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## JJM achieves 70% coverage of rural households with tap water connections

J&K ranks 2nd in Water Quality Monitoring, Surveillance at National Level

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 8

In J&K, the UT administration has achieved yet another feat with J&K Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) achieving a coverage of 70% rural households in terms of drinking water supply through tap connections. J&K has also attained a rank of No. 2 at

the national level in term

of water quality monitoring

and surveillance. So far under the mission, 13.16 lakh (70%) out of 18.68 lakh rural households have achieved coverage under Tap Water Connections thereby moving fast in

achieving the saturation. Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the UT aimed to provide each and every rural household with Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) within the premises, capable of supplying water at a minimum service level of 55 liters per capita per day and quality confirming to BIS

10500. According to a press handout of the Department, out 6600 work components, more than 5000 components (76%) like Tube wells, Bore Wells. Rapid Sand Filtration Plants, Over Head Tanks, Ground Service Reservoirs and pipe networks have started. Similarly more than 3000 schemes are under execution across all the districts of the UT with involvement of about 1700 contractors executing the works. This has also resulted in massive employment generation in rural areas.

Concurrently,

while executing the works on such a scale and speed, a robust mana g e m e n t and monitoring mechanism has been put in place at different levels in the shape of District Level Project Management Units (DPMUs), UT level teams of Consultants/ Experts and Third Party Monitoring Agencies (TPIAs) who are playing a vital role in efficient planning, quality assurance, coordination of efforts, use of appropriate/ alternate construction technology and materials to

achieve the desired results in a time bound manner without affecting the basic design and serviceability requirements.

With the help of the UT level team of consultants and the technical advices provided by experts from National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM), various cost effective and technically viable solutions have been adopted. Slow Sand Filtration Plants, based on the level and occurrence of turbidity in the sources, have been designed with optimum utilization of space which otherwise was a constraint in their construction.

Similarly, to achieve economy and speed in some areas, construction of SMC-GFRP panel water storage tanks and laying of HDPE pipe distribution

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## In first polls after Article 370 Abrogation, NC-Cong alliance win 19 seats in LAHDC election

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 8

National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance secured absolute majority in the 5th general elections of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development council (LAHDC) on Sunday.

NC emerged the single largest party securing 11 seats while Congress got 8 seats. So far the result of 24 seats, out of the 30 member council, was declared and counting for the other seats was going on, officials said.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won two seats while three independent candidates also declared victorious in the elections. Aam Aadmi Party failed to open their account in LAHDC-K

Among others the prominent NC candidates who registered their win are



Abdul Wahid who wins from Bhimbhat Constituency with a voting margin of 52 votes, PunchokTashi registered his win from Padum Constituency with a voting margin of 54 votes and Manzoor Ul Husain wins from Yourbaltak Constituency with a voting margin of 90 votes.

Congress Candidate Abdul Hadi won Tai- Suru Constituency with a voting margin of 261 votes and Abdul Samad

won from Ranbirpora-Drass Constituency with a voting margin of 575 votes respectively.

BJP Candidate Padma Dorjey wins a triangular contest at Stakchay Khangral Constituency with a voting margin of 177 votes, defeating Syed Hassan of Congress and Ghulam Hussain NC.

The first-ever civic elections in Kargil district

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## In a first, centre to give funds to registrar of cooperatives of all States, UTs for computerisation

**AGENCIES** NEW DELHI, OCT 8

In a historic decision and for the first time, registrar of cooperatives of States and Union Territories (UTs) and Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) are being given funds by the Center for computerisation, Ministry of Cooperation said on Sunday.

The total estimated expenditure for this scheme will be Rs 225.09 crore and it will enable people to quickly access services provided by the cooperative departments of the States and the offices of ARDBs as well as bring transparency and uniformity in the functioning of these offices, which will make them



more efficient and save the time.

In this regard, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has taken an important decision to computerize and empower the registrars of all 28 States, eight UTs and 1,851 ARDBs operating in 13 states.

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## Jal Shakti Department ends adhocism and uncertainties, regularizes 1969 Engineers

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 7

In a major move aimed at efficient cadre management, the Jal Shakti Department issued regularization orders of 396 engineers in various ranks here yesterday, with another 411 in the pipeline pending essential clearances.

Many of those benefited by resultant pay fixation are retired officers who had been drawing pensions in lower ranks.

Since September 2022, 1969 engineers have been regularized, promoted and recommended, right from the rank of Junior Engineer to Superintendent Engineer. Officers had been working in incharge capacity, i.e. on adhoc basis,

for years together, without substantive promotions. In many a cases, the regularization has taken place after more than twenty two years of the adhoc

The proactive and transparent processes steered by the Public Service Commission (PSC) have enabled the department to address these long pending issues.

The recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee in the PSC has resulted in orders of promotion of 70 Executive Engineers to Superintending Engineers, 129 Assistant Executive Engineers to Executive Engineers, 415 Assistant Engineers to the

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### Dr Jitendra proposes upskilling medicos with AI, Quantum, newer technologies



BENGALURU OCTOBER 8

Muslim artisans from UP keep date

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has proposed upskilling medicos with AI (Artificial Intelligence), Quantum and other newer technologies to meet the changing requirements of patient care and to make the best use of the latest diagnostic and therapeutic modalities available.

Dr Jitendra Singh was delivering Convocation Address at the 63rd Annual Convocation of National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS), held this vear at the Ramaiah Medical College here.

Emphasising continuous skill building, particularly in young professionals, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a known Diabetologist and Professor of Medicine, said, India has taken a lead in Preventive and Integrated Healthcare under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Professional medical bodies such as NAMS and the Government could come together to provide Preventive Healthcare to all citizens of the country, he said.

"Wherever we are not able to provide optimum patient care, we could at least focus on the prevention of diseases through new technology means and I think that is one area which NAMS could

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### Govt clears appointments of 12 executive directors for various state-owned Banks

as executive directors (EDs) of various will take over as ED of UCO Bank. public sector banks (PSBs).

Saturday approved the appointments vated to become ED of the same of 12 EDs.

As per the government order, Sanjay Rudra, general manager, Bank of Maharashtra, has been appointed ED, The Government has approved the Union Bank of India. Another GM from appointments of 12 general managers the same bank, Vijaykumar N Kamble

Besides, sources said, Bhavendra According to sources, the Appoint- Kumar, currently Chief General Manments Committee of the Cabinet on ager with Canara Bank, has been ele-

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#### **Historic Achievement | PM hails Indian Athletes for winning highest**ever 107 Medals At Asian Games

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCT 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed as "historic achieve ment" Indian athletes winning the highest-ever total of CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4



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JAMMU, OCT 8

## Rain, Snowfall likely on higher reaches of J&K on October 9

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 8

The Meteorological office in Srinagar on Sunday predicted light to moderate rain or snowfall over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir from Monday evening.

The MeT office said light to moderate rain or snowfall over higher reaches is likely at many places of Jammu and Kashmir from October 9 evening to October 10 night with a chance of 70-80 percent.

It said there is no forecast of

snowfall in the plains. An independent weather forecaster said that snowfall is expected in some higher



reaches, including Zojila, Mughal Road, Sinthan Top, various other parts of the Pir Panjal Range, and the higher

elevations of Gurez, Baramulla, Anantnag, and Kupwara districts

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### Pak national apprehended by BSF

AGENCIES

FEROZEPUR, OCT 8

A Pakistani national was apprehended after he crossed the International Border and entered Indian territory in the area falling near village CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

#### Death toll in Hamas attack in Israel rises to 350

AGENCIES

TEL AVIV [ISRAEL], OCT 8

The number of Israelis killed since Hamas began its attack on Saturday has jumped to 350, CNN reported citing CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

and his brothers for the upcoming Dussehra. Over 50 workers, all from a village in Meerut district, reached Jammu

invitation of Shri Sanatam Dharam Sabha Geeta Bhawan.

> We have been coming to Geeta Bhawan for the past 38 years to make the effigies for Dussehra, catering to different parts of Jammu and Kashmir besides Leh in Ladakh," head con-



tractor Mohd Rehan said. The main Dussehra function will be held at Parade ground in the heart of Jammu. Effigies of Ravana, Meghnada, and

Kumbhakarna will also be burnt CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

# **Union Minister visits** Spice Park Pampore, assesses working

PAMPORE, OCTOBER 8

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, today visited Spice Park Pampore as part of Central Government's public outreach programme.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, ADDC, ADC Awantipora, and senior officers of the district administration were present on the occasion.

During his visit, Union Minister took an extensive tour of Spice Park and inspected the processing units and other infrastructure. He had a comprehensive overview of the Saffron park's operations, emphasizing its crucial quality and securing the supporting saffron cultiva-Geographical Indication tion and promotion. (GI) tag. The Department the quality of saffron and that this intervention economic growth. inscribing the Geographi- has led to a substantial on saffron produce. This enhancing its value in ficiary-oriented schemes. sectors.



al markets.

gathered experiences cru-

domestic and internation- Besides, mementoes and prize amounts were In a meeting with saf- also distributed among fron growers, Dr. Pandey the individuals who had excelled in their respecrole in maintaining saffron cial for shaping policies tive fields by the Union

Union Minister high-The farmers, while lighted the importance of Agriculture presented interacting with the Union of collaborative efforts to a brief overview of work- Minister, expressed hap- boost these industries, ing of this Saffron park piness over the role nad pledging government describing the pivotal role efforts of Government in resources and support for of this unit in maintaining facilitating them saying local communities and

Union Minister's visit cal Indication (GI) tag increase in their incomes. to Spice Park Pampore Later, felicitation cer- underlines the Central recognition ensures the emonies were held to Government's dedication authenticity and origin honor individuals who had towards promotion of of the saffron, further qualified for various bene-region's spice and saffron

## **Inter-District Provincial Level** Football Championship matches held at Showkat Ali Stadium B'la

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 8

In an exhilarating weeklong display of talent and sportsmanship, the Inter-District Provincial Level (IDPL) football competition under 14, 17, and 19 boys, reached its zenith at the iconic Showkat Ali Stadium in Baramulla.

Organized with meticulous planning and executed flawlessly by the Youth Services & Sports Department of Jammu and Kashmir, under the supervision of Waseem Raja, Joint Director of Youth Services & Sports, Kashmir Division, the competition culminated in a thrilling spectacle of youth football.

nals held today witnessed nagar secured a resound- ed heartfelt congratula-Srinagar and Baramulla ing victory with a score-tions to the winners of facing off in a riveting line of 2:0, clinching the IDPL, commending their encounter, with Srinagar coveted under 19 IDPL emerging victorious and trophy. securing their place in the

the grand finale. intense competition was triumphant teams.



marked by an epic show-

The final ceremony was

Jatinder Singh, District down between Srinagar Youth Services & Sports The under 19 semifi- and Bandipora, where Sri- Officer Baramulla, extenddedication and sportsmanship.

He wished them all final. The second semifi- witnessed by Ichpal Singh the best for their future nal featured Anantnag and and Gunjeet Singh, Zonal endeavors and took a Bandipora, where Bandip- Physical Education Offi- moment to acknowledge ora showcased their prow-cers of the department, the relentless efforts of all ess, earning them a spot in who bestowed the well- the department officials deserved trophies and and ground staff who con-The climax of this certificates upon both the tributed to the success of this remarkable event.

## Advisor Bhatnagar flags off **CRPF Women Bike Expedition** 'Yashasvini' from Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 8

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today flagged off the Yashasvini', women bike expedition by Veeranganas of CRPF from Jammu

The expedition is part of nationwide campaign aimed to promote National Unity and Women Empowerment across the country as well as boost 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.

soldiers and their families in making the country on this auspicious occasion. He highlighted that CRPF is always striving for women empowerment not only performing the duties in hazardous terrain of J&K and North East of daughters, health of but they are also bringing laurels in the field of

He remarked that they are serving in various parts of country to maintain law and order and internal security besides giving their best services in peacekeeping mission in other Countries too.

The Advisor said that Rashtriya Ekta Yatra started from Srinagar by the CRPF Women Motor Cycle Team, will pass through various states of the country and culminate after reaching Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on 31st October, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Ji. He added the bikers team will pay homage to Sardar Patel Ji.

The Advisor expressed confidence that the mes-Women Empowerment new consciousness and functions organized by sion.

Addressing the gather- energy among the citi- the CRPF units deployed ing, Advisor Bhatnagar zens of the country so in Jammu region with the congratulated all the that they can fulfil their help of Government and women bikers, officers, responsibilities and help Non-Government institustronger. He added that of Jammu Sector as well the message being given by the renowned women of Jammu Range CRPF of CRPF while interactand Women in CRPF are ing with the society about ous efforts were made to national unity, upliftment of women, education al Unity and Women daughters and protection of environment, will leave

> sor Bhatnagar also commended the valour and CRPF for maintaining the internal security as well as law and order of the force personnel in the service of the nation He also their families.

> public, which is impor-

tant for us It is a matter of

Pertinently, off by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on 3rd October from Lal Chowk Srinagar Sector CRPF, sage of National Unity and Srinagar which reached Nitu; DIG, Range Jammu, Group Center CRPF, Rakesh Sethi, along with being spread by the Yash- Jammu on 4th October. senior officers and several eswani women bikers of The Yashaswini women women were also present this force who will infuse bikers joined various on this remarkable occa-

tions under the auspices as under the leadership through which continuspread the spirit of Nation-Empowerment among the common people. Apart from this, these

an indelible impression in women bikers also went the minds of the general to the border villages of Jammu and Kashmir, met the rural women and youth and participated in In his address, the Advi- the interactive session and given insight talked about the mission of the CRPF professionalism of the and the participation of women in the force as well as the government's efforts for the empowernation. He also remem- ment of women in India bered the sacrifices of the By giving them information about the various schemes being run by the paid homage to the mar- Government, they kept tyred bravehearts and also motivating them to move expressed solidarity with forward and to contribute in the development the of the country. IG, CRPF, Women Motorcycle Cam- Jammu Sector, Sandpaign-2023 was flagged eep Khirwar; DIG CRPF, Group Center Jammu, Naresh Kumar Yadav; DIG,

### A boy from Jammu Pranav Bandral covered 3peaks in record Time 39.40 hours

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 8

Pranav Bandral, resident of Jammu has summited 3 peaks i.e, Shankpal(Elevation-9458Ft) starting from sansar and end at sansar, Shivgarh(Elevation-8530Ft) starting from patnitop and end at patnitop and Kailash Kund(Elevation-12470Ft) starting from dudu and end at dudu in just 39.40 hours. Pranav Bandral started this trek on 6th October, 23 and completed it by 7th October,23.

He covered an overall distance of 129.66km's. He claims to be the first one to do this. Conquer-



ing the peaks with an iron rod installed in one of his leg was challenging for him and when he gained altitude, his oxygen level decreased which lead to Acute Mountain Sickness and also continuous trek lead to blisters on his legs stated Pranav.

Carrying a bag pack with me was challenging for me but I made through it' Pranav said by adding 'believe in yourself, nothing will be difficult' and he proved it. He has made us all proud. Congratulating Pranav and his parents on his feat.

### Special Lok Adalat for Bank cases held across J&K

#### 155 Cases resolved with **Rs 04.33 Crore** settled

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 7

As a part of calendar of Legal Services Authority, Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority as well as

Rs. 4,32,26,122/-.

Amit Kumar Gupta, Services Authority.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority while talking to media persons informed that this was the third Special Lok Adalat of the current calendar year and as per the schedule of activities prepared for the current calendar year, the next activities for the year Special Lok Adalat shall be 2023 prepared by J&K conducted on Saturday, November 18, 2023, focusa Special Lok Adalat was ing on quick settlement of organized throughout the Consumer cases pending UT of J&K today under disposal in different conthe leadership of Justice sumer forums within the N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief U.T of J&K. He urged the Justice, High Court of J&K Advocates in general and and Ladakh & Patron-in- the litigants in particular Chief, J&K Legal Services to take maximum benefit Authority and under the of the Special Lok Adalats able guidance of Justice which are being organized Tashi Rabstan, Executive by the J&K Legal Services Authority.

Amit Gupta appreci-Justice Sindhu Sharma, ated the efforts of all the Chairperson, High Court Judicial Officers, Secre-Legal Services Committee. taries DLSA's, Advocates, The focus for today's staff of the district and Special Lok Adalat was tehsil courts as well as on amicable settlement Legal Services Institutions of Bank cases. As per besides litigants for their the information received whole hearted participafrom various districts of tion in the Special Lok U.T of J&K, a total of 886 Adalat and facilitating setbank cases were taken tlement of cases in such up in the Special Lok a large number. He also Adalat organized by vari- acknowledged the role ous courts across the UT of Para Legal Volunteers of J&K, out of which 155 and the media, both print cases were settled amica- and electronic in creating bly and finally disposed of and spreading awareness with settlement amount of amongst the masses about such initiatives of Legal

#### Sankal Saptaah

### Awareness programme on financial literacy organised at Tulail Gurez



JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 8

An impactful awareness individuals with essential holds.

financial knowledge and skills, fostering economic independence among rural communities. The program on financial liter- said program saw enthuacy was held today at the siastic participation from Panchayat Hall Sardaab residents of the commuand Purana Tulail as part nity which highlighted the of the Sanklap Saptaah ini- importance of financial tiative under the National literacy in achieving sus-Rural Livelihood Mission tainable livelihoods and (NRLM). The event was improving the economic organised to empower well-being of rural house-

### Block level Mitti Yatra organised amid grand celebrations at Bhalla



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 8

Commissioner Office this noble initiative. Jammu, ACD Doda Phulail Singh, Mahesh Chan- of patriotic programmes der BDO Bhalla, Families were organized by the of Martyrs, other officers Educational Department

tration, and PRIs of Block Bhalla were also present.

While speaking on the Block Level Mitti Yatra was occasion, the DC Doda organised today at Trown highlighted the signifi-Panchayat of block Bhalla cance of the nationwide amid a grand celebration. campaign which aims to The event was held in pay a tribute to the nationthe presence of Deputy al and local heroes who Commissioner (DC), had laid down their lives Vishesh Paul Mahajan, in the line of duty for the SSP Abdul Qayoom, motherland. He urged the Bharat Singh, Secratary people of the district to J&K Academy of Art Cul-participate in the event in ture & Languages, Pankaj their areas scheduled to Katoch, Additional Combe held in the coming days missioner in Divisional and to become the part of

Meanwhile, a series from civil, police adminis- and Culture Department.

## Doda: BOCA discusses petitions seeking building, renovation permissions

DODA, OCTOBER 8

District Development Operation Act, 1988 Commissioner (DDC) trolling Authority (BOCA) Certificates (NOCs).

ings, as well as the repair (PMAY) on the ground. and renovation of existing

Development Authority (BDA), in accordance with the Control of Building

Doda, Vishesh Mahajan tial, commercial, and rentoday presided over a ovation was scrutinized significant meeting of the with specific focus on the Building Operation Con- mandatory No Objection

The DC emphasized The primary agenda of the importance of adherthe world gathering was to ing to NOC requirements review applications seek- and directed for formation ing permission for the of a committee to verify construction of residen- nine cases under the Pradtial and commercial build- han Mantri Awas Yojana

Each case for residen-

Furthermore, the DDC cases and reviewed 12 reserved for the absence of related cases, and 3 reno-Wazir, the Town Planner, structures within the juris- called for the confirmation idential cases. However, required NOCs. diction of the Bhadarwah of NOCs for renovation all residential cases were



all cases received lations.

In total, 34 cases meticulously discussed, includ-

The DC urged the con-residential cases, 6 were concerned individuals.

cerned officers approved, while 2 out of to submit fresh 10 commercial residential applications for cases received approval. The DC directed the before August CEO of BDA to conduct

1, 2023. It was regular BOCA meetings stressed that no for timely consideration of construction citizens' applications. The should proceed CEO was also tasked with in violation of re-verifying documents, established regu- inspecting locations, and geotagging photographs to prevent any misinforwere mation or false claims by applicants.

The meeting was attending 12 residential ed by key officials, includcases, 9 PMAY- ing CEO-BDA Navdeep vation cases. Out of the 12 Urban planner, and other

**JINDRAH IMAGES** 

## BJPMM organised workshop on 'Kamal Mitra'

JAMMU, OCT 8

In the run-up to the 2024 general elections, Jammu and Kashmir BJP Mahila Morcha (BJPMM)had launched 'Kamal Mitra' programme in the UT in the month of May'23.

Now in continuation to that, workshops are being organised in each state/

rated and addressed by Media Secretary and Incharge 'Kamal Mitra' on Sunday.

shop on women centric constituencies. schemes is for various the schemes for women volunteers on the ground schemes. launched by Modi govern- will help locals understand



In this regard, one day ment and how they can the purposes of these cenworkshop was inaugu- reach out to women folk. tral government schemes It is important to con- and they will also help the Mahila Morcha National nect the common citizens identified beneficiaries through such initiatives. with all processes about We are looking at reach- applying for schemes like president Sanjita Dogra National Executive programme, Neetu Dabas, ing out to atleast one lakh Ujjwala Yojana, PM Awas said that BJP does not Member Updesh Andotra, at BJP headquarter Jammu such women potential Yojana, to name a few. For beneficiaries who we will Kamal Mitra, an online In her address, Neetu try to get benefits of censyllabus has already been nected with the society Dabas, said that the one- tral government schemes prepared about how to and works for its welfare.

Apart from this, she in every field because ed vote of thanks.

phase, the party has

added that women who the party believe that the work for the welfare of development of society society can also take train- is possible only with the ing and can serve society development of women. through Kamal Mitra.

develop the skills required for completing an examination by providing examples . The workshop concluded with an interacsession where mahila Karyakarta clarified their completed successfully. doubts and shared their insights.

but always remains conday trainers training work- across all the Lok Sabha achieve this. In the first Prime Minister Narendra Modi always talks

Prerna Nanda, J&K She engaged women Incharge for the prokaryakartas in a practice gramme, presented session and helped them details related to this programne. She informed that against the target of 2000, more than 4000 women got themselves registered through online tive question and answer mode and till now two training phases have been

BJP vice president and Mahila Morcha prabhari Mahila Morcha, J&K Anuradha Charak, Morcha work only for elections, resource person Sonam Kotwal, we're prominent among those who graced the occasion.

Proceedings of the workshop were conduct-She added that through taken 15 schemes which about the empowerment ed by Morcha general secwomen to brief them on this programme, women are connected to women of women, saying that retary Reema Padha and women should advance Vidudhi Chouhan present-

### **Education Department organises series** of activities on 'Shiksha-ek-Sankalp' in **Aspirational Block Mankote**

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 8

Education Department,

Poonch has organized a series of activities on the theme 'Shiksha-ek-Sankalp' as part of the 'SANK-ALP SAPTAH' at ABP, block Mankote.

On the fifth day of 'SANKALP SAPTAH', the programme began with an essay competition in which a number of students from Primary and Middle Schools of the Block participated.

A Painting competition was also organized in the Schools. The participants who secured first positions in both the competitions were also awarded.

Bones & Muscles, Labour and to increase awareness the standard of education Day, Earth Day, Mothers on the importance of girl but have also positively Day, IT Quiz, Scholastic education, their health impacted the lives of their Book Fair, Staff Develop- and nutrition and also to students through unwavment Programme etc were promote the girls position ering dedication. organized under Learn- in the society to make

was organized under where the best teachers of awarded.

Cards, Debating Fun, Get-moting awareness about education. These teachting to know about our the rights of the girl child ers have not only elevated

During the award cering with Joy- School Club their living better among emony the meritorious the society. Later, an students of Primary & The third activity that award ceremony was held Middle Schools were also

## 'Shiksha-ek-Sankalp' the Block were awarded theme was 'Padhege Beti as a token of recognition Different activities like To Badhegi Beti' with an to their outstanding con-Learning with Digital objective towards pro-tributions in the field of

### Youth Festival 'Sangam-2023' at Bhderwah, Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCT 8

Indian Army in collaborature and fine arts. This tion with Bhaderwah Uni- unique festival also proversity, Campus organised vided the students with a three days Youth Festival an opportunity to share 'SANGAM-2023' at Bhad- a common platform to erwah. More than 500 interact, imbibe good students (boys and girls) values and an appreciafrom 18 colleges and Uni-tion of the local culture versities from the entire and heritage. A lot of out-UT of Jammu and Kashmir door and indoor/ activities participated with full josh were covered during the and enthusiasm in this three days mega festival. mega event.

ny of the event was held programmes performed at Bhaderwah University by students mesmerised Campus on 07 October the audience. The enthu-2023. Indian Army along siasm and motivation of with DC Doda and a the participating college number of officers from students was very encour-Indian Army, Civil Admin- aging. Such cultural and istration, and Police & sporting events are a great Educationists attended medium towards bringthe inaugural ceremony, ing change in the percepwhich was organised with tion of youth towards a much grandeur and fan-

vided a suitable platform ger of Peace'.

for the youth to showcase their talent in various domains of sports, cul-

The traditional folk The inaugural ceremo- dance and other cultural positive end and portray an overall image of the The Youth Festival pro- Indian Army as a 'Harbin-

## Mega drive launched in Bhaderwah to clean perennial Neru Rivulet

JI NEWS SERVICE

BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 8

In an attempt to inculcate sense of responsibility among people towards cleanliness and to bring about tangible results in terms of Swachhata campaign as envisioned by the PM of India, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan along with ADC Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dil Mir and other officers today led a mega drive to

but also in their surroundreligion and such Swachh- Shramdaan, he added. ta Programmes aim at



The DC, while appeal- ment- the must requireing people to inculcate ment to boost tourism the habit of cleanliness and local economy", he have been given notice not only in their homes said. Like earlier, Swachh- to construct septic tanks ta Hi Seva campaign, the ings, said that cleanliness spirit of today's cleanliness grey water management. is part of the faith of every activity, is voluntarism or The DC asked the com-

With a focus on visual

are the centres of major informed that the houseclean perennial Neru Rivu- footfall, and we all ought holds allowing seepage of let here from the New Bus to keep it clean and tidy to toilet waste into the water ensure a hygienic environ- bodies would face action as per the rule of law.

All such households in one week for proper munity to publicly shame those allowing waste and making cleanliness our col- cleanliness, the drive was grey water to flow into the lective habit. "Tourist des- conducted successfully in water bodies and public

## tinations like Bhaderwah Neru stream. It was made places. Sankalp Saptaah celebrated enthusiastically across the Aspirational Blocks of Srinagar

cricket trophy JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 8

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 8

tennis ball

**Shining Star** 

clinches Amit &

Bhanu memorial

Amit Gupta and Bhanu Pratap Memorial tennis ball cricket tournament organized by the Youth Club Ramban in coordination with District Administration here at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Ramban culminated successfully

As many as 20 teams from different parts of the district participated in the cricket tournament in the last six

The Shining Star team won the tournament by beating Achanak Cricket Club in the final match of the tournament which was witnessed by a

huge cricket loving audience. On the occasion, the Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam and President Municipal Council, Ramban, Sunita Sunbria interacted with the players and appreciated them for taking part in sports activities. He also hailed the services of Members of Youth Club Ramban in providing opportunities to the local youth to spend their energies in productive works.

Later, Deputy Commissioner along with ACR, Giasul Haq, Tehsildar Ramban, Harver Singh, members of organizing committee handed over the trophy and Cash Prize of Rs. 30000 to winner and Rs. 20000 to runner up team besides felicitating other participating players



ments in the district have been actively engaged in organising events in the two blocks with enthusiastic participation of the citizens. Day 1 of the event on 3rd October,2023 was marked by Health camps under the Sampoorna Swasthya-Ek Sankalp theme where screening zens were made aware Srinagar. about the importance of nutrition and cleanliness. extension programmes different schemes. on Day 4, the education

Day 5.



On Day 6, with a view to Prime Minister. ensure benefits of Central-Day 2 and Day 3 were Series of activities mark Pariwar Poshan melas Thematic Area of Samrid-Ek Sankalp (Cleanliness) Harwan and Khonmoh respectively, where citi- Panchayat Blocks of the

The programmes were held on the directions of While Krishi mahotsav the Deputy Commission-(Agriculture) was celebrat- er Srinagar, Mohammad ed through awareness on Aijaz Asad to sensitize the aware of other Govt run agricultural schemes and people about benifits of

During the prodepartment left no stone grammes, an Awareness unturned in organising Rally on PM Vishwakarrecently Launched by the also stressed upon. During Zahoor Ahmad.

During the Rally partests and immunization ly sponsored schemes per-ticipants raised the awaredrives were undertaken. colate to the beneficiaries, ness about PM Vishwakarma scheme envisages marked by Suposhit- Sankalp Saptah under provisioning of the benefits to the Artisans and (Nutrition) and Swachhta dhi Diwas(Livelihood) at Craftspersons by Recognition, Skill Upgradation, Market Support.

In addition, potential beneficiaries were made schemes to ensure effective targeting and scheme saturation in line with GoI objectives.

the programmes, various Handicrafts items were showcased in the form a

Likewise, Training module on digital and financial literacy to upcoming budding entrepreneurs was also impart-Toolkit Incentives, Credit ed. The need for business Support, Incentives for plan development was Digital Transaction and stressed through business competition. Marketing and linkage needs were focused.

The programmes as part of Sankalp Saptaah were held under the supervision of General Manager DIC, Hamida Similarly, Schemes of Akhtar, Assistant Direcessay competitions and ma Scheme was held by NRLM as well as Handi- tor Handloom, Mohsina sensitisation drives in Handloom Department crafts Department like Irshad, BDO Khonmoh schools as part of Shiksha to raise awareness about Karkhandar and Artisan Shivam Chandra, Dis-Ek Sankalp (education) on a Central Sector Scheme support schemes were trict Coordinator NRLM,

## Billo Pahlwan from IRP 16th Bn lifts Billawat Kesri Dangal title



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Billo Pahlwan of IRP 16th

Kathua, Jammu, Reasi, to participate in sports Doda, Ramban etc.

The contest also witnessed a bout between levels. female wrestlers of Patiala Punjab and Haryana.

dar, Harver Singh, PRIs, Commissioner said, manner.

Bn has lifted the Annual participation of youth in

national and international

and leave a mark at the

prominent citizens and adding that the reach of huge numbers of sports such events needs to be expanded for larger youth Lauding the growing participation.

The DC said that the Billawat Kesri Dangal sports, including tradi- presence of reputed and Title by defeating Tousif tional and rural based as eminent wrestlers of the of Reasi in a fierce com- a part of Khelo India, the area was a source of inspipetition held at Panchayat Deputy Commissioner ration for budding wres-Bilawat in Tehsil Ramban. hoped that this momen-tlers of the region. "I hope As many as 52 bouts tum will get further fillip they will learn from the were held among the con- in a big way. The DC also veterans in the field", he testing wrestlers hailing exuded confidence that said and exhorted youth from Harvana, Madhya competitions of such mag- to participate in sports in Pradesh, Uttra Khand, nitude will inspire others a big way alongside aca-

The DC along with other dignitaries also distributed prizes among "Like other parts of winners and other particthe UT of the Jammu and ipating wrestlers besides Earlier, Deputy Com- Kashmir, district Ramban complimenting the orgamissioner inaugurated too has a high tradition nizers for their relentthe Dangal in presence of of organizing rural oriless efforts in organizing ACR, Giasul Haq, Tehsil- ented sports", the Deputy the event in such a good

### Sankalp Saptaah day-6: District Admin Ramban organises programmes ' Samriddhi Diwas' in ABP, ABDP blocks

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RAMBAN, OCTOBER 8 District Administration

Ramban today celebrated 'SAMRIDDHI DIWAS' in b Aspirational Block Khar -besides ABDP blocks of Sankalp Saptaah celebrations.

On sixth day of Sankalp Saptaah awareness programmes on newly launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme were orga-

pants regarding the new

digital marketing, finan- and multimedia messages the district as part of the cial literacy, e-commerce as a marketing channel. were also organized for entrepreneurs & the also held at few places

smiths, potters, carpen- The training of using the mative programmes.

ter, sculpting, etc. The internet and other forms programmee was aimed of digital communication at sensitising the partici- was also imparted to the participants. It included not only email, social Meanwhile, aware- media, and web-based ness programmes on advertising, but also text

Resource fairs were unemployed youth of the where the participants were sensitized about Basic training regard- various Government ing the same was also Yojanas (Schemes). Furimparted to the partici- ther mentorship sessions nized under the aegis pants. The participants and Product Exhibition of the Deputy Commis- were informed that the was also done during the sioner, Ramban, Mus- Digital marketing and programme. In all the sarat Islam for targeted online marketing can be programmes people parbeneficiaries like artisans used for the promotion ticipated with full enthu-& craftspeople working of brands to connect siasm & gaiety to take as blacksmiths, gold- with potential customers. benefits from such infor-

## Post Article 370: J&K equitably empowered: Pawan, Rana

UDHAMPUR, OCT 9

Saying that J&K has been the two leaders said the shackles of despondency. equitably empowered people in this part of the ender Singh Rana today described the political alone. developments of August 5,

ted the elite political class

Addressing a public their economic emancipameeting at Jhib Thathi in tion and political empow-Udhampur this afternoon, erment after breaking the

Gupta said the BJP has politically, socially and country wanted a change been working in a mission economically post abro- in the stereo-type political mode to assuage the aspigation of Article 370, management which had rations of all segments of Senior BJP leaders Mr remained the domain of society, irrespective of reli-Pawan Gupta and Mr Dev- privileged few and benefit- gion, region or caste. Politics for the BJP is a medium to serve the people and Gupta gave credit steering the nation to 2019 as beginning of a new for such a monumental new heights of progress era in Jammu and Kash- change to the visionary and development. This is



people friendly schemes of society. mir with people of both leadership of Prime Minis- what the world has been the present Government opportunities in political said the people of Jammu the stature of India is focal point and are focused

Speaking on the occathe regions getting equal ter Mr Narendra Modi and witnessing with envy how which have people as the sion, Mr Devender Rana exuded confidence that women reservation bill across the country, which years, he said, adding that discourse and ending the and Kashmir are configrowing in every field, he on the welfare and uplift- Jammu and Kashmir will and said that this will be includes the entire popula- this is going to happen as hegemony of selected few. dently looking towards added. He referred to the ment of each section of the progress and prosper a game changer for the tion of Jammu and Kash- Modi Hai Tu Mumkin Hai.

who has emerged as a global leader, with counhome, he referred to the Rs 5 lakh each is available three economic powers in landmark initiatives like to over 50 crore families the world in the next few

population.

under the decisive leader- political empowerment of mir, as a special dispensaship of Mr Narendra Modi, nearly half of the country's tion. He said the commitment of the Prime Minister Rana referred in detail to public welfare keeps tries across the continents to the other path-breaking every worker on mission looking towards him in initiatives like Ayushman mode to realize his dream resolving issues concern- Bharat, One Nation-One of Sabka Saath, Sabka ing them. In this context, Ration Card, StartUp, Digi- Vikas, Sabka Pryas, Sabka he referred to the pioneer- tal Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Vishwas. He said the Prime ing role of the Prime Min- Padhao, Jan Dhan Yojana, Minister is steering India ister in the conflict situa- Izzat Ghar programme and to be the Vishwa Guru. tion in Ukraine and safe much more, saying these After becoming the fifth passage of Indians and schemes have changed economic power, Bharat is others by prevailing upon the lives of the people. He now looking towards being both the adversaries. Back said the health cover of the one among the first

#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### JJM achieves 70% coverag...

parts of the country like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Ladakh etc.

rural areas, about 1.50 lakh water samples have been matters. tested through 98 Water Testing laboratories setup all across the UT. Besides 10 district laboratories have already been accredited by NABL and the process for accreditation/ recognition of remaining laboratories is at an advanced stage. Also, under the JJM about 32000 women across all the villages have been trained for numbering 18.67 Lakh in J&K. using Field Testing Kits (FTKs) to test the water samthe WQMIS portal. Under Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance, J&K has been ranked at 2nd place at national level on the basis of performance in water quality testing.

With the picking up of the pace of implementation to achieve the drinking water security for all of its rural populace for next 30 years.

It may be recalled that the JJM registered around and outreach in rural areas across J&K was conducted. of Baroda, will join Indian Bank as ED in March.

#### In first polls after...

was held on October 4 since Ladakh was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019 as a separate Union territory.

In these polls, the BJP was up against a united opposition of Congress and National Conference on 26 seats Overseas Bank. (Agencies) of the 30-member Council. 85 candidates contested the polls, with 22 representing the Congress, 17 from the NC, 17 from the BJP, four from the Aam Aadmi Party and 24 Independent candidates. (Agencies)

#### In a first, centre...

On the lines of the computerisation scheme of all Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) in the country, a centrally sponsored scheme has been approved for the computerisation of 1,851 units of ARDBs of 13 states through a national unified software and computerisation of offices of Registrar of Cooperatives of all states and UTs similar to Central Registrar.

"A Central Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) will be the successful implementation of the scheme," said the he said. Ministry of Cooperation in a statement.

enable people to quickly access services provided by the excellence," Modi said. Cooperative Departments of the states and the offices of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) but will also bring transparency and uniformity in the in the collective memory of the nation until the athletes functioning of these offices, which will make them more efficient and save the time," said the statement.

The move is among several steps taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah to strengthen all the cooperative societies of the country. (Agencies)

### Jal Shakti Department...

role of Assistant Executive Engineers and 665 Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers while another 690 officers have been cleared subject to essential clearances which are in process.

Also, in another first, since September 2022, the department has strived to man all the posts in the department with competent officers by timely posting and placement of 19 I/c Chief Engineers, 28 I/c Superintending Engineers, 56 I/c Executive Engineers.

Further, the department has made concerted efforts ency and stability while assuring career progression free of favouritism. The final seniority lists have been issued in respect of Superintending Engineers [G.O. No. 10-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 25.01.2023], Assistant Engineers (Degree Holders) [G.O. No. 233-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 27.09.2023] and Assistant Engineers (Diploma Holders) [G.O. No. 234-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 27.09.2023] while tentative seniority list have been issued in respect of Assistant Executive Engineers (Degree Holders) [Circular No. 08-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 06.10.2023], Executive Engineers (Degree Holders) [Circular No. 09-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 06.10.2023] and Assistant Executive Engineers (Diploma Holders) [Circular No. 10-JK(JSD) of 2023 dated 06.10.2023].

the way for smooth career progression of the Engineer- credit goes to PM Modi for having conceptualised it. ing cadre i.e from the level of Junior Engineer to Chief

This has been possible only due to the visionary leadership of Lieutenant Governor, J&K. The directions of the Chief Secretary and encouragement of the Advisor to Lieutenant Governor have been critical to the

PSC & Chairman DPC, JSD) that has made the differ- Thus, we have the twin challenge of preventing spread system have been opted which is being used in other ence; that too despite extreme preoccupation with the of diseases as well as checking in capacitation," he said. ongoing time bound recruitments. This has enabled the department headed by Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief in the start-up ecosystem, space technology the recent To monitor the quality of water being supplied to the Secretary to work tirelessly to address these service

These measures have enabled the department to rise to the challenges of execution of the Jal Jeevan Mission, flagship scheme of the Government of India that envisages to provide safe and adequate drinking water, @ 55 LPCD of BIS 10500 quality to every rural household,

Jal Shakti Department is committed to cater to ples at their own level and report the test results on the requirements of the inhabitants of the UT of J&K through its dedicated officials.

#### Govt clears appointments...

bank. Bibhu Prasad Mahapatra, Chief General Manof Jal Jeevan Mission from last one year, the UT expects ager of Punjab National Bank, has been elevated as ED of the bank, while Ravi Mehra, general manager, has been promoted to become ED of Punjab & Sind Bank.

Rajiv Mishra, Chief General Manager with Union Bank nine thousand activities during its outreach fortnight of India, will take over as ED of Bank of India, and in August this year during which a massive awareness Brajesh Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager of Bank

> At the same time, Rohit Rishi, Chief General Manager in Indian Bank, will take over as ED of Bank of Maharashtra next month.

> In addition, the government has approved the appointment of Lal Singh as ED, Bank of Baroda; Shiv Bairang Singh as ED, Indian Bank; Mahendra Dohare as ED, Central Bank of India; and Dhanaraj T as ED, Indian

#### **Historic Achievement | PM...**

107 medals at the Asian Games, and said the unwavering harvesting on October 9 and 10. determination and hard work of the players have made the nation proud.

Indian athletes touched the magical figure of 107 medals at the Asian Games with their blood, sweat and toil over the last fortnight.

In a post on X, Modi said, "What a historic achievement for India at the Asian Games! The entire nation Gajni Wala here, a Border Security Force official said is overjoyed that our incredible athletes have brought on Sunday. home the highest ever total of 107 medals, the best ever performance in the last 60 years."

The unwavering determination, relentless spirit and established for this scheme, which will work towards hard work of our players have made the nation proud,

"Their victories have given us moments to remember, "The implementation of this scheme will not only inspired us all and have reaffirmed our commitment to over to the Pakistan Rangers on humanitarian grounds, continuation of the campaign. I thank President Biden

With India concluding its engagements at the Games on Saturday, the tally of 107 medals will remain etched decide to reset it in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan in 2026.

India's final tally in Hangzhou stood at 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze, a quantum leap from the 70 medals the contingent bagged at Jakarta in 2018. (AGENCIES)

#### Dr Jitendra proposes...

pick up, - Preventive Healthcare doctors, purely specializing in preventive healthcare, (and) if we could do that, we would not only be serving the cause of Healthcare or Medical Care, we would be actually serving a national responsibility by preserving the energies of that huge youth resource pool which is going to be the architect of India@2047," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the last 9 years have turned India into a cost-effective medical destination and this has been possible because of several path breaking healthcare reforms and enabling provisions brought in by PM Modi ever since he took over in 2014.

"Previously India was hardly known for any prevento issue seniority lists at various ranks to bring transpartive healthcare but today India is recognised as the vaccination hub of the world having produced DNA Covid Vaccine, world's first intra-nasal Covid Vaccine, India's first indigenously developed vaccine, "CERVAVAC" for the prevention of cervical cancer and many other vaccines for different diseases," he said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, healthcare has been the top priority of the Modi Government. "From 145 medical colleges in 2014, the number has increased to 260, besides 19 AIIMS have started academic sessions. Number of MBBS UG seats have increased from 51,348 in 2014 to 91,927 seats which is an increase of 79%. The number of PG seats have also increased by 93% from 31,185 seats in 2014 to 60,202 seats," he said

Dr Jitendra Singh asserted that Ayushman Bharat is The resolution of the regularization matters will pave so far the world's best health insurance scheme and This is possibly the only health insurance scheme in the world which offers the option of seeking insurance cover even for a pre-existing disease.

> Dr. Jitendra Singh said, with increase in lifespan of people, India will face bipolar challenge during the

"More than 70% of the population is below the age of Most of all, it has been the unstinted support and 40 years. On the one hand, there is a large percentage guidance by Satish Chandra, Chairman of the Public of the population in young age, and on the other hand, Service Commission and Zubair Ahmad Raza (Member we have an increasing number of elderly population. an unbearable price. This is a very difficult day for all

Dr. Jitendra Singh said India has taken a quantum leap the sidelines of the most successful G20 Summit in New Delhi, will have a huge bearing on the medical

"This has also placed Prime Minister Modi as one of to destroy Hamas's capabilities," he said. the tallest, or maybe the tallest, leader in the world," he said.

The S&T Minister said, Chandrayaan-3 and India's vaccine story are striking success stories in India's quantum leap in the last four-five years.

"We had everything, but we were possibly waiting for an enabling milieu to happen. And that enabling milieu had to come from the level of the policy makers, from the level of the political leadership and that happened after Prime Minister Modi came in," he said.

"In a country with 70% population below the age of 40 and the youth of today are going to be the prime citizens of India@2047, preventive healthcare and widespread mass screening will help achieve our economy the expected rate of growth set out by PM Modi," he will overcome its enemies.

#### Rain, Snowfall likely on...

Currently, the weather is partly cloudy at most of the places with a brief spell of rain likely to occur at isolated places of north Kashmir, the MeT office said.

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry from October to 13 while a brief spell of rain or snowfall over residents of the south. We all stand alongside you. We higher reaches can't be ruled out, although chances are less from October 14-20, it said.

The MeT office has also advised farmers to postpone

Srinagar recorded a low of 11.0 degree Celsius, Qazigund 8.8 degree Celsius, Pahalgam 7.1 degree Celsius and Gulmarg 8.7 degree Celsius on Sunday. (Agencies)

#### Pak national apprehended...

The apprehended Pakistani national had crossed objectionable was recovered from him, the official said.

The BSF personnel approached the Pakistan Rangers and lodged a strong protest in his regard.

said the official. (Agencies)

### **Death toll in Hamas...**

Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

While addressing a briefing on Sunday, IDF spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said the priorities were to end the fighting in Israeli communities and control breaches in the fence dividing Gaza and Israel, CNN

Four people were injured in rocket attacks in and around the city of Sderot on Sunday, according to Israeli emergency services, CNN reported. One of the victims, a 20-year-old man is in critical condition.

Meanwhile, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is holding a security assessment at IDF headquarters in Tel Aviv, according to Israel PM's office, The Times of Israel reported. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi and other senior security officials are attending the meeting.

Earlier in the day, the IDF spokesman Daniel Hagari said the searches for Hamas terrorists were being carried out at several besieged towns and that over 400 terrorists have been killed inside Gaza, with dozens more being held captive, according to The Times of Israel report.

"As of this hour, there are forces fighting in [Kibbutz] Kfar Aza, there are searches in a large number of towns. There are IDF forces in all towns, there is no town that does not have an IDF force in it," Israel Defense Forces' top spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari was quoted as saying by The Times of Israel.

According to Hagari, the IDF's mission objectives are to evacuate all civilians from border communities in Gaza, put an end to fighting there, manage security barrier breaches, and keep attacking terrorist targets in the Strip.

In a major escalation on Saturday, Hamas launched a "surprise attack" on Israel, firing a barrage of rockets into the southern and central parts of the country.

Issuing a stern warning to Hamas on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that it had begun a terrible war and that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) would use all of its strength to undermine its capacity.

In a post shared on X, Netanyahu stated, "This morning, on Shabbat and a holiday, Hamas invaded Israeli children and the elderly. Hamas has started a brutal to meet the deadline." (Agencies) and evil war. We will be victorious in this war despite

of us. Hamas wants to murder us all."

"This is an enemy that murders children and mothers in their homes, in their beds, an enemy that abducts the elderly, children and young women, that slaughters and being launch of Chandrayaan-3, Quantum Technology massacres our citizens, including children, who simply etc. The International Biofuel Alliance, announced on went out to enjoy the holiday. What happened today is unprecedented in Israel - and I will see to it that it does not happen again. The entire government is behind this decision. The IDF will immediately use all its strength

He added, "We will destroy them and we will forcefully avenge this dark day that they have forced on the State of Israel and its citizens. As Bialik wrote: 'Revenge for the blood of a little child has yet been devised by Satan'. All of the places which Hamas is deployed, hiding and operating in, that wicked city, we will turn them into rubble. I say to the residents of Gaza: Leave now because we will operate forcefully everywhere. At this hour, the IDF is clearing the terrorists out of the last communities. They are going community by community, house by house, and are restoring our control."

He offered condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and prayed for those who were injured due to the Hamas attack. He stated that the people of Israel

In the post, Netanyahu further stated, "I embrace and send heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families whose loved ones were murdered today in cold blood and endless brutality. We are all praying for the well-being of the wounded and all those who are being held hostage. I say to Hamas: You are responsible for their well-being. Israel will settle accounts with anyone who harms one hair on their heads. I appeal to the are all proud of your heroism and your fighting. To our beloved IDF soldiers, police officers and security forces personnel, remember that you are the continuation of the heroes of the Jewish people, of Joshua, Judah Maccabee and the heroes of 1948 and of all of Israel's wars. You are now fighting for the home and future of us all. We are all with you. We all love you. We all salute you. To the medical and rescue teams, and the many volunteers who came out in force today in a long list of places, the people of Israel salute you. With your spirit, we will overcome our enemies."

Netanyahu stated that he held talks with US President Joe Biden and other world leaders. He thanked French over to the Indian territory inadvertently and nothing President Emmanuel Macron, UK PM Rishi Sunak and other leaders for their support to Israel.

Netanyahu in the statement said, "Today, I spoke with US President Biden and with other world leaders The apprehended Pakistan national was later handed in order to ensure freedom of action for Israel in the for his strong and clear words."

"I thank the President of France, the Prime Minister of Great Britain and many other leaders for their unreserved support for Israel. I now appeal to all citizens of Israel: We stand together in this campaign. This war will take time. It will be difficult. Challenging days are ahead of us. However, I can promise one thing: With the help of G-d, the forces that we all have in common and our faith in the Eternal One of Israel, we will win," he added. (AGENCIES)

#### Muslim artisans from...

at several other places in the city including Akhnoor, R S Pura, and Bishna near the International Border, Gandhi Nagar, near the Railway station, Channi and Sainik colony to mark the triumph of good over evil.

These craftsmen are working on dozens of massive bamboo structures having height of more than 50 feet.

Rehan said all the workers are proud of working together. Besides a dozen Muslims, there are over 40 Hindu artisans that include Harijan and Kashyap Thakur

discrimination. 'Mazhab nahi sikhata aapas mein bair rakhna'... we are living by the example of it," he said, lauding the temple management for their trust in them. Rehan's son-in-law Mohd Giyasuddin said artisans

"We work together and share our meals without any

have been coming to Jammu for generations and his grandfather Mohd Sirajuddin was also one of them. 'We are keeping this tradition alive. The people of

Jammu warmly welcome us and we also eagerly wait for this opportunity. Some of our (Hindu) co-workers also use this visit to pay obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine," he said. "There is no place for hatred... it is a form of art and

anyone can possess it. Last year, we also dispatched effigies to Srinagar," he said. Giyasuddin said most of these artisans do other works

for a living back home for the rest of the year. Jasbir, who is accompanied by his brother and son, said they have been working as a team for decades and

have not faced any issues. "I have been coming here with Rehan since 1998. Our other teams are working in Delhi and Punjab," he said.

Lilu Kumar said both Hindus and Muslims are a single family. "I have been coming here with my Muslim brothterritory and murdered innocent citizens including ers for the last 25 years. We are working round-the-clock

## Shah prioritizes ending malnutrition and zero school dropouts

JAMMU, OCT 8

In the 24th meeting of the Central Zonal Council chaired by Shri Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation. He underscored the collective responsibility in addressing malnutrition among children. Shah problem.

Furthermore, he urged member states to priori- ated Prime Minister Nar- lating Indian athletes for tize areas such as coopera- endra Modi's emphasis on their exceptional perfortion, reducing the school drop-out rate, and called He noted that ZonalCoun- securing more than 100 for collective responsibility to resolve this too.

bly, Shri Amit Shah high- sion, and driving policy cessful achievements of lighted the evolution of changes. The states within Chandrayaan-3, the well-Zonal Councils under the the Central Zonal Council organized G20 Summit, leadership of Prime Min- have successfully imple- and the historic passage of ister Shri Narendra Modi. mented the concept of the Women's Reservation He emphasized that these "Team India" at the grass- Bill by Parliament. councils have transitioned roots level. from advisory platforms policy implementation.

Zonal Council, including 2004 and 2014, a total of farmers. NAFED will now Madhya Pradesh, Uttar 570 issues were discussed procure pulses, oilseeds, eralism and proactive Pradesh, Uttarakhand, in Zonal Council meetings, and maize from farmers measures in addressing

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at party office Poonch.

POONCH, OCT 8

Jan Sampark Abhiyan to dispel

misinformation: Ashok Koul



Also, during the meet-

The Union Home Min-

stressed that this issue made significant contribu- From 2014 to 2023, a total demands sensitivity and tions to the nation's GDP of 1315 issues were disprompt action. The meet- and overall development. cussed, with 1157 being ing served as a platform These states play piv- successfully resolved, indito deliberate on strategies otal roles in agriculture, cating the efficacy of these and policies to effectively animal husbandry, food deliberations. combat this pervasive grain production, mining, water supply, and tourism. ing, a resolution was unan-

Shri Amit Shah reiter- imously passed, congratucooperative federalism. mance in the Asian Games, cils have played a crucial medals for the first time. role in solving problems, The Central Zonal Council Addressing the assem- enhancing financial inclu- also commended the suc-

To substantiate this, ister announced a signifito active mechanisms for comparison between Concant step towards fulfilling gress and BJP regime sheds the Prime Minister's vision The states in the Central light on this. Between of ensuring prosperity for

mum Support Price (MSP). Further, discussions were held regarding the inclusion of lac production in the KisanCredit Card and Crop Insurance Scheme. This move is expected to benefit farmers engaged in lac production.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath. Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, participated via video conferencing.

Also present were Home Minister of Chhattisgarh, ShriTamradhwaj Sahu, Union Home Secretary, Secretary of Inter State Council Secretariat, Chief Secretaries of member states, as well as senior officials from state governments and central ministries and departments.

The meeting underscored the pivotal role of Zonal Councils in catalysing development and policy implementation across member states. It demonstrated the Modi government's commitment to cooperative fed-

## Dharna will counter the narative that 80% people do not want elections in J&K: Bhalla

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JAMMU, OCT 8

PCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani has asked all senior leaders and functionaries of PCC including former Ministers, ex-legislators, DCC Presidents, functionaries of frontal organizations and blocks to attend the proposed peaceful Joint Dharna of main opposition parties and like minded social organizations on 10th Oct. for the restoration of democracy and other burning issues confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a meeting of senior party functionaries, DCC Presidents, Corporators and frontal organizations at the PCC HQ here today, alongwith Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Shri Vikar Rasool Wani asked the party leaders and workers to join the proposed Dharna on Oct. 10 in order to send a message of united opposition seeking immediate restoration of democracy and the democratic and constitutional rights to the people of J&K apart from issues of people of different sections of Jammu and

He said that people last more than five years want elections and are Assembly elections apart Sharma Chief Spokesper- and others.

happy with the present from other elections like dispensation, In order to ULB and Panchayats etc. counter this kind of nar- on time without any delay. rative, the united opposi- The people of Jammu and tion through this peace- Kashmir irrespective of ful dharna want to send any ideology, religion or a clear and loud message region are unanimous on that the people of Jammu the demand for the restoand Kashmir want early ration of democracy at the common man shall also be earliest and other demorestoration of democracy cratic rights and stateand to have their elected hood without any delay. government apart from

He said that joint opposition dharna will Trilok Singh Bahwa, Ved constitutional rights and send out a strong message of the people desire DCC Presidents Krishan ent bureaucratic system, Although the dharna is state assembly and other Pankaj Dopgra, Sanjeev symbolic and not a show of due elections apart from Sharma, Rajesh Sadhotra, highlighting the burning strength but good number restoration of other demo-Shiv Kumar Sharma, of leaders and workers cratic and constitutional Pawan Raina, Vijay will attend the join the rights. He said the UT Sharma, Akash Bharat, people protest on Oct. administration and Centre Ch. Dwarka, Gurmit Singh, 10 and thereafter some Govt. are trying to dodge Pawan aina, Parveen are suffering under the time the leadership of the the people of Jammu and Sarwar Khan, Babal bureaucratic regime for INDIA alliance would also Kashmir by delaying and Gupta, Naresh Sharma, be invited here. Addressdeferring assembly elec- Narinder Gupta, Neeraj and the Governor's admining the meeting Working tions and other elections Gupta, Narinder Sharma, istration claimed the President Raman Bhalla time and again out of the T.S. Tony, Vijay Tagotra, more than 80% people in said that people want fear of the backlash and Vijay Shastri, Dr. R.K. Jammu and Kashmir don't immediate holding of defeat of BJP. Ravinder Khajuria, Pawandev Singh

son briefed the meeting regarding the preparations and consultations with the like minde3d political parties and other social organizations like NC, PDP, CPIM, Panthers Party, Shiv Sena, IDP and others who are like minded and united for restoration of democracy and other democratic rights at the earliest. He said that the senior leadership of all the liked minded parties and their workers will participate in good number although it is symbolic peaceful dharna between 10.30 A.M. on wards. He said that burning issues faced by the different sections of the society including unemployed youth, farmers, students, traders, transporters, daily wagers, temporary employees and all other burning issues of highlighted.

Prominent attended include Yogesh Sawhney, Vinod Sharma, Mahajan, Rajnish Sharma, for early elections to the Bhagat, Hari Singh Chib,

### and Chhattisgarh, have with 448 being resolved. across the country at Minicritical issues. To get rid of BJP's schemes like 'Agniveer',



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Vibodh Gupta, speak-

ing on the occasion, stated

upon the completion of of the society. He said that nine years of the Prime the Modi government is Minister Narendra Modi devoted to the good govled government at the ernance and the welfare Centre, the BJP has decid- of the poor and every BJP ed to organize a nation- activist has to work as an wide Jan Sampark Abhi- ambassador of PM Modi yan (massive Outreach to take all the initiatives of Campaign). This cam- Modi government to the paign aims to inform the people. public about the achievements of welfare schemes hari Poonch District, and development projects asked the party cadre to initiated by the Narendra contribute in the success-Modi government. While ful conduct of this camhe sought the details of paign in every corner of the programmes already the district. conducted by the Poonch leaders, he also asked President, Poonch, shared them to ensure that all the details of various prothe party programmes grammes conducted by

that the program aims Bharatiya Janata Party to highlight the unprec-(BJP), Jammu & Kashmir edented development in led by its General Secre- Jammu and Kashmir in tary (Org.) Ashok Koul and the last 9 years and espeparty General Secretary cially after the abrogation Adv. Vibodh Gupta held a of controversial articles meeting with the party's 35(a) and 370. He asked leaders and cadre from the party leaders to plan Poonch District to review their party and public the Jan Sampark Abhiyan' meetings meticulously involving all the ground Ashok Koul, while level activists and reachaddressing the meeting, ing up to all the sections

Rajinder Gupta, Prab-

Rajesh Sharma, District contribute in extending the Poonch cadre during the party principles and 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' and other programmes.

SUCHETGARH, OCT 8 Congress leader and the roost, and a selected Member DDC Suchetgarh few have got the rights Taranjit Singh Tony on while underprivileged are Sunday asked the people facing trauma on each and to vote for Congress to get every nook of the country.

rid of bogus schemes like as the country.

pur at Suchetgarh in which Sham Lal Bhagat, Heera others were present. In other minorities. the meeting, the Congress and other minority comto run the governments at only option.

the central as well as State levels because under the BJP arbitrariness is ruling

Tony said to revive 'Agniveer' launched by BJP democracy and bring to to hoodwink the youth and life the law and order, ruining their future as well the people have only way out and that is Congress The Congress leader party. He said that BIP said this while addressing is RSS' 'parrot', which is a meeting held here at Vil-supposed to follow orders lage and Panchayat Hari- of master and that is the reason behind divisive forces getting more and Fougi, Sarpanch Kanu more powerful giving hard Chadwal, Om Parkash and times to SC, ST, OBC and

Tony said if people of leader made a fervent India really wanted to appeal to the SC, ST, OBC get rid of Agniveer kind of recruitment schemes, munity members to favour and have regular recruit-Congress to get rid of 'Jum- ment in Army and other lebaaz' BJP. He said that belt forces, they should looking into the pathetic vote for Congress so that condition of the country future generations can be where there is no law and saved from the exploitaorder, and the minorities, tion of BJP given chance SC, ST and OBC segments to serve the nation with are being discriminated full dignity and pride. at every step, it becomes He also said that to make imperative that secular caste-based census in all party like Congress should the States including J&K be given the responsibility a reality, Congress is the

## Only Azad can take J&K out of quagmire: DPAP

other democratic and

want to get rid of the pres-

sooner the better.

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Democratic Progressive Azad Party on Sunday held a day long party workers programme at Bemina Srinagar in which hundreds of workers from the area participated. Former Minister & Treasurer Taj Mohiuddin while addressing the party workers said that DPAP is aiming to been accepting its agenda

"The people are stand-

and mission, we feel con-

ernment is formed by our

can change the situa- in JK is smiling back," he developmental landscape form the govt in J&K on tion in Jammu and Kash- said. Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir. its own and it is the duty mir. People have hopes Mohd Amin Bhatt said "We need him back and of every worker to ensure attached to him and the that the strength of the it is only possible with the mass support is mobi- DPAP and we promise we parties lies in its ground your support," he told the lized at grass roots level. will never let you down," cadre. He said DPAP has workers. Among others He said the way DPAP is said Mohiuddin. On the the largest cadre of sup- who were present on growing and people have occasion, G.M.Saroori porters and this cadre will the occassion were Chief said that every person in change the destiny of UT Spokesperson Salman the UT is dreaming to see under the leadership of Nizami, Haji Musadiq fident that upcoming gov- the same pace and revolu- Azad. Ab Majeed Wani Gen Provincial VP, Shafiq tion of development what Secretary said no other Shabnam Provincial Gen Jammu and Kashmir has government or leader Secretary, Arif Magbool seen during the tenure of Jammu Kashmir has Secretary, Sheikh Amir, ing by our side since of Azad as Chief Minis- ever been so competent, Distt President Amir Bhatt, they have realized only ter. "The time is not far transparent and dynamic Sanjay Dhar President KP

DPAP under the leader- when the golden era will like Azad who changed wing, Nazir Ahmed Sofia, ship of Ghulam Nabi Azad be back and every face the infrastructural and G.N.Parwana and others.

### Meri Maati, Mera Desh: Col Mahan chairs review meeting, empowers community spirit

KATHUA, OCT 8

inent citizens.

In a momentous gathering at the DDC Council Office in Kathua, the "Meri Maati, Mera Desh Abhiyan" review meeting took place, uniting DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons, MC Presidents, dedicated officers, PRI Representatives, and esteemed Prom-

The meeting, held Raghubir Singh, Khazan as a special invitee, contoday, was presided over Singh, and several BDOs by Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman of Kathua, on the campaign's progress. In attendance were Atri, Abhinandan Sharma, mitment to the cause. Sushma Devi, Sandeep Majotra, BDC Chairper- former Deputy Chief Min- yan" across the entire and protect their home



and ADC Kathua officials.

The event transcendhunandan Singh Bablu, Martyrs' families, and civil along with DDC Members society members, demontive. Dr. Shaveta Kumar, Karan strating a collective com-

tributing his insights and support.

The presence of Dy who led the discussion ed political boundaries, Dir Nehru Yuva Kendra drawing participation Kathua, Som Dutt Yard, from prominent citizens, underscored the impor-DDC Vice Chairman Rag- veer Naris, members of tance of youth engagement in this noble initia-

During the review, Dr. Nirmal Singh, Maati, Mera Desh Abhi- rallies together to honor sons Sushma Thakur, ister, graced the meeting district was meticulously land.

evaluated. Panch Pran was administered to symbolize the unity and dedication of the community. Kalash, symbolic of our rich cultural heritage, were presented to BDO Keedian Kandyal as a mark of reverence.

DDC Chairman Col Mahan expressed his appreciation for the event's success and emphasized the importance of depositing all Maati Kalash with the authorities. He highlighted the need to transport them respectfully to Jammu and Delhi, preserving the spirit of this patriotic campaign.

The "Meri Maati, Mera Desh Abhiyan" continues to inspire unity and patriotism in the heart of the progress of the "Meri Kathua, as the community

## Conduct of Information Technology Cadre at Mahore

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policies to the masses.

The Indian Army in its continued all out efforts to enhance skill of youth of remote village undertook Information Technology Cadre at Mahore, Reasi District with effect 07 October 23.

that it can bring economic to the society.



from 22 September 23 to independence and a chan-keen interest in acquiring their own venture, the The Cadre aims at Army to empower the as a new skill set to their imparting fundamental youths and reunite them knowledge arsenal. One to empower youth and of computer skills to the with mainstream so that of the confident partici- requested for more skill enthusiastic youths so they contribute positively pant said "The Informa- development capsules to

has benefited astic youths residing in and around Mahore. The response shown by the youth was overwhelming and

they have taken

nelized step by the Indian Information Technology tion Technology Cadre be organised in future.

This project has come as a great boon for them to acquire fundaenthusi- mental knowledge of computers". Post the successful com-

> pletion of the cadre conducted by the Indian Army under Sadbhavana project for providing, guidance and encouragement to the participants to begin Village Heads appreciated the Indian Army effort

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## **EDITORIAL**

## **Kargil verdict on** expected lines

The verdict of Kargil Council elections has come on expected lines with the National Conference-Congress alliance winning the polls with a thumping majority. The National Conference has emerged as the single largest political party in the 30-member Council while the Congress too improved its previous tally of eight seats and it settled at 10 seats. The BJP, which was riding high on development poll plank, bagged just two seats—a shocker for the party leadership at the Centre besides a warning signal for the BJP ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections scheduled to be held next year. The reason for it is that the Congress and the National Conference have been popularizing their victory in Ladakh as a beginning of the BJP's downfall at national level because it was the BIP which fulfilled the long pending demand of Ladakhi people to have UT status for the region. Ladakh was earlier a part of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. A lot of hype was given to these polls with opposition parties-including National Conference and Congress having a strong base in Kargil district as they termed it as a referendum on Article 370. It was being perceived that these key polls would be a litmus test for J&K's bifurcation into two UTs-J&K and Ladakh. The important fact of the matter is now whether the pre-poll alliance of the Congress and the National Conference will survive for the next five years-the full term of the Hill Development Council. Even the leaders of two parties are not sure and they have reasons for it. In the last council, the two parties initially had entered an alliance which survived for a shorter time. This time too, two parties have opened the channels of communication with the 'potential' independent candidates contesting the polls with a sole aim to gain a majority at their own level. As many as 25 Independents also tried their luck for the 26 constituencies of the LAHDC Kargil and gave a tough fight to their opponents on certain seats. Candidates of the National Conference and Congress were locked into a "friendly" contest on as many as 13 seats of the LAHDC Kargil but the parties tried to rope in Independents much before the beginning of counting to muster the majority after declaration of the results. Instead of taking support from the alliance, the National Conference is seriously considering rope in two Independents to ensure a majority on its own. This was against the backdrop of the fact that at-least 13 constituencies--50 percent of the total 26 constituencies have candidates of two parties contesting against each other. The last elections to Council were held on August 27, 2018 when there were as many as 256 polling stations set up for the elections and ballot papers and boxes were used for the voting. At that time, the NC had won 10 seats and Congress 8. PDP had garnered two seats and BJP one while there were five Independents. Initially NC and Congress shared power in the Council but later NC formed its own city Government with Independents. PDP Councilors had later switched over to BJP while four nominated Councilors were also its leaders which took the party's strength to seven. It would be interesting to see how two parties-NC and Congress tread cautiously to fulfill 'alliance dharma' in the next five years. The moot question will remain etching the mind of political experts whether they will remain intact or will part ways like previous experience of 2018.

## Maldives poll alters Indian Ocean geopolitics

MAKHAN SAIKIA

'ale should not China. be apprehensive Delhi closer than Beijing. President-elect Muizzu must understand that Chi-Latin American nations are fast falling into this trap by accepting financial assistance from China. All of them should be aware that and not time tested.

might change India's bonhomie with the archipelago. The President-elect Mohamed Muizzu, the Addu and Lammu Islands winning candidate for the since 2013 to maintain PNC-PPM coalition, was earlier a Mayor of the capital city of Male. In last Sat-Democratic Party (MDP), by 19,000 votes or an 8 per cent margin.

The Opposition parties Solih's India leaning or the "India-first" policy island nation's sovereign status. China's long arm of influence through money, muscle power and wolfreal threat for India. With Chinese President Xi Iinneighbourhood through its infamous "String of Pearls" policy. For years, the Maldives has remained through the historic Belt taking any action. and Road Initiative (BRI) has finally reached the dives matter to India? Yes, Maldives, a country of just around 400,000 people. It is spread over 1,200 islands in 90,000 square cial location in the Arabian miles which crisscrosses

Maldives first took initiatives to move closer to

The new President-▲about making elect Muizzu has come out tough on India. He has clearly revealed his soft corner for China. From na's engagement is a long the "India First" policy of trap. Many of African and the Solih regime, Muizzu may shift towards better friendly ties with China. He has already stated in public that "the people have decided and don't China's new partnership want Indian troops to stay model is purely opaque in the Maldives. Therefore, foreign soldiers can't The recent election be here against our sentiresults in the Maldives ments, against our will". Thus, it is clear that

naval and air force per-

sonnel stationed on the

and operate two helicopters and Dornier aircraft that India had given to the urday's run-off election, Maldives for reconnais-Muizzu defeated incum- sance operations have to bent President Ibrahim be called back now. Cur-Solih, commonly known rently a total of 75 Indian as Ibu of the Maldivian military personnel are there in these islands as per the record of the Maldivian National Defence Force. Again, the fate of in the Maldives branded the construction of a coast guard harbour base at the Uthuru Thila Falhu atoll, as a direct threat to the inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in May 2023, is uncertain. It is pertinent to mentioned here that an MoU signed warrior diplomacy are a by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with the Maldivian Defence Minisping at the helm of affairs ter on maritime security in since 2012, China is all February 2021 was at the out to encircle India in its centre of the Opposition protest in that country. For the Opposition, this is a secret agreement signed with India by compromisunder the strong influence ing the country's soverof India. But Xi's aggres- eignty. These issues are sive plan for the expan- very sensitive and Muizzu sion of China's influence must look into them before

> But why does the Malit does seriously matter to India. First of all, the island nation is situated at a cru-Sea region of the Indian



Minicoy Islands or locally known as Maliku in Lakshadweep and 300 nautical miles from the West coast of India.

Secondly, it is situated at the centre of the commercial sea lines of communication in the Indian Ocean. Third, so far India has a preeminent position in that country, almost virtually spreading its influence over the entire

Fourth, it is truly critical for maintaining regional political stability and security. Fifth, the Maldives, irrespective of its size and global influence, holds the key to important shipping lanes that continuously provide energy supply to three big economies of the region: India, Japan and China. Sixth, it is also an important member of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) where India is the most dominant among all. Finally, it lies in the Indian Ocean through which major trade lanes of the globe pass. And India being a world power and now being the fifth largest economy of the world, will definitely have an eye over all its neighbours so as to build constant communication and grow trade ties with them.

For long, the Maldives have become another battleground for two neighbouring regional giants: India and China. Clearly, key trade routes wherein Ocean and India shares a it is one of South Asia's both India and China vie sea border with that counmany nations that have for control and influence. try. The island country is been maintaining closer

The MEA rightly states that 'India and the Maldives cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity. The relations and multi-dimensional. India was among the first to recognise Maldives after its independence in 1965 and to establish diplomatic relations with that coun-

shares an enduring relationship with the archipelago nation. Again, in 1988, flourished between the two countries, when India launched the "Operation Cactus" to abort a coup attempt by a group of Maldivians to depose the government of then President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom. The coup was led by a businessman called Abdullah Luthufi who took help secessionist organisation People's Liberation Orga-

The irony is that Gayoom approached several other countries like Sri Lanka, Singapore, Pakistan, the US and the UK for immediate help to thwart the coup. When all and handed over a letter need to collaborate to fight of them refused, then UK from Prime Minister Nar- larger challenges in regard Prime Minister Margaret endra Modi congratulat- to transnational crimes, Thatcher advised Gayoom ing him on his election humanitarian disasters to ask India for help. India victory. The Ministry of and natural calamities in quickly restored the status External Affairs (MEA) has the coming days. quo and brought back sta-stated that Delhi will look Abdullah Yameen, the very near to India. It is just ties with both Beijing and bility in the neighbour- forward to engaging the

deeper historical, cultural cal scenario in the island and economic tie with the nation has completely Maldives than China does. changed as China has started engaging the political leadership of the Maldives. share ethnic, linguistic, This has become a cause of concern for India because China has simply found a secured place for both its have been close, cordial investment and military near future) right at the former's backyard.

between India and the Maldives during the coun-This shows how India try's first democratically elected government in the bilateral engagement coming to power in 2013, India's relationship with the island country sharply spiralled downwards. He advocating proximity to Beijing. His only intention sentiment to lessen Delhi's influence over the country. of the armed mercenaries However, when Solih came development.

engage the island nation. note. Both Male and Delhi Meanwhile, the Indian need each other. They High Commissioner to should forge ahead with Male, Munnu Mahawar, mutual understanding and has already met Muizzu trust. Both the countries former President of the 70 nautical miles from the Delhi. However, India has a hood. But today, politinew establishment in Male

on all fronts. It is certain that the power balance between the two Asian giants Indian and China may change with the election of Muizzu. The fact is that India and China are already facing serious troubles in their bilateral relationship because of border disputes. And this came out in the open when Xi refused to attend the latest G-20 summit hosted by India last month. Male should not be

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apprehensive about making Delhi closer than Beijing. Muizzu must understand that China's engagement is a long trap. Many of African and Latin American nations are fast falling into this trap by accepting financial assistance from China. All of them should be aware that China's new partnership expansion (probably in model is purely opaque and not time tested. Unlike the American or the global The cordiality in bilat-liberal ties. Chinese one is eral relations continued more of an intervention and a sharp attack on the former. China has been facing serious problems with its own regions like 2008. But with the coming Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong of Abduallah Yameen Kong, and most prominently, Taiwan (an island that does not accept China's suzerainty, though it is mentioned as Chinese was famous for attacking Taipei in international lexidemocracy, raising the confor various purposes). anti-India banner and Especially, the smaller, poorer and island nations like the Maldives should be was to arouse nationalist extremely cautious while engaging with authoritarian regimes like China.

It is better for Presidentof the Sri Lankan Tamil to power in 2018, once elect Muizzu to take a quick again India-Maldives rela- decision on how to reoritions cemented towards ent India-Maldives bilaternization of Tamil Eelam better partnership and al relations before it is too late. His tenure should not It is Delhi's turn now to be started with a negative

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## De-risking is better than decounling

**UMANG KOHLI** 

his is not a world of decoupling, rather it is of de-risking and realignment. The Ukraine war has thrown many questions on the existing to the idea of decoupling. world order, including Decoupling is an illusion," on the effectiveness of French Finance Minister the United Nations. However, one thing that has added, "There is no posemerged is that globalisation in the last two decades has become so strong American, European and that complete economic decoupling of a country or region is neither feasible nor justifiable. Derisking and realignment not be possible however is the only way forward 'de-risking' of economies for Nations to make economic progress. Most powerful nations have openly must for an overall just stated that they want to World. The US treasury build economic resilience secretary during his Beifor themselves, based on jing visit acknowledged a strategy of "diversifying that decoupling from and deepening partner- China was virtually imposships and de-risking, not

efforts by NATO it has not that so-called decoupling been able to decouple has largely involved dis-Russia. Russia continues to couraging imports, which trade within Asia and also is not decoupling, it is with Europe and Africa. more or less protection of For example, the Russian commercial nuclear technology industry has been decades and is nothing used in Europe, to meet new. From the Chinese the energy requirements of the West. It has been well realised that the priorities whereby China switches concerned. De-risking change with each other. growth to economic con-

large. Isolation of Nations may therefore not be a good idea in the future particularly if the sustainable development goals of the UN are to be met. "We are totally opposed Bruno Le Maire said. He sibility of having any kind of decoupling between the Chinese economies." It has also been well

recognised by now that decoupling of China may vulnerable to debt trap diplomacy of China is a sible. Tit-for-tat exchanges over tariffs have rein-Despite the best of forced the popular view one's own industry which has been happening for perspective, however, derisking is a strategic shift

is more of an expansion- it. The transfer of tech- so that it can self-sustain ist trade policy that goes nology to enable change in times of natural calamhand in hand with its military policy. This kind of expansionist 'de-risking' by China is threatening the world trade order and therefore countries have started talking about 'decoupling' from China.

India's approach to cooperation and mutually beneficial trade between countries is likely to gain traction globally, particularly in the countries of the Global South. It's about time, the Global South is given its due as far as the dividends of trade are China could be an impordevelopment of nations at nal and internal trade, this changes associated with and transfer of technology not seek to curb access to

also for humanity.

decoupling from China is of the Global South by not possible and de-risking is essentially important, what are the steps for de-risking economies of the Global South? The policy of de-risking and plans for developing the from countries like China Global South are two to check its expansionist major strategies that go hand-in-hand. Economic globalisation is essential fiddles with the political of nations for trade may its focus from economic their economies from for the Global South, and and social fabric of coun- met any time soon this is essentially transfer to tries. De-risking must However, the isolation of trol. The term dual cir- tant step in that direction. technology is important curb China's access to topone country by a group of culation is used for this De-risking economies for them. De-risking the notch innovation around countries leads to disrup- control which refers to also include catering to Global South would entail the world, Unlike decoution in trade and a lack of complete control of exter- climate change and the building its infrastructure pling, de-risking should

towards clean energy by ity and pandemic-like the Global South is also a situations. Making their process of de-risking not economies dependent on only for these nations but foreign investments is not the way forward. India has So when the West has been taking the initiative already realised that to de-risk the economies including them in a policy framework that is more

equitable. The other thing that is emerging is that countries must de-risk themselves policy, which goes beyond economic realms and also

less sophisticated technology. De-risking should also aim to slow the progress of the Chinese military. Preventing the Chinese army from accessing advanced technology with military applications should be done at all costs. This highlights how de-risking spans both economics and defence.

Over-reliance on exclusive Chinese products also needs to be reduced in the world for eg wrt the transition to clean energy. The world must ensure the safety of supplies for critical raw materials required for shifting to green energy (such as lithium), technologies (including electricvehicle batteries), and equipment (such as solar panels) that will be crucial to net-zero emissions are not an exclusive property of one country alone.

Yes, this is not an era for war and may be not for decoupling either but it is definitely an era of de-risking. An era when humanity needs to strive towards common goals, de-risking itself from those who have monopolistic tendencies. Larger good must always prevail in our minds cutting across borders and selfish interests. If the sustainable development goals of the UN are to be

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## Researchers discover new roadmap to beat bowel cancer

SYDNEY, OCT 8

In an effort to find more effective treatments and improve bowel cancer screening, researchers have discovered a new roadmap to beat the disease, a new study has said.

According to the study published in the journal Science Immunology, immunotherapy is one of the most promising new treatments for cancer, which involves boosting the ability of immune cells to recognise and remove cancer cells.

However, less than 10 Australia. per cent of bowel cancer patients respond to cur- act as our frontline defend- when more gamma delta rent immunotherapies.

that an important group extraordinary is that they were reported to have of immune cells in the constantly patrol and safe- better outcomes and large bowel - gamma guard the epithelial cells improved survival. The delta T cells – are crucial to preventing bowel cancer," said Lisa Mielke, tial cancer threats," she principal investigator at added. the Olivia Newton-John



"Gamma delta T cells samples, they found that ers in the bowel. What T cells were present in the "We have discovered makes these immune cells tumours, these patients lining the bowel, acting as warriors against poten- lions of bacteria, viruses

According to Mielke, ome. Cancer Research Institute, when researchers analease, others are extremely important for the immune system.

Describing how this new research may lead to improved treatments for cancer patients in the future, lead co-author of this study, Marina Yakou, said: "We discovered that the amount, and diversity of, the microbiome in the large bowel resulted in a higher concentration of a molecule called TCF-1 on Gamma delta T cells compared to other areas of the gut. This molecule (TCF-1) suppresses our natural immune response, the gamma delta T cells, from fighting off bowel cancer."

TCF-1 in gamma delta T cells using pre-clinical models, this fundamentally changed the behaviour of these immune cells and we saw a remarkable reduction in the size of bowel cancer tumours,"

"When we deleted

## 10.4 cr Indians may be suffering from obstructive sleep apnea: AIIMS study

NEW DELHI, OCT 8

As obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) becomes a global health burden, a systematic review and meta-analysis of the prevalence of obstructive sleep apnea in Indian adults has revealed that approximately 104 million (10.4 crore) Indians of working age may be suffering from the disease.

According to the study done by researchers from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, about 11 per cent Indian adults suffer from OSA, with men at higher risk (13 per cent) compared to women (5 per cent).

in the journal Sleep Mediassociated with "considerable morbidity".

"However, there is an underrepresentation of sor and head of pulmonol- Scopus databases for as hypertension, cardiac data from India and other ogy department at AIIMS. articles that reported the disorder, stroke or cognideveloping countries in

The study, published global reviews of OSA prev-members from AIIMS New alence. This systematic Delhi were Tejas Menon someone to stop breathof OSA in India," said the team of researchers led by

cine Reviews, said OSA is review and meta-analysis Suri, Tamoghna Ghosh, a common sleep disorder examined the prevalence Saurabh Mittal, Vijay Hadda and Karan Madan.

The team searched Dr Anant Mohan, profes- MEDLINE, Embase, and Other research team prevalence of OSA in the tive disorder.

general Indian adult population using sleep studies.

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Eight studies were included, comprising 11,009 subjects with mean age ranging from 35.5 to 47.8 years and meta-analysis was performed using the random-effects model.

Based on these findings, the study showed that approximately 104 million Indians of working age suffer from OSA, of whom 47 million have moderate-to-severe OSA.

"This represents a major public health problem in India with important implications for the global burden of the disease," the authors noted.

Considered a common vet serious medical condition, sleep apnea causes ing while asleep, which can result in disruptions in oxygen supply, lower sleep quality, and other health complications such

### Sticking to a strict veg diet may be partly in your genes: Study

AGENCIES SAN FRANCISCO, OCT 8

Researchers have said that sticking to a strict vegetarian diet may be partly in a person's genes and not just a matter of willpower, a new study has found.

The study published in the journal PLOS ONE identified a set of genes associated with people who stuck to a vegetarian diet for at least a year.

A large proportion (about 48 to 64 per cent) of self-identified "vegetarians" report eating fish, poultry and/or red meat, which corresponding study author Dr Nabeel Yaseen said suggested environmental or biological constraints override the desire to adhere to a

vegetarian diet. "It seems there are more people who would like to be vegetarian than actually are, and we think it's because there is something hard-wired here that people may be missing," said Yaseen.

To determine whether genetics contribute to one's ability to adhere to a vegetarian diet, the scientists compared UK Biobank genetic data from 5,324 strict vegetarians (consuming no fish, poultry or red meat) to 329,455 controls.

The study identified three genes that were significantly associated with vegetarianism and another 31 genes that were potentially associated.

"One area in which plant products differ from meat is complex lipids. My speculation is there may be lipid component(s) present in meat that some people need. And maybe people whose genetics favour vegetarianism are able to synthesise these components endogenously," Yaseen said.

According to the researchers, religious and moral considerations have been major motivations behind adopting a vegetarian diet, and recent research has provided evidence for its health benefits. Even though vegetarianism is becoming more popular, vegetarians still constitute a small minority of the global population.

## Our sense of smell changes the colours we see: Study

ysed bowel cancer patient

large bowel contains tril-

and fungi, collectively

known as the microbi-

While some bacteria

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NEW DELHI, OCT 8

Unconscious associations with our sense of smell or odour can even affect our perception of colours, finds a new study.

The researchers now emphasise the need to investigate how farreaching such "crossmodal" associations between odours and colours are.

the presence of different and colours with the flahumans perceive colour," said lead author Dr Ryan oranges with the colour of Ward, a senior lecturer the same name. at Liverpool John Moores

from two or more senses, of colours. such as between smells

ciate higher temperatures of age. with warmer colours, lower sound pitches with seated in front of a screen



- for example, the taste of experiments.

One way our brain that such unconscious by combining information can affect our perception fier for four minutes.

textures, pitch, colour, and strength of odour-lemon, and peppermint, and musical dimensions. coloor associations in 24 plus oduorless water as This sensory integra- adult women and men a control) was broadcast tion also causes us to assobetween 20 and 57 years

The participants were minutes.

"Here we show that less elevated positions, in a room devoid of unwanted sensory stimuodours influences how vuor of particular foods li for the duration of the to adjust one or both of

ants or perfumes, and

makes sense of an abun- 'crossmodal' associations the isolation room were true neutral grey. dance of information is with our sense of smell purged with an air puri-

into the room with an ultrasonic diffuser for five

"In a previous study,

we had shown that the odour of caramel commonly constitutes a 'crossmodal' association with dark brown and yellow, just like coffee with dark brown and red, cherry with pink, red, and purple, peppermint with green and blue, and lemon with yellow, green, and pink," explained Ward.

The results showed that participants had a weak but significant tendency the sliders too far away They wore no deodor- from neutral grey. For example, when pre-

Now, a study in Fron- none reported being sented with the odour of University in Liverpool, tiers in Psychology has colour-blind or having an coffee, they wrongly pershown experimentally impaired sense of smell. ceived 'grey' to be more of All ambient odours in a red-brown colour than "These results show

that the perception of Then one of six odours grey tended towards their Ward and colleagues (chosen at random from anticipated crossmodal and the smoothness of tested for the existence caramel, cherry, coffee, correspondences for four out of five scents, namely lemon, caramel, cherry, and coffee," said Ward.

"We need to know the degree to which odours influence colour perception," the authors wrote.

## Men's parental leave may protect them against alcohol-related health risks

LONDON, OCT 8

Men who have been on parental leave have a significantly reduced risk of being hospitalised due to alcohol consumption, finds a new study.

Associate Professor Sol Juarez from Stockholm University believes that the results of the study could be useful for policymakers.

"Policymakers should consider that fathers' parental leave not only promotes more genderequal participation in childcare, but can also ences, Stockholm Univer- cent

was to assess whether a 34 per cent decrease in before to after the policy fathers' parental leave (alcohol-related) hospitali- suggest that these health influences alcohol-related sations among fathers in consequences could be morbidity and mortality. the two years after birth, explained by the increase

mented in Sweden in 1995. Honkaniemi, researcher at aniemi explained.

This wearable bracelet can track



fathers to use parental Health Sciences. reduce alcohol-related leave by reserving 30 days harms", Juarez said in the of leave for their use alone found among hospitalisastudy published in the and resulted in the pro-tions for alcohol intoxicajournal Addiction from portion of fathers using tion and alcohol-related researchers at the Depart- parental leave increasing mental and behavioural ment of Public Health Sci- from 43 per cent to 75 per disorders.

The aim of the study implemented there was in parental leave use from They investigated the as well as smaller decreasing fathers' parental leave

The policy encouraged the Department of Public Most changes were

"Additional analyses "After the policy was evaluating actual changes effects of parental leave es up to 8 and 18 years use, rather than other policy that was imple- after birth", said Helena underlying trends", Honk-

## Running better than antidepressants to tackle depression: Study

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LONDON, OCT 8

In terms of improving mental health, running for depression or anxiety and taking antidepressants showed similar benefits - a 16-week course of running over the same period scored higher in terms of physical health improvement, whereas antidepressants led to a slightly worse physical condition, a new study has said.

the journal Affective Disora choice of treatment – participating in running.

group took the SSRI Esci- towards a slight deterio- the adverse effects of antitalopram for 16 weeks. ration in these metabolic depressant drugs. How-The running group aimed markers. for two to three closely



group sessions per week The study published in (over 16 weeks).

At the end of the trial, ders recruited 141 patients around 44 per cent in with depression or anxi- both groups showed an ety. They were offered improvement in depression and anxiety, howev-SSRI antidepressants for er, the running group also esting results that again 16 weeks or group-based showed improvements in running therapy for 16 weight, waist circumferweeks. Forty-five chose ence, blood pressure, and antidepressants, with 96 heart function, whereas the antidepressant group The antidepressant showed a tendency

"Both interventions supervised 45-minute helped with the depres-

sion to around the same extent. Antidepressants generally had worse impact on body weight, heart rate variability and blood pressure, whereas running therapy led to improved effect on general fitness and heart rate for instance," said Brenda Penninx, professor at Amsterdam University Medical Centres (UMC), Netherlands.

While most people are compliant in taking antidepressants, around half of the running group adhered to the two-timesa-week exercise therapy, the study showed.

"These are very intershow that physical health can influence mental health and that treatment of depression and anxiety can be achieved by exercising, obviously without ever, several remarks are important," said Dr Eric Ruhe, Amsterdam UMC.

LONDON, OCT 8

To help people suffering from bipolar disorder and offer rapid and personalised treatments, researchers have built a wearable bracelet and shared preliminary results of using wearable technology to measure electrical impulses in the skin and other physiological biomarkers which might be associated with mood changes in bipolar disorder. Bipolar disorder (for-

merly called manicdepressive illness or manic depression) is causes swings in a person's mood, energy, activity levels, and concentration. In the study pean College of Neurobased psychiatrists, in markers is electroder-



a mental illness that have used a research- electrical conductivity grade wearable device to indicate the level of to continuously collect stress through the reacseveral 'physiologi- tivity of the nervous cal biomarkers' during system – a potential performed by the Euro- the diverse phases and immediate indicator of may lead to dangers with episodes of bipolar dis- whether someone is in activities such as drivpsychopharmacology, order. Among the col- a manic, depressive or ing. It is also easier to a group of Barcelona- lected physiological bio- in a normal mood state. treat patients if we know collaboration with data mal activity which uses recruited 38 patients phase or a depressed

scientists in Edinburgh, changes in the skin's with bipolar disorder phase," he added.

and 19 healthy controls.

'We found that bipolar disorder patients in their depressed phase had on average a significantly lower skin electrical activity than the rest of the bipolar group or the healthy control group. We also found that as an individual moved from manic to depressive state (or vice versa), this was detectable by a change in skin surface electrical activity," said researcher Diego Hidalgo-Mazzei.

"This can help with a prompt diagnosis and early personalised treatment, but it can also help in preventing adverse outcomes, for example in alerting to an increased risk of suicide, or of mood swings which The researchers if they are in a manic

# JKPCC Leaders lead huge Save Constitution rally at Gadigarh to Reen Palace

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Karan Bhagt, TS Tony, religions," he said. Shashi Sharma, Pankaj

include Happy Randha- Lok Sabha election. He their interests.Congress the Constitution down Kumar Panch, Parshotam emerged a vibrant force party in J&K in the upcom-Mangat Ram, Sudesh leaders from political par-through J&K. In a big boost the Union Territory (UT) Kumar Panch, Ravi Kumar, ties that Congress would to the Congress party's Bal Krishan, Kunti Devi win with thumping major- prospects, more and more ted that instead of solv-Sarpanch Hakkal, Mittu ity in forthcoming ULB people are aligning with us ing basic problems of the Panch, Tarsem Lal, Sunil elections. The Congress to take the message of love people, the BJP has been Thapa, Girdhari Lal, Tarun party worked for decades and prosperity forward. Kumar, Abhijot, Nikhil, to foster social tranquility, This is evidente that the and divisive. "It is high Aarav, Ravi, Harsh besides brotherhood by uniting voice of the people of the time to educate people

democracy, Constitution and the country are in danger under the BJP JKPCC President Vikar government. "Congress Rasool Wani along with knows how to rule and run JKPCC Working President the government. Congress Raman Bhalla today led can develop the country huge Save Constitution better. BJP government Rally which started from assured people to bring Gadigarh and culminated black money, provide at Reen Palace Karan Bagh employment for youths where huge public gath- but failed," he said, while ering was addressed by addressing huge gatherthem along with Former ing at Reen Palace. He Minister Yogesh Sawhney, said the BJP had formed Former MP Tarlok Singh government on the basis communities and beliefs Bajwa, NSUI National Pres- of catchphrases. "They without any discriminaident Neeraj Kundan, Ref- assured people of 'achche tion. ugee Cell Congress Chair- din' and to bring black man Amrit Bali, SewalDal money, but failed. They occasion said that it is the striving hard to strength-Chairman Vijay Sharma talk about Hindutva. We Congress alone which has Babbi, SC Cell Chairmen were taught to respect all

Dogra, Bushan Lal Dogra, follows principles in polibound to the wellbeing of the Congress made all out Jatinder Singh Chib. Save tics, while BJP leaders the people in J&K. He said Constitution Rally was try to destroy peace and Congress has always taken sense of responsibility, Chairman Pawan Bhagat. country."People have to tion of every section of Prominent among those decide and chose between the erstwhile State and it Speaking on the occa- ship of the party has been gress and that our march is the BJP to save the future sion, JKPCC President trying to provide opportu- on the right track, towards of our younger genera-Vikar Rasool Wani said nities to people of all hues, power," Bhalla said.



Bhalla speaking on the served the people to the best of their ability, as Wani said Congress that the party feels duty tory provides proof that people. The top leader- UT is in favour of the Con- about the evil designs of

Bhalla said Congress worked tirelessly to instil the democratic values among its workers while en the secular and democratic values in society in the country. He said hisefforts to percolate the organized by SC Cell Vice brotherhood across the care of urges and aspira-significance of the unity, under the Bharatiya Janata sacredness of democratic Party (BJP) proxy Govt in values and its institutions present on the occasion fake and true leaders in will continue to safeguard as well as the sanctity of Jammu and Kashmir. He Govt. LG Govt has failed wa, Happy Randhawa, Raj said that Congress has will become number one to the grassroots level. to power in J&K during cess for the unemployed Describing BJP-led Gov-Lal Naib Sarpanch, Kewal in J&K and the joining of ing elections. Winds of ernment at the Centre Congress Govt will do Kashmir. There is neither Krishan, Ashok Kumar, more and more important change are sweeping and the administration in away with the discrimina- development nor any kind as anti-people, he regretpursuing politics of hatred

Yogesh Sawhney, former Minister slammed NDA Govt at the Centre for the Scheduled Caste (SC) and other underprivileged classes of even their basic the underprivileged communities are being totally ignored and deprived the Union Territory of said that after being voted the Assembly elections, people by the incumbent

has always been the mes-

community people. He exuded confidence that all SC people will vote en mass for the Congress candidates in the upcoming Panchayat and ULB polls and thereafter in the Assembly polls whenever these are held. He alleged that BJP Government has totally failed to come up to the expectations of the people. He said there was no governance on the ground while public was deprived of basic facilities. The Government has also failed to protect reservadepriving the members of tion in promotions to the category employees.

SC Cell Vice Chairman Pawan Bhagat and Conrights, not to talk of other gress Refugee Cell Chairrights. He asserted that man Amrit Bali said it appears BJP does not want elections because it fears defeat if polls are held. It does not mean that they should compel people to suffer without an elected to hold fair selection proyouth in Jammu and tion met to the aforesaid of employment for the unemployed youth. Our dispensation in terms of future generation, aspirdeprivation of their fun- ing for various Govt jobs, damental rights and social is holding protests for the last several months against NSUI National Presi- the recruitment scams and dent Neeraj Kundan in his demanding employment address said that Congress for them. However, there is no positive response siah of the underprivi- from the LG administraleged especially the SC tion, they added.

### **Oppressed classes** upliftment special focus of PM Modi: MP Khatana



JAMMU, OCT 8

Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today said that tions, abrogation of arti- dream will come true. cle 370 and hard blow to

dynastic politics. even used family lineage nefarious designs. to exploit the innocent munity in J&.

Kajal Chouhan, Prachi eration.

Chohan, Varun Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Raj Kumar, Aryan, Arun vaid, Bittu, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rahul Kumar, Choudhary Makhan, Raju and others.

MP Khatana further Prime Minister Narendra said that BJP government Modi has special focus to has ensured that benefit uplift the discriminated of welfare schemes reach against and oppressed to the needy and poor and sections of the society. multiple checks have been He said that many revo- ensured so that pilferage lutionary steps have been comes to minimum. He initiated by the PM Modi said that special focus led government includ- is on providing potable ing political reservation drinking water and electo STs, reservation to tricity to every household economically weaker sec- and in near future this

He said that for landless and poor a policy Addressing a large for 5 marla plot to landgathering at Village Dhok less has been formalized Waziran in Nagrota area, and houses under PMAY MP Gulam Ali Khata- are being constructed on na said that all parties these plots. He said that exploited scheduled caste neighbouring country and scheduled tribes for has been trying to disturb past last 70 years and did peace in the union terrinothing for their uplift- tory but our forces are ment. He said that some prepared to defeat their

Khatana urged the masses especially ST com- people to keep any eye on anti-social elements A large number of especially drug smugpeople also joined BJP on glers as drugs are capable the occasion including of destroying a whole gen-

#### Altaf Bukhari urges Govt to name **Budgam Railway** Station

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 8

Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari has called upon the government to provide a government job to the widow of DySP Humayun Muzamil, who valiantly laid down his life while combating terrorists in south Kashmir's Kokernag last month.

He also suggested renaming the railway station in his hometown of Budgam in honor of the heroic DySP.

In a statement, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Muzamil Bhat, along with two other senior officers, sacrificed their lives for the nation while fighting terrorists in Kokernag on September 13. I strongly suggest that the railway station in central Kashmir's Budgam district should be named after the braveheart Humayun Muzamil." Sadly, we often tend to forget the gallant soldiers and officers who lay down their lives for our nation.

## **India alliance started winning** from Kargil: Satish Sharma

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After the removal of Arti-

cle 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and dividing the princely state into two parts and making Jammu and Kashmir a separate union territory and Ladakh a separate union territory, Congress has achieved a massive victory in the first elections



Committee and former winning in Telangana and Chairman of Jammu Madhya Pradesh, we are Municipal Corporation, going to open the shop along with his support- of love for Rahul Gandhi ers, expressed happiness ji there too, after that in by dancing on the beats 2024, love will spread of drums and distributing across the country. The sweets while celebrating shop will open, he said the victory of Congress. that BJP made every pos-Satish Sharma said that sible effort to win in Kargil the way Congress candi- and many of its senior dates have won the most leaders landed there, in the Kargil Hill Council but the people of Kargil elections, one thing has rejected all their efforts become very clear that and expressed their faith after the formation of the in Congress and NC. He India alliance, the alli-said that the results of ance has started winning Kargil shows that after from Kargil in Jammu and the removal of Article 370,

held in Ladakh Union Kashmir, Satish said. That the people of Jammu and Territory, due to which in the assembly elections Kashmir and Ladakh are The Congress leaders of to be held in 5 states this not happy and they are Jammu and Kashmir are year, we are making a fed up with the BJP adminelected, while the Sec- comeback in Rajasthan istration. He said that if retary of State Congress and Chhattisgarh and after the BJP has the courage to reach out to the people at this time, then it will join hands with the municipal body. Also announce the assembly elections and see how the people of Jammu and Kashmir out the BJP from power and form the Congress government here too.On this occasion, Block President Janak Raj, Jammu Division Minority President Baldev Singh Wazir, former Sarpanch Shamsher Singh, Gurdas Mal, Arjun Kumar and a large number of leaders and workers were present.

# **NSSO** organizes Review Regional Training **Camp for Household Consumer Expenditure**



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 9

National Sample Survey Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, today organised Review Regional Training Camp for Household Consumer Expenditure (HCES) 2023-24 Phase-II at Jammu inau-sumption and well-being, tion. gurated by Shri Kishore and inequalities therein General National Sample the date collected in the Survey Office.

The training was attended by the officers Sh. Kishore Kumar highand the field staff of NSSO lighted the role of National out by the field officials of was imparted by Shri Sunil

survey.

In his inaugural address,

Revoke permission for fair in residential colony, warns protest

informed during the train- by planners and policy surveys for nation building that the Information makers, researchers and ing. collected in the survey will various other agencies at be primarily used for prepthe National and International provide an insight of variaration of weighting dia-tional level and outlined ous terms, concepts, program through determina- in detail the significance cedures and definitions tion of budget shares of dif- of present Survey. Shri used in various schedule ferent commodity groups Kumar requested the of HCES Survey. Training in total consumption for people of the State to give camp will be devoted to Regional office, Jammu compilation of Consumer full cooperation to the the discussions of con-Price Indices for Rural and field Officers/ Officials of cepts and definitions, var-Urban India. In addition, the NSSO, (FOD), Governious technical terms and Statistical Indicators of ment of India and provide contents of schedules to level of living, social con- correct & reliable informa-

In his welcome address Kumar Deputy Director will also be compiled from Shri R. K. Sharma Kumar, Assistant Director NSSO Office, Udhampur,. It was tical Database for the use the importance of these Regional Office Jammu.

Training Camp will be canvassed in the survey also discussion on data entry in CAPI. Officers and field staff of NSSO (FOD), involved in the process (FOD), Regional Office of data collection will get Jammu gave a brief detail benefits from this training about NSSO Survey carried programme. The training (FOD) Regional office Sample Survey Office in the NSSO field staff. Shri K. Khar, Senior Statistical Jammu & Sub-Regional developing a sound Statis- Sharma also highlighted Officer of NSSO (FOD),

## **Unnat NGO displays candles and** Lipan arts at Butterfly festival

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 9

First Annual Jammu Butterfly Festival was organized in the Environment Park Raika of Jammu, through which all those things were displayed by Unnat NGO and asked President Sudarshan country.



Candles have been

people to use only the Secretary of Unnat NGO the welfare of the people things made in their own said that our only objec- living in the orphanage. country. The program was tive is to buy and use the Paintings from Gujarat presided over by Unnat things being made in our which are known as Lipan Arts were also displayed.

The organization com-An Unnat NGO set up a made in view of the prises dedicated members stall at the festival in which upcoming Diwali. The such Dr Anuradha-Treacandles were displayed. income earned from sell- sure, Preeti Gupta, Kan-Neena Abrol, General ing things will be spent for chan Sharma and others.



Residents of Trikuta Nagar's Adarsh Colony in Jammu has strongly condemned the administration for ignoring the written objections and requests of local residents and allowing a fair to be held in one of the residential plots. They demanded immediate cancellation of this permission and have warned of staging a protest if their demands are

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ence of Shiv Sena(UBT) president Manish Sahni, with Shiv Sena Jammuprovided them with information about the ground situation.

Inhabitants of the area Pawan Gupta and R Anand revealed that as soon as While addressing the they received informa-Trikuta Nagar near the tial plot adjacent to the surprised when the adminfairground, in the pres- colony, a delegation led istration disregarded all granting permission for bility, he warned.

by local residents along Kashmir Chief Manish Sahni submitted a written request along with a verbal Kumar, on October 3rd, residents of Ward 52 in organized on a residen- fair. However, they were objections.

objections and issued per- the fair in the colony sigmission for the fair to hold on October 6th.

the administration's dis- ration, Fire Department, missal of the objections of and Traffic Department local residents has proven to investigate the matter that there is arbitrary rule thoroughly. and no consideration for the public's concerns. He that if the permission is emphasized that permis- not revoked as requested sion for organizing a fair in by the residents, they will a residential colony cannot peacefully approach DC be considered justifiable, Jammu again to seek the especially when it poses cancellation of permisappeal to the Deputy Com-risks related to security, sion. If their demands are missioner Jammu, Sachin noise pollution, air pol- not met, they will be comlution, potential crimes, pelled to stage a protest, requesting the cancella- and drug-related issues, as and during this time, if any media persons by local tion about the fair being tion of permission for the mentioned in their written law and order situation

nals corruption and called upon the Jammu-Kashmir Manish Sahni stated that Police, Municipal Corpo-

Sahni also made it clear deteriorates, it will be the Sahni pointed out that administration's responsi-

## Poster making Competition" under Wildlife Week Celebrations" held at GCW Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, OCT 8

Department of Zoology, Govt College for Women(GCW), Udhampur organized "Poster making Competition" under Wildlife Week Celebrations" for the students of college in continuation to the series of programs under "Wildlife week" celebrations on yesterday.

The entire event was organised under the patronage of the Principal Prof Anjali Mahajan and guidance of Dr. Sanjeet Kaur, Head, Department message, highlighted the Department of Music, of Zoology. Prof. Ashni importance of the theme- GCW Udhampur in her Devi, Head, Department of "wildlife conservation" deliberation emphasized Botany, Dr. Sanjeet Kaur, in the sustenance of life upon the need of conser-Head, Zoology Depart- on earth and the role of vation and protection of ment, GCW Udhampur students in conserving wildlife. were the jury members wildlife. She also stressed

life conservation".



Principal of the College The programme con- be the torchbearers of in the form of beautiful sisted of the inaugural, wildlife conservation in posters in front of the poster competition and their respective societies, jury members with great prize distribution. The communities, and areas enthusiasm and energy. program commenced for making this world safer The winners were selectwith the formal welcome for wild animals. She also ed on basis of content and address by Head, Dr San- lauded the effort of Zool- presentation. Prof Sarika jeet Kaur, Department ogy Department for such of Zoology where she kind of events and appre- Jasrotia were the other cluded with the formal explained in detail on the ciation for participants for dignitaries present in the vote of thanks by Dr. Santheme of the event 'wild- making such events a great said event.

The Guest of honor, Prof. Anjali Mahajan in her Dr. Seema Sharma, Head,

Participants presentupon the participants to ed their views and ideas Mahajan and Prof Shallu

This was followed by ment of Zoology

## **Formulate One Time Compassionate Policy** for Daily Wagers: BADC

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the valedictory

session which begun with the

prize distribu-

tion. The Pre-

sidium, the jury

members and

the other digni-

taries presented

certificates to

the winners as

well as the par-

The students

the GWC

Udhampur,

namely, Miss

ticipants.

Keerti Sharma of BSc

Sem III bagged first posi-

tion. The second position

was bagged by Ms. Uzma

Chandel, whereas, at third

position was Ms Sakshi

Sharma. First consolation

was secured by Shafiya

Mushtaq and second con-

solation was bagged by

Shibana Akhter. Dr Anita

Sharma, Assistant Profes-

sor Zoology Department

coordinated the proceed-

ings of the inaugural, prize

distribution and valedic-

jeet Kaur, Head, Depart-

The programme con-

tory session.

All Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK\_BADC) a registered organization of border dwellers has appealed to the Union and J & K government to formulate one time relaxation policy for all existing daily rated workers who are engaged and serving in different department of J & K government for years and decades but not given permanent employees'

In its appeal BADC stated that as of now many such daily wage workers have crossed their age limit of applying for regular posts therefore showing magnanimity, the J & K government must relax rules so that these workers are adjusted on permanent posts so that their family members also able to live a dignified life.

paid to daily wage work-tion.



ers in J & K is nothing but a cruel joke, these people are unable to even get two times meals forget health and education of their children".

The BADC Chairman

said all the previous government exploited these daily wagers and made hollow promises with them. Justifying the cause of these workers, he stated that be it Police, Power Department, Sports, Agriculture, Forest, Education, municipalities or Jal Shakti a significant contribution has been made by Dr Shazad Ahmed the non-permanent staff Malik, Chairman of the in their respective depart-BADC and former Vice ment thus they deserve Chancellor while sup- empathy and sympathy. porting the demand of He urged the Union Home regularization of all daily minister and Lieutenant wage workers as one time Governor Manoj Sinha relaxation said "The to consider the prayer of monthly remuneration workers for regulariza-

# villages, apprise youths of bad effects of drug usage

JKBS members visit various



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 8

The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members Firstly, tobacco usage is today visited various vil- highly dangerous for one's lages in Marh block and health. Cigarette smoking apprised youths of affects

of the drugs usage. Sabha's General Secreabuse than any other pre-righteousness. ventable health condition. Youths suffering from who visited the villages drug and alcohol addic- included Messrs Inspection also have a higher risk tor Bishan Dass Sandhu, of unintentional injuries, Rachhpal Kaith, Sat Pal accidents and domestic Sargotra, Darshan Kumar violence incidents. Drugs Lakhotra, Bishan Lal that could possibly cause Tugga, Sat Pal Motan, horrible problems are Mohinder Pal Bassa, tobacco, alcohol and Bishan Dass Tugga and

of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana on the body vary greatly each with their own side effects. harms nearly every organ of the body.

Members therefore tary R.L.Kaith and others advised the youths to said that more deaths, keep themselves away illnesses and disabilities from such addiction and are associated with drug lead themselves to the

Sabha's members marijuana. The effects Gula Ram Tugga.

### Delay in de-notification of Gair Mumkin Khad causing hardship to common man: Abhay Bakaya



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 8

Apni Party Spokesperson and State General Secre- major part of the planning tary Youth Wing, Abhay in Jammu and Kashmir,' Bakaya today said that said Abhay. the Government's delay in de-notification of Gair it is essential that the gov-Mumkin Khad in Jammu ernment takes immediand Kashmir has caused ate action to resolve the

here, the Gair Mumkin further hardship. We urge Khad is a land that does the government to expenot form part of any dite the process of de-notiwatercourse or source but fication of Gair Mumkin has been recorded as such Khad and provide relief to in revenue records

He said that the government had set into motion the process for delinea- erty holders and the tion and demarcation of buyers are among the Gair Mumkin Khads, but worst affected because of many deadlines have been restrictions on the Gair missed

However, the issue still remains unresolved, and the people do not suffer. the people are facing difficulties due to the delay

for a solution.

action to resolve the issue added.

of Gair Mumkin Khad and provide relief to the people. The Gair Mumkin Khad lands constitute a

He said that "Therefore, hardship to the people. issue and ensure that the In a statement issued people do not face any the people of Jammu and

> Kashmir." He said that the prop-Mumin Khand that needs to be lifted to ensure that

"Jammu is mostly inhabited on Gair Mumin He further said that Khad land since Maharaja the delay in resolving the time. Hence, the de - notiissue has caused inconve-fication of the Gair Mumin nience to the people, and Khad land is important to they are eagerly waiting restore the land rights of the property holders "We hope that the Gov- and buyers in Jammu and ernment will take swift its adjoining areas," he

### **Indian Army Felicitated Youth Selected In CAPF From Ramban**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCT 8

Dream comes true for its perseverance and con-Ratan Singh from Pagmul- tinued effort, two resident la selected for CISF and youth qualified the recruit-Atam Singh from Narthyal ment process to become selected for BSF through part of the security force. SSC GD in Ramban district prepared by Indian Army, both successful candidates who successfully cleared all and guided them on their stages of examinations and future itinerary to become

written exam in Banihal for six months. Ultimately, with Indian Army felicitated

training, and coaching for

are shortly due for joining professional. The event was attended by youths, opinion A drive on awareness makers, and media personfor the government recruit- nel. The populace apprement schemes was carried ciated and expressed gratiout by Indian Army post tude towards the Indian which motivated youth Army for reaching out in from remote areas in the remote areas and guiding hilly region of Ramban dis- youths for joining security trict were identified and forces and formatting sociwere given pre recruitment ety for a bright future.

## Dietary intervention in combination with caloric restrictions improves CVD risk: Dr Sushil

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 8

In order to make masses aware of the cardio protective benefits of fasting Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long Cardiac awareness cum health Check up camp at Village Bhatyari, Block Bishnah ,Jammu regarding the benefits of fasting vascular risk including sity, type 2 diabetes, nonin decreasing the morbid-caloric restriction, which alcoholic fatty liver disease ity and mortality associ- involves limiting calories (NAFLD), and also patients ated with cardiovascular consumed during a given at a normal weight.

and religious diversity humans practiced with great dedi-One such auspicious fesfasting during this period ous health benefits. Obe- intermittent fasting (IF), He Said. sity along with poor diet time-restricted eating of cardiovascular disease humans have been steadi-



shown to improve cardio- with overweight or obeperiod. Caloric restriction He added that fasting

the people Dr Sushil Stated in weight, blood pressure similar to caloric restrictension should be careful that India exhibits cultural and insulin sensitivity in tion, as it utilizes the principle of restricting food effect. He elaborated that Fast- intake. There are several cation and enthusiasm. ing lowers the risk of dia- proposed mechanisms for of the area Smt Archana betes and coronary heart how fasting could lead tival is "Navratri," cele- disease. Research studies to better cardiovascular brated by Hindus in India evidenced that intermit- outcomes. The Oxidative Chanchal Sharma (Panch), and worldwide. Navratri tent fasting improves Stress Hypothesis supports is observed twice a year blood cholesterol levels decreased oxidative insult. at the onset of summers and alleviates the risk of A second theory, the circaand winters, and accord- associated conditions. dian rhythm hypothesis, ing to religious beliefs, While fasting is an ancient is associated more with practice, research over the intermittent fasting than is auspicious as Goddess last decade has highlighted caloric restriction, indicat-Durga bestows her bless- its potential as a method of ing a mechanism unique ings upon all. However, obtaining weight loss and to intermittent fasting. A the scientific justification other cardio metabolic third theory involves intersays that fasting during sea- health benefits. Several mittent fasting inducing a sonal change helps in puridifferent patterns of fast-ketogenic state, which has fication and the intake of ing have emerged, includ-been linked to decreases in Dr Dhaneshwer kapoor. Saatvik food imparts variing alternate-day fasting, cardiovascular risk factors,

While summarising the are important, modifiable (TRE), and periodic fast- benefits of fasting Dr Sushil contributors to the rise ing. Subsequent data in Sharma told that Fasting during Navratri helps to with an estimated attribut- ly accumulating and show boost our overall wellable risk of 13% to cardio- beneficial effects in popula- being in all four dimen- Arun Singh, Rohit Nayyar, vascular mortality. There tions at high risk for ath-sions of health, namely, Akshay Singh, Jamshed are several dietary inter- erosclerotic cardiovascular mental, physical, emo- Ali, Gourav Sharma, Rahul

food choices during fasting help to improve our digestive system and eliminate various gastric issues like bloating and gastritis. A self-disciplined lifestyle and prayers provide inner peace and boost an individual's mental and emotional aspects. Although the exact mechanisms remain to be elucidated, fasting appears to positively impact multiple cardiovascular risk factors including obesity, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and diabetes. However people with diabetes, While interacting with is linked to improvement is a dietary intervention heart Diseases and hyperabout the fasting and its

Prominent members Jamwal (Sarpanch), Surjit Singh (Ex-Sarpanch), Sushil Kumar (Panch), Ganesh Dutt (Panch), Master Ramesh Chander and Mukesh Sharma appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health Check up in their village.

Others who were part of this camp included Dr Yashwant Sharma and Paramedics and Volunteers include Nirvair Singh Bali, Rajkumar, Ranjeet Singh ,Raghav Rajput , Maninder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Amnish Dutta, Jatin Bhasin, Paramveer Singh, ventions that have been disease, including patients tional, and spiritual. The Sharma and Vikas Kumar.

## Mahajan slams Govt over Unscheduled Power **Cuts in Jammu**

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Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena, J&K, has expressed deep concern over the persistent issue of unscheduled power cuts in Jammu City, which has left the citizens living in miserable conditions without access to basic amenities. Despite the rupted power supply has a day? hindered the progress

region. issued here today, Rajiv Mahajan said that the and uninterrupted power people of Jammu City supply in return but the have been grappling with the repercussions of irregular power supply for far too long. Not only are they enduring prolonged by Jammu people in power outages, but they are also burdened with ties. inflated power bills following the installation of to the Lieutenant Govsmart meters, he said.

witness the stark contrast necessary directives to between the promises of ensure consistent and modernization and the regular power supply in daily struggles faced by Jammu City. It is impera-

the citizens," he added. unfulfilled, leaving the right.



people in distress. He questioned the meaning of providing 24x7 power supply. Is the government government's ambitious is committed to power 24 plans to transform Jammu hours in seven 7 days a into a Smart City, the lack week or we consider that of consistent and uninter- 7 hours out of 24 hours in He emphasized that

and development of the the residents of Jammu are diligently paying their In a press statement electricity bills, and they rightfully expect reliable authorities sitting at the helm of affairs are not showing serious towards the hardships being faced absence of basic ameni-

Rajiv Mahajan appealed ernor, Manoj Sinha, to "It is disheartening to intervene and issue the tive that the government Mahajan highlighted takes immediate action to that the government has alleviate the suffering of repeatedly set deadlines its citizens and uphold its to ensure 24x7 power commitment to providing supply in Jammu, but essential services which these promises have gone are their fundamental

## Ankush Abrol kick starts development work in Talab Tillo

JAMMU, OCT 8

To tide over the crisis of water and sewerage prob- Provincial Joint Seclem in Ward No 30, Street retary, Ankush Abrol No 10, 11 of Talab Tillo, and Zonal Secretary Provincial Joint Secretary Dr. Vikas Sharma reit-JKNC Ankush Abrol today erated their resolve to started the construction take every step to solve of street lanes and sewer- the day to day prob-

Earlier several people world ensure that basic of the area had raised amenities are provided this issue while meeting to the people at their Provincial Joint Secretary door steps. JKNC Ankush Abrol and

sewerage and street drains was started today.

On this occasion, lems of the people and

While addressing accordingly the work of the people gathered



there, Dr. Vikas Sharma said that since the last pretty long time, Ankush Abrol has been taking many steps to solve the local issues raised by the public from time to time.

He assured the people that Ankush Abrol will continue to serve the public with similar zeal and zest. Mr Davinder Sharma, Block President of Jammu West was also present on the occa-

## **22**nd Institutional Animal Ethics **Committee (IAEC) meeting held** at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU, OCT 8

Under the able guidance and leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, the 22nd Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) meet-



ing was held at Faculty of agenda items out of which mental animals. After Veterinary Sciences and eight are from for laborato- intensive discussion, two Animal Husbandry, R. S. ry animals and six propos- proposals were recom-Pura campus of SKUAST- als for clinical cases to be mended for the approval Jammu. Prof. M S Bhadwal, deliberated in the meeting. from CCSEA (Committee Chairman, IAEC cum Dean Thereafter, the member for Control and Supervi-F. V. Sc & A.H, R S Pura, secretary presented the sion of Experiment on welcomed all the members agenda items one by one Animals), Government of and informed them about for detailed presentation India, New Delhi. steps taken by the Faculty and threadbare discusof Veterinary Sciences sions with the all the com- with the vote of thanks by and Animal Husbandry, R mittee members. Prof. Dr. Pawan Kumar Verma, S Pura for the welfare of Azmat Alam Khan, CCSEA Member Secretary, to the laboratory as well as large nominee and other distin- chair and other members animals kept in the animal guished members were of Institutional Animal houses of the Faculty. He actively involved in the 3R Ethics committee of Facinformed the esteemed concept i.e. reduce, reuse ulty of Veterinary Sciences committee members that and refine the research and Animal Husbandry, R. there are fourteen (14) protocol for use of experi- S. Pura

The meeting ended

## Nissan Magnite KURO special edition introduced at 8.27 lakh

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Nissan Motor India (NMIPL) today introduced for its Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite, the KURO Special Edition in Black at a starting price of INR 8.27 LAKHS (ex-showroom, Delhi). The bookings of the Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition are open with a booking amount of all upper grades, including Magnite XV MT, Magnite

Turbo XV CVT.

The Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition cel- KURO Special Edition ebrates Nissan's endur- offers a distinctive style ing partnership with the and value proposition to International Cricket the customers who are Council (ICC) as the official looking for a compact SUV



driving the Nissan Magnite. Turbo XV MT, and Magnite Winners will be decided by a lucky draw.

The Nissan Magnite ity.

INR 11,000. It is available in ets by visiting the nearest style and Japanese ele-Nissan dealership and test gance. The KURO Themed Special Edition SUV is also reflective of premium quality and established reliabil-

Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director of Nissan Motor India said, "The Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition is a combinapartner of the ICC Men's that stands out from the tion of Style, Value and Cricket World Cup 2023. crowd. Derived from the Safety with a strong value To celebrate this enduring Japanese word for 'BLACK,' proposition. The special partnership with the ICC, a the name KURO captures edition showcases our special contest for the cus- the essence of this Spe- commitment to deliver to tomers to provide them a cial Edition, personifying the changing aspirational unique opportunity to a unique product theme needs and preferences of win World Cup match tick- blended with imposing the discerning customers."

## JK People's Party Chief demands tunnels for Sadhna & Razdan Pass

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 8

Reacting sharply to LG Manoj Sinha's announcement over connecting of Kupwara district to rail network, JK People's



Party Chief Sheeban Ashai around six months residemanded current regime dents of Karnah and Gurez ly for residents of Gurez, to first fulfil its old prom- are are cut off with rest of Razdan pass which is at ises. Ashai lashed out at erstwhile state. Residents the height of about 11672 BJP for its deceitful-per- of Karnah have been pro- feet above sea level is fidious brand of politics. testing for construction the main reason for it's He said, "What happened of tunnel for about three remaining cut off every to tunnels of Sadna Top decades at Sadhna pass winter. In winters it snows and Razdan Pass? Let the on Kupwara- Tangdhar around 20 feet & tunnel Government of day first highway. This particular is the only alternative for come clean on promises stretch has become a death uninterrupted connectivthey have been making trap for people. More than ity. One can imagine plight to people of North Kash- 200 persons have died in of residents as Gurez-Banmir especially Gurez and the nine years due to mas-Karnah for construction sive avalanches at Sadhna from the rest of the world of tunnels in respective top. Construction of the for more than 6 months areas, over last nine years. Sadhna Pass tunnel will For months together provide Karnah, a far-flung Government had also pro-Gurez and Karnah people area near the Line of Conposed an alternate road face immense problems trol (LOC) in Kupwara dis-from Gurez to Athwatoo in due to weather vagaries, trict, all-weather connec- Bandipora. The alternate patients have to be car-tivity with the rest of the road would have reduced ried on shoulders. Ashai state. Every winter season distance by more than 45 rubbished tall claims of it snows heavily at Sadhna kilometers & provided current and previous dis- and Kupwara-Karnah much-needed relief to the pensations right from 1996 stretch becomes highly for their abysmal failures vulnerable to avalanches asked BJP regime of what to address just demands and landslides. It gets dis- happened to all those proof people of North Kash- connected from the rest mir. Before promising rail of Kashmir for around six ising rail link to Kupwara link to Kupwara, Govern- months creating shortages present day regime must ment of the day should of essential and medical be embarassed of its track first fulfil their old prom- supplies. Scores of times record of past nine years". ises. Ashai lambasted Modi people residing in Karnah JK People's Party leaderand ilk's indecorous poli- had to carry patients on ship top brass demanded tics, called them a bunch our shoulders and trek to all weather connectivity

2018 government invited tenders from consultancies for providing feasibility, technicality for the tunnel and approach roads. Ashai questioned BJP regime led by Modi and Shah, what became of those tenders? Similardipora road remains cut off due to heavy snowfall. people of Gurez. Ashai posed plans? Before promof malfeasent liars. Every reach hospitals in nearby for both Gurez and Karnah year during winters, for Kupwara or Srinagar. In in North Kashmir

### Govt. GLDM Degree College Hiranagar celebrates National Wildlife Week

HIRANAGAR, OCT 8

In an effort to foster wildlife conservation and upraise awareness about the seriousness of preserving India's wildlife and natural heritage, Government GLDM Degree College Hiranagar recently celebrated National Wildlife Week sponsored by JK Science Technology and Innovation Council, J&K, with a bunch of engaging The third event orga-

nized in continuation with the celebration of National Wildlife week was documentary screening on wild life of various animals. The programme started with the welcome address of Prof. Nidhi, she further explained the importance of wild flora and fauna in maintaining the ecological balance of nature. Dr Anju Rani presented a formal vote of thanks. The fourth event was

marked by organizing an expert talk on the wildlife conservation.DrArunkumar formally welcomed the experts of the day. day was Mr. Vijay Kumar, enlightening, Wildlife Warden, Kathua, who focused on the fact thatthe price of human poor, innocent animals. fact that some animal species are getting depleted at an alarming rate. Moregeneration to be aware of and if it is allowed to conmajestic animals even in efit from the visit. the zoo. The second expert



species of birds from the region. The Principal of the college DR Pragya efforts of the resource The first expertfor the event communicative and The week-long celebra-

Fieldvisit toJasrota Wildgreed is being paid by life Sanctuary, where in 50 students participated. Dr. He further engrossed the Pragya Khanna, principal of the college introduced Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary right side of the banks of the present state of affairs the River Ujh. She asked students to notice and

who very beautifully pre- MrVikramjamwal (PTI) green pigeon, and blue sented the various types of and Dr. Bharat Bhushan-rock pigeon.

soon, by observing fast

the wild fauna being found focused on the importance in the region of Jammu he of environmental trips also explained the reason for the students which is of extinction of various something new and is a welcome break from their daily routine. And further fouced that such trip expe-Khanna applauded the riences create an inclusive and succinct connection. persons for making the In turn, that builds cognitive, social, and emotional foundations for their personal and professional tion concluded with a progress. The field trip was accompanied by Mr. Vinay kumar, Block forest Officer, Jasrota wildlife. He put forward the fact that the sanctuary is full the participants with the of lush green plains where a large number of birds over, he urged the young which is located on the and animals live. He further introduced that Axis deer are the most remarkable among them He furtinue, the next generation record everything around ther told that there are will not get to see many and gather maximum ben-large variety of mammals and birds are living in the Prof. Neha Bhagat, orga-sanctuary and some of was talk was given by Mr. nizing secretary of the them are cheetal, Barking Vinay kumar, Block forest trip along with the other deer, wild boar, rhesus Officer, Jasrota wildlife members Dr. Jyoti Rani, monkey, red jungle fowl,

### **Aryans BALLB** Students shine in Punjabi **University Patiala Results**

JAMMU OCTOBER 8

Law students of Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh, brought 3rd semester examination,

tions, cultural also. Such excellent results by the students add more name and fame to the College, added Kataria.

It is to be mentioned laurels to the college in that Aryans was the only the examinations con- Law College in the region ducted by Punjabi Uni- to be associated with versity, Patiala. In BALLB, Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) in the years Himanshu bagged 1st posi- 2019, 2020 and 2021. For tion with 77.2%, Naresh the first time, Pearson bagged 2nd position with VUE on behalf of Law 73% respectively and School Admission Council Gagandeep bagged 3rd (LSAC) has made Aryans position with 71% marks. College of Law the Exam Dr. Anshu Kataria, Centre for Law School Chairman, Aryans Group Admission Test (LSAT). congratulated the stu- The score of the test is dents and faculty for the being used by famous hard work. He said that law schools of America & Aryans students are doing Canada i.eHarward, Yale, well not only in academ- Stanford University, Britics but in sports, innovaish Columbia, Chicago etc.

### **Israel-Hamas Conflict** Stop these Attacks and **Counter Attacks: CPI(M)**

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frontation must end.

The United Nations must ensure the legiti-The Polit Bureau of the mate rights of the Pales-Communist Party of India tinian people for a Home (Marxist) strongly con- Land, withdrawal of all demns these attacks and Israeli illegal settlements counter attacks between and occupations of Pales-Hamas and the Israeli tine lands and ensure the forces in the Gaza Strip of implementation of United Palestine. Already, many Nations Security Council human lives have been lost (UNSC) resolution for a and the situation is poised two-nation solution. Palto escalate causing more estine, in accordance with deaths, miseries. This con- the UN resolution, with East Jerusalem as its capi-The most right-wing tal must be implemented. Netanyahu government The Polit Bureau of the in Israel has been indis- Communist Party of India criminately occupying Pal- (Marxist) calls upon the estine lands and establish- UN and the international ing Jewish settlements in community including the the West Bank. So far this government of India to year, prior to this conflict, ensure the immediate ces-248 Palestinian lives have sation of this conflict and been lost including 40 act for the implemen

## Ashwin monthly Shivratri fast on October 12: Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya

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of astrology, the lord of happy and blissful and all Chaturdashi date is Lord kinds of troubles in life go Bholenath i.e. Shiva him- away. By observing fast self. According to the on Shivratri one attains scriptures, the marriage salvation and fulfills all of Bholenath and Mother the wishes of the devo-Parvati took place on the tees. Shiva worship is Chaturdashi Mahashi- the destroyer of all sins. varatri day of Krishna On the day of Shivratri Paksha of Phalgun month, worshiping Shiva month. It is also believed and keeping vigil at night that Lord Shiva is on this while reciting Shivpuran, day. Had taken physical Rudrabhishek, Shiv form, since then monthly Katha, Shiv Stotras and Shivratri is celebrated on "Om Namah Shivay" gives this date of every month. results similar to Ash-Regarding the Ashwin wamedha Yagya. Method monthly Shivratri festi- of worship:- On this day, val, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President (Jyotishacha- ering in Shiva temples rya) of Shri kailakh jyo- from early morning. If Trust told that this year are unable to go to the 2023. Ashwin monthly temples, then worship Shivratri will be celebrat- Shiva by making a mortal ed on Thursday, 12 Octo-Shivalinga at home. After ber. Chaturdashi Tithi of observing the fast, Ganga Krishna Paksha of Ashwin water, milk, curd, ghee, month will start at 07:54 honey, flowers, pure pm on Thursday, October clothes, Bilva leaves, 12 and will end at 09:51 pm on Friday, October sandalwood paste, sea-Masik Shivratri will be ly Shivratri fast should to 11 Brahmins. \*Taurus\* day 12th October only. Monthly Shivratri fast Paran on Friday morning, 13 October. Pradosh Vrat will also be observed on Thursday 12th Octo-

on Monthly Shivratri. The From the point of view life of couples becomes Shiva devotees start gathincense, lamp, Naivedh, Shankar throughout the of this zodiac should tilak of ashes is applied apart from this, Lord and a Rudraksha rosary Shiva should be offered is worn. Worship of rice, white sandalwood,

Shaligram near the idol of Shiva, then there is no zodiac sign should anoint Shiva devotees of Sagitharm in eating the Prasad. \*Shiva worship according to zodiac sign\*:- By doing and while applying tilak mixing saffron, turmer-Mahashivratri, monthly with white sandalwood, ic and honey in milk. Shivratri, daily or every also offer whole intact, Apply a tilak of saffron Monday, all Shiva devotees will get best benefits shankhapushpi. Recite and offer a garland of and satisfaction. \*Aries\* 11 Shivashtak and also vellow marigold flowers. tish avim Vedic Sanathan due to some reason, you For Shiva devotees of donate white clothes to Donate yellow colored Aries sign, mix jaggery, sugarcane juice or honey sign\* Shiva devotees of Recite Shiva Panchakshar in the water and perform Leo zodiac sign should Stotra. \*Capricorn\* Shiva Abhishek of Bhole. After anoint Lord Shiva by devotees of Capricorn the Abhishek, apply Tilak on Shivalinga with red dalwood and honey in wheat in water and offer sandalwood and write water. Apply red flower it to Shiva, offer sesame 'Om Namah Shivay' on the and red sandalwood tilak oil and blue flowers to Belpatra with red sandal- to Lord Shiva. Distrib- Bhole Nath ji, donate blue wood as much as possible ute kheer made of jag- clothes in Shiva temple, 13. The auspicious time sonal fruits, Aak Dha- and offer the Belpatra to gery and rice as prasad remember 108 names of of Ratri Masik Shivratri is tura flowers, rice etc. Shiva. Also offer red flow- in the Shiva temple and Lord Shiva. \*Aquarius\* falling on Thursday 12th are offered to Shivalinga. ers and chant Om Namah recite Shiva Mahimna Shiva devotees of Aquari-October, hence Ashwin Those observing month- Shivay. Donate Shivpuran Stotra. Donate 11 lotus us zodiac sign should percelebrated on Thurs- meditate on Lord Shiva Taurus - Shiva devotees sign\* Shiva devotees of coconut water or sesame fasting day. After taking anoint Lord Shiva with perform Rudrabhishek Shami tree to Lord Shiva bath in the morning, a cow's milk and curd, with sugarcane juice and and recite Shivashtak. ber. By worshiping and Shiva strengthens the white ash, white clothes. the story of Shiva Purana. water mixed with saffasting Shiva on the day will-power and instills And jasmine flowers \*Libra\* Shiva devotees of fron. Lord Shiva should of Monthly Shivratri, indomitable courage should also be offered Libra zodiac sign should be worshiped with Panunmarried women get a and determination in and Mahamrityunjay anoint Lord Shiva with chamrit, curd, milk and suitable groom. Boys who the conscience. Special mantra should be chant- jasmine oil, curd, per- yellow flowers. Chant Om are delaying their mar- care should be taken not ed. Vedapathi should fume, ghee, milk, apply Namah Shivay. Reciting

Shiva devotees of Cancer Lord Shiva. \*Sagittarius\* Bhang and Durva to Bho- of Pisces should per-

Gemini - Shiva devotees offer sugar candy and of this zodiac sign should kheer to Lord Shiva and perform Rudrabhishek donate in Shiva temple, to Lord Shiva with sugar- Shivtandav. Recite the cane juice. Apart from Bel stotra. \*Scorpio\* Shiva Patra Shami Patra, they devotees of Scorpio should also offer whole zodiac sign should mix green moong, hemp, jaggery, red sandalwood durva and kush to Lord and honey in water and Shiva. Shiva devotees of anoint Lord Shiva with this zodiac sign should Panchamrit, offer saffron recite Shiva Chalisa. and red flowers to Lord And offer 11 Shiva Chal- Shiva, offer red halwa isa in the Shiva temple. and donate it. Remem-\*Cancer zodiac sign\* ber the 1000 names of Bholenath Shiva with tarius zodiac sign should milk, curd and desighee anoint Lord Shiva by white rose flower and and yellow sandalwood Shiva devotees. \*Leo sun clothes in Shiv temple. adding jaggery, red san- sign should mix milk or garlands. \*Virgo sun form Rudrabhishek with Virgo zodiac sign should oil, offer flowers of offer betel leaf, Dhatura, \*Pisces\* Shiva devotees lenath ji. Read or listen to form Jalabhishek with riage should also fast and to eat the Prasad offered donate Rudraksh rosary white sandalwood tilak, Shiv Chalisa will also be worship on this day, their to Bholenath, if there is a to 11 Brahmins. \*Gemini\* donate white clothes, auspicious.

## NCORD Cell GDC Udhampur and SaShastra Sena Bal Organises Orientation Program on Nashamukti

UDHAMPUR: 08-10-2023

As a part Nashamukt Bharat Activities in Azaadi Ka Amrut Kaal during the year of the G20 presidency of India, the NCORD Cell of the College in Collaboration with Sashastra Sena Bal (SSB), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, organised an Interactive Orientation program in the conference hall on Nasha Mukti, in which the Patron and the Principal Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta was the Chief Guest While Sh. Parag Chaturvedi, 2nd in Command of 31 Bn, Adhoc Commandant, SSB, Ministry of Home Affairs. Govt. of India was the Guest of Honour as well as the resource person. Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Convenor NCORD Cell, was the Coordinator of the Event.

Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Welcome the guests and informed all about the modus operandi of the Nashamikti Abhiyaan taken in hand by the NCORD Cell, as a part of Nashamukt J&K and

gram the Chief guest. Dr, must not become a nation in utmost pain. They were apprised all about the physicall weak, drug- of the vicious cycle of drug role played by the college slaves". and its various wings viz. awareness and mitigation sion on the topic "Say tuated them by saying ".



NCORD Cell, NSS, NCC, the resource person, Mr. for those who come from YSYB and other Staff mem- Parag Chaturvedi had a lower and medium class bers for grass root level detailed interactive ses- families. Mr. Parag accenof drug abuse. He applaud- 'NO' to Drugs". The stu- They were also motivated ed the efforts of NCORD dents were also shown 2 to join Indian Army, Indian Cell and SSB to join hands short documentaries with Air Force, Indian Navy, for such a noble cause. He relation to Drug Addiction Indian Coast Guard, BSF, also informed all about and its Consequences. He SSB, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, the serious consequences appealed to the youth in Assam Rifles, State Police, of keeping blind eye on audience that they ought etc. as charm & glamour of the problem of Narcotics to work keeping in view uniform never fades away. and Substance abuse and of their respective career to work hand-in-hand at semi-synthetic & synthetic session of the program. tions do not suffer and the burden not only on family, Drugs. They were shown Anthem.

Speaking in the Pro- a young nation, but we quently die at an early age addiction is quite difficult, In the technical session, hence, almost impossible

On the occasion Ms. also made all aware about goals and interests of Gurneet Kour, Arif Ashraf the strict vigil of the Col- family, society & nation. Khan, Jhanvi Dogra and lege, Civil Society and He further added that Kehar Singh all students of wherein he also apprised Government with respect they must keep them- First semester, expressed to it. He appealed to all selves away from natural, their views in the feedback

a war-footing level to Nip drugs because once the After this, all present ness en-masse. this growing menace in youth becomes its addict, were administered the Bud, so that the genera- he/she proves to be a oath for Saying 'No' to concluded with National

Nashamukt Bharat Abhi- country does not lose the society & country and Hell March of Indian youth dividend. "India is such drug abuser conse- Armed Forces. At the last a special session was kept reserved exclusively Romesh Kumar Gupta, of addicts, and mentally, apprised that getting out for girl students to make them aware of some other untouched aspects of narcotic drugs & a motivational movie was also shown to the girls.

Prof. Shivani Sharma ANO NCC, Dr. Ajay Sharma, DSW, and Prof Anoksha Sharma, all Members of NCORD cell, provided logistic support. while Mr. Sanjeet Singh and Mr. Vikram technical as well as media coverage of the event.

Prof. Romesh Atri, HOD Botany tendered the formal vote of thanks, all about the continuous organising of such events in the college for aware-

The programme was

## YV Sharma asks for "white paper" on indiscriminate power cuts

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There is no single day when we don't hear of power sector reforms in J&K & capacity additions that have taken place over last few decades especially over last few years.

YV Sharma, BIP spokesperson bemoaned in a press release today that as a representative of the industries body at the J&K Regulatory Commission several years back he was given to understand issues related to power in that the power system 2023 as they were probsuch other schemes, but thousands of crores of

the consumers of elec- of public money. tricity face in J&K in gen-J&K experience the same ect, probably because it is sumers to know the facts.



usually attributed to non-through a press briefing provided. availability of funds to buy that the water in river

under the UT administration. YV Sharma wanted to from PDD as to when can know as to what was new the people of J&K expect about the water level fall- a relief from the debilitating down in River Chenab ing power cuts. He asked with the onset of winter. PDD not to make false He asked the PDD as to promises, but come out whether they didn't know with details as to when that this was a well-known 24x7 quality power shall fact. He wanted PDD to be provided to the conexplain as to what alter- sumers of J&K. native steps were taken by them to ensure that electricity was available to the hand the Govt of J&K is consumers in J&K on regular basis even after water level fell in J&K rivers.

out with a white paper in J&K shall improve ably facing in 1990 or even on the reasons about why after implementation of earlier. He wanted to know they can't provide 24x7 PMDP, RAPDRP, IPDS & that even after spending electricity to the electricity consumers even after nothing seems to have rupees into implementa- thousands of crores have tion of new schemes & been spent in J&K for more power to Kashmir He regretted that more capacity addition the con-reforms in power sector. these reforms are tom- sumers have to face power. He pointed out that the tommed, the more are cuts then what is the great Govt of India has been Jammu consumes less the electricity cuts that idea of spending this kind pretty liberal in providing electricity but generates funds to J&K for reforms in He ridiculed PDD & power sector, but the end eral & Jammu province in said that recently they result has not been comparticular. These cuts are informed the consumers mensurate with the funds

He asked PDD to proelectricity, shutdowns for Chenab had fallen down vide details in the white carrying out repair works & thus sufficient electric- paper of the funds spent in power network, addi- ity was not being gener- by them in last 20 years tion of new systems & ated by the power houses & what kind of capacities very often non-availabiliestablished on the river & have been added in J&K next 10 days so that the ty of electricity from the as such there was shortage with Jammu in particular power consumers of J&K grid. The fact however of power Special mention in transmission & distri- are aware of what electricremains that the people of was made of Baghliar proj- bution sector for the con-

He also wanted to know

He wanted to know from PDD that on one encouraging industrialists to invest in J&K while as on the other hand they He asked PDD to come are not able to provide power then how does the establishment expect the investors to come & invest in J&K.

He also questioned PDD's wisdom to allot than Jammu when it is an open knowledge that more revenue while as Kashmir consumes more power than Jammu & collects less revenue. YV Sharma raised questions about the ethics of such blatant discrimination.

Finally, YV Sharma advised PDD to come up with a white paper within ity sector holds for them in

#### **BCCI'S U-19 WOMEN'S ONE DAY TROPHY**

## J&K eves begin season in style; script 4-wicket win over Chandigarh

JI NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, OCT 8

Season's talent hunt and first of its kind practice matches at home, coupled with sheer-dint of hardwork by the administrators, mentors, selectors and the management especially, the coaches guided Jammu and Kashmir eves to begin the season in style, drubbing their counterparts from Chandigarh by 4 wickets in the Women's Under-19 One Day Trophy match at Aditya Academy Ground, Kolkata today.

Earlier, winning the number of overs, making modest total of 111 runs in runs in her 4 overs. the stipulated 27 overs.



30 runs off 40 balls with 2 got runout at her indiboundaries.

For J&K, though almost length, yet right-arm

Sarah played a brilliant Afreen Malik and Manya Rudrakshi contributed 19 Jyoti Bala as the Coaches; innings of unbeaten 54 Banotra began with cau- off just 17 balls including runs off 86 balls studded tion and aggression to 2 fours. with 4 fours, while Gul-score 41 runs in first 8

vidual score of 16 runs off 30 balls, studded with 3 all the bowlers bowled boundaries. Both the batwith disciplined line and ters showed grit and guts and played the ball with toss and batting first after leg-spinner and skipper fluidity, solidity and grace a delayed start, forcing Ananaya Sharma was the to score runs at a brisk the umpires to curtail the pick of the bowlers, taking rate. Manya continued Legal Affairs JKCA con-2 wickets by conceding 17 her brilliance and along it a 27 overs-a-side match, runs in her 6 overs, while with batting mainstay Chandigarh after start- right-arm medium pacer Rudrakshi Chib took the ing the innings cautious- Aanvi Singh claimed one score to 66 runs in 12.2 ly managed to score a wicket by giving away 15 overs. Manya scored 28 runs off 45 balls, studded In reply, J&K openers with 4 boundaries, while agers; Huwaid Hamid and

Later in the innings naaz contributed valuable overs, before the former Shanu Devi (11\*) and Physiotherapist.

Aanvi Singh (7\*) held their nerves when it mattered the most in the crunch situation and took their side to home in 27th over.

**JINDRAH IMAGES** 

I&K cruised past the total in 26.2 overs by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets.

For Chandigarh, Parushi Prabhakar took 3 wickets by conceding 27 runs in 6 overs, while Poorvi Singh claimed one wicket by giving away 15 runs in her 5 overs.

The Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations IKCA and Sunil Sethi, Member gratulated the team for this big win.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Ravi Dogra and Neha Slathia as the Man-Rohit Rana as the Trainer; Sheikh Suhail, Video Analyst and Bisma Gulzar as



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

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

e-NIT No.65of 2023-24Dated:04-10-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD,Railwaysand otherState/CentralGovernmentsforthefollowingworks:

S. No.	NameofWork	Adv.Cost (Rs. inLacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (InRupees)	EarnestMoney @2% of Advertised Cost (InRupees)	Time ofCompletio n	Class ofContractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Development of Mini Stadium at Drabshalla under Area Development Plan (BDC Grants) 2023-24	24.29	600.00	48580.00	60 Days	"A,B,C"
2.	Construction of Steel Fabricated structure at Adarsh Academy Kishtwar (Under CSR &DM FPlan)	21.63	600.00	43,260.00	60 Days	"A,B,C"

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

	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-10-2023				
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-10-2023to 25-10-2023, 1600 Hrs.				
	3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	20-10-2023				
	4	Bid submission Start Date	04-10-2023 from 1600 Hrs.				
	5	Bid Submission End Date	25-10-2023up to 1600 Hrs.				
	6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	25-10-2023on or after 1700 Hrs. in the Office of				
	U	(Online)	Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar.				
	7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is				
		(Online)	completed.				

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Kishtwar uploading a copy of treasury challanand EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar as mentioned in the bid documents. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- Theelectronic bidding system would not allow any lates ubmission of bids after due date and time as per servertime. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- 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 Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- 4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The bidder shall be disqualified from bidding for any contract with this office for a period of 03 Years from the date of
- Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.
- 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.into 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 will be accepted in physical
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

No. e-tenders/Kishtwar/1012-1024 Dated: <u>04-10-2023</u>

**Executive Engineer** PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar

DIP/J-9230/23 Date: 8-10-23

## Men's ODI WC: KL Rahul, Virat Kohli carry India to memorable six-wicket win over Australia

A stunning 165-run partnership off 215 balls between KL Rahul (97 not out) and Virat Kohli (85) carried India to a memorable six-wicket win over Australia to start their 2023 Men's ODI World Cup campaign on a high at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Sunday.

After Ravindra Jadeja spun a vicious web of leftarm spin mastery while picking an outstanding 3-28 as spinners helped India the scoreboard moving with bowl out Australia for just 199 in 49.3 overs, the visitors caused early jitters in line. the hosts' camp by reducing them to 2-3 in two overs.

extremely high, Rahul and Starc did what the doctor movement, ended the over Kohli joined forces and used ordered by enticing Ishan by having Shreyas Iyer hit a to resurrect the innings wide delivery and edged to fielder to fall for a three-ball and get India on track in first slip for a golden duck, duck. the chase. Kohli was also giving the left-arm pacer his



Rahul in a critical partner- misery on India by getting ship to get India over the

Australia needed to strike Sharma lbw for a six-ball with the new ball to put duck. The right-arm pacer, With the pressure being India under pressure and

bringing out straight drive for a boundary. off him for a boundary.

The crowd had a huge over when Mitchell Marsh, running in from mid-wicket, couldn't hold on to a topedge coming from Kohli's mistimed pull, giving the India ended power-play at

Kohli then flicked off his wrists twice in the midwicket region off Cameron Green in the 15th over, followed by Rahul timing his late cuts perfectly to pick

cheer when Kohli got his keep the scoreboard moving incredible win.

first runs, though he was with their quick running later on beaten by Starc between the wickets, before and Hazlewood. KL Rahul the former raised his fifty got India's first boundary with a pull off Pat Cummins. by driving an overpitched Two overs later, Rahul got Hazlewood delivery for his half-century, followed four, followed by Kohli by Kohli pulling Cummins

With dew also coming in, plus Zampa not getting right sigh of relief in the eighth length, Kohli and Rahul continued to take boundaries off pacers and spinners as India inched closer to victory. After Kohli pulled straight to mid-wicket off batter a reprieve at 12, as Hazlewood and fell for 85, Hardik Pandya slammed Hazlewood for a lofted six over long-off, also the first maximum of the chase.

Rahul then danced down the pitch to loft Maxwell over long-off for six and followed it up to muscle a four a brace of fours off Adam over the non-striker's head. their extensive experience Kishan to slash hard at a short ball straight to cover Zampa before driving He finished off the chase through extra cover for his in style with a well-timed third boundary off the 18th lofted six over cover and was down on his haunch-

Kohli and Rahul would es as India completed an

the Asian Games.

If the opening ceremony was centred on water in Games. its various forms, the closing ceremony focussed mittee of the Hangzhou the exciting and touch- ence of Randhi Singh, thousands of volunteers and millions of citizens of Aichi-Nagoya. of Hangzhou and nearby areas as well as every mittee of the next Asian better. person that made this

#### **ASIAN GAMES**

## Hangzhou bids farewell to participants with spectacular festival of light, colour and music

and continue the move-

of the Olympic Council

The acting President

ment in future.

HANGZHOU, OCT 8

Introduce the first digital turf in Games history, which is the fusion of technology and ecology, and the grafting of technology and art, Hangzhou bid adieu to the 19th Asian Games with another sensational display of light, sound and music that left a mesmerising affect on the packed Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium.

Embedded with LED of Sports Without Borders, lights, the turf is capable the harmony between of outlining changeable culture and sports and images of a sea of stars, the intertwining relations the turf is supposed to between thought and feelthe vibrancy of Hangzhou's natural scenery, and the shared bonds and closely connected nature of Asia.

with Manpreet Singh Indian players to win two

Games possible.

The closing ceremony the 20th edition of the also highlighted the spirit Continental extravaganza through popular motifs from the culture and music of Japan and Aichi-

Popular Kabuki actor represent an interaction ings with the hope that it Kankuro Nakamura perbetween "People and will inspire millions of formed on a virtual bridge, Landscape" showcasing youth across the Asian rendered in the style of continent to take to sports anukiyo-e woodblock print, the ancient art that his ancestors took from Aichi-Nagoya to Tokyo.

With Nagoya As hundreds of the ath- of Asia, Randhir Singh, Castle's Honmaru Palace, letes walked into the sta- declared the 19th Asian which served as a central dium, the Indian contin- Games closed. He thanked location for political funcgent was led by the men's all stakeholders and tions during the Samuhockey team's goalkeeper people of Hangzhou for rai era, as the backdrop, PR Sreejesh, who along organising the best Asian Kankuro and his son Kan-Games of recent times in taro performed in roles became the only two Hangzhou and invited the of "shishi" lion and cub youth of the continent to at the virtual palace with gold medals in hockey in assemble in three years in digital technology used 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya in in producing a splendid Japan for the 20th Asian display of Aichi-Nagoya's vaunted craftsmanship The organising com- and culture.

The message was clear on people and showcased Asian Games, in the pres- to all those present in the stadium that the organing moments of athletes then handed over the flag isers of the 20th Asian throughout the Games of the first Asian Games in Games in Aichi-Nagoya while also representing New Delhi in 1951and the will definitely try to orgaflag of OCA to the Mayor nise the Asian Games in as spectacular fashion as The organising com- Hangzhou has done, if not

> Farewell to Hangzhou presented its vision of and Hello to Aichi-Nagoya.

#### helped by a reprieve on 12 50th World Cup scalp and by Mitchell Marsh and kept the fastest bowler to do so.

**Men's ODI World Cup** 

### Sri Lanka fined for slow overrate against South Africa

**AGENICES** 

NEW DELHI, OCT 8

10 per cent of their match offences, players are fined fee for maintaining a slow 5 percent of their match over-rate against South fees for every over their Africa in the Match 4 of side fails to bowl in the ICC Men's Cricket World allotted time," it said. Cup on Saturday.

Srinath imposed the sanc- accepted the proposed tion after Dasun Shanaka's sanction, so there was no side was ruled to be 2 need for a formal hearing. over(s) short of the target after time allowances Richard Illingworth and were taken into consider- Shahid Saikat, third

NEW DELHI, OCT 8

After the enthralling

tennis action by the

senior stars, the 28th

National Tennis Champi-

onship 2023 is set to wit-

ness more than 180 young

talents battling it out for the U-16 and U-14 titles

across different categories

at the DLTA Complex in

New Delhi from October

In the U-16 category,

Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates Sri Lanka have been fined to minimum over-rate

Dasun Shanaka pleaded Match referee Javagal guilty to the offence and

On-field umpires umpire Michael Gough "In accordance with and fourth umpire Alex Article 2.22 of the ICC Wharf leveled the charge.

Over 180 players vie for top honours

at National Tennis Championship

in U-16, U-14 categories

#### **MEN'S ODI WORLD CUP**

a length delivery to nip

one back in and trap Rohit

who got in-and-out seam

With the crowd com-

pletely silent, it started to

## **David Warner surpasses Tendulkar** record, becomes fastest to reach 1000 ODI World Cup runs

CHENNAI, OCT 8

Australia opener David Warner became the fastest to score 1000 runs in the ODI World Cup history. Warner surpassed Sachin Tendulkar and AB de Villiers' record of 20 innings and achieved the feat in 19 innings playing against India, here on Sunday.

Known for his aggressive batting style, Warner has consistently delivered outstanding performanc-



es, making him one of the most celebrated players in the cricket

However, Indian skipper Rohit Sharma is not far from the Australian and needs only 22 runs to take the feat under his belt. He has scored 978 runs in 17 ODI innings and will be seen opening the batting for India in the second inning and will eye to snatch the record from Warner

## Asian Games medalist Kartik Kumar, defending champ Sanjivani Jadhav to lead India's charge at Delhi Half Marathon

Asian Games 2023 silver medalist in the 10,000m race Kartik Kumar and defending champion Sanjivani Jadhav will headline the Indian elite athletes in the men's and women's categories at the 18th Delhi Half Marathon, on October

Kartik Kumar, who is a very successful 10,000m runner, recorded his personal best (1:04:00) at the Delhi Half Marathon the runner-up at the TCS World 10K 2022, Bengalu-Indian to win a medal in



Speaking about running last year. He was also in Delhi once again, Kartik said, "It's always exciting to be a part of the Vedanta ru with a timing of 30:06. Delhi Half Marathon. The Kartik became the first atmosphere is absolutely electric and brings out the the 10,000m event at the best in me. I am feeling Asian Games since Gulab very confident after my

Kartik, however, will face stiff competition from the winner of the Dhaka Half Marathon 2023 Abhishek Pal, the champion of the Tata Mumbai Marathon 2023 Half Marathon Murali Kumar Gavit thon is one of the most both. In addition to this, and National marathon

and Durga Bahadur will I am looking forward to certain time.

also vie for a place on the retaining my title." podium in the Indian Elite Men's category.

Games in Japan then

won the TSK 25K 2022. Race. Moreover, Jadhav clinched the bronze medal in the money will see tens of 5000m event at the 2017 thousands of amateurs Asian Athletics Champi- join the world's best elites onships and triumphed in on one of the fastest coursthe 10,000m event at the es in the world. National Federation Cup in 2022.

excitement about return- INR 4,00,000 each and ing to the capital city, "The the prize money includes Vedanta Delhi Half Mara- the top 10 finishers in prestigious running events there is an Event Record in the world. The fast track Bonus of INR 1,00,000 and Experienced mara- always helps us to put in a performance bonus for thoners Kalidas Hirave our best performance and athletes finishing under a

However, the defending champion will receive strong opposition from ing Champion Sanjivani the winner of the TCS Jadhav will lead the charge World 10K Bengaluru in the Indian Elite Wom- 2023 Tamshi Singh and en's category. She record- the champion of the New ed a timing of 77:53 in the Delhi Marathon 2019 and last edition of the Delhi 2020 - Jyoti Gawate in Half Marathon and also the Indian Elite Women's

The USD 268,000 prize

The Indian elite winners in the men's and women's Jadhav expressed her categories will take home

#### Meanwhile, a total of 40 while the singles final will respectively. Telangana's Dhiraj girls and 56 boys are also be played on Saturday. Chand in 1998. Kartik's performance at the Asian winner Srinu Bugatha. Reddy V is the top seed going to participate in the The tournament also compatriot Gulveer Singh Games and hopefully, I in the boys U-16 singles, U-14 singles categories. offers a kit allowance for won a Bronze in the same will be able to win this year while No. 1 seed Delhi's The U-14 doubles category the junior categories.

9 to 14.

HANGZHOU, OCT 8

medals in all five sections, tions. India on Saturday sigof Korea's dominance of the final. the discipline at the Asian

had also cruised to gold medal. medals in the Men's and

56 boys and 40 girls will Riya Sachdeva, who will see 32 players vying

play for the singles titles, recently won the girls U-18 for top honours in the

while, the doubles match- doubles title with Maha- boys and girls divisions,

es will see the participa- rashtra's Asmi Adkar, will respectively. The finals

tion of 32 players in the look to win the title in the of the doubles category

boys and girls categories, girls U-16 singles category. will take place on Friday,

overcame his senior team-

couple of days ago, India Women's Individual gold

Besides the five gold With a clean sweep of gold Women's Team competi- medals, India also claimed a silver and a bronze medal On Thursday, the in compound archery naled a change of guard women's team defeated as Abhishek Verma once in compound archery at Chinese Taipei 159-158 in again finished second after the Asian Games in Hang- the final while the men's losing the 2018 final. Aditi zhou, ending the Republic team overcame Korea in Gopichand Swami took bronze in the Women's On Saturday, Deotale Individual.

The country, however, On Saturday, India's mate Abhishek Verma in failed to medal in the



Asian Games: India end Korean dominance in compound archery; recurve needs more attention

Jyothi Surekha Vennam the Compound Men's Indi- individual section of the making slow starts and wastage of his talent.the and Ojas Pravin Deotable vidual final while Jyothi recurve section with Atanu scoring low scores - Bom- players redeemed thembagged gold medals in the Surekha Vennam defeated Das and Dhiraj Bommad-madevara shooting two selves a bit when the men's women's and men's indi- South Korea's So Chae- evara falling to quarterfi- zero scores in the quar- team won the silver while Olympics programme for vidual competitions. A won in the final to win the nal defeats in shoot-offs terfinal looked a criminal the women's team bagged Paris 2024, it is very likely

really put Indian archery in 2028. on a pedestal at the 2022

lic of Korea's domination Team competition in both the previous editions.

archery is not part of the

to be part of the pro- would win). We have won However, it was the gramme in the next edition all this season, we were compound archers who to be held in Los Angeles the team to beat. Even if it

Asian Games in Hangzhou. the Asian Games com- we won all season. We took Their success also sig-pound archery section more than 60 per cent of nalled the end of Repub- did not come as a sur- the total medals from the prise to many as India had World Cup and the World in Compound archery, bagged both the men's and Championships," he said which had made its Asian women's titles at the World after the Mixed Team com-Games debut only in 2014, Championships held in petition. and had won the Women's Berlin a few months back.

compound archery does Director, Sanjeeva Kumar Agreed that Compound not come as a surprise to SINGH said the success the team's foreign coach as the culmination of a

Sergio Paagni of Italy. "We already knew (we started in 2004.

is the first gold medal for India's domination of India in the Asian Games, The Indian archery

India's domination of teams' High-Performance development programme