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Dream of developed Bharat can be realised only when states, districts and villages get developed: PM Modi

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JAGDALPUR, OCT 3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated development projects worth more than Rs 26,000 crore in poll-bound Chhattisgarh, where he said the dream of a developed Bharat will be realised only when all states, districts and villages become developed.



Speaking about the role of steel in various development and infrastructure sectors, he said, several steps have been taken in the last nine years to make Bharat "aatmanirbhar" (self-reliant) in steel manufacturing.

Chhattisgarh is reaping its benefits as a major steel manufacturing state, he said.

"India's one of the most advanced steel manufacturing units was inaugurated in Nagarnar today. Bastar's steel will strengthen our Army and also boost defence exports. This steel plant will provide employment opportunities to 50,000 youths of Bastar and adjoining areas," the prime minister said.

"This is the reason our government enhanced the outlay for infrastructure at Rs 10 lakh crore, a six-fold increase," the PM said.

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LG Sinha flags off CRPF women bike expedition 'Yashasvini' from iconic Lal Chowk, Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, OCT 3

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today flagged off the CRPF Women Bike Expedition 'Yashasvini', from the iconic Lal Chowk, Srinagar.

The expedition will traverse more than 2134 KMs, crossing 40 districts to reach Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on 31st October, on

the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister, unifier of modern India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

In his address, the Lt Governor saluted the unparalleled bravery, determination and courage shown by the Veeranganas of CRPF in many difficult situations while protecting the integrity

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Delegation of Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan committee Tikkar Kupwara calls on LG



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A delegation of Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Committee from Tikkar, Kupwara called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today.

The members of the delegation led by Mohan Lal Padroo discussed

the development of Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan at Tikkar, Kupwara. The delegation also apprised the Lt Governor about restoration of historical structures within the premises of the Temple. Later, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Chairman All J&K Folk Artists Association also called on the Lt Governor.

He was speaking at an event held at the Lalbag Maidan in Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Bastar district, where he dedicated to the nation the NMDC Steel Ltd's steel plant at Nagarnar village, located around 22 km away from here, and virtually flagged off a new train between Tadoki and Raipur in the state.

assembly elections are due by this year-end.

The prime minister said the government was making all possible efforts to make the lives of Chhattisgarh's people easier.

"Today, Chhattisgarh is receiving development projects worth around Rs 27,000 crore and these new projects will open up ample employment opportunities for the people of the state, expedite its progress and create an environment for busi-

ness activities," Modi said.

"The dream of a 'viksit' (developed) Bharat will come to fruition only when every state, district and village of the country become developed. For the developed Bharat, physical, digital and social infrastructure should be as per the needs of the future," he said.

"This is the reason our government enhanced the outlay for infrastructure at Rs 10 lakh crore, a six-fold increase," the PM said.

LG attends founder's day celebration of Devki Arya Putri Pathshala Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, OCT 3

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today attended the Founder's Day celebration of Devki Arya Putri Pathshala Srinagar at Tagore Hall.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the school for its immense contribution in providing quality education to girls from poor sections of the society since its establishment in 1910.

"Strength of the nation is determined by knowledge, culture and values. Educational institutions should focus on building human values, knowledge, social consciousness to enable the young minds to shape their future life



and destiny of the nation," the Lt Governor said.

Ancient India was centre of learning. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the time has come to reclaim the position of Vishwa Guru, he said.

"Learning in schools should foster educational excellence, equal access to build knowledge society

and prepare students for global competitiveness," he added.

At the Founder's Day celebration, the Lt Governor commended the role of the Veena Chandhok, Chairperson of Devki Arya Putri Pathshala, Principal and teachers in guiding the growth of the century-old educational institution.

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Kashmir is peaceful, not possible to see such atmosphere anywhere else: IG CRPF

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SRINAGAR, OCT 3

Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Ajay Kumar Yadav on Tuesday said that the situation in Srinagar is peaceful and there is no terrorism here.

Speaking on the sidelines of CRPF All Women Motorcycle Expedition 2023 which was earlier flagged off by the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha from historic Lal Chowk, IG CRPF Srinagar sector said today's crowd at Lal Chowk reflect a

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Basohli Pashmina got GI tag

Another milestone achieved by Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu

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JAMMU, OCT 3

Department of Industries and Commerce J&K has achieved yet another milestone by getting the Geographical Indication Tag for Basohli Pashmina, after Basohli Paintings and Rajouri Chikri Wood. The feat was achieved in coordination with NABARD Jammu & Human Welfare Association, Varanasi.

Basohli Pashmina is a more than 100 year old traditional craft of Basohli area of District Kathua of

Jammu division. It's hand-spun, known for extreme softness, fineness, light-weight, has insulating properties & extended life. All these qualities make it unique & promises enhanced sale of Pashmina products. Pashmina products include Shawls (Ladies/Gents), Mufflers, Blankets, Basket etc.

The Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu under the leadership of Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce Department, Vikramjeet Singh, and Director Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu, Dr. Vikas Gupta,

initiated steps to revive the centuries old languishing craft of Basohli Pashmina by way of filing its GI tag, establishing common Facility Centres for Basohli Pashmina weavers, increasing the periphery of registered pashmina weavers as well as Cooperative societies, developing clusters and providing benefits of various departmental schemes to the Basohli Pashmina weavers.

The artisans and weavers of Jammu Division have expressed their gratitude to J&K UT Lieutenant Governor and Chief Secretary for this much awaited present.

2 Army personnel injured in encounter in Rajouri



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RAJOURI/JAMMU, OCT 3

Two army personnel were injured in a gunfight with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Tuesday.

The encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists on Monday evening following a cordon and search operation in a forest area of the district, they said.

A joint team of the army and Jammu and Kashmir Police had cordoned off the Broh and Soom forest belts in the Kalakote area on Monday following information about suspicious movement, they said.

The terrorists fired at the troops in an attempt

to break the cordon resulting in retaliatory fire, officials said.

In the gun battle, two army personnel were injured, a senior police officer said. He said that they have been hospitalised and their condition is stable.

Two terrorists are believed to be inside the cordoned area, they said, adding reinforcements have been rushed to plug all possible escape routes, they said.

A defence spokesperson said the joint operation was launched in the general area in Kalakote and technology is being used to monitor the terrorists.

Presently, an intense operation is underway, he added.

'Green economy' new addition to India's future growth, startup avenues: Dr Jitendra Singh

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NEW DELHI, OCT 3

"Green Economy" is going to be new addition to India's future growth and StartUp avenues, said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview during "Green Ribbon Champions" Conclave.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Industry stake in Start-



Ups and Research & Development ought to be from the very beginning.

"Green Financing with a larger industrial engagement and Industry involvement is required right from the beginning because it is my consid-

ered view that otherwise you cannot move forward beyond a certain point," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said Bioeconomy is going to be a hugely lucrative source of livelihood in the times to come.

"In 2014, India's bioeconomy stood at just about \$10 Billion, today it is \$80 Billion. In just 8/9 years it has gone (up) 8 times and we look forward to having \$125 Billion by 2025," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF), announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will have huge non-government resources. As a result, the demarcation between the Public and Private sector

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Video suggesting DySP Adil Mushtaq's involvement in Anantnag encounter baseless: ADGP Kashmir

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 3

Jammu and Kashmir police on Tuesday dispelled rumours about the video purportedly issued by a news agency suggesting that DySP Adil Mushtaq was involved in Kokernag encounter as an insider betrayal that claimed lives of three officers.

In a post on X, Kashmir police while quoting ADGP



Kashmir Vijay Kumar said termed the video as base-

less and said that Adil Mushtaq is being investigated for entirely different case.

Police said that this type of irresponsible journalism is also an act of criminal misconduct and is liable for legal action.

"It has come to notice that a video news item has been uploaded purportedly issued by a news agency by the name of Bharat TAK suggesting that DSP Adil

Mushtaq is involved in the Kokernag terror incident as an insider betrayal. There is no truth to this video news," police said.

It said, "DSP Adil Mushtaq is being investigated for an entirely different case in Srinagar district and not in Anantnag. This type of #irresponsible #journalism is also an act of criminal misconduct and is liable for legal action."

2 fake police officers arrested from hotel in Jammu



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JAMMU, OCT 3

Jammu Police on Tuesday said to have arrested two fake police officers, who were impersonating as a Police Inspector and an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.

Both the accused have been arrested from a hotel in Jewel area of Jammu, police said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan Kohli said that a complaint was lodged at PS Nowabad by one person, stating that two persons who were impersonating as IPS officer and Inspector were threatening him.

In his complaint, the victim had stated that he met a person namely Kaiser Jeelani on a social networking site, who portrayed himself as IPS officer and he became friend with that person

and finally he met him in a Hotel Green Mint Gumat near Fish Market.

"On entering the room, he saw Kaiser Jeelani and one more person in Police uniform with stars who portrayed himself as Inspector. The duo threatened him to give them his laptop and faced harassment from them. The complainant was further threatened to be killed by the duo."

In this regard, a case under FIR number 166/2023 under section 419/420/384/170/171 IPC got registered at PS Nowabad and investigation was started.

Special police teams of PS Nowabad led by SP Kulbir Handa, DySP HQrs Dr. Sunniya Wani assisted by SHO PS Nowabad Surinder Raina did strenuous efforts and finally arrested accused from the said place.

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DHS Jammu conducts Ayushman Bhav Campaign in Health Institutions across Jammu Division

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

Directorate of Health Services Jammu conducted an array of public outreach activities in Health Institutions of Jammu Division under the flagship Ayushman Bhav Campaign.

Ayushman Bhav Campaign, a nationwide healthcare initiative of Government of India has been launched to ensure full saturation of healthcare schemes by reaching every village and town. The campaign was launched on 13th of September 2023 in Jammu Division. The three components of this campaign are Ayushman Apke Dwar 3.0, to ensure 100% enrollment in Ayushman Bharat, Ayushman Melas at HWCs and CHC level and Ayushman Sabha in every village and Panchayat level.

It is a significant step towards achieving univer-



sal health coverage and ensuring healthcare for all. All districts of Jammu division are conducting Ayushman health melas at HWCs and CHC level where health services like ABHA ID generation, early diagnosis and screening under NCD, anemia test, track and treat, blood donation camps and awareness about Ayushman Bharat PMJAY benefits, TB Mukh Panchayat,

teleconsultation, IMI-5.0 vaccination, NVBDCP and other health schemes are being provided.

The melas were attended by a large number of gathering including PRI members, social activists, ASHAs, AWWs, general public and health staff. Under the umbrella of Ayushman Bhav campaign, Swachhta Pakhwada commenced on 17th September 2023, an initia-

tive that underscores the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in healthcare institutions. Massive cleanliness drive were carried out under the banner of Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign in Directorate of Health Services Jammu along with health Institutions of all districts across Jammu division during one hour Shramdaan drive on 1st of October 2023. This was a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene contributing to the broader mission of a cleaner and healthier India. In this campaign, hospital and office staff, local community members and volunteers participated by cleaning the hospital premises, offices, surrounding areas and public places. This collective action was to inculcate cleanliness and good hygiene practice to lead a healthier life.

Week-long 'Sankalp Saptaah' programme inaugurated at Singhpora Pattan

J NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 3

A unique week-long Government's ambitious initiative, 'Sankalp Saptaah,' was today kick-started at Block Singhpora Pattan here amid series of activities undertaken by Health Department to saturate the desired targets as envisaged under Sampoor-na Swasthya 'Ek Sankalp'.

At Sub Health Centre Singhpora, the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Pattan, Syed Fahim Bihqi inaugurated the week long 'Sankalp Saptaah'.

Among huge number of people, Block Medical Officer Pattan, concerned authorities from Rural Development, Education and other departments were present on the inaugural day.

During the event, a medical camp was organized wherein Medical



experts provided health services to the people besides a comprehensive awareness was imparted to the participants especially women about the importance of nutrition during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Speaking with regard to the implementation of the campaign in Block Singhpora and terming the week long programme as a unique initiative to improve governance at

Block level, SDM informed that the week long programme aims at saturating indicators under Health and Nutrition, basic livelihoods, agriculture in block Singhpora by bringing in innovative methods.

On the occasion, the SDM informed that maximum indicators will be saturated by all the identified departments within a week-long programme. He added that the main focus is Antenatal care for

women, immunization in dropouts and vulnerable groups, NCD Screening to detect early Non-Communicable Diseases and other high risk Diseases.

Bihqi asserted that the coordinated approach will be adopted by all the concerned authorities for tuberculosis elimination by intensifying drives for screening and treatment of Tuberculosis patients.

Elaborating further, the SDM said that cleanliness drives will also be held in all panchayats with an initiative towards polythene-free block.

Similar activities as part of 'Sankalp Saptaah' were also undertaken in all 08 Health and Wellness centres in Medical Block Pattan Singhpora and during which a free Medical checkup besides an awareness programmes were organized for the people.

YSS Ganderbal organizes Inter-school Zonal level Athletic meet for Boys

J NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 3

The Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal organized a spectacular Athletic meet for Boys U/14 years in Zone Ganderbal of the district.

The event took place at the picturesque Qamria ground in which 130 student athletes from various educational institutes of the Zone Ganderbal participated.

The event aimed to foster the spirit of athleticism and sportsmanship among the young generation. The event culminated with the award ceremony where all the meritorious athletes were awarded with their well-deserved medals by the senior officials of the department.

Sports events were organized to nurture talent and foster a healthy competitive spirit.

Likewise, the event was



conducted by the Zonal Physical Education office Hariganiwan for boys U/14 years at BHSS Hariganiwan. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 65 student players from different schools of the said Zone.

At the end Medals were distributed among position holders by the senior official.

Moreover the said zone also organized a 'Fit India

Swachhta Freedom Run' with the theme 'Swachh Bharat' as a tribute to Gandhi Jayanti.

The Run commenced from the Zonal office and culminated at BHSS Hariganiwan. The Swachhta Run aimed to foster the spirit of promoting cleanliness and non-Violence that Mahatma Gandhi advocated for and is a great way to honor his legacy.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Initiates Blacktopping Work on NH144A under Package V



J NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 3

Marking a momentous milestone in the region, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday launched the blacktopping work on NH144A under Package V.

The ambitious project is a pivotal component of the broader initiative aimed at widening the existing Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway, starting from Akhnoor.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of OC BRO, Major Manjunath; AC Defence, Saleem Quersh; and DMO, Naseeb Bajrang.

The ambitious road development project encompasses eight distinct packages, all with a shared goal: enhancing transportation efficiency and connectivity for the people of Rajouri. Once completed, the expanded road will not only ensure smoother travel but also bolster economic opportunities and trade within the region.

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal underscored the paramount importance of expeditiously completing the blacktopping work on quality standards. He

emphasized that this infrastructure transformation will bring far-reaching benefits to both residents and businesses, ultimately contributing to the overall progress of the region.

"The widening of the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway represents a monumental stride towards fostering growth and development in Rajouri. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that this project is executed seamlessly, upholding the highest quality standards," remarked Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal.

This endeavor signifies a significant step toward realizing the vision of an interconnected and prosperous Rajouri. The administration, in collaboration with various stakeholders, remains steadfast in its commitment to fulfilling this promise, with the aim of providing residents with a brighter future and a well-connected transportation network.

As the blacktopping work on NH144A commences, the people of Rajouri eagerly anticipate the completion of this transformative project and the manifold benefits it promises to bring to their lives.

JKAACL organises Bhajan Sandhya to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

J NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

In connection with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organised a Bhajan Sandhya here in the K.L. Saigal Hall Jammu. Prof. Anupama Sharma, renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

At the very outset Dr Shah Nawaz, Editor Cum Cultural officer, JKAACL, welcomed the guests on behalf of secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh, under whose guidance these programs are being organized. He said that



these programs are aimed to connect people of J&K to their cultural roots. The program began with the singing of Bhagat Kabir's Bhajan by the renowned artist Marina Jamwal. This was followed by the bhajans by Vanshika Jaral. She enthralled the audience with her melodious voice. After this Vishal Gupta presented Kabir Bhajans and the program concluded with a soulful recitation by the renowned artist of the Jammu and Kashmir Suraj Singh.

GDC Ajas hosts extension lecture on 'Importance of Ethics in Current Era'

J NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 3

Government Degree College (GDC) Ajas Tuesday hosted an extension lecture on the theme 'Importance of Ethics in the Current Era' to enlighten students and faculty members on the critical topic of ethics in the contemporary era.

Regional Director IGNOU Saharsa, Bihar, Dr. Mirza Nahal A Baig, graced the occasion as speaker.

Students and other staff members were also present on the occasion.

Dr. Baig's lecture on the 'Importance of Ethics in the Current Era' was not only enlightening but also thought-provoking. He emphasized that ethics plays a pivotal role in shaping societies and individuals in today's rapidly evolving world. Dr. Baig underscored how ethics



forms the moral compass for individuals and institutions, guiding them in making ethical decisions and maintaining integrity. He discussed the various ethical dilemmas and challenges faced by individuals and organizations in the modern era, including technology, social media, and business practices.

The speaker stressed the role of education in instilling ethical values, highlighting the need for educational institutions

to prioritize ethics education.

Dr. Baig also emphasized the importance of ethical leadership in politics, business, and all walks of life, and how leaders can inspire ethical behaviour in their followers.

Principal GDC Ajas said that the college administration is committed to foster knowledge, critical thinking, and ethical values among its students and faculty members.

Minor Girl Dies in Road Accident in Awantipora, Accused Driver Arrested by Police

J NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 3

A driver was arrested by police in south Kashmir's Awantipora area after he allegedly crushed a minor girl to death on Tuesday.

Police said that a road traffic accident took place at Reshipora on early Tuesday (02 October) in which one girl, Adeeba Arshid (10) daughter of Arshid Ahmad Shiekh, a resident of Reshipora was hit by a dumper bearing registration number JK01AE-3177. The vehicle was being driven rashly and negligently by the accused driver Mohammad Haneef Khanday son of Ali Mohd Khanday, a resident of Meej Pampore.

"In the incident, the girl died on the spot. Acting swiftly, a Police team apprehended the accused driver within an hour of the incident," police said.

Later, the police took cognizance of the incident and registered a case under relevant sections of law besides the dumper used in the crime was also seized, they added. (CNS)

DDC Chairperson Ramban inaugurates High School Chachawa to Bhat Mohalla Halli link road



J NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, OCTOBER 3

Continuing the development process in rural areas of the district, the Chairperson District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan today inaugurated 2 Km link road completed at an estimated cost of Rs 2.80 crore from High School Chachawa to Bhat Mohalla Galli, here today.

AE PWD Sub-division Gool, Vimal Kishan Sidha, AE PWD Gool, Madhur Goel, JE PWD, Haider Ali, PRIs and locals were present at the occasion.

The Road has been constructed by the Public Works Department, Ramban under NABARD-RIDIF.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson said that with the comple-

tion of the road project a long pending demand of the area has been fulfilled. The road will provide smooth transport connectivity to the area benefiting a huge number of people.

Responding to the demands highlighted by the locals, the Chairperson said that the government is committed to meet all genuine aspirations of the people. She asked the PRIs to bring public demands and issues in the notice of administration for their timely redressal.

Interacting with the PRIs and locals, Dr. Shan impressed upon them to chalk out and formulate developmental and welfare plans. She said the government has empowered the PRIs by involving them in development and other activities at grass-roots level.

DC reviews functioning of Education Sector in Jammu District



J NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Tuesday convened a meeting to review the status and development of the education sector in Jammu district.

The meeting included a thorough examination of building infrastructure, availability and condition. Discussions also covered activities related to the Seema Samridhi Yojana and the associated works. The SDMs were instructed to conduct inspection of schools on regular intervals in their respective jurisdictions.

The DC emphasised the need to expedite the construction and handover of buildings, with explicit instructions to ensure swiftness of the development activities.

Underlining the critical role of youth in the future of the nation, the Deputy Commissioner called for

motivation, innovation and effective teaching methods to encourage learning. Remedial measures for students with special needs were also discussed and deemed a joint responsibility of the concerned teachers.

The DC encouraged teaching staff and officers to brainstorm and identify best practices to improve the teaching and learning experience. He stressed the importance of nurturing problem-solving skills in children and acknowledged the priority of improving education in rural and border areas.

In a bid to enhance knowledge impartation, the DC welcomed feedback and innovative teaching approaches from attendees. Selected schools will implement experimental teaching methodologies, with the best practices to be adopted district-wide.

Attendance procedures and status in schools were reviewed, including smart

classrooms and labs, with an emphasis on the need for innovative and motivated teaching staff. Discussions were held with various NGOs during the meeting, where they shared their experiences and feedback. A broad discussion also took place on various activities under SAMAGRA.

Prior to the meeting, the DC conducted a surprise inspection of Government Boys High Secondary School Gandhinagar. During the visit, he interacted with students, evaluated academic standards, assessed infrastructure and held a meeting with school authorities. The DC emphasised the need for improved learning outcomes.

The inspection and the meeting was held in the presence of ADC, Harvinder Singh and Sandeep Seoindra, Chief Education Officer, Suraj Singh Rathore besides ZEOs and other concerned.

DC reviews progress of SBM Phase II works in Rajouri District

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Phase II. He also assessed the activities under Meri Maati Mera Desh and other key initiatives.

At the outset of the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chohan informed that a significant progress has been made in the construction of segregation sheds with completion of 71 against the target of 90 units.

The review also highlighted the advancements in community sanitation facilities. Out of the planned Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs), a considerable number have been completed. In terms of community soakage pits, an impressive 584 out of the planned 631 soakage pits have been completed. Additionally, 616 compost pits out of the targeted 678 have been successfully constructed, contributing to sustainable waste management practices.

The progress on plastic waste management units (PWMUs) aimed at tack-



ling the challenge of plastic waste through effective management and recycling measures was also discussed in the meeting. The meeting also highlighted the completion of Amrit Sarovars in different panchayats of the District.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal asked to ensure door-to-door waste collection, while emphasizing the importance of community participation in maintaining cleanliness and proper waste disposal practices.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the preparations for the 2nd phase of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign, featuring the Amrit Kalash Yatra. He said that the idea behind this programme is that every individual, family, citizen, and child should connect emotionally with the idea of creation of the 'great India'.

The Deputy Commissioner further called upon all officers to collaborate and coordinate closely to ensure the campaign's resounding success and ensure active

involvement in the events. A pivotal aspect highlighted during the meeting was the creation of a festive atmosphere at the block-level program, where soil from various villages will be ceremonially combined in a single Amrit Kalash.

The progress on the tendering of works under the district capex budget was also reviewed, while the officers were asked to ensure swift allotment of works to expedite development activities in the region.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, expressed his satisfaction over the progress made so far and passed directions to the officers to maintain the momentum. He also encouraged them to continue their dedicated work towards creating a cleaner and healthier environment in Rajouri.

The comprehensive review meeting concluded with a renewed sense of determination and commitment to achieving the objectives set forth under the SBM Phase II and other key initiatives.

Sankalp Saptah kick-started by DC Pulwama in Aspirational Block Ichgoze

JJ NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, OCTOBER 3

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom Tuesday inaugurated the Sankalp Saptah initiative with great enthusiasm in the aspirational block of Ichgoze, here.

The event marked the beginning of a week-long campaign dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the residents in the region and in the Aripal block of the district.

The gathering in Ichgoze witnessed the establishment of vital healthcare facilities catering to the local community's needs, including ANC Clinic, TB Screening, NCD Screening, ABHA Registration, Anaemia Testing, Immunization Drive, Nikshay Mitra Facility, Free Medical Checkup and Free



Medicine Distribution.

In his address, the DC passionately emphasized that Ichgoze, akin to many other aspirational blocks, holds immense potential, and it is the collective responsibility of citizens, community leaders, and government officials to unlock this potential and uplift the lives of its residents.

Recognizing the significance of these regions, the government has placed a

dedicated focus on their development. Initiatives such as Sankalp Saptah aim to bridge the gap and bring essential services closer to the people, fostering a brighter future, he added.

Dr Basharat highlighted how government interventions in these areas can significantly improve the quality of life, providing opportunities for growth and prosperity. Throughout the week-long pro-

District Programme Officer ICD Services in Kishtwar; Lays emphasis on Child Nutrition, Maternal Health

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 3

To evaluate the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in the district, District Programme Officer (DPO) for Poshan Kishtwar, Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive meeting here at his office chamber.

The meeting was attended by all Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) and Supervisors. Key points addressed during the meeting included a thorough review of critical aspects on Child nutrition and maternal health.

Emphasizing the significance of "One Healthy Child from Each Project," the DPO stressed on the effective implementation of Swasth Balak Balika Initiative in all projects.

While taking the Child Health Assessment, the DPO examined the current status of weak chil-



dren from each Anganwari center, along with an in-depth review of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases.

Ensuring no child is left behind, the Chair directed a meticulous review of SAM/MAM cases with names from each Anganwari center.

A comprehensive analysis of the first pregnancy cases, lactating mothers, and breastfeeding practices from each Anganwari center were also taken in the meeting to ensure the effective Maternal Health Monitoring.

Furthermore, the DPO ICDS project Kishtwar was apprised of the current

status of anemia among pregnant and lactating mothers in the district as well as defective children from each Anganwari center, with specific names provided.

The DPO ICDS was briefed on the progress of the second phase of recruitment, encompassing the total number of advertisements and forms received to date.

This proactive approach reflects the commitment of Poshan Kishtwar to prioritize child health and maternal well-being. The meeting marks a significant step towards ensuring the effective implementation of ICDS within the district.

Doda admin plans to launch Neru Rivulet cleaning drive

JJ NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 3

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting of the officers of line departments to review the achievements and impact of the Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign in the district.

Special cleanliness drive on the call of Prime Minister under the aegis of Eik Tareekh Eik Ghanta Eik Sath on 1st of October created a buzz among the people in rural and urban areas with massive cleanliness drive held in all the Panchayats, offices, water bodies, tourist destinations and other such public places.

Reviewing the impact of the campaign, the DDC said that there was much more to achieve the desired results. He asked the officers to dedicate one hour every Saturday for cleanliness in their offices and the surroundings involving and motivating PRIs, and common people for making cleanliness a habit for healthy living. He informed that Neru Nallah shall be taken up for overall cleaning by involving PWD, JSD, RDD, other concerned departments, PRIs, and the general public for the next 2



months.

While reviewing the developmental scenario of the district, DDC Mahajan reiterated that PWD, JSD, JPDCL, and RDD are backbone of infrastructure development in the district and the departments must execute the approved works maintaining the highest standards in terms of quality and adhere to the timeline as defined in the projects.

Agriculture and allied departments, Cooperative department, must liaise with Employment department and financial institutions to create sustainable livelihood in the district. DDC informed the meeting that the sector wise review shall be made from 5th of October onwards, and directions were passed to get the targets achieved in terms of already issued timelines.

Implementation of different government programs and schemes was also reviewed during the meeting.

The DDC stressed to execute impactfully with full throttle on the ground before the onset of winters this year. Mahajan stressed upon the concerned Ex Ens to monitor the execution of ongoing works in the district by way of frequent field visits and exhorted for expediting the pace of work on all the taken up projects for their timely completion.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda, ADC Doda, CPO, SE PWD, SE Jal Shakti, SE JPDCL, GM DIC Doda, ACD, DFO Doda, DFO Bhaderwah, Executive Engineers (All), CEO, CAO, CMO, CAHO Doda, DSWO, DSHO, and other concerned officers and officials.

District Skill Committee discusses plan to promote skilling among youth

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 3

The meeting of the District Skill Committee was convened here today to deliberate on strategies to advance skill development among the unemployed youth in Udhampur district.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai, was held in the Mini Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh; ADC, Joginder Singh Jasrota; CPO, Mudassar Yaqoob Zargar

and other district officers representing different departments attended the meeting.

During the meeting, directives were issued to the concerned officers, emphasizing their commitment to impart skill training to 15,000 individuals and secure them employment in different government schemes.

To achieve this goal, officers were tasked with creating a comprehensive list of unemployed youth in the district and subsequently engaging them in departmental programs through the

organization of Job Fairs after they have been trained.

Necessary instructions were given to the stakeholder departments responsible for skill-related activities.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the primary objective of skill development schemes should be the establishment of a robust skill ecosystem within the district. This ecosystem will facilitate maximum skilling opportunities for local youth, thereby reducing the need to seek employment outside the district.

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 3

Krishni vigyan Kendra (KVK) Gurez Tuesday kick-started a six days training programme titled 'Certification and Marketing of Organic Produce under HADP Project -16'.

The programme was attended by SDM Gurez Mukhtar Ahmad, Head of the KVK Dr Bilal Ahmad Bhat, NT Gurez, besides other scientists of the Kendra.

Dr Bilal on the occasion spoke about the opportuni-

ties for educated rural youth under HADP in this valley and shared his experiences about the scope of organic farming in this region.

He also discussed various modalities to be adopted for declaring Gurez as an organic valley and harnessing the benefits of organic produce of this remote valley. He urged educated rural youth to come forward in order to carry this mission to its logical end. SDM Gurez on the occasion appreciated the role of KVK-Gurez in the remote

valley and focused on the importance of these events in this valley. He showed his satisfaction in engaging the educated rural in such types of opportunities so as to earn their livelihood and live a successful life.

It was given out that during the course of a six-day programme, participants will be exposed to various ways and means by which this valley could be declared as organic and people will get the higher prices of their farm produce.

DDC Kupwara reviews implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 3

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) in the district. During the meeting, the DC took a detailed review of the status/ implementation of SBM-G and waste management plan in rural areas of the district.

Reviewing the component wise status under SBM-G, Phase-II, the DDC was informed that 300 Segregation Sheds, 336 Community Soakage Pits, 232 Community Compost Pits, 14 Plastic Waste Management Units and 44 CSCs were taken up. Out of these, 184 Segregation Sheds, 188 Community Soakage Pits, 160 Community Compost Pits, 2 Plastic Waste Management Units and 7 CSCs have been completed so far.

DC inspects progress of work on multi-storey-parking, sanitation, traffic management in Doda Town



JJ NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 3

Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan today inspected the progress of work on under construction Multi-Storey Car Parking at New Bus Stand Doda. He impressed upon the executing agencies to maintain the highest standards of quality and adhere to the timeline to complete the prestigious government project for the convenience of the public. The Multi-storey Car Parking would provide parking facilities for the buses and other vehicles relieving the town from traffic congestion.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the sanitation and conditions in the town. While referring to the issue of occupying public footpaths by the vendors, the DC directed the Executive Officer MC to arrange a dedicated marketplace for them in the town to avoid inconveniences of the pedestrians.

The DC, during the visit, gave clear instructions to the MVD not to allow the roadside parking of vehicles to prevent traffic congestion and inconvenience to the commuters. He also instructed the enforcement departments to penalize illegally parked vehicles.

Meeting on Change in Land Use cases held at Anantnag

JJ NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 3

A meeting to review Change in Land Use (CLU) cases was held today under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Dr. Mohammad Ashraf at DC Office Anantnag.

Representatives from various line departments involved in authorizing change in land use were present during the meeting.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Anantnag informed the participants that 16 applications have been received under the Change in Land Use Policy and 08 applicants have been given permissions and rest of the applications have been reverted for some documentary lacunae.

The meeting held thorough deliberations on various aspects of the policy including timelines and criterion for evaluation of applications by concerned departments for furnishing NOCs.

The ADC emphasized that since CLU cases involve comments from various departments, there is an increased need for inter-departmental

coordination. He said that there is no scope of unnecessary delays and swift decisions must be made on each case received.

He said the CLU policy is a game changer and will be beneficial to the public as well as to the exchequer.

On the issue of illegal constructions, he said that illegal constructions hamper planned development of an area leading to allied issues like traffic congestion, pollution and inconvenience to the public, besides it also results in loss of govt revenue. It is as such necessary to adopt a no non-sense approach in all such cases. He said that sensitization of the public is necessary to ensure that any illegal activities are reported and field functionaries must remain vigilant and take immediate action against illegal constructions.

The meeting was attended by SEs of Jal Shakti and PWD, ACR, SDMs, CAO, Executive Engineer PMGSY, DFO Anantnag, DFO Wildlife, District Officer, Pollution Control Board, Tehsil-dars, BDOs, AD Tourism, Assistant Town Planner Kashmir, EOs among others.

A Grand Confluence of Health and Wellness: Vishwa Yog Sansthaan's Medical Camp with AYUSH and Narayana Hospitals

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

The city of Jammu witnessed a remarkable convergence of holistic health and international recognition as Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, in collaboration with AYUSH and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospitals, organized a medical camp that left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of attendees. This auspicious event was graced by the presence of Shri Narayan Mathura Ji, Europe King Awardee, and Heena Mathura Ji, heads of HOB, Netherlands. Their presence and accolades added an extra layer of significance to the occasion.

tainable living, lauded the incredible work of Yog Guru Karan Ji, the Head of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan abroad. In a heartfelt speech delivered during the event, he expressed his admiration for Karan Ji's tireless efforts in spreading the message of health and harmony through yoga and traditional medicine. Shri Narayan Mathura Ji was so inspired by the work being done by Vishwa Yog Sansthaan that he announced his intention to replicate similar initiatives in India.



The event saw participation from a wide spectrum of dignitaries and community leaders, including the Mayor of Jammu, Sh. Rajinder Sharma Ji, and Sh. Sham Basan Ji, Corporator of Ward 48, Baghe Bahu. Their support for this noble cause demonstrated the unity and commitment of the city's leadership to prioritize the health and wellness of its residents.

The presence of Sh. I. D. Soni Ji, President of the Old-Age Society, and Sh. Bansu Lal Gupta Ji, along with Sh. Reen Ji, President of the Industry Association of Jammu, further underscored the significance of holistic health practices in today's fast-paced world.

Shri Narayan Mathura Ji, who had previously received the esteemed Europe King Award for his contributions to promoting wellness and sustain

embrace holistic health practices in their lives. One of the highlights of the camp was the integration of traditional Ayurveda and yoga practices into mainstream healthcare. This fusion of ancient wisdom with modern medical science showcased the potential for a holistic approach to healing. Patients and visitors alike had the opportunity to experience the benefits of alternative therapies, including Ayurvedic treatments, meditation, and

Congress Seva Dal paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

Congress Seva Dal paid tribute to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at Satwari Chowk. On this occasion, Congress Seva Dal Jammu and Kashmir President Vijay Sharma Babbi said that people in Jammu and Kashmir respect Mahatma Gandhi as a unified visionary Babu. He urged the people to take a pledge to realize the dream of Mahatma Gandhi. He said that there is a great need to understand and practice the Gandhian philosophy of truth and non-violence. Today, if we are able to breathe in a free environment, the credit for it goes to countless freedom fighters including Mahatma



Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Sardar Patel. The ruling party is making every possible effort to erase the contribution of freedom fighters from the history of the country but they can never succeed in their objective. Every child of the country knows who participated in the freedom struggle and who worked for the Britishers.

Jammu symbol of communal harmony, secularism; preserve it at all costs: Yudhvir

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

Describing Jammu as a symbol of communal harmony and secularism, Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today said all efforts must be made to strengthen the secular fabric of the region, which is pluralistic in nature. The senior BJP leader was speaking after attending the annual Qwali programme organised by Khursheed Ahmad Shiekh Kadri at Bawe Wali Gali Chowk Residency Road Jammu. During the programme, Hassan Kabir & party presented various Qawalis. Sanju Mahaj, Rajesh Jandial, Mazid Khan, Madan Gopal, Tony, Vijay Mohan, Subash Sagoora, Dinesh Sharma, Vinod Gupta and Rahul Gupta were present.



Sethi said a strong and secular Jammu will lead to a strong J&K thereby

a strong Nation. He said the land of warriors has all along played a crucial role as a unifier and shown political will in maintaining high traditions of amity and brotherhood, even during most testing times. He said that it is a result of this attitude that Jammu is well known across the nation for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood amidst diversities in religion and faiths. He added that in the current times when the anti national and anti-social elements are hell bent upon disturbing the

Godrej Agrovet to set up Integrated Palm Oil Complex, invest INR 300 Crore over next 3-4 years

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JAMMU, OCT 3, 2023.

Godrej Agrovet Limited's (GAVL) Oil Palm business today announced that the company will be setting up an Integrated Palm Oil Complex in the state of Telangana. To be set up in the Khammam district, it will consist of a state of art Crude Palm Oil mill along with the provision of setting up a refinery in the near future. The company will also establish a nursery with a capacity of up to 7 lakh saplings per year in addition to the seed production & research unit. Present on the occasion of laying the foundation stone for Crude Palm Oil mill were Shri K. T. Rama Rao, The Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Industries & Commerce, and Information Technology of Telangana; Burjis Godrej, Executive Director

and COO-Crop Protection Business, GAVL; Sougata Niyogi, CEO - Oil Palm, GAVL and Rakesh Swami, Group President Corporate Affairs, Godrej Industries Limited. "Telangana's ambitious oil palm mission aims to bring 20 lakh acres under cultivation across the state. The mission will improve income for more than 5 lakh farm households while at the same time contributing to the nation's deficit for edible oils. Along with being the rice bowl for the country, Telangana is all set to become the largest edible oil producer in India. We are delighted to partner with a strong and reliable partner like Godrej Agrovet in this endeavour. Their expertise in the oil palm sector will definitely help us achieve our goals of unleashing a yellow revolution", said Shri K. T. Rama Rao, The Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration

& Urban Development, Industries & Commerce, and Information Technology of Telangana. At the complex, GAVL will be setting up first-ever seed garden in India. This seed garden can provide seeds for the planting of -90,000 acres of area and shall help Telangana state to achieve targets for oil palm plantation. Commenting on the announcement, Balram Singh Yadav, Managing Director, GAVL said, "We are thankful to the Government of Telangana for creating an ecosystem and giving us an opportunity to contribute to nation's journey of reducing its dependency on oil palm imports in the coming years." "Leveraging our expertise of more than three decades in the oil palm business, we intend to handhold oil palm farmers by providing them access to quality seedlings and nursery. With our plans of commissioning of Crude

Palm Oil mill in the coming years, it is our honor to set up country's first integrated palm oil complex in the state of Telangana," he further added. GAVL will be investing INR 300 Crore over the next 3-4 years in setting up the integrated palm oil complex. Additionally, through its Samadhan Centers - a one stop solution for oil palm farmers, the company would also provide advisory services on best practices / modern technologies, farm inputs (such as fertilizers, drip irrigation, pesticides, seeds, and harvesting tools) and services under one roof. The company's partnership with the State Bank of India would also support Oil Palm Plantation farmers during the gestation period. With 65,000 hectares of palm oil under cultivation across the country, GAVL plans to increase cultivation to 1.2 Lac hectares by 2027.

Rich Tribute paid to Mahatma Gandhi & former PM, Lal Bahadur Shastri at AAP office Jammu North

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

AAP J&K, Jammu paid a rich Tribute to the father of the Nation M.K Gandhi as also former Prime Minister, late Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birthday anniversaries at Aam Aadmi Party office Jammu North on 2nd October, 2023. While remembering Late Sh. Mahatma Gandhi Ji & Late Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji on their birth anniversaries, the AAP leaders S/Sh. Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S. Ranjodh Singh, Gh. Nabi Khan & Shankar Dass said that Mahatma Gandhi's message of non-violence, truth and social justice

BJP stands like a rock with people of J&K: Vibodh

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, OCT 3

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary, Vibodh Gupta, addressed senior BJP leaders in Reasi today, asserting that the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A initiated a sequence of transformative reforms that have left a deep imprint on the infrastructure, tourism, economy, education and health of the Union Territory. He hailed the recent development in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as exemplary models for numerous other states, contributing significantly to the nation's growth. Vibodh highlighted the ongoing development projects in Jammu and Kashmir, which encompass the construction of multiple highways, circular roads and tunnels, the establishment of prestigious national educational



institutions like IIM, IIT, and IIMC, comprehensive infrastructure development, commitment to ensuring equitable progress for all sections of society, including SCs and STs and health benefits under Ayushman Bharat. "Over 770,000 young individuals have reaped the benefits of the administration's self-employment schemes, receiving entrepreneurial training to kickstart their own businesses. Additionally, the Union Territory has now emerged as the tourism capital of India due to remarkable advancements in connectivity and infrastructure development", Vibodh

added. Vibodh strongly asserted that the opposition conspiracy to stall the development process in Union Territory will not succeed as BJP stands like a rock with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. To the contrary, "those indulging in such tactics will be completely wiped out," he said. Speaking on the occasion Prabhari, BJP Reasi, Arvind Gupta reiterated the commitment of the BJP government to the welfare and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the Modi government is focusing infrastructure, governance, and socio-economic development within

the Union Territory to ensure its overall growth and development. BJP District President Rohit Dubey urged party leaders to arrange grassroots-level interactions with the general public, aiming to ensure that the benefits of government-sponsored schemes reach everyone. This initiative also aims to counter the false narratives propagated by the opposition. Other senior BJP leaders who addressed the occasion included Pardeep Singh Seh-Prabhar; Ajay Nanda, Ex Minister; Baldev Sharma, Ex MLA; Sheel Mangatra, Ex District President; Kabla Singh, Senior Leader; Shashi Gupta, Chairman Katra Committee; Sudesh Puri, Chairman Reasi. The gathering also featured General Secretaries Sukhdev Singh and Romail Singh, Morcha Presidents, Mandal Presidents, DDC Members, and numerous senior party members.

Motivational Lecture organized for Fresher Students at SMVD University



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra organized a Motivational Lecture on 'Embracing Failure as a Stepping Stone' delivered explicitly by Mr. Yogesh K Verma, CEO, Perfect Square, New Delhi for the Fresher students who have joined various Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs in the current Academic Session. Mr. Verma has immense experience with the corporate world having worked as General Manager - Special Nutrition Business, Heinz and prior to that has spent 25 years with Nestle India Limited in different positions such as National Key Institutes Manager, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Branch Manager, etc. He has also represented India as a Delegate through Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in Codex

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), a CODEX body, meeting continuously for three years 2008-2010. He is the Founder Director of Alimente', a premium food Company. He is currently an esteemed Faculty at Indian Aviation Academy and a Skill Expert Member of the DBT-PG Programme Advisory Committee at SMVDU. He is an expert Council Member to many research firms like Advantus Global-China, Third Bridge, UK, GLG (Gerson Lehrman Group) New York, USA and manages Perfect Square - A Training & Business Consultancy Company. The objective behind organizing the lecture was to strongly promote positive values and problem solving as new-age skills to the young minds. The students actively interacted with the expert with an overwhelming response to his question. The event

was also attended by Deans, Heads of Schools, Faculty, Staff members and Research Scholars of the University. The speaker deliberated on the importance of a positive approach in life, especially when one is facing a crisis and unforeseen obstacles. He discussed that the people with positive attitude always remain hopeful and see the best even in difficult situations. In contrast, those with negative attitudes may be more pessimistic and disagreeable, and typically expect the worst outcome in tough situations. He thanked Dr. Balbir Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs; Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head, Biotechnology; Dr. Sharada Potukuchi and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Coordinators of the DBT-PG Program who organized event at short notice and for giving him a platform for sharing his views with the young minds of the University.

is as relevant today as it was in his time. Mahatma Gandhi ji's thoughts have not only, inspired the people of India but have inspired the entire world. His specialty was to connect with people and make them connected with him. We all should make every effort to uphold these values and work accordingly. They also hailed Shastri Ji on his firm commitment to India's progress & his leadership during challenging times remains commendable & his iconic call for "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" resound even today. The AAP leaders expressed great shock and anguish that at a time when whole Nation demand peace tranquility in the society and tread the path of non-violence and justice to the farmers in the country, the leaders of ruling dispensation are busy in spreading communal hatred in the society and labeling farmers as "Khalistani" and that worst of it some official authorized spokespersons of ruling Party allege obnoxious remarks against father of nation labeling as to who has made Mahatma Gandhi as father of Nation. The AAP leaders condemn such statements and demanded legal action against the delinquent adding "father of Nation" was in fact decorated by non-else but great freedom fighter, Late Sh. Subash Chander Bose Ji.

'Democratic rights of people are under attack': Farooq

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

National Conference president and member parliament Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said that opposition parties would hold a protest on October 10 against BJP-led government.

As per the news agency, talking to reporters after chairing a meeting of opposition parties in Jammu, Abdullah, who was flanked by PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, CPI (M) leader Muhammad Yosouf Tarigami and other leaders, announced that oppo-

sition parties would stage a peaceful protest against BJP-led government on October 10. "The constitution is suspended and the democratic rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are under attack," he said. He said that they have unanimously decided

to stage a peaceful protest on October 10 and would seek necessary permission from divisional commissioner for the same. Abdullah questioned New Delhi and LG-led administration over delay in holding elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

Doda Admin partners with ELFA In'l & USHA: Kick-starts Silai School Capacity Building Programme in Gandoh



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 3

A Nine-Day Silai School Capacity Building Programme was kick-started here at Gandoh (Doda) by District Administration Doda in partnership with ELFA International, supported by the USHA International Ltd.

On the completion of the 9 day training program, each participant will be provided with a foot-operated sewing machine and the accessories.

The event was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, SDM Gandoh Ashraf Parvaiz; District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Qazi; Mehran Khan (CEO ELFA International), Senior Management of ELFA International and Shayista (State Manager) from USHA International Ltd.

The Programme intends

to provide livelihood and income generating opportunities to 10 women from different parts of the Tehsil Gandoh, who can turn be Master Trainers, teach and mentor their fellow villagers interested in the programme.

The program has been conceived with a view of ushering avenues of dignified livelihood to the trainees and kicking in a chain reaction of sorts aimed at the poverty alleviation of the beneficiaries.

Deputy Commissioner DODA Vishesh Mahajan said that the training will not only empower the marginal and underprivileged but will also act as a model for others to imitate. In times of employment challenges, he praised the role of ELFA International and USHA International Ltd for their participation in organising the livelihood generation programme in the district.

Speaking at the event, Mehran Khan (CEO ELFA International) reiterated ELFA's commitment to "Livelihood for all". He highlighted the ELFA International's efforts already made in this direction and expressed his intent to replicate the program in other districts, enlarging both its scope and catchment. He said that right from its inception, ELFA International has been working on programs of this kind which aim at mitigating the issues of poverty and livelihood crisis. He said that District Doda has always been a district of importance and priority for ELFA.

Shayista, State Manager -USHA explained that the program is a part of ELFA International's commitment to livelihood generation program and is an essential part of its Capacity Building and Leadership Programme.

Ravinder Raina praises work of Dy Mayor for bringing positive change in area

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 3

While addressing the public meeting at Ekta Vihar in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria received praise from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir UT President, Ravinder Raina. Addressing the public meeting, President Ravinder Raina said that BJP is the only party which believes in ensuring holistic development of every region and Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi government is based on the core principles and working on the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas". President Ravinder Raina said that Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi has given India a different identity in the world, due to which every Indian is proud today. He said that the world lead-

ers are bowing their heads in respect of Prime Minister Modi who follows the policy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Ravinder Raina expressed confidence in the ability of Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria to bring positive change in the area. He appreciated the proactive approach of the Deputy Mayor and asked him to continue his efforts for the benefit of the residents of the city. Ravindra Raina said that Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria is an exceptional leader who has consistently demonstrated his commitment for the betterment of Jammu city. Raina said that the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria have yielded remarkable results, which has led to his improvements are beginning to be seen in various areas across the jurisdiction. He



emphasized that Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria continues to serve as the Deputy Mayor of Jammu, exemplifying his strong work ethic as he works round the clock to meet the needs of the citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Bharatiya Janata Party President Ravinder Raina for visiting the area and addressing the meeting. Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Baloria said, "I am deeply honored

by Ravinder Raina's visit to our region. His presence and encouragement inspire me to continue my dedicated service to the people of Jammu. Deputy Mayor said that he had the opportunity to discuss the welfare and development of Jammu with Chairman Ravinder Raina during the visit. Deputy Mayor Jammu appreciated Ravinder Raina for his keen interest in witnessing first-hand the progress and development initiatives in the region. Deputy Mayor Jammu Mayor Jammu assured President Ravin-

der Raina of his unwavering commitment to work tirelessly for the betterment of the city and its residents. The Deputy Mayor said that for the residents of our city I promise to work continuously for the betterment.

Deputy Mayor Emphasized his commitment towards initiatives that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Jammu. He expressed his commitment towards the development of the city by focusing on essential services and infrastructure that improve the quality of life for all residents. Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Sunil Sharma, Pawan Chib, Jugal Kishore, Ajay Pratap Singh, Nikhil Bhasin, Rakesh Sangral, Surjit Kumar, Captain Sarup Singh, Gurvinder Singh, Rinku Singh and others were present.

Sarmad Hafeez kick starts National Thang-Ta championship at Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 3

Secretary Youth Service and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, today kick started the 29th Junior National Thang-Ta Championship 2023 at Multipurpose Indoor Hall, Polo Ground Srinagar.

The event, being sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, has been organized by the J&K Thang-Ta Association under the supervision of Thang-Ta Federation of India.

Around 530 participants fielded in 25 teams from different parts of the country are participating in the event being played over three days.

Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gull was the guest of honour at the event.

The senior officers were flanked by H. Prem Kumar Singh, Grand Master of World Thang-Ta Federa-

tion and Vinod Sharma, Secretary Thang-Ta Federation of India along with other distinguished guests from other parts of the country and union territory.

While speaking on the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez said that this event is an extension of the policy wherein J&K pitched for bringing more and more national and international events to the union territory. For this event, J&K Sports Council collaborated with the J&K Thang-Ta Association and Thang-Ta Federation of India, he added.

He lauded the efforts of Sports Council in hosting this remarkable event which is aimed at recognizing and boosting the local Thang-Ta potential



of J&K besides encouraging their participation in both national and international competitions. He emphasized the importance of such events in nurturing sports talent in a right perspective.

Sarmad Hafeez said that the administration has always been at the forefront in providing a platform to youth and supporting them to follow their goals by organizing different events across J&K. Secretary Sports Council expressed her admiration for athletes,

highlighting their ability to inspire others with their passion for the game. She said that athletes not only showcase their exceptional talents but also motivate others to pursue their dreams and passions.

She said that the championship promises to be a platform where emerging talent in Thang-Ta can shine. "Such events provide the best opportunity for the youth from across the country to interact with each other and know about varied cultures," Nuzhat Gull concluded.

Meanwhile, the J&K Sports Council has also constituted a committee headed by the Divisional Sports Officer (K) to monitor the event and register all the participants.

GMC Jammu's successful corneal transplantations restore sight of two persons

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 3

The Department of Ophthalmology at GMC Jammu successfully performed two corneal transplantations on Tuesday, enabling two individuals to regain their vision after a long time.

An official of the Government Medical College Jammu told the news agency that the surgeries were carried out under the SOTTO programme, and were led by Dr Elias Sharma, Dr Ashok Sharma, the Professor and Head of the Department, along with his team of skilled surgeons.

He said the operations were supported by Dr Palak Gupta (Registrar) and Dr Malvika Sharma (Registrar), with assistance from Rifat (Senior Staff Nurse) and Akarshan (MTS), who efficiently coordinated the retrieval of the donor eyes. The donor corneas were meticulously transported, stored, and transplanted under the supervision of Dr Hans Raj Sharma (Professor), who navigated through various challenges alongside Dr Nalini. The recipients included a 47-year-old woman and a 60-year-old man.

In recognition of its eye bank, corneal transplant, and retrieval facility, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, recently awarded the Department of Ophthalmology at GMC Jammu with registration for its Transplantation of Human Organs Act and Tissues Act 1994, THOTA, in J&K. The registration is valid for five years.

"Since March last year, the department has successfully performed numerous renal and corneal procedures, a testament to our commitment to providing advanced medical care," the official said.

He said despite the disparity between the demand and availability of organs and tissues in Jammu & Kashmir, the Renal and Corneal transplant program at GMC Jammu continues to thrive. The scarcity of organ donations from deceased individuals is a challenge faced by the region, he added.

Kusht Mukti Abhiyan evokes huge response in Jammu Division

Directorate Health Services flags off awareness Rath

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

Kusht Mukti Abhiyan Rath was flagged off by Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma from Kusht Ashram Bhagwati Nagar to mark Gandhi Jayanti, here the other day.

The event was organised by Dr. Sushma Mattoo, Zonal Leprosy Officer Jammu. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness about cause, transmission, sign and symptoms, treatment, prevention of leprosy and social stigma associated with the disease among the community. Inmates from Kusht Ashram including children performed a cultural program that was appreciated by all present in the function. 15 ABHA IDs were generated for the members of Kusht Ashram. Deputy Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Controller of Stores Jammu Dr. Ritesh Khullar, Epidemiologist Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Superintendent Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Nodal Officer



NCD, Medical Officer MMU Jammu and officers and officials from the Directorate of Health Services Jammu were present on the occasion.

Kusht Mukti Abhiyan was also observed in health institutions of all districts of Jammu division. A variety of activities were conducted that included flagging off of Rath, rallies, pledge taking ceremony and awareness in Health institutions, Schools, Anganwadi Cen-

tres and among the community. Cleanliness drives were also held in health institutions. Emphasis was laid on early detection and its treatment which is provided free of cost at all health institutions so as to eradicate leprosy from the root level. On the occasion Information, Education and Communication material on the disease was also distributed amongst all field functionaries and the general masses by the health department.

Host Doda Lifts U-19 Boys Divisional Level Kho-Kho championship



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The Divisional Level Kho-Kho championship for U/19 boys was won by Doda against Jammu by a huge margin of an inning and 15 points her in the Sports Stadium Doda

Udhampur ends up at 3rd place after beating Kathua by an inning and 4 points in a one-sided match.

Earlier today, in the semi-finals, Jammu beat Udhampur by a margin of 10 points, whereas Kathua lost the match by an inning and 15 points against the hosts.

The sports carnival, which started on the 12th of last month, finally came to an end. Around 1300 male and female players, coaches, and team managers of various districts of J&K UT participated in the disciplines of Volleyball, wrestling, and Kho Kho.

The carnival was inaugurated on 12th September 2023 by the District Development Commis-

sioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan in the presence of SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, DIO Sh. Mohammad Ashraf Wani and various other district officers of the district Doda.

All the events were organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K (UT) under the patronage of Shubash Chander Chibber, Director Youth Services and Sports, and supervised by Suram Chand Sharma, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports J&K, while Jaffer Haider Sheikh, DYSSO Doda was the organising secretary / manager of the events.

Today was the last day of carnival. ZPEO Doda Suresh Padha distributed trophies and merit certificates among the winners. He, on behalf of DYSSO Doda, congratulated all the players, coaches, managers, and all staff of host district for making all the events successful and later thanked everyone whosoever was a part of this tournament.

Jivitputrika Vrat will be observed on Friday, Oct 06: Rohit Shastri

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Jivitputrika is performed every year on the Ashtami Tithi of Krishna Paksha of Ashwin month. Regarding Jivitputrika fast, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, President of

Shri kailakh jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, said that this fast is observed to wish for the long life and happy healthy life of children. Jivitputrika fast is observed by those fortunate women who have children, along with those who do not have children, they also observe this fast by remaining waterless with full rituals for the wish of having children and for the long life of their children. This year Jivitputrika Vrat will be observed on Friday, 06 October. Jivitputrika fast will be broken by worshipping the Sun on Saturday morning, 7th October. This fast is also known as Jitiya, Jiutiya or Jimutavahana. In this fast, Lord Shri Ganesh Ji, Lord Shri Krishna Ji and Surya Narayan Ji are worshipped. The story



of this fast is related to the Mahabharata period. According to the scriptures, during the Mahabharata period, Lord Shri Krishna had given life to the child growing in the womb of Uttara by earning his virtuous deeds, hence this fast is observed to wish for the protection of the child. It is believed that as a result of this fast, Lord Shri Krishna protects the children. According to the legend, on the Ashtami date of Krishna Paksha of Ashwin month, by the grace of Gandharvaraj Jimutavahana, Garuda had promised not to eat snakes. There will also be Shradhdha on Ashtami Tithi on Friday, 6th October.

SMVDU organizes Ek tareekh Ek ghanta Ek saath Shramdaan event

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NSS volunteers of SMVDU Katra organized Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath event as part of Swachhta hi Sewa in collaboration with district administration, Reasi at Panthal block in which remarkable cleanliness drive was performed at Panthal marketplace and Amrit Sarovar. Swachhta pledge was also taken by all participants before starting the cleanliness drive. Around 200 par-

ticipants actively participated in this drive and collected around 200 kg of single use plastic waste. Shopkeepers were also educated about the importance of cleanliness in their nearby vicinity. This initiative saw active participation from various stakeholders and attended by Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr Anirudh Rai, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shri Parddeep Kumar, BDO Katra, Mr. Manoj Raina, BDO

Panthal, Ms. Mehak, students and staff of Government Higher Secondary School, Panthal led by Principal Smt Rachna Sharma, DDC Panthal, Shri Rajinder Mengi, Sarpanch, Suresh Kumar, Sarpanch, Rajinder Thappa, PRI members, Market Association Members along with University NSS coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers for successfully organizing the event.

Samvedna Organises Aadhaar enrollment Camp at SBI



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To Provide Aadhaar Services at one place Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organised an Aadhaar enrollment Camp at State Bank of India Talab Tillo Branch, The Camp was inaugurated by Regional Manager SBI K.J. Raina along with Branch Head Malti Ganjoo.

Through this Aadhaar Camp the services which were being Provided (New Enrollment, Biometric Updation, Correction of Aadhaar, Mobile Number Updation, Photograph Change, unlock the Biometric lock in Aadhaar Etc)

Speaking on the Occasion K.J. Raina said that State Bank of India is

committed to work for the common man. Our bank has always gone a step ahead while providing help to its customers. Raina expressed gratitude to Chairman Samvedna Society for organising the Aadhaar camp.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra said that Motive of Samvedna Society is to provide doorstep services of Aadhaar and other services related to Children's Senior Citizens, Divyang jan's and Samvedna will continue conducting these camps in future also.

Operational Manager Adhaar Sewa Kendra Jammu Peer Mubashir Shah, Vikas Kumar, Amit Singh Operator, Smriti Anand, Satish Dutt and others were also present during the camp.

NC holds its monthly meeting in Khour



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Which was presided over by Mahendra Singh Choudhary. During this, NC Secretary Devidayal Jogi was present. He said that the compensation amount for buffaloes, sheep and goats that died due to electric shock should be increased. Today, at the time of inflation, the price of cow and buffalo should be increased by at least one rupee. The price of sheep and goat is more than 1.5 lakh, it is at least above 20-25 thousand, it is foolish to estimate the value of a human being, but still the compensation amount of buffalo cow should be increased

from 20 thousand to one lakh, sheep and goat compensation amount should be increased from five thousand. The compensation amount for every person who dies due to electric current should be increased to Rs 20 thousand. The electricity department should give at least Rs 30 lakh so that the loss of life and property can be compensated. This is not going to make any difference to the Modi government because it is responsible for collecting taxes from the people of India. Money should be used to serve the public only. Kala Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Devendra Singh etc. are strong in the meeting.

Ladakh Junior Team for Tangtha Flagged Off for Nationals from Kargil

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The 1st team of Ladakh Tangtha Association were flagged off for 29th Junior National Tangtha Championship to be held at Srinagar J&K UT, by Senior Journalist, Sports Activist and General Secretary Ladakh taekwondo Association Anayat Ali and President Ladakh Tangtha Association Mudassir Hussain Wazir.

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Muddasir Hussain Wazir while appreciating and congratulating the team for their first national said that Sports person should be encouraged at all level as he or she if

plays at any level shall always represent the State that is UT Ladakh and will bring laurels to the State.

He further said that after Ladakh became UT, sportsmen has got better opportunity to reach at the national level and bring laurels to the UT at national as well as International level.

DPS Jammu, DPS Katra, DPS Nagbani unite for "Swachhta Hi Seva-2023" campaign on Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU, OCT 3

In response to the honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for 'Ek Tareekh, Ghanta, Ek Saath' - a national call to action for one hour of citizen-led Shramdaan for Swachhata (cleanliness) on October 1st, 2023, at 10:00 am, the staff and students of DPS Jammu, DPS Katra, and DPS Nagbani under the directive of Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh Ji, Honourable Founder Member Trustee/Pro-Vice Chairperson of DPS Jammu, Katra, and Nagbani, came together to participate in a remarkable initiative on cleanliness at Bawe Wali Mata, Bahu Fort, Jammu. The purpose of this campaign was twofold: to instill the values of cleanliness and sanitation in the hearts of our students and to offer a heartfelt Swachhantjali (tribute) to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his Jayanti.

The students embarked on a Swachhata rally, carrying impactful slogans that resonated with the importance



of cleanliness. They tirelessly cleaned the area using broomsticks, presented a thought-provoking nukkad natak (street play), and engaged with the general public to raise awareness about cleanliness.

Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh Ji, extended her guidance and support to all three schools for this noble event. Under her guidance the students and staff of all three DPS Schools also launched a cleanliness anthem as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his birth anniversary along with a video presentation on the cleanliness campaign carried out on 1st October which was greatly appreciated by all.

Earlier, the schools also organized a special assembly to mark the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Students and staff members paid floral tributes to the Mahatma. Class II students of DPS Jammu presented a heart-warming group song, including Bapu's favourite bhajan, "Vaishnav Jan ke tene kahiye." The school Environment Club Secretaries- Ekaumjit Singh, and Tehzeeb Kour led the entire campaign, while Ayn Bhola, delivered a compelling speech highlighting the significance of cleanliness and also suggested the need for laws to penalize those who litter, urinate, or throw garbage in public spaces.

Mahant Shri Bitta Ji releases new devotional song - "Shukran Kara Bawe Wali Da"

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The song Shukran Kara Bawe Wali Da has been sung by singer Aman Sharma, lyrics by Munish Sharma wala, music by Chandan Jassu , Video editing by K. K. Malhotra, Asst Director Prerna Sharma Project By Sahil Mahajan and Producer by Mahant Shri Bitta Ji (Bahu Fort) for Direction under the Label: YouTube channel Maa Bawe Wali Records.

Programme was organized by Maa Bawe Wali Records MD Sh. Sahil Mahajan.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahant Shri Bitta Ji said that in Jammu and Kashmir, the devotional songs of Gods and Goddesses are played everywhere during every religious ritual or function whether it is Jagrata, Langar, Seva, Pooja or other religious rituals. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should also support and



encourage the local artists of Jammu and Kashmir so that they can also grow and reach new heights in their respective industries as it will make every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir proud.

Sh.Sahil Mahajan further added that the youth of J&K should also participate more in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards

an enlightened future and prevent them from going on the wrong track in life and doing illegal activities like drugs and ruining their own lives.

Sh. Sahil Mahajan said that the Cell is always there to support every artist of Jammu and Kashmir and if they need any help they can approach party for the assistance.

With repeal of Article 370, Valmiki Samaj got right to live with dignity, pride, equality: Kavinder

Initiates Basti Sampark Abhiyan at Valmiki Colony, Ward 20

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Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister on Tuesday said that the landmark decision of the Modi government to abrogate Article 370 from the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir has ensured that the Valmiki Samaj, a community historically marginalized and deprived of equal rights, can live with dignity, pride, and equality.

The former deputy Chief Minister was speaking while initiating the Basti Sampark Abhiyan as a part of Seva Pakhwada in Valmiki Colony, Ward No. 20 of Gandhi Nagar here today. BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan & Councillor Rahul Kumar, Jangh Bahadur President Valmiki Colony, Verma, District Secretary BJP Jammu South Rohi Chandan, District Publicity Secretary Sandeep Gupta, Mandal General Secretary Rachit Khosla, Ward President Satbir Singh, Rikki Gupta, and others party men and the large number of women folk from Valmiki Samaj were present in the program. The main motto of the extensive tour in Valmiki Colony is aiming to expand a greater connection with Common masses at ground level.

Kavinder said that the decision of abrogating Article 370 has not only paved the way for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of



the nation but has also brought about significant positive changes for marginalized communities like the Valmiki Samaj.

He emphasized that the Valmiki Samaj, like all citizens of the country, has the fundamental right to live with dignity and enjoy equal opportunities. "The Modi government's commitment to the upliftment of marginalized communities is commendable. By ensuring that the Valmiki Samaj can live with dignity, pride, and equality, we have taken a significant step towards a more inclusive and just society," he added.

Kavinder said that "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas" will now be visible on the ground with the participation and sharing of all the sections of the society in welfare schemes and developmental projects.

Rekha Mahajan said that it is indeed a good development that the abrogation of Art 370 has brought

smiles on the faces of the people of the State, barring a few, who used to consider themselves as the 'masters' and had no concern for common citizens but always focused on self-interests. She added that today every person residing in Jammu & Kashmir has rights and is getting direct benefits under welfare schemes initiated by PM Modi like PM Awas Yojana, Ayushman Golden Card, Pension numerous public-friendly schemes.

Representatives of J&K Valmiki Samaj hailed the Modi-led government policies and expressed that the historic decision of PM Modi and Home Minister, Amit Shah and BJP state leadership always will do justice to the neglected Valmiki community which was paid no heed by different Governments since independence. Now under the leadership of PM Modi the downtrodden community of Valmiki Samaj will prosper, they added.

Bhim Army Bharat Ekta Mission welcomes "Save Constitution Yatra"



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O.B.C Mahasabha, National Confederation of S/C, S/T and OBC JK-UT and All India Backward Classes Federation JK-UT welcome "SAVE CONSTITUTION YATRA" and gives a warm reception in Jammu city to Sh.Pawan Kumar Loni President and other Members of BHIM ARMY BHARAT EKTA MISSION. This yatra started on 1st October 2023 from Kathua and stayed for 1st Night at Ramgarh and 2nd at R.S.Pura after holding "SAVE CONSTITUTION Programs at various villages and in towns. This yatra will go to Akhnoor, Nowshera, Rajouri, Reasi, Udhampur, Billawar and will be culminated at Mahanpur Tehsil after a big rally on the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Bhim Army is holding SAVE CONSTITUTION YATRA's in all over india under the direction of Sh.Chander Sekhar Azad-National President of Bhim Army.

The main aim of this yatra to educate the masses of Jammu & Kashmir regarding SAVE CONSTITUTION from the cruel Jaws of ruling political party which is bent upon to run this country as per religious versions but not as per constitution of india. This is very much clear from the opening ceremony of New Parliament Building when the word SECULARISM (Dharam Narpex- Hindi word) has been deleted by the B.J.P Modi Govt. from first page of constitution. Moreove this modi Govt. has made change the Sign of "THE ASHOKA GREAT" which is also indian currency. So Keeping in view all this happenings the malafide intention of this B.J.P modi Govt. is now very much clear that this Govt. is bent upon to crush the equality rights of S/C, S/T and OBC's.

In this Programme Sh.R.K.Kalsotra, President National Confederation of S/C, S/T and OBC's declared that regarding the SAVE CONSTITUTION a National Level Rally will be held on 5th November-2023 at New Delhi.

Faquir Chand Satia, President A.I.B.C.F JK-UT said that the announcement by Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir that RESERVATION TO O.B.C's in Municipal corporation and Panchayati Raj system is only a Lollipop for OBC masses. He said that JK-UT Govt. is bound to follow the Hon'ble Supreme court Judgement dt.10.05.2022 on writ petition number-278 of 2022.

Those who also spoke in the programme were Kasturi Lal Basotra, Mohd Shabir Sambhal Raj Kumar Chalotra, Balwant Katria, Bansil Lal Choudhary, Ravi Kumar Dogra, Madan Lal Balotra, Chaman Lal, Narinder Singh Khalsa, Tarsame Khullar, Kuldeep Singh Giani, Romesh Sarmal, Ashu Peter Matoo, Luckey Singh, Harsis Kranti, Mohinder Kumar, Sham Lal, Sudesh Kumar, Mohit Chandan.

LG awards Certificate of Achievement to DC Kulgam for Outstanding Leadership in achieving ODF+ Model Status of District

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The Jammu and Kashmir Government awarded Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam with Certificate of Achievement for his Exemplary Dedication, Unwavering Commitment & Outstanding Leadership in the pursuit of Swachhata and playing an instrumental role in achieving ODF+ Model Status under an initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-2.0).

The Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat by the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj



Sinha at Raj Bhawan during a Felicitation Ceremony organized by Rural Development Department on Monday to honour the

contribution of the Officers and recognise their outstanding capabilities in the pursuit of Cleanliness. The Deputy Commissioner was honoured and given recognition by the J&K Government for encouraging and fostering the environment of cleanliness at different forums under his official capacity.

Meanwhile the Deputy Commissioner has thanked his entire Team members especially RDD Officers & Officials and PRIs for their brilliant work and support which has led to attainment of important milestone under SBM-2.0 and has also impressed upon all the officers/officials to work with utmost zeal & zest to sustain the same.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

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National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the sudden passing away of Mrs Asha Devi Sarpanch and Contested Candidate of DDC Katra and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and

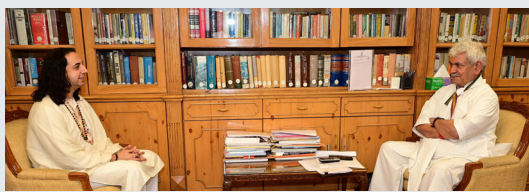
Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries and Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province have also expressed grief

and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Senior leaders of the National Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Those who prayed for peace to the departed soul, include Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Javed Ahmed Rana Zone President Pir

Panjal, Abdul Gani Malik Zone President Udhampur Reasi, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo Zone President Chenab Valley, Babu Jagjeevan Lal Ex-MLA, Ajaz Jan P.P Jammu YNC, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Satwant Kour Dogra P.P Women Wing, Sher Singh, Vikramjeet Singh and Rovin Kumar.



Abhay Sopori, Santoor Maestro called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.



H.H Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami Ji of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt met Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.



Rakesh Suraj, Regional Director, Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) India called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.



S. Parminder Singh Dhindsa, former Finance and Public Works Minister of Punjab called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

Police arrests 04 rustlers in Ganderbal; Stolen sheep worth lacs recovered



J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCT 3

Police in Ganderbal solved a burglary case by arresting 04 rustlers and recovered 16 stolen sheep from their possession.

On 22/09/2023, Police Station Lar received a written complaint from Mohammad Iqbal Thekri son of Makhan Thekri resident of Kathua A/P Yanggoora Lar stating therein that few days ago, during the night hours some unknown thieves barged into his cowshed and had stolen 16 Sheep worth lacs.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 55/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered at PS Lar and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, a team was constituted under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal led by SHO PS Lar, on the directions of SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS. After strenuous efforts, the Police

team apprehended four persons identified as Mudansir Ahmad Dar son of Gh Rasool Dar resident of Ari Goripora Kangan, Shabir Ahmad Mir son of Ab Khaliq Mir resident of Ari Goripora Kangan, Imtiyaz Ahmad Mir son of Ab Rashid Mir resident of Ari Goripora Kangan and Riyaz Ahmad Damiyal son of Mohd Shafi Damiyal resident of Gund Aku.

During questioning, they admitted their involvement in the commission of crime. On their disclosure, stolen 16 sheep were recovered. The accused persons have been shifted to Police Station where they remain in custody.

The locals of the area have hailed and appreciated the efforts of Police for swift action in solving the theft case within the shortest possible time. General Public is requested to co-operate with J&K Police & share inputs of crime so that effective measures will be taken well on time.

Police apprehends accused of hit and run case within hour of incident in Awantipora

J1 NEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, OCT 3

Police in Awantipora have arrested an accused driver involved in a hit and run case within an hour of the incident. Earlier today, a road traffic accident took place at Reshipora in which one girl namely Adeeba Arshid (age about 10 years) daughter of Arshid Ahmad Shiekh resident of Reshipora was hit by a Dumper bear-

ing registration number JKOIAE-3177 driven rashly and negligently by Mohd Haneef Khanday son of Ali Mohd Khanday resident of Meej Pampore. In the incident, the girl died on the spot. Acting swiftly, a Police team apprehended the accused driver within hour of the incident.

Accordingly, Police have taken a cognisance under relevant section of law besides, a dumper has also been seized.



Celebration of fruit's day in which Amaira Gupta became Apple and aware other children by saying ' An apple a day keeps doctor away'

Without addressing caste issue social justice near impossible: Tony

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RSPURA, OCT 3

Taranjit Singh Tony, Congress leader and DDC Member Suchetgarh Constituency on Tuesday demanded caste based census across the country to ensure social justice to OBCs, SCs and STs, as present set-up envisages policies without taking into consideration the needs of underprivileged segments of society.

While interacting with people of RS Pura today, the Congress leader said that without ending the caste-blindness in the policy making it is near impossible to address the issues of OBCs, SCs and STs, and ensure social justice. He said that over seven decades have passed but the aforesaid communities never get what they deserved and now Bihar Government paving the way through caste-based census has



acted as beacon of light for all making it necessary to emulate its prudent step in the entire country to deliver justice to OBCs, SCs and STs.

"Once a caste-based census would be conducted it would do away with the fuzziness and fluidity around the non-dominant castes within the OBCs and ultimately a substantial data reflecting the social reality of India's lesser known precarious groups will be revealed

out in the open", he said adding that deciphering the reality of BJP dispensation's reluctance towards caste census one can find that it is highly contingent upon its political losses. He said that BJP leadership is exploiting the OBCs and other classes in the name of Hindutva but on ground, its policies reflect the party's discriminatory approach towards these segments of society.

He asked the Modi Government to follow the

principle of 'Jitni Bhagyadari Utni Uski Hisse-dari' to ensure universal justice. He alleged that BJP always wanted to shelve this issue because it is the party of rich and upper caste which hardly cared about poor and downtrodden sections. He asked the helmsmen to conduct caste based census in J&K to end discrimination with OBCs, SCs and ST and other minorities as caste based census is the only way to end discrimination.

GGF, J&K celebrates 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 4

To pay Tributes to the Father of the Nation on his 154th birth anniversary, a colourful programme was organised at Diwana-Aam by the Gandhi Global Family, J&K. Shri Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, DDC, Jammu was the Chief Guest, Shri Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Presided over the Programme whereas, Shri Baldev Singh Billowria, Dy.Mayor, JMC was the Guest of Honour.

On the occasion, Shri Bharat Bhushan and Shri Ramesh Kumar planted a tree each in the park of Dewan-e-Aam and they along with other dignitaries including Army Veteran, Lt.General (Retd.), Shri Rakesh Sharma, President, J&K Ex-servicemen League, Shri I.D.Soni, Wg.Cdr.(Retd.) Shri M.M.Joshi, S.Taran Singh, Shri Rajeev Chuni, Chairman, SOS International, Shri Gopal Sharma, Shri Raj Kumar, S.Rajinder Singh, Shri Dinesh Gupta, Shri Bashir Ahmed Sheikh, S.Jaswinder Singh Kuku, S.K.Vaid, Ashwani Mehra, Shri Amit Varma, Dr.Alka Sharma, Mrs.Sumi Seth, Shri Mahesh Kotwal and many more guests paid



floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. Later all the Guests, teachers and students also paid Homage to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by an Oath Ceremony wherein all students, teachers and Dignitaries participated. It was conducted by the teachers and students of Lawrence Public School.

Beautiful cultural items were presented by the students of Shri Ranbir Hr.Sec.School, Govt.Central Basic Hr.Sec.School, Govt.High School, Kachhi Chawni, Mubark Mandi GGHS School, Jammu, JK Pb.School, Mubark Mandi, Light House Pb.School and Foiji Public School.

Dinesh Gupta, Advisor, GGF, J&K for and on behalf of the Gandhi Global Family, J&K and his own behalf welcomed all the dignitaries, respected Guest, Institutional Heads, Teachers and students and informed the august gatherings about the very

importance of such like programmes being celebrated all of the Country.

Lt General (Retd.) Shri Rakesh Sharma highlighted the messages of Gandhi and encouraged the gathering, especially youth to learn from the life and struggles of Mahatma Gandhi.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu in his Presidential address said that for the first time in J&K, Gandhi Jayanti is being celebrated for about a month and a lot of enthusiasm is seen all over especially among the youngsters. He expressed his sincere thanks to the entire team of Gandhi Global Family for organising such a wonderful programme voluntarily.

Bharat Bhushan Chief Guest in his address spoke about the relevance of Gandhi Ji's ideology in today's time and said that we all should follow the Principles of Gandhi Ji

and live our life as simple as possible and try to help the poor needy to the best possible.

The GGF team and DFO, Research Institute, Jammu presented a memento to the DDC Chairman Shri Bharat Bhushan. Later on behalf of the organisers, DDC Chairman presented a memento and a Plant to the Divisional Commissioner and to the Deputy Mayor.

Bashir Ahmed presented Vote of thanks in making the programme a grand success. He also thanked all the Dignitaries and Distinguished Guests for the success of the programme. The programme was conducted by Mrs. Serma Seth, Mr.Amit Verma and Dr.Alka Sharma.

The programme ended with the National Anthem. Later all the teachers and students were presented one plant each by the DFO, Jammu.

Chief Secretary chairs 11th UT-Level Bankers' Committee meeting

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 3

All the banks in association with line departments need to work in tandem to ensure J&K UT is at par with National Average in the parameters that define performance in the banking sector. We should strive hard for J&K to be ranked number one in the country.

This was stated by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta while chairing 11th meeting of Union Territory Level Bankers' Committee (UTLBC) held at SKICC, Srinagar here.

MD & CEO J&K Bank-Convenor J&K UTLBC-Baldev Prakash, Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Finance Santosh D. Vaidya, various Administrative Secretaries, General Manager RBI, Sandeep Mittal, General Manager NABARD Sandeep Sharma and other senior functionaries of the Government, RBI, NABARD, Banks, departmental Heads, insurance companies and Lead District Managers were present on the occasion.

While taking review of employment generation program Swarozgar Utsav which Chief Secretary launched during the 10th meeting of J&K UTLBC-Dr. Mehta urged upon the banks to put in place a well drilled mechanism for saturating self-employment in J&K.

"By generating employment through Swarozgar



Utsav and other like campaigns we are doing a great service to our young generation, UT and nation in general. Seeing the potential and requirement in J&K, there should be no reason not to achieve 100% targets set under this program," he said.

J&K at the moment is doing exceptionally well in major sectors like Health, Rural Development but needs to do more to saturate self-employment, he said.

"Bringing unemployment down is our main motive. 'Banks need to come forward and provide financial assistance to the unemployed youth who genuinely need it for achieving the gainful employment. We need to show empathy towards the unemployed youth in guiding them towards the path of prosperity and self-sufficiency through various credit facilities

tailored in accordance to their entrepreneurial aspirations, he stated

This is where Banks in coordination with line departments have a huge role to play by creating employment generation opportunities for our youth. I hope biggest take-away from this meeting is that all of us pledge to contribute our bit to bring down unemployment," he said.

Exhorting upon Banks and Revenue Department to put up a mechanism for greater lending under the SVAMITVA scheme Dr. Mehta said, "SVAMITVA scheme was launched by Government of India with aim to enable rural people to avail loans and other financial benefits against their property cards issued by Revenue Department. It is imperative for Banks to devise schemes and strategies in association with Revenue Department to



Govt awards Director Rural Sanitation J&K for his outstanding leadership in pursuit of achieving ODF Plus Model status under SBM-G 2.0

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 3

The Jammu and Kashmir Government has awarded Director Rural Sanitation, Jammu and Kashmir Mr. Charandeeep Singh with certificate of achievement and a trophy for his exemplary dedication and outstanding leadership in the pursuit of Swachhata and playing an instrumental role in achieving ODF Plus Modal Status under Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G 2.0).

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha handed over the certificate of achievement to Mr. Charandeeep Singh in presence of Chief Secretary, J&K Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, and Commissioner/ Secretary to



Government Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, J&K during the 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' celebration event organized by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar.

The J&K Lt Governor congratulated the Rural Development Department, representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, and the citizens for achieving 100% cleanliness and Solid and liquid Waste Management in all 6,650 villages.

It is pertinent to mention that Door-to-door collection of waste has been initiated in all the Panchayats, segregation sheds have been established and a financial model has been developed to ensure sus-

initiatives to address and accelerate the resolutions for long pending issues associated with the forum.

While assuring J&K Government that banks operating in J&K UT will continue to extend all possible support for implementing the programmes and schemes aimed at entrepreneurial development, employment generation and poverty alleviation in the UT, he pointed out that the "Swarozgar Utsav" generated good response and banks have sanctioned loans of Rs.1,032 Crore to 55,756 beneficiaries till date. He stated that the campaign shall continue with full vigour so that the objective of saturating of self-employment is realized."

Earlier, General Manager J&K Bank, Syed Rais Maqbool while making presentation on the financial achievements of various banks in different sectors during the first quarter ended June 2023 of Financial year 2023-24 informed that banks in J&K have achieved 25% of the Annual Target under ACP by disbursing credit of Rs.12,721.04 Crore to 4,50,524 beneficiaries.

He also informed that banks have sanctioned loans to the tune of Rs.758.35 Crore to 16,105 beneficiaries under major employment generation schemes during the period.

He informed that banks have on boarded 96% of Saving Bank accounts and 95% of Business accounts on digital platform.

tainability of the waste collection mechanism, thereby converting waste to wealth, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also commended the Directorate of Rural Sanitation for its novel initiative of 'Swachhata Bulletin' to monitor and share daily updates, and activities by districts in the spirit of 'Jan-Bhagidari' and encouraging the community members to share feedback and contribute to building "Swachh and Swasth J & K".

Four booklets under SBM-G on Door-to-Door Waste Collection Guidelines, Legacy Waste Management Guidelines, Safe Sanitation Index, and Panchayat Sanitation Index were released.

Jammu all set to witness Int'l golfers teeing off at Tawi Golf Course

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 3

The third edition of prestigious J&K Open Golf Tournament, being organized by the UT's Tourism department in conjunction with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official governing body of professional golf in India, would begin tomorrow at the most scenic Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

Jammu, 'City of Temples', is all set to witness galaxy of reputed and famous golfers with every requisite facility in place by the concerned authorities. The four day Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) event, being held from 4th to 7th of October will be inaugurated tomorrow morning by the Advisor to J&K Lieutenant Governor, R R Bhatnagar at the pristine Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

The total prize purse for the event has been enhanced to Rs 50 lakh this year while the Pro-Am event will be held on October 8.

The tournament is being supported by Presenting Partner J&K Tourism as well as Host Venue Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

"Any place that is famous around the world definitely has a facet of golf tourism in its realm. In today's date, golf tourism has made India a focus destination with world class facilities and Jammu and Kashmir is a very big contributing factor in this," Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Tourism here told the reporters at a press conference held on the eve of the PGTI event flanked by other dignitaries.

This tournament, the J&K open, he said is a defining tournament to enhance and promote golf tourism.

"There are world class players that participate at this event and each and every player will get an opportunity to experience the Dogri culture including its art and cuisine," said Shah.

CEO, PGTI, Uttam Singh Mundy, said, "The third edition of the J&K Open presented by J&K Tourism is one of the most-awaited tournaments of the 2023 PGTI season with the professionals having fond memories of playing at the magnificent Jammu Tawi Golf Course for the first time last year."

"Tournaments such as these will go a long way in providing a boost to Golf Tourism in J&K," he said thanking J&K Tourism and the Jammu Tawi



Golf Course for reiterating their support to PGTI with the enhanced prize purse this year.

"We are excited about witnessing yet another enthralling week of golf amidst the mesmerizing surroundings of J&K," said the CEO.

Special Secretary, Tourism Department, Amarjeet Singh, said, "We look forward to our continued association with the J&K Open golf tournament and the PGTI. This tournament gives us a great platform to project the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as a favourable destination for Golf Tourism for business and leisure travellers from all across the world."

He said, "Our partnership with PGTI and the staging of the J&K Open also provides us the opportunity to showcase the outstanding golfing venues in J&K to a wider audience."

Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Manav Gupta said, "We are proud to host the leading Indian professional golfers at Jammu Tawi Golf Course for the second year in succession. We have worked towards providing the best possible playing conditions at JTGC and are confident that the players will enjoy their experience of playing here."

The J&K Open also provides immense exposure for our local golfing talent who get to rub shoulders with the best professionals in the country and this exposure will go a long way in helping J&K produce champion golfers in the future," said the Secretary JTGC.

TATA Steel PGTI Rankings Leader, Om Prakash Chouhan said, "I would really like to thank J&K Tourism for their continued support and especially for their support in conducting the latest edition of the J&K Open 2023."

"The course is playing beautifully and it is definitely one of the best courses in the country and the work done on the course is very evident. I have special memories of playing in J&K since I won an event here way back

in 2014 and I am looking forward to this week," he said.

The field of 114 players including 109 professionals and five amateurs will witness participation by top Indian professionals namely Om Prakash Chouhan, Aman Raj, Akshay Sharma, Sachin Baisoya, Harshjeet Singh Sethie, Gaurav Pratap Singh, Karan Pratap Singh and Kshitij Naveed Kaul, to name a few.

The foreign challenge will be led by Bangladesh's Badal Hossain, Nepal's Sukra Bahadur Rai and Canada's Sukhraj Singh Gill, to name a few.

The local challenge will be led by J&K-based players including professionals Bhawani Singh Parmar, Pawan Parihar, Fayaz Ahmed Langoo, Raghav Wahni and Mir Ahmad as well as amateurs Prabhnoor Singh, Umar Yaqoob Mir, Vedant Handa, Arindam Sudan and Zorawar Singh.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir undertook the construction of this prestigious project of Jammu Tawi Golf Course with the intention of giving a boost to Golf Tourism and grooming young boys and girls to become golf professionals.

Jammu and Kashmir is home to some of the top tourist destinations in the country. Jammu, bestowed with breathtaking scenic beauty amidst the proud mountain ranges exhibits all the qualities that make it a sought-after tourist destination. Among the most popular tourist attractions in the Jammu region are the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple, Amar Mahal Palace, Mubarak Mandi Palace and Patni-pot, to name a few.

The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's great initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region. J&K is blessed with some spectacular golf courses such as Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Royal Springs Golf Course (Srinagar), Pahal-gam Golf Course (Lidder Valley) and Gulmarg Golf Club. These courses provide a heavenly experience to golfers.

CRICKETING GLORY UNFOLDS

13-Day, 69-Battle Saga Culminates in Pulwama and Baramulla Triumphs Multiple Titles

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG OCT 3

The Department of Youth Services & Sports remains steadfast in its commitment to providing optimal opportunities for youth engagement in sporting activities. With this vision, the Joint Director of Youth Services & Sports, Kashmir, orchestrated the UT-Level Cricket Tournament in the Kashmir Division, hosted by the District Youth Services & Sports Office in Anantnag for boys across various age groups—14, 17, and 19 years. This event was structured as a League cum Knockout competition to unearth genuine talent. The 14-year category's final was unfor-

tunately washed out due to heavy rainfall, but the 17-year group proceeded successfully. Ultimately, the stage was set for the 19-year age group, marking the culmination of this remarkable Willow-Leather journey. District Anantnag played the gracious host, ensuring top-notch residential facilities and a hygienic mess for all officials and student players. These arrangements were meticulously prepared in advance to enhance the participants' overall experience. In the 14-year age category, Bandipora and Pulwama emerged as finalists. Pulwama won the toss, chose to field, and limited Bandipora to a score of 127 runs.



Abrar Ahmad led the batting with 41 runs, while Shabir Irshad and Burhan Ashraf claimed three wickets each. Despite a shaky

start for Pulwama's top order, Burhan's 30 runs off 30 deliveries and Yonus's quickfire 32 off 21 balls secured a 2-wicket

victory for Pulwama. Sahil Bilal earned the Man of the Series award, while Burhan was declared the Man of the Match for his

exceptional bowling performance. Host District Anantnag secured the third position in the tournament.

In the 17-year age category, a thrilling last-over encounter between Kulgam and Baramulla saw Baramulla clinch the title. Kulgam settled for the runner-up position, with host District Anantnag securing third place. Faizan Ibrahim from Baramulla was named the Man of the Series for his outstanding all-round performance. Despite their valiant efforts, Kulgam couldn't secure the title, but their cricketing prowess was widely applauded.

In the 19-year age category, North Districts

Baramulla and Kupwara faced off. Kupwara chose to field after winning the toss, and Baramulla managed to score 69 runs, with Mudasir being the top scorer with 12 runs. Musaib Mehraj of Baramulla clinched 3 wickets in an economical 3-over spell, and Tanveer Lateef took 2 wickets in 4 overs. Baramulla comfortably achieved the target with a 5-wicket victory, with Sahil Yousuf scoring 39 off 20 balls. Musaib Mehraj was named the Man of the Match. Budgam secured the third position in the 17-year age group.

It is worth noting that the majority of the AAG tournament matches were played on turf wickets, a

notable feature of the event. The participating student players expressed their satisfaction with this aspect. Throughout the 69 matches, selectors were present at all venues, and the host district ensured adequate arrangements for press and publicity. Special recognition was given to Shahid Altaf Khan for his exemplary work in technical sound press and publicity.

The tournament concluded with a grand presentation ceremony where trophies were awarded to the top three performers. District Youth Services & Sports Officer extended words of thanks to all involved in making this tournament a success.