of the central government have boosted the talent of our boys and girls and the young sports stars from across the country are unfurling the tricolor at global stages in all categories of events. We have created world class sports infrastructure throughout the country and the mission is on", said Andrabi.

Chairperson Waqf Board said that this League was held in J&K after a gap of 42 years. "Those who say the

law and order situation in J&K has not improved are liars. We are seeing peaceful Kashmir after decades now. Political myopia doesn't allow some politicians to see the reality and they thus create sensations through their statements.

Events like this are testimony to the fact that peace has returned to Kashmir after the constitutional change that happened in 2019", said Dr Darakhshan. She hailed the LG administration for creating a remarkable sports infrastructure & sports environment in J&K during the past few years.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

## Union Joint Secretary visits Panchayat Sahar in Kathua

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 21

Union Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Kavita Garg who is designated Prabhari Officer for Kathua district today presided over a series of events at Panchayat Sahar where overwhelming participation of people was witnessed.

The visit of the officer was part of outreach programme, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra which was formally kick started across India on 15th November 2023.

While interacting with the inhabitants of Panchayat Sahar, Union Joint Secretary said the aim of the outreach initiative of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was to enroll potential beneficiaries during the Panchayat-to-Panchayat campaign where saturation of all centrally as well as state



sponsored schemes are being targeted.

Kavita Garg acknowledged that the implementation of such programmes is crucial to ensure the last mile potential beneficiaries receive the benefits they are entitled to. She said the extensive programme will cover unreached beneficiaries, generate awareness about the government schemes, giving ear to the unheard success stories of the beneficiaries besides taking their valu-

able feedback.

During the visit, Union Joint Secretary engaged in interactive sessions with beneficiaries, allowing them to share their experiences and gather feedback about the existing schemes. These interactions play a pivotal role in understanding the ground realities and enhancing the effectiveness of government initiatives.

On the occasion, the District and Sectoral officers presented the devel-



opment profile of the Sahar and its adjoining panchayats falling under the Kandi belt of the district

Speaking about the importance of these programmes, the officer highlighted how providing equitable access to schemes and benefits is a key pillar of good governance. Through initiatives like the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the Union Government aims to narrow the gap between potential beneficiaries

and opportunities, thus fostering inclusive development and progress.

On the occasion, Kavita Garg gave away Golden Cards, Financial Assistance under PMEGP, Gas Stove under Ujjwala Yojna, Vermi Bed among the beneficiaries.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas, GM NABARD Anamika, ACD Kishore Singh Katoch, PRI Members besides district and sectoral level officers were also present.

## SHD organises awareness camp in Reasi

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REASI, NOVEMBER 21

To educate and empower sheep breeders and rearers, the Department of Sheep Husbandry Reasi today conducted a day-long awareness camp in Reasi. The event witnessed active participation of a significant number of breeders hailing from different parts of the district.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Dr. Sarfaraz Naseem Chowdhary, along with a team of dedicated doctors and officers, including paravets from the department, spearheaded the informative session.

District Development

Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion.

During the camp, the District Development Commissioner urged the doctors and officers of the department to work with zeal and enthusiasm, ensuring the delivery of optimal services to the breeders. Additionally, he encouraged breeders to actively participate in and avail the maximum benefits of government schemes such as ISDS, TSP, HADP, and KCC.

DDC Reasi, at the event shed light on various government schemes, highlighting the significance of initiatives like ISDS (Integrated Sheep

Development Scheme), TSP (Tribal Sub Plan), HADP (Hill Area Development Programme), and KCC (Kisan Credit Card). Furthermore, the audience was educated about disease control and management practices to safeguard the health and well-being of livestock.

He said awareness camp proved to be an invaluable platform for knowledge exchange, fostering a stronger bond between the Sheep Husbandry Department and the local sheep farming community. Such initiatives are instrumental in promoting sustainable practices and ensuring the prosperity of the region's livestock sector.

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UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai, today presided over a crucial district-level Narco Coordination (NCORD) committee meeting here in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The meeting addressed issues pertaining to the restructuring of the NCORD mechanism in the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Joginder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, along with SDMs, Tehsildars, Principals of various colleges, and other officers who joined virtually.



Discussions delved into various facets of tackling drug addiction, including promotion of Nasha Mukht Panchayats, identifying hot spots, freezing and attaching property of Drug traffickers, checking victims' accounts, establishing drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers, implementing tracking mechanisms, and curbing the cultivation of poppy and cannabis in the district.

Addressing the meeting, the DC underscored the necessity of launching a holistic awareness pro-

gram targeting schools, colleges, and the youth, involving parents in the process. She sought detailed information from concerned departments on measures taken to control the drug menace. The DC asked SDMs to incorporate a tracking mechanism system while directing the ACD to conduct sensitization programs to combat menace of drug abuse in different blocks. The DC urged officials to leverage all available resources effectively to achieve the shared goal.

## DC Inaugurates Library cum Reading Hall at Govt Gujar Bakarwal Boys Hostel in Doda

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DODA, NOVEMBER 21

Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh today inaugurated a Library cum Reading Hall at Government Gujar Bakarwal Boys Hostel in Doda. This facility is designed to provide a conducive environment, fostering an atmosphere for students to enhance their learning and knowledge.

After the inauguration ceremony, the DC expressed his earnest desire to promote education and ensure necessary resources for students. He emphasized the significance of reading and encouraged students to leverage the new library to broaden their horizons. On this

auspicious occasion, DC assured that the district administration in Doda would extend full support to the tribal community. He also offered advice to Gujar and Bakarwal students, urging them to strive for excellence in life.

A colourful cultural program, on the occasion of "Janjatiya Gausav Saptah 2023," was organised at Gujar Bakarwal Hostel (Boys), aiming at celebrating and showcasing the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities in Doda. The program is set to feature a myriad of cultural activities, including traditional dances, music performances, art exhibitions, and storytelling sessions.