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Power woes end in J&K as Govt procures additional 400 MWs from UP Govt, GoI

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 5

In a major relief to the October 9. power crisis that had

likely to be procured by

400 MWs of electricity ly to the news agency said said. from Uttar Pradesh gov- that the department has

claimed to have procured while speaking exclusive- managed so far," Prasad the demand," Prasad said. ing additional electricity.

He said that from 09 the additional electricity demand, he said that in sumers after the procur- said the people will wit-

ernment and the Centre. been able to resolve the October onwards, the from the UP government, Kashmir it is 1050 MWs ing of additional electric-ness adequate electric-An additional 150 MWs are issue by 90 per cent so far. department will be able which will be returned to while in Jammu, it is 1000 ity, adding that the power ity like last year. "During "We have procured 150 to get additional 150 them in summers when MWs. "Presently, there is cuts were the outcome of peak hours, we are getting MWs from the UP govern- MWS." With additional Principal Secretary to ment and 250 MWs from 150 MWs of power, we will gripped J&K since the Government, Power the Central government. have a total of 550 MWs of said, adding that the situble of the Government of the Central government. have a total of 550 MWs of said, adding that the situble of the Government of the Central government. past few days, the UT Development Department So a total 400 MWs of additional electricity and ation has been brought said. administration Thursday (PDD), H Rajesh Prasad extra power has been I believe that will suffice under control by procur-

He said: "We have got

the power generation in a shortage of 150 MWs, low power generation due electricity at the rate of Kashmir remains high," he which will be filled by or to the prolonged dry spell Rs 12 per unit from power

He further added that water bodies. adequate electricity will

water discharge in major

Asked about the power Asked about the be ensured to the con-schedule in winters, he as last year," he said.

manage and ensure adequate electricity and the situation will be as good

Lt Governor reviews progress of Government's initiatives and development works at Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 5

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting to review the progress of the initiatives of the government and the development works at Kupwara district.

The Lt Governor directed the senior officials to visit border villages a ground assessment of challenges and opportustreaming of villages.

Concerted and coor- action plan. dinated action should be ments for inclusive development, he said.

representatives

with PRIs and public

LG interacts

at Kupwara

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visit to Kupwara today.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj

Sinha interacted with members

of Panchayati Raj Institutions and

public representatives during his

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and stay overnight for appraised the sector-wise tion. He further directed of Golden cards and proviperformance of the satu- for proper rationalization sion of online consultation ration of the government of the teachers and utiliza- of medical services must nities and plan activities, schemes and also reviewed tion of manpower in edu- be made available wherprogrammes and innova- the winter preparedness cation sector. tive measures for main of the District Administration and department-wise

The Lt Governor child is deprived of educa- organized for saturation

Reviewing the health sector, the Lt Governor ed Chief Engineer PWD directed for identifying to prepare SoPs for snow He directed the officers the gaps in extension of ensured by all the depart- to take concrete measures health services and to round-the-clock connecto increase the female lit- take corrective measures. eracy rate and ensure no Special camps should be He also enquired

ever required, he said.

The Lt Governor directclearance and to ensure tivity during the winters.

Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway progresses rapidly; Jammu route expected to open by Sep 2024

SRINAGAR, OCT 5

In a monumental development, the Katra consists of two packages, one construction of the, 4-lane (expand-Katra expressway is advancing at shortly," he said. an impressive pace, with the muchanticipated Jammu route set to open by September 2024.

Shanker, Regional Officer of the June 2025. "These milestones will National Highway Authority of India dramatically enhance connectivity (NHAI) for the Jammu and Kashmir in the region. Another official said region said the expressway project one of the most promising aspects comprises five segments.

"The stretch from Pathankot to travel distances significantly," Jammu is divided into three pack-

ages, with construction already underway on all of them. Simultaneously, the section from Jammu to of which is in progress, while the able to 8 lanes) Delhi-Amritsar- last package is poised to commence

Shanker said that the Jammu leg of the expressway is expected to be accessible by September 2024, Talking to news agency, P. Siva followed by the Katra segment in of this project is its potential to cut

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story in country today: LG Sinha Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated multiple

Jammu Kashmir is new success

development projects worth more than Rs. 26 Crores at Kupwara.

Addressing a public function at Boys Higher Secondary School, the Lt Governor shared the phenomenal developmental journey of Kupwara district over the last three years.

He said the border district has embarked on a significant capacity building in infrastructure sector. The projects inaugurated today are the reflective of government's



wara, he added.

"Jammu Kashmir is the new success story in the country today. Our overall economic growth Union Territory," the Lt Governor commitment to provide better is demonstrating resilience and said. quality of life to the people of Kup- strength and scripting consider-

able achievement in every sector, bringing improvement in the lives of the people to build a strong

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LG pays homage to bravehearts of Army at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCTOBER 5

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today paid homage to the bravehearts of the Army and laid wreath at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division Kupwara. He also visited the Vajr Gatha CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4



Museum and Exhibition Centre.

"The courage, valour, dedication and spirit of our brave soldiers to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation is unparalleled," the Lt Governor said.

"Vajr Gatha Museum and Exhibition Centre CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

2.50 lakh backdoor recruitments made in past: Chief Secretary

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCT 5

Stating that the Union Territory administration is committed to transparency, the Chief Secretary of J&K Thursday said that over 2.50 Lakh backdoor recruitments were done in the past and nothing such is prevalent now. He was also quick to add that youth need to aim big and not look at daily wage jobs.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta was accompanying LG J&K ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar.

employment opportunities were poor individual of J&K." generated and people of Jammu and



Kashmir were recruited. "Record Manoj Sinha alongside other top number of engagements have been administrative officials including done. No backdoor entry has indeed been made so far. Nothing much Addressing the gathering, CS will surface as it used to happen in as per the news agency said that the past. We aim to provide equal between 2021-22 a total of 30,000 opportunity to each common and CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

J&K borrows Rs 31000 cr in last 3 years to pay electricity bills: CS

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 5

Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday said that 24*7 electricity can be ensured only when all the consumers will pay their tariff with subsidy. Addressing a gathering, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta as per the news agency, said that J&K has borrowed Rs 31000 crore in the last three years to pay the electricity bills. "The things cannot change this way, and the situation cannot be improved," he said.

"24*7 electricity can be made possible only when CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

With ODI World Cup debut, manufacturers hope for wider adoption of Kashmiri willow bats

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 5

cricket bat is all set to industry, thereby moti- miri willow. feature in the third vating other cricketers ers hope for the wider English willow. adoption of the native tional cricket.

after marking its pres- with Kashmir willow show the world that our ence in two T20 world cricket bats. We are cricket bats are at par cups, Kashmiri cricket making them (cricket with English willow," bats are all set to debut bats) at par with Eng- he said. in the ODI world cup, lish willow. Last world played in India.

going to use the Kash- tion. mir willow cricket bats in upcoming matches. bats of Kashmir have ity and performance bats. KNO

cricket bats in interna- ning. In coming years, ers of three interna-As per news agency, eters preferring to play cricket bats. We want to

tures believe that the the last three years after that this World Cup will ongoing world cup will the Omani cricket team mark our third con-As Kashmiri willow bring more fame to the choose to bat with Kash-

world cup, manufactur- to choose Kashmir over confined to the domestic market earlier. Now, "This is just the begin- in this world cup playyou will see more crick-tional teams will use our

which is currently being cup, Kashmir willow er cricket bat manucricket bat hit the lon-facturers, expressed with which 1.5 lakh As many as 18 cricket- gest sixer of the T20 his excitement for the ers from three interna- world cup," said Fawzul upcoming World Cup. tional teams including Kabir, spokesperson of "We are thrilled to see Afghanistan, Sri Lanka the Kashmir Cricket Bat more teams showing and Bangladesh are Manufacturers Associa- interest in using Kash- working hard to get a mir willow bats. It's a geographic indication Kabir said the cricket testament to the qual- (GI) for Kashmir willow

As such the manufac- witnessed a progress in of our bats. We believe secutive victory on the global stage." Pertinent-"Kashmiri willow was ly, ahead of the world cup, demand for the Kashmiri willow cricket bats has increased by 10

The demand, as per the manufacturers, for Kashmiri willow cricket bats is emerging from the entire India. Currently, Kashmir

Shabir Ahmad, anoth- has 400 factories manufacturing cricket bats, people are directly and indirectly associated.

Jammu and Kashmir government is also

DGP J&K Interacts with joint party of Police, Army and CAPFs that was part of Kulgam encounter

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

in tandem with other security forces are working with great commitment and resolve to demolish the remnants of terrorism in the UT. This was stated by the Director General of Police, J&K, Shri Dilbag Singh during his visit to Anantnag District today.

ing with the joint party of District in which two ter- Insurgency Victor Force,



that was part of yester-

the High Ground area of Police, Army and CAPFs rorists were killed. General Officer Com-The DGP was interact- day's encounter in Kulgam manding (GOC) Counter

Maj General Balbir Singh, YSM, VSM, Brig. Amandeep Malli, VSM Comdr 1 Sector RR, DIG South Kashmir Rage Shri Rayees Mohammad Bhat, Col Vishal Kumar Singh, CO 1RR, SSP Anantnag Shri Ashish Kumar Mishra, SSP Kulgam Shri Sahil Sarangal and other senior officers of District Anantnag and Kulgam were present on the occasion.

While interacting with the Jawans and officers CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

DODA, OCTOBER 5

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Vishesh Mahajan, who is also the Chairman of the District Skill Committee (DSC), led a significant meeting to discuss the rollout of the revised Skill Development Plan in

Manujinder Singh, the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow (MGNF) for District Doda, presented a comprehensive report on the program's objectives and action plan. Singh detailed various artisan-based schemes and self-help groups related to skills development in the com- these bottlenecks. mittee meeting for discussion and approval.



the importance of identiating courses, at ITIs. During the meeting, fying the right stakehold-

courses, including dumper DDC Doda emphasized and JCB driving and oper-

DDC Doda suggested expert committee mem- ers to implement the skills the introduction of a DDC Doda and the mem- District Doda, Mahatma bers provided insights into development program virtual driving school bers of the skills develop- Gandhi National Fellow the challenges hindering effectively. He also urged to offer driving courses ment committee explored Manjinder Singh, and the implementation of the the motivation of women online, providing liveli- a wide range of training representatives from Agriskills development pro- for handicrafts and beau- hood opportunities for and course opportunities. culture, Horticulture and gram and offered valuable ty-related courses and pro- unemployed youth in the The meeting highlighted other concerned departsuggestions to overcome posed introducing driving district. He instructed the commitment of Doda's ments.

the Deputy Director administration to empow-Employment and the er its youth through skill head of the driving development, offering institutes to advertise a path to employment the training courses and economic growth in related to driving. The various sectors, including DDC also highlighted agriculture and tourism. the need for skills Deputy Director Employdevelopment in the ment Doda will oversee agro and tourism sec- the skill development tors to create employ- plan, and stakeholders ment opportunities for will collaborate to plan unemployed youth. He training programs in agrodirected the stakehold- based skills, contributing er departments to hold to the district's economic weekly review meetings development. to monitor the progress

Attendees at the meetof the skills develop- ing included CEO BDA, ment programs in the CPO Doda, Deputy Direcdistrict. The meeting tor of Employment Doda, involved a detailed dis- DSWO Doda, Principal of cussion on the scope Polytechnic College Doda, Superintendent of ITI opment aspects across Doda, Assistant Director departments and identi- of Handloom and Handified bottlenecks hindering craft, District Officer JKEDI Doda, Nodal Officer NRLM

DSC discusses rollout of revised Skill Dev Plan in Doda DC Kathua conducts extensive tour of Bani, peripheral areas

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCTOBER 5

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas today conducted an extensive tour of Bani sub-division where he inspected several ongoing projects besides taking stock of the tourism scenario of its peripheral areas.

The DC was accompainspected the assets of and departmental efforts status of acquisition of 450 community. kanal land where scope of

eries Department at Sar- community to augment and adjoining areas.

nied by CEO Basohli Bani thal, the DC was apprised their income by adopting Development Authority by AD Fisheries about the off season farming activi-(BBDA) and SDM Bani. He fishery scenario of the area ties. the Tourism Department towards extending proper listened to the grievances and enquired about the hand holding to farming and demands put forth by

At village Lowang, the DC the PRIs and locals and The DC also inspected assured early redressal of enhancing the amenities the Potato seed Develop- the same. While speaking vis a vis tourism shall be ment Farm established by on the occasion, the DC explored. The DC visited the Department of Agricul- said the initiative of visitthe site for Sports Stadium ture and Farmers Welfare ing Sarthal area was to get coming up at Saarthal to be at Bani for which 110 kanal first hand idea of the tourdeveloped by J&K Sports land has been allocated to ism related infra available Council and took appraisal encourage off season farm- and to explore the scope of of the progress made so far. ing in the area. He direct- organising mega events to While inspecting the ed CAO Kathua to take on foster the tourism economy Trout Fish Centre of Fish- board the local farming in the picturesque valley

DC B'la reviews Healthcare facilities at CHC Sheeri



JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 5

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, ited ITI Baramulla where Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar she reviewed the progtoday visited the Commuress of Skill development nity Health Centre (CHC) and interacted with youth Sheeri to take stock of healthcare facilities being Handicrafts and other provided to the patients.

Apart from inspecting various wards and sec- DC stressed on imparttions of the CHC, Dr. Seh- ing skilled training to the rish enquired about the unemployed youth of the availability of medicines, district to help them get diagnostics and other trained in various trades facilities in the hospital.

Interacting with the and self employed. patients and their atten-

so that they are made feel district. comfortable while receiving treatment.

tration's commitment to the visit.

ADDC Bandipora chairs DLTFC

meeting, approves 12 cases

provide requisite quality healthcare facilities to the

Later, the DC also visengaged with Embroidery, skills.

On the occasion, the for becoming self-reliant

Reiterating adminisdants, the DC enquired tration's commitment of about their wellbeing and engaging local potential the facilities being pro- in Skill Development, vided to them and also the DC said that skilled listened to their issues and training shall provide ample opportunities to The DC enjoined upon the unemployed youth in the entire medical and both manufacturing and paramedical staff to serve service sectors and help in the patients with utmost tackling the rising graph dedication and sincerity of unemployment in the

The DC was accompanied by Joint Director Dr Sehrish also reiter- Planning and other Offiated the district adminis- cers and officials during

Day 2 of Sankalp Saptah: Poshan Nutrition Melas held across 76 AWCs in Marwah Block

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 5

In continued efforts to sessions were held which fortify the impact of the emphasized the impor-Sankalp Saptah cam-tance of "Santulit Aaahar" paign, the Poshan Nutri- (Balanced Diet) and "Mera tion Melas were hosted Paushtik Bageecha" (My across 76 Anganwadi cen- Nutritious Garden), along ters of Aspirational Block with insightful discussions Marwah on the second on the Best Practices of day of the week-long programme.

under the overall supervi- address Nutritional Key sion of Deputy Commis- Performance Indicators sioner and under the close (KPIs), ensuring a holistic supervision of PO ICDS, Dr approach toward achiev-Rishi Kumar Sharma.

with the Aspirational well-being of AWC benefi- intervention. ciaries, through initiatives such as Growth Monitor- nant Women is a cru-Bharai, and Annaprasan expecting mother and the these milestones. Ceremonies.

Adding vibrancy to the community engagement, "Chaupal pe Baat" Kitchen Gardening.

of various skills devel-

program implementation.

The primary focus of The activities were held these activities was to ing optimal nutrition for These events were families within the Aspirafocused on the theme tional Block Marwah. The 'Suposhit Pariwaar- Growth Monitoring of chil-Poshan Mela." Aligned dren not only tracks their physical development but Block Programme, these also ensures early detecactivities aimed to pro-tion of any nutritional conmote comprehensive cerns, allowing for timely

unborn child. The God



Bharai and Annaprasan sions delved into pro-Weighing of Preg- Ceremonies celebrated moting a balanced diet the journey of life, placing and cultivating nutritious ing of children, Weighing cial element to monitor a spotlight on the signifiof Pregnant Women, Godh the health of both the cance of nutrition during

underline ICDS project war), CDPOs, MO RBSK, district Kishtwar,s com- Supervisors, Anganwari mitment to advancing Workers (AWW) and the the objectives of Sankalp mothers of Anganwadi-Saptah and the Aspirational Block Programme. By them participated in the addressing the Nutrition- program with enthusiasm. al KPIs, aim is to lay the foundation for healthier and thriving communities in Marwah Block.

locals in these Anganwadi girls. centres make these events a resounding success.

Balak Balika Sarpadha dren, emphasizing health was organized at PO ICDS interventions, immuniza-Office Kishtwar to pro- tion programs for pregmote child welfare and nant mothers and newhealth.

The event saw the pres-

health and well-being of Yudhveer Singh Kotwal (Medical Superintendent, These collective efforts District Hospital Kishtgoing children. All of

The event included a quantitative estimation of hemoglobin levels of all child beneficiaries, cou-The Enthusiastic Par- pled with growth moniticipation of Local PRIs, toring activities involving AWWs, Lactating and height and weight meapregnant ladies, Ado- surements. The occasion lescent girls, Anganwari also recognized and felicigoing Children besides tated healthy boys and

In his address, the CMO shed light on nutritional Meanwhile, Swasth deficiencies among chilborns.

He provided crucial ence of Dr Rishi Kumar counseling to participat-Sharma (PO-ICDS), Dr M ing mothers regarding sustainable practices that Y Mir, Chief Medical Offi- their diet and the impor-"Chaupal pe Baat" ses- contribute to the overall cer (CMO) Kishtwar, Dr tance of a healthy lifestyle.

CBTP on Silk Weaving Technology commences at JKI Silk Weaving factory Rajbagh Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

A Capacity Building Training (CBT) programme was started by Silk Technical Service Centre, CSTRI, Central Silk Board, Jammu at JKI Silk Weaving factory Rajbagh Srinagar.

The training program was inaugurated by Dr. Vikas Gupta, Managing Director, Jammu Kashmir Industries Ltd at the conference hall of JKI Weaving Factory, Srinagar.

The Managing Director, JKI interacted with all the weaver trainees and asked them about their introduction, experience and existing problems. He said it is a good initiative of the Central Silk Board for the development of silk business, under which the handloom and power loom weaving work is being improved.

Dr. Gupta said that this is a great opportunity to learn new things as Central Silk Board officers will training for all the weavers in the factory campus. nology, so that silk prodand Kashmir industry.





come here and organize gram N. S. Gahlot, Silk program from 4th to Technical Service Centre, 13th October (10 days) CSTRI, Jammu gave a brief skills of weavers will be

designers with new tech- in Jammu and Kashmir.

nator of the training pro- ogy". During training 1500.

All the participants of the objective of this enhanced, maintenance should come forward training program which of power loom machine and suggest taking benefit is to produce silk fabrics parts, reducing defects in from textile experts and as per the market demand silk fabric will be reduced and training course kit, Apart from 15 visit- weaving kit/material, will uct manufacturing can be ing officers, 17 men and be arranged for all the 20 upgraded by the Jammu 3 women participated in trainees and each trainee the training program on will be given a wage allow-Scientist-D and Coordi- "Silk Weaving Technol- ance/honorarium of Rs

Additional Auto stands proposed for Doda town to ease traffic congestion

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 5

gardens at the house-

hold level, promoting

To alleviate traffic congestion in Doda Town, Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a crucial meeting of the designated members of Auto Rickshaw Stands Management Committee headed by ACR Sanjeev Kumar, to identify new feasible auto stands in the Doda Town. The meeting was held in the office chamber of DC Doda. A comprehensive discussion ensued regarding the Road and near Bharat instructed to issue idenefficient operation and Nallah. management of existing auto stands within the ibility and management, town. The Deputy Com- the DC recommended senger traffic.

tion of small vendor carts all auto stands. near the fountain area to the police Chowki at Ghat ability, officials were Department.



To improve the vis-

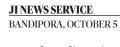
missioner proposed the painting yellow lines at all establishment of new existing auto stands and mately 225 autos are regauto stands at strategic affixing signboards with istered under the Motor locations to accommo- unique auto stand num- Vehicles Department. The date the increasing pas- bers. Furthermore, spe- DC also advocated for the cific number plates, bear- creation of an auto stand DC issued directives to ing the symbol "D" and near the Clock Tower on enhance the aesthetics of sequential numbering (1, Dessa Road, adjacent to the primary auto stand 2, 3, etc.), were proposed the SSP office complex. near the old bus stand, for auto vehicles. In a bid Many new auto stand adjacent to the fountain to monitor their activities, locations were proposed point. Additionally, he the DC directed the instal- to effectively manage and suggested the installa- lation of CCTV cameras at control congestion arising

Addressing the needs accommodate vendors of hospital-bound pas- attendance of key officials, who were displaced. Fur-sengers, the Deputy Com-including ACR Doda, CPO thermore, the Deputy missioner suggested the Doda, SP Doda, Accounts Commissioner instructed establishment of an auto Officer DC Office Doda, the committee to establish stand near the Associated ARTO Doda, Executive electric auto stands near Hospital of GMC Doda. In Officer MC Doda, and offi-Ganpati Brigade, close to a move to ensure account- cers from the Traffic Police

tity cards to auto drivers, linking them with their respective vehicles.

During the meeting, it was revealed that approxifrom heavy traffic.

The meeting saw the



Bandipora, the Addition- pending formalities. al District Development Commissioner (ADDC), the approved applicants Ali Afsar Khan Thursday will receive the financial chaired second District support they need to kick-Level Task Force Commit-start their entrepreneurtee (DLTFC) meeting for ial journeys, contributing the examination of appli- to the overall economic cations submitted under development of the area. the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Gen- meeting was attended by eration Program.

tions were received for ager Bandipora, Superinfinancial assistance to sup-tendent ITI Bandipora

in the region. After scrutiny, 12 were approved for financial assistance, how-On the directions of ever 6 were absent and 1 Deputy Commissioner was disqualified due to

It was given out that

Among others, the General Manager DIC Ban-A total of 19 applica- dipora, Lead District Manport unemployed youth besides other concerned.

Executive Committee CAMPA finalizes Additional Annual Plan of Operations for 2023-24

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

The Executive Committee of CAMPA met today under the chairmanship of Roshan Jaggi, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, J&K (PCCF& HOFF) Forest Department/also Chairman Executive Committee of CAMPA.

Administrative Depart- Srinagar, Chenab, West 1.50 to 1.75 Crore plants. ments of Finance, Forest, and East Circles partici-Environment & Ecology, Panchayati Raj, Agriculture ters, also participated in the Production and Farmer meeting. Welfare, Planning & Monitoring participated in the Department in his opening the decision taken by the meeting. Senior Officers of remarks gave an overview Forest and allied Depart- of the main activities of meeting held on 23.01.2023 ments including Chief Wild- CAMPA. He informed that to scale up the work of life Warden, Addl. Pr. Chief under "Green Jammu and Conservator of Forests Kashmir Drive/Green India and Chief Accounts Officer of plants are being planted attended the meeting.



ing APCCF Jammu, APCCF pated, non-official mem-

with the people's participa-

Special invitees includ- tion. In the current year, the department has enhanced Representatives of Kashmir, CF North, South, the target of planting from

He explained the importance of digitization of old Revenue, Science & Tech- bers, Nazir-Be-Nazir (NGO demarcation records and nology, Tribal Affairs, Member) and Ch. Asaf the need for strengthening Rural Development and Iqbal, Expert on Tribal mat- the boundary lines of vulnerable forests by erecting robust boundary pillars.

He made a reference to Steering Committee in its demarcation of remaining forests to secure the vulencroachment.

He informed that recent- sidered and recommended life Protection Department.

ly the J&K Government by the Executive Committee has issued directions vide for approval of the Steer-No.FST-PCB/7/2021-02 ing Committee for onward dated 08.08.2023 to the submission to the National forest department to com- Authority, Ministry of Enviplete the work of Digitiza- ronment, Forest & Climate tion, Survey and BP fixing Change, Government of in all vulnerable category of India for final approval. "Forests" by end of March The proposed works in

the plan included taking up The Chief Executive Offi-Digitization and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries cer, CAMPA, Asaf Mehmood Sagar made a presentation in a time bound manner as on the progress of impleper the directions issued by mentation of the approved the Government of J&K, uti-Annual Plan of Operation lization of savings accrued (APO) of 2023-24 and the due to e-tendering, to faciladditional APO for 2023-24 itate smooth and timely under CAMPA. He informed execution of various works that against the current approved under CAMPA vears' afforestation target of and other related schemes 13719 ha area, 4461 ha area of Forest and allied wings stood planted with 18.50 by way of having project lakh plants. He presented implementation units and the agenda of the meeting execution of urgent nature works to protect and After detailed discus- strengthen the vulnerable sions, the proposed Addiareas of PAs of Jammu and (Forest Conservation Act), Mission", a record number nerable forest land from tional Annual Plan of Oper- in Shallbugh Wetland Conations for 2023-24 was con-servation Reserve of Wild-

DC reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission Schemes in Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 5

In pursuance to the government's commitment to provide clean drinking water to rural communities, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes.

In this crucial gathertop-notch work quality, ity, promising a healthier on-time project comple- and happier life for the tion and vigilant supervi-region's residents. sion to meet the goals of the mission. The meeting sioner emphasized the highlighted significant imperative of embracing strides already achieved a holistic water managein Rajouri, where 293 JJM ment approach. It's not schemes have been greenlit and 244 schemes are access to clean drinking Mission. Deputy Commisactively underway.

completion, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal issued a resolute directive to officers to adopt a a testament to the unwav-sion.



The Deputy Commismerely about providing ably harnessing this vital resource.

This meeting serves as the objectives of the mis-

In essence, this meeting provided a constructive platform for officers to share their experiences, exchange innovative ideas, and collaboratively tackle challenges in executing the Jal Jeevan water; it's equally about sioner Vikas Kundal rallied To expedite scheme preserving and sustain- them to persist with dedication and unwavering commitment in achieving

District Capex Budget 2023-24

DC Kishtwar reviews progress under ADP



KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 5

Deputy Commissioner (In-Charge)/ADDC Kishtwar, cers to meet completion Sham Lal today chaired targets and ensure the a meeting of officers of the Department of Rural funds. Additionally, he Development and Pan- emphasized personal chayati Raj Kishtwar to monitoring of the quality assess the progress of works under the Area Development Plan (District Capex budget for the placed on billing of the

year 2023-24). Manoi Kumar; DPO Kisht-targets. war Sunil Bhutyal; all BDOs; EXEn ReW; AEEs; officers to take all possible AEs; TAs; JEs; and other measures to accelerate the field functionaries.

During the meeting, the their timely completion. chair conducted a workworks completed, ten- on completed works. dering, and other related

satisfaction with the 100% assistants were instructed completion of tendering to ensure punctuality in for the projected works. the field. Failure to comply Additionally, he was may result in strict action informed that 95% of the against erring officers and

allotted and are under execution at different

stages He directed the offiexpenditure of released and progress of all allotted

Special emphasis was completed works by Octo-The meeting was ber 10, 2023. Concerned attended by Joint Direc- officers to commensurate tor Planning, Moham- the financial expenditure mad Iqbal; ACD Kishtwar with achieved physical

> The chair stressed upon pace of ongoing works for

All district/sectoral wise review of the physi- officers were directed to cal and financial progress exert maximum efforts of works taken under ADP. for fund utilization under The DC scrutinized the different schemes. BDOs allotment of works, works were tasked with ensuring initiated on the ground, cent percent expenditure

Furthermore, the concerned officials, field func-The chair expressed tionaries and technical works have already been officials.

SKUAST-K, KVK Budgam organize Field Day on Paddy (SR-4) at Khag Budgam

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Budgam. The main objective of the programme feedback from them. was to demonstrate the to local land races.

During the programme, about 25 farmers were present and the Senior KVK Budgam organised Scientist and Head KVK Field Day on Paddy (SR-4) Budgam (Dr. Bilal Ahmad at the far-flung area of Lone) interacted with the Khag Block, village Ham- farmers regarding the perchipora and District formance of the variety in the field and took the

The farmers were farmers about the newly very much satisfied with released HYV of paddy the crop yield and were (SR-4) so that the farmers thankful to the KVK could witness the per- Budgam and NSP SKUASTformance of the HYV of K for providing the seed of paddy (SR-4) compared HYV of paddy free of cost and at proper time.

Saurabh Bhagat reviews status of skilling of youth identified under B2V, MTMP

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

Skill Development Departat Civil Secretariat here to review the Skill training of 85000 Youth identified under Back to Village and My Town my Pride initia-

The meeting was attended by Mission Direc-Mission; District Development Commissioners (All); Director Skill Development Department (SDD); Additional Secretary, SDD, Principal, Food Craft Institute, Jammu, All concerned Principals / Superintendents of Government meeting through video overlapping of data. conferencing.

youth of Jammu and Kashment, Saurabh Bhagat, mir with relevant skills today chaired a meeting and employment opportunities.

before the Committee.

He took a detailed review of skill training of by the concerned departments identified under B2V4/ MTMP. Highlighting the need

tor, JK Skill Development for working on a single government approach, he emphasized upon the officers to maintain convergence with other departments for bridging the skill gap and enhancing employability avenues for the youth of J&K. He said that we should have tion officers attended the agencies, thus preventing

While chairing the meet- retary asked the DCs to skill institutes for earn- create maximum awareing, Saurabh Bhagat held a come up with District Skill ing their livelihood in a ness regarding these comprehensive review of Committee meeting every respectable manner. various schemes and ini- month and re-examine tiatives undertaken by the their plans in view of the tary also said that govern- of them.

department. He assessed demands arising from ment will provide more progress, achievements, new schemes like Vish- funds to the districts for and challenges faced by wakarma, Jal Mitra, PM Commissioner Secretary, JKSDM to empower the Kaushal. He said that regular monthly reports will get us an idea of what is steps accordingly.

> youth district/trade wise that DCs should come up with creative programmes and utilise their resources effectively. He said that DCs should get more training centres registered in their respective districts as the training and skilling has attained a huge significance at the national level.

He also elucidated that it is the endeavour of government to upskill youth in high value skills so that they are able to seize

having block, tehsil and district level skill melas and placement fairs.

While calling for expehappening at the district diting the process for level and take corrective training of people, Saurabh Bhagat said that DCs Saurabh Bhagat said should have a clear idea of how many people have been sponsored for training and how many have been trained and how many were certified.

He also asked the DCs to create a repository of trained people so that we fine tune our MES system and districts should also broaden their skill training base for better outcomes.

Commissioner Secretary also reviewed the progress on PM Kusum, Polytechnics/ITIS Jammu/ a unified data on districts employment in any part domestic solar roop top Kashmir. Besides, outsta- which should go to all of the globe. He urged the solar plants and asked educated youth to come the Deputy Commissionforward for gaining right- ers to hold camps in their Commissioner Sec- ful skills in the best of the respective districts to schemes so that people Commissioner Secre- can take due benefits out

Rs 3.25 lakh provided to NoKs of road accident victims at Rajouri



JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 5

In a compassionate initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal provided Rs 3.25 Lakh

tims. This humanitarian sector undertakings.

aid was extended under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Road Accident Victim Fund.

The primary aim of this fund is to extend immediate relief to the depento the Next of Kin (NoK) dents, kith and kin, and of road accident victims legal heirs of individuals in the District. Assistant who have tragically lost Regional Transport Offi- their lives or sustained cer, Pawan Kumar was injuries in road accidents. also present on the occa- This assistance encompasses a wide spectrum, The Deputy Commis- encompassing road accisioner presented cheques dents involving both amounting to Rs 3.25 passenger and private lakhs to the aggrieved vehicles, including those families of four unfortu- owned by government nate road accident vic- corporations and public

8th episode of Phone Live-in Grievance Program gets overwhelming public response: Over 60 calls addressed



RAJOURI, OCTOBER 5

In a remarkable display of civic engagement, the 8th episode of the in Rajouri today, witnessed an extraordinary 60 calls pouring in from resolve their problems. residents across the dis-

at providing a direct plat- Vikas Kundal assured form for district residents them that swift and effecto voice their concerns tive measures would be and receive immediate taken to address their solutions from the district issues within specified administration, garnered timeframes. He encourenthusiastic participation aged residents to con-

of Deputy Commission- role these inputs play in the district administra- and other officers.

the district.

had the opportunity to and development in the of the Phone Live-in express their concerns district. on a wide range of issues. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal exhibited Phone Live-in Grievances patience and unwavering example of the continu- the District Administraredressal program, held commitment in addressing concerns of each caller, offering invaluable response with more than guidance and support to

cerns of the residents, This initiative, aimed Deputy Commissioner from individuals across tinue providing feedback nificantly contributed to (R&B) Rajouri Sardar and suggestions, empha- enhancing transparency Khan, XEN Jal Shakti Under the leadership sizing the constructive and accountability within Rajouri Ashwini Sharma

In response to the con-

Grievance Program reaffirming the unwavstands as a shining ering commitment of ous efforts of the district administration to improve public service delivery and strengthen ed the program were the government-citizen included ADC Rajouri, relationship.

cess of this program shid, PO ICDS, Shoket has earned widespread Mehmood Malik; ACD acclaim, serving as a Vijay Verma, ACP direct avenue for indi- Sheraz Chowhan, DPO viduals to voice their con- Augil Nuvaid, CMO cerns and seek redressal Dr. Rajinder Sharma, directly from the District CEO Education Sul-Administration. It has sig-tana Kouser, XEN PWD

er Vikas Kundal, callers enhancing governance tion. The 8th episode Grievance Program is The Phone Live-in a significant milestone, tion to engage with the people of Rajouri.

> Officers who attend-Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; The remarkable suc- CPO Mohammad Khur-

NORTHERN RAILWAY Sr. DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit the riginal/revised bids up to closing date and time only 251-Elect-T-32/2023-24 Name of work | Electrical work in c/w Modification of O/H conductor with AB cable 1,53,02,947.02 App. Cost. (in Rs.) Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2.26.500.00 06 Months 26.10.2023 after 15:00 Hrs www.ireps.gov.in 251-Elect/T.Notice No. 24-Elect/2023-24 Dated :- 04.10.2023 3081/2023 **ERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SM**

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1	246-2023-24- ADEN-I-ASR	Roof replacement of Loco office near driver running room in the section of SSE/W/ML/ASR under ADEN-1/ASR.					
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earn			nest Money	Validity of Off	er	Period of Completion	
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Doodhpathri breaks

records, attracts 2.6

million tourists in 9

Doodhpathri, once a hidden gem nestled in the

heart of central Kashmir's Budgam district, has

undergone a remarkable transformation, evolv-

ing into a must-visit tourist destination. In just

nine months, this scenic spot has broken records,

attracting an astonishing influx of over 2.6 million

Nargis Suraya, Chief Executive Officer of Doo-

dpathri Development Authority (DDA) while

speaking to the news agency credited the area's

recent surge in popularity to years of development

and hard work. She said the restored network

facilities have encouraged people to visit, even

comed 2.628 million visitors, including 2,826

international tourists. This surge indicates that

the place has rapidly become a must-visit spot in

the Kashmir Valley," she said, adding that during

the first four months of this year, nearly 200,000

"In the last nine months, Doodhpathri wel-

visitors from various parts of the world.

months

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for overnight stays.

Centre bans Shabir Shah's JKDFP, says its members have been at forefront of secessionist activities

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of India on Thursday tution of India. declared Jammu & Kash-"unlawful association".

In a notification, a copy Islamic State. of which is in possession tral Government today ful Activities (Prevention) harmony of the country.

who is currently in jail.

According to the MHA.

dom Party (JKDFP) as an ing in unlawful activities, unlawful association in which are prejudicial to ereignty of the country. exercise of powers vested the integrity, sovereignty, with it under the Unlaw- security and communal there is no curb or con-

reign of terror in the coun- India. KNO

In the notification, the try, thereby endangering Central government said the security and public that the founder of the order of the State, and its After banning Jamaat-e- JKDFP had called Kashmir anti-national activities also Islami (JeI) and Jammu & a 'dispute' and ruled out show disrespect and disre-Kashmir Liberation Front any settlement within the gard to the constitutional (JKLF), the Government framework of the Consti- authority and sovereignty of the State.

According to the notimir Democratic Freedom the members of the JKDFP fication, the central gov-Party (JKDFP) headed by have been at the forefront ernment said that if there jailed separatist leader of secessionist activities in is no immediate curb or Shabir Ahmad Shah as an Jammu and Kashmir and control of unlawful activiwant to create a separate ties of the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Free-It further says that the dom Party, it will use this of news agency, the Cen- JKDFP and its leaders or opportunity to continue members, particularly its with the anti-national declared the Jammu and founder Shabir Ahmad activities which are det-Kashmir Democratic Free- Shah, have been indulg- rimental to the territorial integrity, security and sov-

trol on its activities, it will It states that the JKDFP continue advocating the Jammu and Kashmir and its members have secession of Jammu and Democratic Freedom been involved in the vio- Kashmir from the Union Party was formed in 1998 lent terrorist activities of India while disputing its by Shabir Ahmad Shah, with an intent to create a accession to the Union of

It further said that if

Begging menace in Srinagar: CWC widens ambit, rescues 11 more kids

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 5

Continuing its drive Srinagar, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Srinagar conducted surprise raids in Karan Nagar area of the city and rescued 11 children.

The special drive by CWC continued for the second day today and a total of 25 children have been rescued in 25 years. "We have received multiple complaints from differat this point, we cannot the drive will continue in about child labour or begthe coming days as well, and we have identified areas of Srinagar," said the head of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for Sri-

news agency. She said that on we take the child with can reach our office at our shelters.". KNO

and counseling, we follow against child beggars in up with the procedure. For those children who and security officials don't have parents or legal guardians, we become provided by the central

> involved in begging and locals or non-locals. Once rescue the child. Every have to safeguard them,"

ter homes of CWC. "Once or child begging, they be safely handed over to

us, their parents or legal Bemina, Srinagar, contact guardians reach out to us, us through social media and after legal formalities platforms, or call us on our toll-free number: 1098

To a guery that police

accompanying them may scare the child, Dr. Nisa their custodians, and we said: "The police protectake care of their school- tion is for our assistance, ing under other schemes and the public is supporting us, with a very posigovernment," said Dr Nisa. tive response. Once we When asked about come to rescue, we need mostly outsiders being a police party along with us because if the child child labour, Dr. Nisa doesn't want to come with said, "For us, a child is a you, that's when the role ent parts of Srinagar and child, whether they are of the police comes in, and the complaints about disclose the locations, as we receive information child labour and child trafficking are coming from ging, we visit the spot and the public." Explaining about the drive, Dr Nisa many spots in different child has its rights, and we said: "When the drive in a selected area is startsaid Dr. Nisa while adding ed, they, along with the that this stage of a child is labour department and nagar, Dr. Khair-un-Nisa, the golden age and needs police officials, conduct while speaking to the to be optimized for school- the operation and rehabiliing and building a career. tate the children involved She further said that, in begging, child labour, Wednesday 14 children "for the general public, and child trafficking. The including four girls (all of if anybody wants to raise police officers accompany them minors), and they a complaint about child us to ensure the rescued have been sent to the shel- labour, child trafficking, children so that they can

people visited, but in the nine months since, the number has surged to 2.6 million. Suraya emphasised the DDA's commitment to making Doodhpathri even more appealing to both locals and tourists, both national and international. "We are witnessing not only local tourists but also foreigners who truly appreciate this location. They spend considerable time here, contributing to the local economy and providing livelihoods for

> those working in the area," she noted. The CEO of DDA highlighted the natural beauty of Doodhpathri, pointing out its breathtaking landscapes meticulously crafted by nature. She announced that this year, four films were shot in this picturesque location. "This development is highly positive for the region's tourism industry and the global cinema scene," she said.

> Suraya also revealed plans to transform Doodhpathri into a premier winter destination. "Just like in previous years, we will keep the roads to Doodhpathri clear of snow, ensuring easy access for visitors," she said, adding that for those seeking adventure, skiing and snow scooters will be available, promising a thrilling winter experience. KNO

Anantnag Attack

Class 10th student succumbs at SKIMS

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district, succumbed to injured. his injuries on Thursday

A Class 10th student, 10th student, identified ists on Wednesday eve- resident of Watrigam institute this evening. ning in Watrigam Wani- Dialgam at Wanihama, hama area of Anantnag leaving him critically

evening at SKIMS, Soura, shifted to GMC Anant- KNO

nag, for treatment. Earlier, the terror- where from he was ists fired upon a Class referred to SKIMS Soura for advanced treatment: who was injured after as Sahil Bashir, son of however, the student lost attacked by the terror- Bashir Ahmad Dar, a the battle with life at the

> An official from SKIMS Soura, told KNO, that the injured youth has suc-He was immediately cumbed to his injuries.

Residents in Mawer urge authorities to repair road

HANDWARA, OCT 5

Residents in Dudkul Haril of Mawer in Handwara have urged authorities to repair the dilapidated road as it caused them

Speaking to the news agency, residents said that tall claims of the govern- KNO

the road is dotted with ment of taking develophuge potholes and has not ment to the next level is been repaired for the last seen nowhere in their vilseveral years.

lage, even if they always "We apprised the remain at the forefront authorities number of during the elections. They times but in vain", they urged Lieutenant Governor led administration to Residents said that the address their grievance.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Power woes end in...

power shortage was witnessed in J&K with the power department resorting to two-and-half hour cuts thrice a day. Long cuts had irked consumers across the UT raising questions on the installation of smart meters in most parts of the Valley, especially the summer capital Srinagar. Smart meters were installed with a promise supply. KNO

Lt Governor reviews...

about road maintenance and safety analysis of bridg-ney, he said.

Emphasizing on meeting the power supply needs of the people, the Lt Governor directed the concerned ers. He directed that damaged transformers should be replaced within 12 and 24 hours in urban and rural areas respectively.

Taking stock of the status of infrastructure projects, the Lt Governor asked the concerned officials to ensure poor, he said. time-bound completion of the projects, speeding up the execution of Transit accommodation.

implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development led UT Administration for addressing the development Programme (HADP) in the district.

The Lt Governor also appraised the status of ongoing projects under Jal Jeevan Mission; road connectivity; PM KISAN; sanitation campaigns; Samridh Seema Yojana, NCD screening, public outreach programmes, extension of financial assistance and saturation of deliverables by different departments.

The meeting was attended by Sh Irfan Sultan Panditpori, Chairman, DDC Kupwara; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kup wara; HoDs and senior officials.

Jammu Kashmir is...

After decades of neglect, Kupwara and many other districts are now connected to mainstream of development and witnessing growth of a vibrant and inclusive present. economy. Various initiatives and a holistic approach in implementation are fulfilling the needs of deprived section of society, he said.

In the current FY, J&K administration is targeting to complete 3241 works to ensure future growth and progress of all areas, he added.

Highlighting the efforts of the government to accelerate the pace of development in the district, the Lt Governor said the 20 major infrastructural projects worth more than Rs 3144 Cr are under execution in Kupwara, which will be the key to future growth, bring prosperity to the population in rural and urban areas and expand the base of local market and promote entrepreneurship.

In the last Financial Year, 2444 development works were completed, and the first ever grid connectivity for Keran and Machil in 73 years was provided during is poised to link Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Jammu & 2021-22 enabling 19 Panchayats close to LoC to chart Kashmir seamlessly and it will extend its connectivity new pathways of progress and prosperity to secure their to NH-44, ensuring a smooth journey all the way to

The Lt Governor reiterated the resolve of the UT tourism," he said. KNO Administration to tap the huge tourism potential of

"We have given a big boost to tourism sector to trans- LG pays homage... It may be recalled that since the past few days, acute form socio-economic condition of the people of this beautiful region and to provide expanded opportunities to youth," he said.

The Lt Governor called upon PRI representatives to motivate farmers and connect them with PM Fasal Bima Yojana and other agriculture-related schemes. He further stressed on Primary Agriculture Credit Societies that the consumer will get uninterrupted 24x7 power (PACS) in the district to facilitate the creation of Farmer Producer Organizations.

It should be the collective endeavour to ensure that at least 6000 youth are engaged with self-employment ventures this year and start their entrepreneurial jour-

Responding to the demands projected by the PRI representatives, the Lt Governor assured that every possible step will be taken to strengthen the mobile officials for maintaining proper stock of transform- connectivity and augment sports facilities in the district.

He further called upon the citizens to discharge their responsibility towards the government by paying for the services. Capable people should pay their power bills then only the government can waive off the bills of the

Sh Irfan Sultan Panditpori, Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara and other PRI and ULB repre-He also directed the District officers for effective sentatives expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governorneeds of the people of Kupwara.

> Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary reiterated the commitment of the administration to tap the potential of the district across the sectors

> The projects worth Rs 26.84 crores inaugurated by the Lt Governor include construction of NTPHC at Nowgam, Langate; construction/upgradation of Dhani Tadd upto Prada Pandov road at Tangdar; upgradation of 5-km road from Pandithpora Langate via Al Maqsood Colony Hajan; construction of 08 roomed building at HSS Warnow Lolab and Water Supply Schemes at Machil, Athrota and Tangdar.

> Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara; Sh Riyaz Mir, President Municipal Council Kupwara; members of PRIs & ULBs; senior officials and people in large number were

Delhi-Amritsar-Katra...

he said, adding that "the expressway will slash the journey between Delhi-Amritsar and Delhi-Chandigarh in half, bringing convenience and efficiency to countless travellers.'

Shanker said: "A significant reduction in travel distance is on the horizon for commuters between Delhi and Katra. The currently daunting 727-kilometer journey will be streamlined, cutting down to a mere 588 kilometres. This translates to a remarkable 150-kilometer reduction in the Delhi-Katra route, promising quicker and more efficient travel for all," he said.

The official said Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, future as well as that of future generations, he added. Srinagar. "The entire expressway is expected to boost

is a living testament of sacrifice, devotion and zeal of the Jawans of our army. The presence of our valiant our region has been able to record 100 per cent digitijawans, officers on the border inspires the people to work with dedication to build Viksit Bharat," the Lt

Later, Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division briefed the Lt Governor on the preparedness of able now online. No government official can show any the Army in securing the areas under the Division and incompetence in working on grievances filed online. also discussed the overall security environment in the region.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue; Ms Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara and senior officers of Army were present.

LG interacts with PRIs...

Several delegations led by Sh Irfan Sultan Panditpori, Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara; their priority.". KNO heads of Municipal Council and Block Development Councils projected various development issues of their respective areas.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegations of appropriate redressal of the issues and demands projected by them during the interaction. He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to fulfill the aspirations and developmental needs of the people of the Union Territory.

2.50 lakh backdoor...

"More than 2.50 lakh people were recruited in the past through backdoor channels. What type of system is this? No one should rely on backdoor channel entry. All of this has come to an end now. Those who deserve jobs and those who don't should look for alternative work to earn a livelihood," the CS said.

He suggested that youth need to think big rather than relying on daily wage jobs.

He said that the water supply will reach every remote place by the end of this year. "People need to keep a check while work is going on since no such scheme will come early years. By the end of the year, the aim is to achieve 100% work done in this regard.

The CS said that J&K has borrowed power of 31,000 crore rupees. "Even after giving a 50 per cent subsidy, we are not able to get even 20 percent of the charges from consumers. They don't pay monthly payments."

He said that 24-hour power supply can be a reality in the entire J&K only if people cooperate. "If 100% payment is done by all, we will get 24-hour power supply across the region. People need to be responsible and make 24 supply a reality for that people need to pay their bills timely," the CS said.

need to at least qualify 12th standard in this era of edu- to demolish the ecosystem. He said that barring few cation. "If there are problems or some challenges all of them can be mitigated. We need to make sure that our youth is well educated."

About the health sector, he said that people need to make golden cards. "It is very beneficial for everyone. Till now about 7% of cards are pending individually."

grounds have been made in each panchayat across J&K. Everyone needs to take part in the sports activities."

and everyone should stay away from such practices.

Referring to the achievement of J&K, the CS said that zation. "We are now number one across the country. There is no need to visit offices anymore. All services, schemes, and information are available on mobile which is just a click away. About 900 services are avail-We have so far made about 1,000 officers pay fines for not responding to online queries," he said.

With online services, he said, now the government has come to the people and is available on the phone. Regarding tourism, he said that places like Bungus, Keran, and Teethwal will be taken to the next level in tourism activities.

He also advised the district administration to work toward an unemployment-free kupwara. "Administration in Kupwara will work towards unemployment free kupwara. Youth and women empowerment shall be

J&K borrows Rs 31000 cr...

all the consumers will pay their bills with subsidies,'

"We are not so poor that the electricity bills cannot be afforded. The government will ensure round-the-clock electricity only when the bills are paid by one and all,

DGP J&K Interacts with...

of Police, Army and CAPFs, the DGP at the very outset appreciated the swift and clean operation of tracking down and eliminating the terrorists. He said that J&K Police in tandem with other security forces are working with great commitment and resolve to demolish the remnants of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that we are commitmented to provide a better and secure environment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have seen the worst times of Pakistan sponsored disturbance and destruction during over the last three decades. He also presented rewards to the personnel who were part of Kulgam encounter.

The DGP said that Jawans and officers working in Jammu and Kashmir have been displaying indomitable courage while fighting different challenges which he said has strengthened peace in the UT. He said that he is proud of the dedication and commitment exhibited by one and all in maintaining peace and order in the UT and added that we have to respond to each and every evil design of terrorists dictated from across the border more strongly.

Shri Singh stressed for utilizing the technical as well as human resources in tracking and elimination of the remaining terrorists. He also directed for monitor-On the education sector, the CS said that students ing and keeping vigilance on terror support systems instances, the UT is by and large peaceful for that he congratulated personnel of police, other security forces and people for their joint efforts.

The DGP also cautioned the forces and people of J&K about the conspiracy of Pakistan which has been making continuous attempts to disturb peace and tran-Referring to the importance of sports, he said that quility of Jammu and Kashmir. The DGP directed for taking the war on drugs to the next level as Pakistan is now using drugs to generate funds for terror activities On Nasha Mukt Bharat, he said that it is being ensured and to harm our young generation.

Unit Barber Shop inaugurated at SDRF Bn. HQRS Barzulla Baghat



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SDRF 1st Bn. HQRS Barzulla Baghat. This facility was created to meet the In view of the up grada- welfare of Jawans of the tion of infrastructural Unit. Undersigned along development drive at Bn. with all ranks of the SDRF level, a Unit Barber Shop 1st Bn. including GOs were was today inaugurated at present on the occasion.

Sankalp Saptaah

RDD, Education department organize cleanliness drives, awareness rallies in ABP, ABDPs



JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 5

Department, Ramban, their shops. on Thursday organised a cleanliness and sanitation of residential areas, Government offices, Public young generation. places, Schools, Health streets and its surround-Programme (ABP).

cleanliness drives car- Panchayat sanitation. ried out in their schools and Khari Market besides were also organized on participating in the aware- day-3 in block Gundiness rallies organized by Dhram, Ukhral and the RDD in collaboration Gandhri which had been with Education Depart- taken up under Aspirament. Sensitizing the tional Block Development people about the impor- Programme by the Govtance of maintaining ernment. cleanliness and hygienic conditions in our homes, Hi Seva pledge was also working places and its sur- administered to the parroundings, the students ticipants to regularly pracalso asked the people, tice cleanliness and sanitaespecially shopkeepers tion behaviour.

the market to contribute towards cleanliness and Rural Development hygiene in and around The Departments also

and others working in

series of activities dedicat- organized Painting Comed towards maintaining petitions on Cleanliness in schools to bring about a behavioural change in the

The programme was Institutions, markets, aimed at ensuring that the people take benefits ing areas in block Khari of the essential services under Aspirational Block and refrain from littering and indiscriminate On 3rd day of Sankalp dumping of the garbage. Saptaah, students from The establishment of solid different schools includ- waste management and ing Government High liquid waste management School, Khari, Govern- facilities in the Panchayats ment Middle School, of Block Kahri was made Mandakbas, Government known to the populace Middle School, Nachlana besides generating awareetc participated in the ness among masses about

Similar programmes

Later, a Swachhata

Phulwari Ramban receives first new-born girl child

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under Mission Vatsalya.

Mussarat Islam, along with orphans etc, he added. District Social Welfare Officer, Rahul Gupta, visited the Phulwari.

Expressing satisfaction of the girl child and also sion.

ensure timely vaccination of children.

Issuing directions to Specialized Adoption the staff of Phulwari for Agency (Phulwari) today taking proper care of the received the first girl child children, Mussarat Islam in its Phulwari Centre asked the concerned Ramban. The girl is ten- to monitor and ensure tatively 05 day old and is round-the-clock facilities being taken care of in Phul- for the girl child. Phulwari wari run by the Social Wel- centre is for the children fare Department, Ramban in the age group of 0 to 6 years who are surren-Deputy Commissioner, dered, abandoned or are

The District Social Welfare Officer apprised the Phulwari centre and that the centre is fully took stock of the facili- equipped with the capacties available for the new ity of 10 baby children member of the home in having state-of-the-art childcare facilities.

Among others, Chairover the facilities avail- person Child Welfare able in the Phulwari, the Committee, CWC member Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Manager-cumdirected the Chief Medical Coordinator Phulwari and Officer, Ramban to ensure Superintendent Parisha regular medical checkup were present on the occa-

Shree Anna Mela-Millet Fair Cum Exhibition, Technical Conference organized at IIM Jammu

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Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) in association with Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICCI)and Theta Foundation for Development hosted the Shree Anna Mela (Jammu Millets Mela) and Technical Conference organized by official inauguration of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries on 5th Oct 2023 at Radisson Blue, Jammu. The event brought stakeholders to celebrate the rich biodiversity and transforming the agricul-

tural landscape. event was Indu Kanwal Chib, IKAS, Mission Direcmed Farooq Dar, Secretary, Agriculture Producdation for Development, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran (R), Chief



Padmashree

the exhibition stalls by the distinguished guests. In his special address,

together a diverse group of Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu credited the Hon'ble Indian Prime agro-ecological practices Minister, Shri Narendra of the state and explore Modi, and Ministry of the potential of millets in Food Processing Industries in popularizing the importance of millets The Chief Guest for the worldwide. He also urged everyone in India to incorporate millets in their daily tor, JKRLM, J & K and diet to achieve a healthier Guest of Honor was Arun lifestyle and abstain from Manhas, MD, J & K State unhealthy food. He reit-Agro Industries Develop- erated that IIM Jammu ment Corporation Ltd J & promotes increased millet K. The event was formally consumption and ensured inaugurated in presence a full day meal made of of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Direc-millet once a week to help tor, IIM Jammu, Moham- the students and faculty attain a healthier lifestyle. He urged the farmers, tion and Family Welfare, academia and the indus-Padmashree R.K. Narra, try people present here to Gaurav Gupta, Theta Foun- join hands and collaborate with the organizing team Neha Ganju, Manager, and discuss the marketing, branding, and pricing of millet. He also emphasized that IIM Jammu will Administrative Officer, IIM always be eager to facili-Jammu, Dr. Vivek Sharma, tate the interested farmers CIO, IIM Jammu, and other and industry geeks in their dignitaries were present initiatives. Lastly, he urged on the occasion. The event everyone present to prokicked off with a vibrant mote millet consumption schedule that included the as it is chemical free and a arrival of dignitaries, the healthier alternative

Dalit Indian Chamber of of J & K. Commerce (DICCI)in his welcome address mentioned that the Anna Mela (Jammu Millets Mela) is a unique platform for all stakeholders to connect on a common platform. In his address, he made a reference to the age old healthy practice of using millets in their diet and having a healthy lifestyle. He said that Govt. India is now focusing on reintroducing health supplements having millets for promoting a healthy lifestyle among the masses. He urged all to join, collaborate, to promote, create awareness about millets leading to increased con-

benefitting the farmers. One of the highlights of The Shree Anna Mela is the presentation on the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme by Secretary, Agriculture Production and Family Welfare, Mohammed Farooq Dar, shedding light on how this initiative can benefit local farmers and entrepreneurs. He gave a detailed overview with the statistics putting forward a true picture of

exhibition, and a tour of Narra, National President, cultural sector in the U.T

Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. J & K in his special address talked about the various Zonal Manager of Cenchallenges ranging from product packaging, marreach the end users and academia, industry for addressing these issues. government incorporate millet agriculture. Sessions it in the public distribution system which will help to create increased awareness about millets in their daily diet. He also urged and emphasized the need to come together sumption and cultivation and contribute their part in increased awareness and usage of millets in our Meenakshi and Dr. Monika daily diet.

Chief Guest Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director, JKRLM, J&K in her special address mentioned that The Shree Anna Mela has been a testament to the potential of millets rity, improving nutrition, and boosting the income J&K for promoting millet briefing about the upcomprocessing.

huge success.

This inaugural ceremothanks by DICCI followed the concept of having by Millet success stories an industry meet at IIM Guest of Honor Arun Network, Kishtwar Mil- byShri Arun Manhas, and Manhas, MD, J&K State lets, Horti Producers Co- Shrimati Indu Kanwal operative Limited, Krishi Chib, focusing on pro-Nari Shakti and Sri Millets. moting collaboration and

tral Bank of India, shared insights into financial keting, and making it assistance for farmers while Dr. Vivek Sharma, at IIM Jammu, discussed the adoption of next-genon AI, e-commerce SAAS platforms, storage technologies were chaired by IITB

Another session on addition & Millet processing were conducted by Dr. Sood, SKUAST respectiveessary for the successful

empowerment. She also plethora of opportunities expressed her gratitude and schemes for entrepretowards all the partner- neurs from the food sector ing organizations and all from the U.T of J & K. This the entrepreneurs, farmer was followed by addresses fraternity from J&K for by Prof. B.S. Sahay proattending the event and posed that the industry, making this initiative a academia come together to create a healthy business ecosystem for milnv ended with the vote of lets and he also proposed by Avni Organics, Gian Jammu. This was followed Shishram Tudwal, industry growth in the millet sector.

Towards the end there was an open house interaction with industry and experts. The event coninvited support from the Chief Innovation Officer cluded with a vote of thanks and ended on a positive note. The industry He also suggested the eration technologies in meet featured top-league entrepreneurs, industrialists from the Food sector in J & K. The industry interaction turned out to be a alumnus & entrepreneur healthy discussion with an outcome to synergize the energies for creating millet production value increased awareness about millets, promoting the agro based products from India on a global scale.

The Shree Anna Mela ly. These sessions aimed to - Millet Fair-cum-Exhibiequip attendees with the tion was a day filled with knowledge and tools nec- innovation, learning, and networking opportunities, cultivation and processing bringing together farmers, industry representatives, The parallelly run- academia, experts, and in enhancing food secu- ning industry meet com- enthusiasts under one menced with a presen-roof. The event in true tation and promotional sense showcased Jammu's of our farmers. She also video by Dr. Neha Ganju, agricultural heritage and spoke about various ini- Manager, Ministry of Food the potential of millets in tiatives taken by JKRLM, Processing Industries shaping the future of food

SPMR College of Commerce felicitates Safai Karamcharis



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Continuing the healthy He further added that that all should respect practice of the college, a felicitation program of Safai Karamcharis was vices even at the tough clean the mess created by organized today here in and deadly times of covid. others which is indeed a Government SPMR College of Commerce.

appreciation was offered mementos and Gifts. as a kind of psychological beings to work better and with dedication.

The Chief Guest, Prin- areas. cipal of the college, Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma sion, Dr. Deepak Pathania Monika Malhotra, Prof. expressed his gratitude to said that all the cleanli- Deepshikha Sharma and the civic workers for keep- ness staff work as a team Dr. Deepak Pathania. The ing the college surround- and involve themselves in proceedings of the proings neat and hygienic. activities such as segrega- gram were conducted by To provide their services, tion of waste, compost Prof Apfan Ali.

The program was held Ms Anjelina, Ms Neelam, members should cooperto show gratitude towards Ms Hafeeza, Ms Bobby, civic staff for their contri- Mr. Sunny and Ms Raj bution in keeping the col- Begum were garlandlege campus clean. The ed and felicitated with

Prof Savita Jamwal also incentive to all human encouraged the workers Sunny made the occato work in unison and sion lively by singing irrespective of allotted

Speaking on the occa-

they come early and make making and proper disthe campus ready for the posal of solid waste. Dr. start of the day, he said. Pathania further added they are the real warriors them as they are the indiswho have given their ser- pensable workforce who All the Safai karamcha- difficult task to do for any ris Mr Kabir, Mr. Rinku, human being. The faculty ate in making things easy and not difficult for them.

Later, the Safai Karamcharis and staff members enjoyed eatables and tea thereafter. Rinku and songs. The whole program was coordinated by Prof Savita Jamwal, Dr.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 'Media Sensitization workshop on Tobacco Control

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Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today inaugurated the one day 'Media Sensitization workshop on Tobacco control efforts of Government of Jammu and Kashmir' at Banquet Hall here. The workshop, organised by Directorate engage media in support preventable deaths in riculum from middle level. of Tobacco control efforts society. "Addiction is easy and Kashmir.

Advisor to Lieutenant

Secretary Health and occasion.

pants in the workshop, sons to make aware young Advisor Bhatnagar advo- ones about the ill effects of said that this workshop cated that better enforce- tobacco on one's health as was organised with an ment and coordination well as highlight violations aim to create awareness among various stakehold- as much as possible so that about Tobacco use and its ers is vital for combating the required corrective impact on the society. He the effects of Tobacco action is taken. in the society. He added that Tobacco use is gate- the occasion, called upon persons about Tobacco way to usage of other the health authorities to vendor licensing as well as drugs as well as alcohol, coordinate with educa- National Tobacco Control and therefore we need to tion department so that Programme.



mitigating its impact. He society. Addressing the partici- called upon the mediaper-

Addressing the gatherof Government of Jammu to pickup but very hard ing, Bhupinder Kumar to give up and therefore said that media is an prevention is critical to important stakeholder for Medical Education, Bhu- combat it", Bhatnagar fighting this menace and pinder Kumar; Director said. The Advisor further this workshop will help in Health Services Kash- highlighted that media capacity building of media mir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad has a vital role to play in persons on various aspects Rather; senior officers of tackling this menace in the of law related to Tobacco health department, medi-society, and their ability control. He added that cal professionals and large as watchdogs of society media has important role number of media persons at large makes them an in controlling Tobacco as were also present on the important stakeholder in well as drug menace in the

> In his welcome address, Director Health Services added that this workshop Advisor Bhatnagar, on will also sensitise media

92800 street lights installed in Jammu Municipal limits: JMC

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Municipal Corporation are being provided with street and commissioning is lights in two phases.

and the work of installa- ment Department.

tion of street lights under phase-II is in progress. Out of 35130 street lights All the 75 wards within in phase-II, about 31500 the jurisdiction of Jammu lights have been installed. The job of installation

going on as per the tri-As per the JMC, till partite agreement among date installation of 61300 Power Development street lights has been Department, EESL and completed under phase-I Housing & Urban Develop-



the whole infrastructure agreement. viz. providing of poles, provide street lights of diflights for 07 years. ferent wattages as per the and make the payment for per the agreement and is EESL SAMPARK app.

As per the agreement the maintenance of these JMC is doing so for the PDD has to make available street lights as per the completed 61300 street

lights only. The main-As per the tripartite tenance part is taken by phase wire and allied agreement, the ESSL has EESL on regular basis and accessories meant for the to provide the street lights there are 3 ways in which installation of these street with necessary accessories the complaints can be reglights and EESL has to and has to maintain these istered with EESL viz. Toll Free No. 1800-180-3580; The JMC has to make JK.LED app for J&K only, requirement of the area. the payment for the main- whereas another app is The JMC has to supervise tenance of street lights as available on all India level

EDITORIAL

Clear uncertainty over ULB polls

Tammu and Kashmir government has apparently decided to not hold urban local bodies polls for the time being. The reason is that there is a complete uncertainty over the subject matter. The opposition parties are seething in anger against the, what they call, derailing the electoral exercise for own petty interests by giving lame excuses. There accusations are based on the reports that the UT government is reportedly planning giving reservation to other backward classes (OBCs) in Panchayat and municipal bodies like other states and UTs in the country. It is aimed at countering the opposition which has recently released a caste survey in Bihar to ensure quota for OBCs. The move is widely perceived as a consolation to the purported move to defer ULB polls for unknown reasons. It has been given out that major discrepancy has been detected in some Wards of ULBs especially the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) wherein it has been observed that few wards have nearly four times more electors than the others. If it has really happened, this discrepancy needs to be removed with immediate effect. And this could be done by conducting fresh delimitation of Municipalities. The irony is that such an exercise is not undertaken by the Housing and Urban Development Department before the elections. Even delimitation has also not been done for Sarpanch and Panch segments of Panchayats by the Rural Development Department. The five-year-term of most of the Municipalities including JMC and SMC is likely to end in November while that of Panchayats will end in December and January. Elections to ULBs were held in October 2018 after 13 years while polls to Panchayats were conducted in November-December 2018 after decades. The ULBs and Panchayats are the basic components of any democracy and the government should ensure that these are empowered and strengthened by timely conducting elections to these bodies. Any delay in the exercise would deprive the people of their fundamental rights of electing their own representatives at grassroots level. Secondly, the Government is contemplating to give reservation to OBCs as per their population in both ULBs and Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) besides women. Women have been given 33 percent reservation in Municipalities and Panchayats while SCs and STs were given quota based on their population. Within SCs and STs, SC and ST women have also been given reservation. It is a great move that the government has now seriously considering quota to OBCs in Municipal and Panchayat elections and can be given based on their population but this decision at the fag of existing ULBs and just ahead of elections has raised many eyebrows. The grant of reservation to OBCs in ULBs from upcoming elections will only delay the poll process and it will become the sole base of holding these elections after the Lok Sabha polls. The Election Authority had undertaken separate revision for electoral rolls for Municipalities while such an exercise for Panchayat polls is on and the rolls will be published on October 10. Whatever be the circumstances, the government must assure the people that they would not have to wait for long to exercise their right to franchise and elect their grassroots level representatives. What the government of Jammu and Kashmir needs to do is that an assurance must be given to the people over the conduct of these polls. It would bring an end to the prevailing uncertainty and chaos among the voters.

Pardhis: The traditional custodians of Cheetahs

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Madhya Pradesh marking a significant milestone for the \$5 million project. Authorities maintain that reintroducing a top predator like cheetah can enhance the area's overall The presence of cheetahs can significantly attract increase funds for consertion methodologies and challenges, which can be the presence of a historically significant animal can foster a sense of pride, furthering the cause of conservation.

The fate of this esteemed six adults and three out of four cubs born in India, have succumbed to a tragic fate due to a multitude of afflictions. These reportedly include renal failure, physical injury, humidityrelated infestations. Three of low hills and plains of the first litter of four interrupted by rocky pladied apparently due to teaus. Wildlife hunting, in frailty, malnutrition, and general, was a specialized dehydration. Concerns profession. Pardhis, a conraised by many experts

the dilution of scientific The introduction of rigour need much more cheetahs into India serious consideration. has indeed sparked Although the concerned international experts do tahs were introduced in not find the number of Kuno National Park in deaths alarming, many experts do not consider Kuno, a largely deciduous forest with sparse grasslands, as an ideal habitat for African cheetahs and opine that merely housing a few cheetahs is hardly biodiversity by restoring an answer to the claimed the predator-prey balance. restoration of India's grass-

The declared notion of tourists, potentially boost cheetahs filling a unique the local economy, and ecological niche as a predator is also seen as not vation. On the scientific well-founded, given that front, it can provide valu- Kuno already has a myriad able data on reintroduc- of native predators. They mention that the resident blackbucks vanished when applied to similar projects the habitat transitioned worldwide for this species into woodlands with isoclassified, by the IUCN as lated tall grass segments. "vulnerable". Further, for It is feared that with comthe local communities, petition and challenges in finding suitable prey, cheetahs could venture beyond their intended territories, causing human-wildlife conflicts. Some international experts have also conservation endeavour raised the issue of limited hangs precariously in the consultation with experts balance. Nine cheetahs, in cheetah ecology before

the translocation. History reveals that the habitat of the Asiatic cheetah in India was spread across scrublands, bushlands, arid and semiarid terrains, and a mix glomerate of eleven types as a 'reintroduction' and animals, largely followed planted their Asiatic count the influentials till 1991, vacated village areas into

positioning of the trans- the geographical spread terparts in Indian captiv- after which hunting was grasslands; create conserlocation as an example of of relevant ecosystems as

they roamed. A set of astute and occupationally differentiated specialized hunters from amongst them were called 'Cheetah Pardhi' who applied a kind of very strong bird lime to the branches of the trees cheetahs inhabited, or set their snare traps made from deer guts near trees marked and revisited by the cheetahs either for claw sharpening or for relieving themselves. The Cheetah Pardhi community capitalized on this behaviour. They trapped, trained, and deployed cheetahs for hunting; or traded them to the elites, princely states, and

zamindaris. Records show that Akbar had a remarkable assembly of 9,000 cheetahs. His successors Shah Jehan and Aurangzeb were also fond of hunting using trained cheetahs, leopards, and hawks. For this 'pardhis' were highly sought after by the royalty. The cheetah population in the wild faced a severe decline over time due to excessive hunting.

As time passed, the aristocracy's enduring fascination with these creatures prompted them to import African cheetahs, particularly post-1918. The era marked a surge in the import of African cheetahs to India, with previous records indicating just one specimen imported in 1890-91 for Calcutta's Alipore Zoo. With the royals of Baroda, Bhavnagar, and Kolhapur playing pivover the labelling of the based on hunting meth- otal roles, by 1920, African cheetah's 'introduction' ods and targeting wild cheetahs had largely sup- utilised primarily by oritise the development of

early 20th century, the use coupled with the Britsystem rewarding the killing of cheetahs, leopards, and other wildlife drastically reduced their numbers. The ancient art of cheetah trapping in India soon faded, and the Asiatic cheetah also, once widespread, left only fleeting footprints around the salbearing areas of central India, eventually disappearing entirely.

the animals they trapped immense patience and a deep understanding of the animal's nature. It reflected personal and group qualities such as bravery, stealth, planning for trap-However, what remains community's profound understanding of wildlife and ecosystems. The British declared the 'pardhis' as a criminal tribe in 1871. As a community, the 'pardhis' expertise wasn't just hunting was bound by customs that sustained their in the wildlife-related rules from the unwritten confollowed by the 'pardhis.

ish Government's bounty nal tribe' was removed by the Government in 1952 While the ban on hunting criminalised 'pardhis' livelihood system, they, wildlife and hunting legacy, found themselves completely marginalised. Some of them occasionally succumb to the allure between the Paradhis and hunt tigers. The Pardhis' transition from admired and tamed. The process hunters to those labelled was intricate, requiring as criminals, and eventually to ecological refugees in their homeland is truly poignant.

The current project intercontinental large ping, grit, perseverance, wild carnivore transloca- of wisdom, their lives intritact, and knowledge of tion project," presents cately woven into the taptools and equipment. unique challenges. The cheetahs being imported ecosystem with a qualitaand climatic conditions their rich heritage and impact of the cheetahs is removed, the 'pardlivelihood system, and ity and connectance will our conservation efforts. present new challenges that need to be addressed tribe and the resource successfully. To ensure the base. It's a fact that many project's success, we must hunting-related provisions adopt a purely professional approach, champion in India were adopted collaborative problemsolving over blame games; servation-oriented rules synergise efforts of all the stakeholders with genuine Hunting licences were openness to feedback; pri-

ity. In the late 19th and banned. Interestingly, vation breeding enclosures hunters became some of for cheetahs; establish of sophisticated weapons the best conservationists. robust healthcare system Though the tag of 'crimi- and engage with locals with appropriate capacity building, awareness. In for the Pardhis, the per- addition to the above, it's ception of enforcement paramount to also source agencies hardly changed. and harness the traditional knowledge of the cheetah 'pardhis' for the purpose.Today, the Forest once integral to India's Department's initiative of employing ex-poachers, sandalwood and rosewood smugglers in Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala and Kabini Wildlife Safari, Karnataka; Anthropological litera- of organised smugglers and locals as guides in Kas ture indicates the bond who exploit their skills to plateau in Maharashtra, are a few examples of recognition and utilization of indigenous people and their knowledge. Integrating them into wildlife conservation efforts can be a win-win situation.

The 'pardhis' are not dubbed the "world's first merely a tribe. They are the custodians of centuries estry of local ecosystems and cultures. Yet, they paramount, is the pardhi must adjust to an alien bear the unjust stigma of being a criminal tribe, a tively different food web label that overshadows that sharply contrast with intimate understanding of their native habitat. The nature. Once this stigma on and their response to his' has the potential to for sport; it was an art, a the existing biocomplex- become invaluable allies in Their knowledge, honed over generations, could significantly enhance the reach and effectiveness of our current approaches. The choice to harness this wisdom or let it dissipate into oblivion lies with us.

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Bihar caste data a threat to BJP's social coalitions

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exercise that reinforces the predatory caste system; of a social evil that can be political ploy, timed with a politics of social equality), made a tool to root out its view towards the 2024 genhave pointed out. The 50 injustices.

termost is the most judicious way of viewing caste enumeration. The Bihar government's caste census – we will not quibble over semantics in the manner Backward Classes (EBCs); Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders are doing – and the publication of its 19.65 to the Scheduled results on October 2 is, Castes (SCs); and other therefore, a way forward in forging greater social and economic equality in India.

There are three ways triya Janata Dal (RJD) has in general of looking been working on the caste at caste enumera- census for some time. tion: negatively, as an It has been part of their political programme. That it has been published now eral elections, don't wash. At the current juncture We'll return to the politics of Indian history, the lat- surrounding the census in

The caste census itself is revealing. Just over 36 per cent of Bihar's population belong to the Extremely 27.13 per cent to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs): groups deserving reservations have a smaller presence. The 'forward castes' constitute only 15.5 per

fore, it is obvious that we of her bed.

will be attracted to dif-

ment formed by the Janata Adjusting for the total proportional to share in decennial census of 2011. tics of welfare is salient and Dal (United) and the Rash- minority segment of the

> Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Minper cent cap on reservations must be revisited. Not only will there be concerted pressure to increase quotas for the deprived, which constitutes such an overwhelming majority, there will also be louder voices calling for more targeted social schemes using

the newly available data. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Lalu Prasad, and Bahujan Samaj Party MP Danish Ali have already The coalition govern- cent of the population. the times: 'Representation' refused to conduct the have shown that the poli- Gandhi Years, 1966-1977'.)

states will now be under meration, especially those hoods most effectively. in the north Indian heartas backward groups.

will be under pressure to torally by consolidating Developmental Inclusive release the figures of the the non-Yadav backward Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) – has caste censuses, even if castes, in both the 'other' they are not as exhaustive and 'extremely' categories, as Bihar's. But the most with its recourse to the see whether its response intense pressure will be toxic rhetoric and pracpiled on the Union government, which has blocked tarianism. If it fails now to or ratchet up its hatemonthe release of the data confront the politics and gering rhetoric and engicollected by the United materiality of social equal-neer further social division Progressive Alliance (UPA) government's 2011 socio- has stitched together may coined what promises to economic caste census, well fall apart. be the defining slogan of especially because it has

such as the Jats and Gujjars vant, but they will be aware on backwardness. will also seek recognition that it changes the political dynamic of the heartland. tice of exclusivist majoriity, the social coalitions it and conflict.

The Karnataka elections

population'. This idea will It will be loath to do so persuasive. The Madhya population, this figure is be difficult to resist. Other because the BJP thrives on Pradesh government's grey areas that confute fac-scramble to create social This, obviously, has pressure to execute some ticity, which enables it to schemes given its electoral major connotations as credible form of caste enu-deploy its weapon of false-vulnerabilities, has shown up Prime Minister Naren-But there is a political dra Modi's freebie jibes neutrally, as something is partly a result of delays ister Tejashwi Yadav, and land - Jharkhand, Uttar dimension that creates an for what they are: puerile that recognises a reality caused by judicial interven- the grizzled and ailing RJD Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, imperative. BJP leaders and risible. This welfare that cannot be ignored; or, tions. So, uncomplicated veteran Lalu Prasad (the Chhattisgarh, Haryana, might try to put a brave politics will now have to positively, as a recognition allegations that this is just a master strategist of the and Rajasthan. Locally face and dismiss the Bihar be inflected to meet the dominant communities census as flawed or irrele- exigencies of the new data

Politically, there is no doubt that the Opposi-Karnataka and Odisha The BJP has thrived election – the Indian National scored a goal. The BIP is scrambling. We'll have to will be to try and meet social and economic goals,

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God and his many forms

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od is one and will eternally be so. some detail what God is and forms taken by Him.

me address the need for dominated her 'poojataking up so many forms ghar'. My mother-in-law by Bhagavan, and why has taken Mother Durga we must not differentiate as her sole shelter. Durbetween them. All of us gaji's large photo hangs are different packages with behind her bed, and there specific natures, desires, is an idol of her beloved

ferent forms of God. For example, I am helplessly And He takes many attracted to Lord Krishforms and incarnates as na. I have a photo of my decided by Him. We are beloved Lord hanging on aware of His incarnations the right side of my bed. I as Lord Ramachandra routinely look at Him, do and Lord Krishna. We, on 'namaskar', pray to Him the other hand, are many for guidance and help, souls and take different thank Him for His 'kripa', bodies, as deserved. Lord etc. On the other hand, Krishna has described in my mother was a staunch devotee of Lord Ramachlike in the Bhagavad-Gee- andra. She read 'Sundar ta. This article is about Kand' of the Ramacharisome of His incarnations tra Manas routinely till the very end of her life. Lord Before I take it up, let Ramachandra's photo

nations represent some qualities, which stand out. For example, Lord Ramachandra has been famously called 'Maryada Purushottama', because He upheld 'Maryada' throughout His presence on the planet Earth. Lord Krishna, as His name suggests, attracts. The word 'Krishna' is made from 'dhatu' krish, which means what attracts. I am well and truly attracted to my Lord. Then, there is Lord Narsimha, who incarnated to punish Hiranyakashipu, who was torturing his devotee, Prahlad. God took the form of half man and half lion. The head was that of a lion and had a wanath temple', which is Ganesh is worshipped by human torso. This 'avatar' is known to remove all year including many for- nently known as the

harm. I turn to Him when shan' there many times. cious activities are begun God's different incar-I am fearful and 'tamoguna' has become dominant form of God. In this form, Ganeshaya Namah'. Hanuin me. Is it not wonder- the Lord has four arms manji is especially known ful that we have so many carrying a lotus flower, for His devotion to Lord forms of God to choose from? These multi-forms help us to worship God anywhere there is a temple of whatever form of God.

Describing some more comes to mind. The literal meaning of the word Shiva is auspicious. Mahadeva and Mahesh. He was wor-

Lord Narayana is another with the chant of 'Shri a conch, a mace and a Ramachandra in His incar-

Narayana is believed to cult tasks for his beloved reinforce the good and Lord. He is here with us annihilate the bad. Mother on the earth to support/ forms of God, Lord Shiva Kali is another form of help us. God. Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa was her very famous devotee. She is is part of the trinity com- regarded as the ultimate posed of Brahma, Vishnu manifestation of 'shakti' (cosmic energy). And we shipped most famously by all know why Shakti is so Lord Ramachandra in His crucial to exist well. I am incarnation in the 'treta blessed to have a magyuga'. And there is the nificent Kali temple close world-famous 'Kashi Vish- to my residence. Lord visited by millions every one and all. He is promiattachments, etc. There- mother on the right side evils against His devotees eigners. I had the good remover of obstacles. It is

and protect them from all fortune of having His 'dar- no wonder that all auspination. Hanumanji carried Chanting the holy name out many extremely diffi-

> Lakshmiji, who is worshipped in homes all over, especially at the time of 'Deepawali', is God's form of opulence. She brings prosperity, welfare and a good future. We should benefit from worshipping any of the multiple forms of God. They all add up, there is no loss of any kind.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views expressed are personal)

Poor sleep, prior medical conditions may raise long Covid risk by 3x

TORONTO

The risk of long Covid may be three times higher among people who sleep less than six hours per night and also have preexisting medical conditions, finds a study.

In contrast, the risk of long Covid in people with pre-existing conditions was only 1.8 times higher among people with an average nightly sleep duration.

adjusted for potential tion may alter the risk for referred to as "brain fog"). confounders including developing long Covid," sex, age, body mass index, vaccination status, and ethnicity.

time sleep duration exac- least one symptom last- countries. Participants erbated the risk of long ing for more than three were categorised as Covid Covid in individuals with months according to the cases if they indicated that pre-existing conditions," said Frances Chung, Professor in the University of Toronto's Department of may include tiredness or many hours per night they Anesthesiology and Pain fatigue, difficulty breath- sleep on average.



These analyses were nity, habitual sleep dura-centrating (sometimes

"Habitual short night- Covid-19 infection with at of 13,461 adults from 16 definition of the World they had tested positive Health Organization.

ing or shortness of breath, "Based on its proven sleep problems, and difthere were 2,508 individu-

adjuvant role in immu- ficulty thinking or con-

The study, published in the Journal of Clinical Long Covid was defined Sleep Medicine, analysed as having a history of data from an online survey for the infectious virus. Long Covid symptoms Participants reported how

Of survey participants,

als who reported having a Covid infection, and 20 per cent reported at least one long Covid symptom.

Of the 1,505 participants with long Covid who also reported their sleep duration and pre-existing condition status, 945 had pre-existing conditions, and 560 had none; and 121 (8 per cent) were short sleepers, 1,257 (83.5 per cent) had an average sleep duration, and 127 (84 per cent) had a long nightly sleep duration of more than 9 hours.

sleep duration is a target for interventions to reduce the risk of long "Restoring nighttime

According to Chung,

sleep to average duration represents a potentially modifiable behavioural factor to lower the odds of long Covid for at-risk patients," she said.

The team noted that more research is needed to understand the pathophysiology of long Covid.

Microdoses of mushrooms may help fight mental disorders: Study

Researchers have shown the possibility of using psilocybin – the active compound in mushrooms with psychedelic properties – as a therapeutic tool against mental disorders.

Psilocybin has long been recognised as a classic psychedelic substance and has recently been investigated for its potential to assist in the treatment of various psychiatric disorders, primarily depression and addiction, through therapy supplemented with a high dose of psilocybin.

However the new study, published in the journal Molecular Psychiatry, focuses on repeated low doses of psilocybin, which are significantly lower than the doses typically used in therapeutic settings and are commonly referred to as "microdos-

"Microdosing is a phe-

ture, notably in areas like Silicon Valley, California, and has subsequently spread through stories and anecdotes on the internet as a form of self-medi- which serves as a kind of cation for various chal- filter for our decisions and lenges," explains Mikael Palner, from the University of Southern Denmark nectivity to the thalamus

and did not exhibit signs effects on their well-being donia), anxiety, or altered locomotor activity.

in Netherlands.

Most notably, repeated increased the rats' resillished a valid method that people around the world.'

within performance cul- displayed fewer compulsive behaviours.

> Additionally, increase in the number of connections to the thalamus region of the brain, concerns, was observed.

"The change in conmay contribute to our rats showed that animals stress factors and could tolerated the repeated low explain why so many doses of psilocybin well people report positive of reduced pleasure (anhe- from small doses of psychedelic mushrooms."

Through the new study. low doses of psilocybin the researchers have estab-

research into the effects of repeated low doses of psilocybin.

The study also lends support to the numerous anecdotal reports of the benefits of microdosing as a therapeutic interven-

This paves the way for additional research and potentially entirely new approaches to treating various mental disorders.

"The increased anxiety and stress in society currently have placed a strong focus on microdosing, leading to a surge in the trade of mushrooms. Countries such as the Netherlands, Australia, The study conducted on enhanced resilience to the US, and Canada have either legalised or are in the process of legalising psilocybin for therapeutic treatment," said Palner.

> "It is, therefore, crucial that we understand the effects and side effects of these substances, which are already widely used by

Covid infection. vax can't worsen migraines: Study

AGENCIES LONDON

Covid-19 infection and vaccination have negligible effects on the severity of migraines, finds a

People who perceived that their migraines worsened, those who had been infected were 2.5-times more likely to be concerned about migraine worsening.

Patients who had been vaccinated were 17.3times more likely to have this concern.

The research, published in the 'European Journal of Neurology', was conducted among 550 adults who had received migraine-related care at a Spanish head-

About 44.9 per cent (247) patients reported Covid at least once and 83.3 per cent (458) had been vaccinated; 24.7 per cent (61) reported their migraine worsening since contracting Covid and 11.4 per cent (52)

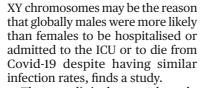
since vaccination. When investigators examined patients' e-diary information, they observed no significant difference in headache frequency one month before and after infection or vaccination, even when comparing patients with and without selfreported migraine worsening.

"In the case of Covid-19, we reported previously that indeed headache is a frequent and disabling symptom of the infection; yet, it may not necessarily be linked to an increase in migraine frequency," said the researchers from Vall d'Hebron University Hospital in Barcelona, Spain.

"In light of our results, we believe that clinicians should deliver to patients a more reassuring message that Covid-19 and Covid-19 vaccines may marginally affect migraine course and that probably the impact of the infection and vaccines is less than the individual rhythmicity to have attacks. This information may help minimise their worry," the researchers said.

Chromosomes may explain why men experience severe Covid

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The pre-clinical research, pub- have one. lished in the journal iScience, has yet to be replicated in humans, but of the gene for ACE2 doesn't appear points to the ACE2 protein as a key contributor to differences in Covid-19 outcomes between males and

"Covid-19 severity and mortal-Michael's Hospital, and a Professor sity of Toronto.

Located on the cell's outer surinflammation and protecting organs which could also contribute to the of the protein to fulfil its usual func-

During a SARS-CoV-2 infection, which means that females have two inhaler to deliver lab-made ACE2 teins free to exert protective effects.





copies of the gene and males only

In times of health, the extra copy to make a difference - Zhang and his team found similar levels of ACE2 protein in healthy males and Following a SARS-CoV-2 infec-

ity are much higher in males than tion, however, they observed a drain females, but the reasons for this matic decrease in ACE2 in males remain poorly understood," said while levels remained consistent in Haibo Zhang, a staff scientist at St. females, suggesting that the additional copy of the ACE2 gene on the of anesthesiology and pain medi- X chromosome is helping to comcine, and physiology at the Univer- pensate and maintain high protein levels in females, the study showed.

face, ACE2 plays an important role also correlated with a drop in oesin controlling blood pressure and trogen hormone signalling in males, from damage caused by excess sex-specific differences in Covid-19 outcomes.

To test whether low levels of the coronavirus spike protein locks ACE2 were responsible for the more by inhaler serves as a decoy to glom on to ACE2 to enter the cell. The severe outcomes seen in males with onto the coronavirus, thereby pregene encoding the ACE2 protein Covid, the researchers devised a venting it from entering cells while is located on the X chromosome, therapeutic approach using an also keeping the native ACE2 pro-

proteins directly into the lungs.

Males who received a daily puff of ACE2 after SARS-CoV-2 infection had less virus in their lungs, less lung injury and higher levels of oestrogen signalling.

Together, these results paint a clearer picture of how the extra copy of the ACE2 gene and higher oestrogen levels in females work together to protect them from experiencing more severe Covid, the team said.

"A common misconception is that an increased presence of ACE2 receptors would result in a higher infection rate," Zhang said.

"However, the enhanced activation of ACE2 in females actually serves as a compensatory mechanism during infection that's aimed at safeguarding the lungs and other vital organs from potential damage."

In males who lack the second copy of the gene, much of the exist-The changes in ACE2 levels were ing ACE2 gets co-opted by SARS-CoV-2 during an infection.

As a result, there is not enough tions of tamping down inflammation and preventing organ damage. The extra dose of ACE2 delivered

New robot could help diagnose breast cancer early Imperial College London.

AGENCIES LONDON

A team of British researchers have developed a novel robot that could revolutionise how women monitor their breast health by giving them access to safe electronic clinical breast examinations (CBE).

very specific forces over a range similar to forces

cal Breast Examinations surgery. (CBE) are for the health

upon that if it is well per- of laboratory experiments our robotic system has formed, then it can be a and simulated experi- the dexterity necessary to very useful and low risk ments on a fake (silicone) carry out a clinical breast diagnostic technique," he breast and its digital twin, examination - we hope added.

paramount importance surgery research group at Jenkinson said.



The device, designed by in these tactile medical a team at the University examinations to ensure iments on the silicone of Bristol is able to apply favourable patient out-

ers and can detect lumps es have been proposed to for the real equipment. using sensor technology at aid with optimising this The ultimate goal is that

The team created ing human touch. outcomes of the popula- their manipulator using University of Bristol, UK. control techniques and sound examination. "It's generally agreed employed a combination

The simulations allowed the team to perform thousands of palpitations and test lots of hypothetical scenarios such as calculating the difference in efficiency when using two, three, or four sensors at the same time.

In the lab, they were able to carry out the experbreast to demonstrate the simulations were accu-A range of automatic rate and to experimenused by human examin- and semi-automatic devic- tally discover the forces larger depths than before. task, particularly for dif- the device and sensors "There are conflict- ficult to detect and hard will have the capability to ing ideas about how to reach situations such as detect lumps more accuuseful carrying out Clini- during minimally invasive rately and deeper than it is possible only from apply-

It could also be comtion," said lead author 3D printing and other bined with other existing George Jenkinson from the computerised numerical techniques, such as ultra-

"We have shown that both modelled on a volun- that in the future this Precision, repeatabil- teer at the simulation and could be a real help in ity, and accuracy are of modelling in medicine and diagnosing cancers early,"

Moderna's combo vax against flu, Covid shows promise

announced positive inter- the flu vaccines. im results from the Phase tional combination vac- to the bivalent Spikevax in 2025. cine against influenza and booster. Covid-19.

burden for individuals, providers, healthcare systems and economies. Combination shots aim the Covid vaccine.

to target both respirasurge at the same time of the year.

a standard dose influenza statement. vaccine Fluarix, in adults 50-64 years of age.

compared against the care systems," Bancel influenza vaccines

Spikevax booster.

Antibody titer levels for Moderna on Thursday to or greater than both of

Flu and Covid-19 repre- effects for mRNA-1083 sent a significant seasonal were similar to Moderna's 3 development and look standalone Covid booster. were noted compared to

"With today's positive tory viruses that typically results from our combination vaccine against flu and Covid-19, we continue The Phase 1/2 clinical to expand our Phase 3 trial evaluated the safety pipeline," said Stephane and immunogenicity of Bancel, Chief Executive mRNA-1083 compared to Officer of Moderna, in a

"Combination vaccines offer an important It was also compared opportunity to improve against an enhanced consumer and provider influenza vaccine Flu- experience, increase comzone HD in adults 65-79 pliance with public health years of age. For both age recommendations, and groups, mRNA-1083 was deliver value for health- the availability of current

The company now mRNA-1083 were similar plans to begin a Phase 3 trial of mRNA-1083 in 2023 and is targeting potential Also, neutralising anti- regulatory approval for 1/2 trial of its investiga- body titers were similar the combination vaccine "We are excited to

Local and systemic move combination respiratory vaccines into Phase forward to partnering No new safety concerns with public health officials to address the significant seasonal threat posed to people by these viruses," Bancel said.

Influenza epidemics occur seasonally and vary in severity each year. It affects people of all ages, but older adults are disproportionately affected by influenza and its complications.

Worldwide, influenza leads to 3-5 million cases of severe diseases and 290,000-650,000 influenza-related respiratory deaths annually, despite

Should fathers be screened for postpartum depression?

Fathers also suffer from postpartum depression, and a new pilot study suggests they can and should be screened for the condition. Given the intertwined effects of mothers' and fathers' physical and mental health, addressing the health of fathers may be a powerful untapped tool in improving the ongoing maternal health crisis, said researchers from the University of Illi-

For the study, published in the journal BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, researchers interviewed and screened 24 fathers, 30 per cent of whom turned positive for postpartum depression on the same tool that is commonly used to screen mothers.

nois Chicago in the US.

Lead author Dr. Sam Wainwright from the varsity said this points to the about their mental health paediatrics. importance of asking new takes on additional imporfathers how they're doing. tance when considering struggles to connect with



"A lot of dads are how it can impact their young men, who often stressed. They're scared. They're struggling with balancing work and parental and partner responsiare often not doing well, but no one is asking them

partners' health.

"A woman at risk for postpartum depression is much more likely to get enter fatherhood presents bilities," he said. "Men postpartum depression if she has a depressed partner," said Wainwright, them that it's important Talking to new fathers internal medicine and the sake of your baby, for

aren't eager to see a doctor, Wainwright said, so reaching them as they an important opportunity.

"How can we show Assistant Professor of to take care of yourself for the sake of your partner The medical world and for your own sake?'

Modi Govt committed to serve everyone: Yudhvir CN&E Society, FM Foundation jointly

Listens to public grievances at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan

JAMMU, OCT 5

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the Modi government to working tirelessly for the betterment of all sections of society.

sons on the sidelines of a and Harvinder Singh were the nation. He highlighted grievances redressal camp present during the camp. the successful implemenat Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni importance of inclusive Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Iammu, the senior BJP leader emphasized the government is focused tal India, which have had a government's dedication on addressing the needs transformative impact on to ensuring comprehen- and aspirations of every the lives of millions. sive development that citizen. He stated, "The encompasses every segment of the population. believes in 'Sabka Saath, to the people of India for He highlighted the vari- Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vish- their unwavering support ous initiatives and policies was,' and this principle and trust in the leadership implemented by the Modi government that have possion and action." He also dra Modi. He assured the itively impacted the lives cited key achievements nation that the governof citizens from diverse and initiatives across sec- ment remains committed backgrounds.

Jammu District, Parveen fare that have contributed citizen benefits from the them resolved soon.



Speaking to media per- Kerni Mandal President to the overall progress of Sethi underlined the tation of schemes like governance and how the Bharat Abhiyan, and Digi-

> The senior BJP leader Modi government firmly expressed his gratitude guides our every deci- of Prime Minister Narentors such as healthcare, to its mission of inclusive

nation's progress.

"The Modi government continues to work tirelessly for the welfare of all sections of society, and the Party remain steadfast in its commitment to build a stronger, prosperous, and inclusive India.'

Earlier, various deputations, including individual persons from Ragoora, Sarah, Pargalta, Old City and various parts of East constituency visited the camp to present their grievances on issues such as ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, and other development-related topics, as well as personal issues. He resolved most of their issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on the phone. He assured the public that he will take up the rest of Senior BJP leaders like education, infrastructure, and equitable develop- their issues with the con-Ramesh Gupta Spokesman agriculture, and social wel-ment, ensuring that every cerned authorities and get

organize plantation drive at PTTI Vijaypur

JAMMU, OCT 5

Care Nature & Environ-

ment Society, in collaboration with the Fahad Mir Foundation, organized a plantation drive at the Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) in Vijaypur today. Sh. Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, Director of PTTI, along with his staff officers and trainees, participated in the drive. Director PTTI highlighted the significance of planting trees, as massive destruction of vegetation expansion of highways, widening of roads, and extensive constructions. We are facing challenges of global warming, natural calamities, excessive rains, and extreme climate changes everywhere. He added that the



implemented recently The first plantation drive by the DGP of J&K, Sh. was conducted at IIT Dilbagh Singh Ji, at PTTI Viiavpur.

has occurred during the sion, Gagan Mahajan, a took part in the plantasocial activist and entre-tion drive. Social activist preneur, emphasized the Imran Sheikh founder of need to plant more and Dast E Maddadgar, and more trees and nurture Shubham Singh founder vive. Mrs. Ruchi Chouhan, joined hands for the ini-Secretary of the NGO, tiative, along with young along with the members Activist Tanya Sharma. and volunteers, conduct-J&K Police has raised a ed the second plantation Bhadwal, Nitish Sharma, slogan, "One Jawan One drive. The NGO has plant- Kuldeep Sharma, and Plant," which is being ed more than 100 trees. Gourav also joined in.

Jammu by the NGO. Mrs. Seema Kakryal from the Speaking on the occa- Labour Department also them until the trees sur- of ADAPMA, PJNN have Sabreen Mir, Abhishek Monga demands adequate electricity supply in Kashmir province

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Senior Congress Leader and Former Legislator Ghulam Nabi Monga on Thursday expressed grave concern over the erratic electric supply in Kashmir and demanded that adequate supply should be maintained to meet the requirement.

Monga also took a dig at the installation of smart meters, saying that there was an urgent need to reform the supply especially in winter, but the irony is that supply gets affected badly during winter months every year citing load shedding, etc.

In a statement, Ghulam Nabi Monga lashed out at erratic electricity supply especially on the onset of winter in Kashmir and said that there is no second thought about the intensity of cold in winter months, which always remain terrible during the peak of winter and requires uninterrupted power supply for survival.

There are reports of regular power cuts not only in Srinagar, but across Kashmir despite installation of Smart Meters in various areas. Smart meters means regular electricity supply wherever these are installed, but there is absolutely a different situation, as that both metered and nonmetered areas are equally confronted with uninterrupted power cuts, but the irony is that LG administration has not fixed responsibility as yet, which shows how present J&K dispensation and PDD are serious about this urgent public

A workshop on "Importance of **IPR** in Academic Research" held

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 5

at Aryans

Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh organised a workshop on "Importance of IPR in Academic Research". Mrs Pooja Kumar, Women Entrepreneur, Founder Director; Innove Intellects, Patent agent, Govt. of India interacted with the faculty members & Aryans students of Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Management, Education and Agriculture.

Pooja educated the students on the importance of intellectual property management in academic and research institutes. They described different types of IPKs, trademarks, copyrights, designs, patents and trade secrets. She exhorted young researchers to apply for the patent registration of their research innovations before publishing it in any research jour-

Pooja said, "Patents not only provide legal protection to researcher's innovation but also give an opportunity for exclusive commercial use of that innovation for a limited time period. It is important to use the right language and full disclosure of information while filing a patent and other IPRs."

BJP to launch "Jan Sampark Abhiyan" to reach every booth of the UT: Dr Manyal

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JAMMU, OCT 5

today convened the meet- boost the party workers on ing of District Jammu the ground level. South in connection with presence of Senior leader with the District Jammu Mayor Baldev Singh Bil-

ta Nagar Jammu. The main agenda of the meeting was verification of the District Bharatiya Janata Party team" and to review and (BJP) State General Secre- examine the future course tary Dr. Devinder Manyal, of forthcoming agendas to

Former Minister and "Jan Sampark Abhiyan BJP State General Secre-" and " Booth Sashak- tary, Dr Devinder Manyal tikaran Abhiyan" in the held an interactive session President Jammu South District General Secrecillors, Morcha Presidents, ram Bhagat, Former MLCs in a cordial atmosphere.



der Gupta, BJP District District office bearers, gathan (Org) J&K, on the led government schemes Rekha Mahajan, State Secturies Akash Chopra and ed the BJP cadres in the ronment for all segments retary and District Prab- Pushpinder Singh besides presence of senior leaders of society in all corners of hari Ayodhya Gupta, Dy Mandal Presidents, Counto launch the "Jansampark District Jammu South. Abhiyan" (Public outreach lawaria, DDC Prof Garu and other party workers program) and "Meri Mati Mera Desh" Campaign in Vikram Randhawa and S. Speaking on occasion Dr every corner of J&K includ-Charanjeet Singh Khalsa, Manyal asserted the main ing District level, Mandal, DDC Vidhya Mottan here at purpose of the meeting wards as well as at Booth the District Jammu South best for all the programs every nook and corner of party headquarters, Triku- is to explore the party level and highlighted nine team under the leader- given by the Party High the Jammu district South.

ground level and prompt- in a public friendly envi-

Dr.Manyal hailed the efforts and developments in context with recent public relations programs held on the ground level of

the familiar masses. Kavinder Gupta lauds masses. the endeavors of Karyakar-

and boosts their morale

painful to note speaking on the occasion

ship of its President Rekha Command. Kavinder fur-Mahajan. Dr Manyal held thermore emphasized threadbare discussions the significant role of with party cadres hoping District Jammu South, by that the workers would various Mandals, Morchas, do the task effectively in Booths, and Shakti Kendra a time-bound manner. He parmukh in the growth of also prompted all party the party. He said that the representatives to work BJP has a history and trawith full enthusiasm with dition of putting forward the voice of the common

While coordinating the tas of Jammu South in the meeting, Rekha Mahapresence of party leaders jan, interacted with the karyakartas and sought with his supernatural first-hand information mastery and vast profi- about various organizaciency and experience in tional activities. Rekha the J&K political arena. also stressed taking the Gupta complimented the public-friendly policies efforts in accomplishing all and programs of the party the goals set by the party and PM Narendra Modiand for always giving their led Union Government to

Airtel announces special plans for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

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customers. For all prepaid customers, Airtel

streaming the matches.

navigate to the cricket match broadcast in their preferred language. Social As the cricket frenzy Campaign: To celebrate sweeps the country from the cricket frenzy, Airtel is today, Airtel announces launching a social media special cricket plans with campaign and activating extended benefits for its different platforms targeting all the cricket buffs.

Bharti Airtel users enjoy has launched a special the brilliant network expedata pack for customers rience and fastest upload to stay connected and speeds across Internationnot run out of data while al Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup 2023 stadiums, · Rs 99 will now get according to an Opensigunlimited data for 2 days nal report. Ahead of the • Rs 49 offers 6GB data ICC World Cup which has commenced on October Airtel DTH is collabo- 05, 2023, Opensignal rating with Star for spe- examined mobile netcial recharge offers. It has work experience across also simplified the process all the stadiums to assess for customers to choose the performance of Indian to add channels from the mobile operators. On the Start Sports portfolio. 5G network specifically, On the Airtel Xstream Airtel delivered the best box, Airtel is running a experience with voice

BJP govt has no control over rising inflation: Malik

Women Wing of Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) today held meeting under leadership of Rafiq Malik State President JkUT, Neha Bhagat State President Mahilla Wing JkUT, Nirmal State General Secretary JkUT, Sheela Devi Vice President Prem Nagar Ward, Neena Devi, Rimpi Devi Ward President 19 Qasim Nagar, Rekha Devi the people to address their

have failed to reach out to said.



Rural President ,Anjali concerns. He held BJP gov- hand, India is witness- in additional taxes, by their both ends meet if Youth Gen Secy RS ernment responsible for ing systematic erosion of the Centre and states is they spend their earn-Pura, Shindo Devi, Santosh the deteriorating situation jobs, wages and household Devi, Sunita Devi, Jyoti in J&K, saying that due to income, the middle class Devi, Vishali, Bachno Devi. the wrong policies of the and those at the margins Speaking on the occa- government, "people are of our society are strugsion, Malik said that BJP- passing through a very gling. These challenges led central government difficult situation. He also have been compounded had failed to rein in the lashed out at state govern- by runaway inflation and surging inflation. The ment for "failing to curb an unprecedented rise in prices of essential com- unemployment". There price of almost all house- said the people of the this will only make their modities in daily life had were announcements hold items and essential country had "chosen PM" lives more difficult," she skyrocketed, making and official press releases commodities. "Sadly, in Narendra Modi on the remarked. "The Governthem unaffordable for the regarding employment these distressing times, the common man, he said. avenues for the youth but government has chosen he has broken the trust of hardships. The installation He maintained that LG in reality state government to profiteer off people's the people. Administration and Centre has done nothing so far, he misery and suffering,"

that government voiced the frustration of is justifying such many by stating, "People thoughtless and of Jammu have been diliinsensitive mea- gently paying their elecsures directly at tricity bills, but suddenly the cost of our they appeared out of people. Malik said

of the seriousness of the situation and find

Malik said that on one a solution."The increase wouldn't be able to make resulting in sky-rocketing ings on power bills. She increasing almost every promise of good day, now ment is making them face

nowhere, cutting off the power supply and installthat govern-ing smart meters. They are ment should not financially capable of take cognizance paying the tariffs based on meter readings. She claimed that people from the unprivileged section prices, and the burden is condemned the move as "sheer injustice" inflicted day on crores of poor and upon the people. "This unemployed people. The is nothing short of high-BJP leaders who used to handedness. They are protest over public issues already grappling with have kept mum now.He numerous challenges, and

of smart meters is nothing

Neha Bhagat State short of a catastrophe for he said. He said that it is President Mahilla Wing them," asserted Neha.

for customers to quickly ums.

quick-access promo-rail, apps across all the stadi-

DC reviews functioning of Tehsil Office Sunderbani

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 5

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Tehsil Office Sunderbani. He was accompa-

Deputy Commissioner residents of the region.

the general public.



nied by ADC Sunderbani, Vikas Kundal meticulously efficient service delivery, Vinod Kumar Behnal. The reviewed the functioning recognizing it as the corvisit was a significant step of the Tehsil Office. He nerstone of a responsive towards ensuring efficient emphasized the impor- and accountable gover- determination to create governance and aligning tance of dedication and nance system. the administration with the added enthusiasm among

scored the unwav-

The visit to the Tehsil not only efficient but also needs and expectations of officers and officials to Office Sunderbani serves responsive to the citizens it provide exceptional and as a tangible demonstra- serves, ultimately contrib-During the inspection, hassle-free services to the tion of the dedication uting to the betterment of of the administration to the region and its people.

He also under- principles of transparency, accountability, and ering commitment public service. It sends a of the administra- resounding message that tion to meet the the authorities are resolute expectations of in their mission to streamthe public. He line operations, improve stressed the need service quality, and ensure for prompt and that the needs of the public are addressed promptly and efficiently.

> This reflects a strong an administration that is

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BUDGAM, OCTOBER 5

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today inspected the shifting of PHC Pahroo to a new permanent building at Pahroo village in Chadoora. Consequently, a new PHC building has been made functional at Pahroo. healthcare facilities, the DC inspected different facilities including dental section.



DC Budgam inspects shifting of PHC Pahroo to new permanent building

Speaking on the occa- sanctioned projects are sion, the DC said that the completed in a stipulated new building for health- time frame and dedicated care facilities has been to the general public at the While taking stock of made functional now to earliest." ensure better patient care to the local population.

ensure all approved and functional and dedicated present on the occasion.

He said in the previous for prompt redressal. few weeks, various other

to cater better healthcare to patients in Budgam dis-He directed concerned

to ensure robust functioning of the health centre and better health services to patients. On the occasion, the DC

listened to the local depu-

tation and assured them that all their other genuine demands shall be taken up with the relevant quarters

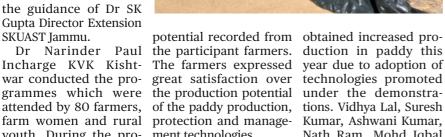
Among others, SDM He said that, "the health centres includ- Chadoora, CMO Budgam, section, lab, OPD, general LG administration has ing NTPHCs at Kaniham, Tehildar BK Pora, BMO wards and registration a straight objective to Magam have been made Chattergam were also

KVK Kishtwar conducts Field Day on Paddy

JAMMU, OCT 5

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar SKUAST Jammu today conducted field day under Front Line Demonstrations on scientific cultivation and management of paddy crop at villages Pranzil and Sigdi of Tehsil Mugal Maidan of the district. The programmes were conducted in the farmers' fields under the guidance of Dr SK **Gupta Director Extension** SKUAST Jammu.

youth. During the pro- ment technologies. gramme the technologies on scientific paddy culti- strator farmer from Vil- Bimla Devi, Lal Chand, vation demonstrated by lage Sigdi while speaking Suresh Kumar, Atta Mohd KVK during Kharif 2023 on the occasion expressed and others participated in



were discussed and their that the farmers have the programme.

Kumar, Ashwani Kumar, Nath Ram, Mohd Iqbal Mohd. Ayub, a demon- Khandey, Sharda Devi,

Pargotra leads strong protest against unlawful arrest of AAP MP Sanjay Singh



JAMMU, OCT 5

Jammu and Kashmir proanger against the dictato- cal status and are the only rial arrest of Sanjay Singh pitty workers of political

Speaking on the occain a false and frivolous tlers, has been exonerated Khullar beside Others.

Pargotra also strongly

excise case. Pargotra fur- (freed) by BJP. "The BJP is ther explained that 48 in emotional fear and condignitaries including BJP sternation to be defeated Aam Admi Party of and the dignitaries of and banquished by AAP other like minded parties, in the ensuing Assembly tested strongly at Maha- have been residing in the poll in 5 states as well as raja Hari Singh memorial government Bungalows 2024 Parliamentary poll Park Jammu, showing his when they have no politithat's why it has arrested Sanjay Singh MP," Pargotra added. Others who participated in the protest are S.Parmveer Singh, Harpresion Rajesh Pargotra Pro- and vehemently explained et Singh, Amrik Singh, vincial Vice President and enunciated that MP Amit Langar, Agya kour, Jammu of AAP declared Brij Bushan Sharan Singh, Dixit Gupta, Bodh Raj that the ED has arrested of BJP, who committed Sharma, Karan Attri, Surhim on the gesture of BJP culpable crime as per the jeet Kumar, Ashu Jangral, and has implicated him version of Female wres- Jogindar Bhagat, Subash

DPAP Jammu Urban district committee meeting held at Bakshi Nagar



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A meeting of District Com-Gourav Chopra, District DPAP. President.

numbers 07, 27, 28, 37 and dent, ward-07, Akshay tary District. Rajesh Gupta 53 with thier office bearers were present in this Pardeep Gupta president, Parkash Chand Digra Sec-

gressive Azad Party and retary ward 27, Kuldeep present.

strong political party.

PaviterJot President,

asks the party workers to Kumar Secretary ward-27, work hard to make DPAP a Palvi Kour mahila president ward 27, Pardeep Anil Kohli Vice presi- Jolly ward 28, Davinder mittee Jammu Urban of dent District Jammu Khajuria ward 28, Sonu DPAP held at Bakshi Nagar urban also spoke over the ji ward 28, Pawan Kumar under the leadership of dreams and designs of ward 53, Nirmal Singh

ward 53, Bharat Bhushan Presidents of ward Ward-53, John Paul Presi- Sharma, General Secre-Tak President, ward-37, General Secretary Distt, ward-27, Davinder Singh retary Distt., Yaseen Khan-Sh. Chopra louds the vice president ward 27, Secretary Distt. Yuvraj vision of Democratic Pro- Rajesh Gupta general sec- Singh and others were

Krantitirtha program organized in memory of martyrs of Indian Independence Movement



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Under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a Kabaddi match and cultural program was organized by the Center for Advanced Research on Development and Change (CARDC), Was done in collaboration with Government School Tandar Zone the Indian Independence was inaugurated by Indian

played Kabaddi match Kumar (headmaster of the and presented cultural school). programs dedicated to the revolutionaries. The program was very impressive and colorful, which was distinguished guests and spectators present there. Local people and employthe program. Surjit Singh Thakur (teacher) high-Chenani on Thursday in ji in the freedom move- rounding area were also memory of the martyrs of ment. He said that many freedom fighters were Movement. . The program inspired and influenced by Swamiji and his teachings. Army veteran Jagdish He also asked the students dra Sharma (in-charge Singh (Chief Guest) and to adopt Swamiji's teach- cultural cell). The Kabad-Kali Das (Guest of Honor). ings in their lives. Others di match was officiated by Students of Govern- who addressed the gath- Mukesh Chandra (Physical

At the end, medals were distributed among the winners of the Kabaddi match by the chief guests greatly appreciated by the and other dignitaries. Angrez Singh (teacher) presented the formal vote of thanks and apprised the ees were also present in audience about the various activities undertaken by the school. Parents of lighted the important role school children and many of Swami Vivekananda other people from the surpresent in the ceremony. The cultural program was conducted by Neena Rajput and Jagdish Chanment School Tandhar ering included Subhash Education Teacher).

DoC, GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organizes "Career Guidance Seminar"

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Department of Commerce, Govt. College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organised an "Career Guidance Seminar" on October 4, 2023. The program was held under the patronage of worthy Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan. She commended the meticulous planning and execution of

lenges and achieving suc- aged participants to think cess. The seminar provid-positively and explore

the diverse career opporthis event by the organiz- tunities that await gradu- valuable resource for stuing members. Resource ates in the field of com- dents seeking guidance Person, Mandeep Singh, merce. He emphasized and direction in their the Director of Chitkara the need for continuous post-graduation journey. University, conducted an learning and skill develop- A total of 180 students inspiring power point pre- ment to stay competitive attended the informative sentation which covered in today's dynamic job lecture. HOD, Prof. Mamta topics such as optimism, market. Students gained Gupta, Stressed upon the career options in com- knowledge about vari- students to participate in merce after graduation, ous career paths, includ- such programmes which and interactive games ing finance, accounting, will lead to their career related to fostering hope. marketing, and entrepre- development. The whole He stressed the impor- neurship. To engage the event was organised by the tance of being optimistic audience and reinforce Committee which includes and hopeful in one's career the theme of hope, the Prof. Mamta Gupta (Conjourney. He discussed the seminar featured interactivenor), Prof. Mamta power of a positive mind- tive games related to hope. Kundal, Prof. Rashmi and set in overcoming chal- These activities encour- Dr. Vaishali.

ed valuable insights into innovative solutions to challenges. It served as a

Ola launches its ride-hailing services in Jammu

JAMMU, OCT 5

Ola, India's largest ridehailing platform, has further expanded its footprint and launched its operations in Jammu starting today. With a commitment to provide accessible, reliable, and afford-Ola has rolled out its ride hailing services within sev-4W, 3W and 2W to enable

easy urban commute. Ola spokesperson said, "With continuous support wider range of mobility The service will soon be from the government, needs. Launched as a pilot rolled out in cities across we are thrilled to be the in Bengaluru, Ola E-bikes first to introduce our ridehailing services in Jammu, services accessible, afford- market leader, Ola is one marking a major transfor- able, and sustainable for of the few profitable conmation in the way people masses. The E-Bikes sercommute in the city. Our vices are set to be operanies in the country. The aim is to provide accestional Pan-India in the company is committed to sible, affordable, and con- coming months. venient mobility for all. As a market leader, we premium service, Prime tocols, including driver continue to expand our Plus, ensures a seam- background checks, vehifootprint as well as our less ride-hailing experi- cle quality standards, and bouquet of services to ence for customers with in-app emergency features



country.'

eral categories including duced a new lineup of key metros cities includaims to make ride-hailing

Additionally, Ola's new match the evolving needs professional drivers and amongst others.

able mobility solutions, of customers across the complete ride assurance. Currently, Prime Plus ser-Recently, Ola has intro-vice is available across services on their plat- ing Bengaluru, Mumbai, form including E-bike and Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune, Prime Plus to cater to a Kolkata, and Chennai. the country. Besides being the

sumer internet compapassenger safety and follows stringent safety pro-

Jagjit Club Uplina beats Badal Club 6-3



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Kashmir Hockey J&K organized Guru Hargobind life as well," said he. Hockey tournament 2023 nagar on Thursday.

participated in the said Badal Club 6-3 in a tough tinue at inter-college level.

chief guest and encour- tional level too". aged all the players with team.

tournament has been this hockey tournament. organized in the name of conceptual principles of alities were present.

"We all should follow the theoretical teachings of Guru Sahib in our real

Congratulating the winat the Polo ground in Sri-ners, Mr. Wani appreciated the children lauding Twenty hockey teams that they are all performing very well at the school tournament and Jagjit level and the same way, Club Uplina finally beat they are supposed to con-

He said that in future, Jenab. Raja Ghulam "they will all get to see the Nabi Wani presided over competition at the Polo the tournament as the Ground at the interna-Mr. Wani further

his eloquent speech expressed his great satisduring the introduction. faction that the children He has been a national are performing the hockey hockey player and former tournament in their comcaptain of the J&K hockey plete 'Sikhi Saroop' which is the real identity of Sikhs.

Addressing the players, he said that that it is also in-collaborated with a great pleasure that this J&K Hockey in conducting

On this occasion, Ravithe 6th Guru of Sikhs Sri raj Singh, RP Singh, Shakir Hargobind Sahib Ji who Ahmed, Avtar Singh and is the founder of Miri Piri other prominent person-

Modi Govt committed to provide "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal": Sat Sharma



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In a major push concerning basic amenities for the

"Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" mis-filled. sion to ensure every housethe collective effort by the present.

common masses and the inspiration of PM Modi our dedicated JMC Councillors ensured the quality work.

Speaking on the Occaresidents of Ward No-40, sion Neelam Nargotra Today Former Minister stated that areas where Sat Sharma CA accompa- problems including shortnying Municipal Council- age of water supply and lor Neelam Nargotra and other issues are coming Mandal President BJP Talab will be dealt on priority Tillo Keshav Chopra inau- and we are committed to gurated the work of laying work for the common fresh water pipes, The masses. Speaking on the works will be done under Occasion Keshav Chopra the supervision of the PHE appreciated the efforts of department at an estimat- the councillor and said ed cost of around 9 lacs. that it was a long pending Speaking on the Occa- demand of the residents of sion Sat Sharma said the the area which was under BJP led Government at the process today this demand Centre is implementing the of the locals has been ful-

Shri Guru Ravidass hold has functional tap Sabha President Krishan connection for drinking Lal, Puran Chand, Satish water in adequate quan- Master, Rahul Nargotra, tity of prescribed quality Abhishek Sharma, Vikas on regular and long-term Kumar, Jaipal Sharma and basis, Sat said that with locals of the ward were

Power woes end in J&K as Govt procures additional 400 MWs from UP Govt, GoI

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Principal Secretary to that the department has Kashmir remains high,'

MWs from the UP govern- ing additional electricity.

ment and 250 MWs from the Central government. So a total 400 MWs of In a major relief to the extra power has been power crisis that had managed so far," Prasad gripped J&K since the past said. He said that from few days, the UT adminis- 09 October onwards, tration Thursday claimed the department will be to have procured 400 able to get additional 150 MWs of electricity from MWS."With additional 150 Uttar Pradesh government MWs of power, we will and the Centre. An addi- have a total of 550 MWs of tional 150 MWs are likely additional electricity and to be procured by October I believe that will suffice the demand," Prasad said. He said: "We have got

the Government, Power the additional electricity Development Department from the UP government, (PDD), H Rajesh Prasad which will be returned to while speaking exclusive- them in summers when ly to the news agency said the power generation in been able to resolve the he said, adding that the issue by 90 per cent so far. situation has been brought "We have procured 150 under control by procur-

Dettol and NDTV's 'Banega Swasth India' celebrate launch of its 10th season; ropes in Ayushmann Khurrana as campaign ambassador

JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

million children in India address. through a series of programmes, innovations, 'Banega Swasth India' ini- Smt. DroupadiMurmu, Medical and Health and

World Hygiene for Global port of the cause, from Government of India; Shri these famous dignitaries, tive change over the last 10 proud of Banega Swasth cation, we are reminded Hygieia, an online game.

with the power of 10- Dus Ministers to Oscar win-Ka Dum, and highlights the ners, Magsaysay awardees NDTV, India's most trust- strengths, learnings, expe- and Nobel laureates, all ed news network, is back riences and achievements compassionate individuals with the triumphant 10th of the Banega Swasth India to address and take action season of 'Banega Swasth campaign. The primary on some of the country's India', which is India's lon- aim of One World Hygiene most critical health issues. gest running public health is a reminder to show This initiative has been campaign. This milestone empathy and solidarity acknowledged publicly period marks a decade of with those who may not by Prime Minister Narenunwavering commitment have access to essential dra Modi for its impact to promote health, well- hygiene resources. It's on public awareness. The ness, and unity across a call to action to bridge live event on October 2nd the gap between the every year, highlights how 'Banega Swasth India' privileged and the under- better hygiene and nutri- Gajendra Singh Shekha- Bollywood celebrities triumphant season 10 the 10th season of Banega by reaching 850,000 ago by NDTV, in partner- can lead a healthy life. The health. ship with Dettol. In the 10th season will also look has reached more than 24 that the campaign aims to 10th season was graced Pathak, Deputy Chief

With a focus on proby a number of distinactivities and tools-all tiative has grown stronger Her Excellency the Presi- Family Welfare, Governaimed at making hygiene and become the hope of dent of India; Shri Eknath ment of Uttar Pradesh; Shri campaign focuses on One influential voices in sup- Transport and Highways, IA activist. Apart from



was started nine years served, ensuring everyone tion can improve India's wat, Union Minister of such as Rakul Preet Singh Jal Shakti, Government and Bhumi Pednekar also India we like to express World Hygiene inspires content, hygiene olymof India; Shri Conrad graced the gathering. The last 9 years, this multiple forward toDus Kadam - moting health and well- Sangma, Chief Minister of program also featured award-winning campaign the emerging challenges ness across India, the Meghalaya; Shri Brajesh performances by charis-Minister and Cabinet Min-Dettol and NDTV's guished guests including ister of Medical Education, an inextricable part of millions. The event is a Shinde, Chief Minister of Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minisforum that has attracted Maharashtra; Shri Nitin ter of Rajasthan and Laxmi states "Banega Swasth In its 10th year, the the most powerful and Gadkari, Minister of Road Narayan Tripathi, LGBTQ- India has been a journey of tive Officer, Reckitt states, Swasth India celebrates also launched as part of

MokoKoza.

Ayushmann Khurrana, Campaign Ambassador Our future depends on it."

Editor in Chief, AMG Media Network, Director, NDTV Vice President, Reckitt Dettol Banega Swasth Limited states, "With this South Asia states, "With India leads to many firsts of Dettol Banega Swasth Swasth India, the One schools with hygiene our gratitude and edu- us all to work together for piad, hygiene play cate the people that One a healthier and brighter parks, hygiene music World Hygiene is not just future of India. We are album, India's first climatic artists such as Daler a concept; it's a commit-turning the spotlight mate resilient schools, Mehndi, Neha Kakkar, ment to a healthier, safer, on the future, fostering folk art and delivering Adnan Sami and sensa- and more compassionate global unity for a healthier hygiene programmes tional Nagaland rapper world. Let's come togeth- tomorrow". er, transcending boundaries, and make it a reality.

hope, awareness and posi- "We are enormously a decade of tireless dedi- the program, along with

Sanjay Pugalia, CEO & we leave no one behind."

Gaurav Jain, Executive

Kris Licht, Chief Execu- Reckitt states, "As Banega Swasthya Mantra was

years. In this monumental India and we are grateful that in the fight against cli-10th season, let's take Dus to our partners for joining mate change, One World kadam to fulfil the cam- us in our pursuit of a clean- Hygiene encourages suspaign's aim, One World er, healthier world. As we tainable hygiene practices Hygiene. I am reminded celebrate this important that protect human health that health is indeed our milestone recognising our and the environment to greatest wealth. Together, 10 years of partnership, ensure a healthier planet we can inspire millions we must continue to inno- for future generations. to live healthier lives and vate and find new ways Hygienic world lies in build a stronger and hap- to elevate Banega Swasth unity, strength and relent-India, including ensuring less pursuit of a healthier world."

> Over the years, NDTVthat are culturally Ravi Bhatnagar, Direc- adaptive. India's firsttor-External Affairs and ever public health and Partnerships, South Asia, hygiene-focused podcast

Shiv Sena urges SMVDSB for Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra Circuit

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KATRA, SEPT 5

Expressing satisfaction over the creation of skywalk facility for devotees on the first day of Navratri in the world famous Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit urged the Shrine Board to develop Bhumika Temple temples, besides making of a yatra circuit connect- with all the demands. ing all the ancient temple, upcoming Navratras.

Ajay Salan, Deputy CEO Katra. of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi sented a memorandum Devi.

outlining their demands.



said places and strong grimage organized by Shiv for devotees in view of logical nature. This sacred this pilgrimage a great pilgrimage, commencing success. Addressing a press from the historic Raghuconference held today in nath Temple in Jammu as welcomed Manish Sahni Katra, Manish Sahni, State a procession on 14th Octo-President of Shiv Sena, ber, will pass through sigmentioned that a delega- nificant shrines like Kaol tion of state leaders, under Kandoli and Deva Mai General Secretary Vikas his leadership, met with Temple before reaching Bakshi, Vice President

Shrine Board to express day of Navratri, i.e., 15th Secretary Rajesh Handa, their appreciation for the October, a ceremonial District Reasi President facilities being created by puja will be conducted Ashwani Kumar, Suman the Shrine Board for the with all due rituals in the Badu, Aryan Pranam, visiting devotees and pre- holy cave of Mata Vaishno Vipin Sharma, Sanjay

in Katra, Deva Mai Temple Anshul Garg, a Chief Exec- heartedly in this pilgrimand other nearby ancient utive Office of the Shrine age, seeking the blessings Board, has already agreed of the Maa Vaishno Devi. He also called upon other Additionally, Sahani organizations with simifacilities for visiting the revealed that the 41st pil- lar interests and devotees associated with Shiv Sena security arrangements Sena would be of a mytho- to join hands in making

> The party Katra unit with Maa ki chunri.

Among those who were present include Sanjeev Kohli, president On the first auspicious Kamghar Raj Singh, Youth Kumar, Vinod Sharma, Sahni urged devotees Ajay Kumar, and Atul

Sahani highlighted that to participate whole- Sharma.

BJP opposes, all sections support opposition call for early elections: Cong

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Why BJP has got utter frusall major opposition partions and statehood.

Questing BJP for its

should it be opposed Sabha. to the peaceful protest elections to the Assembly besides to the Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats on their due times.

person Ravinder Sharma State Assembly, ULB and Minister).

questioned BJP for favour- Panchayats for security ing deferment of elec-reasons. He emphasized tions which are due to that the peaceful dharna the ULBs and Panchayts, of opposition on Oct. 10, tration, due to joint call of when entire population has the support of all secwants early restoration of tions of people demandties for peaceful dharna democracy through elec- ing elections in Assemon Oct. 10, for holding tions and restoration of bly, ULB and Panchayats early elections and resto- statehood and constitu- besides restoration of ration of democratic rights tional rights to land and the democratic rights and to J&K people, asked JK jobs to the people. We Congress, stating that all shall intensify our joint delay. people want early elec- struggle in days to come,

he added. nervousness, after the dual stand of BJP with peaceful dharna in Jammu is evident from the reacopposition parties to opposition's call for holdconstitution to the people that BJP is only doing lip

lot of improvement on the Gupta(NC), Firtoz Tak militancy front, while on (PDP, I.D. Khajuria and the other hand it is delay- Com. Hari Singh (CPIM) JKPCC Chief Spokes- ing holding of elections in and Harshdev Singh (Ex-

statehood without further

Meanwhile the opposition political parties He lashed out at the including Congress, NC, PDP, Shiv Sena, Panannouncement of the regard to elections, which ther Party and other like minded political parties on Oct. 10 by the main tion of the BJP to the and social organizations have started gearing up launch a joint struggle for ing early elections and res- for the peaceful dharna the restoration of demo- toration of democracy to on Oct. 10. A meeting of cratic rights under the the people of J&K. He said the coordination group of different parties, which of J&K, JKPCC has said that service by public postur- was constituted in the all it reflects the ruling paring for holding elections party meeting on Oct. 3, ty's frustration and lack of but in fact it is opposed to was held here today to faith in the democracy & the opposition's demand finalize the arrangement and peaceful struggle to and the venue of the pro-The ruling party is the put pressure on the gov- posed dharna. The group afraid of facing people, ernment against its polialso approached to Dist. due to the fear of back- cies to defer and delay all Administration for identilash of the people in the elections, on one pretext fying and allocating suitelections, otherwise why or the other, except to Lok able site, as suggested in the letter for the proposed On one hand the Centre dharna of all opposition dharna of the opposition Govt. and UT administra- parties. The groups comparties, for holding early tion as well as the ruling prise of Ravinder Sharma BJP claim normalcy and (Congress), Rattan Lal

Jammu's Model Rohit Chib takes Goa by storm

Mr. Jammu and Kashmir, 2nd runner up AURA, Mr India and Mr. Talented

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JAMMU, OCT 5 Rohit Chib, an actor

district has achieved remarkable success by winning two titles in the Aura Mr. Miss and Mrs. India competition held in Goa. The journey to victory for Rohit Chib began with the coverted title of Mr. Jammu & Kashmir -

and model from Jammu

lades, winning the title of that exists within Paloura Mr. Talented. His impect- of Jammu (Jammu and able style showcased Kashmir) UT. a remarkable blend of The Aura Mr. Ms and ative expression.

niable talent, pose, and Jammu.

2nd runner up AURA Mr grace, Chib left a lasting India which served as a impression on the judges, testament to his magnet- securing his place in the ic charm and captivating highly competitive. This stage presence. However, accomplishment not only his talent of acting skills highlights his personal and dedication expanded achievements but also beyond boundaries as he shines a positive light on garnered additional acco- the talent and potential

acting, fashion, and cre- Mrs. India Competition served as a magnificent Chib's stellar perfor- platform not only to celemance in the Goa beauty brate the beauty and chaand charisma comperisma of its diverse partition earned him two ticipants but also to distitles, showcasing his play the immense talent versatile abilities across that dwells within every actin. His dedication to corner of our nation. maintaining peak physi- Rohit Chib's double viccal fitness and his impectory have positioned cable modeling skills him as a rising star in were evident throughout the competitive world of the event, impressing the pageantry, his remarkjudges and captivating the able achievements bring audience. With his unde- honor to the whole of

J&K Bank has shown phenomenal growth after abrogation of Art 370: Vibodh

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The J&K Bank today is a key financial institution and has made phenomenal growth during the last few years after the abrogation of article 370. These remarks were that Bank is making foot- while deepening its digital while inaugurating the year ending March 2023. J&K Bank ATM at Dharat This he said became possiof the people. He added Satish Kumar said that services.



made by BJP J&K Gener- print at gross root level footprint in the area the al Secretary and former and has earned profit of new ATM will cater to the MLC Vibodh Gupta today 1200 crores for financial needs of a large population thereby saving their valuable time and energy. in Nowshera. This ATM is ble only because of the effi- He urged the people of the part of the mission of the cient working of the bank area to avail the easy and J&K Bank to provide ease after abrogation of article convenient banking serof banking to every sec- 370. While elaborating on vices for the convenience tion of the society. While the massive contribution of the customers and addressing the locals after of J&K bank, Vibodh said people at large. Prominent inauguration of the ATM, that this bank has consis- among others who were Vibodh informed that with tently demonstrated its present in the meeting the commissioning of this commitment to the people included, DDc member ATM, the total number of of Jammu & Kashmir by Sangeeta Sharma, BDC ATM's in the twin border expanding its network of Chairman Neena Sharma, districts of Rajouri and banking services. The new President Beopar Mandal Poonch has gone up to ATM is a testament to the Bharat Bhushan Gupta, 84. Commending the role unwavering dedication of Vice Chairman Municiof J&K Bank in providing the bank management to pal Committee Nowshera latest banking facilities to providing easy and con- Vishal Gupta, local Sarthe general public, Vibodh venient access to bank-panches and local customappreciated the role of ing facilities to the poor ers of the bank. The parbank in promoting differ- and weaker section of the ticipants present on the ent financial schemes tai- society, Vibodh added. occasion appreciated J&K lored to meet economic Speaking on the occasion, Bank for providing easy and social security needs Zonal Head of J&K Bank and customer friendly

Opposition can't compete with BJP in dev, welfare service: Munish

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Once again the opposi-

tion parties in Jammu and Kashmir have started coming together to form a flock, with nothing to claim but mislead the masses for vote bank politics. The parties, which have recently came on a plateform to hold protest in Jammu, are most of but failed to come up to the expectations of the people.

This was stated by Jammu and Kashmir BJP senior leader & former General Secretary Munish that opposition has Sharma, while terming the 'alliance' as the politics of opportunism to remain alive in the public. He said that the people are well aware that the parties like



those who were in chair into coalition for 'Kursi' the seventy years and in Jammu and Kashmir (Chair). Their agenda had Congress and NC, and been appeasement on communal and regional considerations and Jammu a lot in short period and was always given step motherly treatment.

Munish Sharma said democracy and, as such, their leaders should go to public with their achieveachieved during their rule if they, simultaneously, appreciate the good works of the government, which are visible on ground to everyone. Munish Sharma further said that comparison

between the nine

years of govern-

ment under PM Narendra Modi some years of PDP, will make clear that BJP did took Jammu and Kashmir on new heights of develop-

ment and public welfare. "These parties stand very important role in a nowhere, when one talks of development and social welfare related works of Modi government", the ments and milestones BJP leader said and added that every attempt of the Congress, NC and PDP, but unfortunately, here, in opposition group will fail were in power in Jammu Jammu and Kashmir, only to regain the faith of the and Kashmir for decades. opposing the BJP and masses, who have judged They enjoyed the power the government pleases that it is only BJP, which on their own or entered them. It would be better deserves public support.

CUJ Started Celebrations on Wildlife Week

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 5

The Department of Zoology, Central University of and Wildlife. Jammu started the Wild-2023 under the patron- the department for constarted with the inaugu- rehabilitate the biodiver-Conservation".

addressed the gathering vote of thanks.

with his welcome speech deliberating about the importance of conservation of the Biodiversity

On the occasion, Prof. life Week Celebrations B.S. Bhau congratulated age of Vice Chancellor, ducting such an event Prof. Sanjeev Jain. The and also encouraged the two-day long celebrations students to conserve and ral ceremony in the Brig. sity of India in general and Rajinder Singh Audito- local flora and fauna in rium, under the theme, particular. Prof. Deepak "Partnership for Wildlife Pathania spoke about the hazards of climate Prof. B.S. Bhau, Dean change, habitat destruc-Life Sciences was the tion on the wildlife and chief guest of the inau- ignited the young minds gural ceremony. Prof. towards its conservation. Deepak Pathania, Dean Prof. Dhar also empha-Research Studies and sized on the importance Prof. Sunil Dhar, Head of sustainable develop-Department of Environ- ment for wildlife consermental Sciences were the vation. Dr. Dhanananajay invited guests. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Associate Profes-Kumar Yadav, Head sor, Department of Zool-Department of Zoology ogy presented a formal

Modi Govt steered Bharat to pinnacle of progress: Kavinder

Kick-start devp work at Cantonment area

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Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today underscored the remarkable progress and development achieved by Bharat under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in just nine years.

The senior BJP leader was speaking after commencing the develop- commitment, dedication, tiatives such as "Make in ment project for lanes and tireless efforts towards India," "Digital India," and and drains in Ward No. 5, the welfare and advance- "Startup India," which Cantonment Area, Raipur ment of the nation. He have not only empowered Satwari. He was accom- lauded the visionary lead- the Indian economy but panied by party leaders, ership of Prime Minister also generated employincluding Bharat Bhushan, Modi, whose steadfast ment opportunities for Vice Chairman of Canton- resolve has propelled the millions. ment Board, Vinay Gupta, country to the pinnacle of Narinder Koki, Avtar progress. Singh, Naib Sarpanch Hans Raj, Bharat Bhushan, the government's signifi-ful implementation of Amrik Singh, and Ashu cant achievements across flagship schemes such as

marked by unwavering fare. He commended ini- healthcare, sanitation, masses.



Kavinder highlighted ernment for the successvarious sectors, citing Ayushman Bharat, Swachh

and financial inclusion. The senior BJP leader

stressed that addressing the concerns of the common people of Jammu and Kashmir has always been the top priority of the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He reiterated the government's commitment to serving the people of the nation, emphasizing that development is at the core of BJP's ideology.

Gupta also expressed appreciation for the efforts of Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman of the Cantonment Board, in addressing the issues of the general public. He credited these achievements to mended the Modi gov-Bharat Bhushan's dedicated efforts and his commitment to serving the people of the cantonment area. He expressed hope Speaking on the occa- milestones in economic Bharat Abhiyan, and Jan that Bharat Bhushan will sion, Kavinder empha- growth, infrastructure Dhan Yojana, which have continue to drive develsized that the last nine development, healthcare, improved the lives of opment initiatives for the years have been a journey education, and social wel- citizens and prioritized welfare of the common

Opposition unity is only to gain power, it has nothing to do with public interest issues: Amit Kapoor

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President of Dogra Welfare Organization, Amit Kapoor, who is leading the movement on prepaid meters, property tax, old age pension and other public interest issues including cutting electricity connections of houses of more than a hundred people in the new plot area, today attacked the the opposition parties have come together only to save their seats and not

mance of the opposition picking it up? parties on October 10 to

fast after October 10.



to be given because the the voice of the people. Central Government has

opposition. He said that He said that everyone bring them forward so that knows that statehood has they can effectively raise

Kavinder also com-

on issues of public inter- promised for it, but why strongly attacked the LG est. He said that he has did the opposition parties administration for failpostponed the fast which not unite on the issues ing to solve the problems was to start on October 6 of prepaid meters, prop- of the people and said the old electricity bills of regarding various issues erty tax, old age pension, that hooliganism will not the people and handing and he will now sit on the unemployment and other continue in Jammu and over the power projects of public interest issues and Kashmir. He said that in Jammu and Kashmir back He said that he would listen to the voice of the New Plot, power supply to Jammu and Kashmir. have seen the perfor- people. Why are you not to a hundred houses from street number 1 to street rently people are being He said that if BJP is number 6 was cut off and given electricity at Rs 4 see whether they raised silent on issues of public the wires were also taken issues of public inter- interest then why are away with them. He said est or only those related opposition parties also that he was going to sit on get it at Rs 9.50 per unit. to saving their seats. silent on these issues. fast unto death from Octo-Only after that they will He said that these are all ber 6 on issues like prepaid announce the date of the spent cartridges and called meters and property tax, upon the people to reject old age pension, huge elec-started against prepaid Amit Kapoor said this the spent cartridges and tricity bills, waiver of old meters and actively parwhile addressing a press support new faces in the bills, power cuts and other ticipate in the protests conference in Jammu. upcoming elections and issues but now he will sit against it.

after October 10 because he Let us see whether the opposition parties raise issues of public interest in the protest on October 10 or not.

He said that all these

issues are household issues across Jammu and Kashmir and their agitation will continue until prepaid meters are removed and other issues are resolved. He said that people are being given huge bills as soon as these meters are installed, so what will be the condition of the people when electricity becomes private. He also raised the demand for waiving off

Kapoor said that curper unit but when it will be privatized, people will Therefore, he asked the people to give their full support to the movement

Awareness only way to prevent complications of cancer: Ritika Trehan

 ${\sf JAMMU, OCT\,5}$

Continuing their serious endaevours to add smiles to the faces of the little angels, Sparkle Women's Club today visited Oncology ward, SMGS Hospital, Jammu.The event was sponsored by joint collection of Sparklers for all the children of oncology ward. The chidren were swaying on the songs and also had hearty laughter that were given as gifts.

healthy eatables a month- this project. ly event which has been going on for the last three sion, Sparkler and Chief added Ritika. years was also provided Spokesperson BJP Mahila tests. Dr. Sanjeev k. Digra add colour to the already Sparkle women's club ment.



(Professor & HoD) and painful journey of these Child Specialist, Dr GS children .In this respect when their favourite car- Saini Pediatrician and Oncology ward at SMGS toon characters showed. HoD, Dr Suruchi along Hospital is adopted by They also enjoyed the with nurses of the ward Sparkle and is regularly cake cutting and the toys attended the program. visited with toys and Sparklers thanked the healthy eatables. Sparkle On this occasion, team of doctors who have has also been instrumenmonthly Ration and been a great support in tal in getting some pet scans and providing med-Speaking on the occaicines for these patients,

besides financial help Morcha J&KUT Ritika Sparkle was born with a oncology ward at SMGS was also provided so that Trehan said that they are motive to spread happi- hospital and said that the needy lacking resources making serious efforts ness and is ever moving club is working hand in can undergo necessary to bring happiness and forward towards its goal. hand with the govern-

has been organizing free Cancer Screening & General Awareness Camp from time to time. Ritika said," there was a time when if a serious ailment struck a poor person, he had to sell his entire property and land to get the treatment.

Ritika said our government has given thrust on several such aspects to provide healthcare for the poor at doorstep and at cheap rates under the flagship scheme Aayushman Bharat.She also appreciated the Modi government for establishing two Cancer institute's in the Union Territory one each in Jammu region and Kashmir region.She applauded the efforts put by Sparkle women's club Ritika further said that by adopting Pediatrics

Free, fair recruitment process is right of each and every student of J&K: Pushvinder



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Jammu Joint students' Federation (JJSF) organized an impressive joining programme at SPMR College of Commerce Jammu. The programme leadership of Keshav Malhotra (Jammu District Singh Manhas State Presiby Atul State Vice Presi-ties. dent JJSF, Raghu Nandan, Opinder Sharma, Yuvraj Singh, Abhisek Sharma, Sagar Sudan, Amit Verma, Pardhan, Ritik Verma and other office bearers of JJSF. A huge rally was taken out from college premises to Shaheedi College Jammu.

District President, JJSF

dents Pushvinder Singh Manhas (State President JJSF) said that JJSF will

shoulder to shoulder with tenant Governor administhem for the welfare of the tration to take measures to remember the students cess. He further asked LG

should not suffer.

the successive govern- JKUT Administration and Palak Bhat, Neeraj Thakur, ments for discriminating JKSSB for exploiting the Abhishek Choudhary as Jammu province. He said youth of Jammu Kashmir Spokespersons, Udhay as that JJSF always stood on the name of recruit- Incharge 1st Sem, Udhay against injustice with the ments conducted by pri- Kotwal as Incharge 3rd Jammu region in general vate firms. He said that the Semester, Abhi Sharma and student community free and fair recruitment Incharge 5th Incharge. in particular. He assured process is right for each Tarun Sharma, Bhavishya, all the students of the col- and every student of J&K. Mehak Bhagat, Sharik was organized under the lege that JJSF will work He appealed to the Lieu- Dogra, Ankush Karloopia as Executive members.

Newly nominated mem-President JJSF) where students' community. He to ensure transparency bers of the unit headed Advocate Pushvinder said it is our prime duty in the recruitment pro- by Raghav Singh while addressing the students dent JJSF was the Chief martyr of the 1966 agita- Administration to com- said that JJSF is the only Guest of the programme tion who laid their lives plete the infrastructure of non-political student's who was accompanied for the student communi-newly established degree organization which always colleges all over Jammu fought for the cause of Addressing the stu- Kashmir so that students Jammu and had fought many historical agitations Meanwhile, Adv. Push- for the people of Jammu vinder Singh Manhas, State and this was the only Nishakar Sharma, Lucky raise all students con- President JJSF announced reason that they decided cerned issues and will do the college unit in which to join JJSF. They further their best to get them all Raghav Singh was nomi- assured the JJSF leaders addressed. He said that nated President, Vishal that they shall leave no today there are many stu- Kumar as Working Presi- stone unturned in fightdents and youth related dent, Himanshu Samyal ing against the injustice Sthal outside GGM Science issues which need to be as Sr. Vice President, Ash- with students and youth raised and addressed. meet Singh and Uday as of Jammu and under the Delivering the welcome He expressed faith that Vice Presidents, Samaksh banner of JJSF. Kannu, address on the occasion the newly announced Sharma and Tanisha as Tushar Verma, Aman Keshav Malhotra, Jammu college unit will raise all General Secretaries, Nitin Verma, Bharat Verma, such issues and will fight Talwaria, Kartik Miniya, Abhishek Rana, Vikrant said that JJSF has a his- for rights and justice of Muskaan Bagal, Rupal Sal- Bassan and Aryan Sharma tory that it has led vari- youth and students of athia as Secretaries, Arun were others present ous agitations against Jammu. He lambasted as Cashier, Namita Raina, during the programme.

New policy on Disability Pension: Another blow to Armed Forces, post OROP, Agniveers, NFFU: SSP

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Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party JKUT, expressed his anguish and concern over the new policy on disability pension and invaliding out of, issued on 21 September 2023, superseding the policy issued in 2008. Expressing his dismay, Pathania said that successive govern- from existing 70 percent ments have never respected the sacrifices and valour of Armed Forces, and in stead appreciating and showing gratitude, they 90000 Pakistan's soldiers ment, too is in same mode union government and ing the security and sover-



and increase pension of civilians from existing 30

al financial upgradation has in print and electronic down pension of soldiers armed forces. Non function-rupees on advertisements earliest.

been given to burecrates, media. Soldiers, being IPS, Central Armed Police invalidated our of services Forces (CAPF), MES and on their own request or others, whereas govern- going to hit hard financially ment is contesting against and other incentives, which Armed Forces in Supreme were given earlier. Replaccourt, to deny NFFU to ing disability pension by armed forces. A truncated impairment relief, may be OROP, can be called One the first step to take away rank, Five pension as existing tax exemption. equalisation is taking place Sadly and surprisingly only after five years, instead of armed forces have been every year. New policy affected by the new policy, on disability pension, is whereas civilian defence bound to adversely affect employees and CAPF have percent to 50 percent. It is the morale and motivation been kept out of preview pertinent to mention, that level of armed forces, as it and continue enjoying the 25 percent of defence civil- is not pragmatic and away privileges. Pathania urged always marginalized them. ians are taking home 40 from the reality. A meagre the union government to Post historic win of 1971, percent of pension budget, saving of Rs. 4000 crores acknowledge the sacrifices when Pakistan was cut in as they retire at the age of may happen by implement- and contribution of armed two parts and more than 60 years. Present governing this scheme, wheres forces, towards safeguardwere taken prisoner, Con- and supporting IAS, IPS state governments have eignty of the nation and roll gres government brought and CAPF at the cost of spent thousands of crores back this new policy at the

Sham Sharma, Chander Mohan listen public grievances

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BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, alongwith Vice-President & former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swacch Bharat Abhiyan Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jawmal, during weekly Public darbar at party headquarter, Jammu, listened to the grievances of a large number of people from different areas of the UT. up every issue with the every day large numbers



early disposals. Sham Lal es and every effort is made Sharma, while express- to get respite to them at ing satisfaction that the the earliest. He said that people are conveying the party's public darbar is their thanks for extending proving a big boon to the The BJP leaders gave them them help in getting their suffering people, which is patient hearings and took problems solved, said that a matter for the BJP. senior officials of the con- of people throng the party said that the BJP believes thus providing big relief to

Chander Mohan Gupta cerned departments for office with their grievanc- in practical work and does the sufferers.

not mislead the public on mere sloganeering, every leader and activists of the party is at the back and call of the people.

Vikas Choudhary said that people from all the sections are being benefitted by public darbar hearings and there is a perception that the BJP is in real sense the guardian of the people.

Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal said that the people have found a platform in the form of BJP's public darbar and are visiting party office daily with their problems, most of which are solved instantly,



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Additional Deputy Com- tanks and mobile toilets temples during the festivimissioner, Harvinder near prominent temples ties. Singh, chaired a meeting and public places have to review preparations for been made. The Public including ambulance serthe upcoming Mela Bahu Works Department has vices, will be available at Fort during Navratra fes- been given the task of Bahu Fort. The Red Cross tival, as well as the Ram ensuring that the roads and Chief Medical Officer religious organisations Navami and Dussehra cel- leading to significant Jammu are also involved ebrations in the city. The locations, particularly in this aspect. Paramedidiscussions in the meet- the one leading to Bagh e cal staff are to remain ing revolved around the Bahu temple from Bikram at standby near Bagh e roles and responsibilities Chowk, are in optimal Bahu and along the jhanki assigned to various depart- condition. The Jal Shakti routes. Fire and Emerments and organisations Department has been gency services have been to ensure the smooth exedirected to guarantee regional to remain available at

taining cleanliness in and a Nodal Officer for round-

ular drinking water supply The Jammu Municipal to the prominent temples. during the festivals. Corporation has been They are also responsible entrusted with the vital for creating contingency ties for Traffic manageresponsibility of main- plans and have appointed

arrangements for water ity supply to prominent

Medical facilities, vital spots for emergencies

Similarly responsibiliment was given to respective department while the trict officers besides reprearound temples and the the-clock duty. The Power Transport Department sentatives from social and city. This includes regular Development Department has been told to increase religious organisations.

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU cleaning and fumigation of has been told for ensuring transportation services public areas. Additionally, an uninterrupted electric- to Bahu Fort. The Food Safety and Legal Metrology Departments have been asked to ready their flying squads to monitor the quality of food and essential supplies.

> Representatives from and temple authorities also contributed valuable inputs during the meeting. They emphasised the importance of security, well-lit surroundings and ambulance services during the Navratra festival and Dussehra celebrations at Parade Ground and other locations.

The meeting was attended by various dis-

District Advisory Committee reviews implementation of PC & PNDT Act in Udhampur

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 5

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai on Thursday presided over the District Advisory Committee meeting to assess the implementation of the PC & PNDT Act and the Clinical Establishment, Registration & Regulation Act, 2010.

The meeting took place in the Mini Confer-Complex, Udhampur, and was attended by several key officials including Discussions also revolved Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr. Vinod Kumar; Additional District Devel-Ghan Sham Singh; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anil Manhas and other committee members.

The meeting delved into encompassing the registration and renewal of inspections of ultrasound ultrasound center certificilinics, especially those

ence Hall of the DC Office Act, Labs, and Clinics, Strict action should be collaboration with NGOs as well as the associated taken against any default- and conducting workoffenses and penalties. ers found.

record-keeping of antenalishment Act, provisions tal cases at all ultrasound for registration, inspection centers in the district was opment Commissioner, procedures, and mecha- emphasized. The Deputy ed to grant provisional regnisms for monitoring and Commissioner asked for istration to clinical estabimplementing the PC & close check on illegal pre- lishments upon fulfilling PNDT Act, IEC activities natal sex selection prac-necessary formalities. Furetc. During the meeting, tices and called for advo-thermore, the CMO was it was emphasized that cacy and communication tasked with conducting numerous critical issues, responsible authorities efforts to promote gender inspections of both regshould conduct frequent equality.

tal Diagnostic Techniques central Act regulations. awareness programs in Establishment Act.

shops for ground-level Additionally, proper staff at ultrasound clinics to educate them about the Act's provisions.

The CMO was instructistered and unregistered The committee mem- clinical establishments, bers discussed ways to and imposing fines and cates, enforcement of the located in remote areas, enhance Act implementa-penalties on any defaulters Preconception and Prena- to ensure compliance with tion, such as organizing as outlined in the Clinical

'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign spreads patriotic fervor across Awantipora & Block Litter

PULWAMA, OCTOBER 5

was today organized with and communities delivfervor by the Block Develered moving patriotic opment Office Litter Las- songs and captivating sipora and the Block cultural performances Development Office Awa- to honor the courageous ntipora in collaboration hearts. with the District Administration Pulwama.

heartfelt tribute to the with a special emphasis local heroes and martyrs on women's participawho made the ultimate tion, paid their heartsacrifice in the line of felt respects to Martyrs, duty. A poignant high- thereby emphasizing the light was the collection timeless values of patrioof mitti (soil) from every tism and love for Nation. household in the villages, mixing ceremony.

locations, fervently tion and Police. rallying for active participation in the forth- nificance, the program coming fortnight-long reached its conclusion campaign-a tribute to in both locations as the those valiant souls who, large Amrit Kalash was through their sacrifices, ceremoniously sealed, have safeguarded our gracefully draped in

security and peace. of the event, vibrant cul-symbol of unity and revtural programs captivat- erence.

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU ed the audience in both Awantipora and Block Litter. Talented perform-'Meri Maati Mera Desh' ers from various groups

Volunteers from NCC, Anganwadi Workers, The event stood as a and other youth groups,

The culmination of this a symbolic act of unity event was marked by the that resonated deeply presentation of memenwith all in attendance. tos to the families of The soil was reverently the brave hearts in both placed into a large Kalash, Awantipora and Block sparking an atmosphere Litter. These mementos, of jubilation during the a joint symbol of the community's profound grati-Local PRIs and promitude and respect, were nent figures addressed handed over by officers the gathering in both from District Administra-

With profound sigsaffron-colored cloth-a Adding to the vibrancy poignant and enduring

Srinagar Admin conducts anti-encroachment Mental Health Awareness drive in all Tehsils of the District

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU SRINAGAR OCTOBER 5

The District Administration Srinagar on Thursday undertook major antiencroachment operations across the District to retrieve Government Land from the illegal occupants and reclaimed over 71 kanals of prime State/ Kahcharie land worth crores from the land grabbers.

The Anti-encroachment operation was launched in all 7 Tehsils of the District including, Eidgah, North Srinagar, Panthachowk, Khanyar, South Srinagar, Central Shalteng and Chanapora Tehsil.

The special antiencroachment Squads constituted by District Administration Srinagar headed by respective Tehsildars conducted massive anti-encroachment drives while taking assistance of Police and other Depart- min. ments. A team of Revenue land from the land grab-1604, 1605, 76 min and 37 dar Pantha Chowk, Rakib 40.74 crore from the ille- utilised for public purpose.





launched a massive anti- marlas of State land was Tehsil. encroachment drive in also retrieved in Brane

Ahmad as many as 5 kanals encroachment drives Similarly, in a major and 5 marlas of land was undertaken in Srinagar and Police Officers/Offi- anti-encroachment drive retrieved under survey no District today, the Deputy cials headed by Tehsildar launched at In Khanyar 27/1 and 142 min at Zawoo- Commissioner Srinagar North, Kaiser Mehmood Tehsil 35 kanals and 9 ra and Lasjan areas of the applauded the efforts of

Batpora, Shalimar and villages under survey no. village in Eidgah Tehsil, a them to continue the Syedpora Bala villages and 4929/399/2744 under the Revenue Team headed by anti-encroachment drives retrieved 14 kanals and 5 supervision of Tehsildar Tehsildar, Ishfaq Ahamd in their respective jurismarlas of State/Kacharie Khanyar, Aailya Tabasum. Khan retrieved 08 kanals dictions to retrieve the In Lasjan village under of State land under survey encroached land which bers under survey no. the supervision of Tehsil- no. 1266 Minworth Rs in normal course is to be

gal occupants. In South Tehsil of the District, a team headed by Tehsildar, Moean Azhar conducted an anti-encroachment drive in Shivpora area retrieved 27 marlas of land under survey no. 168 min and 169 min from the encroachers.

around the Clinical Estab-

Similarly, in Gund Hassi Bhat and Khushipora villages of Central Shalteng Tehsil 02 kanals and 09 marlas of State Land has been evicted under the supervision of Tehsilda Shalteng Kaser Ahmad from the land grabbers under survey no. 156min and 895/281.

In Chanapora Tehsil as many as 05 kanals of State land was also evicted from land grabbers in Rawalpora village under survey no. 1959 and 1960 under the supervision of Tehsildar Chanpora, Saqib Saleem.

With regard to antithe Anti-encroachment Likewise, in Zoonimar squads and has asked

Week-2023 kick-starts at **Amar Singh College**

disorders.

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU eradication of concurrent SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

Human Right'.

Health and Drug Abuse programmes. was delivered by Dr. Mehvish Registrar Institute of brought up the curtain Mental Health and Neu- on board of gratitude rosciences (IMHANS) and for students, guests and the expert was invited for faculties to share what

the occasion. erated on the issue of campaign to learn about substance use and its mental illness to talk repercussions for mental about it and to contribute health. She argued that to fostering mental health the co-occurring disor- and well-being for all. ders may further deteriomeasures to ensure the for mental well-being.

The Open Mike Ses-The Department of Psy-sion followed the lecture

chology and Psychologi- in which students parcal Counselling Cell Amar ticipated with enthusiasm Singh College today kick- and shared the details of started week-long pro- their personal battle with grammes for observing mental health issues. The 'Mental Health Aware- open mike session was ness Week' focusing on appreciated by the stuthis year's theme 'Mental dents, experts and guests Health is a Universal alike. Speaking at the event, Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Dr. Ulfat Jan, Head Ajaz Bashir, Principal Department of Psychol- Amar Singh College and ogy emphasized the need Nodal Principal Kashmir to acknowledge mental Division Colleges apprecihealth issues as human ated the efforts put in by rights issues and contend- the Department of Psyed that all general human chology and Psychologirights treaties apply to cal Counselling Cell for people with mental ill- organizing a productive event and wished them A lecture on Mental the best for the upcoming

The principal also they are thankful for. He Dr. Mehwish delib- also launched the pledge

The participants at the rate the situation of the event also included the sufferer. She stressed the officials of Mission Youth need to take substantive Initiative an NGO working

DC Srinagar inaugurates Silk Carpet Centre under Karkhandar Scheme at Rathpora Eidgah

REFUGEE MESSAGE BUREAU SRINAGAR OCTOBER 5

Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today inaugurated a Centre of Silk Carpet here at Eidgah in Shahr-e Khaas of the District under Karkhandaar Scheme of Handicraft and Handloom Department.

On the occasion, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Assistant Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Mohsina trict and emphasized on authenticity of the prod-Irshad, Tehsildar Eidgah, the hard work that goes in ucts. Ishfaq Ahmad Khan other every single knot of carpet

Karkhandar Unit Holder, consumers to get qual- be provided by the Gov- self-independent. Rafiq Ahmad Sofi of Rath- ity products of desired ernment in order to boost

sioner congratulated the tag products and helps by the local Artisans will well as men community avenues.

DC also emphasised tives of the Karkhandar to promote sustainable revive the languishing Art and held a detailed interpora, Eidgah of the Distraits besides assures the their manufacturing and on incorporating IT inter-Scheme, the DC said livelihoods as the artisans for overall socio-economic action with the Artisans.

exports with impetus on ventions in the handicraft Karkhandar scheme has can gain direct access to supporting the industry craft sector to encourage been launched with an customized production, While appreciating the from the production stage younger generations to aim to upscale the learning new design development, senior officers along with weaving. He appreciated contribution of Artisans to the exporting stage. He carry forward the rich techniques of craftsmen technology related modithe team of one District the new technology in the and their magical hard emphasized on the role of heritage of world famous and to improve their wage one product and large form of iron looms and GI work in revival, preserva- the Handicraft sector in crafts and industries asso- earnings and create link- have the pulse of market number of Artisans were tagging mechanism that tion and promotion of Tra-generating employment ciated with Carpet weav- ages with producer orgaconfers legal protection ditional Art and crafts, the in Kashmir Division and ing and other Handloom/ nizations i.e Kharkhandar Speaking on the occa- to the products, prevents DC assured the Artisans supporting the economy Handicraft products there- to inculcate entrepreneur- under One District One missioner inspected the sion Deputy Commis- unauthorized use of a GI that all support required and making the women as by generating employment ship qualities in them. He Product(ODOP) initia- various units of the Silk said Karkhandar Scheme tive Silk carpet has been Carpet Centre set up under Highlighting the objec- has been also envisaged chosen with a vision to the Karkhandar scheme

fications and above all can demands. The DC further said

upliftment of the associated Artisans. He also mentioned that the District Export Hub is also being made functional soon to invite foreign buyers.

He said the District Export Hub" under the ODOP initiative is being established soon at Kashmir Haat with an aim to boost the Export of Goods from Srinagar District with adequate market linkage to the Industry, provide guidance regarding exports, consultancy, IT solutions, data management etc under one umbrella, besides strengthen support at embassy level to facilitate exporters and importers.

Later, the Deputy Com-

