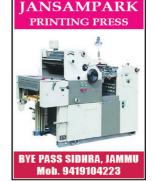
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### Over 9,000 landless people given land in J&K so far: LG Manoj Sinha

SRINAGAR, OCT 6

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that more than 9,000 landless people have been provided land in Jammu and Kashmir so far under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

Talking to reporters on eligible people who are tenant Governor said. landless will get 5 Marla land from the govern- two-day visit to Kupwara Once the survey is com-

"Any person who did not have his own land, connected with the rail submitted", he said and Jammu and Kashmir gov- link soon.



the sidelines of a function ernment will provide him at Dak Bunglow Kupwara, 5 marlas land under the has already sanctioned he said that only those PMAY scheme", the Lieu- a budget for a techni-

> district, also said that the pleted, Detailed Project border district will be Report (DPR) will be

"The Railway Minister cal survey of rail project Sinha, who was on a connecting to the district.

added "Kupwara will be

connected with the rail link soon."

The LG said that Kupwara is on the path of prosperity and development even though the security situation has improved as well in the past three years.

"Common man is living a peaceful life here. This district has seen a significant improvement in the agriculture and allied sector. Both growth and production has increased," he said.

Sinha said that infrastructure development has also seen significant improvement.

> "Roads have CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

### Left wing extremism will be totally eliminated from Country in 2 years: HM Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, OCT 6

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years.

Charing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected states, Shah also said year 2022 witnessed the lowest violence and deaths in Naxal-hit areas in last four

Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years, he said. "Naxalism is a curse to humanity and we are resolved to uproot it in all its forms," he said.

Officials said violent incidents in Naxal-affect- ing where Odisha, Bihar,

number of incidents of ed states have come down Madhya Pradesh and by 77 per cent in 2022 in Chhattisgarh were repre-

> was attended by the chief ment in the LWE security ministers of Maharash- situation in the country said. tra, Andhra Pradesh and over the last five years. Jharkhand. Maharash- The central government prepared by the Ministry tra Deputy Chief Minis- had approved the 'Nationter Devendra Fadnavis al Policy and Action Plan also attended the meet- to address LWE' in 2015.

comparison to the high of sented by state ministers. Officials said there has

The review meeting been significant improve- cent in 2022 as compared

The policy envisages

a multi-pronged strategy involving security-related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc, the officials said.

Steadfast implementation of this policy has resulted in consistent decline in LWE violence across the nation, they

The number deaths of security forces and civilians in LWE violence has also reduced by 90 per to the high of 2010, they

According to the data of Home Affairs, there were 17.679 LWE-related incidents and 6,984

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### Soldiers in Rajouri to face court of inquiry

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

The army has initiated a nate happening". Court of Inquiry against Jammu and Kashmir, offi-

cials said on Friday. were injured in the Thursday incident at the Neeli post near Thanamandi.

Officials said on Friday remained that army officers have

rushed to the scene to take stock of the situation in view of the "unfortu-

The erring officer has

the camp lasted nearly At least five personnel, eight hours before the including three officers, officer was overpowered inside the armoury late in the evening on Thursday. Though the army

a major-rank officer who been detained and is allegedly opened fire on being questioned, the his colleagues and explod- officials said, adding a ed grenades inside a camp Court of Inquiry has been in the Rajouri district of ordered into the incident. The tense situation at

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### Army Officer who fired on LG pays obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Tikkar Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCTOBER 6

Lt Governor paid obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Tikkar Kupwara and prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of one The Lt Governor spent

the night at Kupwara and interacted with many public delegations and officers to assess the development needs of the people of the district. Earlier, the lieutenant



egations today.

Governor Manoj Sinha on residents of Border vil- Association apprised the the second day of his visit lages; Traders federa- Lt Governor on various to Kupwara interacted tion; members of Pahadi, with various public del- Gujjar Bakerwal and

minority communities; The delegations com- Farmers, Transporters, prising of PRI members; media fraternity and Bar

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#### Cooperative sector holds immense capacity for agricultural growth and prosperity: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 6

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the 'Rabi Campaignsowing of Rabi Crops' during the Sankalp Saptaah at Aspirational Block Singhpora in Baramulla District.

In his address, the Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the farmers and directed the officials to ensure timely supply of critical inputs, fertilizers, facilitation of innovative technologies to enhance production for self sufHe shared the efforts of Lakh hectare was brought

bring a paradigm shift in tion. Upto Rabi 2020-21, cultivation of Rabi crops. Rabi season, Kashmir Diviin Rabi season, the Lt Gov-

sion for the first time had ernor said. The Rabi cropficiency in oilseeds and witnessed yellow revolu- ping intensity tion and an area of 1.4

the UT Administration to under mustard cultivaabout 70% of cultivable During the previous land used to remain fallow

### protecting interests of genuine personnel, enhance efficiency of 3 services: CDS

JI NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

The new rules for granting disability pension to armed forces personnel were brought out following wide-ranging discussions among the three services and they are aimed protecting interests of the "genuine" people and Gen Anil Chauhan said on

who retired after Septem- brought out based on the



ber 21 and there will be no

The provisions of the for Casualty Pension and ence of Navy Chief R Hari revised entitlement rules Disability Compensation Kumar, Air Chief Marshal will be applicable for the Awards to Armed Forces VR Chaudhari and Vice armed forces personnel Personnel, 2023' were Chief of Army

recommendations of a study involving the three services, Armed Forces Medical Services and the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare. "The aim of the study

was to protect the genuine interests of personnel who acquire disability during service while preventing the exploitation ensuring a fitter military, retrospective implementa- of its liberal provisions Chief of Defence Staff tion of the norms, he said. from misuse," the Chief The new rules titled of Defence Staff said at 'Entitlement Rules (ER) a media briefing in pres-

#### New rules for disability pension aimed at Over 73 Lakh devotees pay obeisance at Shrine Board introduces virtual Mata Vaishno Devi till sep this year

As the number of pilgrims reaching the holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi is swelling every month, more than 73 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the sanctorum sanctum till September this year.

The shrine is located in the Trikuta Hills of Reasi district of Jammu and

An official said that it is expected that this year, the yatra figure may be close to one crore.

this year is increasing facilitate them," the offi-



every month and if this cial said. yatra trend continues, the current year yatra figure will be close to one crore.

The Shri Mata Vaish-"In comparison to the is encouraging pilgrims Shrine and in the same last year, the pilgrimage by further adding on to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi advanced facilities to

He said that in the first nine months of the current year till September, 73,25,298 devotees visited no Devi Shrine Board Shri Mata Vaishno Devi period in 2022, 72,10,139 devotees

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### Darshan via natural cave for Vaishno Devi pilgrims

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCT 6

shan through natural cave of Rs 101/- only. by installing kiosks at five and Kashmir.

Chief Executive Officer cave to be available for facilitate the pilgrims at different loca-

The pilgrims, he said can enjoy a unique In yet another landmark immersive experience step to facilitate the pil- through VR Headsets this grims, Shri Mata Vaishno Shardiya Navratri start-Devi Shrine Board has ing from October 15 by introduced virtual dar- making digital payments The kiosks will be avail-

locations en route Bhawan able at Niharika Bhawan nestled in Trikuta Hills of (Katra), Serli Helipad, Ard-Reasi district in Jammu hkuwari, Parvati Bhawan and Durga Bhawan. "Pilgrims often demand

(CEO), Shri Mata Vaishno the opening of an old tra-Devi Shrine Board, Anshul ditional natural cave for Garg on Friday said, "Vir-darshan, which is thrown tual darshan of Mata Rani open only once in a year," through the holy natural Garg told UNI. He said, "to

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### Public-Private synergy imperative to meet global benchmarks in healthcare: Dr Jitendra

**AGENCIES** 

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that for a country like India, Public-Private synergy is imperative to meet global benchmarks in healthcare. A healthy supplementation of the resources from provide world-class medical care at affordable rates,

ence & Technology, MoS by CII in New Delhi. PMO, Personnel, Public



Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the was delivering the Inau-policy planning changes gural Address at the 15t, The Minister of State he said. Global MedTech leadership under Prime and Private Industry in (Independent Charge) Sci- Summit 2023 organised Minister Shri Narendra the MedTech & BioTech

Stating that there is no trust between public and

during the nine years of Modi have created mutual private sectors.

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, was delivering the Inaugural Address at the 15thGlobal MedTech Summit 2023 organised by CII in New Delhi.

"There is scope for huge synergy between the Public Institutions sectors besides

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### Ready to deal with any challenge: AoC AFS Jammu

JAMMU, OCT 6

Ahead of the Air Force that the air force is ready Air-Officer-Commanding tualities and challenges. (AOC) of Air Force Station, Jammu, Air Com- for any eventuality and modore Sagar Singh all measures are in place," Rawat, Vayu Sena Medal, Air Officer Commanding Friday said that Indian (AoC) Jammu, Air Com-Air Force (IAF) is ready modore S S Rawat told to respond to any eventuality and has put all meation on drone threat, demonstrated Humanisures in place to coun- adding that all measures tarian Assistance and ter the threat of drones are in place to counter Disaster Relief (HADR) from across the Indo-Pak drone threats.

the AoC AFS Jammu as said most of the operaper news agency, said tions are successful.

"See we are prepared reporters here to a ques-

Addressing a press cess rate of IAF's surveil- copter Unit (Condors) in welcomed the

"Our platform is capa-

Day on October 8, the and prepared for all even- ble of carrying out surveillance and reconnaissance with efficiency," said the AOC.

The IAF is deployed for such operations in coordination with the Army, Rawat added.

The Air Force also recently conducted by Asked about the suc- Jammu based 130 Heliconference at Jammu, lance operations, Rawat recent Himachal Pradesh

floods and commanding officer of the unit which, equipped with Mil Mi-17, Irfan Juriyal, stressed on the importance of helicopters for terrain like Jammu and Kashmir.

"All I can say through

your (media) medium is

that people can trust us and we are available to save them from any natural calamity or disaster like situation," said Juriyal, who is also CO of

Helicopter Unit. Earlier, AOC Rawat

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#### DC Jammu inspects developmental activities in Panchayat Garkhal being developed as Model Village

JAMMU, OCTOBER 6

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today visited Garkhal Panchayat in the Akhnoor block to assess the ongoing efforts to transform the village into a Model Village.

A meeting took place at the Panchayat Ghar, where the Deputy Commissioner tives, government functionaries and officers.

During the meeting, comprehensive discussions were held. The pace Singh highlighted specific Civic amenities in camps of work for the Jal Jeevan priorities, including the for nomads. Mission was reviewed, focusing on ensuring measures to safeguard clean water supply for the farmlands, progress on tive to officers, emphasisvillage's residents. Health a village playfield and ing the importance of infrastructure and facili- requested upgrades for adhering to deadlines ties were addressed to the Government High for assigned tasks and enhance the well-being of School Garkhal. Concerns projects. He assured that Garkhal's inhabitants.

works of the Power Development Department were citizens drew attention addressed in due course. scrutinised. Challenges towards road conditions



need for flood protection

met with PRI representa- faced by the Agriculture from Harijan Basti to missioner inspected the department in implement- Gujjar Basti, emphasis-Government High School ing its schemes were noted ing the necessity for its Garkhal and interacted repair. Additionally, they Sarpanch, Kashmir sought improvement of advised the teachers to

The Deputy Commissioner issued a clear direcrelated to borderland the most pressing issues The RDSS and Capex issues were also discussed. would be prioritised, with Panches and concerned the remaining matters

from Akhnoor, besides Furthermore, special other officers.

### Forest Department Doda targets to plant 4 lakh saplings in Winter Season

DODA, OCTOBER 6

instructions

were given to

the SDM, SHO

and Tehsildar

law and order and promptly

address any hin-

drance to the vil-

lage's develop-

Deputy Com-

with the students. He

give special attention

to students with special

needs. The school infra-

structure was also inspect-

ed and feedback was taken

from the school authori-

ties. The DC was accompa-

nied by Additional Deputy

Commissioner, Harvinder

Singh; Chief Planning

Officer, Yoginder Katoch,

SDM, Tehsildar and BDO

Later, the

maintain

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Vishesh Mahajan and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Abdul Qayoom today participated in a mega plantation drive organized by the Forest Department. The significant event took place at the Sports Stadium near Vikas Bhawan, under the vigilant supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Ravinder Singh.

The focus of this plantation drive was to enhance the aesthetic appeal of Doda town while promoting an eco-friendly environment. Deputy Commissioner led the way by planting young Chinar tree saplings, a symbolic gesture of commitment to the cause. The event drew the participation of various officers and officials from the Forest Department, all of whom extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner.



behind this initiative was Administration and is planto combat deforestation, ning to undertake plantation driven by both human inter- on large scale through 'Har vention and natural factors, and to bolster the greenery in Doda. DC lauded the Forest Department's proactive efforts to protect the environment, emphasizing the importance of continued plantation drives in preserving the region's ecosystem.

DFO Doda expressed heartfelt gratitude for November onwards. This Deputy Commissioner event serves as a crucial Mahajan's presence at this prestigious plantation drive, extending appreciation to all the officers and officials who initiative underscores the

sion, with active participa- life.

The primary objective tion and support of District Gaon Harayali' campaign & 'One Beat guard - One Village Programme' under the umbrella of J&K Green Drive in all 237 panchayats of the

More than 4 lakh plants of different species are being planted during the winter season starting from step towards fostering a sustainable and eco-friendly environment in Doda. The contributed to the initiative. critical role that trees play DFO Doda informed that in mitigating climate change, the winter plantation is car- improving air quality, and ried out in Doda Forest Diviproviding a habitat for wild-

ration for the

whole valley of

Kashmir to pre-

serve the cultural

heritage of Kash-

miri tradition. He

said that youth is

full of potential,

which needs

to be nurtured

given proper

platform. Talent

should not be

hidden, it must

be expressed

through such

platforms, the

extended his

gratitude to all

involved and

expressed opti-

mism for the con-

tinued growth of

the local artistic

NTIM YATRA

DC added.

The

#### DC Samba discusses arrangements for approaching **Festival Season**

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 6

District Development Commissioner Samba discussed arrangements for upcoming festivals, including Navratras, Mahanavami, Dussehra, and Diwali here at a meeting of line depart-

One of the key points discussed during the meeting was the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in Gram Panchayats and temples. It was decided that the Block Development Officer (BDO) and the Executive Officer (EO) of the Municipality would be responsible for ensuring cleanliness of the areas and to ensure that only decomposable materials are disposed of in water bodies.

The Jal Shakti Department was tasked with ensuring the availability of water during the festivals to meet the community's needs. Additionally, there was a discussion about providing uninterrupted power supply through the availability of generators to ensure the smooth flow of festivities.

Efficient traffic management during the festivals was emphasized, with the Traffic Police responsible for staff deployment. Security for Ramleelas was another concern, particularly for women, and provisions for toilet facilities and water were prioritized. Tehsildar Baribrahmnaa was designated to oversee queue management at Purmandal and ensure cleanliness, including the installation of dustbins at essential locations. The aim was to make the event a "zero garbage event" by promoting responsible waste disposal. Legal metrology teams will conduct market checks to ensure compliance with regulations, including the availability of milk products during Navratras monitored by the Animal Husbandry Department. Furthermore, only green crackers, following Supreme Court guidelines, will be allowed, with Chinese crackers prohibited.

### DC Budgam reviews progress of schemes under Mission Youth



JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, OCTOBER 6

Youth and Skill Develop- ent course training will vice sectors.

Youth programme.

He stressed on imparting skilled training to the ing potential and suit- Handicrafts Handloom

in various trades.

He directed that all the ment Programme at Con- be comprehensively discussed.

Administration.

youth of the district to able trades for the train- besides others concerned.

help them to get trained ing of the youth for their proper hand holding is important. He also said The Deputy Commission- line departments shall that skilled training shall er (DC) Budgam, Akshay prepare a comprehensive provide ample opportuni-Labroo today chaired a skill development train- ties to the youth in both meeting to review Mission ing chart where in differ- manufacturing and ser-

Among others, the meeting was attended At the outset, the DC He directed BDOs for by ADDC Budgam, Dr heading the District Com- identification of local Akramullah Tak; JD Planmittee gave approval to youth in rural areas over ning, Rafiq Ahmad; Prinvarious beneficiary cases and above other line cipal ITI, DS&EO, DD of Mumkin and Tejaswini departments and submit Employment, CMO, ACP, schemes under Mission the same list with District DIO, District Head JKEDI, KVK, and RLM, all BDOs, The DC said impart- officers and officials from

### Bandipora Autumn Festival: Season-1 of 'Kashur Fankar' held at Wular Vantage Park

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 5

With the aim of promoting Bandipora as prominent tourist destination, a vibrant 'Koshur Funkar' event was today held as part of Bandipora Autumn

Festival at the Wular Van-

tage Park in Bandipora The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad presided over the vibrant music festival, 'Kashur Fankar'.

The event organised by District Administration in collaboration with Ali Sports Academy, Bandipora, was attended by aspiring musicians, prominent singers, and artists from the valley to showcase their extraordinary talents. Besides the young music aspirants, the top singers and artists from the valley, including Gulzar Ahmad Ganaie, Noor Mohammad, Nazir Ganaie were also present on the occasion.

the rich cultural heritage occasion.



and artistic diversity of the Kashmir Valley.

During the event, a capfrom traditional Kashmiri artists. Kashur Fankar proved folk music to contempoprowess and artistic flair. The rich cultural tradi-The festival was organised tions of Kashmir mesmerto nurture and promote ized the audience in the

Apart from the musical performances, Kashur Fankar also hosted mas-

of the region.

Attendees were treated However, after many to be a remarkable plat- rary genres, showcasing to a feast for their ears singing rounds, the jury

ing here serves as an inspiticipants.

community. Shafat Ahmad, Mohammad Mudasir, Yawar Ayoub, Arshid Margo, tivating lineup of musical terclasses conducted by Ishfaq Ahmad Wani were performances, ranging renowned musicians and among the budding singers who made it to finals.

form for budding artists the versatility of the local in addition to the scenic declared Yawar Ayoub to display their musical artist, were performed. beauty of natural wonders as the Winner of 'Kashur Fankar'. People on the Dr Owais, on the occa- occasion congratulated sion, said that the gather- the winner and other par-

#### **ADDC reviews** functioning of **Revenue department** at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE  ${\it GANDERBA, OCTOBER\,6}$ 

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani today chaired a meeting of revenue department here to review the performance under various priority indicators.

Threadbare discussion was held regarding all revenue matters which include implementation of online services, attestation of pending mutations, digitization of land records, status of PM-KISAN and other services.

The ADDC reviewed the disposal of online services under PSGA and stressed upon the officials that no application should be served out of timeline.

The meeting also reviewed the status of PM-KISAN tehsil wise and directed CAO and Tehsildars to activate their field staff so that all eligible beneficiaries are covered under the scheme.

### Sankalp Saptah- Day 4: Krishi Mahotsav organised in Aspirational Block Marwah



JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 6

quarters, Marwah.

members, alongside rep-

ments.

The Krishi In conjunction with the Mahotsav witnessed the ongoing "Sankalp Saptah" presence of key figures, in the aspirational blocks including Chief Agriculof Kishtwar District, the ture Officer Kishtwar, Department of Agri- Amjad Hussain Malik; culture, Sub-Division District Agriculture Marwah, orchestrated a Officer Kishtwar, Sanjay successful Krishi Mahot- Sharma; DDC Member, sav at the Block Head- Mr. Zaffarullah; Tehsil- disseminate information dar Marwah, Gandeep about ongoing depart-This event, held under Singh; Sub-Divisional the scheme "Alternate Agriculture Officer Agriculture System for Marwah, Manjoor Ahmed ing community. Sustainability" as part Zargar; Subject Matter of CAPEX-HADP, took Specialist, Rakesh Padha, ance of the District Develcenter stage, captivat- as well as Sarpanches and opment Commissioner

mental schemes dedicated to uplifting the farm-Under the noble guid-

nizations (FPOs).

(KPI), including the satu-

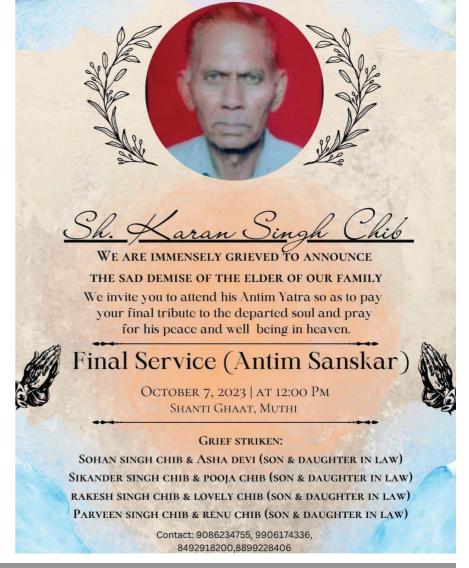
ration of PM Kisan, KCC,

Farmers' Producer Orga-

ture and allied depart- to sensitize farmers in great enthusiasm, activethis aspirational block ly participating in the to the merits of organic event. During the occasion, farming and various Key Performance Indicators

Zaffarullah, the DDC member and the concerned Sarpanches of and the strengthening of Block Marwah applauded the efforts and achievements of the department. The event aimed to They acknowledged the positive impact on the farming community in the sub-division as a whole and Block Marwah in particular.

The Department of Agriculture, Sub-Division Marwah, expresses grating participating farm- PRI's from various pan- Kishtwar, the program itude to all participants ers, PRI's, BDC and DDC chayats in Block Marwah. successfully engaged and stakeholders for con-The primary objec- over 200 farmers. The tributing to the success of resentatives from agricul- tive of the program was participants exhibited Krishi Mahotsav.



### Div Com Jammu discusses activity plan, arrangements for maiden Basohli Navratra Festival

Divisional Commissioner 15 to Oct 23.

tives from the administra- officers. tion, local communities, cultural organizations and tourism department and

productive gathering was Basohli, affectionately to collaborate and devise known as "Vishwasthali," community-centric strate- has a history that dates delights, capturing the gies to curate an enchant- back centuries, boasting a ing Navratra Festival tapestry of traditions and experience, which would legacies that have shaped attract visitors from far its identity. and wide.

immense potential of the execute a series of events artistry and legacy of Navratra festival to bolster that will showcase and the local economy and promote the rich heri- Pashmina Workshop preserve cultural traditions, the Divisional Com- exquisite cuisine, Basohli Basohli Pashmina weav-

Key government func- formances.

SKUAST-K,

**KVK Budgam** 

organize EAP

**Methods for** 

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BUDGAM, OCTOBER 4

on Composting

**Organic Waste** 

**Decomposition** 

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

(KVK) Budgam, SKUAST-

K organized one day

Entrepreneurship Aware-

ness Programme (EAP)

on 'Composting Meth-

ods for Organic Waste

Decomposition' for farm-

ers of Garend Budgam on

The programme was

sponsored by the Min-

istry of Micro, Small

and Medium Enterprise

(MSME), GoI. The train-

ing programme was

aimed to sensitize and

build entrepreneurial

mindset among the farm-

ers and develop their

skills so that they can

convert waste to wealth.

ers from the said village

attended the awareness

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr Bilal Ahmad

Lone (Sr. Scientist & Head

KVK Budgam) stressed on

the role of such aware-

ness programmes for

instilling an entrepre-

neurship spirit among

the people as compost-

ing has become a popular

business opportunity for

(SMS Soil Science) dis-

cussed the said theme

highlighting the scien-

tific methods of organic

waste decomposition

and importance of ver-

micomposting. Such

practices can reduce the

pollution at huge levels.

Composting has gained

renewed attention in

recent years due to its potential to reduce waste

and improve soil health.

soil health cards were

also distributed among

the participants. A practical demonstration

regarding different meth-

ods of composting was

also conducted at KVK

was also attended by

other scientists of KVK

Budgam farm.

Budgam.

During the programme

Dr. Shazia Ramzan

entrepreneurs in India.

programme.

A total of 65 farm-

6th October 2023.

tionaries present in the meeting were DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shakti Pathak, DC Kathua, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar Rakesh Minhas; SSP today visited Basohli and Kathua, Shivdeep Singh chaired a meeting of the Jamwal; CEO, BBDA, Des stakeholder departments Raj Bhagat; Director ULB and civil society members Jammu, Puneet Sharma; to discuss activity plan and ADC, Basohli Ajit Singh; arrangements for Mega Joint Director Tourism, Navratri Festival being Sunaina Mehta; Joint hosted in Basohli from Oct Director Youth Services and Sports, Suram Chand The meeting, held at Sharma; Joint Director TRC Basohli, brought H&H, Tilak Raj Thapa and together key representa- other District & Sectoral

At the Outset, the Div Com threw light on the glorious past and rich history of Basohli town known for The purpose of this its cultural significance.

Acknowledging the meeting was to plan and tage, cultural diversity, traditional Ram Leela per-



tion of music, art, dance, spirituality and culinary essence of Dogra vibrant culture. Activities and events proposed during the meeting include The objective of the iconic Basohli paintings to showcase the intricate this traditional art form, dedicated to the craft of

The festival aims to initiative aims to inform celebrate the amalgama- attendees about the craftsmanship and promote the cultural significance of Pashmina.

Besides, a Food Festival featuring local cuisines exhibiting culinary skills and gastronomic extravaganza offering a delectable array of local delicacies has been planned for the event to give visitors an opportunity to savor popular traditional dishes.

Another key attraction missioner emphasized the paintings, Basoholi Pash- ing will be arranged to of the Navratra festival need for a comprehensive mina handicrafts and the showcase the intricacies will be the 112th edition involved in this centu- of the world acclaimed ries-old handicraft. This Ram Leela presentation Ram Leela Ground.

of Basohli. The Traditional Ram Leela performances will be staged, keeping alive the age-old tradition of portraying the epic tale of Lord Rama and his triumph over evil forces.

The Divisional Commis-

sioner expressed gratitude towards the stakeholders for their active participation and their commitment to making the Navratra festival a vibrant and memorable experience for all attendees. Their collective efforts will ensure that the cultural heritage of Jammu is appropriately showcased and visitors leave with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the region. As this remarkable festival draws nearer, more details and a comprehensive schedule will be shared with the public in order to ensure maximum participation and a truly immersive experience.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner alongwith other officers visited various locations finalised for organising events during navratras including Atal setu, purthu tourist spot, Basholi Fort, Basohli Art Gallery and

#### **Medicinal Plants & their Applications-**Seminar organised in GBHSS Kishtwar by SED, Department of Science & Technology

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 6

A day-long seminar on the theme, 'Medicinal Plants & their Applications' was held today in Government Boys Higher Secondary School(GBHSS) Kishtwar in collaboration with J & K Science Technology

& Innovation Council,

Department of Science &

Technology Udhampur.

The seminar was co-Khanna, District Co- Ordinator, J&K Science and and non-teaching staff. Technology, Udhampur. The programme was compared by Pardeep Koul, Chemistry Lecturer and the Nodal Officer of the programme. Qazi Masood, Dy Chief Education Officer Dr Monika Sharma was the

a welcome address by the tion prizes to the rest of audience.

guest speaker.



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School management. A the participants. number of students parand the faculty of teaching gramme.

Guest Speaker, Dr. ticipated in the seminar Monika Sharma delivered and delivered impressive a very knowledgeable speeches amidst clapping speech much to the likes ordinated by Shruti by hundreds of students of all present in the pro-

Chief Guest, Qazi Nikhil Shan, Vishal Masood had a detailed Surmal and Devansh interaction with the stu-Rathore were adjudged dents. The Guest speaker, Ist, 2nd and 3rd by the jury of judges and the jury of judges compris- Chief Guest were felicitating Nazia Sofi, Sr Lecturer ed by the School admin-Botany, Majid Mushtaq istration headed by Javed was the Chief Guest, while Kichloo, Senior Lecturer Ahmed Kichloo, Principal Botany and Meenakshi and Zuber Ahmed Matoo, Sharma. They were given officiating Principal. The seminar began with prizes along with consola- Entire staff was part of the

#### Sankalp Saptaah: Block Tulail remains abuzz with series of activities under ABP

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 6

The District Administration Bandipora continues to hold series of activities under the banner of 'Sankalp Saptaah', a part of Aspirantsonal Blocks

Programme (ABP). The programme commenced on October 03 and is scheduled to culminate on October 09. Block Tulail of Gurez valley has been designated as Aspirational Block under ABP.

A series of activities were carried by different departments to futher strength the agendas of Aspirational Block Programme.

Health department Bandipora conducted health melas (Swathya), immuniing camps, anemia test

performed different activitions were also cleaned. ties including Nutrition regarding the health ben- ernment schemes avail- designated block.

diet especially in pregnant farmers.

The department of Agri-department Bandipora Melas (Poshan) wherein culture also performed a across the educational women folk was sensitized range of activities includ- institutions of the aspiraabout the proper nutrition ing Krishi Melas wherein tions block Tulail, Gurez.

efits of prope balanced able for the welfare of

Education depart-In order to promote ment Bandipora is also hygiene and cleanliness, taking part in the ongoing zation drives, NCD screen- massive cleanliness drives week long activities. Sevwere held across the dis- eral painting and essay and treat camps besides trict. During these drives, competitions were held presumptive TB screening households, government in different educational in the aspirational block and non government institutions of the district. institutions, water bodies Besides, different sports Department of ICDS also besides tourist destina- events were organised by Youth Services and Sports

and balanced diet. Aware- farmers and common It was given out that, ness programmes were people participated to series of activities have also held at Aanganwadi gain awareness/ knowl- been scheduled in the centres to educate people edge about different gov- coming days also in the

### DDC reviews status of developmental works being executed by PWD (R&B) Circle Poonch

POONCH, OCTOBER 6

Poonch.

This meeting was organized in light of the recent Plan out of 19 sanctioned restructuring of the PWD works 11 have been ten-R&B, which also encom-

(R&B) Circle Poonch.

of which 24 have been on 102 has been started. ongoing works to achieve cerned.

has been started, while progress of other schemes bound manner. out of 22 Health sector District Development sanctioned works 20 Commissioner (DDC) have been tendered and Poonch undertook a com- work on 03 has been prehensive review of the started and under educaworks and developmental tion sector out of 53 sancprojects being executed tioned works 51 have been all schemes was also by the PWD (R&B) Circle tendered and work on 05 has been started.

Similarly under DDC dered and work on 2 has PRI Plan out of 73 sancbrief PowerPoint presentendered and work on 20 informed that 32 works NABARD out of 124 sanc- lations.

and projects implemented by the PWD(R&B).

Furthermore, the updated status of tendering, allotment and completion of works under reviewed by the DDC. He was updated on the progress, accomplishments, and objectives of different ongoing projects.

tendered and work on 10 The DDC also reviewed the completion in a time

He further asked the concerned XENs to mobilize men and machinery for the saturation of all the pending schemes within set timelines.

He also called for removing bottlenecks by taking all concerned departments onboard.

The meeting was

attended by Chief Execu-In a firm directive, the tive Officer, TDA Poonch, passes the mechanical been started and under DC stressed the impor- Superintending Engineer tance of adhering to the PW (R&B) Circle Poonch, During the meeting, a tioned works 51 have been rules and regulations Executive Engineer PWD governing the tendering (R&B) Division Poonch tation on all the develop- has been started. Further and execution processes. along-with all AEES, Chief mental works and their under the City and Towns Contractors failing to Medical/Education Offidivision wise distribution Scheme of 90 sanctioned meet timelines or initiat- cer Poonch, Executive was given by the SE PWD works 89 have been ten- ing work punctually will Engineer PWD (R&B) dered and work on 37 has face stringent action in Division Surankote along-The meeting was been started and under accordance with the regu- with all AEEs, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Divihave been sanctioned tioned works 121 have The DDC directed XENs sion Mendhar along-with under District Plan out been tendered and work to pace up the speed of all all AEEs and other con-

### Extremely Rare, Unique Mushroom Genus discovered in District Kishtwar by Prof. Faisal Mushtaq Kichloo

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 6

In a groundbreaking discovery, Professor Faisal Mushtaq Kichloo, Head of the Department of Botany at Government Degree College Kishtwar has brought to light an extremely rare and unique mushroom genus, marking its firstever report in India.

The findings, confirmed by a scientist from New Zealand and published in a renowned international research journal, unveiled a novel addition to the mycological landscape of the region. Prof. Faisal Mushtaq Kichloo's relentless pursuit of knowledge in the realm of wild mushrooms has yielded an unprecedented find-a mushroom Taxa previously unknown to India. The discovery was made in one of the most remote areas of District Kishtwar, highlighting the ecological richness of the region.

programme tunately, the publication August 2023. of the manuscript faced





The significance of this an unforeseen delay due this unique mushroom biodiversity archives of discovery resonates glob- to the sudden demise of genus was accomplished District Kishtwar but also ally, as it was reported in the Editor in Chief, Lore-through meticulous mor-underscores the imporan esteemed international lei Norwell of Mycotax- pho-microscopic charac- tance of ongoing research research journal. Unfor- on, based in the USA, in terization, complemented efforts in understanding

by Molecular Phylogeny. and conserving our natu-The identification of The research was conduct-ral heritage.

ed at a reputed research institute in India, contributing to the scientific understanding of this newfound species.

The man-

uscript,

authored by Prof. Faisal Mushtaq Kichloo, also boasts the collaboration of a distinguished Co-author, currently serving as the Principal Scientist at the Botanical Survey of India. This collaborative effort enhances the credibility and depth of the research findings.

The discovery not only adds to the

#### Aspirational Block Programme: Sankalp Saptah -Cleanliness drives held across Mankote block

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 6

The Aspirational Block programme in Mankote received a major boost today as a series of Cleanliness related activities were held on the day three of ongoing Sankalp Saptah initiative with the theme "Swachata ek Sankalp".

In this connection, a Swachhata Hi Seva event was organised at GHS Uchhad with the aim to promote the importance of cleanliness and sanitation among the students. During the day, a mas-

sive awareness cum cleanliness drive was organised. The participants, in a collective effort to clean and beautify their surroundings, took up brooms to neglect, breathing new life into the surroundings.

led by DDC Mankote and organised. The Event cul-rational Blocks. other officials was taken minated with the Felicitahata Abhiyan'. The rally environment, echoing the week-long Sankalp Saptah concerned.



sweep away the debris of timeless wisdom of Mahat- (October 3rd to October ma Gandhi. Further, a 9th, 2023) aims to enhance painting competition and governance and elevate Later, a spirited rally Swachhata Pledge was also the quality of life in Aspi-

The function was out to promote 'Swach- tion of Safai Karamcharis. attended by ADDC Poonch, Launched by Prime DDC Member Mankote, emphasised the signifi- Minister Narendra Modi Tehsildar Mankote, BDO cance of a clean and green on September 30, the Mankote, PRI's and others

### **SED** continues to grapple with disproportionate PTR at Primary, Middle sections

SRINAGAR, OCT 6

Ratio (PTR), School Educa- we have PTR of 1:29." tion Department in Jammu schools are having surplus adverse PTR. teachers while some are informed the news agency, rationalizing PRT at primary and middle levels wherein many complaints are pouring in regarding the surplus and deficit teaching staff."

department has different plus teachers in the UT. The adjusted against vacancies PTR for different wings of UT should start adequate through online mode. In Jammu and Kashmir

PTR for the primary sec-pupil teacher ratio is maintion," the official said.

As per Right of Children

section we have a PTR of in 746 School complexes around 1:11-12. "Likewise, have been notified as per for the secondary level we NEP 2020, for optimum Despite hard efforts to have a PTR of 1:21-22 and in utilization of resources rationalize Pupil Teacher the case of senior secondary in a complex." The con-

In 2022-23, the Minis- had also informed that the and Kashmir is still reeling try of Education had said rationalization of staff was under 'disproportionate that there are 22 percent PTR at primary and middle of schools at Primary level tutions shall be provided. sections wherein major- and 6 percent of schools at ity of the government-run- Upper Primary level with has rationalized the teach-

"In order to balance the empowering Cluster Heads yet to overcome the teach- PTR in every school, the UT to make best use of men and ing deficiency'. An official should go for rationaliza- material available within the tion. All this could be done cluster." "Currently, the department by the school level analysis would want to focus on using the latest UDISE data," MoE said in a previous Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting. In the meeting the min-

istry also said that, "There The official said that the were more than 10,000 surdeployment of teachers by "As of now, we have 1:10 ensuring that the specified tained for each school"

However, the ministry to Free and Compulsory in the ongoing fiscal while Education (RTE) Act, 2009, seeking the action taken put in the deprived ones the Pupil-Teacher Ratio report from Jammu and to ensure that there is no (PTR) norms for primary Kashmir was informed, urban-rural imbalance in and upper primary level are "In J&K, School complex teacher postings," states the 30:1 and 35:1 respectively. It System has been adopted action taken report of J&K also said that for the middle and implemented, where-government.

### destination for Kashmiri beekeepers JI NEWS SERVICE

cerned authorities for I&K

being done and all the insti-

"The motive is UT of J&K

ers within the cluster by

The JK government had

also said that it has also

helped the administration

to improve the PTR, espe-

cially at Primary and Ele-

surplus teachers have been

order to balance the PTR

in every school, the UT has

made the rationalization

of teachers and the extra

teachers from the over-

served schools have been

"Moreover, most of the

mentary level.

SRINAGAR, OCT 6

At a time when autumn has set its foot in Kashmir, Ahmad Khan is preparing to leave for Jammu where he will proceed for Raj-

As per the news agency–Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Khan will camp in Rajasthan along with his colonies of honey bees. It has become a routine for him to spend winter months in the desert state to continue harvesting honey during the winter months.

winter in Kashmir and at such a low temperature. Every year in the month of October, I leave for Jammu and then finally to Rajasthan," he said.

Not just Khan, scores of the beekeepers from Kashmir make this state as their winter destination to continue honey trade throughout the

the beekeepers leave the union territory with thouto produce organic honey even during the winter 66100 quintals

during winter months.

Rajasthan become winter

traditionally been a hub that the bees remain for honey production, faces extreme weather a 28- year-old Mudasir conditions during the winter months, making another beekeeper. beekeeping a challenging endeavor.

> boasts milder winters and enhancing their annual a diverse range of flowering plants, providing beekeepers with the perfect environment to continue honey while our stay in their trade throughout the vear.

> keepers leave in groups nized the potential for to Rajasthan to grow their colonies of bees.

'Rajasthan's warmer "It will be cold during winters and an abundance of blooming flowhoney bees can't survive ers have transformed our experience. Now, our bees remain active, and we can maintain consistent honey production throughout the year," he said. As per the beekeepers Rajasthan's diverse ural advantage to these visiting beekeepers.

"The state's flower-

months. This continuous Kashmir, which has supply of nectar ensures active and honey production remains steady," Bashir Ahmad Bhat,

The seasonal migration is proving beneficial In contrast, Rajasthan for the beekeepers in honey production.

> "We are able to harvest extra 200 kilograms of Rajasthan," Bhat said.

The Department of Khan, said that bee- Agriculture has recogpromoting beekeeping in Kashmir. They have initiated several programs to provide visiting beekeepers with training and support, including access to modern beekeeping technology and techniques.

Currently, Jammu and Kashmir is producing 22000 quintals of honey annually. A major proportion of honey is exported landscape provides a nat- to different states and

Jammu and Kashmir government this year ing crops, such as mus-launched an Rs 46.65 Every year hundreds of tard, sunflower, and crore `Promotion of various indigenous Beekeeping' project desert flora, offer a rich to increase the annual sands of colonies of bees source of nectar for bees honey production to

#### **SMC** corporator booked under PSA, shifted to Jammu jail: Police

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 6

SMC corporator Aqib Renzu has been booked under Public Safety Act and subsequently shifted to Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu, police said on Friday. In a post on X, Srinagar police as per the news agency, Aqib has 7 FIRs against him in different police stations of Srinagar.

"SMC corporator Aqib Ahmed Renzu S/o Bilal Ahmed Renzu booked under PSA & has been lodged in Kot Balwal jail, Jammu. He has 7 FIRs against him in different police stations of Srinagar, the offences range from rioting, assault, blackmail, sexual harassment, outraging modesty etc," police said

#### **Irfan Manzoor appointed** complaint officer for Transgender rights

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has designated Irfan Manzoor, JKAS, as the 'Complaint Officer' under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. This appointment is in accordance with Section 11 of the Act, which aims to safeguard the rights of transgender individuals.

"In accordance with Section 11 of 'The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019,' Irfan Manzoor, JKAS, Under Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, is hereby appointed as the 'Complaint Officer' in the General Administration Department," states

#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### Over 9,000 landless...

been developed. Remote areas have been connected with road connectivity. A lot of work has also been done well. Compared to the past, our strength has improved to a great exten," he said.

tourism sector and a lot of work is being done for its

The Lieutenant Governor said that the establishment of Government Medical College (GMC) is also a great

Sinha said the areas in the district which used to remain closed for 6 months are now seeing electricity for the first time. He said work on road connectivity, water supply and electricity has been going at a good pace and about 70 per cent of the work has been completed on connecting water taps to each household.

By the end of this year, 100 per cent of the target will be achieved," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the administration has been able to bring transparency and have adapted to the pro-people written in Kupwara district.

Earlier during the day, the Lieutenant Governor paid obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Tikkar Kupwara and prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness culture Development Program (HADP) on agriculture personnel being granted compensation for death or and well-being of one and all.

#### **Left wing extremism...**

deaths between 2004 and 2014.

In contrast, there have been 7,649 LWE-related incidents and 2,020 deaths from 2014 to 2023 (till 15 June 23), the data showed. (Agencies)

#### Army Officer who...

tightlipped over the incident, it came out with a post on X late Thursday night, claiming an officer was injured in a likely grenade accident at a post in Rajouri.

"On 05 Oct 23 one officer was injured in a likely greated and stable post initial treatment. Further investigation of the incident in progress," the White Knight Corps of the army posted on X.

Official sources said there was a firing practice going on at the camp for the past several days and the accused officer started firing on his colleagues and subordinates without any provocation on Thursday afternoon.

Later, he took shelter inside the armoury of the camp and hurled grenades when the commanding officer, along with his deputy and medical officer, moved near the building in an effort to persuade him to surrender, the sources said.

All the three officers were injured when a grenade, hurled by the accused, exploded near them, they said.

Two other soldiers were also injured in the indiscriminate firing by the accused before he was overpowered, the sources said.

On the incident, Jammu-based defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said in a message, "I have received calls about some firing/terrorist attack on army camp in General Area Rajouri. I would like to inform you that their success stories and expressed gratitude to the no terrorist attack has occurred, it is an unfortunate administration for extending support and assistance internal incident of the camp." (Agencies)

#### LG pays obeisance...

development-related issues and other matters of public importance.

The Lt Governor assured the delegations of timebound redressal of their genuine issues and grievances. Interacting with the media persons, the Lt Governor said, people-centric policies have given fresh impetus to all-round development in the district and the common man is living in a peaceful environment. He also said that well-planned efforts have resulted in significant

increase in tourist influx in the district.

"Electricity has reached the far-flung areas and works under Jal Jeevan Mission has been expedited. We are on the transmission and distribution of power supply as hopeful to achieve the target of covering all villages, panchayats and households under 'Nal Se Jal' by 31st December this year in the district. 70 percent work has He said that Kupwara is witnessing a bloom in the already been completed," the Lt Governor said.

Responding to the query on rail connectivity to Kupfurther growth. A lot of tourists visited the place during wara, the Lt Governor said, the railway ministry has sanctioned a survey of rail line for Kupwara district. Once the survey is completed and the DPR is submitted, I hope work on rail link will be started and Kupwara will be connected to the rail network.

The Lt Governor also launched winter plantation drive as a part of the Green J&K campaign. 8.5 lakh saplings to be planted in the district during the drive.

#### Cooperative sector...

in Kashmir Division has increased rapidly. In 2022-23, farmers harvested 2027 MT of Rabi Crops which realised the estimated revenue of Rs.5000 Crore, he added.

"It is a golden era for Agriculture and allied sector. approach and a new dawn of development is being I am confident the exponential growth in Agriculture sector will contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor said.

> sector, the Lt Governor said that under the revolutionary intervention, the farmers of J&K are being encouraged to join Agri Stack and use innovative and sustainable solutions available across the country as per their

A sustainable mechanism is also being developed through technological interventions to provide doorstep delivery of services and necessary information to farmers, he added.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor directed the officials to make dedicated efforts to establish Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) in every panchayat.

Cooperative sector holds immense capacity for agricultural growth and prosperity. The penetration of PACS nade accident at a post in Rajouri sector. Officer evacu- and Farmer Producer Organizations at grassroot level will bring stability and sustainability to production, value addition in Agriculture & Allied Sector, he said.

> Training and capacity building programmes are also playing an important role in increasing farm productivity. Leave no farmer behind. Officials should ensure all the farmers are registered on Daksh portal and all possible assistance, benefits provided to them, the Lt Governor said.

"I am sure with the hardwork of farmers, extension of scientific knowledge & technologies, by tapping the potential of diversification & intercropping and robust linkages for end-to-end operations, from sowing to selling, the J&K UT will become the number one region in terms of farmer's income in the next 4 years," he said.

The Lt Governor inaugurated a Custom Hiring Centre and handed over sanction letters to the beneficiaries under various schemes. He also visited the stalls put up by farmers, agri-entrepreneurs and government

On the occasion, progressive farmers also shared

Dr Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir; Sh Shailender Kumar, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla; Sh Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal, Director Agriculture Kashmir; PRI members, senior officers, farmers and a large number of people were present.

#### New rules for disability...

Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar.

The new rules were brought out over five months after the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) asked the defence ministry to carry out an analysis of disability among soldiers after finding out that nearly 40 per cent of the officers, and 18 per cent of personnel below officer rank, who retire every year, were drawing dis-

There have been apprehensions among certain quarters of the ex-servicemen after the new rules governing the grant of disability pension were unveiled.

The CDS said most of the concerns of the ex-servicemen community were addressed by a panel of officers at a meeting on October 3. In the new rules, the defence ministry introduced a

new concept of 'impairment relief' that is largely aimed largely at addressing lifestyle related diseases. to 30 per cent of their pension emoluments based on

the percentage of disability. "The provisions of the revised ER for grant of disability pension will be applicable for those personnel the age of working in silos is over and that we have who retire after September 21. It has no retrospective

application," Gen Chauhan said. "It does not, in any manner, alter the emoluments Highlighting the significant impact of Holistic Agri- is no change in the entitlement for any category of

> disability," he said. Gen Chauhan said the "disability element" has been renamed as "impairment relief in respect of only those personnel who are not invalidated out due to their nature of disabilities and continue to serve till their term of engagement." "The change in name to impairment relief does not affect the nature of entitlement or

> quantum of emoluments," he said. He said the new rules were brought out also to enhance the efficiency of the overall functioning of the three services. (Agencies)

#### Over 73 Lakh devotees...

paid the obeisance that showed an increased footfall of 1,15,159 pilgrims.

Sharing the break-up, he said that in the month of January 2023, 524189 devotees, 414432 in February, 894650 in March, 1018540 in April, 995773 in May, 1195844 in June, 776800 in July, 710914 in August and 794156 in September visited the shrine thus taking the total to 7325298 lakhs.

"In view of recent holidays, base camp Katra town

remained buzzing with pilgrims," he added. However, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board said that ahead of Navratras, all adequate arrangements are being made for the pilgrims, adding, "modern skywalk flyover and lockers will also be launched at Bhawan to facilitate pilgrims."

#### **Shrine Board introduces...**

the natural cave will now be fulfilled via virtual mode especially the elderly pilgrims who express faith in paying obeisance through the natural cave.'

'The facility will be available forever for the pilgrims," said the CEO.

and digital locker facilities will also be launched by the Shrine Board at the Bhawan for smooth sailing of the yatra and cater rush during the holy days.

#### Public-Private synergy...

Healthcare sector in general," he said.

known Diabetologist, cited the success of Mission Suraksha that helped India tide over the Covid pandemic and Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest health insurance

programme and the only one of its kind that provides cover against existing disease. He said, Government is committed to make India a global Med-Tech leader.

"Government has framed policies like the Promotion of Research & Innovation in Pharma MedTech Scheme (PRIP) Scheme, the New Medical Device Policy, the development of the Bima SUGAM portal by 2024, and the revamping of the new Drugs, Medical Devices & Cosmetics Bill, that will propel the Healthcare and MedTech

Dr Jitendra Singh said PM Modi has created the right ecosystem within the Government that supports and augments Innovation. Citing the huge success of Startups, Dr Jitendra Singh said the Prime Minister has created the milieu for entrepreneurship and a thriving

"After the success of the G20 Summit in New Delhi, The armed forces personnel get higher payouts of up the Prime Minister has set aspirations for fulfilling global benchmarks, global strategies and global outlook," he

Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi has stressed that work together with the private sector to unlock the vast potential of our unexploited resources. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (NRF), envisaged by PM of war widows, family pensioners or veterans. There Modi, will spur R&D and position India as a global R&D leader in next 5 years.

> "Anusandhan NRF will combine scientific and technological innovation and the wisdom of humanities and social sciences. It will be majorly funded by the non-government resources. Anusandhan will be, in many ways, better than the United States NRF," he said.

> In order to make Bharat Aatma Nirbhar and achieve the goal of a Viksit Bharat during the Amritkaal, Dr Jitendra Singh said the private sector has to stop looking up to the Government every time. "We have to change our mindset. Having lost our

roots after two centuries of colonial rule, it would

take three generations to rediscover our sanskaar," he Dr Vinod K.Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, in his address, said that the success of enabling a healthy India can be powered by the reformed R&D capabilities, increasing

domestic manufacturing scale, industry-academia col-

laborations, and global partnerships. S Aparna- Secretary, DOP, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers, Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Drugs Controller General of India, CDSCO, Dr Naresh Trehan, Chairman, CII National Healthcare Council, were among others dignitaries who spoke on the occasion.

#### Ready to deal with...

participants and greeted the 91st anniversary of the Indian Air Force.

Wing Commander Juriyal further added, "Yes we do face challenges during such situations when many people who are being evacuated feel hesitant and are not confident in extending a hand for help on seeing a huge machine (MI-17 Helicopter)."

"But, our Garud Commandos play an important role pilgrims and fulfill their desire of darshan through in restoring the confidence of the trapped people to save their precious lives. People can trust us as we are always available to save them from any calamity during Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations," said the IAF officer.

"The operation was challenging in view of the topog-However, this Navratras modern skywalk flyover raphy of the area but our teams including the Garud Commandos and trained crew were always on toes and evacuated them in a very professional manner,

Wing Commander Juriyal said, "the operational team also had amazing coordination with the command system team while the technical and mechanical team like everyone else played a key role thoroughly Dr Jitendra Singh, himself a Medical Professional and and professionally to carry out the operation successfully."-

DC reviews functioning of PACS in District Udhampur

#### Vertical Expansion of existing DH Ramban on anvil

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 6

District Development Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam today chaired a meeting of district officers to discuss the modalities for Vertical **Expansion of Critical Care** block of District Hospital Ramban.

After threadbare discussion, the meeting observed that due to non- ondary level healthcare neer, PW(R&B) Depart- Division Ramban to cooravailability of suitable facilities for the people of ment, Division Ramban dinate with Chief Medi-State land near and within the District. the vicinity of Ramban town, the infrastructure informed that keeping was for vertical expansion of additional 50-bedded in view the necessity for of existing District Hospi-Critical Care Block would creation of additional tal Ramban to augment it be created in the form of health care infrastructure to 100-bedded Hospital. G+3 +Pre-fab structure on to meet the any exigency He informed that the DPRs the top floor of the exist- arising on the National prepared earlier need to ing building of the District Highway-44 between be revised as the creation Hospital Ramban which Nashri and Banihal of new infrastructure is presently G+1. It was stretch, the matter was related to Critical Care informed that feasibility taken up with the Depart- Block which may include report for vertical expan- ment of Health and Medi- facilities like high-tech sion has been received cal Education, for sanc- diagnostic facilities, profrom JKPCC Doda.

only Health Care institu- hospital. tion equipped with sec-

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BUDGAM, OCTOBER 6

annual Urs of Hazrat

ments and directed the

and surroundings, instal-

directed PHE and PDD

of the Shrine premises parks.

arrangements for the during the Urs days.

vened today under the sanitation and cleanli-

Development Commis- garbage from the Shrine

DDC took the department- instructed for installation

that all the arrangements department was directed

wise review of arrange- of street lights.

tioning of 50-bedded new vision of lifts etc. The DH Ramban is the Critical Care Block for the

Executive

DDC Budgam reviews Arrangements for Urs of

Hazrat Sheikh Noor-ud-Din at Chrar-e-Sharief

A meeting regarding town and vicinity areas fic congestion. While as

Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Char-e-Sharief was direct- uisite medical facilities

Noorani (RA) was con- ed to maintain proper especially wheel chairs to

sioner Budgam, Akshay area. He was directed to to install medical camps

install dustbins for dump-

including installation of for illumination of shrine attended by JD plan-

street lights, cleanliness and beautification of ning Rafiq Ahmad, SDM

lation of additional mobile meeting that DySP Traffic Traffic, ARTO Budgam, AD

toilet facilities and proper and ARTO Budgam shall FCS&CA, Tehsildar Charar

sanitation and dumping formulate a synergised i Sharief, Augaf Officer of

of waste well before the Traffic Management Plan IK Waqf Board, Represen-

commencement of the for hassle free commute of tative of ziyrat sharief and

chairmanship of District ness and regular lifting of during the Urs days.

During the meeting, the ing of waste. He was also during urs days.

concerned to ensure coordination with tourism during urs -sharief.

departments to ensure ed to arrange additional

uninterrupted water and parking arrangements

electricity supply to the for vehicle to control traf-

The EO of Municipality directed to ensure req-

MC Chrar i Sharief in proper public facilitation

It was decided in the Charar i Sharief, DySP

They were also instruct- line departments.

informed the meeting that The meeting was the DPR prepared earlier

the Executive Engineer Ramban attended the Engi- PW (R&B) Department meeting.

Health department was

specially abled devotees

They were directed

The DC directed all the

concerned officers for

The meeting was

Charar i sharief, SDPO

district heads of various

inside premises of shrine

cal Officer, Ramban and Medical Superintendent, DH Ramban, for preparation of revised DPRs as per guidelines for 50-bedded Critical Care Block.

Among other, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Sharma, Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kamal Zadoo, Executive Engineer, PW (R&B) Division Ramban, Abhishek Gupta, Medi-The chair directed cal Superintendent, DH,

## organises one

The NSS Unit Government Degree College Kunjwani, in collaboration with Career Counseling and placement cell, organized a one day programme on Bhrashtachar Mukt Campaign on the Col-

During the event Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma addressed the students. He emphasized that it is imperative to understand that small efforts at the level of an individual can bring the wide spread change in society. The motive behind the campaign was to bring a change in the mindset and to follow the path of righteousness and eradicate the root cause of corruption

from the society. The Principal of the college welcomed the Mayor Jammu. Later, all the participants took a pledge to commit to work towards a corruption-

#### GDC Kunjwani day programme on "Brashtachar Mukt Campaign" JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 6

lege campus today.

free society.

### UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 6

Deputy Commissioner,

Udhampur, Saloni Rai on Friday chaired the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) meeting in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex to discuss and assess the operations of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) within the dis-

During the meeting, threadbare discussions were held covering several key aspects, including the adoption status of model bye-laws by all hardware, and the selection of a system integrator for computerization.

addressed district-wise access to generic medi- achieving all the targets targets for establishing cines at the rural level.

new multipurpose PACS, The Deputy Commisthe PMKSK initiative, the sioner issued essential the meeting included formulation of Farmers' directives to relevant Assistant Commissioner Producer Organizations departments emphasizing Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed (FPOs) by PACS, identifi- the need for close coordi- Jaral; Deputy Registrar cation of PACS for conver- nation to revitalize the Cooperatives, Priyanka 39 PACS, procurement of gence with the PM-KUSUM PACS in the district. She Sharma; Chief Agriculscheme, utilizing PACS as urged these departments Common Service Centers, to expedite the developand establishing Jan Aus- ment of an action plan & The meeting also hadi Kendras to improve work in collaboration for

within stipulated time.

Notable attendees at ture Officer, Sanjay Anand and representatives from allied departments & NABARD.

#### **Mission Youth conducts Awareness Program** on Mental Health & Drug De-addiction at Amar Singh College, Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 6

Under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Mission Youth, J&K among other initiatives is also at the forefront of addressing critical issues concerning mental health and drug tance of raising awareness, abuse among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The unwavering support, dedication and personal involvement of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth has played a pivotal role in implementing the psychosocial counselling programs at the grass roots level for combating the pervasive drug abuse issues and promoting mental health well being among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Continuing with its month-long awareness pro-

**Functioning of Bus Adda** 

Ganderbal reviewed

Prof. Ulfat Jan, Head of the necessary support." Psychology Department at Jan stressed the imporpromoting prevention, and tackle these pressing societal challenges effectively.

A senior consultant from overview of the organizacation, and entrepreneurship for the youth.

sion Youth stated, "This shared her day-to-day expeprogram is designed to riences, highlighting the empower young individugram, Mission Youth today als with the knowledge and in safeguarding the mental conducted a one-day Mental resources needed to address health of our youth.

Health and Drug De-addic- these pressing societal tion awareness program at challenges. The future of Amar Singh College, Sri- Jammu and Kashmir's youth depends on their ability to The program began with thrive, and Mission Youth is an enlightening address by committed to providing the

The event witnessed Amar Singh College. Prof. an impressive turnout of participants and faculty members, underlining the unwavering support and empowering individuals to enthusiasm of the community for Mission Youth's commendable mission.

Dr. Mehwish, an expert Mission Youth provided an from IMHANS, delivered a compelling address during tion's vision and mission, the program. Dr. Mehwish highlighting its significant shed light on the substancimpact on areas such as es commonly used by drug livelihood generation, edu- addicts, the vulnerable age groups affected, and the risk factors contributing to Senior Consultant Mis- substance abuse. She also critical role of awareness

#### **GDC Ramban hosts** awareness workshop on prevention of domestic violence JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 6

The Committee against sexual harassment, Government Degree College, Ramban today organized a one day workshop on "domestic violence awareness" on the college campus under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Archana Kaul.

The workshop commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Prof. Vijay Sharma, highlighting the significance of

Advocate Kiran Thakur, a prominent legal expert in the field, took on the role of the resource person for the workshop. Advocate Kiran Thakur acquainted the students about legal enlightenment on domestic violence laws. The impactful event witnessed active participation of 90 students who eagerly gathered to enhance their understanding of this critical societal concern.

#### Day 2 of IDPL Tournament witnesses conclusion of U-14 Boys Kabaddi tournament at Gulabgarh Paddar

week-long Urs. The DC incoming devotees.



KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 6

the Jammu province. Kathua culminated in a unparalleled success.

victory for District Doda, securing their position as the champions of the com-The spirit of athletic petition. District Kathua competition reverber- displayed commendable ated through Gulabgarh sportsmanship, earning Paddar, District Kishtwar, the accolade of Runner's as the Inter-District Pro- up. The tournament, a tesvincial Level Tournament tament to the dedication entered its second day, of the youth in sports, was showcasing exceptional meticulously organized by enthusiasm and sports- the Department of Youth manship among the ten Service and Sports Kishtparticipating districts of war. Under the visionary direction of Mr. Subash The focal point of the Chander Chhibber, the event, the Kabaddi U/14 Director of Youth Servic-Boys category, reached its es & Sports J&K, and the thrilling conclusion today vigilant supervision of Mr. with the final match held Kharati Lal Sharma, the at Gulabgarh Paddar. The District Youth Services gripping face-off between and Sports Officer in Kisht-District Doda and District war, the event achieved

### DC Bandipora reviews progress of works on **Ring Road Project**



JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 6

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed Friday convened a meeting of Administration in conofficers to review the struction of the ring road progress of work on the ambitious ring road project. The meeting discussed in detail progress achieved and other issues attended by Nodal Officer of the ring road project.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC asked the Hakak, ADC Bandipora concerned authorities to Umar Shafi, Project Direcconduct demarcation of tor NHAI, ACR Bandipothe land involved, keep- ra, Tehsildar Sumbal and ing in consideration less other concerned officers damage to property. He from line departments directed the concerned and NHAL

officials to clear all the bottlenecks so that the project is completed in a timely manner.

He assured all possible support from the District project and asked the concerned to remove bottlenecks without delay.

Coordination/ACD Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf

The meeting was

GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 6

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today convened a meeting of committee constituted at District level to review the functioning of newly constructed bus adda in the district.

At the outset, the ADC enquired about the functioning of bus Adda, availability of public conveniences, safety, cleanliness, facilities for commuters and management of passenger vehicles.

The ADC directed committee members to ensure adda and sanitation drives that the safe, efficient shall be carried regularly and customer-friendly involving other stake holdoperation of Bus Adda is ers there. ensured.

ed to ensure that no small stalls, food-stall, sumo, mini-buses or any other placed on the main road other concerned.

creating hindrance outside bus adda.

Committee members were directed to ensure all required facilities are available inside bus adda besides installation of food-stalls shall be allowed at appropriate location inside the bus adda.

The committee was also entrusted to meet all transport operators, vendors and service providers regarding operationalization of Bus adda regularly so that any concern arises is resolved on time.

Municipality was directed to ensure cleanliness is maintained within the bus

The committee was also The committee mem- asked to provide regular bers were further direct- reports to the ADC office regarding the operational status.

The meeting was attendservice provider are ed by ARTO, DYSP HQ and

#### DC inspects traffic management, progress of work on Circular road, other civic facilities in Doda Town



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 6

ness, hygiene, and welfare to the public. of the residents and shopkeepers of the Town.

the interior town area.

The DC directed the MC and PWD to construct proper drainage on the Deputy Commissioner road and take immedi-Doda, Vishesh Mahajan ate measures to open today conducted a sur- the clogged culvert near prise inspection of the Police Chowki Nagri on traffic management in the the Circular road. He Doda Town. During the further asked the stakevisit, the DC asked for a holders to formulate a joint traffic decongestion drainage proposal/ plan drive by Traffic Police, for arrangement of funds. MVD, Municipal Council At the under construcand District Police in the tion point where two town to enforce traffic ends of the circular road management effectively meet to make it operafor the convenience of tional, the DC instructed the commuters. During the authorities to remove the visit, he also issued the encroachment so that necessary directions to the prestigious road was the concerned for cleanli- completed and dedicated

The DC also inspected under construction Cul-The DC, along with vert near Dakbunglow SE, PWD, other func- Doda and directed its early tionaries of PWD Depart- completion. He impressed ment, inspected Circular upon the executing agen-(Parmaz) Road, which on cies to maintain the highits completion shall pro- est standards of quality vide alternate road link to and adhere to the timeline Associated Hospital GMC to complete the prestiand to the Doda-Pul Doda- gious government project Highway route, escaping for their dedication to the public use.

### **EDITORIAL**

### Struggling healthcare infra in rural areas

The rural health institutions across the Union Territory are struggling to offer quality health services to the people. It is the shortage of manpower and nonavailability of requisite infrastructure that has made situation more alarming. This is notwithstanding the fact that the health sector of Jammu and Kashmir has shown tremendous improvement in recent few years. The situation in rural areas still demands for certain immediate corrective measures and seeks government attention. There is no denying that the Central government has provided liberal funds to improve the health sector in Jammu and Kashmir during the last ten years. The recent statistics, tabled in the Parliament, revealed that only 21 percent of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are functioning on a 24x7 basis in rural areas of the Union Territory. It contradicted the claims of authorities that Jammu and Kashmir's health infrastructure has improved considerably. There are a total of 891 functional PHCs in Jammu and Kashmir, out of which only 185 PHCs remain operational round-the-clock, while the remaining PHCs work purely on official timing of 10 am to 4 pm and remain closed on Sundays. Over 700 PHCs don't function on a 24x7 basis, thereby forcing the poor and needy people of rural areas to shift their patients to cities and towns in case of emergency. The number of PHCs in rural areas has increased from 334 in 2005 to 891 in 2022 but no serious efforts have been made to ensure round-the-clock healthcare facilities in these institutions. As many as 179 PHCs are still functioning from rented buildings in J&K, while the remaining 648 PHCs have their own government buildings. Out of 179 PHCs in rented accommodations, the government does not pay rent for 64 buildings housing PHCs. If one looks at the funds provided by the Government of India to improve the health sector in Jammu and Kashmir, it has come to fore that over Rs 4,000 crore have been pumped in the Union Territory. Painting a grim picture of poor infrastructure in PHCs, nearly 39 percent PHCs have a labour room for pregnant women, while just five percent PHCs have the facility of Operation Theatre (OT) in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir. Around 46 percent have the facility of 4 beds and 102 PHCs don't have electric supply. Moreover, 78 PHCs are without regular water supply, forcing health staff to fetch water from nearby resources. The healthcare system involves a three-tier system with sub health centre (rural), PHC (urban and rural) and Community Health Centre (urban and rural). These are the three pillars of the primary health care system in J&K and the rest of the country. Furthermore, there are a total of 2,429 sub-centres functioning in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir, out of which 1,557 centres don't have their own buildings and they are operating from rented accommodations. A total of 1,679 are required to be constructed in rural areas for sub-centres operating from rented accommodations. The moot question arises to why the health sector has failed to come up to the expectations of the people. The Central government should order a comprehensive audit of all funds provided to Jammu and Kashmir in the health sector and fix the responsibility in case of any official lapses. An enquiry should also be ordered to see whether the established norms of government like a Sub-Health Centre for a population of 5,000 (in plain) and 3000 (in hilly and tribal area) in rural areas, a PHC for a population of 30,000 (in plains) and 20,000 (in hilly and tribal areas) and Community Health Centre for a population of 1,20,000 (in plain) and 80,000 (in hilly and tribal area) have been adhered to.

### **Professor M.S. Swaminathan**



NARENDRA MODI PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agri-

with Dr. Norman Borlaug and followed his work in great detail. In the 1950's, he was offered a fac-ulty position in the US but he rejected it because he wanted to work in In-dia and for India.

about the challenging cir- enabled potato crops to cumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the ing about Millets or Shree path of self-sufficiency and

ing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Prof. Swaminathan's unvielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity. His pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breed-ing led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a fooddeficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This con-tribution to India tremen-dous achievewill always be etched in ment earned him the well golden letters. Prof. M.S. deserved title of, "Father Swaminathan loved India of the In-dian Green Revo-

The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can Do Spirit" - that if we chosen any career but he have a billion challenges, was so impacted by the we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges. Five decades after the Green Revolution began, Indian At a relatively young agriculture has become age, he came in contact far more modern and progressive. But, the very foundations laid by Prof. Swaminathan can never be forgotten.

Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combatting parasites affecting potato I want you all to think crops. His research also with-stand cold weather. Today, the world is talk-Anna as super foods but pend-ence, we were deal- around millets since the they arose. It was in the and the next year in 2017, research foundation. Till to come.

Although the govern-



My personal interactions with Prof. Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an Earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to self-confidence. In the first Prof. Swaminathan had understand the soil better International Agro-Biodi- he used the prize money two decades since Inde- encouraged discourse and ad-dress problems if versity Congress in 2016 to establish a not-for-profit prosperity for generations

that I met Prof. Swaminascheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement those who were sceptical about the scheme which would eventually set the about Prof. M.S. Swami- also keep reaffirming our stage for Gujarat's agricultural success.

Our interactions con-Ministerial tenure and also

I launched a two-part book date, it undertakes extenseries written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that countless minds, instillholds the world together ing in them a passion for be-cause it is the farmers learning and innovation. who sustain everyone. In a rapidly changing Prof. Swaminathan under- world, his life reminds us stood this principle very of the en-during power of well. A lot of people call knowledge, mentorship, him a "Krishi Vaigyanik" - an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He centres where vibrant rewas a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" - a Farmers' Scien-tist. of his stints was as Direc-In his heart there was a tor, International Rice farmer. The success of his Research Institute, Manila. works is not re-stricted to The South Asia Regional their academic excellence; Centre of Interna-tional it lies in the impact they Rice Research Institute have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and 2018. the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the deli-cate have desired the way they balance between human have desired." Here was a advancement and ecological sustainability. Here, I must also note Prof. Swam- to strengthen agriculture inathan's special emphasis on improv-ing the lives than. He appreciated the of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionwas enough to convince ate about improving the lives of women farmers.

There is another aspect nathan which is remarkable - he stands tall as a ciples he held dear, champaragon of innovation tinued during my Chief and mentorship. When he ers and ensuring the fruits won the World Food Prize of scientific in-novation when I took over as Prime in 1987, the first recipient reach the roots of our agri-Minister. I met him at the of this prestigious honour,

sive work across various sectors. He has nurtured and innovation. He was an insti-tution builder as well. having to his credit many search takes place. One was opened in Varanasi in

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is writ-ten there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must commitment to the prinpioning the cause of farmcultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and

### Silent revolution: Ending open defecation in Rajasthan

KHUSHI YADAV

of concern that even population still finds itself suffer adverse health effects due to the neces-Open defecation not only subjects women and girls tal impact on their overto various health risks.

ment of Rajasthan, on 't is indeed a matter April 3, 2018, declared 43,344 villages, along with 75 years after gain- 295 panchayat samitis and ing independence, a sig- 9,894-gram panchayats, nificant section of India's as open defecation-free, signifying that toilets had compelled to practice been constructed in every open defecation. As per household within these the 2011 census, a stagger-regions, the on-ground ing 53.1% of households in situation often deviates the country did not have from official declaraaccess to proper toilet tions. Despite this official not only endure psycho- lack proper toilet facilities. logical distress but also This incongruity highlights the challenges of translating government initiatives sity of venturing outdoors. into tangible benefits for all citizens. Jashoda, a resident of the village, has to psychological trauma shared that following the but also has a detrimen- construction of household toilets, women no longer all health. The absence of need to venture into the household toilets often open, particularly during forces them to travel con- their menstrual cycles. siderable distances before This substantial improvesunrise, putting their ment in health conditions safety in jeopardy. This and the reduction in the households lacked toilets, including bureaucratic daily ordeal exposes them prevalence of diseases is women and girls faced inefficiencies in disbursing tive to ensure that no noteworthy. However, significant hardships. In funds for toilet construc-

facilities. This unfortunate declaration, numerous she shares that there 2014-15, nearly 90% of tion. Despite these difficul- as "ODF Plus." While this reality has far-reaching households in Binjarwadi are houses that do not households in Binjarwadi ties, individuals like Mani news brings a sense of consequences, especially village, situated in Rajast- have toilets to date. She for women and girls, who han's Bikaner district, still remains uncertain about whether her village has been officially declared open-defecation-free and is unaware of the reasons behind the absence of toilets in some households. Jashoda acknowledges that a lack of awareness has led resistance and adhermany villagers to miss out ence to traditional beliefs on various government schemes.

> Mani Ram, a dedicated social worker from the ognition of the significance same village, recounts that when a majority of

villagers to construct toilets within their homes, health advantages but also facilitating loans for construction. Although initial were obstacles, sustained awareness campaigns eventually led to the recof in-house toilets. Nevertheless, challenges persist,

did not have access to toi- Ram remain unwavering optimism, it is essential to lets. To address this issue, in their commitment to scrutinise how effectively he tirelessly encouraged eradicating open defeca- this campaign has been tion. Another dedicated translated into real-world social worker, Neelam, elucidating not only the underscores that while intricately connected to India has initiated the the self-esteem and dig-Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, numerous places, families, and villages still lack adequate sanitation facilities. Access to clean and safe toilets is of paramount importance, particularly for women and girls, as it is an essential requirement during menstruation.

Therefore, it is imperahousehold is left behind

ernment initiative. To achieve this, a keen focus on the grassroots level at the panchayat level becomes imperative. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, operating under the Central Ministry of Jal Shakti, recently reported that over 4,31,350 villages across the nation have selfproclaimed themselves impact. These issues are nity of women and girls. Addressing them with utmost diligence is necessary to ensure that this initiative moves beyond paperwork and yields tangible results at the community level.

in this monumental gov-

(The writer is a student from Bikaner, Rajasthan. Views expressed are personal, Charkha Features)

### Alcoholism is a disease, but curable

RAVI VALLURI

lcoholism is a disease and afflicted by it for sevease and I was eral years. The affliction impacted me immensely. In those trying moments, my wife and parents stood by me apart from a couple of other good Samaritans. My wife enrolled me on Art of Living while I was posted in Jaipur. Winter had arrived and the weather was chilly.

Yet my wife faithfully dropped me to the centre and picked me up from mind. Slowly an addict can there for the seven days when I had undertaken the course. Addicts need but riveting movie, One to detoxify their minds Flew over the Cuckoo's and bodies to rediscover Nest; how the inmates rehab centre. After the initheir mojo. It is paramount lodged in a mental asylum that they discard emo- had reached a state where bilitation centre and sub-

self-rejection. Such craftsmanship and techniques are encompassed in the Pragna programme of the Art of Living and are providing succour to addicts.

How does one conduct the course for hardened alcoholics and drug addicts, who are perpetually in a state of selfdenial? They look at the the Part 1 Course of the teacher in the most disgusted manner possible, with disbelief writ large on their faces. The breathing technique begins to slowly unfold, which has a positive impact on the upend the pyramid.



break the bondage and run unique rhythmic breath-One recalls the gloomy away. Similarly, an addict ing technique of Sudarbecomes determined to shan Kriya, they began break the four walls of the to believe in the efficacy tial treatment at the rehamoment.

of living in the present

tions of futility, guilt, and they were determined to sequent exposure to the Power of Now or the Pres- In Gorakhpur, there is

ent Moment have been pos- a rehab centre run by a tulated by several masters doughty lady whose husof the past, in the Oriental band was an alcoholic. and Occidental world. In India, Maharishi Patanjali, the couple inaugurated Gautama Buddha and the the centre and have made Advaita saint Adi Shankara have written and spoken about it extensively. In present times the rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya transmogrifier the human mind to the present. Every day is a new day, a harbinger of hope and the addicts realise their self-worth and I pose to any addict. The begin giving themselves answer is simple; it is pospositive strokes.

Authors like Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra and Louise Hay have emphasised reengineering the human mind to remain in the present moment to combat various chal-The concepts of the lenging situations in life.

As a goodwill gesture, it their mission to provide shelter and comfort to those suffering from alcoholism.

The inmates of the centre could remain for half an hour without alcohol, could you? This is the question that resonates in my mind, the question sible only through surrender to the supreme intelligence of the Universe.

(The writer is the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd. and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Ltd. and is faculty at Art of Living; views are personal)

### These plants may worsen air pollution on a warming planet: Study

NEW YORK, OCT 6

On an already warming planet, plants like oaks and poplars will emit more of a compound that exacerbates poor air quality, contributing to probozone, claims a study.

compound, called iso-never heard of it, Sharkey face of climate change. prene, can also improve said, in the paper pubthe quality of clean air lished in the journal Pro-researchers understood while making plants more ceedings of the National resistant to stressors Academy of Sciences. including insects and high temperatures.

make more isoprene so pollution produced by facing were having comthey're more resilient, or coal-fired power plants peting effects on isoprene do we want them making and internal combustion production. less so it's not making air engines in vehicles. These pollution worse? What's reactions create ozone, carbon dioxide in the the right balance?" asked aerosols and other byprod- atmosphere drives the Tom Sharkey, a Professor ucts that are unhealthy for rate down, while increasin the Plant Resilience both humans and plants. Institute at Michigan State University in the US.

ted hydrocarbon on Earth, prene. The researchers these effects will win out. meantime.



activity.

In the study, the team worked to understand the

lematic particulate matter only behind methane are particularly interested and low-atmosphere emissions from human in how those processes are affected by the envi-Yet most people have ronment, especially in the

Prior to the study, that certain plants produce isoprene as they Isoprene interacts carry out photosynthewith nitrogen oxide sis. They also knew the "Do we want plants to compounds found in air changes that the planet is

> That is, increasing ing temperatures accelerate the rate.

One of the questions Isoprene from plants is biomolecular processes behind the new study was the second-highest emit- plants use to make iso- essentially which one of communities make in the

is that we identified the specific reaction slowed by carbon dioxide, CO2," Sharkey noted.

"With that, we can say the temperature effect trumps the CO2 effect,"

"By the time you're at 95 degrees Fahrenheit – 35 degrees Celsius – there's basically no CO2 suppression. Isoprene is pouring out like crazy."

In their experiments,

which used poplar plants,

the team also found that when a leaf experienced warming of 10 degrees Celsius, its isoprene emission increased more than tenfold, the team said. The discovery will help researchers better anticipate how much isoprene plants will emit in the future and better prepare for the impacts of that. But the researchers also hope it can help inform the choices people and

### Why people suffer despite being negative for Covid? It must be long cold

LONDON, OCT 6

People may experience long-term symptoms – or "long colds" – after acute respiratory infections such as colds, influenza, or pneumonia, and it may be as common as long Covid, finds a study, explaining why some people continue suffer prolonged symp-

The findings, published in eClinicalMedicine, suggest that there may be long-lasting health impacts following non-Covid acute respiratory infections that are currently going unrec-

toms despite testing nega-

tive for SARS-CoV-2 virus.

However, the researchers do not yet have evidence suggesting that the symptoms have the same severity or duration as long Covid.

The study analysed data from 10,171 UK adults, with responses collected via tical analysis carried out to

identify symptom clusters. The findings showed that some of the most

and diarrhoea more than

recovering from Covid-19 more likely to experience light-headedness or dizziquestionnaires and statis- ness and problems with taste and smell.

"Our findings shine In comparison, those nosis of these conditions," said lead author Giulia

with research into long eau added.

Covid, the lasting effects of other acute respiratory infections must also be investigated. "These 'long' infections are so difficult to diagnose and treat primarily because of a lack of diagnostic tests and there being so many possible symptoms. There have been more than 200 investigated for long Covid alone," Vivaldi said.

"Ongoing research into the long-term effects of Covid-19 and other acute respiratory infections is important because it can help us to get to the root a light not only on the of why some people expeimpact of long Covid on rience more prolonged common symptoms of people's lives, but also symptoms than others,' the "long cold" included other respiratory infec- said Professor Adrian Marcoughing, stomach pain, tions. A lack of awareness tineau, Chief Investigator - or even the lack of a of the study and Clinical four weeks after the initial common term – prevents Professor of Respiratory both reporting and diag- Infection and Immunity at QMUL.

"Ultimately this could or having long Covid were Vivaldi, researcher from help us to identify the Queen Mary University of most appropriate form London (QMUL) in the UK. of treatment and care for Vivaldi noted that along affected people," Martin-

#### Sleep apnea feature arrives on Samsung **Galaxy Watch** after approval AGENCIES

SEOUL, OCT 6

The new sleep apnea feature on the Samsung Health Monitor app has been approved by Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), and will be coming to Galaxy Watch series in Korea early next

The new feature is expected to enable more people to spot obstructive sleep apnea symptoms in early stages which often goes undiagnosed and untreated, the company

said in a statement. It will be made available on Galaxy Watch series in Korea via Samsung Health Monitor app updates beginning early

next year. "With the new sleep apnea feature on Galaxy Watch series, we are providing users with a simple, proactive tool to recognise this disorder in its earliest possible stages before their condition worsens," said Hon Pak, Vice President and Head of Digital Health Team, MX Business at Samsung.

Sleep apnea causes someone to stop breathing while asleep, which can result in disruptions in oxygen supply, lower sleep quality, and other health complications such as hypertension, cardiac disorder, stroke or cognitive disorder.

By leveraging Galaxy Watch's BioActive Sensor, the sleep apnea feature monitors blood oxygen levels during sleep and identifies moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea by analysing how the detected blood oxygen values change to apnea/hypopnea, then estimates Apnea-Hypopnea Index (AHI).

Users are simply required to track their sleep twice, each time more than 4 hours, within 10 days to gauge whether they have these symptoms, said the company.

The sleep apnea feature joins blood pressure monitoring, electrocardiogram (ECG) detection and irregular heart rhythm notification (IHRN) as the latest addition to the Samsung Health Monitor app.

### Popular weight-loss drugs may raise stomach paralysis risk in non-diabetics

**AGENCIES** TORONTO, OCT 6

While popular weight loss drugs like Wegovy, Ozempic may help you lose weight and fight diabetes, these may come with a heightened risk of severe gastrointestinal problems in people without the blood sugar condition, finds a study, led by an Indian-origin researcher.

The findings, published in JAMA, he added. showed that the medications known as GLP-1 agonists, originally developed for managing Type-2 diabetes, which includes brands like Wegovy, Ozempic, Rybelsus and Saxenda, are semaglutide or liraglutide, two main associated with an increased risk of GLP-1 agonists, between 2006 and serious medical conditions including stomach paralysis, pancreatitis and bowel obstruction.

although rare, must be considered or inflammation of the pancreas, standing of what could potentially by patients thinking about using which can cause severe abdominal happen. This goes directly against them for weight loss," said first pain and, in some cases, require the mantra of informed consent," author Mohit Sodhi, a graduate at hospitalisation and surgery. the University of British Columbia's (UBC) experimental medicine pro- 4.22 times at higher risk of bowel hope that regulatory agencies and

is using these drugs for diabetes, symptoms like cramping, bloating, obesity or just general weight loss. People who are otherwise healthy may be less willing to accept these gery may be required. potentially serious adverse events,"



The team examined health insurance claim records for approximately 16 million US patients and looked at people prescribed either

Compared to bupropion-naltrexone, another weight loss drug, GLP-1 "Given the wide use of these agonists were associated with a 9.09 drugs, these adverse events, times higher risk of pancreatitis,

People using the drugs were nausea and vomiting.

Depending on the severity, sur-

The risk of gastroparesis, or stom-

ach paralysis was 3.67 times higher. The condition limits the passage of food from the stomach to the small intestine and results in symptoms like vomiting, nausea and

abdominal pain. The study also found a higher incidence of biliary disease, a group of conditions affecting the gallbladder, but the difference was not

found to be statistically significant. The researchers say that although the events are rare, with millions around the world using the drugs, it could still lead to hundreds of thousands of people experiencing these conditions.

"These drugs are becoming increasingly accessible, and it is concerning that, in some cases, people can simply go online and order these kinds of medications when they may not have a full undersaid Sodhi.

In the meantime, the researchers obstruction, whereby food is pre-drug makers will consider updating "The risk calculus will differ vented from passing through the the warning labels for their proddepending on whether a patient small or large intestine, resulting in ucts, which currently don't include the risk of gastroparesis.

"This is critical information for patients to know so they can seek timely medical attention and avoid serious consequences," said Sodhi.

### Weakened immunity causing longer spell of fever: Experts

LUCKNOW, OCT 6

The prolonged spell of fever in the present season is a result of weakened immunity, misconceptions about fever as an indicator of various diseases, and an irrational ident of the Indian Medical approach to treatment which have generated this added: "Climate change "fear of fever" among the

opine that while fever in every season, causing tional Doctors, emphashould also not be dread- Furthermore, virus muta-

at King George's Medical counts." University (KGMU), said: compromised immunity lowering resistance levels. and increased susceptibilalterations in dietary



Association in Lucknow, has bolstered the survival Healthcare specialists them resilient and active tions have made fevers Professor N.S. Verma, more cunning, leading

"A decade ago, recover- pointed out that people ing issue should be left ing from a fever used to take medications with to the experts. Individutake just hours or a day, anti-platelet effects, caus- als armed with internet but not anymore. Even a ing their platelet counts knowledge often opt simple fever now lingers to remain low. When for multiple tests withfor over five days and this fever strikes, these counts out understanding their is largely attributed to decrease even further, necessity."

to be climate change and becomes protracted pro-

P.K. Gupta, former pres- of paramedical at KGMU, high fevers.

explained the surge in hospital visits during fever outbreaks and said: "The extended queues at hospitals and pathology labs for fever cases can be attributed to increased awareness and improved diagnostic capabilities, which can identify underlying ailments that were previously undetectable.'

Abhishek Shukla, the of mosquitoes, making secretary-general of the Association of Internashould not be ignored, it more human infections. sised the importance of a measured approach to fever diagnosis. "Fever is an indication

the Head of Physiology to a decrease in platelet that something might be wrong in the body, but Doctors have also deciphering the underly-

Experts advise that ini-Consequently, fevers tially dealing with fever ity to viral infections. The take longer to subside, should involve simple primary culprits appear and post-fever recovery measures like maintaining hydration with ORS and using a dampened cotton Vinod Jain, former dean cloth on the forehead for

### India had highest number of preterm births in 2020: Lancet

NEW DELHI, OCT 6

India had 3.02 million prenal Lancet.

from the World Health decade. Organization (WHO), the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, countries and areas.

Pakistan, Nigeria, China, as prematurity is the lead-Ethiopia, Bangladesh, ing cause of death in chil-Democratic Republic of the dren's early years. For those Congo, and the US.

and areas, rates of 10 per and even chronic diseases cent or higher were also as adults like diabetes and observed in high-income heart conditions.

countries such as Greece (11.6 per cent ) and the US (10·0 per cent ).

Globally an estimated term births in 2020 – the 13.4 mn babies were born highest worldwide, and early (before 37 full weeks accounting for over 20 per of pregnancy) in 2020 cent of all preterm births which is around 1 in 10 of globally, according to a all live births. Importantly, study published in the jour- no region of the world significantly reduced rates of The study by authors preterm births over the last an urgent need for seri-

The annual global rate of United Nations Children's reduction in preterm births and their families as well as Fund (UNICEF) and the between 2010 and 2020 was just 0.14 per cent. The agencies called for

showed that over 50 per an urgent need to strengthcent of all preterm births in en both care for preterm 2020 occurred in just eight babies as well as prevention efforts – particularly mater-India was followed by nal health and nutrition – who live, preterm birth Although most of the also significantly increases high preterm birth rates the likelihood of suffering occur in low-income and major illnesses, disability middle-income countries and developmental delays,

"Preterm babies are especially vulnerable to life-threatening health complications and they need special care and attention," said Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at WHO, in a statement.

"These numbers show ous investment in services available to support them a greater focus on prevention - in particular, ensuring access to quality health care before and during every pregnancy," she added.

The paper derives estimates from populationbased and nationally representative data to generate internationally comparable country-level estimates for 2020. As birth registration and facility-based deliveries have increased, data on the prevalence of preterm birth has improved. Gaps remain, however, with 92 countries lacking adequate nationally representative data

### Green, black tea & matcha can inactivate **Omicron subvariant: Study**

TOKYO, OCT 6

Green tea, matcha and black tea can effectively inactivate the highly transmissible and contagious sub-variants of Omicron, claimed a study.

Studies have previously shown that tea catechins biologically active chemicals in tea – effectively deactivated the virus SARS-CoV-2.

In the new study, published in the journal Scientific Reports, healthy volunteers consumed a candy containing green tea or black tea, and saliva collected from them immediately after the candy consumption significantly decreased virus infectivity in vitro.

"We found that all the Omicron subvariants that we tested were efficiently inactivated by treatment with green tea, Matcha sues to propagate. How- nal tract of the infected to the RBDs and different green tea, and black tea," said Osam Mazda, from effect was not demonstrat- vent spread of the virus cron subvariant to EGCG the Department of Immu- ed in the saliva collected from the infected persons TFDG.



nology, at Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in Japan.

"The study may suggest a molecular basis for potential usefulness of these compounds in suppression of mutant viruses that could emerge in the future and cause the next pandemic," Mazda said.

It has been reported that viruses infect salivary

from healthy volunteers 5 or 15 min after the cessation of the candy consumption. This may be due to high flow rates of saliva in healthy volun-

"A candy containing green tea or black tea may be useful for inactivating glands and other oral tis- cavity and gastrointesti- binding of EGCG/TFDG ever, the virus inactivating person, as well as to pre-susceptibility of each Omi-

to nearby non-infected persons," the researchers said. The team showed that the tea catechins, particularly (-)-epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) and its derivative theaflavin-3,3'-di-O-digallate (TFDG), strongly suppressed infectivity of BA.1 and XE subvariants, while effect on BA.2.75 was weaker.

Neutralisation assay showed that EGCG and TFDG inhibited interaction between BA.1's spike protein RBD (receptorbinding domain) and ACE2.

In-silico analysis suggested that N460K, G446S and F490S mutations in RBDs crucially influenced the binding of EGCG/ TFDG to the RBDs.

The results indicate virus if infected persons specific amino acid subconsume it, to decrease stitutions in RBDs that virus load in the oral crucially influence the

### War against drugs needs combative efforts: Shakti Pathak

JAMMU, OCT 6

Shiv Sena Hindustan sharing their experiences Youth Wing leaders led and professional experby J&K President Ganesh tise in the field to help the Choudhary today called police department to draw on DIG Jammu, Shakti a blueprint for addressing Pathak over growing drug the issue in an effective menace in the district. manner. Jammu District President Raj Kumar Gupta, Samba use of drugs or substanc-Ganesh Choudhary.

have no place in society. He also urged the intellectuals to come forward

Pathak asserted that

District President Nek es may lead to addiction Ram, Bishnah Block or dependence, serious Vice President Shankar physical injury such as Singh, Badi Brahmana damage to kidneys, liver, Block President Sanjeev heart or psychological lem and controlling it is a bative efforts. Just like we sive Kumar also accompanied harm like hallucinations, major challenge" Pathak fought militancy, we will ness program involving holistic approach involvmemory loss or death. In said. He dealt with differ-Speaking on the occa- addition to causing death, ent aspects of the drug J&K, hopefully, but we trict intending to bring cies, community leaders, sion, DIG Jammu, Shakti substance abuse is also menace affecting the dis-need the active support of mass awareness about ill and concerned citizens Pathak said "we are deeply responsible for significant trict and stressed that adeconcerned about the grow- morbidity and the treat- quate awareness and preing drug menace in the disment of drug addiction ventive measures would highlighted the devastated educating the people to Police for various thoughttrict. The rising trend of creates a tremendous be enforced for optimum ing effects of drug addic- lead a healthy life and fur- provoking initiative, he drug abuse among youth burden on society. "Drug results. Pathak said Police tion on individuals, fami-ther highlighted various pledged their complete is alarming." He appealed abuse leads to many kinds department alone cannot the teaching community of criminal activities. The address overnight and and NGOs to sensitize need of money to buy therefore his good office police is making all out the drug menace affecting the drug menace. He also youth and parents so that illegal drugs has driven has been organizing mass efforts to root out this the society and stressed pledged their support and they take up a pioneer- many youths to earn awareness campaign on menace from the region, that adequate awareness ing role in creating an money easily and they get the issue. atmosphere where drug involved in criminal activiabusers and peddlers will ties. It is a serious probagainst drugs needs comat large to achieve this," he the district level for optitheir neighborhoods.



people, civil society, and effects of drugs and ped- to tackle this issue effec-While the Jammu Kashmir with different aspects of Police in its fight against Pathak stated, "War required from the society should be enforced at at eradicating drugs from

related activities.

Earlier, Ganesh Youth Wing of Shiv Sena Hindustan has been organizing mas-

wipe out this drug from civil society in the disyoungsters at large."He dling and selling of drugs, lies, and society as a whole. achievements. He dealt collaborative efforts are and preventive measures in future initiatives aimed

said. He empha- mum results. He exhorted sized the impor- the police and other law tance of collective enforcing agencies to be efforts in curbing more vigilant and take this menace and strong action against drug urged citizens to marketers indulged in this play an active role nuisance. Ganesh voicing in identifying and his concern over the chalreporting drug- lenge of drug trade said that after decades of militancy, Pakistan has now informed that shifted its strategy towards a "Drug War."

Ganesh expressed his party's commitment to a drug-free Jammu and anti-drug aware- stressed the need for a ing law enforcement agentively. Appreciating J&K support to Jammu Kashmir willingness to collaborate

#### 8 grams of heroin recovered by PS Akhnoor Jammu, 1 peddler arrested

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

Continuing it's drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 08 grams of heroin from one accused person in the jurisdiction of PS Akhnoor.

A police team of PS Akhnoor led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Sharma assisted by SHO PS Akhnoor Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq while on naka duty at Daskal near fruit mandi Akhnoor rounded up one suspect. On search, 08 grams of heroin was recovered from them. In this regard a case FIR No 272/2023 U/S 8/21/22 of NDPS Act got registered in PS Akhnoor and accused was arrested. The accused arrested was identified as :- Sharief Din @Shariefu S/o Wali Mohd R/o Beli Charana District Jammu.

Further investigation of the case is going on. Jammu police is working intensively to uproot the chains of drug supply in the region and thorough questioning of the accused is going on to know the origin of the drugs supply chain.

Jammu Police is striving hard and taking every possible step to make people especially youth aware to eradicate drug menace. We request people of the area to come forward and share information about drug peddling or consumption on 9086100100 or 100 with Police for the cause. Your identity will be kept confidential.

### J&K Dharmarth Trust extends warm welcome to 'Ved Sandesh Kathua's Health Mela witnesses Yatra' in commemoration of Regional Vedic Conference

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

The J&K Dharmarth Trust today warmly received the 'Ved Sandesh Yatra,' organized by the Ved Mandir Committee Jammu, as part of the three-day Regional Vedic Conference, at the historic Raghunath Ji Temple in Jammu. This auspicious occasion was marked by the gracious presence of officials from the J&K Dharmarth Trust

at the revered Raghunath

place from October 6th culturally enriching proto 8th, 2023, in Jammu, grams. is a collaborative effort Jammu, and Maharshi Sandesh Yatra,' embarked Shri Raghunath Ji Temple. Government of India. The hunath Ji Temple.

between Maharaja Partap three-day long Regional er, they performed the Singh Ved Vidyalaya, Vedic Conference, a grand Aarti, invoking blessings at Ved Mandir Committee Shobha Yatra titled 'Ved the sanctum sanctorum of Sandeepani Rashtriya from Ved Mandir, passing Veda Vidya Pratishthan through Panjtirthi, Jain witnessed spirited parproudly sponsored by the Raghunath Bazar, culmi-students representing five of the whole temple. Ministry of Education, nated at the famous Rag- Sanskrit schools, includ-

the country and features Mishra ji from Ujjain, Shri Choodamani Sanskrit Path which will purify

Pertinent to mention a vibrant array of Vedic Dr. Shiv Prasad Raina ji, Mahavidhyala Basohli, and here that the Regional processions, recitations, Vipin Sharma, Dipendra Vedic Conference, taking enlightening lectures, and Gautam, Raman Suri, Rajesh Sharma, Mahant Raj Kumar, and other On the first day of revered scholars. Togeth-

The 'Ved Sandesh Yatra'

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul Katra. Accompanied by distinguished Vedic scholars, this Yatra added an aura of reverence and devotion to the regional conference.

scholars also chanted Vedic Mantras in the premises of Raghunath ji temple

ars from all corners of anand Giri ji, Akhileshwar Vidyalaya Khoon Akhnoor, try will perform the Ved Kashmir.

the whole atmosphere of Jammu and Kashmir. He said it's an honour for us to organise such pious three-day long Sammelan. He appealed to the people of Jammu to participate in this holy Sammelan.

Welcoming the 'Ved Sandesh Yatra', Brig R.S Langeh, President of J&K Dharmarth Trust, in his message, expressed profound gratitude for the divine presence of scholars, dignitaries, and participants in this sacred journey. He emphasized the significance of preserving and promoting our Vedic heritage and extended his best wishes for the success of the Regional Vedic Con-

Ashok Kumar Sharma, former IPS Officer and The renowned Vedic Trust's Secretary has made adequate arrangements for the 'Ved Sandesh Yatra'. He asserted that in Ujjain. This event is Bazar, Kanak Mandi and ticipation from over 200 followed by the Parikrama the three-day long Vedic Conference will illuminate Speaking on the occa- our hearts and minds with ing Maharaja Partap Singh sion, Swami Hridayanand the timeless wisdom of the The divine occasion saw Ved Vidyalaya, Shri Mata Giri ji informed that Vedas and strengthen the ticipation from eminent the presence of luminar- Devika Ved Vidyalaya Pur- nearly 200 vedic schol- bonds of spirituality and traditional Vedic schol- ies such as Swami Hriday- mandal, Shri Narsingh Ved ars from across the coun- knowledge in Jammu and

## overwhelming response



JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCTOBER 6

unwavering support and specialities. guidance of the esteemed ration (Ribbon Ceremony) care to 82 patients, Der-the region.

led by the esteemed Dis- matology (Skin) received under the Ayushman event drew an impressive patients as well. Bhava Campaign was turnout, with a total of 636 organized today in CHC patients seeking medical Block Medical Officer, Bani, Kathua, with the attention across various Bani, expressed his heart-

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. alities, the Ortho OPD tion and all the dedicated Rakesh Mangotra. The recorded the highest doctors for their commitevent, which aimed to number of patient visits, ment to providing medical provide essential health- with 120 individuals seek- treatment to the undercare services to the coming orthopedic care. The privileged residents in the munity, was coordinated Gynecology OPD saw 102 remote areas of District by Dr. Surinder Attri, Prin- patients, the Eye depart- Kathua. The overwhelmcipal GMC Kathua, and ment attended to 48 indi- ing response to the Health attended by Dr. Dev Raj viduals, while the Surgery Mela reaffirms the com-Mishra, Block Medical Offidepartment catered to 87 mitment of the healthcare cer, Bani. The Health Mela patients. Furthermore, the community to ensure the witnessed a grand inaugu- ENT department provided well-being of the people in

trict Development Coun- 51 patients, Medicine cil Member, Smt. Reeta attended to 73 individu-A significant Health Mela Thakur, at 10:30 AM. The als, and Pediatrics saw 73 Dr. Dev Raj Mishra,

felt gratitude to the Dis-Among the speci- trict Health Administra-

### Amazon India creates more than 100,000 seasonal job opportunities ahead of its Great Indian Festival

JAMMU: OCT 6

Amazon India announced that it has created more than 100,000 seasonal job opportunities across its operations network, for the Indian festive season.

These opportunities include direct and indirect jobs across India in cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, and Chennai, among others. Ahead of Amazon's 'Great Indian Festival' starting on October 8, 2023, with early access to Prime customers starting on October 7, Amazon India has already onboarded the majority Amazon. Recent research ing forward to shopping APAC/MENA/LATAM, and of these new hires into its conducted by Nielsen with us. Beyond elevating existing network, where Media suggests that 75% of customer satisfaction, seathey will pick, pack, ship, consumers indicated that sonal hiring plays a vital and deliver customer online shopping serves role in empowering indiorders safely and efficient- as a convenient one-stop viduals with work opporly. New hires also include shop, with 81% of custom-tunities and financial to delivering exceptional customer service associ- ers indicating their intent independence, and more ates, some of whom are to shop online. We are importantly, boosting the part of the virtual custom- welcoming an additional festive economy. We are and facilities, with a parer service model, aimed at workforce of over 100K to looking forward to creatproviding an elevated cus- strengthen our fulfilment, ing a joyous festive season across the country.



WW Customer Service Head, Amazon.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Amazon's commitment service to customers. The work environment always a special time at customers who are look- President Operations, said Selim. S K, a recent ery efficiency.

seasonal hire at Amazon India. Amazon India has built a

strong fulfilment and delivery network and established significant partnerships. The company has fulfilment centres spread across 15 states, offering 43 million cubic feet of storage space for seller inventory. This benefits over 1.3 million sellers in the country. Amazon India has sortation centres in 19 states, along with a network of close to 2000 Amazonoperated and partner delivery stations. Also, it has 28,000 'I Have Space' partners and thousands of Amazon Flex partners, who are ready to deliver smiles to customers across the country. This is further strengthened by Amazon's symbiotic public and private partnerships.

Amazon India recently marked a decade of transforming the Indian shopping landscape, reshaping how people connect and ticular focus on every- embrace online retail. In a one's health & safety, are series of strategic moves, tomer experience as they delivery, and customer for our customers, sellers, truly commendable. I am Amazon India signed an strengthen their footprint service capabilities and associates, partners, and delighted that I can sup- MoU with India Post and ensure a great shopping employees across India," port my family while also collaborated withIndian "The festive season is experience for millions of says Akhil Saxena, Vice advancing professionally," Railways to enhance deliv-

### Billawaria kick starts black topping work at Chinar Enclave

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

Providing best infrastructure facilities to the residents of Jammu, Deputy Mayor, Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria today visited Chinar Enclave in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency and kick-started the blacktopping work of road there, which was a He said that the BJP under all necessary safety and long pending demand of the strong leadership of health guidelines while the people of the area. PM Narendra Modi will the construction work is This development work change the entire spec- in progress. He said that will be executed under the trum of development in for the better developsupervision of the Public J&K as it is only a matter ment of the city, develworks department (PWD). of days now when facili- opment works are being Speaking on the occasion, ties and opportunities done in various areas and Deputy Mayor, Jammu will knock the doors of appropriate steps will be Baldev Singh Billawaria each and every resident taken wherever developsaid a few months ago that of the UT. He further said ment work is required. a deputation from the area that the incumbent Union Locals of the area have deputation apprised him Governor Manoj Sinha that they have heaved a that the condition of roads deserves full credit for sigh of relief ensured by in the area is pathetic and initiating revolutionary the developmental works it should be resolved soon. measures in every sector accomplished by the Responding to people's including the economic Deputy Mayor. Mandal demands he immediately front. The Deputy Mayor President Ranjit Singh, directed the concerned appealed to the people Harbans Chaudhary, department to prepare to maintain cleanliness Satpal Chaudhary, Surjit



ment work was started. urged the people to follow present.

had approached him. The Administration led by Lt expressed satisfaction the estimate of the road and hygiene in their area Kumar, Sunil Sharma, of the area and today with to keep the environment Davinder Sharma, Rinku his efforts the develop- clean and green. He also Kumar and others were

#### Inter-state fraudster charge sheeted in Rs. 28 lakh fraud; pretended as head of ICM; CB Jammu

JAMMU, OCT 6

**Economic Offences Wing** - Crime Branch Jammu produced preliminary charge-sheet against fraudster Upendra Singh Rudradeo S/o Sukhi Lal Singh R/o Gram Post Makair, Chappra Bihar, A/P 108/09 Pocket 10 Rohni Delhi; B-96, First floor, Rohini Sector-O1, Avantika North West



Delhi and H.No 5L/122A lodged by Puran Chand Crime Branch Jammu P/S NIT Faridabad, S/O Late Sh. Lal Chand in accordance with the Haryana in case FIR No. R/o Village Gazipur Kullia procedure in vogue and to fore that the accused 51/2019 U/S 420, 465, 471/ District Jammu who during the course of is also wanted in more RPC P/S Crime Branch alleged therein that one enquiry the allegations than 7 FIRs for cheating Jammu. The fraudster Upendra Singh Rudradeo levelled were prima-facie duped the complainant S/O Sukhi Lal Singh R/o substantiated against the Puran Chand S/O Lt. Gram Post Makair, Chap- accused leading to the Sh. Lal Chand R/O Vil- pra, Bihar cheated him registration of a formal lage Gazipur Kulian, R. by taking an amount of case against the accused S Pura, District Jammu Rs 28.00 lacs (Rupees under the relevant secof Rs 28 lakhs after the twenty eight Lakh) in the tions of law. During the accused enticed him month of January 2017, course of investigation, by pretending to be the through one of his close the culprit was arrested recovery is under prog-Head of the Indian Coop- friend namely Rakesh from Delhi after hectic ress as the Bank Account erative Mission (ICOM) Ranjan who introduced efforts were put in by a of the accused has been and to work with him in the complainant with Special team of Crime debit freezed of Rs. 18. 70 different projects of the the accused person by Branch Jammu as the The case owes its origin National Head organiza- evading the arrest for on for in-depth probe.

Cooperative Mission. culprit was brought to The accused thereafter Jammu and was proaccused in different projects with Indian Cooperative Mission and finally duped him.

On receipt of the complaint a preliminary verification was initiated by branding the accused as accused was constantly tion of the case is going to a written complaint tion committee of Indian the last four years. The

showed the complain- duced before the Court ant a fake project file of of law for seeking his Indian Cooperative Mis- Police remand for fursion (ICOM) and took the ther investigation of the complainant into confi- case. Relevant record dence to work with the was seized, statements of witnesses recorded U/S 161. Cr.PC and 164 Cr.PC, Scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence was gathered and the offences were proved against the accused. Moreover, during the investigation it also came and fraud in Rajasthan, as such after production of charge-sheet the custody of the accused was handed over to the Ajmer Police, Rajasthan in case FIR No. 4/2022 for facing the charges. Process for

Lakhs. Further investiga-

#### CBC organizes ICOP at Govt Boys Higher Secondary School, Leh

LEH, OCTOBER 06, 2023

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India today organized an Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) as part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at Govondary School (GBHSS),

More than two hundred students of the school and entire teaching and nonteaching staff participated in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, Principal GBHSS Smt Tsewang Dolma thanked CBC for choosing the school for holding the event there. She requested the students to take care of their surroundings and make every effort to ensure that they keep their surroundings clean.

She further said that programmes and awareness drives will keep on happening but every indi-

ernment Boys Higher Sec-sion so that it does not that is segregated can be to the school and the stuget restricted to a certain period or phase.

> Municipal Committee types are mixed together, of their school. Leh, Ms Fariha Yousuf also addressed the stu- and hazardous. dents and said that the and responsibilities when cleanliness around them. Yousuf also emphasised

is a resource that can lead to revenue generation if enthralled. vidual should treat cleanli- handled properly and with ness as a year round mis- care. She said that waste dustbin was also donated CBC Field Office Srinagar.

they become worthless

zeal to maintain cleanli- was also administered to Leh, Aamir Amin Nowness should come from the students as part of the shahri, while welcoming within an individual. She ICOP wherein they were the guests, thanked disstressed upon students encouraged to spread the trict administration Leh to understand their roles message of cleanliness and and the school authorities spend two hours every it comes to maintaining week on activities related to cleanliness.

upon the importance witnessed performances motto in life and also of segregating waste at from Cultural and Tradi- encourage others to do source and said that in tional Society, Ladakh. the same. the present times, waste The performances left the audience spell bound and

of economic value when dents took part in a cleanit is sent for recycling but liness drive wherein they State Mission Manager, when wastes of different cleaned the surroundings

> Earlier in the programme, Field Publicity A 'Swachhata Pledge' Officer, CBC Field Office for helping conduct the ICOP at short notice. He stressed upon students The programme also to make cleanliness their

> The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Sh Sikandar Qureshi, As part of the ICOP, a Field Publicity Assistant,

### Block level Kalash Yatras being held with great enthusiasm across UTs by NYKS J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU, OCT 6

The Mega National event Meri Mati Mera Desh program has now entered next stage in which the Amrit Kalash collected at Village Level shall be poured into a larger Block Level Kalash as NYKS J&K Ladakh is Yatras was held in block Kishor Lal DDC Member organising numerous pro- Bhaderwah with participa- respectively. Sarpanches, grams across all the blocks tion of rdd Department, PRI members and youth of the UTs. The nation is PRI members and NYVs. In club members were also organising Meri Maati, Jammu district, Block level present in the programs. Mera Desh on theme Kalash Yatras were held in In Jammu, Programme has "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan" Campaign Khour and Marh with wal Brahmna, Marh and as a culminating pro- participation of officials Khour block . Gulshan gram of "Azadi Ka Amrit of RDD Department, PRI Sharma NYV coordi-

level Kalash yatras were number of people. Simi- wal Brahmna in which Sh held at Blocks Darhal, lar event were also held in Suram Singh Bhau DDC Rajnagar, Budhal, and Block Vijaypur of Samba Vice Chairman was the Doda, Block level Kalash Navdeep Sabarwal and Jumgral has coordinated Govt High School Nagbal Gandhi Nagar Jammu.



Blocks Bhalwal Brahmana, been conducted in Bhalmembers, NYVs, Youth nated with Sh Verinder In Rajouri district, Block club members ad large Singh Bawa. BDO ,Bhal-

In Samba District pro-Moughla by NYK Rajouri District in which NYV chief Guest and Sh Bhusan level Kalash Yatra was ensuring success of the in collaboration with RDD Sumriti Slathia played a Bral DDC was the Guest organised in Khansahib Mega National Program. Department and CRPF. key role. In Kathua dis- of Honour. In Bock Marh block of Budgam district. All States and UTs are At Rajnagar, BDC Chair- trict, Block level Kalash Tarun Datt and Rahul The program was held actively working to make person Shamim Akhter yatra was held in Lachi- Kumar NYVs coordinated at CFC Argam in pres- this program of Janbhagiwas the Chief Guest while pur Panchayat of Kathua with Mr Kapil Deol, BDO in ence of DDC Member dari a grand success. at Moughla, BDC Chair- Block in presence of Chief organizing the programme Bashir Ahmed, Deputy person Surekha Kotwal Guest DDC Member Miss in which Mr Balbir Lal Commandant 32 Bn by Dr Nirmal Singh Former graced as Chief Guest Shweta, BDO, Sarpanches, DDC was the chief guest. CRPF, BDC Chairperson Dy CM and DDC chairwhile PRI members also Panches and hundreds Mr Surinder Kumar BDC Saima Jan, BDO Mudasir man :Sh Bharat Bhushan remained present in the of people. NYVs Shallu , Mr Ashok Saini, Mr Ram Ahmed, SDPO, SHO, Youh with regard to Block level program. NYVs Depak Sharma and Sashi Sad- Ditta Sharma along with club members and large Sharma, Zabeer Ahmed, hotra played a key role other Panchyats secretries number of people. Similar Jammu District, Shri Nisar Ravinder Singh, Rabia in the event. Similar pro- were present in the pro- programs was held by NYK Ahmed State Director Kouser and Mohd Mustafa grams were held in Blocks gramme. In Block Khour Budgam in Blocks Chrari NYKS ,ACD Jammu, BDOs played an important role Mahanpur and Lohai Anil Kumar Thakur was Shareef and Pakherpora attended the meeting at

with the Mr Ajay Kumar in collaboration with Pandita, BDO, Khour in Army, 32 Bn CRPF and which Anil Kumar Thakur, RDD in presence of DDC SDM was the Chief Guest. Member, BDC Chairperson Chrari Shareef, Sh Satish gram has been conducted Pandey CO Indian Army, in Govt Higher Secondry Deputy Commandant 181 School, Jukh (Vijaypur) in Bn CRPF, BDO Pakherpoa festive fervor . Sumriti ra, SHO, youth clubs and Slathia coordinated with general public.It is impor-BDO Tilak Raj Sharma in tant to note that plantation which Sudarshan singh drives have been held in slathia DDC member was all the Panchayats of the the Chief Guest. BDC- nation from 9th to 15th Surinder kumar, BDC August after which Mitti along with orher Sarpanch Kalash has been collected were present in the pro- from Panchayats. Now this gramme. Ajeet sharma soil collected shall be sent (co ordinator ) with his to Block till 13th of October team presented the cul- 2023 and then to Nationtural items during the al Capital subsequently. programme. In Kashmir Ministry of Youth Affairs division, under the banner and Sports and Ministry of Meri Maati Mera Desh of Culture are the nodal campaign, a mega Block ministries responsible for

Today, Meeting chaired MMMD. All DDC, BDC of in the programs. In district Malhar in presence of BDO the Chief Guest. Anjali at GDC Chrari Shareef and government Guest House

### Congress protests against hateful poster of Rahul Gandhi, burns effigy of JP Nadda

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 6

Congress today held a strong protest demonstration against BJP for the hateful and evil poster by the IT Cell of BJP regarding the congress leader Shri Rahul Gandhi and burnt effigy of BJP President J.P. Nadda.

the Incharge Dist. Presiter Shri Yogesh Sawhney by DCC President Hari Singh Chib, which was others. attended by Senor PCC leaders Ravinder Sharma, Smt. Gurbachan Kumari Kumar, Sakunder Khan, the Country. Atul Sharma, Annirudh



Heer, Sushant, Ajaib dent and former Minis- Motton, Jatinder Bhagat, Farooq Ahmed, Ajay son Mr. Ravinder Sharma and DCC Jammu Rural led Kumar Lakhotra, Madhu strongly condemned the Kumar, Prem Sharma and hateful and malicious act

He said the BJP should Jawahar Lal Nehru.

A large number of Hoshiar Singh, Ricky Gandhi of the shameful Senior Congress leaders Dalotra, Michael Wazir, and hateful acts. He said and workers joined the Camres David Babloo, the people will not spare PCC protest organized by Anoop Gupta, Com. Gur- BJP for the hateful cam-DCC Jammu Urban led by meet Singh, Miss Tamana paigns and maligning the Indian democracy.

JKPCC Chief Spokesperof the BIP for painting the Talking to reporters opposition leader Shri Former Minister Yogesh Rahul Gandhi in such a Sawhney lashed out at manner which is insult Rana, Kanta Bhan, Vinod the BJP for its hateful tac- to the glorious history of Sharma, Manmohan tics against the congress Indian democracy. He said Singh, Pranav Shago- leader Shri Rahul Gandhi that such acts reflects the tra, Pawan Raina, Shashi who is fighting a war mindset of the present Sharma, Narinder Gupta, against the hate and dividay BJP under the com-Narinder Sharma, Kapil sion by the BJP under the mand of Prime Minister Singh, H.S. Mehta, San-leadership of Prime Min-Narinder Modi for which jeev Panda, Dwarka ister Narinder Modi. The the entire nation feels Choudhary, Vijay Shastri, Gandhi family has given ashamed of the level of Kamal Singh, Bhanu Maha- lot of sacrifices including the ruling party. He said jan, Praveen Sarwar Khan two Prime Ministers of the that the Congress party , Satish Sharma, Sandeep family Smt. Indira Gandhi will fight such dirty tricks Dogra , Pawandev Singh, and Shri Rajiv Gandhi for by following the path Shamsher Chand, Kuldeep the unity and integrity of shown by our great leader s Mahatma Gandhi and Pt.

### CCI welcomes Govt's decision to uphold Property Tax

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu, today welcomed the decision of Jammu and Kashmir Government for upholding the imposition of property tax in Jammu.

In this regard, an urgent meeting was held at the Chamber House, presided over by Sh. Arun Gupta,

In the meeting, Sh. Arun the Jammu Chamber.

Bandh in this regard. The region. overwhelming support

the community.

oring the request made by a well-thought-out policy undue hardship. on property tax through

President of CCI Jammu, from the people of Jammu comed the decision of Lt. importance of ensuring and attended by office underscored the impor- Governor to address the uninterrupted access to bearers of the Jammu tance of this issue within concerns of those impov- electricity for those most raised by Chamber of Comerished individuals who vulnerable in the society. Arun Gupta urged the have received erroneous Gupta expressed sincere government to initiate and inflated electricity bills President also urged the full faith in Chamber of gratitude to the Lieutenant a comprehensive dia- in Jammu and Kashmir. concerned Power Depart- Commerce & Industry Governor for demonstrat- logue with all stakehold- He emphasized that there ment to prioritize the because it is the only electing a profound commit- ers concerning property are numerous individuals rectification of false and ed body raising the issues ment to the aspirations of tax. He emphasized the who have fallen victim to inflated bills, urging them pertaining to the people of the Jammu people by hon-necessity of formulating these inaccuracies, causing

Arun Gupta appealed to It is pertinent to high- extensive discussions the Lt. Governor to issue holds. light that the Jammu with relevant parties. This necessary directives to Chamber had called for approach, he believes, will the Power Department to upon the government to Gupta, Jr. Vice President, suspension of the property contribute to the develop- refrain from disconnecting cease any harassment Sh. Manish Gupta, Secretax and also called Jammu ment and prosperity of the power connections of any of citizens related to the tary General, Sh. Rajesh

to expedite the resolution Jammu. process to alleviate the burden on affected house-

Arun Gupta has also wel- He stressed the critical paid meters. Chamber Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

totally oppose implementation of prepaid meter

Arun Gupta further request the government to provide uninterrupted Power supply to the Industrial units as the Industries at present are facing hardships and are going through tough time due to unscheduled power cuts

President CCI Sh. Arun Gupta urges the LG Government to come forward to resolve the other issues merce & Industry, Jammu The Jammu Chamber as people of Jammu have

The other Office bearers present in the meeting include Sh. Anil Gupta, Sr. Furthermore, he called Vice President, Sh. Rajeev poor and needy residents. implementation of pre- Gupta, Secretary and Sh.

#### Sat Sharma inaugurates Free Acupressure Camp



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and Deen Dayal Sharma, ward of Talab Tillo Mandal were also present.

Dr B.K Dhar examined can take advantage of it. the patients. Speaking on Today Former Minister the Sat Sharma appreci-sion Sanjay Baru hailed Sat Sharma CA along with ated the efforts of the the efforts of the Organiz-BJP Talab Tillo Mandal temple committee and ers and said that it's a very President Keshav Chopra, said that these types of good initiative to provide Municipal Councillor Free Accupressure camps Free acupressure treat-Ward No- 41 Sanjay Baru gave benefits to the needy ment for senior citizens at and other leaders inaugu- people who can't afford their doorstep. rated Free 10 Days Acu- the expensive treatment. pressure Camp at Shri Shri Speaking on the Occasion Bhubesh Thapa, Rakesh Durga Mata Temple Talab Keshav Chopra lauded the Sharma, Omkar verma, Tillo Jammu. The Camp temple committee team Ashok Wazir, Vinod Wazir, was Organised by Temple for their relentless efforts Rakesh Kumar Mattoo, Committee members towards the society and Koushal Kumar, Ashok including Jatinder Khaju- stated that Such camps Sharma, Jia Lal Gupta, ria, Dr Inderjeet Bakshi will be organized in every Girish Badyal and others

Accupressure therapist so that maximum people

Speaking on the occa-

Krishan Lal Sharma,

### All Trasport Unions urge Karan Singh Wazir to lead AJKTWA

Representative of different Transport union and individual transporters today interacted with Karan Singh Wazir S/O late Tarlochan Singh Wazir at his residence and discussed issues and difficulties being faced by transporters. On this occasion many union leaders spoke to media and said that after the death of Tarlochan Singh Wazir nobody has seriously addressed our issues and problems and today issues of transporters. and always boldly and their interests.



we have been compelled Karan Singh Wazir while honestly pursued the to approach Karan Singh addressing the gathered cause of transporters. Wazir S/O late Tarlochan transporters at his resi- Karan Singh Wazir said Singh Wazir as today we dence assured them that that at this crucial juncare miserably missing I will continue to work for ture all transport unions our great chairman who the issues of transporters and transporters need to had contributed tremen- with the blessings of late come together with one dously for the transport- Tarlochan Singh Wazir voice to resolve the issues ers and always strived who had created strong and assured that he will for resolving the burning transport union system always ready to serve

#### **Institute of Dental Sciences** celebrates World Smile Day



JAMMU, OCT 6

Sciences at Sehora, Jammu, organized a remarkable event to cel-The event was orchesefforts of the Sports and tistry; Dr Syed Raheela, overall wellbeing.

Dr Deeksha, Dr Gurdeep Singh, Dr Kamaljeet The Institute of Dental Singh, Akshata Gupta, Vidhushi, and Fiza.

The World Smile Day observance took place on ebrate World Smile Day. October 5th, aiming to spread joy and happiness trated by the diligent throughout the community. With a diverse range Cultural Committee, of activities planned, the led by esteemed staff event successfully united members including Dr individuals in celebra-Bela Mahajan, HOD Oral tion and displayed the Pathology; Dr Esha Bali, institute's commitment HOD Public Health Den- to dental wellness and

### Two- Day Wildlife Week celebrations ended in CUJ



JAMMU, OCT 6

The final day of the twoday Wildlife Week Celebrations (5th and 6th October) 2023 was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Department of Zool-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev

The faculty along with the students went for a categories were Nahila discussion).

campus to explore the animal', Shalini Khajuria in local flora and fauna. Com- 'Wildlife dress up'. Manvi petitions such as sketching and Asma in "Greeting of wildlife, on spot panel discussions and oral pre- Neha and Diksha, (from sentations were held in the department of Botany) department. These events in "Face/Body Painting were followed by the vale- competition". Apurva ogy, Central University of dictory function where the Bhati (Wildlife Sketching), Jammu under the patron- winners were announced Shalini Gupta and Ananya age of Honourable Vice by Dr. Ashok Kumar Yadav, Mahajan (Quiz competi-Head, Department of Zool-

'natural trail walk' in the Tabassum in 'Mimic like an Card/Bookmark Making". tion), Vikas Kumar (Oral Presentation). Akanksha The winners in various Sharma and Samya (Panel

#### Surya Roshni redefines essence of celebration this festive season



JAMMU, OCT 6

Surya Roshni in its 50th only save Rs.1000 to year of operation is one Rs.1800 per year per fan of India's most respected (16hrs of daily usage and and trusted brands for metro energy tariffs) but Lighting, Fans, Home also add to the home Appliances, Steel Pipes, décor.

and PVC pipes. manufacturer of lighting Cooker (indicook), Juicer products in India, Surya Mixer Grinders (Aspire, Roshni continues to set Galaxy[1]i), Heavyweight the industry standard. It Dry Irons (Shakti Plus, is perhaps the only com- Bolt), InfraRed and pany in India that invest- Induction Cooktops, and ed significantly in the last a range of Storage and century in conventional Instant Water heaters lighting manufacturing (Speedy, Insta Hot - 5.5lt). excellence and now in this Speaking on the occasion century in the new tech- Mr. Jitendra Agrawal, CEO nology which is energy - Lighting and Consumer saving and modern LED Durables, Surya Roshni, Lighting manufacturing said "With immense excellence. In the past pride, I applaud Surya's 7 years, Surya Roshni exceptional team, whose LED lighting has success- concerted efforts, dedicafully saved an impressive tion, and innovation have amount of energy for the brought to life, a range of

invested in R&D to bring ing festival a joyous celeout a slew of products bration." specially designed for the upcoming festive season. evance of festivities, the An epitome is the Platina company has adopted LED Bulb, which not only a comprehensive 360illuminates every corner degree marketing strateof a room with its wider gy. This approach involves spread of light but also a series of promotional conserves energy with initiatives across diverse a product life of 25,000 social media platforms, hours (under rated condi-retail outlets, and ontions). In addition to the ground activations. These all-new energy-efficient endeavours are aimed at Platina, Surya takes pride engaging both customers in launching the bouquet and channel partners, in of indoor and outdoor a meaningful way. Aligned Lighting products includ- with the Government's ing Profile Strip light, PLI scheme, the compa-Slim Trim & Shine Nxt ny is making a substantial Downlighter, for beauti- investment of 25 crores ful indoor decorations; in its technology labs and Jag Mag String light and manufacturing facilities. Sparkle Rope light, for This strategic move conlevelling up the outdoor tributes to import subdecorations, this festive stitution, furthering its

The company con- / atmanirbharta.

tinues to innovate and has launched BEE Star labelled fans which not

Some of the new As the largest branded offerings include Rice lighting and appliances, Surya has yet again that will make the upcom-

Understanding the relpursuit of self-sufficiency

#### Tirupati temple, participated in abhishek ceremony JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCT 6

Special Secretary Culture Jammu kashmir Trishla Kundal Kas And Yashpal Kundal today paid obesciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tirupati.They prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of abhishek of Lord Venkateshwar is performed. Trishala kundal Kas expressed happiness over the temple people of Jammu. With and pay obesicance here. to be part of abhishek certhe temple.



Trishla Kundal, Yashpal Kundal pay obesciance at

said that it is a feeling of to witness the culture of is ready for any kind of pleasure and proud that south India and this feeling help to the temple and the Tirupati Balaji temple is heavenly. She appealed devotees. Yashpal Kundal is established here for the people to visit the temple also expressed happiness

emony .He said the temple is beautifully made in the Majeen area.

He said the dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism and a major fillip to the economic development and employment opportunities in the Union Territory.

Subramanyam the Superintendent of temple also appealed transport commissioner to start the bus service for the temple so that devotees can come easily to the temple.He also emphasize to start the Bharat darshan bus service here so that tourists also came to know about

#### **Kavinder slams Mehbooba for** irrelevant, divisive statement

The former Dy Chief

Minister said that Meh-

booba is amongst such

leaders who have lost their political ground among

the masses across I&K

Union Territory and even

in their home constituen-

cies, right up to the grass

roots level. Seeing their

future quite bleak in the

coming time with no hope

of coming back to power,

she feels that she would

be able to get support of

some people in her con-

stituency least realizing

that people understand

her game-plan and can't

be befooled any more

dedication to working for

the betterment of all citi-

"The BJP's ideol-

inclusivity, respect for all

faiths, and unity among

our diverse population,"

he emphasized, adding

"We are committed to the

welfare of every citizen

The former deputy

chief minister asserted

Categorically refuting

now, he added.

political gains."



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

Kavinder Gupta, senior BIP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister the allegations, Kavinder today slammed People's reaffirmed the BJP's com-Democratic Party (PDP) mitment to the principles chief, Mehbooba Mufti for of Sanatan Dharma and her divisive and irrelevant the party's unwavering remarks against the BIP.

In a statement issued here today, the former zens, irrespective of their Deputy Chief Minister said religious backgrounds. "By issuing such statements Mehbooba Mufti ogy is deeply rooted in is giving vent to her utter the values of Sanatan frustration due to staying Dharma, which promote away from power after enjoying power in J&K for two generations."

Pertinent to mention here that the PDP President today levelled serious allegations that and to the progress of our BJP has involved against great nation." lynching of Muslims in

Kavinder said, "It is that the people is a better regrettable that the PDP judge and will give a befitleader has chosen to make ting reply to such people such baseless and inflam- who are running divisive matory statements. These agenda in Jammu and remarks are indicative of Kashmir. "We trust in a larger agenda, and it is the wisdom of the voters evident that this is a part to recognize and reject of the 'I.N.D.I. Alliance' - such divisive politics in an alliance that seeks to the upcoming polls in divide our society and the Union Territory," he polarize the nation for added.

#### Vibodh welcomes LG's decision to waive electricity bills for underprivileged



JAMMU, OCT 6

Commending the leadership and vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, BJP J&K General Secretary and in charge Ian Sampark Abhiyan Vibodh Gupta, praised the LG administrasingle year since indepenneurship in the UT, estabpaign by the party under the Jan Sampark Abhiyan, to commence from abrogation of Article 370 the government's unwaver-

to people promoting service, good governance and the welfare of the poor in the UT. Gupta also emphasised the importance of effectively communicating the government's peoplefriendly decisions and their benefits to dispel misinformation spread by the opposition. Vibodh tion for their remarkable further welcomed Hon'ble achievements, including LG Manoj Sinha's decision the historic creation of the to waive electricity bills highest number of jobs in a for the underprivileged people. LG administradence, a substantial boost tion is dedicated to every to tourism, the proactive necessary step to enhance promotion of entrepre- the well-being of the ordinary citizens," he added. lishing a transparent selec- Addressing the gathering, tion process in government BJP District President and exams, focus on equitable former MLA Rajiv Sharma growth, and a commitment emphasised Prime Ministo social justice. Gupta ter Narendra Modi's vision made these remarks while to establish a vibrant, addressing a party meet- inclusive, and prosperous ing in Akhnoor, where the Jammu and Kashmir. He discussion centred around conveyed that the Modi a massive outreach cam- government has placed the welfare of the common people as its utmost priority and is tirelessly dedi-October 24th to January cated to fostering peace, 17th. Speaking on the Jan prosperity, and develop-Sampark Abhiyan, Vibodh ment within the Union Ter-Gupta stated that the pro-ritory. This commitment gram aimed to highlight reflects the shared aspirathe unprecedented growth tion for a brighter future that Jammu and Kashmir for the people of Jammu has witnessed since the and Kashmir, aligning with

and 35A. He said that over ing efforts to achieve these

3000 public meetings will objectives.

#### MSME sponsored awareness programme for Agri-startups held at KVK Kupwara



JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCT 6

Enterprises (MSME) with and business ventures. an ultimate objective to promote new enterprises are not only creating new and inculcate entrepre- jobs which means more neurial culture in UT of employment but are also Jammu & Kashmir.

pating farmers, the pro- of the demograph

Prof. Raihana H. Kanth, Dean Faculty of Agricul-Faculty of Agriculture, ture, Dr. Kaiser Malik Sher-e-Kashmir University Programme Coordinator of Agricultural Sciences & KVK Kupwara and faculty Technology of Kashmir members of Division of organized one day aware- Agri. Extension & Comness programme on munication FoA Wadura. strengthening entrepre- At the outset, Dr. Quadri neurship & management Javeed Ah. Peer, formally of startups in agriculture welcomed the guests & and allied sectors at KVK participants and briefed Kupwara. The purpose about the important of this awareness pro- role of innovation and gramme was to know the entrepreneurship in the gaps in startup ecosystem elevation of the agriculand develop strategies for tural sector and its varicreating an enabling envi- ous stakeholders. Prof. ronment for scaling up the Raihana, enlightened the successful agri-startups. farmers about the impor-The programme was tance of the skill based held under the banner training programmes to of SKUAST-K Innovation, build entrepreneurial Incubation & Entrepre- mindset among the youth neurship (SKIIE) Centre and develop their skills so sponsored by Ministry of they can launch their own Micro, Small & Medium innovation-led startups

gramme was attended by

She stated that startups leaving a ripple effect on In addition to particithe socio-economic fabric

#### Srinagar District Congress holds protest, demands apology from BJP

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR OCT 6

The Srinagar District Con-

workers including Mahila any more, they said Congress activists of Srinagar assembled at Party ganda won't deter Rahul Office and protested Gandhi from raising his against circulating highly voice against the discrimiobjectionable and hateful nation, loot of public poster of Rahul Gandhi. money and many other They demanded an apol- misadventure BJP is indulgogy from the BJP for such ing for the lust of power, irresponsible and shameful they added and asserted behaviour while terming it that Congress won't be a failed attempt to divert cowed down rather the people's attention from its BJP's propaganda since (BJP's) utter failure on all 2014 has further strength-

workers marched towards adopted by BJP.

MA Road from Congress office, but they were pushed back by the heavy contingent of police while gress Committee on Friday raising slogans against held a strong protest ruling BJP for indulging in against circulating highly character assassination of objectionable poster of opposition after realizing Rahul Gandhi and demand- that it (BJP) will be wiped ed an apology from the BJP. out in 2024. The diversion-Congress Leaders and ary tactics won't help BJP

The malicious propaened Party's resolve to fight The Party leaders and against anti people policies

### Shah emphasizes uprooting terrorism by targeting its ecosystem from unholy acts, burns it's effigy

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JAMMU, OCT 6

Inaugurating a two-day anti-terror conference organized by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in New Delhi, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, emphasized the need to go beyond mere destruction of terrorism, the past nine years under beyond mere investigaand instead, focus on dismantling its entire ecosystem. The event witnessed Modi. the presence of several Minister of State for Home Anti-terrorism Structure emphasized that the fight Affairs, Shri Nishith Pra- under NIA's jurisdiction, against terrorism requires Director Intelligence in hierarchy, structure, a global scale, involving tion, and action. Bureau, Director General and Standard Operating various states within the NIA, and top officials from Procedures (SoPs) across country and international Union and State govern- all anti-terrorism agencies cooperation.

scored the significant new terrorist entities. progress made by both

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employ unconventional

the leadership of Prime tion, encouraging them Minister Shri Narendra to think innovatively and

in different states. This During the conference, move aims to enhance Modi government's reso-

forms of terrorism over en their responsibilities is still much ground to Home Ministry.

listened carefully to the

demands of the employ-

the need for both central and state agencies to adopt vertical and horizontal thinking. Highlighting the exten-

sive database verticals established by the government in the last five years, Amit Shah urged all agencies to make multidimensional and Artificial Intelligence-based use of the database. He emphasized that this is crucial for Shah proposed the strategies in countering success in the fight against dignitaries, including establishment of a Model terrorism effectively. He terrorism, asserting that the database should be leveraged for investigamanik, Home Secretary, advocating for uniformity a collaborative effort on tion, prosecution, preven-

ism effectively, he stressed

In conclusion, Amit Shah reinforced that terrorism transcends bound-Shah commended the aries, emphasizing that no single state can effec-Amit Shah presented coordination between lute stance on challenges tively combat it alone. He medals to NIA officials for central and state agen- like crypto, hawala, ter- called for collective action their exceptional service. cies, ultimately preventing ror-funding, organized to eradicate this menace In his address, he under- the potential formation of crime syndicates, and and proposed compilnarco-terror links, which ing five actionable points Additionally, Amit has yielded significant from every session of the Central and State agencies Shah urged the NIA, results. However, he two-day conference for in suppressing various ATS, and STF to broad- acknowledged that there submission to the Union

## Shiv Sena warns Pakistan to desist

JAMMU, OCT 6

In response to the brutal killing of 15-year-old Sahil Dar by terrorists in the village of Vanihama, Anantnag district, Shiv Sena activists today gathered near Channi Chowk in Jammu and expressed deep sorrow, demanding financial asistance of Rs 1 crore for the victim's family from the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Manish Sahni, State President of Shiv Sena J&K, strongly condemned the inhumane act of terrorism, symbolically burning an effigy of terrorism with a clear message to those supporting and perpetrating such heinous acts, including Pakistan.

Talking to reporters here, Sahni emphasized that ter-terrorism, stating that in

rorism knows no religion; recent years, terrorism has were key members of the it is an enemy of humanity not only affected Kashmir party, including Meenakshi itself. It holds no signifi- but has also extended its Chhibber, President of cance for Hindus, Muslims, reach to Jammu. Narcoter- the Women's Wing; Vikas Sikhs, Christians, or any rorism has also posed a seri- Bakshi, General Secretary; other community. Their ous threat to the security Sanjeev Kohli, Vice Presionly purpose is to spread agencies, he added. terror and make their pres-

pelled claims of weakening unlikely.

Present at the occasion Roshni, Simran, and others.

dent; Raj Singh, president Sahni firmly stated that Kamghar wing; Geeta without teaching Pakistan Devi, Secretary; Sarishta, While addressing the a lesson, the restoration Rajesh Handa, Youth Secreissue of terrorism in Jammu of peace and tranquility tary; Mangoo Ram, Manoj, and Kashmir, Sahni dis- in Jammu and Kashmir is Mamta Devi, Suresh Kumar, Priya Kisru, Nancy Devi,

#### Employees participate in demonstration in front of Prasar Bharati HQs in Delhi



JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCT 6

A nationwide protests took place in Delhi, Luc- that the issue of promoknow, Jaipur, Dehradun, tion policy of PrasarB-Ranchi, Bhopal, Mumbai, harati employees will be Rewa, Kanpur, Ahmed- resolved during the Manabad, Chennai, Chandiagement Committee meetgarh, Gorakhpur, Itana- ing on 10th October. gar, Patna, Kargil, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Bengaluru, assured that the issues of Agartala, Rohtak, Jaland- medical facilities, family har, and Bareilly. Peace- pension and service conful protests were held ditions would be resolved in Najibabad, Varanasi, in the coming months. Raigarh, Jhalawar, Pune, Agra, Guwahati, Gangtok, tion in Delhi, the officials Kohima, Rampur, Shimla, of (JAFPB) also submitted Chhindwara. Hundreds a memorandum regardof people participated ing their demands to the enthusiastically in the Chief Executive Officer,

demonstration. Hundreds of engineer- further call the officials of ing, program and admin- the Joint Action Forum istrative department (JAFPB) for a meeting. employees participated Though CEO and ADG in the demonstration in HR have not taken meetfront of Prasar Bharati ings even after so many

headquarters in Delhi. During the demonstra- result of the avoidance at tion, Prasar Bharati's ADG the end of ADG HR and (HR) Shri Shashikantji CEO PB.

#### **Director of Poonch Campus** flags off contingent for Youth Festival Sangam-2023



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

In a momentous occa-ADG (HR) assured sion, Director of Poonch Campus Prof. Rakesh Vaid. ceremoniously flagged off a contingent of talented and enthusiastic students The ADG (HR) also

of the region's youth. After this demonstra-Prasar Bharati. C.E.O. Will young talents from various of unity and diversity exchange. through an array of cultural, academic and artisrequests, the protest is the tic activities.

and intellectual prowess

expressed his heartfelt Officer Poonch Campus enthusiasm and encour- and Miss Kalpna Sudan agement for the contin- are set to showcase their gent, commending their skills, creativity and teamdedication and hard work work, aiming to make in representing Poonch their institution proud and Campus on this prestigious contribute to the overall platform. He emphasized success of the Youth Festithe importance of foster- val Sangam-2023.

**Anantnag shootout** 

ing creativity, camaraderie and sportsmanship among the youth and encouraged them to showcase their talents with pride and pas-

The students selected for this event have undergone rigorous training and from Poonch Campus to preparation, encompassparticipate in the Youth ing a wide range of cul-Festival Sangam-2023 at tural and artistic activities, Bhaderwah Campus. The including music, dance, event is set to showcase drama, poetry, and acathe vibrant cultural fabric demic competitions.

The Director Poonch Campus conveyed his best The Youth Festival wishes to the contingent, Sangam-2023, an eagerly urging them to perform awaited event, is sched- their best and exemplify uled to take place at the true spirit of unity Bhaderwah Campus w.e.f and talent that the festi-October 6th to October val embodies. He empha-10th and it brings together sized the significance of such platforms in nurtureducational institutions ing holistic development to celebrate the essence and promoting cultural

The contingent from Poonch Campus under the Supervision of Dr Prof. Rakesh Vaid Rubia Bukhari (Campus

#### campaign near Shani Mandir Dadyal Chowk, Udhampur many schools, at many

**Udhay launches cleanliness** 

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society, started a cleanli- Udhav started a cleanliness campaign in which ness campaign and in Udhav told that due to this, B and N were left the filth in the city, many with Udhav. people are falling ill and many people have died, Bai Udhav keeps doing as diseases like dengue noble work, Utpanya have created havoc, but Dogra and Rani Dev Udhav said that we to stayed with the BB camavoid this disease, we paign and Ashok Kumar will have to clean our encouraged the children surroundings. 8 year and ran the J campaign old Udhav said that if in Ward No. 21 Shani have to remove the filth Udhav is from a poor and save the country. It family. Belongs to Taluk, is our duty to take care Udhav, is a student of B of cleanliness. This is not No. 1 School, Udhampur

of work on the envi- child who has so much ronment, Udhav has courage at such a young planted saplings in age.

choke points and at such places named Devik, and Today, Udhav, from small in view of this, today

Ravi Kumar said that we want to live, we will Mandir Dadyal Chowk. the first task of Udhav. and is studying in class 2. He has done a lot The country salutes this

### TMF chairman condoles death of 10th class student killed in

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 6

Team Mask Force chairman vijay Sharma in a press release offered heartfelt condolences to the killing of a student of 10th class in a terrorists here. Earlier the terrorists shoot out in Anantnag. fired upon a class 10th stu-Sahil Bashir s/o Bashir dent who later succumbed Ahmed Dar a resident to his bullet injury.Tall of Watnigam Dalgam claims are being made at Wanihama who was by Government to crush injured after attacked by militancy in the valley but Militants on Wednesday instead terrorists have evening area of Anant- shown their presence in nag distrct succumbed to Rajouri/Poonch District the injuries on Thursday as well said Sharma chair-



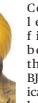
evening at SKIMS, Soura, man TMF.

#### People not ready to take BJP's jumlas in 2024 polls: Tony

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JAMMU, OCT 5

Taranjit Singh Tony, a Congress leader and Member of DDC Suchetgarh, expressed the prevailing skepticism among the people of Jammu and Kashmir towards the BJP's pre-election rhetoric ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. He remarked that the BJP's actions, notably the bifurcation of the state, have inflicted Jammu and Kashmir, a region once celebrated country. In a statement come. issued here today, the



ground realities and their

The Congress leader Indians disheartened, he Kashmir.

leader rooted disillusionment tion is on the rise, and it firmly with the BJP across every is becoming an increasbelieved corner of the state due ingly concerning issue for that the to what many perceive citizens across India. The BJP's polit- as anti-poor, anti-youth, persistent increase in the ical jumlas and anti-employment prices of essential goods have been policies. He underscored and services is taking a laid bare, and brought to the fore-toll on the common man's leaving no room for doubt front the myriad failures pocket, making it harder that the Saffron Party is of the Narendra Modi- for them to make ends avoiding a direct confron- led government. One of meet, he added. tation in the upcoming the key concerns is the elections. He emphasized economic downturn and that this reluctance on the the adverse impact on the Congress Party an BJP's part underscores employment opportu- opportunity, as he firmly substantial damage on their awareness of the nities for the country's believes that only the apprehension about the ployment rates and the the capability to fulfill the

Congress highlighted the deep- said, adding that infla-

Tony called upon the people to consider giving youth. The rising unem- Congress Party possesses as the crown jewel of the potential electoral out- lack of job creation have hopes and aspirations of left millions of young the people of Jammu and



#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) ELECTRIC DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the <u>Lieutenant Governor</u>, <u>Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir</u>e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible` Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estim ated Cost (₹in lacs)	Cost of docum ent (in ₹)		Allowed for complete- on	date of opening of tender	Class of Contract or
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Electrification of 26 Nos. Shops of Jagti Migrant Township Nagrota Jammu.	PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu	12.12	600/-	24240/-	Linked with Civil works.	13-10-2023 At or after (12:00 A.N)	"A" Class Electrical Contractor

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-10-2023				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-10-2023 to 12-10-2023, 4:00 P.M				
3	Bid submission Start Date	04-10-2023				
4	Bid Submission End Date	12-10-2023 up to 4:00 P.M				
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	13-10-2023 at or after 12:00 A.N in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division				
		Jammu				
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed				
	1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Ter	oder document in shape of e-challan through Treasury				

indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work and NIT No. duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favouring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, Iammu, at the time of allotment Bid Security Declaration should be kept in the Bid documents as per tendered. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and

conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The <u>Financial-bids of Responsive bidders</u> shall be opened online in the <u>Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division Jammu</u>. The date for same shall be intimated separately. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical

The earnest money shall be forfeited, If :-

will be accepted in physical form.

Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.

Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from

"Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

ry documents mentioned in NIT and SBD

No :- EDJ/10051-58 Dated :-04-10-2023

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Electric Division

DIP/J-9197/23 Date: 7-10-23

### Secretary Tourism visits Gharana Wetland, Suchetgarh Border; Reviews development scenario



JAMMU, OCTOBER 6

Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Shan, T Sonam, Comman- to accelerate developtoday visited Gharana dant BSF Jammu sector ment efforts in these acknowledged as instru-Wetland and Suchetgarh and several other officers areas with a sustainable mental in facilitating Border to take stock and prominent locals. of development works being executed in these tour, Secretary meticu- maintained". tourist destinations.

tion to the picturesque projects aimed at trans- local representatives, Sececo-tourism spot of Gha- forming Gharana Wetland retary Tourism stressed rana Wetland and Suchet- and Suchetgarh area into the need for all stakeholdgarh border to oversee major border tourism ers to collaborate with progress on various destinations in Jammu. government agencies to development projects These projects included further increase tourist besides assessing facili- construction of paved footfall in the region. ties available there for pathways to the complex, tourist spots of the UT.

ernment towards enhanc-Tourism' initiative.

Pal, Special Secretary immense historic sig- istration, religious orga-Culture, Trishla Kundal, nificance and tourism nizations and Dharmarth Deputy Director Tour- potential in the region. It Trusts. 'Synergy between Secretary Tourism, Dr ism (Admin), Dr. Umesh is our earnest endeavor the Tourism Department

> During this extensive lously assessed the status

ing the eco and border Shah emphasized the allure. tourism circuit under the importance of active 'Development of Border public participation, ism provided insights into wider publicity. Besides, the local community are Secretary was accom- in effective develop- works highlighting col- being organised by the way for a brighter and panied by Special Secre- ment of such splendid laborative efforts of the department for creating more prosperous future tary Tourism, Amarjeet tourist spots. "Gharana department with the BSF



and BSF authorities was

the smooth execution of

development projects in

the area'. Warden wild-

life Jammu, Anil Attri

informed that a slew of

measures has been initi-

ated by the wildlife pro-

tection department to

promote tourist footfall

in Gharana wetland like

facilities, construction

perspective, tapping into their vast potential, he

Engaging with mem-Secretary led a delega- of various development bers of civil society and

During the interacthe visitors in these key creation of scenic view-tion, he directed for points besides installa- installation of India's tall-The visit was a part of tion of focus lights, high est flag and creation of a ongoing efforts of the gov-mast light and solar lights. pond at the Octroi post Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed to enhance the region's

particularly the youth, the ongoing development Singh, DIG BSF, Chattar and Suchetgarh have authorities, local admin- ing eco tourism in the destinations.

area. Also, registration of wetland society, development of eco park, nature interpretation centre, cafeteria, watch towers, viewing decks, children play area are in process of development. Later, Secretary also

took the opportunity to engage with local representatives, attentively listening to their concerns and demands, including fund availability and other issues. He assured them that the government would earnestly address all genuine grievances and demands brought forward.

During his visit, he, in a bid to immerse himself in the authentic local experience, partook in a delectable feast of indigenous cuisine within one

of the quaint villages. Besides, Secretary directed the officers to plan a festival during Christmas at Gharana development of parking wetland. Secretary's visit to Gharana Wetland of separate road out of and Suchetgarh demonvillage for easy access to strates the government's wetland by the visitors, unwavering commitment procurement of 2 por- towards realizing the table toilet units, instal- immense tourism potenlation of signages and tial of these historic sites. display boards along the The collaborative efforts Deputy Director Tour- roads and crossings for of all stakeholders and various programs are expected to pave the awareness and promot- for these border tourism

### Meri Maati Mera Desh programme held at Bhaderwah















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BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 6

Meri Maati Mera Desh today at block headquarter Bhaderwah.

The main guest of the erwah. programme was DDC tar Singh Kotwal.

Vice Chairperson, Sangita Bhagat, DDC Councillor, Yudhvir Singh, BDC with Sarpanchs of ADDC Doda, Pran Singh Sarna presented their BDO Bhaderwah

occasion.

As all the sarpanchs programme was held brought Matti from their participants. respective panchayats to block headquarter Bhad- into a common pot (Urn)

On the occasion, a cul-Chairman Doda, Dhanan- tural program was pre- cluded with Rashtriya sented by the Nagni Cultural group.

DDC Chairman along

and Tehsildar Bhaderwah views regarding the Mera were also present on the desh Mari Matti yatra campaign. A Punch Praan pledge was taken by the

> The Matti was collected from all Panchayats.

In the end, it was con-Gaan. The whole programme was organised by RDD Bhaderwah under the supervision of BDO, Chairperson, Omi Chand, Dradhu, Thanalaand Anoop Kumar Sharma,

### DGP sanctions over Rs. 1.70 crore welfare loan/special welfare relief

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financial assistance to the Police treatment of their family member. nel who have secured above 80% personnel, the Director General of The amount ranges from rupees marks in the annual examination Police, J&K Shri Dilbag Singh has fifty thousand to rupees three of 12th class during the academic sanctioned a welfare loan/relief lakh. In addition to this, rupees session of 2022-23. of over Rupees one crore seventy two lakh ninety thousand has lakh in favour of 140 Police personbeen sanctioned as welfare relief sanctioned in favour of 72 wards nel. He has also sanctioned merito- in favour of eleven police person- who have secured 90% & above rious scholarship in favour of 195 nel for medical treatment. wards of serving Police person- In the same order, eight police been sanctioned in favour of 123 annual examination of class 12th.

lakh fifty thousand each has been education of their wards. sanctioned in favour of 40 police personnel for the purpose of mar- the Police personnel is refundable personnel and their families. There riage of their sons and daughters. and is recovered in monthly install- are also schemes for the wards Similarly, Rupees one lakh each ments from their salaries without of Police personnel and SPOs. has been sanctioned in favour of any interest. The amount has been Besides, there are schemes for the 49 police personnel for the pur-sanctioned out of the Central pose of their own marriage.

Rupees forty nine lakh fifty

meeting their financial needs for fifty six thousand in favour of 195 Continuing its efforts to provide self medical treatment or for the wards of serving police person-

nel for their performance in the personnel have been provided wel- wards who have secured 80% & fare loan of rupees eleven lakh for above marks in the annual exami-Under an order, Rupees one the purpose of higher/professional nation.

Police Welfare Fund (CPWF).

Meanwhile, the DGP has also nel and their spouses.

thousand has been sanctioned in sanctioned meritorious scholarfavour of 43 police personnel for ship of over rupees twelve lakh

> Rupees 7200 each has been marks while rupees 6000 each has

Police Headquarters is running The welfare loan sanctioned to many schemes for the welfare of its NoKs of martyrs, their wards and also for the retired Police person-

### **ADGP Armed felicitates J&K Police Centre Sports Teams**



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S.J.M Gillani-IPS Addl. DGP Armed J&K today felicitated different teams of J&K Police Centre Sports Team in a felicitation function held at the lawns of APHQ J&K Srinagar for their excellent performance Police in different tournaments.

In 8th UT (J&K) Penchak Silat Championship 2023-24 organized by J&K Sports Council at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Stadium, Srinagar, opp. Amar Singh College Srinagar from 23rd to 25th September, 2023 in which more than 1200 players from 18 Districts of J&K (UT) participated J&K Police Penchak Silat team tude. bagged 11 Gold, 02 Silver & 02 Bronze medal in the

said Championship. J&K Police Penchak Silat team players those who won medals are: In Artistic: Ravees Ahmad (Tunggal event), Showkat Ahmad & Adil (Ganda event), Danish Wani (Solo event) & Rameez, Iqbal & (80 - 85 kg), Akhil Sharma (85 - 90 kg) & Malik Asrar (70 - 75 kg) & Arvinder (75 won Bronze in the category shown against each.

Championship organized won O1 Silver medal each, Police Centre Sports team.

University from 28th to Aquib Hussain & SPO Saif 29th September 2023 Ali won 01 Bronze medal J&K Police Athletic team in (C-2 event). lead by HC Reyaz Ahmad (Team Coach) won O1 tra Memorial Basketball Silver & 03 Bronze medals. Championship-2023 orga-SPO Balvinder Singh won nized by Rajinder Mago-Silver medal in (800 mtrs) & Bronze medal in (1500 and bringing laurels to J&K mtrs), Ct. Hans Raj won from 29th September to Bronze medal in (10000 2nd October, 2023. A total

> Marathon-2023 organized by Ladakh Hill Development Council and Remo Expeditions on 10th September, 2023 Ct. Hans Raj secured 1st Position in 21.097 Kms (Half Mara-points while STC Warrior thon) at 11,155 feet Alti-

In 1st Rajinder Magotra Welfare Club at Mini Stadium, Parade, Jammu mtrs) and Ct. Barkat Ali of 16 teams across the J&K (UT) including teams of Army, BSF (Jammu) In National level Ladakh & BSF (Kashmir) participated in the said Championship. J&K Police Basket Ball team bagged Winner trophy by defeating STC Warrior Team-Jammu in which J&K Police got 119 got 90 points. SgCt Iqbal Singh stood Player of the In 9th J&K (UT) Water tournament MVP (Most Sports Champion- Valuable Player) by scorship-2023 organized by ing 69 points out of 119 in

the Final match. During the said felicition at Pokhribal Srinagar tation ceremony ADGP w.e.f 26th to 27th August, Armed J&K congratulated 2023 J&K Police Water all the medal winners of Sports team lead by SgCt J&K Police Centre Sports Showkat Ahmad (Team team and their coaches for Coach) bagged 06 Gold, their achievements and wished them best of luck

The felicitation cer-S/Shri Mahmood Ahmed-SSP Staff Officer to ADGP

#### **Director** Horticulture visits FPN **Zangam Pattan**

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 6

The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir today visited departmental fruit plant nursery (FPN) Zangam Pattan in district Baramulla to take stock of various ongoing activities undertaken by the department to produce the quality fruit

Director during his visit asked for the overall review from the officers in charge in order to address the requirements and fulfill the deficiencies.

During the inspection of the said nursery, the Director said that the nurseries are the power house of the department which not only propagate planting material of worth of standard and quality, but actually works as demonstration center of the department. Therefore nurseries of the department must be upto the mark in each and every aspect.

He emphasized upon the officers and officials to put their every effort to make it a vibrant center for propagation of fruit plant material and demonstration as

Director passed on

spot instructions to the in-charge nursery and other staff that any laxity in performing their duties shall not be accepted. Department will provide every support to make this center a model nursery, so that it can become attraction for public, he added.

### KU organises 3-day multi-specialty health camp

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SRINAGAR, OCT 6

To create awareness about the prevalent health conditions in the Valley such as, diabetes, hypertension, cardiac ailments, neurological diseases, thyroid disorders and PCOD faction with the camp's supportive and nurturing (Polycystic Ovarian Disease) among adolescent emphasised the university munity. girls and young women, administration's committhe Kashmir University ment to the wellbeing of Health Centre in collabo- its students and staff. ration with Paras Hospital, Srinagar organised a "Such initiatives play a awareness-cum-checkup a sense of community,

versity staff including physical and mental welldeans, heads, faculty, scholars and students sity. besides people from the university administration organisers, he added: tinue to do so in the future visited the camp.

Prof Irshad Ahmad Naw-



execution, Prof Nawchoo environment for our com-

Prof Nawchoo said, enhancing personal develbeing within the univer-

"Our university's com- as well. The event was inaugu- mitment to the holistic

Outlining the broader

goals of the camp, Coordinator, University Health Centre, Dr Khalid Nazir said that under the patronthree-day multi-specialty crucial role in fostering age of KU Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nelofer Khan and KU Registrar, Dr Nisar Ahmad A large number of uni- opment and promoting Mir, the University Health Centre has conducted numerous such camps and awareness programmes While appreciating the recently and would con-

The camp featured a rated by Dean Research, development and wellbe- team of eminent special-Kashmir University (KU), ing of our students and ists, including Intervenstaff remains unwavering tional Cardiologist, Dr and this camp exemplifies Mohammad Maqbool Expressing his satis- the dedication to create a Sohil; Endocrinologist, Dr munity.

Mehroosa; Neurologist, Dr Shabeer Ahmad Paul and General Physicians, Dr Burhan and Dr Sanna.

The experts examined university students and staff while providing valuable education on preventive measures to combat the rising incidence of various diseases. The camp also offered free ECG, Random Blood Sugar tests and vital checkups.

Medical Officers, Dr Suraya Jan, Dr Azhar Ahad and Dr Igra Mehraj actively participated and coordinated the camp's activities. A dedicated team of para-medical staff put in their best efforts to ensure the camp's grand success. Nearly 400 patients

benefited from this camp reflecting the commitment of the University Health Centre and Paras Hospital, Srinagar to promote health awareness and to provide accessible healthcare services to the com-

by J&K Amateur Athletic SPO Riyaz Ahmad won 01 Association at Jammu Bronze medal and SPO

won Bronze medal in (800

J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Associa-Muneer (Regu event) won 08 Silver and 02 Bronze Gold medal each, and in medals. SPO Mubashir for future endeavours. Tanding: Sameer Ahmad won 03 Gold medals, SPO (55 - 60 kg), Samit Zahoor Moisar Ahmad won O2 emony was attended by Gold medals & SPO Idrees Hussain won 01 Gold (90 - 95 kg) won Gold medal in different events. Armed J&K, Syed Sajad medal each, Danish Wani HC Parvaiz Ahmad won Hussain Pvt. Secretary 02 Silver medals where- to ADGP Armed J&K, Ab. - 80 kg) won Silver medal as, Ct. Muneer Ahmed, Hamid Dy.SP (Personnel) each and Asif Ali (>45 kg) Ct. Showkat Ahmad, APHQ, Kuldeep Handoo Ct. Aashiq Hussain, Ct. DySP (Sports) APHQ, Nazir Hussain, Foll. Sajad besides the various coach-In 21st J&K (UT) Athletic Ahmad and SPO Maqsood es and members of J&K