

Sri Ramanujacharya had deep spiritual connect with Kashmir: LG Sinha

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya Saraswathi Bhandaram Digital Library and Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt Branch, Kashmir at Shivpora, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt and followers of Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya ji on the occasion.

Hon'ble Union Home society. Minister, Shri Amit Shah wishes and assured that he vishishtadvaita preached will personally visit Mutt's love, peace, compassion, Kashmir branch, the Lt Governor said.

recalled the immense righteousness, virtue and mir to refer to Bodhayana



contribution of Jagadguru devotionalism that influ-Sri Ramanujacharya to the enced 'Bhakti Movement'," the Lt Governor said.

"Sri Ramanujacharya The Lt Governor also ji has conveyed his best through his philosophy of highlighted Sri Ramanujacharya ji's deep spiritual connect with Kashmir. While composing the

universal brotherhood and social equality. He epic 'Sri Bhasya', Jagadg-The Lt Governor showed the society path of uru had travelled to Kash-

Vritti Grantha on Brahma Sutras. When this voluminous and his most famous work was complete, he again visited Kashmir and dedicate Sri Bhasya' to Maa Sharada, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor shared the resolve of the UT Government, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, to restore the past glory of Jammu Kashmir.

"We are witnessing revival of J&K's cultural identity and spiritual traditions which have always promoted co-existence of almost all major religions, spiritual streams known to humankind and CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

LG inaugurates, lays foundation stone for various development projects worth more than Rs 110 cr

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated and laid foundation stone for various development projects worth more than Rs 110 cr at Shopian.

The Lt Governor congratulated the District Administration, PRI representatives and the local residents on the occasion. He said the

all sections of society. "The new sports infra-



projects dedicated to the for training, mentoring and 93 crore inaugurated by Lt people will strengthen the support to compete at the Governor include two new infrastructure and empower national and international blocks of Transit accomlevel," the Lt Governor said. modation at Allowpora

The Lt Governor directed Keegam; development of structure projects for which the officials to adhere to the Playfield at Trenz; upgra-ment of Synthetic Volleyball the foundation stone was timelines to complete new dation and development Court & Dug-out, practice laid will transform Shopian projects in close coordina- of playground at K-Hallan Pitches and Change rooms into a significant centre of tion with concerned depart- Keller; Transit accommosporting culture, provide ments and executing agen- dation for Transhumant tion of roads from modern resources, facilities cies. The projects worth Rs Tribals at Lal Ghulam and

Arun Kumar Mehta today

at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attend-

ed by Commissioner Sec-

upgradation of roads including Bijbehara - Shopian road, Pudsoo to Kapren causeway Braripora Zirpora Mantribugh Nildrang road, Pinjora Khan to Sofanaman Pahnoo road, Mohanpora Imamsahab Alamgunj road and Drangnard to Keller block road.

The projects costing Rs 17.92 crore for which the Lt Governor laid foundation stone includes development of stadium along with synthetic football turf at Dragad; Construction of Synthetic Basketball and Volleyball courts; developat Vishroo Keller; upgrada-

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Youth shot at, injured in Anantnag, shifted to hospital



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 4

> A student was shot and gunmen on Wednesday for treatment. evening in Watrigama Wanihama area of Anant- being filed his status of nag district.

A top police officer said able. that suspected militants

fired upon a youth identified as Sahil Bashir a student at Wanihama.

He was immediately injured by unknown shifted to nearby hospital Till this report was

condition was not avail-CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Basohli Pashmina and Udhampur's Kaladi get GI Tag

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha extended his hearty congratulations to the weavers, producers and families associated with Basohli Pashmina and Kaladi dairy prod- lations to the people of uct from Udhampur for the UT". getting the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

to GoI, Association of In a tweet, the Lt Govproducers, NABARD, UT ernor said: "A moment Department and all other of pride for J&K. Basohli stakeholders for their Pashmina & Udhampur effort to further boost Kaladi get Geographical export and to secure the Indication (GI) Tag. It will future of thousands of boost morale of weavers families associated with and producers, families these two glorious culturassociated with Kaladi al and heritage symbols of

dairy product. Congratu- J&K UT," he tweeted.

MHA appoints Imtiaz Ismail Parray as DIG Sashastra Seema Bal on deputation basis



"My sincere gratitude as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) on deputation basis in Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The appointment of

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chaired a detailed meet- citizen and said that e-ser-

retary, IT Department, Prerna Puri; CEO, JKeGA; e-services have brought office for availing any gov-State Informatics Officer, about efficiency and trans- ernment benefit. NIC besides other senior parency in the functionofficers of IT Department. ing of all the departments, was apprised that 1054 While charing the meethe said that e-initiatives e-services are currently ing, Chief Secretary reit- are being appreciated by available to the citizens erated the importance of public at large for their with 20 more e-services e-services in transform- inherent hassle-free, under-development. ing the life of a common transparent nature.

CS reemphasized the ing of the IT Department vives are a very potent need to achieve the target tool in realizing the J&K of 1500 e-services so as to administration's aim of almost eliminate the need "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K". of a common citizen to Maintaining that that knock on the door of any

During the review, it **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

Will deal with issue of immunity of lawmakers Two Hizb militants killed

Army-Police Joint operation underway In Rajouri to

CS reviews progress of IT initiatives **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 4



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 4 Imtiaz Ismail Parray, a 2009 AGMUT IPS, was on Wednesday appointed

if criminality attached to acts: Supreme Court

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 4

A seven-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it will deal with the issue of whether immunity granted to lawmakers is available if there was criminality attached to their acts.

tion for taking bribes to said. make a speech or vote in



The bench headed by and decide a narrow issue Chief Justice D Y Chan- – can the immunity (to the drachud commenced lawmakers) be attached hearing to reconsider the when there is element of apex court's 1998 verdict criminality," a constitution granting MPs and MLAs bench headed by Chief immunity from prosecu- Justice D Y Chandrachud

Parliament and state leg- Mehta, at the outset, said nity is available to the law islatures. "We have to deal that possibly the contro- makers. with the immunity as well versy can be narrowed

down in view of the fact that the offence of bribery is complete when a bribe is given and accepted by the lawmaker.

Now whether the lawmaker performs the criminal act is irrelevant for the question of criminality and it is a question under the Prevention of Corrup-

tion Act, rather under Article 105 which deals with the immunity available to the lawmakers, the law officer said.

The bench, referring to the 1998 judgement, said it was held that irrespective

Solicitor General Tushar of the criminality, immu-

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in Kulgam gunfight

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCT 4

> Two Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in a gunfight with security forces at Kujjar belt of Yaripora in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, police said.

A police official told news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that fired indiscriminately outfit.' acting on specific informa- at the forces, triggermilitants, a joint cordon was laid by police, CRPF and the army's 1st Rashtriya Rifles at Kujjar village.

"As the joint teams zeroed in on the suspected spot, the militants Hizbul Mujahideen terror



While quoting ADGP tion about the presence of ing an encounter. In the Kashmir Vijay Kumar, Kashmir Zone police in exchange of fire, two militants were killed and their a post on X said, "#Kulbodies were retrieved," he gamEncounterUpdate: said. "Two terrorists who Killed #terrorists have have been identified as been identified as Basit locals and affiliated with Amin Bhat of Frisal **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

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on Wednesday.

JAMMU, OCT 4

Indian Army, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and A search operation the Central Reserve Police launched by security Force was launched in the forces is underway in the area after specific intelli-Kalakote area of Jammu gence about the moveand Kashmir's Rajouri ment of some unidentified district, the officials said individuals was

A joint operation by the

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Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates Jaipur conference, hails Bharat's Amrit Kaal Journey

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JAIPUR, OCT 4

While inaugurating the 2-day Regional Conference on Good Governance here today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy Singh hailed Bharat's threshold of emerging as



and Space, Dr Jitendra dra Modi, Bharat is on the years.

The Modi Government Amrit Kaal journey to "Viksit" Bharat and the has taken several strides to usher in "Viksit" Bharat. groundwork to achieve adopt new age technolo-Dr Jitendra Singh said, this target has been effec- gies for better delivery of under the leadership of tively accomplished in Good Governance and Ser-Prime Minister Sh Naren- the course of the last nine vices to citizens and many

of these practices deserve to be shared widely so that others too can emulate the same, said the Minister. Some of these best practices, like aspirational districts, Gatishakti and Covid vaccine are being cited by other countries as well, he said. have turned into role models.

The Union Minister said, "The 'Maximum Governance - Minimum Government' policy has been translated into reality by digital empowerment of citizens. A confident CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Jammu & Kashmir looks to boost revenue from rest houses of R&B

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 4

The J&K government has assets. unveiled a set of direcment in the Union Terri- factory. tory.

the R&B department engineers of all divisions has also directed chief

has directed officials to to fix the revenue targets engineers, superintendstreamline collection of based on past collection ing engineers to ensure user charges from these and potential revenue quarterly review of revgeneration in respect of

The moves after the all departmental assets. tives to boost revenue government noticed that generation from the rest revenue receipts from of guest houses have guest houses and residenhouses maintained by the huge infrastructure of the been directed to maintain Roads & Buildings depart- R&B were quite unsatis- records like date and time

of arrival and departure In an order, a copy of of guests, daily charges In a move aimed at which is in possession of collected and revenue increasing revenue gen- news agency, the Roads deposited into treasury eration from the guest & Buildings Department under revenue head. houses/ Dak Bangalows, has directed executive The R&B department administrative

enue generation with a special focus on revenue The officers' in-charge from Dak Banglows/ tial quarters.

The officials have also been asked to share full details of Dak Bungalows/ guest houses occupied by officers/ officials of all departments with the

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counter Terrorists

Weekly Block Diwas held at 5 locations in Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 4

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Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today visited the remote Tehsil Marmat of the District and presided over a public outreach programme, under the unique Block Diwas initiative of the UT administration. He, along with the team Ahmed Batt, Sarpanches, cerns, to which senior of District Administration, Panches besides a large administrative functionarlistened to public issues, demands, aspirations, and from adjoining Panchayats feedback from the public of Block Marmat attended and PRIs.

did Shramdaan (Cleanli- being faced by them. ness drive) at Bargrann Market, seeing plastic/ thene spread on the road-



number of people hailing the Block Diwas meet-While on way to Goha, ing and projected several building for Government the Deputy Commissioner demands and problems Degree College already

grammes were held at Pan-

ies responded proactively. At the Block Diwas program in Goha, locals demanded construction of sanctioned and the land

Similar block Diwas pro- identified, Up gradation of local Government Block Bhalla, Sub District out eligible families under side near the passenger Bhaderwah; Panchayat PMAY, creation of tourshed along with all the Kharangal, Tehsil Gandoh, ism infrastructure in the officers accompanying Sub Division Gandoh; area, speedy construction him. Later the local shop- Panchayat Charota, Sub of Girls Hostel, establishkeepers also joined them. Division Assar; and Tehsil ment of fire services unit, the conducive ecosystem about income generating He inspected PHC Goha Headquarter Chiralla, Sub upgradation of roads, new and departmental stalls Division Thathri, where roads to the unconnected foster development of the schemes launched by the at the venue. DDC Coun- PRIs, people presented habitations, providing ade- area. cillor, Marmat Mushtaq their demands and con- quate staff in Educational

sion Bhaderwah, Detach-Division Batote and link-Doda, creating education rupted electricity supply to the area, setting up ATM facility in Goha besides, presented various local and individual issues.

demands and issues, the other bottles and poly- chayat Ghar Kari Chhatra, Schools, inclusion of left DC redressed many grievances on the spot by passing directions to the concerned officers.

especially youth to avail to generate livelihood & and beneficiary oriented

"In October, District UT Govt.

assured them that their

institutions, release of Employment and Coun-Pending MGNREGA mate- selling Centre Doda shall rial payments, compen- conduct counselling sessation for acquired land sions in Higher Secondby government agencies, ary Schools and Colleges construction of PHC build- of the area to address the ing at Goha, retaining the employment issues," he Marmat area under juris- informed and motivated diction of PWD Division locals to use scientific Doda instead of PWD Divi- methods to increase agricultural production with ing the area from forest the help of concerned departments and bring ing it with forest division their quality products to the market through coopzone for Marmat, uninter- eratives for enhanced income generation. He stressed starting agrobased startups to boost the local economy. Responding to the

After listening to their demands, the DC assured the PRIs and general public of the area that all their genuine issues would be addressed in a time bound manner. The DC He urged the public, impressed upon the officers to inform the people

Government of India and

YSS Ganderbal organizes Inter-School Zonal Level Athletic Meet in various Zones

cal Education office Tullam-

ulla for boys U/17 and U/19

years and for girls AAG at

Hyderia ground Tullamulla.

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GANDERBAL OCTOBER 4

Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal organized a spectacular Athletic Meet for Girls U/17 and U/19 years in Zone Ganderbal of the district.

The event was held at Qamaria Ground Ganderbal in which 215 student athletes from various Educational institutes of the Zone Ganderbal participated.

The event aimed to foster the spirit of athletiamong the young genera- of 315 student players from the award ceremony where the senior officials of the and officials. The officer department.

ing talent and fostering a the student players to keep Likewise, the event was games and sports for holisconducted by Zonal Physi- tic development.

At the end Medals were distributed among position holders by the senior officials of the department.

The event witnessed an Meanwhile, Zone Kangan cism and sportsmanship enthusiastic participation of the District organized a "Fit India Swachhta Freetion and culminated with different schools of the dom Run" with the theme said Zone. DYSSO Gander-'Swatchh Bharat, Swatchhaall the meritorious athletes bal, Sheikh Shafqat Iqbal ta Bharat' to mark two days were awarded with their on the occasion interacted of National importance well- deserved medals by with the student players namely Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti.

encouraged the efforts put The Run commenced Sports events like these forth by the department from SAPS Kangan and culplay a vital role in nurtur- officials and also motivated minated at GMS Kangan. A Total of 115 student athletes healthy competitive spirit. on participating in different from various Educational Institutions actively participated.

DC inspects blacktopping, drainage work in town Ramban, directs concessionaire companies to speed up pace of work

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 4

surface up-gradation, blacktopping work on old aligntown being executed by the plying of traffic. National Highway Authority outreach programme.

Highway-44, the Deputy people. Commissioner directed the work, he asked the execut- quality and cleanliness. ing agency to ensure that Meanwhile, the promithe road lasts for years as nent citizens raised vari-

were present on the occasion

After inspecting the spot Deputy Commissioner, position, the DC directed Ramban, Mussarat Islam the concessionaire compatoday inspected progress on nies to accelerate the pace of work on construction of drains, besides maintaining ment of NH-44 in Ramban existing roads for smooth

Taking action on all the of India, besides checking issues hindering the pace of the shops and other business progress highlighted by the establishments during his PD, NHAI, the DC assured field visit under the public that District Administration shall extend full cooperation Inspecting the construc- for timely completion of the tion work on the drain- Project to resolve issues age system along National and problems faced by the

Earlier, the DC also executing agency to con- checked various Shops, Resstruct the drains to avoid taurants. Dhabas and other runoff of water on the road. business establishments in He said that once the drains town Ramban and directed were constructed, the con- the CEO MC, to ensure that struction of the road will be each Dhaba has a license started. Stressing on quality and to regularly check the

discussed to avoid traffic ous issues of public interest

WEEKLY BLOCK DIWAS DC Rajouri presides over Public Grievances Redressal Camp in border area Pukhrani

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 4

people.

Darhal etc.

genuine concerns would In a commendable move be addressed in a phased under the Block Diwas manner. In response to initiative, District Develthe concerns regarding opment Commissioner the Loha Katha road, the Rajouri Vikas Kundal Deputy Commissioner has on Wednesday presided taken a proactive step by over a public grievances instructing the Executive redressal camp in border Engineer (XEN) of PWD to area Pukhrani of Qila personally visit the site and Darhal block. The primary compile a comprehensive aim was to bring solutions report on the matter. to the doorstep of the Furthermore, it is worth

noting that the residents During the camp, the and the Sarpanch of Lam public and their represenhave expressed their sattatives raised a number isfaction with the notable of issues, including the progress achieved under need for better road infra- the Jal Jeevan Mission structure, upgradation of (JJM). This signifies the government institutions, positive impact of governimproved healthcare facili- ment initiatives on the ties, and shortage of staff, community, enhancing issues regarding loha katha their access to clean water road, border bunkers, and fostering overall devel-Urdu lecturer at HSS Qila opment.

In a heartening gesture, The Deputy Commis- Sarpanch Rajpur Bhatta turer at HSS Qila Darhal, the Deputy Commissioner hensive development for within the set timelines sioner gave a patient extended heartfelt con- the DC assured the public took immediate action, these vital border areas, while adhering to quality hearing to all the issues gratulations to all deserv- that the faculty will be instructing the XEN to a series of initiatives have parameters.



ing beneficiaries who have received support under Similarly, while addressthe Awas Plus scheme. This initiative is making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, providing them with the comfort and security of a proper home. Moreover, the Sarpanch also expressed profound gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for distribution of scooties to

specially-abled persons. Responding to the demand for the Urdu lec-

provided on priority. ing the other issues and the public outreach camp, the Deputy commissioner Vikas kundal directed concerned officers to work towards resolving the difficulties of the people at

the earliest.

ing the exchange of ideas

ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar

Dy Registrar CS, Adnan

Bodh Raj; Assistant Reg-

istrar Cooperative depart-

visit the site and expedite been taken, including SSY, the bunker completion BADP, border bunkers,

process. While addressing the issue of Pukhrani-Kam- connectivity, two new pla - Lam road project, mobile towers have been the DC directed the XEN allotted, with plans for PWD(R&B) to prepare the two more in the pipeline, project report at the earliest.

was widespread optimism the Deputy Commissioner among the local residents addressed the pressing regarding the mobile tower issue of drug abuse in the project in the area. The district, rallying the public installation of a 4G tower to join hands with the disdemands projected during is expected to significant- trict administration in the ly improve connectivity, providing better access to communication and online sioner directed officers to services for the people in take immediate measures the region.

sioner also delivered Taking note of the an impactful message, He urged the PRIs to play a concerns raised about emphasizing the signifi- crucial role in the developthe slow construction of cance of the Qila Darhal ment process and ensure border bunkers in Pan- Block as a border region. that all developmental chayat Pukhrani, Laroka, In pursuit of compre- works were completed

and numerous others. In an effort to enhance

promising improved communication services for Furthermore, there the region. Furthermore, fight against this menace.

The Deputy Commisto mitigate the problems The Deputy Commis- highlighted during the public outreach program.

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NH-44

Cooperation, Sunita Sum- Commissioner issued onbria, Additional Deputy the-spot directions to con-Commissioner, Harbans lal cerned officers to immedi-Sharma, Project Director, ately take action to resolve NHAI PIU, Ramban, Parsho- the issues on a priority basis. tam Kumar, Tehsildar Head- He also directed the officials quarter, Harvir Singh, CEO, if any person creates any MC, Sudarshan Jamwal, and kind of hindrance in the convarious concerned officers struction of road and drains, and representatives of the take a strict action against concessionaire companies him under extant rules.

congestion and for free flow like the maintenance of the of vehicular movement on drainage system near Boli Bazar, Bus Stand, District

President Municipal Court Complex; the Deputy

GDC Kunjwani organizes Induction Programme for fresher

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 4

Induction Programme" dents and to acquaint 2020. them with the college's ings.

The programme and admissions. began with the light-Semester.

Dr. Neeru Sharma from the Department

of English delivered an Government Degree extensive presentation College Kunjwani IQAC, about National Educain collaboration with tion Policy-2020. She Career Counseling and highlighted the college's NSS Unit, on Wednes- infrastructure, support day organized one day services and the variety "Deeksharambh-Student of courses available and explained the National for the UG 1st Semester Education Policy (NEP) students of session 2023- 2020 in detail vis-à-vis 24. The programme revised course structure, aimed to welcome the holistic and multidiscinewly admitted stu- plinary approach of NEP

resources, faculty and dents had the oppordifferent academic offer- tunity to ask questions

At the end, the stuabout NEP, academics Dr. Ashaq Hussain

ing of the ceremonial from Department of lamp along with Saras- Urdu skillfully moderwati Vandana. Thereaf- ated the proceedings ter, the Principal of the of the programme. The college Dr. Ravender formal vote of thanks Kumar Tickoo, extended was presented by Dr.Arti a warm welcome to the Pandoh Gupta Convener new students of UG 1st Career Counseling and Placement Cell.

Seminar on 'Relevance of Cooperative Movement in 21st Century' held in Rajouri



JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 4

the 21st century.

to strengthen the coop- initiatives. erative movement in the Rajouri district.

missioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

which is "Sahkarita" -

in the country's history in agement practices within as a platform for fruitful achieving this goal.

He also emphasized The Cooperative Depart- the key initiatives underment Rajouri, in collabo- taken by the Cooperative and success. ration with the National Department to revive the Cooperative Union of cooperative movement India (NCUI), on Wednes- in the district. He also day organized a seminar highlighted the computon the relevance of the erization of Primary Agricooperative movement in cultural Credit Societies

The seminar aimed to of Jan Ashudi Kendra for nificance of GI tagging participants, and attendshed light on the impor- PACS, and the introductance of cooperatives and tion of Common Service value and recognition of explore innovative ways Centers (CSC) as notable

He urged the members of the cooperative to The seminar was inau- actively participate and gurated by Deputy Com- benefit from these new initiatives. Additionally, he encouraged the youth

underscored the para- movement and contribute ences during the seminar. attended the event were mount objective of the their fresh ideas to further cooperative movement, enhance its growth.

Distinguished guest working collectively for speaker, Prof. Dr. Parvaiz in the Rajouri district, cation, Sultana Kouser; the betterment of all. He from BGSBU, delivered a emphasized the urgent captivating presentation ing programs, financial Rather; AD Fisheries, need to revive the rural on effective management support, and the integraeconomy, recognizing that in PACS. He shared valu- tion of modern technolocooperative movements able insights and strate- gies. have played a pivotal role gies to improve the man-

cooperative societies, discussions, fostering colthereby ensuring their laboration, and promotlong-term sustainability

(PACS), the establishment He emphasized the sigees who contributed to the success of the semicooperative products, nar. They reaffirmed their commitment to supportall growth and profitability ing and revitalizing the cooperative movement of the cooperative move-

in the district, aiming to Several other memcreate a sustainable and bers of the cooperative prosperous future for all movement also shared stakeholders.

In his address, he to join the cooperative their ideas and experi-They discussed various approaches to strengthen Khajuria; CPO, Mohamthe cooperative movement mad Khurshid; CEO Eduincluding capacity build-

ment, representative of The seminar served NCUI and others officials.

Sankalp Saptah awareness camp held at **Majori-Basant Garh**



JI NEWS SERVICE **UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 4**

In a remarkable display of women. Her emphasis on community engagement the importance of a baland commitment to better anced diet during preghealth, the Poshan Proj- nancy and lactation left ect Dudu Udhampur orga- a lasting impact on the nized a one day awareness attendees. The event was camp as part of the Sank- graced by the presence of alp Saptah celebration at Subhash Dogra, the Dis-Basant Garh.

together diverse mem- the chief guest. bers of the general public, including esteemed fig- address, he provided a ures like sarpanches, detailed overview of the panches, children, preg- Poshan scheme and elunant women, and lactat- cidated the crucial roles ing mothers hailing from and responsibilities of neighboring panchayats the Anganwadi Workers such as Siameri, Uperla, (AWWs) and their helpers Among the others who Chigla Balota, Chukal and in the quest for improved Chhatrari.

> With insightful sessions on Poshan Abhiyan, Anu- ness camp stands as a radha CDPO Basantgarh testament to the dedicaoffered a comprehensive tion of the Poshan Project account of the Poshan JKUT in empowering and Abhiyan, shedding light educating the commuon the various schemes nity, ultimately fostering being diligently imple- a healthier and brighter mented by the Poshan future for UT of Jammu & team. Furthermore, Anu- Kashmir.

radha shared invaluable nutritional insights aimed at reducing anemia among trict Programme Officer of

The event took place Poshan Udhampur, who at Majori and brought honored the occasion as

In his enlightening nutrition and well-being.

The one-day aware-

among experts, stakehold-Dr. Arvind Isher, Chief ers, and participants from Scientist at Kisan Vigyan various cooperative soci-Kendra, delivered an eties. The Cooperative informative talk on Geographical Indication (GI) Department Rajouri and tagging for cooperatives. NCUI expressed their gratitude to all the speakers,

in enhancing the market contributing to the over-

ment.

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BLOCK DIWAS AT SUCHETGARH

Effective Implementation of welfare schemes in border areas being assured by LG administration: DC Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 4

The weekly Block Diwas was held today at village Parlah of block Suchetgarh where Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and other officers of the district came together to redress public grievances.

man Suchetgarh, Tar- concerning land compensaim Singh; Sarpanches, sation. Shashi Kumar and Sham Lal besides other PRI representatives were also prominent attendees.

The locals voiced several key grievances, includpressing need for augmentation of services in Centre and concerns about to the nearest Higher Secondary School. Other conimproving irrigation facilities, addressing electricity local developments.

Additionally, issues related to pension dis- Block Medical Officer in grievances not immediand delays in widow and The public representatives member.



District Development also emphasised the need Council Member, Taranjit to address defence-relat- took the opportunity to Singh Tony, BDC Chair- ed concerns and matters extend their gratitude for a proactive approach in

The PRI representatives by the administration also highlighted the neces- like, construction of local sity of enhancing the con- community hall, efforts to dition of the local sports ensure equitable access to stadium and addressing water resources through excessive power bills that tube wells under the ing revenue matters, the impact low-income indi- Jal Shakti Mission, swift viduals. The establishment redressal of several powof interconnecting roads er-related concerns and the local Primary Health between neighbouring villages to enhance connec- cific school buildings. the considerable distance tivity also figured in the list of grievances.

The DDC Member, highlighted the LG admincerns raised encompassed while appreciating the istration's directive, which Block Diwas proceed- emphasises special attenings, expressed heart- tion to the saturation of issues and delays in proj- felt appreciation for welfare schemes and benect completion affecting the extraordinary ser- efits for residents residing vices and the invalu- along the border. The DC able contribution of the assured attendees that

bursement, particularly Suchetgarh. Her role in ately addressed would be documentation challenges generating awareness prioritised for early resoabout breast cancer and lution. Operational and disability pension pay- its treatment was partic- budget-based priorities ments, were discussed. ularly lauded by the DDC would be established to the public outreach pro-

PRI representatives cerns raised, he said.

The DC encouraged several demands which resolving minor issues were promptly redressed before they escalate and affect a larger portion of the community, emphasising the importance of maintaining a positive and constructive outlook. Prominent officers pres-

ent at the occasion include Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seointra; Chief Medical Officer, repairs carried out on spe-Dr Harbaksh Singh; Chief In his address, the Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch besides other dis-Deputy Commissioner trict officers.

Later in the evening, a meeting was convened at district headquarters to review the actions taken on feedback from previous Block Diwas meetings held in blocks Bhalwal, Miran Sahib and Marh. The DC stressed on timely action and redressal of public grievances highlighting the significance of address all genuine con- grammes.

Block Diwas: ADDC Gbl holds mega public darbar at Safapora

tance.

maintained that District

Administration is work-

all facilities are provided

to people at their door

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 4

The Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani today chaired a mega public darbar at Safapora as part of Government's ambitious weekly Bock Diwas program.

PRI members and several delegations of block Safapora participated actively in the program who appraised the ADDC about the developmental needs in their respective areas

On the occasion PRIs highlighted the achievements in the current in the district, the ADDC financial year and the developmental activities registered from the last five years in their respective areas.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC compledistrict and in this regard mented the PRIs for fuldistrict development plan filling the developmental is framed as per the plan needs of locals in their submitted by the PRIs respective Panchayats as who are well aware about per their needs. The PRIs and locals

put forth their issues par- locals, the ADDC urged trict Lead Bank Manager, ticularly augmentation of them to participate active- Tehsildar Lar, DYSSO, drinking water supply, ly in the Gram Sabhas and BDO Safapora, PRIs and staff dearth in NTPHC, note down their demands other officials of line Mini stadium for Safa- so that the plan could be departments.



pora, breach canals for framed accordingly. He better irrigation purpos- also appealed to people es, fencing of graveyards, to keep their surroundpublic parks, and other ings clean so that every village becomes garbage issues of public imporfree, which should be the While highlighting the top priority of every indidevelopment activities vidual.

The ADDC also assured quality disposal of genuine issues in time bound ing tirelessly to ensure manner and gave on-spot directions for redressal of many issues of urgent steps in all blocks of the category as per the competence of concerned departments.

Among others the program was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr Bashir Interacting with the Ahmad, DSHO, CAO, Dis-

infants. Under Sankalp Saptah, different activities including, Swasthya Mela, Poshan Mela, Swachata Shivir at Gram Panchayats focusing on cleanliness, Krishi Mahotsav focusing on agriculture, Shiksha Ek Sankalp focusing on education, Samriddhi Diwas focusing on livelihoods and Samavesh Samaroh are to be held

in these two blocks. ACD, Mohd Imran; SDM Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan; CDPO, BDO and other officers were present in the melas, besides PRI members locals, pregnant women, children and Adolescent Girls also participated in the programme.

Consumers to approach DCDRC **Kupwara** to obtain status of their cases

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCTOBER 4

According to President. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) Kupwara, the Principal District and Sessions Judge Kupwara have transmitted the previous pending cases of the consumers before the erstwhile **Consumer** Protection Forum Kupwara and the said cases have been slated for hearing before the DCDRC Kupwara from 20th of October 2023 onwards. Accordingly, the notice have been issued to the parties for appearance before the Commission. In view of the above, the concerned consumers are hereby informed to approach the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission office located at Lolab Bypass road Geer Hatti Kupwara for obtaining the information and status of their respective cases.

Deputy Commissioner inspires Doda Youth to Pursue Entrepreneurship

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 4

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today had a fervent discussion with young aspiring entrepreneurs-male and female, during an impressive interaction at Doda Hub in the District Employment and Counselling Centre.

The focus of the discus-



DDC Kupwara reviews implementation of newly launched PM Vishwakarma scheme

the locals needs.



JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCTOBER 4

The District Development avail all the benefits under ing. Commissioner (DDC) the scheme. The objec-Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan tive of the scheme is to today convened a meet- provide skill upgradaing of concerned officers tion to hone the skills to review the implemen- of these artisans and tation of newly launched make relevant and suit-

penter, sculptor, barber, ITI Kupwara, BDOs, LDM tailor, mason, washer etc, and other concerned offimaking them eligible to cers attended the meet-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all concerned that timing of stoppage of train no. 19027/19028 Bandra Terminus - Jammu Tawi - Bandra Terminus Weekly

Poshan Melas held in Aspirational Block Mazgam, **DKMarg**

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCTOBER 4

Under Sankalp Saptah initiative, the District Administration today organized Poshan Melas at Block offices of Aspirational Block Manzgam and DK Marg.

These Melas were inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Viqar Ahmed Giri,

Addressing the gathering, ADDC said that proper nutrition is vital at every stage of life, especially for children to stimulate their mental and physical growth.

He said that the aim of the programme is to educate people and health workers especially about the significance of proper nutrition for pregnant women, regular ante-natal check-ups, institutional delivery and immunization for

sion revolved around the inception of new businesses. The DC left an indelof hard work, daring cal- cess in the startup realm. culated risks, and dedi- He advocated for meticucation as the bedrock for lous planning and diligent success in any business efforts and shared inspirendeavour.

During the interac- ful business figures to tion with the budding motivate aspiring entreentrepreneurs, Deputy preneurs. Commissioner Mahajan passionately endorsed entrepreneurial dreams, the Doda Hub as an opti- Deputy Commissioner mal platform for launch- Vishesh Mahajan rallied and embrace entrepre- The event served as a scored the importance on their entrepreneurial of collaboration among journey in the district. young entrepreneurs,

ible mark with his message ideas often lead to suc- Doda Hub provides a proper platform and favorable environment with all the required support system, for aspiring ing anecdotes of successentrepreneurs to work on their dreams and start a livelihood venture creating job opportunities for In the pursuit of their others also.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Director Employment Doda, ing startups. He urged Doda's youth to embrace who is also nodal officer the youth to steer clear hard work, dedication, of the Doda Hub, District of wasting precious time and collaborative spirit. Information Officer Doda, Manujender Singh MGNF neurship to realize their beacon of inspiration for for District Doda, officials dreams. The DC under- those looking to embark of District Employment and Counselling Centre Doda and more than 30 While talking to the male and female young emphasizing that diverse media, the DC said that aspiring entrepreneurs.

DC Rajouri lays foundation stone of 5000 Gallon per Hour Rapid Sand Filtration Plant in Thalka

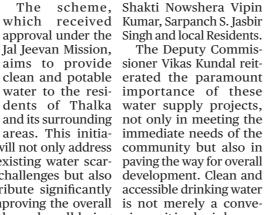
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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 4

In a significant step towards improving access to clean and safe drinking water, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal laid the foundation stone of 5000 Gallon per Hour leadership of Deputy



Rapid Sand Filtration Commissioner, the tive will not only address Plant at Thalka. This administration has made the existing water scarproject, undertaken as a remarkable strides in city challenges but also part of the water supply ensuring essential ser- contribute significantly scheme Rajpur Bhatta vices reach every corner to improving the overall Under the visionary this commitment.



Singh and local Residents. The Deputy Commisaims to provide sioner Vikas Kundal reitclean and potable erated the paramount importance of these water supply projects, and its surrounding not only in meeting the immediate needs of the community but also in paving the way for overall development. Clean and accessible drinking water is not merely a convesanctioned under Jal of the district. The 5000 health and well-being nience; it is a basic human Jeevan Mission, is set Gallon per Hour Rapid of the local population. right that directly affects to transform the water Sand Filtration Plant is Present at the ceremony the health, hygiene, and supply system in the area. yet another testament to were ADC Nowshera overall quality of life for Kartar Singh, XEN Jal every individual.

PM Vishwakarma scheme. able training opportu-

On the occasion, Gen- nities available to them. The DDC impressed eral Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) upon the concerned Kupwara, Sameer Jan officers to make coninformed the chair about certed efforts for idendetailed guidelines of the tification and registra-PM Vishwakarma scheme. tion of the targeted

The meeting was beneficiaries under informed that the scheme the scheme so that they is focused to promote and can be timely benefitsupport the local artisans ted.

which include blacksmith, GM-DIC, ACP, DIO, goldsmith, potter, car- ALC, Superintendent

xpress at Gotan station has been revised as under Train No. 19027 Train No. 19028 Bandra Terminus Jammu Tawi -Bandra (T) Exp. Jammu Tawi Exp. Station From 30.09.2023 From 02.10.202 Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. 02:31 02:33 Gotan 80:00 00:10 Any inconvenience caused to the passengers is deeply regretted. Download RailMadad App from www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.ir **NORTHERN RAILWAY** 7. G2😨 $(\underline{0})$ You **f** 🗙 Visit us at : www.nr.ind SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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JJM projects at

Sumbal

DC Bandipora

inspects ongoing

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday inspected various projects being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Sumbal Subdivision of the district. The DC on the occasion

inspected various water supply projects that are being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission in order to provide tap water to every household in the area. It was informed that major portions of the water supply schemes have already been

completed. It was further apprised that quality work and construction material is being ensured to construct sumps, filtration plants, reservoirs etc.

The DC directed the concerned authorities to pace up the execution process of the ongoing projects so that works are completed before the commencement of winter season.

		Timings		Date	
Train No. & Name	Station	Arr.	Dep.	(From Originating Station)	
12555 Gorakhpur-Bathinda Jn. Superfast Express (Daily)	Bhattu	10:13	10:15	From 14.10.2023	
12556 Bathinda JnGorakhpur Superfast Express (Daily)	Bhattu	15:51	15:53	From 15.10.2023	
14733 Bathinda JnJaipur Jn. Express (Daily)	Bawani Khera	01:25	01:27	With Immediate Effect	
14733 Bathinda JnJaipur Jn. Express (Daily)	Kosli	02:54	02:56	With Immediate Effect	
19415 Ahmedabad JnShri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express (Weekly)	Kosli	11:47	11:49	From 08.10.2023	
19415 Ahmedabad JnShri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express (Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	12:13	12:15	With Immediate Effect	
19416 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Ahmedabad Jn. Express (Weekly)	Kosli	05:11	05:13	With Immediate Effect	
14085 Tilak Bridge-Sirsa Express (Daily)	Jatusana	20:55	20:57	With Immediate Effect	
14086 Sirsa-Tilak Bridge Express (Daily)	Jatusana	06:18	06:20	With Immediate Effect	
19611 Ajmer JnAmritsar Jn. Express (Bi-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	00:49	00:51	From 05.10.2023	
19612 Amritsar JnAjmer Jn. Express (Bi-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	01:43	01:45	From 05.10.2023	
19613 Ajmer JnAmritsar Jn. Express (Bi-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	00:49	00:51	With Immediate Effect	
19614 Amritsar JnAjmer Jn. Express (Bi-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	01:43	01:45	From 06.10.2023	
12983 Ajmer JnChandigarh Jn. Express (Tri-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	00:49	00:51	From 06.10.2023	
12984 Chandigarh JnAjmer Jn. Express (Tri-Weekly)	Charkhi Dadri	01:08	01:10	From 07.10.2023	
19027 Bandra (T)-Jammu Tawi Express (Weekly)	Luni	02:31	02:33	With Immediate Effect	
19028 Jammu Tawi-Bandra (T) Express (Weekly)	Luni	00:08	00:10	With Immediate Effect	
Note: Train no. 14085 Tilak Bridge-Sirsa (Daily) Express has also been revised at Kosli station from (Existing Arrival/Departure-20.54/20.56; Revised Arrival/Departure 21.06/21.08) due to stoppage at Jatusana station. For any kind of information, passengers are advised to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.					
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Govt nails big parent-child begging nexus in Kashmir; 14 kids rescued in surprise raid at Sgr

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 4

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Acting swiftly after receiving repeated complaints about child begging in the capital city of Srinagar, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of the district Wednesday swung into action and conducted a "surprise raid" in the city centre Lal Chowk where 14 child beggars were rescued and taken for counselling.

complaints about frequent child begging in various today were also beggars," including four girls," CWC districts/States." head for Srinagar, Dr

agency.



a shelter home at Nishat same may be lying with time that a 'special sur- ging for the release of their "Majority of these beggars prise drive' against child kids. "This is what makes are from Punjab, Bihar begging was launched by our job tough. There is a and Uttar Pradesh," she the CWC at Lal Chowk. nexus between parents said. "In three months, we "We had been receiving and kids. Ironically, the have rescued 32 child beggars including today's 18. parents of the kids rescued parts of Srinagar. Today, Dr Nisa said, adding that special drive will continue

Khair-un-Nisa told news tative number of outside

we decided to conduct "we will counsel all the 14 in the days ahead as coma surprise check at Lal kids (all of them minors) plaints of large numbers of Chowk where we caught and handover them to the street children including hold of 14 child beggars CWCs of their respective those indulging in begging outside major shrines and Asked about any ten- markets of Srinagar.

taking the child beggars to rate data available as the

native places," she said.

She said an eight-yearcalled the CWC. "Our primary job is to counsel and over to their respective query about how she feels to lead the drive against Dr Nisa said that the children in street situations being a woman, Dr Nisa said that she has done LLB and being a law-aware duty while on the streets."

"I forget I am a woman "So far, the previous and my primary focus beggars in Srinagar, she cases have been trans- always remains to perform She said while they were said there is no accu- ferred to CWCs of other my duty without fear," revered shrine of Hazratplaces outside J&K for she told KNO. It may be

their rehabilitation as recalled that every year, almost all among them Kashmir sees the arrival were non-J&K residents. of lakhs of outside beggars All of them were migrants especially in the month and were shifted to their of holy Ramadhan. They arrive in the month of March and stay here till old domestic helper was November. An official in also rescued from Sri- the social welfare departnagar after a neighbour ment told KNO that there is a proper rehabilitation policy for the beggars in rehabilitate the rescued J&K. "We rescue the begpersons and hand them gars especially child beggars and lodge them in CWCs," Dr Nisa said. She shelter homes. They are This was for the first 'their parents started beg- the Labour department. said that all the residents later being handed over of Srinagar who have to concerned CWCs," he minor domestic helpers said. Locals at Hazratbal at their should voluntarily shrine told KNO that last approach the CWC. To a Friday on the eve of Eid-e-Meelad-un-Nabi (SAW), at least 500 outside beggars including children were found begging. "Many children were found chasing the devotees seeking person, she forgets about money. The devotees gender and focuses on her felt irritated by the huge presence of non-J&K beggars especially children," said Abdul Aziz Mir, a shopkeeper outside the

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FRI builds database of chinars to strengthen its conservation programme

known," he said.

To have a concrete data-

said they have proposed

"So far traditionally we

chinar population in every

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SRINAGAR, OCT 4

The Forest Research Insti- thereafter the exact institute has also suggested tute is building a database number of chinars in the for using specific plates and of chinars across Jammu union territory will be nails so that the growth of and Kashmir in order to strengthen its conservation programme for the base about chinars, Tariq heritage tree.

Officials of the institute QR coding of chinars across told news agency-Kashmir the union territory. News Observer (KNO), that an exercise to know the have made use of paint off the tree and as it grows exact number of chinars and stencil marking. QRhas culminated in Kashmir. coding however, is highly

However, the institute technology-driven, which will now launch the simi- will store the profile of boueen in Kashmiri lanlar census in Chenab Valley each tree," he said. to know the number and health of chinars across the union territory.

geotagged as many as information about the goup to 50 feet. 18,000 of these trees across the valley and the remain- district. ing 10,000 are still under census.

chinars from Chenab valley girth and others," he said. are censused.

constitutes Doda, Ramban,

and Kishtwar also have regarding chinars will be Chinar trees. The census stored. activity will begin soon In the proposal, the

chinar is not affected at all.

"The SS/ metal of the size 6*4 plates shall be fixed at the height of a feet from the ground. The nails with springs shall be sued that will allow the plate to stay the springs will compress," Tariq said.

Locally called bou'in or guage, and scientifically Tariq said along with known as the Platanus QR-coding, they have also orientalis, the chinar tree proposed a website site grows over 20 metres in So far, the institute has that will have the entire height, while its girth can

The chinar tree is highly revered in Kashmiri culture "The QR- code scan- and serves as a symbol of ning will direct the users the region's natural heri-Dr Syed Tariq, research- to this proposed website. tage. The tree is frequently er and coordinator of the Through scanning, a user portrayed in a variety of chinar census project of will know at least 25 char- artistic, poetic, and litthe institute the exercise acteristic of the tree, which erary works. The oldest will culminate after the include health, age, height chinar tree is believed to be over 700 years old and The QR code will direct is in Budgam's Chattergam "Chenab valley, which the users to an appropriate village with a girth of over website where information 50 feet. кно

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Sri Ramanujacharya had...

gave the ideals of humanism, communal harmony and peace to the world," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Mutt's Kashmir Branch and treasure of eternal wisdom being made available through digital library will inspire us in building a peaceful and harmonious society.

The Lt Governor commended the noble initiative to

H.H Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami Ji of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, on behalf of the Mutt, expressed gratitude to Lt Governor and the UT Administration for the support to the Mutt.

Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya preached the message inspired us to serve the society. Swami ji's ideas and teaching should reach the world and we have already digitized 2000 books, he said.

the Sri Ramanuja Clinic and offer free medical services. Experts from Bangalore will also provide online services to the patients.

members of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Saints and followers of Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya were present.

LG inaugurates...

dijan road.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Shahid Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar and Manoj Misra. Iqbal Choudhary, CEO, Mission Youth; Sh Sarmad

department reaches out to eligible citizen for service rials, arms & ammunition including 02 AK rifles recovdelivery.

Chief Secretary instructed IT Department to put earnest, dedicated efforts for making the concept of "Vyakti Pehchaan" a reality. The Chief Secretary also instructed for inclusion of the provision of e-mulakat in the virtual tour system being developed by the departprovide medical services at the Mutt's Kashmir Branch. ment to make the citizen meet a government officer through e-mode during the designated public hours thereby saving time of both citizen and officer.

The status of progress with respect to Disaster Recovery Site, Virtual Tours, NeSDA Assessment, Urban Surveillance among other issues were also reviewed and of unity, peace, equality, devotion to the world and discussed during the meeting and necessary instructions were passed on.

Commissioner Secretary, IT Department apprised that the department was in the process of integrating It was informed that Ujala Cygnus Hospital will run the Bhashini tool of GoI for voice to text and text to voice conversion with e-office instance of J&K on a pilot basis to raise the efficiency of officials. It was apprised that progress under the Jeevan Pramaan, for issuance Senior officers of Army, Civil & Police administration, of digital life certificates, has almost doubled as compared to last year.

Will deal with...

"We will ultimately have to deal with the issue of Dobipora to Molo Dangerpora and Reshnagri to Man- immunity," said the bench which also comprised justices A S Bopanna, M M Sundresh, P S Narasimha, J B

Nearly 25 years after the JMM bribery scandal Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Depart- rocked the country, the apex court had on September tion 13, 20, 38 UA (P) Act of Police Station Qaimoh," the improved from 32 days in 2021 to 27 days in 2022 and 19 ment; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kash- 20 agreed to reconsider its 1998 judgment, saying it spokesman said, adding that incriminating materials, days in January 2023 because of these reforms, he said. mir; Sh. Faz Lul Haseeb, Deputy Commissioner Shopian was an important issue having a significant bearing on arms & ammunition including 02 AK series rifles were "morality of polity"

ered.

Officials said so far this year, 33 terrorists have been eliminated in different operations in the Kashmir Valley. "Thirty three number of terrorists have been killed in the valley including the two killed today in Kulgam, while majority of the killed terrorists were foreigners, they said.

to KNO said that acting on a specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in Kujjar area of Kulgam, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Kulgam make rapid strides in development," he said. Police, Army (1RR) & CRPF in the area.

party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorist fired indiscriminately upon them, which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter. In the ensuing encounter, 2 terrorists linked with proscribed terrorist outfit HM were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. They have been identified as Basit Amin Bhat of Frisal and Saqib Ahmad Lone of Hawoora, Kulgam," the spokesman said.

He said that as per police records both the killed terrorists were involved in several terror crime cases. "Terrorist Basit was involved in case FIR No 93/2016 under section 147, 148, 149, 336, 332 RPC, Case FIR No 95/2016 under section 147, 148, 149, 336, 332 RPC, Case FIR No

government initiated service delivery model where with proscribed #terror outfit HM. Incriminating mate- priority sector schemes and streamlining the entire process as a digital process," he said.

Lauding the DARPG for organizing sessions by recipients of the PM Awards conferred on the 16th Civil Service Day on 21st April, 2023, the DoPT Minister said the replication and dissemination of Best Practices are crucial for dissemination of Good Governance practices.

'The Regional Conferences on Good Governance serve as an important platform to transfer knowledge Meanwhile, a police spokesman in a statement issued and practices that can be mutually beneficial. We need to form groups of officers with citizen centricity and build their capacity in each district to help the nation

The DARPG has organised 24 Regional Conferences "During the search operation, as the joint search in the past 9 years, 5 were held in 2022 alone. The Conferences covered the length and breadth of India - from Leh to Srinagar to Bhopal to Benguluru to Thiruvananthapuram to Mumbai, to Shillong, Kohima, and Itanagar.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the DARPG has launched a compendium of 300 Best Practices which will be implemented by all Government Ministries and Departments, highlighting 'Whole of Government' and 'Whole of Science' approach.

Stating that Prime Minister Modi has stressed that grievance redressal is the most important aspect in a democracy, Dr Jitendra Singh said when we introduced CPGRAMS, in 2014 we just had about 2 lakh grievances 35/2021 under section 18, 20, 38 UA(P) Act and Case FIR being filed across the country every year, today we have No 55/2021 under section 302 IPC, 7/27 A. Act 13, 16, 18, about 20 lakhs, 10 times more. As a result of reforms 38, 39 UA(P) of Police Station Yaripora. Terrorist Saqib undertaken by the DARPG, average disposal time of Lone was involved in Case FIR No 41/2021 under sec- grievances by the Central Ministries/ Departments has "This reflects the increased trust of people in grievance redressal," he said. Pointing out that Prime Minister Modi has turned the Swachhata campaign into a Jan Aandolan (People's Movement), Dr Jitendra Singh urged all citizens to voluntarily participate in Shram Daan. Following the success of the last two Special Campaigns, the Government of India is observing the Special campaign 3.0 from 2nd October, 2023 to 31st October, 2023 with focus on Swachhata and Reducing Pendency in Government Offices with a saturation approach. "Over 1 lakh Central Government offices participated in theSpecial campaign 2.0. 89.95 lakh sq. ft space was cleared from scrap & outlived records and Rs 371 Cr was earned through disposal of scrap, about 4.55 lakh public grievances were disposed of and about 37.35 lakh files were weeded out during the campaign last year," he said. "More than 2.16 lakh sites have been identified for Swachhata, 29.90 lakh physical files and 2.27 lakh e-Files have been identified for review. The Ministries/Departments have also identified about 4.36 lakh public grievances for redressal during the campaign," he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, under the directions of PM Modi, the Government celebrated the week December 19-25 as SushasanSaptah (Good Governance Week). The first Sushasan Spatah was celebrated in 2021 and the second in 2022. During the week, a weeklong Nationwide campaign titled 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' was conducted throughout India. "India's States can work in unison to make good governance at village level a reality, this is possible by India), we have to focus on empowering our citizens and improved coordination and synergy building," he said. (Agencies)

and senior officers were present.

Youth shot at, injured...

Soon after the incident whole area has been cordoned off to nab the attackers.

MHA appoints Imtiaz...

Parray, as per an order in this regard, is being made against an existing vacancy.

The appointment of Parray, as per the order, will be on a deputation basis for a period of five years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. The communiqué has requested the office concerned to relieve the officer immediately to enable him to join the new assignment at the Centre.

CS reviews progress...

In this regard, the IT department was instructed to hold brainstorming session with departments and Deputy Commissioners for further expansion of e-services portfolio in J&K.

During the review, it was informed that PSGA timelines had been incorporated in the SMS sent to the applicant on submission of application in 07 most commonly used services of Revenue department including Income Certificate, Caste Certificate and 08 services of Housing Department including Birth Certificate, Death Certificate.

Dr. Mehta urged IT Department to continue the efforts and incorporate the PSGA timelines in all the relevant e-services for empowering citizen with knowledge of timeframe within which he/she is expected to be provided a particular service by the concerned department.

Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of citizen feedback of e-services and directed for integration of all the UT e-services with RAS Feedback portal. He also advised IT Department to hold special workshop for all departments whose services have been ranked poor in the quality assessment for improvements immediately.

While elaborating on the concept of "Vyakti Pehchaan", Dr. Mehta emphasized that the next evolutionary step of e-services is proactive auto identification of prospective beneficiaries based on data available with government for transitioning from a citizen initiated request based service delivery model to pro-active &

A five-judge bench of the apex court had decided to refer the issue to a larger seven-judge bench.

The top court had in its 1998 five-judge constitution bench verdict delivered in the PV Narasimha Rao versus CBI case held that parliamentarians have immunity under the Constitution against criminal prosecution for any speech made and vote cast inside the House as per Article 105(2) and Article 194(2) of the Constitution. Article 105(2) of the Constitution stipulates that no

member of Parliament shall be liable to any proceedings in court in respect of anything said or any vote cast in Parliament or any committee thereof. A similar provision exists for MLAs under Article 194(2).

In 2019, a bench headed by then chief justice Ranjan Gogoi, which was hearing an appeal filed by Sita Soren, IMM MLA from Jama and daughter-in-law of party chief Shibu Soren, who was an accused in the JMM bribery scandal, had referred to a five-judge bench the crucial question, noting it had "wide ramification" and was of substantial public importance".

Sita Soren was accused of taking bribes to vote for a particular candidate in the Rajya Sabha election in 2012. She had contended that the constitutional provision granting lawmakers immunity from prosecution, which saw her father-in-law being let off the hook in the JMM bribery scandal, be applied to her.

The three-judge bench had then said it will revisit its verdict in the sensational JMM bribery case involving Shibu Soren, a former Jharkhand chief minister and exunion minister, and four other party MPs who had alleg-

edly accepted bribes to vote against the no-confidence motion challenging the survival of the P V Narasimha Rao government in 1993.

The Narasimha Rao government, which was in a minority, survived the no-confidence vote with their support.

The CBI registered a case against Soren and four other JMM Lok Sabha MPs but the Supreme Court quashed it citing the immunity from prosecution they enjoyed under Article 105(2) of the Constitution.

Sita Soren had appealed against the Jharkhand High Court order of February 17, 2014 refusing to quash a criminal case lodged against. The CBI had accused her of accepting bribes from one candidate and voting for another. (Agencies)

Two Hizb militants...

and Saqib Ahmad Lone of Hawoora, Kulgam, linked

recovered from the site of encounter.

He said that ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated the joint team of Police and security forces for conducting successful operation without any collateral damage and termed the operation a big success. "Cordon & search operation will continue in the area. In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is in progress. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the operation in the area concludes and completely sanitized & cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," the spokesman said-(KNO)

Army-Police Joint...

received by J&K police.

The search operation started after an encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in the forest area of Kalakote on Monday evening

Earlier PRO Defence Jammu sources said that intense operations are in progress in the area to neutralise the terrorists

This is a developing story; further details are awaited. (Agencies)

Dr Jitendra Singh...

India is manifest in the strides in Science & Technology, Infrastructure, Digital Empowerment of citizens".

Dr Jitendra Singh said, as we embark on this journey towards building the Atma Nirbhar Bharat (a self-reliant ensure even the last person at the end of the line does not feel left out of the nation's progress to prosperity.

"As Prime Minister Modi often exhorts- empowering our citizens means ensuring that every individual in our country has access to basic necessities such as Healthcare, Education, and Employment. It also means creating an environment where every citizen has the opportunity to realize their full potential," he said.

Quoting Prime Minister from his address at the Civil Services Day ceremony in April this year, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "it is important for Viksit Bharat that India's government system supports the aspirations of every Indian and every Karmayogi(government servant) helps every citizen in realizing their dreams.

"Restructuring of the Scheme for PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration has been one of the defining features of PM Modi. He has redefined the scheme by ensuring universal participation, defining

Jammu & Kashmir looks...

department.

"In case an officer is exempted from paying rent, order of competent authority be obtained and kept in the record of review of higher authority/audit. In case of default, notices issued from time to time and action taken be shared with the administrative department,' reads the order.

The officials of R&B have also been directed that they shall not undertake repair/ renovation work in residential accommodation allotted to officers/ officials in case they have defaulted in paying rent-(KNO)

NEWS

Second Phase of Meri Maati Mera Desh Job Fair at Ramban campaign organised in Block Poonch



paying to brave hearts in

the presence of Chairper-

son BDC Poonch Jameel

Kohli, DDC member

Sarpanch of Pyt Khadi and

It is important to men-

tion that from 28th to 30th

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 4

The Second Phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign Poonch Ch. Abdul Ghani, was today organised in BDO Poonch Ayaz Butt, Block Poonch.

The program was held other prominent citizens, by RDD in collaboration teachers and students of with Nehru Yuva Kendra the school HS Khadi. and NZCCP. The campaign entered the second phase with Amrit Kalash Yatras October 2023, Volunteers planned across the coun- in traditional dresses from try. As a pan India out- all the States will march reach campaign, its aim is on Kartavyapath New to touch every household Delhi along with Amrit of the country. Mitti and Kalash. This soil from all rice grains are being col- Villages and Blocks of the lected from over 6 lakh Nation will then be used villages in rural areas to create Amrit Vatika and from wards in urban in the memory of brave areas across India. In rural hearts. A memorial dediregions, it will be com- cated to the memory of bined at the block level to the people who sacrificed create block-level kalash. their lives for the country

The event witnessed will be established near soil collection and tribute the Kartavya Path.

DDC, President MC inaugurate

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 4

District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Musarat Islam and President Municipal Council Ramban, Sunita Sumbria, inaugurated a Job Fair in the Government Model Higher Secondary School, Ramban today. The fair was organized by the District Employment & Counselling Centre for the third quarter of the current financial year.

Among others present were ADC Ramban, Harbans Lal; Tehsildar Assistant Director Employment, Dr. Sushant Mahajan; EO, MC, Sudarshan Jamwal; Career Counselling, Officer, Aamir officers of line departments, representatives of recruiting companies & mode. other officials of DE&CC Ramban.

Model Higher Secondary JKPSC exams. School, Ramban to register themselves for differ-Counselling Centre.

sioner encouraged unemployed job seekers to take advantage of this oppor-



He also encouraged youth to work hard for Hundreds of jobseekers their bright career by Employment, Dr. Sushant flocked to Government cracking the UPSC and

Interacting with the participants, the Presient jobs as advised by the dent Municipal Council District Employment & Ramban, emphasized on the importance of realiz-Appreciating the initia- ing the opportunities protive of DE&CC, the District vided by the Government Development Commis- under different schemes of various departments.

ers applied on spot for tunity. He also motivated 390 vacancies offered by participants to go for skill 15 employers at the event training, self-employment and over 200 applicants and into the private sector. were shortlisted for these The DDC said that the vacancies & 10 candidates ciaries selected during the Job Fair aims at providing were offered Appointment Job fair.

Moreover 350 candi-Ramban through various dates registered themselves with the employ-Employment Avenues. It ment department. Awarefocuses on enhancing ness regarding various Hassan, several other the employability skills government schemes were also imparted to the youth by the different line departments

Speaking on the occasion Assistant Director Mahajan shared the concern of unemployed youth in seeking jobs & urged the companies to engage maximum youth.

Meanwhile, Love Preet Singh, from Ministry of Labour and Employment GOI, represented the National Career Scheme (NCS) Portal for getting the jobs to unemployed youth along with courses avail-

Later, the chief guests handed over the appointment letters to the benefi-

Aspirational Block Programme: Sankalp Saptah Health Melas held across Marwah block



JI NEWS SERVICE

Sankalp Saptah awareness camp held in different parts of Reasi District

JI NEWS SERVICE **REASI, OCTOBER 4**

In a remarkable display of community engagement and commitment to better health, the Poshan Project Chassana Reasi organized a one-day awareness camp as part of the Sankalp Saptah celebration at Thakrakote, Jij Bagli, Mahore, and Chassana.

The event took place at Major and brought together diverse members of the and elucidated the crucial able nutritional insights general public, including roles and responsibilities aimed at reducing anemia esteemed figures like sar- of the Anganwadi Workers among women. He emphapanches, panches, children, pregnant women, in the quest for improved of a balanced diet during and lactating mothers hailing from neighboring panchats.

The event was graced by the presence of the District Programme Officer Poshan Abhiyan, shed- ment to the dedication of of Poshan Anwar Banday, ding light on the various the Poshan Project JKUT who honored the occasion schemes being diligently in empowering and eduas the chief guest. In his implemented by the cating the community, ultienlightening address, he Poshan team. Further- mately fostering a healthiprovided a detailed over- more, CDPO Mahore Nirja er and brighter future for view of the Poshan scheme Mattoon shared invalu- UT of Jammu & Kashmir.



(AWWs) and their helpers sised on the importance nutrition and well-being CDPO Arnas Shahid Iqbal attendees. Mughal offered a compre-

pregnancy and lactation On the occasion, the left a lasting impact on the This one-day awareness

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hensive account of the camp stands as a testa-

Mega Block Diwas held at 3 Blocks of Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCTOBER 4

The District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in three blocks of the district to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

During the programme, functions were held at D.H.Pora, Kulgam and Devsar blocks of the district.

At the outset of the programme, action taken redressal camp at Kulgam areas also raised demand on grievances and issues and listened to grievances for augmentation of the which were raised in pre- and issues of people. vious block Diwas was presented.

Officers and officials present during this block from line departments diwas. listened to issues, grievances and demands of the public for their timely redressal at all the three for installation of a Transvenues.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, wani-Redwani road. presided over a grievance

administration were also A visiting delegation of

people from Khee-Jogipora put forth a demand former in the village. Meanwhile, to take first Similarly, people from the immediate nature of grievhand appraisal of public Redwani area demanded ances on the spot and grievances and demands, macadamisation of the assured that the rest of the left out portion of Khud- genuine issues and griev-People from various a time bound manner.

LT power network in their Officers from District areas

> ADC after giving patient hearing to the public addressed some of the ances will be addressed in

Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments.

DLSA Ganderbal conducts maiden UTRC meeting

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 4

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal Wednesdav convened an Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting, in adherence to the directives issued by the



About 850 job seekable on NCS portal.

(J&K LSA).

by the National Legal Services Authority.

The meeting held at Services Authority Gan-

National Legal Services primary goal of ensuring Prosecution Officer, DPO Authority (NLSA) and J&K swift justice and promot- Ganderbal, Abdul Aziz Legal Services Authority ing a fair judicial system. and others. The commit-

The meeting was tee reviewed the cases of This meeting serves as headed by Ritesh Kumar the Under-trial Prisoners the inaugural event for Dubey, Principal District lodged in different jails the campaign launched & Sessions Judge Gander- in the district as per the bal and was attended by guidelines of the Supreme Secretary District Legal Court and NALSA SOP.

The focus was particu-District Court Gander- derbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak; larly on under trial prisbal aimed to address the Addl. District Develop- oners who have spent issues surrounding under ment Commissioner Gan- a substantial duration trial prisoners and expe- derbal, Mushtaq Ahmad behind bars without trial dite the process of releas- Simnani; Additional due to various reasons, ing eligible candidates Superintendent Police, such as administrative who have undergone a Aijaz Ahmad Malik; backlog, lack of legal lengthy waiting period Chief Prosecuting Offi- representation, or inadwithout trial with the cer, Shafat Dar; Senior equate documentation.

WEEKLY BLOCK DIWAS DDC Chairman, DC Udhampur lead Public **Grievance Redressal Camp in Hartyan**

JI NEWS SERVICE **UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 4**

District Development promptly resolve develop- playgrounds, provision mental issues of the com- of an ambulance at PHC immediate resolution of munity

officials, PRI members tion of road from Khudu DDC Chairman and DC.

and the general public to upper Hartyan under from adjoining panchayats PWD, road upgrades from attended the camp.

reach program, aiming to struction of drains and the region etc.

Hartyan, road connectiv- several grievances with DDC Chairman, Lal ity to upper Hartyan, pro- the proactive involvement Chand; BDC Chairman, vision of electric poles and of concerned department Balwan Singh; DDC transformers for the area, officials. The remaining member, Ashu Sharma; establishment of emergen- demands will be accorded Additional District Devel- cy health centre, upgra- priority, with a commitopment Commissioner, dation of High School to ment to allocate budget-Ghan Sham Singh; Assis- Higher Secondary School, ary provisions for their tant Commissioner Devel- establishment of veteri- timely resolution, all in opment, Dr. Ranjeet Singh nary center, opening of the best interest of the Kotwal and other district ration depot, construc- public, as assured by the

Chopra Shop to Kambal The PRI members Danga, addressing staff Commissioner (DDC) and locals projected shortages in government Udhampur, Saloni Rai, numerous concerns and schools and health censpearheaded a Public demands seeking mainte- ters, blacktopping of Jib-Grievance Redressal nance of the Ice Factory Hartyan road, construc-Camp in Hartyan as part to Sambal road, installa- tion of health and veteriof a dedicated public out- tion of solar lights, con- nary center buildings in

The event witnessed

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 4

programme in Marwah and positive influence on received a major boost health-related indices. today as a series of Through strategic plantive. A series of Health Camps were organized with the theme "Samprogramme.

Launched by Prime in Aspirational Blocks.

with NHM and under ings, and a noteworthy the supervision of CMO, Nikshaya Mitra felicitation Dr. M Y Mir, along with BMO Marwah Dr Krishan Singh Katoch, orchesacross Marwah block viz at CHC Marwah, HWC Youdru, NTPHC Chanjer, NTPC Qaderna and HWC Reenie, HWC Tekar and Hanzal of Marwah Block, aligning with the theme of "Sampoorna Swastha." The aim was to compre-

hensively address key performance indicators in the health sector of Marwah Block. The focus was on

The initiative sought to leave no aspect unattend-The Aspirational Block ed, creating a thorough

all-encompassing impact.

health-related services ning and meticulous exeand activities were held cution, the objective was there under the ongoing not merely to fulfill targets Sankalp Saptah initia- but to establish a sustained and elevated standard of health services within the Marwah Block, setting a poorna Swastha" on the benchmark for excellence day one of the week long in the broader context of community well-being.

The events saw active Minister Narendra Modi community engagement on September 30, the with 15 registrations for week-long Sankalp Saptah Ayushman Cards, 12 reg-(October 3rd to Octo- istrations for ABHS ID ber 9th, 2023) aims to cards, screening for 235 enhance governance and cases of hypertension and elevate the quality of life 230 cases of diabetes, 28 ANC clinics, 1 immuniza-On the day first, the tion session, 168 anemia Health Services depart- test and treatment clinics, ment, in collaboration 8 presumptive TB screen-

at different locations. The highlight was a TB Champion Rallies that trated series of Mega garnered significant par-Health Camps/Melas ticipation, with a total of 385 community members taking part and moving from one centre to other. Besides the local PRIs, ASHAs, AWWs, Staff of the Health Department played a pivotal role in the resounding success of today's Sampooran Swastha initiative in the said Aspirational Block.

This initiative underscores the commitment to achieving saturation, holistic health and marks a ensuring that all vital met- significant stride towards rics and benchmarks were achieving comprehensive not only met but exceed- well-being in the Aspiraed, reflecting a robust and tional Block of Marwah.

DC Budgam inaugurates/ initiates work on playground, Panchayat Ghar & other developmental works at Ichgam village

JI NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, OCTOBER 4

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo today inaugurated various projects including Panchayat Ghar, playground, lane construction, beautification projects at Imambara, Sharika Mandir and local Masjid at Panchayat Halqa Ichgam in Block Budgam.

follow up block diwas at the general public. Ichgam, the DC also initiated various develop- on some projects shall ment projects in different also be initiated today.

halqas of Ichgam works at Imam Bara Hajipora, development, filling and fencing of grave- timeframe. yard, foundation of two

Haji, improvement works shortest time period. of local Sharika Temple and other works.

the projects which were function have been com- to the local youth. pleted or are nearing completion.

These projects are road development at Pan- present on the occasion.

being inaugurated today chavat Bhawan be also Soon after chairing and are being dedicated to taken up at the earliest.

The DC said that work as 70 major works have

He stressed that work Halqa of Block Budgam. The other works on ongoing projects include brick wall con- including lane and drain ongoing projects shall be struction at a local Shrine, works, lawn development carried out in a swift and lawn development and tile and tile works, road development be expedited and completed in a stipulated

He said other works general public. culverts at Najaf Colony to be taken under dif-Ichgam, foundation of ferent sectors including Truss at Wuzukhana at KLC funds have also been BDC Chairman Budgam, Masjid Sharief Batapora, finalised and work on Ghulam Hassan Khan, tile lane works at Hyder same shall also start in the

cerned officers to upgrade and other adjacent villag-Earlier speaking during the required sports infrablock diwas function, structure as per the DC said that the most of demands of local youths. On the occasion, the DC raised in last Block diwas also dedicated a sports kit

that work on approach officers, officials were

He said that as many

been approved under district Capex for Panchayat

The DC said work on timely manner and shall be completed within the stipulated time frame for the convenience of the

During Block Diwas, local PRIs including elders and local youth delegations from villages He instructed the con- Ichgam, Naroo, Qazibagh es also participated.

Among others, ADDC Budgam, Dr. Akramullah Tak, JD Planning, ACD, ACP, Executive Engineers of all wings, DYSSO, and He also emphasised all District and sectoral

EDITORIAL

Caste survey triggers political debate

mid the voices for bringing an end to reservation, Bihar government has unveiled a caste survey ahead of the Lok Sabha elections scheduled to be conducted in April-May next year. It is a calculated move of Nitish Kumar who is eyeing to win maximum seats in Parliament to keep himself politically powerful. The caste survey, findings of which were released by Bihar government on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, has triggered a massive political debate across the country with the opposition parties seeking similar surveys in other states. The Nitish government's data reveals that the Extremely Backward Classes (36 per cent) are the largest social segment in Bihar, followed by the Other Backward Classes (27.13 per cent). Together accounting for almost two-thirds of the state's population, EBCs and OBCs are huge vote banks that can decisively impact electoral outcomes in the upcoming elections--be it Parliament or assembly. This ploy of the Opposition parties under the banner of I.N.D.I.A block is aimed at playing caste card in these polls to dent the BJP's winning tally in Bihar. It is perceived that the Opposition groups are banking on identity politics to take on the BJP's ideological politics. The moot question arises as if such caste based politics is endorsed. The answer needs to be a big no. In current times when technology has made the life of every section of society easy, caste based politics needs to be discouraged. But for now, there is definitely a stage set for a rerun of Mandal versus Kamandal. Even as the Supreme Court will hear on October 6 pleas challenging the Patna High Court's order giving the go-ahead to a caste survey in Bihar, the findings are causing political reverberations across the country. The Congress, which had set the ball rolling last month by raising the pitch for an OBC sub-quota in the women's reservation Bill, has stated that the country needs a caste-based census to give people their due rights as per their population. The Prime Minister Modi, however, has sharply reacted to it, asserting that the poor people have the first right over the country's resources as they have the biggest abadi (population). If one thoroughly analyses the things, quota and reservation politics have seriously dented the country's image at global level. The Prime Minister is right in his assertion that the quota should be extended to the poor people of the country but a debate has already begun for the revision of quotas for different castes in proportion to their respective population. It is being argued that reservation makes socio-economic sense and serves the cause of social justice only if its benefits percolate down to the most disadvantaged groups rather than remaining confined to the creamy layer. The political parties need to put aside their political considerations and seriously think that equitable public welfare should be the sole objective of the quota system. Extending benefits to creamy layer of OBCs at the cost of poor people has so far only defeated the purpose of reservation.

Endorsing the principles of women empowerment

SANGRAM MISHRA positive advancement.

constitutional can be stated as a process amendment bill (128th by which women gain power constitutional amendand control over their own ment) to enact Nari Shakti lives and acquire the ability to make strategic choices. In Vandan Abhiyan meant to provide one-third of seats short, empowerment entifor women in Lok Sabha tles women to take charge of and State Assemblies was their personal development. passed by Lok Sabha by an It aims at raising the selfoverwhelming majority and esteem and self-confidence of women by eliminating then unanimously in Rajya Sabha. The reservation will discrimination in all forms (and manifestations) of viocome into force soon after lence against women and girl the first delimitation (in 2026) It was pronounced by child. As such this empow-PM Narendra Modi that the erment can be categorized women's reservation bill will into five main parts and pave the way for women's those are social, educationempowerment. al, economic, political and

A very positive step psychological. And the five indeed for an inclusive pillars on which empowerand holistic development ment is based are education Growth trajectory cannot health, security, finance and move in the right direction emotion. if about ninety per cent of its The steps to be followed population (women popula-

in women's empowerment tion) languishes in impecu- are clarity and support. niosity, proscription and While Clarity signifies clarifying goals and expeditions, support is meant to support Luxemburg expressed "Women's freethose steps by providing dom is the sign of social resources they need to sucfreedom. To add it can be ceed and remove obstacles, depicted that women's freetrying to restrict and hinder dom and empowerment are progress. The four stages the initial indications for of empowerment are selfeconomic, social, political awareness, self-acceptance, and intellectual advanceself-belief and self-realizament of the nation. Amartya tion and the four methods of Sen has delineated empowempowerment are commuering women is the key to nication, critical thinking, building the future we want. collaboration and creativity. Overall inclusive growth of a The meaning of empownation entails the amelioraerment in lexiconic semantics is depicted as the granttion of the predicaments of women and poverty-stricking of political, social, and en to propel the trajectory economic power to an crimination and child abuse

Women's empowerment and emaciation, empowerment rests, and authorizes to inculcate confidence and strength in the individual or the group to accomplish the vested task. Kofi Anan said there is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women. It is said that women's empowerment is intertwined with respect for human rights.

> Various enactments have been taken up by the government in the past for protection and vindication of women's causes. Those are the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956, The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and the Sexual Harassment of Women in Workplaces Act, 2013 etc. The need of the hour is to redefine the status of women in society and to eradicate the exclusion process of women from citadels of socio-economic and political power. The challenges faced by women (spatial and temporal factors) emanates from various factors like hegemonistic patriarchy, perpetration of discrimination and exploitation, lack of education, the prevalence of poverty (exploited as domestic help, sex-slavery), health and safety (maternal mortality rate in India as 301

opposed to interdiction in the family or outside archy have relegated their led to caste-specific feminist and female feticides) crime against women (murder, rape, dowry deaths etc) girls and women trafficking and domestic violence.

The most important house to tackle poverty, no task at hand is for a paradigm shift in approach and empowerment in all spheres of life. Mahatma Gandhi wrote 'The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world'.

geoning problem.

socio-economic issues like

equal pay for equal work,

recognition of work, sexual

The achievements of these

some fault lines there need

power dynamics that exist

Empowering women in education (by giving them support to take the lead) and in business (economic independence is very much linked and associated with women empowerment) is also important. Other issues like the problem of working women, gender bias, technological advancement sexual harassment should also be addressed for effective assimilation of women in the decision-making process in the country, coming out of age-old discrimination and exploitation exacerbating their predicaments - Empowerment of women in fact should start with economic empowerment to be analyzed. It is pointed of women (poverty eradication and micro credit etc) and women's perspectives should be included in in larger society. designing and implementing macro and micro economic and social policies by institutionalising their participation in the process.

Empowering women would also be a key to control the benefits have not perpopulation growth. Because colated down to poor and the spread of illiteracy, pov- lower-caste women. This

position to a cypher level organizations and moveboth in the family and in ments. Low levels of political the social circle. Early marawareness, ignorance, the riage, frequent childbirth to patriarch mindset of Indian add to work workforce to society, and low levels of political efficacy have also voice in the family, patriarinhibited poor and rural women without providing chy, lack of education and family control, role as a sex- any fillip for advancement. commodity, urge for a male Even the steps and enactchild etc. have remained a ments of government as the poignant causes for popudowry prohibition act, child lation explosion/growth. marriage (prohibition) Act, The answer with specificspecial marriage act, domesity points towards women's tic violence etc. and various empowerment which would measures and enactments, cause a wane on this burhave not percolated deep into poor women's lifestyles. Various movements in Empowerment with educa-India have been taken by the tion, skill development and protagonists to enhance the inclusion-oriented welfare position of women in India. schemes would enhance These movements have the position of lower-strata voiced against injustice in women in society.

EDIT

To conclude Sheryl Sandberg opined 'We need women at all levels, includharassment in workplaces ing the top, to change the domestic violence etc. dynamics, reshape the conversion, to make sure womfeminist movements are en's voices are heard and immense and their relevance heeded and not overlooked and ignored'. Even J L Nehru has remained vibrant. But told 'India to awaken the people, it is the women who out that these movements must be awakened. Once she reflect the privileges and is on the move, the family moves, the village moves and the nation moves.

Some people accuse that Let us not only aim at these feminist movements empowerment, but total have been hijacked by urban emancipation socially English-speaking middle/ and from other bondages upper-class and upper-caste empowered women should women. It is viewed that take charge of social engineering erelong.

(The author is a superannuated senior IAS officer)

per 1000 and about many women are dying in India due to childbirth complication every year), gender disof growth in a direction of individual or a group. As (no role in decision making erty and hegemonistic patri- paradoxical situation has

Break the Agniveer logjam with Nepal

ASHOK K MEHTA

forbiddance.

Rosa

here is misplaced excitement over the 40,000 Agniveers recruited last year, the first batch reporting to units in August and the second batch by October. They are full of josh with the rank of Agniveer while the permanent cadre are Sepoys/Rifleman and above. Much is being made of them in Service Headquarters as Outstanding where special cells are monitoring their progress and evaluation for re-enlistment of 25 per cent after 4 years. The truth can only be discovered by conversations with their recipients as I have.

not subsided but critique fatigue has the prospects of Communists in govovertaken it. By 2030, at the present ernment and opposition accepting want to become Agniveers in the of Permanent Cadre Agniveer and rate of induction, half the Army will terms of recruitment are higher. But Indian Army which is regulated salaries of Permanent and Tempobe Agniveers. Then it will be a very it seems as a Nepali ex-serviceman by the 1947 Tripartite Treaty on rary Agniveers. Reduction in pay unhappy Battalion Commander leading them unless he believes in destiny. Unhappier still will be the Gorkha commanders by then without recruitment of an additional 15,000 Nepali-domiciled Gorkhas which translated on the ground would mean that nearly half of the 42 Gorkha battalions would have

majority By 2024, the reduction of battalions will start to maintain minimal operational strength. By 2030, I suspect, the Gorkha Brigade will disappear losing its identity and cohesion, converted to Kumaoni and Garhwali battalions. This backof-the-envelope calculation is on the assumption that the government is unable or unwilling to persuade the Government of Nepal to relent into accepting Agniveer on present terms. With a better package of enhanced service and larger retention (seven years instead of four Veterans' critique of Agniveer has or total exemption from Agniveer, can be found all over the world.

As the leader of the ten-year-old assured pro-India platform in Nepal. insurgency against Royal rule, he Nepal has not done its sums on the knows the value and grit of Gorkha soldiers. He also knows that today's youth, while still attracted by soldiering are equally fascinated by service in foreign countries where they can also be educated and settled lucratively which is happening today in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and other Western countries. Many Nepali Gorkhas have joined the Russian Army whose key attraction is the Right to Residency in Russia after one year of military service. Gorkhas are joining French years of service and 50 per cent Foreign Legion, British Army, Singainstead of 25 per cent re-enlistment) pore Police and like the Sikhs once,

Still, there might be many who

financial benefit of Agniveer. With approximately 22,000 Nepali Domiciled Gorkha Soldiers (NDG) soldiers and 85,000 Indian Army NDG pensioners being paid on an average of INR 6 lakh and INR 3.8 lakh per annum respectively, total outlay and remittance to Nepal per annum is Rs 4500 crore. The average span of service of soldiers is 20 years and the currency of pension is 50 years. If there is no recruitment under Agniveer, the entire remittance will stop in the next 70 years years. If Nepal accepts Agniveer, the overall on various service issue petitions to effect is that Rs 4500 crore will grad- powers that be. Now they are silent. ually reduce to Rs 1827 crore (40 per But saddest of all is that the slow cent) which will include the pension disbandment of the Gorkha Brigade will be very marginal, from the present Rs 1290 crore to Rs 1242 crore with the Agnipath scheme. Reduction in pension though will be substantial is 68 per cent (Rs 3146 crore Agnipath without consulting a to Rs 585 crore) But this will happen Last month, Prime Minister friendly neighbour, Nepal with in 70 years - in Nepali, (iota pusht) which it claims special and unique or one generation. Remittances are relations. Gorkha recruitment is a the No. 1 earner for the economy as key factor of the bilateral strategic almost one-third of the Nepali popu-

Rufus.

recently that India may bid

will be the result if India

is pitted against teams like

Brazil Germany or France?

Rufus, Magan Singh and

all-India football tourna-

ments across the coun-

Singh, Inder Singh, Manjt

including in India.

It seems Nepal is shedding its mercenary tag discounting financial benefits. It is also an assertion of its self-respect and dignity. All recent Indian ambassadors to Nepal except one have acknowledged the exceptional role of NDGs and ex-servicemen in promoting bilateral relations and being a strategic asset. Most beguiling though is the silence of the Army hierarchy. Equally puzzling is inaction on the part of Gorkha veterans including a former Army Chief and scores of two and threestar Generals who put their names will happen under the watch of the seniormost Gorkha officer of the Army, CDS Gen Anil Chouhan. But his re-enlistment and appointment were under a cloud. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal)

told me: "India has a secret plan to stop the recruitment of Gorkhas and the Communists in my country will oblige". The stars will shortly come into the right constellation for this, he adds.

Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda was to meet an ex-servicemen disappeared with only Agniveer delegation before going to the UN Indian Domiciled Gorkhas in the and China but that did not happen. relationship and has provided an lation of 30 mn is abroad at any time

Recruitment between Britain, India and Nepal which Nepal believes has been violated by the Agnipath scheme. It is another matter that India unilaterally announced

Will India ever become a football-playing nation?

KUMAR <u>CHELLAPPAN</u>

he country which out Rufus Dsouza, a nonaboasts of being the genarian coach based in champion in the Kochi. first-ever Asian Games

former Indian captain who held at New Delhi in 1951, was thrown out of the led the country in the 1974 Hangzhou event in the first Tehran Asian Games is a round itself. It was after a disappointed man. Speakseries of political and busiing to The Pioneer from ness interventions that a Bikaner. Magan Singh, rated as one of the all-time second-rung football team was sent to China to pargreats in India, expressed ticipate in the event. his anguish: "Is there any

Forget about the reasons serious game of football happening in India? Where behind the indecisiveness in selecting a team to be are the football teams that sent to the major event in reigned supreme during the Asian continent. Also, the 1960s to 1980s?" asked forget the fact that football Magan Despite humiliating is the most popular sport

in the world. defeats by China and Saudi What Hangzhou has Arabia, the Indian coach proved is that India is light Igor Stimac was a conyears behind other foottented man. He has been balling nations, both in the quoted as saying that the quality of the game and results were on expected its administration. While lines and there was no other countries had selectneed for any disappointed their national squads ment. in advance and trained

The run-up to the Asian Games reminded one them for months, the AIFF

members of the national squad refused to release Magan Singh Rajvi, the 39-year-old captain

Indian attack! It is the age at which international players hand up their boots and here we are, depending on a man past his prime to save Indian football. Most countries sent their U-23 teams to the Asian Games while India fielded Chhetri and

talent).

Jingan (another burnt-out 'The best thing we could have done is to skip the football events for the time being. Though the Asian Games is a serious sporting event, we are yet to understand the significance of the same," said

Rufus. what India needs today is desi coaches. "We won gold medals in the Delhi and Jakarta Asian Games

remained inactive till the of a comedy of errors. with teams trained by foreigners playing in the eve of the Games, pointed The clubs employing the Indian coaches. A coach Indian league are discards should know the psyche from their own countries. of his players," said Rufus who is still active in Kochi's maidans.

Harjeender Singh from

Punjab, who represented India in many international tournaments and the son of legendary Inder Singh said that though there was a shortage of infrastructure in the country, India does not have players like Inder, Magan or Shyam Thapa. "These players had passion in the period between the that the AIFF has done them for the game while 1960s to 1980s had many the youngsters consider the game as a means to get rich. Football is a serious try. Rufus says he has yet profession and it needs to see the likes of Jarnail dedication and devotion," said Harjeender Singh.

Singh, and Shyam Thapa There were great expecamong the new-gen playtations when corporates ers. "We had coaches like S like Reliance came forward A Rahim, and Sukhwinder He pointed out that to resuscitate the game by Singh who were capable launching a professional of creating magic with the soccer league. "But that given talents. But that's an has done damage to footold story," reminiscences ball in India. Most of the Rufus.

Magan, with the Rajput blood, is still optimistic. "Revive the tournaments India is struggling to and the teams. There will beat countries like Nepal not be any dearth of taland Bangladesh, " said ents. Tournaments like Rovers Cub in Bombay, There was a report

Nizam Gold Cup in Hyderabad and Chackola Cup to host the quadrennial in Thrissur (the trophy World Cup Championship weighed 145 sovereigns) for the FIFA trophy! What drew even international teams to India

Where are those tournaments?" asks Magan Singh. Veteran players are Harjeender point out that unanimous in their view nothing to save football in the country. The only people who have prospered through Indian football are the office bearers of the All India Football Federation and brokers who help them to import foreign players, according to Rufus. God save Indian Football

(The writer is a special correspondent with the Pioneer; views expressed are personal)

the players. Sunil Chhetri, was the spearhead of the

HEALTH

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New headband to catch early signs of Alzheimer's while you sleep

AGENCIES NEW YORK, OCT 4

US scientists have developed a novel headband that can pick up early signs of Alzheimer's disease, much before symptoms like memory loss start to appear, in sleep.

The digital biomarker uses electroencephalography (EEG) that can be recorded from simple headband devices to detect brain wave patterns related to memory reactivation in sleep, which are part of a system that processes memories in deep sleep.

The results, published of the Alzheimer's Associa-Alzheimer's disease.

Additional findings



nitive impairment due to disease using accessible Alzheimer's disease can and scalable headband be detected in the EEG devices in a home setting signals.

"This digital biomarker catching and mitigating in the journal Alzheimer's essentially enables any Alzheimer's disease at the & Dementia: The Journal simple EEG headband earliest stages." device to be used as a tion, identifies a relation- fitness tracker for brain kind to date, the researchship between EEG read- health," said Brice McCo- ers analysed data from 205 ings and levels of specific nnell, Assistant Professor ageing adults, identifying molecular changes indic- of neurology at the Univer- measurable problems with ative of presymptomatic sity of Colorado Anschutz memory reactivation in Medical Campus.

further demonstrate that can assess digital biomark- and tau that build up in perfecting the process." early stages of mild cog- ers for early indications of Alzheimer's Disease.

"What we found is these abnormal levels of proteins are related to sleep memory reactivations, which we could identify in people's brainwave patterns before they experienced any symptoms," McConnell said. "Identifying these early biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease in asymptomatic adults can help patients develop preventative or mitigation strategies before the disease advances."

Researchers say this is an exciting step towards using wearables as digital biomarkers for disease is a huge advancement in detection. "We are just scratching the surface with this work, paving the way for affordable and easy-In the largest study of its to-use devices to monitor brain health," McConnell said

"This is proof of principle that brain waves during sleep can be turned association with levels of into a digital biomarker, "Demonstrating how we proteins such as amyloid and our next steps involve

Fatty liver may up risk of personality disorders by 3x: Study

AGENCIES LONDON, OCT 4

People with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) are around three times more likely to have a personality disorder than those without the disease, a new study has revealed. NAFLD is a global health

problem and multi-faceted disease, with the main risk factors being obesity and insulin resistance. Whilst in its early stages

there may be few symptoms, the disease can progress to cirrhosis and liver failure in at risk individuals such as diabetics. Scientists at the University of Birmingham in the

UK call for NAFLD patients to be screened for personality disorders. If identified, these

mental health disorders should be treated before the patients begin trying to control their diet and exercise more, they said. "Finding an increased prevalence of personal-

ity disorders in NAFLD author of the study. patients is particularly striking – signifying that not to be a general mental and exercise regime that it's not an issue associated health issue, as neither prevent disease progreswith all liver disease, but anxiety nor depression sion into the more serious, just those with NAFLD," said Jonathan Catling, co- cantly different between disease.

the groups - despite both psychiatric disorders often being associated with chronic liver disease," Catling added.

The study, published in the journal BMC Gastroenterology, also notes that, although simple measures such as changes in diet and increased exercise are proven to prevent disease progression in NAFLD, it is often difficult to persuade patients to follow dietary and exercise programmes.

"Our findings suggest an urgent need to examine attitudes towards diet and exercise so that we can better understand how to motivate NAFLD patients and deliver more effective treatment - preventing disease recurrence after liver transplantation," said Catling.

Researchers suggest "Importantly, it appears necessary changes to diet were found to be signifi- irreversible stages of the

New AI app can screen kids for autism AGENCIES

NEW YORK, OCT 4

Researchers have developed an app driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) that can run on a tablet to accurately screen for autism in children by measuring and weighing a variety of distinct behavioural indicators.

Called SenseToKnow, the app delivers scores that evaluate the quality of the data analysed, the confidence of its results and the probability that the child tested is on the autism spectrum. The results are fully interpretable, meaning that they spell out exactly which of the behavioural indicators led to its conclu-

sions and why. This ability gives

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Obesity-associated inflammation worsens 'bad cholesterol' and makes it function abnormally, increasing the risk of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and certain cancers, according to a new study.

Obesity is a public health problem worldwide that affects a large section and often involves hyperlipidemia (high concentrations of fats/lipids in the blood), diabetes, hypertension, chronic inflammation and oxidative stress, which increase susceptibility to cardiovascular diseases (CVD).

Low-density lipoprotein that contributes to disease at Boston University, US. (LDL) is a nanoparticle becoming worse due to For the study, the team Olga Gursky, Professor of that transports cholesterol obesity-associated inflam- compared blood lipopro- pharmacology, physiology in blood. While cholester- mation. "As a result, cholesol is essential for normal cellular function, excess terol delivery is shifted iatric surgery and 6 or 12 cholesterol can, however, from normal to abnordeposit in arteries causing mal, so more cholesterol CVD, and hence LDL cho- is retained in the arterial from a control group of lesterol is dubbed "bad wall, ultimately forming lean healthy subjects. cholesterol". plaques that occlude the The study, published blood flow," said Shobini LDL particles became in the Journal of Lipid Jayaraman, corresponding dysfunctional and were Research, showed that in author, a senior research less efficient at delivering



Obesity worsens bad cholesterol,

raises heart disease risk: Study

obesity, it is not the quan-scientist in pharmacology, tity but the quality of LDL physiology and biophysics

their cholesterol cargo to LDL receptors. Additionally, the LDL particle also tended to either preferentially deliver cholesterol to scavenger receptors or stick to the arterial wall

matrix. "This aberrant behaviour stemmed from alterations in LDL biochemical composition induced by obesity-associated inflammation. These harmful changes contributed to increased risk of CVD in patients with obesity," added Jayaraman.

"Our study shows that LDL quality continues to improve as a patient's weight normalises, suggesting that the risk of CVD continues to decline," said

Study finds dark tea beneficial for controlling blood sugar

AGENCIES SYDNEY, OCT 4

Drinking dark tea every diabetes risk, finds a new originated in China, is a years. Of this, 436 partation continues several months to many years and the leaves are often levels. pressed in a cake or brick for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Hamburg, Germany, showed that daily the frequency and type venting and treating type

53 per cent lower risk for prediabetes and 47 per tion. cent reduced risk for type 2 diabetes.

co-lead author and Associ- increase in urinary glucose ate Professor at University excretion and a reduction of Adelaide in Australia.

microbially fermented ticipants were living with that the actions of bioactype of tea. The fermen- diabetes and 352 with tive compounds in dark prediabetes, and 1,135 tea may directly or indihad normal blood glucose rectly modulate glucose

Participants included shape. The research pre- both non-habitual tea mimicking that of sodiumsented at the ongoing drinkers and those with a glucose co-transporter-2 European Association history of drinking only a inhibitors, a new antisingle type of tea.

They were asked about not only effective at preconsumers of dark tea had (i.e. green, black, dark, or 2 diabetes, but also has other tea) of tea consump- a substantial protective

The team examined kidneys," Wu added. Despite the promisthe association between "Our findings hint at the both the frequency and ing findings, the authors protective effects of habit- type of tea consumption caution that as with any ual tea drinking on blood and excretion of glucose observational study, the sugar management via in the urine, insulin resis- findings cannot prove increased glucose excre- tance (measured using the that drinking tea every tion in urine, improved triglyceride and glucose day improves blood sugar insulin resistance and thus index), and glycaemic control by increasing better control of blood status (defined as a history urinary glucose excre-Researchers also found resistance, but suggest daily dark tea drinkers," that drinking tea every day that they are likely to consaid Tongzhi Wu, study's was associated with an tribute.

in insulin resistance, as Along with researchers well as 15 per cent lower day may help in control- from the Southeast Uni- risk for prediabetes and 28 ling blood sugar to reduce versity in China, the team per cent reduced risk for conducted the study on type 2 diabetes, compared study. Dark tea, which 1,923 adults of 20 to 80 with never tea-drinkers. "These findings suggest

> excretion in the kidneys, an effect, to some extent, diabetic drug class that is effects on the heart and

health care providers detailed information on what to look for and consider in children referred for full assessments and intervention.

"Autism is characterised by many different behaviours, and not all children on the spectrum display all of them equally, or at all," said Geraldine Dawson, Director of the Center for Autism and Brain Development at Duke University in the

"This screening tool captures a wide range of behaviours that more accurately reflect the complexity and variability found in autism."

Recent research has shown promising results from tracking children's eye movements in response to specially designed movies that can help diagnose autism in a clinical setting.

SenseToKnow detects a wider range of behaviours such as facial expression, gaze patterns, head movements and blink rate. It also incorporates an onscreen bubble-popping game to assess motor movement and skills, as delays in motor skills are one of the earliest signs of autism.

The app, detailed in the journal Nature Medicine, uses almost every sensor in the tablet's arsenal to measure and characterise the child's response without the need for any sort of calibration or special equipment.

severe obesity before barmonths after were compared with lipoproteins

The researchers found

teins from patients with and biophysics at the varsity's School of Medicine.

"This is promising not only for patients undergoing bariatric surgery but perhaps for many others who are overweight or obese and use various approaches to weight

loss," Gursky added.

sugar. These benefits were of type 2 diabetes). most pronounced among

tion and reducing insulin

causes the symptoms

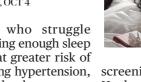
Poor sleep may increase risk of hypertension in women: Study

AGENCIES NEW YORK, OCT 4

Women who struggle with getting enough sleep may be at greater risk of developing hypertension, screening," said Shahab or high blood pressure, a Haghayegh, a research new study has shown.

sleeping difficulties had previously gone through without hypertension. menopause.

benefit from preemptive of hypertension.



than seven to eight hours a

fellow at the Brigham and Women who sleep less Harvard Medical School.

"Hypertension is assonight are at a significantly ciated with many other higher risk of developing physical and mental hypertension, revealed health complications. the findings published in The sooner we can identhe journal Hypertension. tify individuals with high

In addition, the team blood pressure and treat from Brigham and Wom- them for it, the better we en's Hospital in the US also can mitigate future health found that women with issues," Haghayegh added. For the study, the team higher BMIs, lower physi- at Channing Division of cal activity, and poorer Network Medicine of the diets, on average and were Hospital followed 66,122 more likely to smoke and participants between 25 drink alcohol and have and 42 years of age all They collected informa-

"These findings sug- tion based on age, race, gest that individuals who body mass index (BMI), struggle with symptoms diet, lifestyle, physical of insomnia may be at risk activity, history of sleep of hypertension and could apnoea, and family history

The team tracked sleeping difficulties, such as having trouble falling or staying asleep or waking up early in the morning and collected responses at several time points throughout the study and found 25,987 cases of hypertension over the follow-up.

Notably, waking up early in the morning was not associated with this increased risk.

"Sleep difficulties can also lead to a chain of events that can increase sodium retention, arterial stiffness, and cardiac output, potentially leading to hypertension. Disruptions to the sleep/wake cycle can also influence blood vessel constriction/ relaxation activity and the function of cells that regulate the vascular tone," said Haghayegh.

"I hope these findings further underscore the crucial role of quality sleep in our overall wellbeing," he added.

AGENCIES LONDON, OCT 4

> In a significant breakthrough, a team of researchers have found underlying mechanisms of Parkinson's disease, offering the potential for innovative treatments in the future Parkinson's disease is a chronic condition that affects the central nervous system, leading to symptoms such as difficulty walking, tremors, cognitive challenges, and, eventually, dementia.

tain medical treatments

can offer relief from its

symptoms.

unknown.

been quite limited.

small fragments of mito- the mitochondrial DNA, chondrial DNA spreads the rently has no cure, but cerdisease.

> "For the first time, we can show that mitochon- to dementia," she added.

dria, the vital energy The understanding of producers within brain human and mouse brains, of the disease, and the Parkinson's disease has cells, particularly neu- researchers discovered development of future It primarily revolved around the genetic factors mitochondrial DNA(LP1). occurs and spreads when ment efficacy for Parkinresponsible for familial This initiates and spreads these cells have defects in son's disease. cases, while the causative the disease like a wildfire factors in the vast major- through the brain," said Professor Shohreh Issazaity of patients remained deh-Navikas.

Researchers from the University of Copenhagen lish that the spread of the damage occurred and ease development".

how it contributed to the disease

"Small fragments of – actually DNA - from the mitochondria are released into the cell. When these fragments of damaged DNA are misplaced, they become toxic to the cell, prompting nerve cells to expel this toxic mitochondrial DNA," Issazadeh Navikas explains.

"Given the interconnected nature of brain cells, these toxic DNA fragments spread to neighboring and distant cells, similar to an uncontrolled forest fire sparked by a casual bonfire" she added. Issazadeh-Navikas envi-

reminiscent of Parkinson's disease and its progression sions that the study marks the initial stride towards By examining both a better understanding rons, undergo damage, that the damage to mito- treatments, diagnostics, leading to disruptions in chondria in brain cells and measurement of treat-

anti-viral response genes. She also expressed In the paper, published hope that "detecting the in the journal Molecular damaged mitochondrial Psychiatry, they sought DNA could serve as an "Our findings estab- to understand why this early biomarker for dis-

The disease which in Denmark found that damaged genetic material,

New study shows cause of Parkinson's disease

afflicts over 10 million people worldwide, cur-

NPP appeals to public to beware of anti Dogra parties

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ment issued to the media PDP supports self rule.

PDP are the root cause of These parties are not in ing serious damage to having lost all hopes for deciding the fate miseries of people of J&K favour of a secular J&K. Dogra identity. Singh from NC, PDP and Con- of Dogras and a wrong Vilakshan Singh Presi- particularly the Dogras. Their conduct shows that said people should not gress, Dogras voted BJP political decision made dent J&K National Pan- Singh said that NC is in they want to make J&K an forget that it was due to power. Since BJP has at this juncture can pose thers Party in a state- favour of Autonomy and Islamic Country. has appealed to the Both are in favour of pre the root cause of all the Singh had to breathe his and Dogras in particular the people of J&K to suppublic to be aware of the 1953 status when most of trouble in J&K. There last in Mumbai. Singh shall give J&K National port JKNPP which has nefarious designs of the the provisions of Consti- was no need to incor- said that NC, Congress Panthers Party a chance always fought for ensurparties which are trying tution of India were not porate Article 370 in the to bank upon the anti- applicable to the erst- Constitution of India but lamb's clothing and if the that once voted to power, and needy.

people policies of Bhar- while state of J&K and Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru people of J&K fall prey to J&K National Panthers tiya Janta Party. Singh permit was required to in order to wreak ven- their nefarious designs Party shall work whole- that Harsh Dev Singh said that BJP, anticipat- enter J&K. Singh said that geance against Maharaja ing its defeat in ULB and the Constitution of J&K Hari Singh and to give doomed for all times to ment of the poor and meeting organised by Panchayat elections, is did not contain any pro- sweeping powers to his come. delaying elections. He vision related to funda- friend Shiekh Abdullah

Singh said Congress is that the Maharaja Hari people of J&K in general and PDP are wolves in to serve them. He assured their future would be heartedly for the uplift-

said that since BJP has mental rights. Even the played a pivotal role in need to be even more creed, region or religion. He said that Harsh Dev utterly failed to deliver Election Commission of the incorporation of aware of these parties He assured the people Singh had not fulfilled what it once promised, India had no role to play Article 370 in the Con- as their Dogra identity of J&K that JKNPP shall the formalities to become people should look for a in J&K. He said that NC stitution of India. He is at stake. Congress, ensure the pristine glory a member of JKNPP and better alternative and not and PDP do not want said that Congress and NC and PDP have left no of Dogras is restored. a worse one. Singh said the central government NC have always worked stone unturned to make

that NC, Congress and to have any role in J&K. in tandem for caus- Dogras extinct. He said ent time is very crucial to Congress and NC also betrayed Dogras, the a serious threat to Dogra identity. He appealed to ing justice to the poor

has participated in the downtrodden irrespec- Dr. Farooq Abdullah in Singh said that Dogras tive of their caste, colour, his individual capacity. is not even a primary

Singh said that pres- member of JKNPP.

DTNBWED organizes Shramik Chaupal program at Baghpora



Amit Kapoor protests against snapping power connections, harassing common people

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meters and property tax cuts and other issues. of houses of more than atrocities on the poor.

in Jammu and Kashmir. and Kashmir. In New Plot, electricity to

street number 1 to street number 6 was cut off and Today, under the lead- the wires were also taken ership of President of with them. He said that he Dogra Welfare Organiza- will sit on fast unto death tion, Amit Kapoor, people from October 6 on issues demonstrated vigorously like prepaid meters and in the New Plot area property tax, old age penagainst cutting of electric- sion, huge electricity bills, ity connections, prepaid waiver of old bills, power

He said that all these a hundred people in the issues are household New Plot area and there issues across Jammu was a huge ruckus. Did. and Kashmir and their They also burnt the effigy agitation will continue of the government. During until prepaid meters are this, the protesters were removed and other issues raising slogans like VJP, hi are resolved. He said that hi, electricity department people are being given hi hi, LG administration hi huge bills as soon as these hi, stop smart meters, stop meters are installed, so A large number of of the people when elec- be privatized, people will a tough lesson in the elec- old age pension in the people, including women, tricity becomes private. He get it at Rs 9.50 per unit. tions to the leaders who name of investigation due participated in the protest. also raised the demand for Therefore, he asked the are sitting silent on this to which people are facing Addressing the protesters, waiving off the old electric- people to give their full issue. He also accused a lot of problems. Kapoor by him on 6th October so Amit Kapoor made a strong ity bills of the people and support to the movement BJP leaders of mislead- said that if smart meters that the eyes of the slumattack on the LG adminis- handing over the power started against prepaid liganism will not continue Kashmir back to Jammu

tration and said that hoo- projects of Jammu and meters and actively par- smart meters. Kapoor said that cur-



rently people are being people to protest in their and simplification of its what will be the condition per unit but when it will ing this issue and to teach government has stopped ticipate in the protests

against it.

ing people on the issue of are correct then why

He called upon the release of old age pension bills as people are not in a

He also raised the higher. He also raised the

demand for immediate demand for waiving offold Kashmir to become UP or

position to pay these bills. Kapoor said that he had started the issue of smart meters and property tax

from Janipur and there is

opposition in the entire state and it has taken the form of a mass movement. He said that the people of the state have the first right on the electricity generated in Jammu and Kashmir and they should be provided free electricity. Along with this, all the power projects of Jammu and Kashmir should be handed over to the state. Amit Kapoor is continuously fighting for the interests of the people by taking to the streets as the given electricity at Rs 4 respective areas regard- process. He said that the messiah of the poor. He called upon all the people to rise above party politics and participate in the fast unto death to be launched bering LG government can are people's bills getting be opened. He said that he will not allow Jammu and Bihar

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The Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, DTNBWED Regional Directorate, Gali, Village, Block and Jammu has successfully District at least for the organised One Shramik next 12 months. In his con-Chaupal program at Bagh- cluding remark Mr Rahi pora Village, Qamerwari Riyaz Ahmed Prominent Block, Srinagar District, Social Activist and Chair-UT State of Jammu and man Ahsan Foundation Kashmir for the benefits J&K has said that workers of Rural and Unorganised should take the benefits Sector workers of this of Government welfare area. In this Awareness schemes which are meant Training Program a dis- for their upliftment and cussion on various Welfare can improve their quality Schemes from Central and of life. The program ended State Government Agen- with a vote of thanks propcies meant for Rural and sed by Dr Pankaj Rastogi Unorganised Sector Work- Regional Director DTNers of UT State of J&K was BWED MOLE GOI Jammu held by Dr Pankaj Rastogi, in which he thanked every-Regional Director, DTN- one who contributed for BWED, MOLE, GOI Jammu. the successful organisation During the said program of this training program all the villagers also took including personnel from oath of maintaining clean- the media houses of Sriliness in their surround- nagar.

ings under Swachhata hi Sewa 3.0 Abhiyaan of Government of India. They also promised to give 2 hours of Shram Daan per week to clean their home,

CB Jammu charge sheets in Rs. 12 Lakh fraud for admission in Hr Edu in Canada

Sham Lal Gupta Chairman - Anti Crime Bureau (NGO) meets Tehsildar Bishnah

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NGO Anti Crime Bureau (Regd) Chairman Sham Lal



Delegation of Khour area under leadership of Narinder Singh meets DC Jammu

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A delegation of Khour people met Deputy Com missioner Jammu Sachin

Kumar Vaishya under

the chairmanship of BJP

state Executive Member



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Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu charge-sheeted fraudsters Mother- daughter duo - 1) Balwant Kour Wd/o Lt. Tagjit Singh 2) Simran Mann D/o Tagjit Singh both residents of Sec.44, Chandigarh in case FIR No. 34/2021 U/S 420,120-B / IPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu for their involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy in duping the complainant of Rs 12 Lakhs after they promised him to send his daughter to Canada for Higher Education and later cheated him. 149 Page chargesheet was produced in the Court of law for judicial determination.

The case was registered on a written complaint lodged by Raj Kumar Nischal S/o Kidar Nath Nischel R/o 309, Chowk Chabutra Lane Opp. Gurdwara Baba Chanda Singh Pacca Danga Jammu wherein it was alleged that his daughter Miss Aditi Nischal while doing private job as Graphic Designer at M/S Sunrise International, SCO 86-87 in 2016 his daughter came in contact with accused Ms. Simran Mann who was also serving there as IELTS Teacher assured to send her daughter to Canada for higher studies by charging Rs. 12.00 lacs. On the request of his daughter, the complainant transferred the amount from his account to the account of accused through RTGS. When his daughter approached the accused Simran Mann for necessary documentation she dodged her on one pretext or other and finally cheated them.

On receipt of the complaint, a preliminary verification was initiated and the allegations were prima-facie established and subsequently, the instant case was registered for in-depth investigation. Relevant record was seized, statement of witnesses recorded, Scientific, Circumstantial and other Material evidence was gathered and offences of cheating against the accused Mother- daughter duo - 1) Balwant Kour Wd/o Lt. Tagjit Singh 2) Simran Mann D/o Tagjit Singh both residents of Sec.44, Chandigarh for luring the complainant and cheating them on the pretext of arranging Higher Education in Canada has been established. While the accused Balwant Kour is on bail after she was arrested by Crime Branch Jammu, her daughter co-accused Simran Mann is still at large and proceeding U/S 512 Cr.PC stands initiated against her.

Gupta today along with his Team Members Met Tehsildar Bishnah Sh Sushil Khajuria and Welcomed him with Bouquet of flowers for his New Joining in Bishnah.

Anti Crime Chairman

Sham Lal Gupta apprised being faced by the locals of Society.

Sham Lal Gupta briefed issues, problem faced by Tehsildar Bishnah, his Senior Citizen's in Tehsil. NGO is working for the complex office. Tehsildar Sushil Khajubetterment of Society and many awareness ria told him about various Banarsi Dass, Vijay Kumar,

grams and Distribution of Society and assured him Mangal Dass, Ravi Kumar, Stationary items at Govt that Tehsil Administration will Co-operate and work Schools have been organized by their NGO time for the Society. to time in this regard.

During talks ,Tehsildar others.

Gupta told NGO Anti Sushil Khajuria apprecihim about the difficulties Crime is working without ated efforts of NGO and Government funds in Soci- asked Gupta to continue his work in future. ety, Gupta raised many

Members Present in the Meeting were Councillor- MC Bishnah Sahil Gupta, Ex Councillor Programs, Anti Drug Pro-schemes for the locals of Ratan Lal, Bunny Sharma, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar, Akshay Sharma, Gulshan Sharma and

area, explaining that 3200 since 1999. It was taken by land back.

> The people included in be affected. Apart from dent Sukhdev Singh, Sham the delegation also said this, the dilapidated road Singh, Balveer Singh, etc.

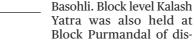
Narendra Singh Bhau. that the ongoing process from Pallanwala to Jyo-Everyone told the DC of shifting government dian should be widened. about the problems of the offices from Khour head- After listening to the kanals of land of border Narayana is wrong. the DC called officials of farmers of the Khour area It should be stopped some departments at the have been under the army because it causes the same time and asked them problems of the people of to solve the problem. He the army with the cooper- Khour to increase. Khour assured the people that ation of the administration town is the centre of the their remaining problems to strengthen the security entire area, where no one would also be resolved during the Kargil war. To faces any problems with soon. The delegation date, those farmers have transportation. But, if the included Khour Municineither received any com- offices are shifted then pality's Vice President pensation for their land people will also be dis- Darshan Singh, Councilnor have they got their turbed, and the revenue lor Deepak Singh, former

quarters to Panchayat problems of the people, of Khour Bazaar will also BJP Mandal Khaur Presi-

Block level Kalash Yatras under Meri Mati Mera Desh held by NYKS J&K - Ladakh across UTs

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The Meri Mati Mera Desh program has now entered J&K Ladakh is organising numerous programs Mahostav"..



trict Samba. Block Level Kalash yatra was also held next stage in which the in Block Loran of District Amrit Kalash collected Poonch by NYK Poonch at Village Level shall be in collaboration with 54 poured into a larger Block Bn BSF Mandi, in which Level Kalash as NYKS soil from 11 panchayats of Block Loran were poured into a large kalash at block across all the blocks of the level. The Commanding UTs. The nation is organis- officer Sh Deshraj Singh, ing Meri Maati, Mera Desh Second in command Sh on theme "Mitti Ko Naman, Madhukar Juyal, officers Veeron Ka Vandan" Cam- and personnel form BSF, paign as a culminating pro- Youth club members and gram of "Azadi Ka Amrit general public also participated in the event which

In Kathua district, symbolized the sacredness Block level Kalash yatra of the earth. CRPF 38 bn was held at Blocks Baggan Assistant Commandant Sh (Baggan) and Sheetal Preetam Singh was also Nagar (Bhoond) and present on the occasion.



was held at Kanihama in Blocks Sagam and Larnoo In Kargil and Leh districts, dari a grand success.

In Kashmir division, presence of commandant of Anantnag District. In the under the banner of Meri 44 bn CRPF, BDO Narbal, UT of Ladakh also, vari-Maati Mera Desh cam- DDC member, DC chair- ous events were held on paign, a mega Kalash person, SHO Magam and the seventh day in which Mega National Program. Yatra was organised at different officers from vari- public at large, Indian All States and UTs are Narbal block of Budgam ous departments. Similar Army and ITBP Person- actively working to make district. The program program was also held at nel played an active role. this program of Janbhagi-

various plantation drives were held in presence of officials and general public.

It is important to note that plantation drives have been held in all the Panchayats of the nation from 9th to 15th August after which Mitti Kalash has been collected from Panchayats. Now this soil collected shall be sent to Block till 13th of October 2023 and then to National Capital subsequently. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry

of Culture are the nodal ministries responsible for ensuring success of the

CRPF Women Bike Expedition started from Srinagar to Gujarat reached Jammu

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In the runup to the National Unity Day, with the theme of 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' and 'Women Empowerment', this year, CRPF is organizing Women Bike Expedition from 03 corners of the country, viz, Srinagar, Shillong and Kanyaku-150 women bikers, on Shawl. 75 bikes, will undertake 10000 km long journey, through 15 States and 02 Unity, Kevadia.

Banquet. Santosh Dhakarwal and Rajesh Dhakar- haswini Bikers. wal DIG CRPF graced the

a Veer Nari of CRPF was nized to commemorate felicitated by the Chief the birth anniversary of mari, to Ekta Nagar, Keva- Guest and Commandant Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, dia, Gujarat. In this rally, 84 Bn, by presenting a the then Home Minister who was instrumental in

The expedition team integration of more than set out on their further 600 princely states, to journey, on 04 Oct 23, form the Union of India, in Union Territories that will from Dett Hq 84 Bn @ its current form. CRPF is finally culminate on 31 Oct 0830 h. A grand sendoff the only force with maxi-23, at the Statue of the function was organized mum representation of in which more than 200 women. The women per-The rally team, Ex- CRPF personnel, school sonnel of CRPF had made Srinagar to Kevadia, children from Govt High significant contributions comprising 50 bikers, on School and Kamal Acad- in safeguarding the nation 25 bikes, that flagged off emy Chanderkote, media and has brought laurels to from historic Lal Chowk personnel attended. An the country. During the Srinagar reached Dett impressive Band display, function, N Ranbir Singh Hq 84 Bn CRPF Boom by all women CRPF Band, Commandant 84 Bn CRPF Chanderkote Ramban, on was the highlight of the spoke about glorious his-03Oct 23, in the evening. function. The Women tory of CRPF and its para-After a warm reception, Bikers interacted with the mount contribution in the team was treated girl students, who were nation building. He also with a colourful cultural seemingly inspired by highlighted about the variprogram, followed by a their courage and deter- ous initiatives taken up by the Govt for the empowmination of the CRPF Yaserment of women who

While speaking during forms nearly 50 percent evening function as the the function, Rajesh Dha- of the population, includ-Chief Guests. During the karwal, DIG CRPF, stated ing the recently passed function, Rubina Begum, that the rally is being orga- Women's Reservation Bill. Natrang's UK representative Aarushi Thakur Rana nominated for **Prestigious Birmingham Awards**

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Natrang's UK representative Aarushi Thakur Rana nominated as Finalist for Prestigious Birmingham Awards in the UK. The

Birmingham Awards in the United Kingdom stand as a unique platform to celebrate and acknowledge the continuous contributions of outstanding individuals in the city of Birmingham. Organized by the co-founders of B EVENTS Media, the Birmingham Awards 2023 ceremony promises an evening filled with glamour, recognition, and an abundance of Brummie pride. This remarkable event is scheduled to take place on November 4th, 2023, at the Holte Suite, Villa Park, Birmingham, UK. Born and brought up in Jammu, Aarushi Thakur Rana has been acting and Directing theatre at Natrang Jammu. Now relocated in the UK since 2018,



more, Aarushi has lent her established herself there as a seasoned Theatre Director, Writer and Actor and worked with prestigious institutions like Birmingham Hippodrome and Birmingham Reper-

tory Theatre. In addition including Russia, Germato this she established a ny, London, and India. thriving marketing firm in Aarushi Thakur Rana is a 2022. Her company, along multifaceted talent based with its prominent Insta- in the United Kingdom, gram presence, is dedicated to promoting local businesses throughout the broader Birmingham area.

Aarushi Thakur Rana holds the distinction of ty in the Marketing departbeing the first individual ment. With a commitment from Jammu and Kashmir, to supporting local busi-India, to debut as a director at prestigious venues theatrical background, such as the Nehru Centre she continues to make a in London's Mayfair, the significant impact in both Zoroastrian Centre in the business and artistic Aarushi Thakur Rana London in 2019, the Kala communities.

Ghoda Arts Festival in Mumbai in 2018, and the Kingdom of Dreams in Delhi in 2017. Her creative portfolio showcases an impressive repertoire of over 30 full-length plays she has both authored and directed. Further-

acting talents to the production and execution of an astounding 300 plays, earning recognition on national and international stages, spanning countries recognized for her contributions to marketing and the performing arts. She presently works at the prestigious Aston Universi-

nesses and a remarkable

Ghulam Nabi Azad visits DC Srinagar to condole demise of his Father-in-Law

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the sudden departure of Ch Mohammad Qasim Former Chief Minister Sahib and offered conof Jammu and Kash- dolences to the Deputy mir, Ghulam Nabi Azad Commissioner Srinagar on Wednesday visited and expressed his sym-Gupkar Road to offer pathy with the bereaved condolence to Deputy family members. He Commissioner(DC) Sri- prayed for eternal peace nagar, Mohammad Aijaz to the departed soul and Asad over the sad demise strength to the grieving of his father in Law, Jb family to bear the irrepa-Mohammad Qasim(Ex rable loss. Azad also reck-Chief Engineer, JKPDD), oned with the contribuwho left for heavenly tions of Late Chief Engiabode few weeks ago.

neer during his service in On the occasion, the Power Development Former Chief Minister Department. **Rajesh Gupta demands** deportation of Rohingyas from Jammu

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The Jammu Warriors Front(JWF) Chairman, Rajesh Gupta appealed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to deport all the Rohingyas from the State as they are illegal immigrants. Gupta said that Rohingyas came to Jammu during Congress rule and now they have even got Voter and Aadhar tions. The Rohinghya's Cards with the blessings of Sr Congress leader who the Jammu and Kashmir is responsible for settled and they pose a threat to them here for his vote security of the people in bank.

administration should threat to Jammu's demognot allow them to settle raphy also if serious efforts in Jammu as they are a are not made to identify threat to security, law and deport them. Inteland order. Even Muslim lectual and prominent countries of Pakistan citizens of Jammu want and Bangladesh did not the deportation of these allow Rohingya Muslims refugees as they opined to enter and settle there. that their presence is a Then is India a Dharm- threat to Jammu's peace shalla for all to come and and demography.



expressed his grief over

have found safe haven in JWF Chief said LG Rohingya settlement is a

this sensitive border state.

Gupta appealed the

in their deportation.

Rajesh Gupta said that

When J&K was in deep turmoil, bloodshed, Gupkar leaders never called Dharna: Ravinder Raina

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"When the whole of J&K was in deep turmoil, slumber, uncertainty and bloodshed, the leaders belonging to the Gupkar Alliance, never cared for the people's welfare and never raised any call for "Dharna, Pradarshan'



aimed to the welfare of der said that opposition being denied basic rights the common masses. parties have planned but these leaders were So now when Jammu & a Dharna now. But the unmoved then. Kashmir progresses on people want to know that the path of development, when J&K was in danger- government is pursuing when the people of the ous situations and deep the agenda development, region are welcoming bloodshed, the opposition then these Gupkar lead-

Now, when the Modi the process of peace and was in deep slumber and ers are getting unnerved. sion.

re-appointed as Chairs PHDCCI **Jammu & Kashmir Regions**

Rahul Sahai, AP Vicky Shaw

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The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is pleased to announce the reappointment of Mr. Rahul Sahai and Mr. A P Vicky Shaw as Chairman for Jammu and Kashmir regions following the successful conclusion of the 118th annual Session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi. The decision was National President of Agarwal, who expressed his confidence in their



eral organisations in J&K. J&K. Notably, Vicky Shaw Expressing their gratitude, both Mr. Rahul Sahai and Mr. A P Vicky Shaw thanked Central Leadership Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwmade by the esteemed al for reappointing them to both the business and and placing their trust in sporting communities. His PHDCCI, Mr. Sanjeev their ability to lead the dedication and passion for Chamber. They empha- the city have earned him sized their commitment recognition as an active ability to lead the Cham- to promoting the interests Rotarian, and he has been ber and further its mis- of J&K`s business commu- awarded the prestigious

has also served as the President of the Professional Golfers Association of India, further highlighting his commitment nity and driving economic Paul Harris fellowship for

NC, and PDP leaders are time, why is it so? trying to vitiate the atmotheir own individual petty political interests?" said Ravinder Raina.

Ravinder against developing Jammu and Kashmir.

Nagar, Jammu.

media persons, Ravin- other communities were their own benefit.

progress, these Congress, never gave dharna at that

engineering conspiracies mislead innocent people. piness of people

Where were these Gupkar leaders, when them the reasons for former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal gress, NC, and PDP never the city meant for devel-

Today the brotherhood is being developed among

When the whole of all the regions and relisphere by their "Dharna, J&K was in the middle of gions. More than 2 crore Pradarshan" calls. Is it just blackout and Dharnas, tourist footfall is there, not the deep conspiracy these political leaders why these people are to create the unrest for never came on the streets getting unnerved over and today when J&K is the progress? People progressing on the path across faiths, communiof peace and progress, ties, regions, and profes-Raina fast-paced development, sions are satisfied by the attacked the opposition and prosperity, these development measures. parties over a protest Gupkar leaders are plot- Schools. Colleges and call on October 10 and ting to create unrest with universities are open. The said that NC, Congress, each passing day. Feeling whole of J&K is working and PDP Leaders under suffocated by the devel- well, but these leaders are the Gupkar Alliance are opment, they just want to not able to digest the hap-

Raina further asked Ravinder Raina, J&K Gujjar Bakkarwal were boycotting the elections BJP President, accompa- fighting for their rights, in 2018, and then they nied by MP (Lok Sabha) Pahadi people were fight- boycotted these Urban Jugal Kishore Sharma, ing for justice, but Con- Local Bodies elections in Singh, former Minister came on front. OBC com- opment. These people Sat Sharma, and former munity was fighting for never strengthened the Minister & BJP NEM Priya their rights, but leaders Panchayati Raj system. Sethi was addressing the like Abdullah, and Mufti Panch Sarpanch were media persons at party never asked for Dharna, puppets in the system. headquarters, Trikuta or Pradarshan then. West They always mislead the Pakistan Refugees, Gork- gullible population and While talking to the has, Valmiki, and many misuse the system for

Rahul Sahai is 2nd growth in the region. Generation CMD of Sahai Group of Companies and tinguished professional son of a veteran business leader late Sh Ram

Sahai having more than 25 years of experience in Policy advocacy and People Management and is also heading the Trans- expertise to his role. With port Nagar Association a background in the hosof Jammu. He has been closely associated with PHDCCI for almost 30 tional leadership qualities to further enhance J&K`s years. He has also been and a deep understanding reputation as a thriving the Chairman of CII J&K of the needs and challeng- hub for commerce and

A P Vicky Shaw a dis- tions. golfer and prominent figure in the hospitality and handicraft sector from Shaw`s business dynasty from J&K, brings a wealth of experience and

cate for the needs of local businesses. pitality industry, Mr. Shaw and dedication to the PHD has demonstrated excep-Chamber's mission are set Council and has led sev- es faced by businesses in industry

JK Electronic Ears organizes Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation Orientation Programme

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JK Electronic Ears along with Medel India Pvt Ltd organised one day workshop and Parent Orientation Programme for Parents of Cochlear Implant Children.

Programme was lead by

Seema Thappa declares qualified for award of Ph. D degree in Education from CUJ

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Seema Rani Thappa D/o Om Prakash Thappa and Raj Rani, R/o Keso Manhasan, Tehsil Ramgarh & District Samba, has been declared as qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educa-



tion from Central University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Efficacy of Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK) on Self Concept and Teaching Aptitude of Pre-service Teachers" under the supervision of Prof. J. N. Baliya, Dept. of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Dr Navneet Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of ENT, Consultant Audiologist and Speech Pathologist and by Mr Puneet Gupta, Managing Director and Hearing Aid Specialist, JK Electronic Ears and Prime Speech and Hearing Clinic.

ing of rehabilitation to par- to hear well with hearing ents of cochlear implants aids.

children for their healthy language and speech a integral part of hearing society.

an electronic device that improves hearing. It can who have severe hear-

Unlike hearing aids, which amplify sound, a growth and to make them cochlear implant bypasses damaged portions of the ear to deliver sound sig-

A cochlear implant is nals to the hearing (auditory) nerve.

JK Electronic Ears be an option for people Prime Speech & Hearing Clinic, so far Rehabilitat-Aim of this program ing loss from inner-ear ed and provided pre-intra was to give understand- damage who are not able and post operative care to more than 300 children across J&K

settle and pose a threat his outstanding contributo national security and Central and the J&K UT As Chairman, Mr. Rahul demography? According Government to work Sahai and Mr. Vicky Shaw to police reports the crime in unison to detect and will continue to work tirerate has gone higher in deport these illegal immilessly to foster collabora-Jammu these days thanks grants and the religion to settlement to Rohing- should not be a bottleneck tion, facilitate networking opportunities, and advohyas.

Some Rohinghyas are directly or indirectly since they are not legal Their collective vision involved in crimes. Even immigrants, "they stand there are reports that to be deported". He said Rohinghyas are involved they are indulging in terin drug trafficking and rorist activities. thefts. The Rohinghyas

miri clients.

"Rohingyas are are also involved in girl involved in theft and other trafficking and they sell criminal activities. They girls for forty thousand to are threat to national as fifty thousands to Kash- well as regional security,' he said, adding, while

Describing the soaring the Central Government population of Rohingyas wants to deport them, as a potential threat to the the State Government has demography of Jammu no policy with regard to Pradesh, Gupta main- the deportation of these tained that these people immigrants. living in the colonies encircling Jammu city had these people were often clandestinely managed to found involved in narcotic procure PRCs, identity addiction and peddling

JWF Chief said that cards, ration cards, water and they also possess

Indian Army Felicities Cyclist Bhausaheb Bhawar During J&K Expedition

and electricity connec- Aadhar Cards.

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Shri Bhausaheb Bhawar, a 50-year-old cyclist on an expedition to Jammu and Srinagar met Maj Gen Rajesh Sachdeva, ADG, NCC Dte JK&L. Hailing from a small place Hasnabad in Jalna District, Bhawar with only aim to educate people on social evils. "It has been approx. three decades that Sh Bhausaheb has been cycling across the length and breadth of the country with mission of eradicating social evil like dowry, foeticide and to spread message of national integration and communal harmony. He also talked to youth on drug addiction, cleanliness, corruption and eating habits. As per his remarks "I have no home, no mobile number and no bank account. Wherever my cycle stops that is my residence for that day, "He said about the mission and himself while talking to Maj Gen Rajesh Sachdeva, ADG JK&L.



DYSS zone Gandhi Nagar conducts Inter-School **Zonal Selection Trials**



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Today, the Department of Sports in our lives and for Youth Services & Sports making us Physically and zone Gandhi Nagar con- mentally fit. ducted Inter-School Zonal commence at University tion Trials. of Jammu under the Chairmanship of District Youth Nagar, Ram Murti extol-Services & Sports Offi- ling the staff for making cer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj this event a great success. Sharma and overall super-

Gandhi Nagar Ram Murti encouraged and brief about the importance of

Near about 160 Girls Level Competitions, Selec- drawn from different instition Trials in the sports tutions of zone Gandhi discipline of Athletics Nagar participated in the Meet under AAG of Girls said Competitions/Selec-

In the end ZPEO Gandhi All deputed field staff,

vision of Zonal Physical ministerial staff of zone Education Officer Gandhi Gandhi Nagar were pres-Nagar Ram Murti. Speak- ent during the said proing on this occasion, ZPEO gramme.

TBS JU, FICCI FLO JKL organize workshop on 'Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success'

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The University of Jammu's prestigious Business School organised an enlightening event, focusing on the critical theme of "Financial Planning for Entrepreneurial Success" in collaboration with

FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter. The Chief Guest of the event, G. Velladurai IEDS, Joint Director, MSME

Jammu Kashmir and tutional building. Varuna Anand, Chair-Ladakh, highlighted the entrepreneurial opportunities in J&K emphasising Kashmir and Ladakh pertinent questions that on industries including Chapter, ignited the atmo-Sheep leather and Apple sphere with her fervent industry. He inspired the passion for craftsmanship students for aiming high and her dedication for and taking on the journey promoting women entretowards becoming entrepreneurs. She highlighted preneurs. He also highgramme' that is paving the lighted the various funding schemes offered by the way for innovation and MSME to support students growth, providing a platin launching new projects. He gave valuable insights thrive and succeed in the into the entrepreneurial business world.

landscape of Jammu and The invited speaker, CA Samriti Kohli, renowned ment Club of TBS. Kashmir and also shared the progress report of financial expert and Udyam registrations in the member FICCI FLO, attended by Core team began with sharing her The event commenced journey as Chartered Ruchika Gupta Sr. Vice with the formal welcome Accountant and explained address by Prof. Vinay the significance of finan-Chauhan, Director, The cial planning for entre-Business School, Univerpreneurial success. She sity of Jammu. He extendemphasized on the crucial



the relevance of the theme underlining its signifiof the workshop for the cance as the backbone of students. He apprised sustainable ventures. She the gathering about the spoke about the Industrivarious initiatives under- al Policy of J&K and pintaken by TBS for student pointed the opportunities empowerment and insti- therein for the youth.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation person FICCI FLO, Jammu of the students asking were duly addressed by the experts. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Amisha Gupta, Associate Professor, TBS. She expressed deep grati-FICCI FLO's 'Uday Pro- tude to the distinguished guests by acknowledging their valuable insights and contributions towards the form for entrepreneurs to event's success. The event was coordinated by Dr. Shelleka Gupta, Assistant Professor and the Manage-

The event was also & members of FLO JKL, Chairperson, Sona Mehta Treasure, Pooja Gandotra Jt. Treasurer, Nandita Bajaj, Parakh Jain, Chandrika Singh, Ritika Mahaed a gracious welcome to role of fund management jan, Shallu Jain & Sita the guests and highlighted in business operations, Anand.

Gupkar Alliance destined to fail: Vibodh

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR. OCT 4

Vibodh exposes double standards of Gupkar Alliance BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta while addressing senior BJP leaders in Udhampur on Wednesday said that the Gupkar alliance is destined to fail as it is an alliance of power-hungry parties bound together by their common interest of dynastic politics, corruption and appeasement. Exposing the double standards of the Gupkar Alliance, Vibodh stated that the internal divisions, conspiracies, and conflicts within this alliance have become evident. He frustrated today because BJP's commitment to serv- nation.



emphasised that they lack they stand exposed. They ing the people of Jammu consensus, a common consistently misled the and Kashmir by working goal, or a common ide- people. The historical tirelessly to address their ology and have united blunder that they made needs and aspirations. He only due to the fear and has been rectified, BJP underscored the party's popularity of PM Modi . has won the love of people dedication to principles Additionally, they fear and hence, their pain of good governance, that their past corruptions could be understood." equitable development, and scandals might resur- Speaking on the occasion and ensuring the welfare face under the Modi gov- BJP J&K Vice President of all citizens. He highernment, forcing them to and Prabhari Udhampur lighted the importance unite to evade Jail. Vibodh Chander Mohan Gupta of grassroot engagements emphasised the fact that said that the Modi gov- and urged party workers under the Modi govern- ernment has brought to organise public interacment Jammu and Kash- plethora of opportunities tion on routine basis. BJP mir has seen equitable for the youth in Jammu District President Arun development. He noted and Kashmir. He high- Gupta said that the party that the recent delimita- lighted Prime Minister workers in Udhampur tion ended discrimina- Narendra Modi Ji's vision have committed themtion within J&K, took into of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas selves to strengthen the consideration aspects like aur Sabka Vishwas and party's organisational area, topography, acces- asserted under the BJP structure by reaching out sibility, and population government all sections to everyone. For us Nation and delivered Justice as of the society have wit- comes First, Party second both the provinces for nessed development and and Self last and with the the first time got their due empowerment. BJP J&K same pledge we have shares. Vibodh remarked, UT Vice President Pawan dedicated overselves to "Opposition parties are Khajuria emphasised the the service of society and

Youth forms backbone of society, nation: Sat Sharma

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Asking the administration for the early redressal of the issue of the youth, who appeared for the examination of Sub-Inspector Sat Sharma, former Minister & former BJP State President, said that the youth form the backbone of a society and the of time.



region.

the innovations, inventions, Councillor Jeet Angral and nation and the issues faced and discoveries in every field Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan by them must not go unat- like medicine, space, oceans, Department Incharge Ankush tended for a longer period agriculture, and business Gupta during the camp. and contributes directly to

Besides SI aspirants, vari

Kavinder launches tree plantation drive Near Lakshmi Narayan **Mandir Park**

Emphasizes importance of 'Green Gold' for ecosystem balance



Congress always safeguarded rights of downtrodden, poor: Bhalla



and political stability of the ority to address their issues. society and the nation to which they belong.

Youth, while pursuing the progress of the nation. ous other deputations and their jobs and businesses, While talking to the youth, individuals from Samba, have the capacity to build Sat Sharma stressed that BJP Talab Tillo, Satwari, Doda, a strong society with their believes that the future lies Ajeet Nagar, Nagrota, Janipur, skills, with the view of eradi- in the hands of the youth Amb, Kishtwar, and other cating poverty, and develop- and every call of the youth is places shared their grievanc-

ing the economic condition taken by the party on the pri- es with the BJP leaders, which were related to pension case, Sat Sharma said this, while promotion, repair of road, he was listening to the griev-sewerage, drains, land record Prime Minister Narendra ances of the public, who had correction, water supply. All Modi, in order to harness visited the BJP headquar- the grievances were taken up the power of the youth, ters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. with the senior officials of the

has envisioned a developed He was accompanied by SC concerned departments for nation, where youth leads Morcha Seh-Prabhari & JMC early disposal.

Nitish commends first batch of Agniveers from J&K joining Indian Army

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day as the first batch young men and women to serve our nation.

the youth of our country their bravery and unwaving doors of opportunity is a testament to their love region.

for them. In a statement for India and their deterissued here today, Nitish mination to contribute Mahajan said, "I am positively to our nation's Today marks a historic immensely proud of the future."

"The Agniveer program of Agniveers from the from the Jammu and has not only provided Jammu and Kashmir valley Kashmir valley who have employment opportuniproudly joined the Indian chosen to serve our nation ties to the youth of Jammu Army. Nitish Mahajan, by joining the Indian Army and Kashmir but also fos-Co-incharge Social Media through the Agniveer ini- tered a sense of unity and Department, BJP, J&K, tiative. Their dedication, purpose among them. It expressed his heartfelt courage, and patriotism has played a vital role in appreciation for these are exemplary and truly nurturing a strong spirit brave young individuals commendable." As these of nationalism, which is who have taken the oath Agniveers embark on their essential for the overall journey of service to the progress and develop-The Agniveer initiative, nation, their dedication ment of our nation," he championed by Prime and sacrifice will continue added. The senior BJP Minister Narendra Modi, to inspire countless others leader emphasized that has been instrumental in to follow in their foot- the government at the providing a platform for steps, Nitish said, saluting Centre headed by PM Narendra Modi stands to contribute towards ering commitment to the firmly behind the youth national security and cause of India. He added, of Jammu and Kashmir, development. He com- "I extend my heartfelt who are the future of our mended the Modi govern- congratulations to these great nation. He reiterated ment for its unwavering Agniveers on this momen- the party's commitment to commitment to empow- tous occasion. Their deci- supporting initiatives that ering the youth of Jammu sion to wear the uniform promote peace, prosperand Kashmir and open- and safeguard our borders ity, and progress in the

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In a bid to promote environmental conservation and raise awareness about the significance of green-Minister, Kavinder Gupta, Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Park here today.

drive was organized by Varun Sharma, Vice President of Gandhi Nagar Mandal. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Shastri Shiksha Kendra tree plantation drive was High School Gandhi not a one-time effort but Nagar, led by Principal Sumesh Dhamral, and mitment to the environinclude Rekha Mahajan cial. (District President), Vinay Munish Gupta, Chan- care and survival.

der Kant Sharma, Tilak Raj Sharma, Anil Kohli, Bhrighu Sharma, Vikas Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma Balraj, Swaran Verma, and Dinesh Sharma.

Speaking on the occaery, senior BJP leader sion, Kavinder Gupta and former Deputy Chief highlighted the paramount importance of spearheaded a tree plan- preserving and nurturtation drive as a part of ing the environment. He Sewa Pakhwada near the emphasized the role of trees, often referred to as "green gold," in maintain-The tree plantation ing the delicate balance of the ecosystem. Increasing

the green cover, he stated, was essential to safeguarding the planet's ecological equilibrium. Gupta stressed that the part of a sustained com-

dedicated staff mem- ment, adding that proper bers. Prominent among care and attention to the those who were present planted saplings were cru-He said that the involve-

Gupta, Bharat Bhushan, ment of students in the Narnder Koki, Indu plantation drive aimed Bhushan Sharma, Arun to educate them about Khosla, Varun Sharma, the importance of "Green Arvind Gupta, Ankush Gold." He encouraged stu-Dogra, Rajesh Bhau, dents to take a personal Raghav Arora, Priyanka stake in environmental Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, preservation by planting Sunil Sharma, Rajeev at least one sapling on Langer, Sanju Bhau, Ram- their birthdays and ensurpaul, Bhushan Verma, ing the saplings' proper

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Bhalla while handing over amendment.

keys of Scooty to physicalothers.

gress towards the upliftthe society & said the others. Congress policies and

guaranteed equality in Reserved categories in the Constitution, framed 2004 which was earlier under the chairmanship regulated by an SRO in JKPCC Working President of Dr BR Ambedkar, thus J&K.He accused BJP of cre-Raman Bhalla today said transforming the life of ating division & polarisathat Congress has always the oppressed section tion for vote bank politics protected the interests ensuring their due par- and cautioned them not of all sections of society ticipation in every sphere. to fall prey to the exploiespecially downtrodden The Congress under the tation of BJP in the name and marginalized sec- leadership of Rajiv Gandhi of religion, caste, creed & tions and ensured their gave 33 percent reserva- colour. He said Congress due share and partici- tion to women including always believes in uniting pation in every sphere SC women apart from the people and that is why of life including politi- proportional representa- in the prevailing situation cal empowerment right tion to SC, STs and OBC in in the country, Rahul from basic institutions all tiers of Panchayats and Gandhi led the 4000 km of democracy to highest ULBs throughout coun- padyatra " Bharat Jodo levels. This was stated by try through 73rd &74th yatra "from Kanyakumari

Bhalla said BJP has ly challenged persons at brought miseries through BJP for crushing the poor Panchayat Narwal during unprecedented price rise especially downtrodden a programme organized for the poor, common during it's rule by fleecby Panch Gagan Bral at man, educated unem- ing them through unprec-Rajeev Nagar Bahu Con-ployed and daily wagers edented taxes on all items stituency . Prominent and each section of soci- leading record price rise, among those present ety due to unprecedented large scale unemployment on the occasion include price rise by huge taxa- and other anti poor poli-Satish Sharma, Block tions, besides snatch- cies. He said the senior President Jatinder Singh ing the lands of the poor most leader Malikarjun Chib, Madam Harvinder farmers during last more Kharge elected president Kour, Master Paras Ram than nine years of its rule. of Congress party today, Baloria, Gopal Sharma, The congress shall undo who also belongs to down-Diwan Chand besides the wrongs of BJP govt trodden section of the and present dispensation country. Bhalla said that Speaking on the occa- and introduce the people Congress always framed sion, Bhalla traced the friendly and various pro & implemented the pro achievements of the Con- poor policies in Jammu & poor and pro oppressed Kashmir thus giving major policies to ensure their ment of down trodden relief to the sufferings of upliftment since indepen-& oppressed sections of poor, downtrodden and dence and referred to the

programmes have always contributions of Congress posts all over state in the been directed towards the party towards upliftment last govt. He also referred welfare of poor & down- of downtrodden in every to the plight of refugees trodden. He said that as sphere including politi- and the poor farmers who the country gained free- cal empowerment from were being uprooted by dom, the Congress intro- top to bottom right upto present dispensation and duced reservation for the panchyats. He said it was assured that Congress will SC, STs in jobs admis- Congress which framed fight for the poor & downsions and legislature and the reservation Act for trodden.

to Kashmir.

Bhalla lashed out at the protection of their rights Bhalla referred to the to jobs in district cadre

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12 Day long Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Camp commenced by NCC Group HQ, Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

NAGROTA: 04 OCT 2023

NCC Group Headquarters Jammu is hosting a 12-day long Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Camp from 03 October 2023 at NCC Training academy Nagrota in which NCC Cadets of Delhi, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh are participating.

The Camp formally commenced today with the customary opening address by Brigadier PS Cheema, SM, VSM, Group Commander NCC Jammu who welcomed the Cadets as well as outlined the aim and scope of the Camp while highlighting the various activities planned during the Camp. The enthusiasm of the Cadets was palpable and the atmosphere was filled with the vibrant energy of Youth who are the future of our country as they interacted with the Commander.

Block Diwas addresses public concerns in Vyaspur Panchayat, RS Pura

JI NEWS SERVICE RS PURA, OCT 4

On Block Diwas, which occurred on Wednesday, the Jammu District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, along with various Panchavat representatives and local citizens, converged in Block Suhchenagar of Vyaspur Panchayat to engage with and

the residents. During this event, sev-

region. eral local problems were immediately resolved and Tilak Raj Bhagat Choudhary, Sarpanch land-related issues faced under the guidance of made an earnest plea for Panchayat Gandli Gur- by farmers in the border the District Magistrate. the prompt completion deep Singh Saini, and Sar-District Development of bridges in their respec- panch Vijay Choudhary Council Member Taran- tive areas. These bridges, jit Singh Tony and BDC initially initiated with an faced by residents in the Chairman Tarsem Singh allocation of significant completion of bridge con- inconvenience to the local populace. struction projects connecting Pind Sarocha and



address the issues faced by government schools and school grades and better ambulance services in the ambulance services in the region.

Sarpanches Sarfo Devi also presented the issues border areas to the Dis-

for the improvement of an increase in government

also demanded opening of open gyms in the Panchayat aiming to motivate the youth to keep their mind and body physically fit. He also demanded construction of drain for water drainage. He urged the government that all the line departments should work with coordination so that the issued being faced by farmers would be resolved.

Sarpanch Vijay Choudhary also stressed the Sarpanch Surjeet importance of resolving regions. In response, District

Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya assured the attendees that he had were notably present, funds, are yet to be fin- trict Magistrate, urging recently conducted a advocating for the speedy ished, causing substantial that compensation for the survey of the border areas affected farmers be pro- and had listened to the vided promptly and that concerns of the residents. The Sarpanches further link roads be constructed He affirmed that these Mulechak to Pindie and emphasized the need for to connect remote villages. issues would be addressed Gurdeep Singh Saini in a timely manner.

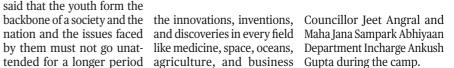
Youth forms backbone of society, nation: Sat Sharma

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 4

Asking the administration for the early redressal of the issue of the youth, who appeared for the examination of Sub-Inspector Sat Sharma, former Minister & former BJP State President, said that the youth form the backbone of a society and the nation and the issues faced tended for a longer period of time.

and contributes directly to Youth, while pursuing the progress of the nation. ous other deputations and their jobs and businesses, have the capacity to build Sat Sharma stressed that BJP a strong society with their skills, with the view of eradi- in the hands of the youth Amb, Kishtwar, and other cating poverty, and develop- and every call of the youth is places shared their grievancing the economic condition taken by the party on the priand political stability of the ority to address their issues. society and the nation to which they belong.

Prime Minister Narendra ances of the public, who had correction, water supply. All Modi, in order to harness visited the BJP headquar- the grievances were taken up the power of the youth, ters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. with the senior officials of the has envisioned a developed He was accompanied by SC concerned departments for nation, where youth leads Morcha Seh-Prabhari & JMC early disposal.



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Besides SI aspirants, vari-While talking to the youth, individuals from Samba, Talab Tillo, Satwari, Doda, believes that the future lies Ajeet Nagar, Nagrota, Janipur, es with the BJP leaders, which were related to pension case, Sat Sharma said this, while promotion, repair of road, he was listening to the griev-sewerage, drains, land record

Unsung heroes of freedom struggle remembered

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, 4 OCTOBER :

Under the aegis of Azadi was the guest of honour. Ka Amrit Mahotsav, on The entire program was the initiative of Center for organized under the Advanced Research on supervision of Ratan Lal Development and Change, Culture Cell and teacher New Delhi in collabora- GHSS Bupp. tion with Union Ministry of Culture, a colourful cultural program was organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Bupp, Zone Chinani under Krantitirath. Students from class 1st to 12th participated in various cultural programs. The main objective behind this event was to remember the unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle.

The chief guest at the function was Joginder Singh, Principal Incharge Government Higher Sec-

Vi Introduces Data Sharing, Night Time **Unlimited Data** into Vi Max Family

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 4

ondary School, Bupp. Local Panchayat representative Prakash Chand Non-Violence Day. NSS

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JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH. DIVISION

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The event started with

the welcome address by NSS coordinator NSS unit of Shri Mata Dr. Rajiv Kumar. Vice Vishno Devi University, Chancellor, Prof. Pra-Katra celebrated Gandhi gati Kumar was the Jayanti as International chief guest of the occasion and Dean of Students volunteers formed a Welfare, Dr. R. K. Mishra Human chain to support was the guest of honor Non-Violence in their lives. of the event. They shared

days



NSS SMVDU celebrates International Non-Violence Day

life of our great leaders on the occasion. NSS vol- event. More than 100 stu-Rashtrapita Mahatma unteers, Ojashvi, Suhani dents actively participated Gandhi and Shri Lal and Akansha recited in the event. Refreshment Bahadur Shastri ji. A poems. NSS volunteers, was also served at the end small documentory on Parvallika and Parakh of the event.

their thoughts on the Khadi was also displayed Rajput anchored the whole

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE DIVISION REASI NOTICE INVITING TENDER

ENIT No: 56 of 2023-24 Dated 30-09-2023 issued under endorsement No. PHER/972-77 dated: - 30-09-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, REASI invite tenders by etendering mode on above / below perce and Railways etc. for the following works <mark>age rate</mark> from approved and eligible Govt. contractors registered with J&K Govt./ CPWD/ MES

S. No.	Name of work	Estd. Cost	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money @ 2%	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of rope crossing, 100mm dia (m) R/main from dug well Champanoo to 0.50 lacs glns capacity GSR and minor Distribution at ward n. 06 and 07 WSS Champanoo "under UT capex budget). Scope: - 1. Construction of rope crossing 2. Construction of crate work for rope crossing concrete block 3. Providing and laying of G.I pipe	33.38	1000/-	66760/-	"A" and "B"	60 Days

Position of AAA: - Accorded BUDGETED Position of funds: -

Date of Publishing 30-09-2023

Postpaid Plans JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 4

After introducing the industry first 'Choice' features, which empowers Vi Max postpaid users to choose their preferred benefits, Vi has introduced two unique propositions into the Vi Max Family Postpaid Plans - Data Sharing and Night Time Unlimited Data. With these product innovations, Vi Max Family Postpaid customers will enjoy more data benefits to watch movies, stream videos, listen to music, play games, surf, chat, work, or study.

Offering enhanced data benefits to its Vi Max Family Postpaid plan users, Vi introduced Data sharing, a new proposition, where the users will get an additional data quota ranging from 10 GB to 25GB, on top of their selected plan. This proposition allows primary and secondary members of the family plan to also share the additional data quota. Vi has also extended Night Time Unlimited Data benefits to Vi Max Family Postpaid Plans, offering them a Truly Unlimited data experience from 12 am to 6 am. With these, Vi Max Rs 601 Family plan, provides a total data quota of 120 GB with 2 connections. Furthermore, Rs 1001 and Rs 1151 Vi Max Family plans, offer a data quota of 280 GB with 4 connections and 325 GB with 5 connections respectively. All the Vi Max Postpaid plans come with other value-added benefits including Vi Games, Vi Music, Vi Jobs & Education, Vi Movies & TV. Tho know more on the Vi Max Family Postpaid plans, log on to https://www.myvi.in/postpaid/ family-postpaid-plans.



CRITICAL DATES:

i	Publish Date	03-10-2023 (11:00 AM)
II	Document Download Start Date	03-10-2023 (11:30 AM)
iii	Clarification Start date	04-10-2023
iv	Clarification End date	06-10-2023
iv	Bid submission Start date	30-09-2023
v	Bid submission End date	10-10-2023 (15.00 PM)
vi	Date of Bid opening	12-10-2023 (11:00 AM onwards)

1. Bid documents can be accessed & downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in

2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

 The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division Udhampur Bids must be accompanied cost of Tender Document and EMD as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall bepayable at Jammu

The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury challan / e-Challan towards the cost of tender document to be deposited in MH-0215-WSS (Revenue head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank branch Udhampur bearing bank account No. 0028010200000091, IFSC code JAKA0UDMPUR in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division Udhampu

4. Firms who will fulfill the following parameters are eligible to participate

- Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of this estimated cost. i)
- "Experience certificate of having successfully completed or substantially completed one similar ii) work during last seven years ending last day of the month previous to the one in which tenders are invited". Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover
- 6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non- responsive.
- 7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- 8. Queries by email if any should be made at eephemudr@gmail.com.

No. JSPHEM/UDHR/2023-24/3634-47 Dated: 30-09-2023

DIP/J-9083/23 Date: 4-10-23

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jkte rs.gov.in from 30-09-2023 from 17:00 (Hrs) The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 30-09-2023 (18:00 Hrs) to 09/10/2023 (1600 Hrs). The complete bidding process will be online.

The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 10/10/2023 (1300 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI

Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and Earnest Money Deposit as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table payable at Reasi pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI Earnest money deposit (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 90 days. The cost of downloaded tender documents in the form of E-Challan, Treasury challan /Receipt under MH-0215 – WSS (Revenue Head. EMD @ 2% shall be ased on receipt of performance security @ 3% from the successful bidder which shall be released after completion of the defect liability period of the work.

The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI and shall be communicated separately.

The irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee @ 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/ irrevocable Bank Guarantee shall have to be submitted before award of ntract duly pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division REASI valid upto 30 days beyond the expire of defect liability period. The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished

9. with the Bid documents constraint of binarcous to Binarce (115), bin Data Sneet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract, Contract, Contract, Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: <u>www.iktenders.gov.in</u> on or before [09/10/2023 upto 16.00Hrs] The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.
Bids shall be received "on line" on or before 0f 09/10/2023 upto 16.00Hrs]. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Digital Signature

10 Certificate (DSC) and proper user Id.

The hard copy shall have to submitted by the L1 within 3days after opening of Financial bid in the office of the [Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Reasi] during office working hrs.

A Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may ask on line in the e-procurement portal using his / her DSC or through email: phereasi001@gmail.com, provided the queries are raised 05 days prior to the deadline for on-line submission of bids.

Bids received on line shall be opened on 10/10/2023 at 1300 Hours in the office of the [Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Reasi] in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives, who wish to be present. Bidders can witness the opening of bids after logging on to the site through their DSC. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

- 14 The Contract committee reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- 15. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of all taxes as applicable at the time of payment
- All the required material shall be arranged by the Contractor. 16

The Bidding will be under 2 cover system

Cover I (Technical Cover) Scanned copy of below mentioned documents have to be uploaded by the bidder for Technical Qualification a 1 a 1 B

a)	Scanned copy of tender Fee
<i>b</i>)	Scanned copy of EMD
c)	Scanned copy of registration Card duly renewed for the year 2023-24.
d)	Scanned copy of PAN Card
e)	Scanned copy of Latest GSTR-3B
Д	Acceptance of all terms and conditions mentions in e-nit / SBD shape of affidavit (notarized.)
g)	Scanned Copy of ITR for the year 2022-23
(B)	Cover II (Financial Cover)
<i>a</i>)	Bidder shall quote the percentage rates in the BOQ.
1.	No extra payment shall be made on account of dewatering even if involved at site of work, bidders are advised to quote their rates
accordingly.	
2.	The service tax, Income Tax or any other tax shall be effective @ the prevailing rates fixed by the Govt. From time to time and shall
be deducted a	tt source from the amount payable to contractor.
3.	The contractor shall draw agreement deed within 7days with the department after the issuance of allotment letter.
4.	Any loss to the laborers during execution of work shall wholly-solely be the responsibility of the contractor.
5.	No extra carriage, lead or lift of any kind of material shall be paid, the bidder shall have to quote his rate as per BOQ / inclusive of
all carriages.	/ material handling charges / toll / taxes etc. and the payment shall be made as per actual work done on rate basis as per BOQ.
6.	The validity of the bid shall be 90 days from the date of opening "Price Bid".
7.	The Contractor shall have to take photographs of each site of work before execution, during execution and after completion of work.
8.	GEO Tagging of each work shall have to be done by the Contractor and the contractor is advised to quote his rates accordingly.
9. onlistmonts /	The Contractors registered with CPWD / MES / Railways etc. are eligible to cast the tenders strictly as per their respective tendering limit. The approved copy of the enlistments should be uploaded along with respective tender documents by the bidders.
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	Executive Engineer
	Jal Shakti PHE Division

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Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Divisior

Musk tops Forbes' 400 richest people in US, Bezos ranks 2nd

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Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has topped Forbes' 400 richest people in America in 2023 list for the second year in a row, with an estimated fortune of \$251 billion, leaving behind fellow tech titans Amazon Founder Jeff Bezos and CTO and Cofounder of Oracle Larry Ellison.

According to Forbes, Musk is worth exactly the up from just four last year. lion. same as last year -- and \$90 place Bezos, who's worth an estimated \$161 billion.

lion for Twitter (now X) last year, he has mainrocket company SpaceX, which is now worth \$150 billion after four years.



world's richest man, now sits at the sixth spot on America's list with an estimated fortune of \$111 billion, while Page's Google Nine of the top 20 are co-founder, Sergey Brin,

worth \$100 billion or comes in at number seven more, the most ever, and

While Ellison ranked billion more than second- three with an estimated Mark Zuckerberg spent fortune of \$158 billion, Forbes said that no one off Musk's challenge to a Despite paying \$44 bil- in America has become cage fight, but his early wealthier this year than investment in AI has him, who is \$57 billion tained his wealth. This has richer because of the gen-his \$106 billion fortune. been helped by a five-fold erative AI craze boosting increase in the value of his shares of his software hand man, former Microcompany.

soft CEO Steve Ballmer, Google's co-founder ranks ninth with \$101 bil-Larry Page, who ranked lion.

SC reserves verdict on plea challenging 'senior advocates' designation

fifth, got \$21 billion richer AGENCIES NEW DELHI, OCT 4 this year due to a 26 per

> The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on a plea challenging designation of senior advocates under the Advocates Act, 1961.

> A bench of Justices S.K. Kaul, C.T. Ravikumar, and Sudhanshu Dhulia reserved the judgment after hearing the contentions raised by the petitioner-in person, Mumbai-based lawyer Mathew J. Nedumpara.

that senior designation advocates under Sections of the mandate of equality has created a class of 16 and 23(5) of the Advo- under Article 14 and the as senior advocates was advocates with special cates Act, 1961 as well rights and "the same has as under the Supreme fession under Article 19, been seen as reserved Court Rules, 2013 creates as well as the right to life and by the rule of majoronly for the kith and kin a "special class of advo- under Article 21. The peti- ity.



cates, politicians, ministers etc.

Govt notifies setting up of National Turmeric Board

It said that the designa- advocates" and is uncon-The petition alleged tion of advocates as senior stitutional being violative

of judges and senior advo- cates with special rights, privileges and status not available to ordinary

right to practice any pro- taken by adopting a secret

tioner assailed the apex court's judgement in 2017 Indira Jaising's case where guidelines were laid down for conferring the senior

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advocates designation. The apex court had said that a five-member permanent committee, headed by Chief Justice of India, should be set up for short-listing candidates for conferring senior designation. Similar guidelines were issued for 24 high courts across the country.

Prior to the 2017 judgment, a decision on the designation of lawyers voting among the judges

The National Tur-

meric Board will provide

leadership on turmeric

related matters, augment

the efforts, and facilitate

greater coordination with

Spices Board and other

government agencies in

development and growth

potential and interest the

world over on the health

and wellness benefits of

turmeric, which the board

will leverage to further

increase awareness and

consumption, develop

our traditional knowledge

It will especially focus

There is significant

of the turmeric sector.

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Narendra Modi stadium to have mini ICUs ahead of ICC cricket world cup

JINDRAH IMAGES

AHMEDABAD, OCT 4

spotlight turns towards Ahmedabad for the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup matches, the Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA) has taken measures for safety and well-being of the audience.

A formidable contingent of 3,000 police personnel, complemented by security members, will oversee the proceedings during the opening match of the World Cup, featuring

with two ramps capable of facilitating the exit of 80 individuals. The safety measures extend beyond the stadium's confines, with security presence encompassing both the stadium premises and its environs.

In a heartwarming display of compassion, the England-New Zealand clash will feature reserved seating for 20 terminally ill children battling cancer.

This noble initiative a non-governmental organization (NGO) by BCCI

These children will be tors, ensuring their safety and comfort in a specially designated area.

The Motera Stadium is set to accommodate 132,000 spectators during the much-anticipated India vs. Pakistan encounter scheduled for October 14. The security personnel count will be increased to encompass over 800 private security personnel and more than 4,000

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Emerging market stocks, currencies at multi-month lows

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, OCT 4

Asset classes across emerging markets took a dive on Wednesday with stocks and currencies hitting multi-month lows per cent, reaching a fivepressured by an ongoing rout in global bond markets (30-year yields touching 5 per cent for the first time since 2007), said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities.

16-year highs, challenging equity valuations and he said. souring appetite for risk

kets fell by roughly 0.47 ers.



week low, said Vaibhav hike. Vidwani, Research Analyst at Bonanza Portfolio.

The 10-year Treasury yield rose to 4.8 per cent, its highest level since August 2007, as a result of this contributing to wor-USbond yields reach ries that the Fed would hike rates again this year,

Bank, SBI, Axis assets as investors bet IndusInd Bank, NTPC, interest rates will remain and UltraTech Cement persistently high, he said. were the Nifty's top losers, In response to worries while Adani Enterprises, raised by an unexpected Nestle India, HUL, Eicher spike in the US job vacan- Motors, and HDFC Bank in expectation of near-norcies report, Indian mar- were among the top gain- mal monsoon and festival

Govt raises cooking gas subsidy to Ujjwala

beneficiaries to Rs 300 per cylinder

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said strong US job data is reinforcing Fed's hawkish stance and multi-year high US bond vields is signalling an

cent jump in the shares of

its parent company Alpha-

bet. His wealth is now esti-

Microsoft founder Bill

Gates, who was once the

with a fortune of \$110 bil-

Meta Founder and CEO

part of this year fending

helped him consolidate

Gates' former right-

mated at \$114 billion.

impending interest rate

Globally, investors are adopting risk-averse strategies due to inflation concerns and the strengthening US dollar. And in India, despite a robust economy, premium valuations of midcaps and recent rally is augmenting consolidation. he said.

Interest-rate-sensitive sectors like real estate, banking, and metals are the most impacted category, while the FMCG sector is more optimistic demand, he said.

Government on Wednesday notified establishment of a National Turmeric Board in Telangana, which would be aimed at increasing consumption of turmeric and developing new markets internationally to increase exports.

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during the union cabinet meeting, held earlier increase turmeric exports today. The board, which will be set up in Nizamabad in Telangana, will promote research and development into new products and develop on our traditional knowledge Narendra Modi on October 1 during his visit to Telangana, had announced the setting up of the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad

The decision was taken after the cabinet meeting and a secretary, who will that the board will help

> 2030. The board will have a chairperson, who will be

from the ministry of

national or state institu-

be appointed by the commerce ministry. from India to \$1 billion by

world.

India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the In 2022-23, an area of new markets internation-

3.24 lakh hectares was ally to increase exports, under turmeric cultivation promote research and in India with a production development into new products, and develop on

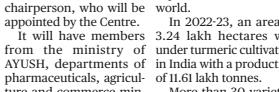
More than 30 varieties of turmeric are grown in for value-added turmeric India and it is grown in products. over 20 states in the country

on capacity building and The largest producskill development of turing states of turmeric are meric growers for harness-Maharashtra, Telangana, ing greater benefits out of

IAF gets its first twin-seater LCA Tejas

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The Indian Air Force on



istry as well as senior state government representatives from three states (on rotation basis), select Information and Broad- tions involved in research,

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As the cricketing world's

To this end, the GCA has set up six medical kiosks, complete with mini ICUs, within the Narendra Modi Stadium, poised to address any potential emergencies that may arise during the tournament.

an additional 600 private England and New Zealand.

The venue is equipped

was promptly approved in response to a request from secretary Jay Shah.

accompanied by their doc-

police officers.

cance of LCA Tejas programme, he said that the country gained the much-

this project.

required knowledge of

products. Prime Minister pharmaceuticals, agricul-

casting Minister Anurag representatives of turmer-

for value-added turmeric AYUSH, departments of ture and commerce min-

Thakur told mediapersons ic farmers and exporters, Karnataka and Tamil value addition.

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NEW DELHI, OCT 4

Eyeing assembly elections in five states and Lok Sabha polls just six months away, the government on Wednesday hiked the subsidy on cooking gas cylinders given under the Ujjwala scheme to Rs 300 per cylinder from the existing Rs 200.

The decision was taken by the union cabinet, which met earlier in the day. Information and Anurag Thakur told medi- prices of domestic LPG



On August 29, thegov- against the market price Broadcasting Minister ernmenthad cut the of Rs903.

After today's decision, apersons after the Cabinet cylinders byRs200 across a beneficiary has to pay meeting thatsubsidyforU- board for all consumers, Rs 603 now. The hikedjjwalabeneficiarieshas includingUjjwalabenefi- subsidyofRs 300 will be been increased from the ciaries. Ujjwala beneficia- directly credited to the existing Rs200per cylin- ries currently pay Rs 703 bank accounts of Ujjwala der to Rs300per cylinder. per 14.2-kg cylinderas beneficiaries.

Wednesday got its first twin-seater Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

The LCA Tejas symbolises India's journey towards self-sufficiency in defence manufacturing, said Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt, who handed over the training aircraft to the IAF in a ceremony in Benglaru.

The HAL's first series state-of-the-art technology, agility, and versatility, and will provide suitable training to the Pilots of IAF.

trainer aircraft can fly in the programme, but the



any weather.

Bhatt said that the LCA production twin seater of Tejas programme has been LCA Tejas is decked with an inspiring saga of relentless dedication and innovation

The IAF has already equipping our Indian Air that nothing is impossible Director General Dr Girish placed an order for 83 Force with a world-class when the country's inter- S Deodhare, CEMILAC LCAs with the Hindustan indigenous fighter aircraft. est comes first and all insti- Chief Executive A.P.V.S. Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), It was a dream that many tutions come together for Prasad, Deputy Chief of the Ministry of Defence believed was too ambi- completion of this impor- the Air Staff Air Marshal said. The Tejas twin-seater tious at the beginning of tant cause," he added.

men and women at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, institutions, and skilled workers who have contribthe Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO uted to various aspects of Labs, CEMILAC, DGAQA,

PSUs, IAF and countless "The inception of the other institutions and indishal Vivek Ram Chaudhari, LCA Tejas aircraft was viduals who contributed HAL CMD (Addl. Charge) rooted in the dream of to this programme proved C B Ananthakrishna, ADA Ashutosh Dixit were pres-Underlining the signifi- ent on the occasion.

building a cutting-edge fighter aircraft and also **Bollywood actor** developed and nurtured aerospace ecosystem.

Ranbir Kapoor The development of in Mahadev LCA Tejas has spurred the growth of a robust defence **Books** money and aerospace industry laundering case in India. It has created opportunities for count-AGENCIES less small and mediumsized enterprises, research NEW DELHI, OCT 4

IAF chief Air Chief Mar-

His remarks came amid

Manipur. Since the ethnic

had earlier demanded the

Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at its Mumbai office on Friday in connection with its probe into the Mahadev Books money laundering case, sources said on Wednesday.

The source said that the development comes in the wake of several Bollywood personalities attending the marriage ceremony of one of Mahadev Books' promoters, Sourabh Chandrakar, in the UAE.

The lavish wedding ceremony of Chandrakar was attended by many Bollywood celebrities and the financial probe agency had found the details of the payments of hotels and transport details during the searches it carried out last month, the source added. It is alleged that the

Mahadev Books spent around Rs 200 crore on the marriage ceremony programme in Dubai with private jets hired to ferry family members from Nagpur to the UAE.

Never before has a PM abandoned a state, its people like now: Cong

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rendous situation".

In a statement, Con-

the state.

gress General Secretary marked improvement. In comment for less than 5 communication in-charge fact things have turned minutes in a 133 minute

Jairam Ramesh said, "Five from bad to worse. Social months back, on the eve- harmony has broken ning of May 3, Manipur down completely. Horrif-The Congress on Wednes- erupted because of the ic details of violent crimes day once again trained its divisive politics of the emerge every other day. gun on Prime Minister Nar- so-called double engine Tens of thousands conendra Modi over the situa- sarkar (government) tinue to languish in relief tion in strife-torn Manipur, there." He said that after camps. Clashes between saying that "never before almost a month, after the Armed forces and the has a Prime Minister com- being relieved from Kar- state police are routine," pletely abandoned a state nataka election duties and he said. Training his guns and its entire people like other such urgent matters, at PM Modi, Ramesh said, now and the northeastern the Home Minister (Amit "Yet the Prime Minister state has come to this hor- Shah) deemed it fit to visit has been completely silent except for a much belat-"But there has been no ed, routine and ritualistic



speech in the Lok Sabha Manipur? When was the cies and the Prime Minison August 10. The Chief last time the Prime Min- ter's priorities," he alleged. Minister (N Biren Singh) ister discussed Manipur continues to brazen it out with his cabinet colleague the tense situation in despite the majority of BJP from the state?" MLAs wanting him out of office."

Firing salvos at the leader said that "never of people have died while Prime Minister, the Rajya Minister visited Manipur? When was the last time

Hitting back at the BJP violence erupted in Manigovernment, the Congress pur on May 3, hundreds

before has a Prime Min- thousands have been Sabha MP asked, "When ister completely aban- forced to take refuge in was the last time the Prime doned a state and its entire relief camps. The Congress people like now".

"Manipur has come to immediate removal of the Prime Minister spoke this horrendous situation Manipur Chief Minister to the BJP Chief Minister just about 15 months after N. Biren Singh and also to of Manipur? When was the BJP got a huge mandate send an all-party delegathe last time the Prime in the state is a most damn- tion to the northeastern Minister met BJP MLAs of ing indictment of its poli- state.

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