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President of India graces the 20th Convocation of University of Kashmir



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Kashmir, today.

ticipate in social service glory to this university by serving the country.

Referring to the motto in the leadership of the

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vocation of University of education and towards the in our country. light of peace, the more

students of University of forward on the path of saying which means 'there Kashmir to actively par- progress and prosperity. along with their studies. happy to note that 55 that it is the responsibil-She said that by doing this, percent of students at ity of all of us to preserve they could bring social Kashmir University are this paradise on earth. She change and set an exam- girls. She said that they urged Kashmir University ple. She was happy to note present the picture of our to be alert in preserving that alumni have brought country and its destiny. the Himalayan ecosystem. ready to play a bigger role work related to

of the University of Kash- country. She expressed mir which means 'let us confidence that the 'Nari move from darkness to Shakti Vandan Act' 2023 Hon'ble President of India, light', the President said would prove to be a revo-Smt. Droupadi Murmu that the more our youth lutionary step towards addressed the 20th Con- move towards the light of women-led development

Speaking about sustain-Speaking on the occa- our country will progress. able development, the sion, the President said She added that the society President said that the lesthat the country is proud and country whose youth sons of sustainable develof the responsible youth follow the path of develop- opment are part of Kashof Kashmir. She urged ment and discipline, move mir's heritage. She cited a will be food only as long as The President was there are forests' and said The women and girls are She was happy to note that

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Prez Murmu to pay obeisance, unveil skywalk at Mata Vaishno **Devi shrine today**

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Bhawan.

Governor Manoj Sinha

ing Rs 15 crore, serves facilities are being conto segregate devotees walk to ensure

the shrine. The Vaishno Devi shrine will have a sky-President Droupadi walk near the bhawan Murmu, who is on a (temple) area that two-day median visit would provide sepato Jammu and Kashmir, rate paths for incoming will pay obeisance at and outgoing pilgrims. Vaishno Devi shrine at It will be 20-feet above Katra-Reasi tomorrow the track level. While (Thursday) and inaugu- the present route will rate a newly construct- be used to exit from the ed skywalk and 1500 temple, the skywalk, lockers built in Parvati an elevated route, will

provide entry towards Officials told news the temple area or viceagency, that on her versa. The length of the second day of J&K skywalk will be nearly sojourn, the president 300 metres and its accompanied by Lt width will be 2.5 metres. Conceptualised with will visit Vaishno Devi an emphasis on safety shrine, situated at Tri- and facility, the skykuta Hills, in Reasi dis- walk will have seating trict to offer prayers arrangements for senior besides inauguration citizens and women. In first of its kind skywalk. addition, two waiting The skywalk, cost- halls with washroom

as a security measure structed along the skytraveling to and from CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

Learning fosters critical and analytical thinking in professional careers: LG Sinha

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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Wednesday said learning should be lifelong as it fosters critical and analytical thinking in professional careers.

Addressing the 20th convocation of the University of Kashmir here, the Lt Governor said "learning fosters critical & analytical thinking in professional careers, enabling steady contributions to ongoing social transformation in our fast-growing economy".

He said learning should be lifelong and in the coming decades, knowledge will be the growth.

the students and scholars.

"I am grateful to Murmu for gracing University of Kashmir's Con- women-led development. path of progress, both vocation Ceremony with her august presence",



dents conferred with gold vation, new invention & medals today, more than suitably respond to soci-66% are our daughters".

Accomplishment of main driver of economic our daughters, their self- robust mechanism to confidence, courage and serve local communities President Droupadi the ability to create new & bring change in the life Murmu, who arrived here records in education and of the last man in queue", on a two-day visit to J&K, various other fields is a he added. was the chief guest at the matter of great pride for Convocation presenting the entire Union Terri- convocation is a very degrees and medals to tory, the Lt Governor said. important day in the acaof a brighter future for the as in student's lives. It is nation and a step towards a stepping stone on the

educational institutions sional with infinite oppor-Sinha said, adding "It must strive to create a tunities to contribute to was heartening for me to strong ecosystem for build a strong and 'Viksit know that out of total stu- advanced research, inno- Bharat'.

ety & industries needs. "We need to have a

The Lt Governor said He said it is a reflection demic calendar as well Sinha said that higher academic and profes-

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Navratri festival in Katra to showcase 'Yakshagana' theatre presentation

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Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district will for the first time feature Karnataka's renowned 'Yaksha-



ing from south India and is closely associated with the state of Karnataka. Elaborate and colourful costumes, makeup and masks are among the most distinctive features of this art form.

Call centre at Mata Vaishno Devi base camp gets nearly 2,500 calls from pilgrims daily



Tele-MANAS mental helpline in J&K receives average 80

Terrorist hideout busted in **Bhaderwah**, Doda: Police



gana' theatre presentation centred around Mata Vaishno Devi, a senior official said on Tuesday.

All preparations for a smooth pilgrimage to the ral day," he told reporters cave shrine have been here. made by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, its CEO Anshul Garg said here.

"Karnataka's famous 'Yakshagana' theatre presentation on the theme of festival. Mata Vaishno Devi will be showcased on the inaugu-

(Radio Frequency Identification) setup.

Garg added that the chairman of the board had issued directions to incor- for registration. The regisporate various forms of art tration process will com-

and theatre from various mence at 4 am instead of parts of the country in the 5 am, ensuring pilgrims

won't have to endure long Yakshagana is a form queues.

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Garg said this year's KATRA, OCT 11 Navratri festival will see

A state-of-the-art call the strengthening of registration and the RFID centre at the Mata Vaishnodevi base camp in Katra in Jammu and Kashmir is 'We have increased the operating round the clock, number of counters to 37 managing nearly 2,500 daily calls from pilgrims from across the world official said on Wednesday.

facility plays a crucial role in aiding pilgrims to plan their visit to the revered shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas.

It provides updates on prevailing weather conditions, yatra status, availability of helicopter services, battery-operated vehicles, accommodation, seeking information about and other amenities at any the pilgrimage to the given time, enhancing the Himalayan cave shrine, an overall experience of pilgrims.

The senior official said the CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

calls daily **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, OCT 11

The UT-level Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) cell, at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS) Srinagar, is receiving an average of 80 **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

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of Bhaderwah in Doda district. In a statement issued by

Jammu and Kashmir Doda Police to the news Police on Wednesday said to have busted a terrorist acting on a hideout in upper reaches

agency, police said that

move is aimed to ensure

that the relevant rules

In 2020, the Depart-

government departments.

On February 5, 2020,

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TRF associate arrested in Baramulla JI NEWS SERVICE

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Security forces arrested a militant associate of Lashkar-e-Taiba's shadow group "The Resistance Front" in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said on Wednesday.

They said on October 10, on a specific input of militant movement in the Ushkara area, a joint Naka was established by Baramulla Police, Army's 46 Rashtriya Rifles, MI and 53 Bn CRPF.

"During naka checking, suspicious movement of one person coming towards naka point by foot was observed. While seeing police party and security forces, the suspect person tried to flee from the spot but alert naka party

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7 students suffer injuries after school bus skids off road, falls into ditch in Udhampur



mir's Udhampur district,

The accident took place

The injured were hospi-

police said.

istered

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

Seven schoolchildren in the Omara area, they were injured on Wednes- said. day when the bus they were travelling in skidded talised, police said, adding off the road and fell into a that a case has been regditch in Jammu and Kash-

Votaries of Art 370 were its biggest abusers: Dr Jitendra Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has said, votaries of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir were its biggest abusers.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, by using the alibi of Article 370 and 35A, both Congress and National Conference had for decades together denied the common man the benefit of Central Laws like property rights for women, voting rights to refugees from Pakistan, the Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, Prohibition of to 6 years and refusing to accounts about the recent



Morarji govt, which they refused to extend to J&K ensured their continuance

Wounded Paradise" by

revert back even after the history of J&K from creatconstitution amendment ing confusion in the minds was brought in by the of the new generation. "Jammu & Kashmir suffered a long nightmare of citing Art 370 because it blunder, blackmail and deceit propagated by vested interests,... You

Releasing the book hold the powers that be "Jammu & Kashmir - a in Delhi to ransom, and the powers, at different in order to appease cer-shri Jawaharlal Koul, Dr to appease. And this appeasement went on for vote bank. The same the book as a non-politi- and on till they arrived votaries however never cal narrative putting the at a situation where you felt shy of extending the record straight for poster- could not, (since) you

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Govt tells departments to create separate category for transgenders in recruitment

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are in conformity with The Jammu & Kashmir govthe Transgender Persons ernment on Wednesday (Protection of Rights), directed its departments Act of 2019, the General to include "transgender" Administration Departas a separate category of ment said, in an order, a gender for recruitment in copy of which is in possesgovernment jobs. sion of news agency.

The government today directed all the admin- ment of Personnel & istrative departments Training, Government of to modify the relevant India, had issued a simiexamination/service rules lar directive to the Central for inclusion of a separate category of 'third gender/ any other category" in the DOPT also notified the application forms in civil services examination recruitment to various rules- 2020 for inclusion posts in the UT of J&K.

departments will now the said exam. have to amend rules for keeping the option of sons (Protection of Rights) 'transgender' in the appli- Act of 2019, prohibits the cation forms for govern- discrimination, denial or ment jobs along with unfair treatment of male and female. The

of transgender as a sepa-With this directive, the rate category of gender for The Transgender Per-

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in power, he said.

Child Marriage Act 2006 veteran journalist Padam- times, were also ready

tain sections of society Jitendra Singh described term of State Assembly ity so as to dissuade biased were riding a tiger

President MC leads

Kalash Yatra at Ramban

Social Welfare Department, ALIMCO Weekly Block Diwas: ADDC listens organise assessment camp for **Divyangjans at Ramban**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 11

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A Special Camp for assessment of assistive devices for Divyangjans (Specially Abled Persons) was held today at Ramban.

Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam visited the assessment camp organized by the SWD in collaboration with ALIMCO to cater to the needs of aid devices.

officials were present on aid distribution. the occasion. Applaud-Briefing about the camps,



He said that the pur-He also stated that all thetic aid.

the Specially Abled per- DSWO Rahul Gupta stated the camps are being persons who are in need of that a total of 05 camps sonally monitored by the have been organized cov- Deputy Commissioner Municipal Council ering the entire District and concerted efforts are President Sunita Sum- Ramban right from Batote being put in to extend bria, Councillor Khalid to Banihal to ensure 100% benefits of the schemes Wani and several other saturation of prosthetic to all persons with special needs

The event also involved ing the efforts of the Social pose of assessment camps local PRIs and councilors Welfare Department and is to assess the need of who applauded the efforts ALIMCO, the DC invited the PwDs and provide the of the Social Welfare the needy persons to take assistive devices to them Department in ensuring the benefit of the scheme. as per their requirement. 100% saturation in pros-

to people's issues at Rajpura

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 11

Block Diwas event was organized today at the Ram temple in Block Rajpura to listen to the issues and Grievances of the locals. DDC Asha Rani and BDC Chairman Radheshyam Sharma, SDM Ghagwal Sunaina Saini, DSWO, Nawaz Sharif, CMO, Dr. Vidhi Bhutiyal among others were present on the occasion.

During the significant gathering, local residents and community representatives had the opportunity to engage with Additional District Development Commissioner Samba, Rajinder Singh who presided over the proceedings of the Block Diwas. The Locals shared their concerns, troubles, grievances, and demands, with a strong call for actionable solutions.



jected the need for better compensation to left out electricity, road infrastruc- farmers.

ture and streamlining the services of the Revenue Department.

Basautra expressed that Some villagers of Sujana the people of marginal claimed land ownership Block Rajpura need better health services. He high- SDM Ghagwal immediatelighted that approximate- ly directed the concerned ly 35 border-area villages officers to go through the under Rajpura block need details of the matter and separate PHC and ambu- resolve the same. lance services.

The community pro- release of pending Ditch concerned.

Block diwas proceedings also revealed ongoing issues related to the Sarpanch Suresh Revenue Department.

with old documents. The

Many issues related District Development to Electricity, road con-Council Member, Asha nectivity, education were Rani drew the atten- raised and were resolved tion towards the issue of on the spot by the officers

including Maati Yatra,

Cultural Program, Pledge

ceremonies and Painting

competitions in which

Appreciating the school

Meanwhile, Students

Ramban for organizing

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 11

Municipal Council Ramban on Wednesday students showcase their organised Kalash Yatra talent. besides other activities in the town under the theme administration and MC "Vasudha Vandhan" "Meri Maati Mera Desh" events, the President MC and "Mitti ko Naman, said during current year Veeron ka Vandan". The programmes have been events were held in col- focused to pay tributes laboration with Ramban to martyrs under "Veero Public High School, in Ko Naman" and "Veero Ka collaboration with

Vandan". She also sensi-President MC Ramban, tized the students about Sunita Sumberia presided the cleanliness in their over the function, while localities besides planting EO MC, Sudershan Kumar, trees to get a clean envi-Principal RPHS, Riyaz ronment under Vasudha Wani and several other Vandhan program. officers, officials and locals besides students partici- and officials cleaned pated in the programme. the surroundings inside

On the occasion, vari- and outside the Ramban ous activities are held market.

Awareness on Int'l Girl Child Day imparted to GGHSS students in Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 11

As per the Action plan Schemes of their respecfor the month of October, tive departments with 2023 issued by Jammu & special emphasis on "Beti Kashmir Legal Services Bachao Beti Padhao and Authority (JKLSA), District Ladli Beti" Schemes. Legal Services Authority, Samba today organized program were conducted an awareness programme by Versha Anthal, Assison "International Girl tant Legal Aid Defense Child Day" under the Counsel, Samba. theme "Our time is nowour rights, our future" nizing this program was to at Government Girls Hr. make girls aware regarding Secondary School under their rights related to Eduthe direction of Yesh Pal cation, Marriage, health

Project, Samba were the resource persons. They deliberated on different

The proceedings of the

The objective of orga-Kotwal, Chairman District and different schemes of Legal Services Authority, the government for them. their day to day life. The The event was held program was attended by in collaboration with the Bhabna Abrol, Principal fare and ICDS (POSHAN). Samba, staff members and Neemisha Rajput, students of Govt. Girls Hr.

DC hosts Amrit Kalash Yatra, presides over Block Diwas at Gandoh

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 11

(MMMD) campaign was sion and hosted Amrit steps. conducted successfully Kalash Yatra and mixing lives for the nation.

will travel to District Head- programme. quarter, and a mega event

October.

rations by Deputy Commissioner listening to Vishesh Mahajan today them directly Meri Maati Mera Desh visited Gandoh Sub Divi- at their door-

T h e in Doda district, encour- of soil, received from all People preaging people to pay their the fourteen Panchayats sented diftributes to the Veers and of the Block, in an impres- ferent com-Veeranganas who dedi- sive and grand function munity and cated and sacrificed their held at Revenue Complex individual Gandoh. He, along with issues, which The second phase of other District Officers, included con-MMMD campaign was paid floral tributes to the struction/ launched in the district Martyrs here at Revenue up-gradation encouraging people from Complex in Gandoh. A of TRC and each Village to take part colourful and mesmeris- its approach in Amrit Kalash Yatras, col- ing cultural programme road to boost lecting soil from villages in was presented by the local tourism 1st-13th October. From the Sub Division during the structure in the Sub Divi-Blocks, the Amrit Kalashs MMMD Amrit Kalash Yatra sion, Meeting the shortage

has been planned on 22nd Kalash Yatra, the DC also Regular release of old age ing a great India. DC said of October 2023, when presided over a public pension and other such that we ought to respect these Amrit Kalashs from outreach programme at The Amrit Kalash will then under Block Diwas initia- tened to all the grievances their precious lives uncon-Jammu before its transport tration to get first hand appropriate and early tation to the national capi- appraisal of the local redressal. tal Delhi from 22nd - 27th issues, demands and aspi-

Amrit Kalashs (Urns) and local artists and students in Gandoh, construction/ ing the gathering, voiced Gandoh the Block Diwas sending it to Blocks from of different schools of the upgradation of road infra- that the Meri Maati Mera programmes were held Desh' programme aims to at three other locations emotionally connect every of staff in Educational and individual, family, and citi-Apace with the Amrit Health care institutions, zen with the idea of creatissues. DC, along with and remember those real

as an ulti- locations and demanded mate tribute up-gradation of local infrato the great structure in the Health, martyrs. DC Education sector, besides also spoke extension/upgradation of Drugs road connectivity, water menace and creating and raised by the participants. maintaining The Block Diwas mecha-Swachh sur- nism has been instrumenroundings. tal in bridging the gap between people and the Besides,

administration. During the day long Block Diwas proceedings, Public and PRIs across the district at Panput forth a range of issues/ chayat Ghar Bheja, Block demands. Bhaderwah, Sub District Bhaderwah; Block Head-

The Presiding officers of the Block Diwas gave patient hearing to the issues and demands and

quarter Assar, Sub Division Assar; and Government all the Blocks reach Doda. Revenue Complex Gandoh other district officers, lisheroes who sacrificed Higher Secondary School directed the concerned Tanta, Tehsil Kahara, officers to prepare a list of travel to the capital city of tive of the UT adminis- patiently and assured their ditionally for our peaceful Sub Division Thathri. issues/grievances raised existence. DC voices for People in large numbers pertaining to their departmaintaining peace, hor- attended the Block Diwas ments and resolve the The DC, while address- mony, and brotherhood programmes at all other same at an earliest.

Menace and and power facilities in Swachhta the area. During the proand advo- gramme, demands regardcated for col- ing the macadamisation of lective efforts roads, execution of works in getting under MGNREGA, and rid of drug upgradation of electric poles, among others, were

DC Udhampur convenes public outreach camp at Muttal



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held in Panchayat Ghar construction from Muttal address the genuine con-Muttal.

tion of the local populace others. from adjoining panchay-

she attentively addressed the government Primary priority. a range of public issues and Middle school at Sunand demands. The weekly drani, establishment of a that departments should public outreach camp was playground at Muttal, road take concrete actions to

BDC Chairman, Nisha upgradation of the Bank defined timeframes. Sharma, DDC member, branch, the elevation of

several pressing concerns general public, issuing doorstep. and issues, including the on-the-spot directives for

implementation of the JJM the prompt resolution of scheme, inclusion of left- their concerns. She urged out beneficiaries under the responsible officers Deputy Commissioner, PMAY-G, delays in execu- to conduct an immediate Saloni Rai led an extensive tion work by contractors, assessment of all PRIs' tour of Block Tikri within road widening, construc- grievances and ensure District Udhampur, where tion of a boundary wall in their resolution as a top

The DC emphasized

to upper Muttal, the cerns of the public within

DC directed the depart-Ashu Sharma; Additional Govt MS Muttal to a High ments to conduct aware-District Development School, construction and ness campaigns to inform Commissioner, Ghan blacktopping of various the general public about Sham Singh; ACD, Dr. roads, the construction of various Government Ranjeet Singh Kotwal; a foot overbridge and the schemes, enabling them Sarpanches, Panches and extension of the area on to make the most of a substantial representa- the tourism map, among these initiatives. The DC assured the general public

The Deputy Commis- of further public outreach ats participated in the sioner attentively listened camps to be organized, Weekly Block Divas. The to the demands and issues ensuring that genuine delegations brought forth raised by the PRIs and the issues are resolved at their

DC reviews Patient care scenario in Jammu District

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 11

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today presided over a meeting to evaluate the status of the health sector within the district. The meeting delved into a comprehensive review of

Central to the discussions were strategies for facilities to offer a wide session. the fortification of Pri- range of medical services, mary Health Centers and reducing the dependence prescribed medicines in Community Health Centers. The DC underscored the pivotal role these fessionalism, punctuality, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, healthcare facilities play work ethics and adherence especially for routine necessity for patients to healthcare system. travel to Jammu city or treatment.

The meeting also availability of specialist cedures. The importance vices.

doctors. The DC empha- of Information, Education previous decisions and sised the significance of and Communication camtheir successful execution. equipping primary and paigns in healthcare was secondary healthcare also explored during the

Sachin stressed that on tertiary hospitals. hospitals must be read-In a bid to improve pro- ily available at respective

enhanced healthcare

sioner urged for a thorment Cesarean Section ough examination of the addressed pertinent mat- and advocated for com- supply chain and inventers, including staff posi- prehensive counselling tory of medicines within tions, the recruitment of to maintain balanced pro- healthcare facilities to medical personnel and the portions in childbirth pro- ensure uninterrupted ser-

Exploring Nature: Students Embark on a Thrilling Trek in Zone Ghat

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together for an exhilarat- throughout the day. ing one-day trekking program.

through the picturesque under the watchful super- incharge of this memoraroute from Ghat to Bha- vision of ZPEO Ghat, orga- ble trekking event, ensurbore, ultimately reaching nized a captivating cul- ing its success and safety.

the virgin tourist desti- tural program. The event nation Rai. The students not only showcased the immersed themselves students' trekking experi-Students from different in the beauty of nature, ences but also celebrated schools of Zone Ghat came relishing the adventure their spirit and camaraderie. Faheem Farooq,

As the sun began to set, Bhanu Pratap, Shahnawaz the Department of Youth Wani, and Neelam Kumari The trek took them Services and Sports Doda, played pivotal roles as the Samba (Principal District Besides this, the program & Sessions Judge Samba) also addressed the chaland Secretary Rekha lenges that girls face in Kapoor Nischal.

Department of Social Wel- Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School

Chairperson, Child Wel- Sec. School, Samba and fare Committee, Samba Para Legal Volunteers of and Meenakshi Samkaria, District Legal Services

Supervisor POSHAN Authority Samba. **DSWO** invites online applications for ISSS pension benefits

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 11

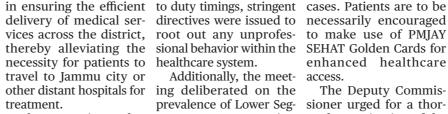
District Social Welfare upload with online appli-Department Ramban has cations for availing peninvited online applica- sions benefit are Domicile tions from eligible ben- Certificate, Affidavit by 1st eficiaries of the district Class Magistrate, Aadhar to seek pension benefits Card, Bank Passbook, under Integrated Social Ration Card (only PHH/ Security Scheme (ISSS).

District Social Welfare ing proof, Age Poof by Officer, Ramban, Rahul Medical Authority (OAP/ Gupta invited the appli- WID Pension), Divorcee cations under ISSS and Certificate & Non Mainte-

ciaries of District Ramban only), Death Certificate & who are still uncovered Non Remarriage Certififor one or other reasons cate (for Widow Pension and have not yet availed only), Disability Certifithe benefit under Old Age cate/UDID Card of 40% Pension Scheme, Widow and above (For Disability Pension Scheme, Physi- Pension only) and Affidacally Challenged Catego- vit of identity as Transgenry and Transgender Cat- der Person from District egory can submit their Magistrate (Transgender application form online at Pension Only).

jansugam.jk.gov.in along with requisite documents. Documents needed to

AAY for Old Age, WID As per a notice, the Pension), Aadhar Seed-NSAP pension schemes. nance Allowance Affida-All those eligible benefi- vit (For Divorcee pension



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DLSA Udhampur organises awareness

program in GMS Chanunta

International Girl Child

Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur launches macadamization work of **Balpur to Kamdala PMGSY road**

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR. OCTOBER 10

Vice Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur, Juhi Manhas Pathania, in presence of PRIs and local public, on Wednesday inaugurated macadamistation work on Balpur (Dhar road to Kamdala (Babey) via Sundla road in Teshil project a reality especially region and improve the Majalta amid thunderlocals of the area.

villages benefitting almost people of the area also at ZEO office Babey. congratulated the people much needed relief. of the area and informed

nearing completion. involved in making this economic activity in the ing experience for both to have peace of mind

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examination process.

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ous applause, rending contractor agency and the people. of slogans and boosters urged them to continue of appreciation from the working towards achiev- person distributed joining ing the goal of providing The road is being built better connectivity and AAYAS in a programme at a cost of Rs 8.28 crore quality infrastructure to organised by the Departand would connect to 3 rural areas. Moreover, the ment of School Education

2000 souls of the area. The appreciated the authorisaid road fulfils the long ties and expressed their tising the newly appointpending demand of the gratitude for the early ed "Aayaas," exhorted people for a standard all completion of the project them to play a vital role weather road. Pathania which will provide them a in schools, encompassing

them that the said road this road is a significant responsibilities. Their project is the first road milestone for the people importance lies in their hazards and incidents. under PMGSY-III in Dis- in the area and a testa- contribution to maintain- Their presence and trict Udhampur which is ment to the government's ing a safe, nurturing, and alertness add an extra For this, she applauded rural infrastructure. The ronment, ultimately influ- both students and parthe efforts of all those road is expected to boost encing the overall learn- ents, allowing them

the PMGSY authorities and overall quality of life for letters to newly recruited

a significance that goes The construction of beyond their designated commitment to improving efficient educational envi-

DC finalises arrangements for smooth

conduct of JKAS Prelims Test in Rajouri

Later, the Vice Chairis conducive to learning. serve as extended caregivers and emotional support for young children, espe-Pathania, while sensicially in primary schools.

Furthermore, Aayaas contributes to the safety and security of the students. They are vigilant and watchful, ensuring that students are protected from potential others. The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and or behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division: layer of assurance for

students and educators. while the students are at Firstly, Aayaas provides school. They contribute invaluable assistance in to the overall well-being of managing the day-to-day the school environment, operations of schools. impacting the safety, They help in maintain- cleanliness, and emotional ing cleanliness, ensur- comfort of students. Their ing proper hygiene, influence extends beyond and organizing spaces, their designated duties, which are essential making them an Integral for a conducive learn- part of the school comtional experience for both students and educators. Prominent among those

who remained present included Vishal Sadhotra, Moreover, Aayaas often BDO Khoon, Putcher Ram, ZEO Babay, Amit Abrol AEE PMGSY, Raman Khajuria, Sarpanch Sundla, Kamala Devi Sarpanch Babey, Manoj Verma Sarpanch Bilaspur, Nisha Sharma Sarpanch Mottu, charan Das Naib Sarpanch Nakki, Shiv Ram, Kulwant

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Singh, Bishan Singh and

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25.10.2023 at 10.30 Hrs Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment 19614-F1, 19804-F1, 14606-F1, 12478-F1, 22552-F1, 12752-F1, 14504-R1, 14036-R1 15212-R1, 22480-F1, 14036-F1, 14650-R1, 14036-F2, 22486-F1, 14616-F1, 14504-F1

26.10.2023 at 10.30 Hrs

FZRPARCEL-55

FZRPARCEL-56

28.10.2023 at 11.00 Hrs

12470-F1, 20986-F1, 14612-F1, 12550-F1, 22402-F1, 12474-F1, 12920-F1, 12904

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For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in.

27.10.2023 at 10.30 Hrs

Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment 19108-F1, 15098-F1, 15532-F1, 22942-F1, 11450-F1, 14012-F1, 22462-F1, 12238-F2 14614-F1, 14505-F1, 14630-F1, 12476-F1, 14654-R1, 14654-F1, 19224-F1, 12238-F1 14654-F2, 14634-F1, 14632-F1, 14632-R1, 14034-F1, 12446-F1, 19224-F1, 14682-F1

Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment 19326-F1, 12030-F1, 19226-F1, 12426-F1, 19226-R1, 14505-R1, 12460-F1, 12242 14624-R1 & 12238-F1. 14501-F2, 14614-R1, 14601-F2, 14614-R1, 14505-F2, 22432-F1 14674-R1, 22430-F1, 14508-F2, 14610-F1, 12412-F1, 14633-F1, 14633-F2, 14634 R1, 14624-F1, 14012-R1, 14674-F1, 14633-R1, 14634-F2, 14508-F1, 14624-F2 14624-R1 & 12238-F1.

Middle School, Chanunta. The aim of the Programme was to raise awareness about the issues related to Girl Child and encourage the

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Haq Nawaz Zargar and

under overall supervision

girl child to excel in all fields This day also aims to eduof life. This year's theme for cate girls about their rights, international girl child day which will enable them to District Legal Services is 'Invest in Girls' Rights: realize their full potential Authority, Udhampur under Our Leadership, Our Well- and transform the world the Guidance of Chairman, being,".

The Resource Person pants of the programme for the programme was included Principal, Staff of Secretary, Ajay Kumar, Panel Lawyer Adv. Sanjeet and students of the School. on Wednesday organized an Kumar who highlighted PLV Manik Sharma assisted awareness programme to that International Day of in the smooth organization Observe International Girl the Girl Child is observed of the programme. School Child Day at Government to celebrate the achieve- Bags were also distributed ments of girls worldwide. on the occasion.

around them. The partici-

| ST.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 02.11.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in. | | | | | | | |
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| Upload | Date of Uploading 09.10.2 tenders | | | | 02.11.2023 15:00 hrs. | | |
| Sr. No. | Ten | der No. | Details of Tender | | | | |
| 1. | 1. 258-2023- 24-BDGM- DRM-FZR JGM- BRML section under iurisdiction of ADEN/BDGM. | | | IME, KAPE, ins in BAHL- | | | |
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| Similar Nature of work: "CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including Raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28" | | | | | | | |
| 2. 259-2023- 24-BDGM- DRM-FZR Dicator Science and Science a | | | | | | | |

12 Months Similar Nature of work: "CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including Raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28" Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender Tender Notice No.: 258 & 259-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR Date: 09.10.2023

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023 In order to clear extra rush of passengers during forthcoming festival season, Northern Railway

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| has decided to run the following Festival Special Trai | | | | | | |
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| 04518/04517 Chandigarh-Gorakhpur-Chandigarh 10 Reserved Festival Special Express Trips | | | | | A | |
| Train N | Train No. 04518 STATIONS Train No. 04517 | | | | Tr | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. | A | |
| _ | 23:15 | Chandigarh | 14:10 | — | | |
| 18:20 | _ | Gorakhpur | _ | 22:05 | 1 | |

Advertised Value Earnest Money Validity of offer Period of Completion ₹2,38,68,092.48 ₹2,69,400/- 60 Days

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ins as per details given below:and Vihar (T.)-Jaynagar-rved Festival Special Express Trips

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| | | ARR. | DEP. | ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS |
| | Chandigarh | 14:10 | — | — | 10:30 | Anand Vihar (T.) |
| | Gorakhpur | _ | 22:05 | 15:15 | — | Jaynagar |
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Trips

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to finalise the arrangements for the JKAS Preliminary examination being conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) on The meeting focused on various crucial aspects to ensure a seamless and fair The examination will

take place at three designated centers in the dis- an adequate number of duct of the examination. trict, namely GDC Rajouri, Superintendents, Deputy A comprehensive security Government Boys Higher Superintendents, and plan has been devised to place, it is expected that Secondary School Rajouri supervisory staff to oversee safeguard the examination the examination will be and Government Girls the examination. This step venues, ensuring the safety conducted with the high-Higher Secondary School is crucial in maintaining of both the candidates and transparency and fairness examination personnel. and fairness. As many as 1441 candi- during the conduct of the CCTV cameras will also be Additionally, a strict veillance. tain the integrity of the invigilator-to-student ratio In an effort to preexamination and provide has been established to vent any unfair means Rashid Kataria; DPO, a conducive environment ensure close monitoring during the examination, Auqil Nuvaid; CEO Edufor the candidates, several during the examination. it was decided that mobile cation, Sultana Kouser; Magistrates will be phones and other elec- District Treasury Officer; appointed at all examina- tronic devices would be XEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd The meeting empha- tion centers to guarantee a strictly prohibited within Rashid and other consized the deployment of peaceful and orderly con- the examination centers.

DC Rajouri kick-starts work on JJM

Water Supply Scheme at Dassal

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal expressed his commitment to ensure a smooth and fair conduct of the IKAS Preliminary examination on October 15, 2023. He urged all candidates to fully cooperate with the examination guidelines and adhere to the instructions provided by the examination authorities.

The success of this examination is crucial for the future prospects of the candidates and the region as a whole. With meticulous planning and stringent measures in

efforts contribute direct- component in the educaly to the well-being and health of the students, creating a positive and comfortable environment that

ing atmosphere. Their munity and an essential

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dates are appearing in the examination process. examination. To mainmeasures have been put in place.

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Rajouri, Vikas Kundal,

accessibility and sanita-

tion in the region, has kick

started work on the pivot-

est standards of integrity

The meeting was installed for enhanced sur- attended by the ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ACR, Imran cerned officers.

Days of Run : 04518 Ex Chandigarh from 02.11.2023 to 30.11.2023 on every Thursday and 04517 Ex Gorakhpur from 03.11.2023 to 01.12.2023 on every Friday. Stoppages: Ambala Cantt., Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly,

Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda and Basti stations

Accommodation: 1st AC Cum 2 Tier AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

04530/04529 Bathinda-Varanasi-Bathinda Reserved Festival Special Express

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|---|-----------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|
| | Train No. 04530 | | STATIONS | Train No | . 04529 |
| | ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| | _ | 20:55 | Bathinda | 19:10 | — |
| | 17:30 | _ | Varanasi | _ | 20:40 |

Days of Run : 04530 Ex Bathinda from 05.11.2023 to 29.11.2023 on every Sunday & Wednesday and 04529 Ex Varanasi from 06.11.2023 to 30.11.2023 on every Monday & Thursday.

Stoppages: Rampura Phul, Barnala, Dhuri, Patiala, Rajpura, Ambala Cantt., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Pratapgarh stations. Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

| 04646/04645 Jammu Tawi-Barauni JnJammu Tawi 14 Festival Special Express Trips | | | | |
|--|----------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Train N | o. 04646 | STATIONS | Train No. 0464 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| — | 05:45 | Jammu Tawi | 22:30 | — |
| 12:10 | _ | Barauni Jn. | _ | 15:15 |
| Dave of | | Ex Jammu Tawi from 10.10 | 2022 +- 20 | 11 2022 |

Days of Run : 04646 Ex . on every Thursday and 04645 Ex Barauni Jn. from 20.10.2023 to 01.12.2023 on every Friday.

Stoppages: Pathankot Cantt., Jalandhar Cantt., Ludhiana Jn. Ambala Cantt Jn., Saharanpur, Laksar Jn, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn., Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree and Bachwara Jn stations.

Accommodation: 3 Tier AC & AC Chair Car

| Cantt. Jn. Reserved Festival Special Express | | | | |
|--|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| Train N | o. 04678 | STATIONS | Train No. 0467 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| | 13:25 | Firozpur Cantt. Jn. | 22:40 | |
| 17:00 | _ | Patna Jn. | _ | 18:45 |

Days of Run : 04678 Ex Firozpur Cantt. Jn. from 25.10.2023 to 29.11.2023 on every Wednesday and 04677 Ex Patna Jn. from 26.10.2023 to 30.11.2023 on every Thursday.

Stoppages: Kot Kapura Jn., Bathinda Jn., Rampura Phul, Dhuri Jn, Patiala, Rajpura Jn., Ambala Cantt. Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Pratapgarh, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara and Danapur stations Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

| 04012/04011 New Delhi-Darbhanga-New Delhi Festival Special Express | | | | 14 Trips |
|---|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| Train N | o. 04012 | | | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| — | 19:20 | New Delhi | 16:40 | _ |
| 16:45 | — | Darbhanga | — | 18:00 |

Days of Run : 04012 Ex New Delhi from 07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023 on every Tuesday & Friday and 04011 Ex Darbhanga from 08.11.2023 to 29.11.2023 on every Wednesday & Saturday Stoppages: Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur jn Narkatiaganj, Raxaul and Sitamarhi stations Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

Days of Run : 04060 Ex Anand Vihar (T.) from 07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023 on every Tuesday & Friday and 04059 Ex Jaynagar from 08.11.2023 to 29.11.2023 on every Wednesday & Saturday. Stoppages: Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareli, Amethi, Pratapgarh, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur jn, Muzaffarpur jn, Samastipur jn, Darbhanga in and Madhubani stations

Train No. 04059

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Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

| 04488/04487 Anand Vihar (T.)-Gorakhpur- Anand Vihar (T.) Special Express | | | | 08 Trips |
|---|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
| Train N | o. 04488 | STATIONS | Train No | . 04487 |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| _ | 23:15 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 10:40 | _ |
| 14:00 | — | Gorakhpur | _ | 17:25 |

Days of Run : 04488 Ex Anand Vihar (T.) from 04.11.2023 to 25.11.2023 on every Saturday and 04487 Ex Gorakhpur from 05.11.2023 to 26.11.2023 on every Sunday.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Bareilly Cantt. Sitapur Jn. Gonda Jn and Basti stations

Accommodation: 1stAC Cum 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & Sleeper

| 04010/04009 Anand Vihar (T.)-Jogbani- Anand Vihar (T.) Special Express | | | | 08 Trips |
|---|----------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Train N | o. 04010 | STATIONS | Train No. 0400 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. |
| — | 23:45 | Anand Vihar (T.) | 16:05 | — |
| 05:20 | - | Jogbani | — | 09:00 |

Days of Run : 04010 Ex Anand Vihar (T.) from 07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023 on every Tuesday and 04009 Ex Jogbani from 09.11.2023 to 30.11.2023 on every Thursday.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Bareilly Cantt, Sitapur, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Purnea, Araria Court and Arariva stations.

Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

| 01664/01663 Anand Vihar (T.)-Saharsa Jn 1 Anand Vihar (T.) Festival Special Express Tri | | | | | |
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| Train No | o. 01664 | STATIONS | Train No | o. 01663 | |
| ARR. | DEP. | STATIONS | ARR. | DEP. | |
| - 11:10 | | Anand Vihar (T.) | 13:55 | _ | |
| 11:20 | _ | Saharsa Jn. | — | 14:30 | |
| Dave of Pup : 01664 Ex Anaped Vibar (T) from 16 10 2022 to | | | | | |

Days of Run : 01664 Ex Anand Vihar (T.) from 16.10.2023 to 27.11.2023 on every Monday and 01663 Ex Saharsa Jn. from 17.10.2023 to 28.11.2023 on every Tuesday.

Stoppages: Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur jn, Deoria sadar, Siwan jn, Chhapra, Hajipur jn, Muzaffarpur jn, Samastipur jn, Dalsingh sarai, Barauni Jn., Begu sarai, Khagaria jn. and S Bakhtiyarpur stations. Accommodation: 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General



Dassal under the Jal Jeevan

emony were the Tehsildar in the area. Rajouri, Varinder Sharma



In an enthusiastic gath- of progress. Its primary reaffirmed his unwavering ering of local residents, objective is to provide commitment to deliverthe Deputy Commission- functional household tap ing clean and accessible er extended his heartfelt connections (FHTC) to a drinking water to every congratulations to mark total of 451 households, resident, perfectly alignthis momentous occa- thereby benefiting approx- ing with the ambitious sion. As the project prosion. Present at the cer- imately 3000 individuals goals of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The DC commended and Executive Engineer the unwavering support transformative project sig-Jal Shakti Department of the local residents and nifies a monumental stride but also by opening doors Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma. underlined the profound in the journey of develop- to improved sanitation, The Dassal Water significance of project ment, heralding a brighter better health outcomes, Supply project, with an like these in elevating the and healthier future for and increased economic estimated cost of 5.50 overall quality of life for the people of Rajouri. opportunities for the resi-

crores, stands as a beacon the entire community. He With these dedicated dents of Rajouri.

efforts, the Deputy Commissioner paves the way for a more prosperous and hygienic living environment in the region, ushering in a new era of well-being and progress.

The project represents a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to provide clean and accessible drinking water to every household in the region. It reinforces the dedica-

tion of the Government to the welfare of its citizens and the realization of the goals of the Jal Jeevan Misgresses, it is expected to catalyze transformative The initiation of this change, not only in terms of access to clean water

NEWS JINDRAH IMAGES

SFFC orders DPS Srinagar to revise fee structure

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ation Committee (SFFC) demic year, 2024-25. has issued a directive to Public School (DPS) Sri- tion nagar, addressing several fee-related concerns raised by parents.

The order, issued by the school management fee. to make key adjustments including tuition fees and security deposits.

and instalment payment cent increase in tuition order reads. fees mid-session and recognized that it could Annual fee and payment pose a financial burden structure on parents.

In a significant develop- ing 10 percent to be levied on August 14, 2023. ment, the School Fee Fix- in the subsequent aca-

the management of Delhi Security deposit clarifica-

One of the key issues

to the fee structure, compliance with the law and is expressly prohibit- guidelines for the imposied by statute. As a result, tion of late fees, specify-Tuition fee increase the parents who have ing that late fees will only paid this amount to seek The SFFC has taken a refund from the school to deposit fees consecunote of the abrupt 20 per- management," the SFFC tively for three months.

The SFFC has noted an In response to this average increase in the concern, the SFFC has annual fee, rising from that concerns were raised directed the school Rs 8,700 to Rs 14,000. To regarding the school's management to charge alleviate the burden on transport fee, which was the raised tuition fee in parents, the committee cally, 10 percent of the management to charge committee has directed and parents. KNO

increased tuition fee will the enhanced annual fee the school to provide an be charged in the 2023-24 in two instalments, as outsession, with the remain- lined in the order passed

opportunity to pay the second instalment of the annual fee up to February 2024

Furthermore, the SFFC addressed by the SFFC is has mandated that future the charging of a substan- annual fees be collected tial security deposit, set at in two instalments: the the Chairman of SFFC, a Rs 90,000, which parents first at the beginning of copy of which lies with contend is being misrep- each new session and the the news agency, instructs resented as an admission second in July each year.

"This practice is not in Late fee policy

The SFFC has set clear be charged if a parent fails "No late fee will be applied to payments delayed by less than three months,"

it reads.

Transport fee inquiry The SFFC has stated allegedly exceeding the

explanation within one week as to why transport fees exceeding Rs 2,000 Parents will have the are being charged from students availing transport services. The matter has also been reported to be under challenge in the High Court.

> Grievance redressal committee

In response to parents' complaints about the lack of a redressal forum. the SFFC has directed the school management to establish a grievance redressal committee, which will not include members of the school trust. The details of the committee's members are to be submitted within one week. The SFFC has advised

parents to approach the committee whenever they are aggrieved by the actions or orders of the school management, reaffirming their commitment to ensuring fair and transparent fee structures two instalments. Specifi- has directed the school limit set by the SFFC. The for the benefit of students

Police Commemoration Day 2023: DGP sanctions 46 lakh for organising various events from Oct 21-31

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For organising various commemorative events in connection to the Police Commemoration Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and Police Flag Day Week-2023 with effect from 21st Oct to 31st Oct, 2023, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 46 lakh in favour of all 23 District SSsP (including 03 Police

District) of J&K. Vide PHQ J&K Order No. 2852, rupees two lakh each

under Civic Action Programme 2023-24, for organizing various commemorative events in connec-Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas zens. and Police Flag Day Week-2023, a police spokesman said in a statement issued

to the news agency. The date wise schedules for organising differ- Head Complex in Jammu ent activities, programmes and at all district headquar-

districts. has been sanctioned in be held from 21st Octo- district hqrs, visit of Police Vallabhbhai Patel. KNO

favour of 23 districts SSsP ber (Police Commemora- officers to local villages/ tion Day) to 31st October towns of martyrs, organis-(Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) to ing debate in schools/colhighlight the martyrdom of leges on the theme 'Role of Police personnel who laid Police in Nation Building', tion with the observance down their lives in service organising Unity Run/culof Police Commemoration to the nation and its citi- tural programmes, Police

During the period various programmes including Police Commemoration Day functions at APC Zewan/ Gulshan Ground & Rail were forwarded to all the ters, Sports events, exhibition highlighting contribu-These programmes will tion of Police Martyrs at all birth anniversary of Sardar

Band show at prominent public venues, honouring special achievers among siblings of Police martyrs, organising National Security seminars/lectures by eminent personalities and Ekta Diwas, mini marathons (Run for Unity) would be held in every district on the

Police arrests terrorist associate in Baramulla

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forces arrested a terrorist associate linked with LeT/ hand grenades, cash and lished jointly by Baramulother incriminating mate- la Police, Army (46RR), MI rials from his possession and 53Bn CRPF in the said

spokesman said. "On 10th Oct 2023, was coming towards the other incriminating mateacting on a specific input checkpoint tried to flee rials were recovered from Police along with security regarding movement from the spot after notic- his possession. He has of terrorists in Ushkara ing the joint party, but was been identified as Mudasir area of Baramulla, a joint apprehended tactfully by Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul TRF and recovered two checkpoint was estab- the alert party," police Hamid Bhat resident of

suspicious person who amounting to Rs 40K and Ushkara Baramulla linked said in a statement issued with proscribed terror to the news agency.

During his search, outfit LeT/TRF, police in Baramulla, a police area. During checking, a two hand grenades, cash

said. Wellness Centers (HWCs). It also involves training at the grassroots level, including Ashas and MLHPS/Supportive staff, as well as intersectoral coordination with

especially among young people. Jammu and Kashmir was recognised for achieving Since its inception, the Tele-Manas has handled about the highest number of calls in the Union Territories category in the National Tele Mental Health Programme. The award was received by the Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar, and

Terrorist hideout busted...

specific information about a terrorists hideout, a joint search operation was launched by Doda Police and Army (04 RR) and the searching party busted a hideout in upper reaches (forest area) of Seoz Dhar Bhaderwah.

'The searching party recovered three Chinese Pistols, nine Pistol Magazines and 79 rounds of Pistol from the hideout," police said.

In this connection, police said that a case under FIR number 123/2023 under relevant sections has been registered in Police Station Bhaderwah and investigation of the case has been started.

Notably, Doda Police in close coordination with Army/CAPF is carrying out joint search operations/ Highlighting the significance of these numbers, the area domination/surveillance and close monitoring with

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President of India graces...

glaciology, biodiversity conservation and the Himalavan Ice-Core Laboratory is at different stages.

She expressed confidence that the university would work at a fast pace in all such areas. The President said that in the National Education Policy emphasis has been laid on Indian Knowledge Systems. If our youth are given good information about Indian Knowledge Systems, they will get many inspiring examples. The work done by an expert, Suyya, about 1200 years ago, to save the city of Srinagar from the flood of Jhelum can be termed as hydraulic engineering. She said that our country has priceless treasures in every field of knowledge and science. It is the responsibility of the academic world to find ways to re-use such organically grown knowledge systems in today's circumstances.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji for gracing the Convocation Ceremony of the University of Kashmir with her august presence.

tions to the graduating students and wished them success in their future endeavours.

"Convocation is a very important day in the academic calendar as well as in student's life. It is a stepping stone continues till October 24. on the path of progress, both academic and professional with infinite opportunities to contribute to build a strong and 'Viksit Bharat'," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the girl-students."It is heartening to know that out of total students conferred with gold medals today, more than 66% are our daugh- and ensure the comfort and security of pilgrims. KNO ters. Accomplishment of our daughters, their self-confidence, courage and the ability to create new records in education and various other fields is a matter of great pride for the entire Union Territory. It is a reflection women-led development," he said.

cated path for pilgrims, separating those ascending to **Tele-MANAS mental...** the shrine from those descending. Additionally, the calls daily, with approximately 12 percent of those calls tions of the nine forms of Goddess.

Devi Shrine Board, explains that apart from crowd control, the skywalk also guarantees comfort for devotees visiting the shrine.

The facility is expected to reduce congestion within the complex, ensuring smoother movement for worshippers.

Complementing the skywalk, the board has also proided 1500 lockers for pilgrims' convenience.

Pilgrims can store their belongings in these lockers without having to wait in long queues. To access this facility, pilgrims should proceed to the Parvati Bhawan within the temple complex and hand over their luggage to Shrine Board employees. A wristband will be provided in exchange, securing their belongings during their darshan. After completing the visit, devotees can In his address, the Lt Governor extended his felicita- return the wristband to the Mata Vaishno Devi Board employees to retrieve their belongings

President Murmu's visit coincides with the Shardiva Navratri festival which commences from October 15 and

The new facilities add significance for the pilgrims, as it will facilitate the safe passage of the large number of devotees expected during this period.

The skywalk and lockers are significant improvements that enhance the overall pilgrimage experience

Navratri festival in...

skywalk features nine paths, each adorned with depic- coming from individuals with self-harming thoughts.

Launched on November 4, 2022, this mental health other departments. Workshops in schools and colleges Anshul Garg, Chief executive Officer of Mata Vaishno helpline operates on a three-tier system, staffed with have contributed to the increased daily call volume, mental health counsellors, clinical psychologists, and psychiatrists ready to assist callers.

27,000 calls, addressing concerns related to stress, drug addiction, suicidal tendencies, and anxiety.

Dr Qazi Haroon, the State Program Manager for Mental Health in Jammu and Kashmir, informed the his team during the Mental Health Conclave on Mental news agency that a total of 26,743 calls have been reg- Health Day 2023 in New Delhi. KNO istered to date, with a slight predominance of female callers (53.97% female, 45.87% male, and 0.16% other). He said that approximately 87.36% of calls were routine inquiries, while 12.09% involved crisis interventions for individuals with self-harming ideas.

"On average, the helpline receives 80 calls daily, with the highest daily call volume reaching 214 calls. The average call duration is approximately 12 minutes," he said.

Dr Haroon also cited the major reasons for contacting the helpline, which included anxiety (2,854 calls), mood-related issues (2,790 calls), palpitations (2,428 calls), reduced interest (1,931 calls), stress (1,869 calls), sleep disturbances (1,601 calls), and suicidal ideation/ attempts (799 calls). Other calls related to drug addiction were also reported, he said.

doctor said there is a positive reception of Tele MANAS special focus in upper reaches/suspicious places so that by the public. He said the initiative aims to provide anti-social/anti-national elements may not succeed in cost-effective and comprehensive services to an under- their attempts to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in served population in the region, thereby strengthening the district. KNO It will be regulated based on the yatra track's car- mental health-a historically overlooked area in Jammu

The Lt Governor encouraged the youth to look for new opportunities, take up new challenges and con- added at Bhairav Ghati. tribute to nation building.

"Learning should be lifelong. It will help in critical and analytical thinking in professional careers and enable the youth to steadily contribute to the ongoing social transformation of our fastest growing economy. In the coming decades, knowledge will be the main driver of economic growth," the Lt Governor said.

He impressed upon the higher educational institutions to strive to create a strong ecosystem for advanced research, innovation, new invention and suitably respond to the needs of society and industries.

We need to have a robust mechanism to serve the local communities and bring change in the life of the last man in the queue, he said.

The Lt Governor commended the University of Kashmir for living up to its motto of "Tamso Ma Jyotirgamaya" - From Darkness to Light, and making significant contribution to nation's knowledge economy, he said.

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University presented the University report and highlighted the achievements of the University in diverse fields.

Justice Shri N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh; Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC Srinagar; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; Heads of educational institutions; senior officers; faculty members and students attended the Convocation ceremony.

Prez Murmu to pay...

seating arrangement for around 150 devotees.

Officials said the facility, 20 feet above the track level, would help overcome the problem of multidirectional flow of yatra and a chaotic condition between Manokamna Bhawan and gate number 3, the scene of stampede on New Year's Day this year, in which 12 people lost their lives and 16 others were injured.

It was the first such tragedy at the shrine, where pilgrims had reached after a 13-km trek from the base camp of Katra, following which Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who is also the chairperson of the SMVDSB, had announced several decisions to ensure the safety of the devotees, including a provision for 100% online registration.

The skywalk, situated on the narrow path within the congestion and enhance the safety of Mata's devotees. Spanning 300 meters, the skywalk provides a dedi-

of a brighter future for the nation and a step towards rying capacity. We have reinforced RFID cards for the and Kashmir. yatra," he added.

The shrine board CEO said another langar was being

"Two projects were planned by the board, with Durga Bhawan being inaugurated by the LG. The second project, a skywalk, has been completed at a cost of Rs 15 crores within a 15-month period. It will provide convenience for people in the Bhawan area," he added

He said another project is the Navdurga Path, "where we have showcased the nine forms of Navdurga, creat ing a spiritually uplifting atmosphere".

"We also have a 250-metre flyover with wooden flooring. Parvati Bhawan has been refurbished and now includes 1,500 lockers," Garg said.

He said that more than three lakh pilgrims visit during Shardiya Navratri, adding, "We anticipate a similar response this year.'

Garg said the inaugural festival of Navratri will commence on October 15. (Agencies)

Call centre at Mata Vaishno...

The call centre has been set up to assist pilgrims with accurate information. A toll-free number is accessible through the board's website, resulting in an increase in call volume," Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Anshul Garg said.

Garg appealed to people to utilise the call centre for comprehensive information about the pilgrimage and its associated facilities. The call centre, set up in September this year, provides real-time information to pilgrims.

"Initially, we received around 500 calls a day at the start of operations. After the redevelopment of the Mata Vaishnodevi website, the call volume has surged to 2,000 to 2,500 calls daily," said Vivek Varshneya, General Manager of Aria Telecom Solution, which operates the facility

"Calls are received on the toll-free number 18001807212 and the facility has the capacity to handle 30 incoming calls simultaneously, both domestic and global," he said.

He said the call centre executives are proficient in both Hindi and English.

Varshneya said that previously, individuals relied on contacting acquaintances for information about various darshan facilities

"With the establishment of this call centre, all yatra-Mata Vaishno Devi temple complex, aims to alleviate related information and facilities can be obtained by dialling this dedicated number," he added. (Agencies)

It is important to mention that the Tele MANAS interface ensures caller safety and privacy through multiple measures. The system keeps the caller's phone number confidential by converting it into a coded serial number. Calls are encrypted, and no call recording takes place. Counsellors reassure callers of the confidentiality of their information and conversations.

The National Tele Mental Health Programme of India strives to establish a comprehensive, integrated, and Act was registered in Police Station Baramulla and invesinclusive 24x7 tele-mental health facility in each State and UT in India. Its objective is to provide universal access to equitable, accessible, affordable, and quality mental health care through 24x7 tele-mental health counselling services.

Jammu and Kashmir hosts one Tele Manas UT-level Cell and one Mentoring Institute at IMHANS, Psychiatric Diseases Hospital, GMC Srinagar, offering roundthe-clock services to the residents. This 6-seater, 3-tier facility was launched on November 4, 2022, by the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha.

In an effort to enhance accessibility to mental health services, NHM J&K introduced a ChatBot for Tele-MANAS, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country. The TeleMANAS ChatBot was launched in J&K on July 5, 2023, by LG Sinha. The ChatBot aims to provide access to mental health support in local and regional languages, such as Urdu and Hindi.

The link for Chatbot is: https:// wa.me/919797600601?text=/telemanas and its WhatsApp number is 9797600601.

Dr Qazi said there have been 212 conversations with help for issues related to anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and relationship problems.

"The ChatBot provides pre-fabricated responses to common concerns, offers solutions and suggestions (e.g., meditation, yoga, and breathing exercises), and directs users to consult a psychiatrist for urgent issues related to suicidal thoughts," he explained. "If users find the ChatBot's pre-fabricated responses insufficient, they have the option to chat with a counsellor or call the TeleMANAS Cell directly to speak with a counsellor, psychologist, or psychiatrist based on the severity of their concerns.'

The J&K Health and Medical Education Department has initiated a widespread sensitisation campaign, including Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) initiatives in various healthcare facilities, to raise awareness about Tele Manas and Tele Manas Chat Bot. This campaign extends to primary, secondary, and tertiary care hospitals, as well as Health and

TRF associate...

apprehended him tactfully," a police statement said. "During preliminary questioning, he was identified as Mudasir Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Ushkara Baramulla. During his search, 2 hand grenades & cash amounting to Rs. 40,000 was recovered from his possession,' police said.

In this regard, a case under sections UA (P) & Arms tigation has been taken up.

Votaries of Art 370 were...

and you could not get off it," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh, who is an elected MP from Udham pur constituency of J&K Union Territory, said redemption came in the form of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi when he abrogated Article 370 in August 2019 and liberated the people of Jammu and Kashmir and integrated the UTs of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh into the national mainstream.

This ensured equitable distribution of resources and the change has brought about socio-economic development in both the new UTs. Empowerment of people, removal of unjust Laws, bringing in equity and fairness to those discriminated against since ages who are now getting their due along with comprehensive development. More than 800 central laws have become applicable to J&K after it got the Union Territory status, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said PM Modi will go down in histhe ChatBot so far. He said users predominantly sought tory as the leader who showed courage of conviction to correct a constitutional anomaly and an abrasion of democracy by abrogating Article 370 and 35 A and thus ensuring the mainstreaming of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of India.

> Veteran author Jawaharlal Koul spoke about the book authored by him and quoted concluding remarks in the book, "birds will return home one day"

> Justice Pramod Kohli, Ram Bahadur Rai and Prof Mamta Yadav also spoke on the occasion.

Govt tells departments...

members of Transgender community in educational establishments, employment, health institutions and public services etc. KNO

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Kupwara district.

DDC said.

DC Srinagar reviews TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) in the District

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR OCTOBER 11

A meeting of District TB Control Society was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar (DC) Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the progress and current status of TB Elimiimplemented in Srinagar District.

He was given a detailed PowerPoint presentation population. regarding activities being and Drug Sale Data etc.

National Certification NTEP Guidelines. (SNC-2023) survey has



nation Programme being Srinagar by attaining TB ress about implementation score of 93% against the of Ni-Kshay Mitra initia-National Requirement of tive, the DC was informed At the outset, the Deputy more than 80% and Dis- that as many as 188 Ni-Commissioner, who is also trict Srinagar had shown Kshay Mitra and there are the Chairman TB Control more than 60% reduction 23 TB cases at District TB Society District took a in ATT Drug sale. This Centre, Srinagar that have detailed review of the TB year the Presumptive TB been adopted by various as 39708 Presumptive elimination programme. Examination rate has been donors. increased to 2912/Lakh The said the Ni-Kshay

On the occasion, the launched under Pradhan undertaken in public and Deputy Commissioner Mantri TB Mukt Bharat private sector engagement directed the Officers Abhiyaan launched with under National TB Elimi- to further improve the the view to combat chalnation Programme during efforts to deal with gaps lenges of Tuberculosis the year 2023 till date viz and work in close coordi- through multi-sectoral TB Notification, TB Score nation to achieve the goal Index, achievement of of TB free Srinagar. He also bring together all com-Programme Indicators, emphasized on ensuring munity stakeholders to Nikshay Poshan Yojana that all TB care services provide additional patient District Health Officer, are effectively delivered support to improve treat-The DC was apprised on ground to achieve TB ment outcomes of TB that the requisite param- Free Status for Srinagar patient. eters for claiming Sub- by strictly adhering to the

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The DC after giving

Officers and heads of

Srinagar to organize a While reviewing the Ni-Kshay Mitra Confer- Srinagar and other conbeen achieved by District operational plan and prog- ence in Srinagar District cerned.

to encourage them and ensure effective and efficient implementation of the initiative for overall betterment of the patients. He also stressed on conducting awareness camps, increasing efforts in active case finding and to enhance TB testing capacity among TB suspects.

It's pertinent to mention here that District Srinagar has already received the Gold category ward during 2022-SNC through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

During the meeting, it was given out that as many Examination for TB detection were conducted from Mitra initiative has been January to September this year by District TB Society Srinagar. It was also given out that Srinagar is well on the path to become TB Free District shortly.

The meeting was response envisioned to attended by Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jameel, District TB Officer, Dr Tehjeena, Block Medical Officer, Hazratbal, Zadibal, Zonal Medical Officers of Bata-The DC asked the DTO, maloo, S R Gunj, Khanyar, SPM Department GMC

MVD suspends 11 Route Permits & 22 Driving **Licenses at Anantnag**



JI NEWS SERVICE ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 11

In order to curb the traffic violations, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Anantnag on Wednesday suspended 11 Route Permit and 22 Driving Licenses during a drive held here.

The action against during a special drive launched by MVD Anant-

nag against drivers found flouting traffic rules. A team from Motor

Vehicles Department road users so as to reduce mad Owais, today laid ent locations to check laws.

violations of the various visible offenses under Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

During the check-ing, nearly 50 school buses, 110 Maxi cabs and 80 Two Wheelers were were booked/ challaned for various offences such as diversion of route permit, carrying students in private vehicles, carrying excess students in school buses, plying

without fitness, without a permit, Dangerous Driving, Without HSRP and without Speed Limiting Devices.

Various Mini Buses which were found plying against route permits and carrying students were also checked and their

Route permits were recthe violators was taken ommended for suspension

The main emphasis of the enforcement drive was to inculcate road safety measures among

(MVD), headed by Motor road accidents in the dis-Vehicle Inspector Moham- trict and safety of schoolgoing children with the special nakka at differ-strict implementation of

DDC Kupwara flags-off PRIs group for exposure tour to Rajasthan, Punjab



JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCTOBER 11

A group of 70 PRIs, (Sarpanchs, Panchs) drawn help you adopt best from different blocks of practices prevailing at Kupwara district were the National level. PRIs flagged-off to Rajasthan of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab for an expo- have faced enormous sure tour of seven days challenges and countered by District Development them bravely and made Commissioner (DDC) Kup- the Panchayt Raj system wara, Ayushi Sudan from very effective in J&K UT", DC Office Complex.

During the tour, the PRIs will visit different sion said that ADF (Area model Panchayats of Raj- Development Fund) conasthan and Punjab for stitutes around 60% of training cum exposure budget allocation of the visit.

Kupwara district and PRIs The purpose of the are playing a crucial role visit is to expose them to in Planning and monithe best practices being toring of developmental followed by their coun- projects in the district. terparts and make them She also appealed to the interact with the beacon PRIs to play an active role leaders and successful in making the Swachhta PRIs to learn about the campaign a success in the implementation of Pan- district and wished PRIs chayat Raj and other flagfor a successful and fruitship programmes. ful visit.

During the flagging-off ceremony, the DDC held Ahmad Khan,; ACP Kupan interaction with PRIs wara, District Information and impressed upon them Officer Kupwara and offito take maximum advan- cers and officials of RDD tage of this exposure tour Kupwara attended the so that the best practices flag-off ceremony.

GDC Ajas celebrates 'International Girl Child Day'

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 11

tributions to society. Dr. Kousar encouraged To celebrate 'International Girl Child Day', the Govern- the audience to recognize ment Degree College (GDC) the immense potential and Ajas Bandipora Wednesday capabilities that girls posorganized an event under sess, urging them to excel the theme 'Invest in Girls' in all fields. Rights: Our Leadership, Our

During the event, a

have made remarkable con-

DC Baramulla takes holistic review of RDD **Block Diwas: DC listens to** issues of people for early redressal at Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCTOBER 11

To reach out to the people demands of their areas. for early redressal of their grievances and issues, the departments responded District Administration to the queries and griev-Kulgam today organized ances of the people perpublic outreach pro- taining to their departgrammes in three blocks ments and intimated of the district viz. Devsar, them about various wel-Kulgam and D.H Pora.

To take firsthand developmental projects. appraisal of issues of public importance, the patient hearing to the Deputy Commissioner public issues raised (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal during the camp Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat pre- addressed some grievsided over the weekly ances of the immediate grievance redressal camp nature on the spot. at Kulgam.

JI NEWS SERVICE PRI members from var-BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 11

In order to take a sector wise review about the physical and financial progress of works under different schemes and sponsored programmes including PMAY-G, MGN-REGA, SBM-G and other among others. sectors, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar DC Office Complex here.

Ahmad Raina; Joint Direc- under total allocation of ADC, Vikar Ahmad



progress under MGNREtoday chaired a meet- GA 2023-24, the meeting feat, 3315 works stand ing with the functionar- was informed that a total ies of Rural Development of 25859 households of Department Baramulla at Baramulla district have been provided jobs with Additional Deputy Com- disbursement of more it added. missioner Sopore, Shabir than Rs. 21.83 Crores wages

While reviewing the 4.85 lacs up to the current physical and financial month making the achievement to 175%. Under this completed against the total target of 13000 and the rest of the works are to be completed up to March 2024, Rs. 5.1295 crores.

after proper verification

The meeting also discussed the progress made under Awaas Plus Scheme during 2023-24 and informed that 3818 registered beneficiaries were benefited in the first REGA against the target of instance with the first

After taking a compre-Similarly, the meeting hensive review, Dr Sehrish also informed that 78000 directed the concerned

Works, other Sponsored Schemes cases are to be completed and requisite formalities.

installment.

Similarly, under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), it was given out that 612 works were taken up against the target of 622 with budget allocation of

The Jogipora, Aamnoo, Sran- in the camp. doo, Qaimoo and other various other demands. redressal.

grievance Giri; ACR Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, redressal programme JDP Zahid Sajjad, other witnessed participation district officers and offiof people from Denow, cials were in attendance At Devsar and DH

areas who put forth vari- Pora, Block Diwas was ous developmental and presided over by ADDC welfare demands includ- Showkat Ahmad Rather ing development of play- and SDM Noorabad, fields, construction of Bashir Ul Hassan respecflood protection bunds, tively who listened to shifting of utilities, and the issues of people for tor Planning, M.Yousuf Rs. 30.6781 Crores thereby job cards are registered functionaries to work with Revenue Officers, BDOs within 15 days.

besides other functionaries meeting.

tant Commissioner Devel-

Rather; Sub Divisional making record release of with the Department in added zeal and synergy so Megistrates, ACD, ACP, the said wages to 99.5% Baramulla under which that all the ongoing works of other concerned depart- 84 households stand reg- ers. ments were present in the istered under 100 days of

guaranteed wage employ-On the occasion, Assis- ment category.

opment Baramulla briefed breakup, the meeting was the chair about the current informed that a record of pace and progress of MGN- 8.52 lac households were ries have been benefited till authorities to complete the REGA, PMAY (G), SBM (G) provided jobs under MGN-

66000 Job cards are active are completed well within It was also given out that as unskilled manual work- the fixed timeline. She further emphasized achiev-

During the meeting, the ing saturation in all the chair was appraised that designated indicators and out of 339 cases sanctioned exhorted to work in coordi-Presenting further under Pradhan Mantri nation and cohesion. Awaas Yojana- Gramin

During the meeting, the (PMAY-G), 335 beneficia- DC directed the concerned

date while as the remaining target of sanctioned

Well-being' to address the pledge was administered importance of empowering related to the protection and girls and advancing gender empowerment of the girl equality.

child. Attendees, including Principal of the College, students and faculty, took Prof. (Dr.) Parveen Kousar the pledge, vowing to supdelivered an inspiring port and uphold the rights presidential address that and well-being of girls.

The event generated centered on the importance of the girl child. She awareness besides inspiring highlighted the significant girls to aspire for leadership accomplishments of women roles and excel in all fields, worldwide and shared breaking through societal examples of women who myths and stereotypes.

District Admin Gbl conducts Block Diwas at Gogji Gund Government Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 11

To take firsthand appraisal of public grievances and issues, the District Administration Ganderbal today conducted a weekly Block Diwas programme at Panchayat Ghar Gogji Gund for block Sherpathri.

The programme was presided over by the DDC Vice-Chairperson Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad along chinars, widening of roads with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-u-din Shah.

The program witnessed in their respective areas. possible time.

Locals put forth their mission for cutting of dry by the locals.



and other issues of public hearing to the grievances the department under importance.

present on the occasion category as per the comimmersive participation of who remained busy in reglocals and PRIs of block istering the demands and the ADC about grievances with an aim to ensure genuine concerns in a and developmental needs redressal in minimum

The Officers/ officials of directions for redressal petence of concerned departments. He assured time bound manner.

Speaking on the occa-On the occasion PRIs sion, the DDC Vice-Chairissues relating to prob- of various Panchayats of person gave a brief overlems particularly devel- block Sheerpathri high- view about the Governopment of existing roads, lighted the development ment's ambitious Block desilting of irrigation works completed in the Diwas program which canals, up-gradation of last three years which aims at creating aware- CAO and officials of other dewatering station, per- was highly acknowledged ness among the people line departments attendregarding various welfare ed the Block Diwas

schemes of the government and assess the developmental needs of the area at the door steps of the people so that timely and quality redressal of genuine concerns is ensured. Meanwhile, DSWO Gander-

bal highlighted The ADC gave patient the progress achieved by raised and gave on spot various financial assistance and other schemes. all line departments were of many issues of urgent He appealed the people to apply online and avail the benefit of such schemes especially pen-Sheerpathri who apprised grievances of the locals quality disposal of other sion schemes for Old Age, Women and Physically Challenged Persons and Marriage Assistance Scheme as per their eligibility.

Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, DSWO,

observes 'World Mental Health Day'

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11

The Department of Public Health/ Community Dentistry of Government Dental College and Hospital, Srinagar organized a function to observe 'World Mental Health Day-2023'. Other than patient

education posters and banners, a painting competition was organized in which BDS students and interns of the college participated with full zeal.

Earlier, Prof. Dr. Riyaz Farooq, who is Principal/ Dean of the college, gave a brief address to the audience and the participants of the competition. World Mental Health

day is an important in all aspects of life to suphealth awareness event port mental health. organized every year on 10th October to create

and encourage people that promote and safearound the world to support the cause, and establish a healthy environment human right.

health in one's life and right", a reminder call to mental stress. society. This day aims to everyone worldwide to

emony was held at the end of the competition. Prof. Dr Sandeep Kour Head Department of Prosthodontics, Dr Shazana Nazir Associate Professor and Arshid Hussain artist, Government Dental College and Hospital were the experts for

educate people about the create awareness, improve selection of the winners of stigma of mental illness, knowledge, drive actions the competition. guard everyone's mental first prize, Nudrat Malik health as a universal

The participants of the This year 2023, the their skills in the paint-World Mental Health Day ing competition and highawareness and promote theme was "Mental health lighted the causes and the importance of mental is a universal human methods to cope up with

Prize distribution cer- to all the participants.

Nafeesa Azhar won the and Rifat Kohli won the second prize while Sanjeev Kumar, Irshad Husaacompetition displayed in and Manvi Aggarwal won the third prize in the competition.

At the end of the competition participation certificates were distributed

EDITORIAL

Opposition united to put BJP on mat?

There are reports that opposition parties in Jammu and Kashmir are busy in cementing their unity and have authorised the National Conference president and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah to invite national leaders to highlight their cause at national level. This is being done to further strengthen their unity in Jammu and Kashmir. The national leaders of all political parties are being invited for holding public rallies across the Union Territory. It has been unanimously decided to authorize Dr Farooq Abdullah to write letters to top national leaders of mainstream political parties, requesting them to visit Jammu and Kashmir and hold public rallies to highlight the "genuine and real aspirations" of the people of the UT.. Formal letters on the behalf of Opposition parties would be sent by Dr Farooq Abdullah to all top national leaders by the end of this month. It is being done to send a loud and clear message that the opposition parties of Jammu and Kashmir, like I.N.D.I.A bloc at national level, are united against the BJP and it's policies. The public rallies are most likely to be held in the month of December owing to the busy schedule of national leaders due to assembly elections in five states--Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Telangana and Rajasthan–from November 7 to November 30.

The recent verdict of Kargil hill council elections has reinvigorated the opposition camp which is ready to put the BJP on the mat. Opposition parties are hopeful that top leaders of all national political parties will visit Jammu and Kashmir on their invitations and highlight all major issues confronting Jammu and Kashmir-be it unconstitutional abrogation of Article 370 or bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs or restoration of statehood and democracy. All opposition leaders will sit together and finalize the modalities of public rallies to be held across Jammu and Kashmir, most probably in the month of December. The development has come against the backdrop of the united Opposition staging a sit-in protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park to intensify their united struggle for, what they called, the restoration of democracy in J&K by holding early Assembly and other elections besides restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Abdullah and the People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti skipped the protest sit-in, despite the fact that he, along with Mehbooba Mufti, had jointly called for October 10 protest against, what he described, the "undemocratic policies of the present Government" during an all party opposition conclave on October 3 in Jammu. It would be interesting to see as how this unity will lasts long against the backdrop of clash in interests at political level.

Social entrepreneurship to combat human trafficking

SUMIT KAUSHIK/ **VEERENDRA MISHRA**

n September 2023, He created an assembly of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, while inaugurating the Annual General Meeting and Biennial Conference of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Human Rights in New further insisted on paying equal attention to nursing Mother Nature, who indiscretions of human eates that Indian ethos

the President of India, people called "AnubhavaMantapa," where people irrespective of their class and gender would participate and determine their collective fate. Similarly, the concept of a republic Delhi, urged all not to may appear modern, but treat the issue of human nearly 2,800 years ago, rights in isolation. She India had the world's first people's representative government in Vaishali. Since the Republic's incepis deeply wounded by the tion, our Constitution has recognised universal adult beings. Ancient Indian franchise rights, allowing scriptures consider that us to usher in numerous every particle of the uni- silent revolutions in the verse is a manifestation fields of gender justice of divinity, and protect- and the protection of life ing it is a primary duty of and dignity. India has been every citizen, which delin- sharing its developmental experiences and technical goes beyond the rights expertise with other counof homo sapiens. Much tries in the spirit of "Vasudbefore the Western world haivaKutumbakam". got acquainted with the India's approach to develconcept of equal human opment is mainly humanrights through the Magna centric and marked by Carta, a revered sage and respect, diversity, care for philosopher from south- the future, and sustainable neurial systems. Human communities. There has building, relevant infor-

ern India, Basavanna, pro- development. Today, the trafficking is a heinous been much discussion and mation, and assistance moted the concept of indiworld is India's oyster. vidual liberty and equality.

While the world is expansively expanding and extensively talking about development indicators, human trafficking, the worst kind of human rights violation, is still predominant, and it needs attention from world governments as it needs to be tackled globally. Human trafficking is a silent crime that often goes either unnoticed or ignored; this is becoming more complicated and prevalent in today's warfare world, where the most vulnerable

communities have faced severe socio-economic hardship, giving rise to incidents of all types of human trafficking. There is a need to

combat and prevent all forms of human trafficking by engaging in a multistakeholder consultative process to amplify their voices and create coordi-

crime and a grave violation of human rights that affects thousands of men, women, and children. Although the Government of India has made considexisting legal framework is inadequate to deal with the menace of trafficking on account of the enormous social, economic, and educational vulnerabilities that exist in society.

Social entrepreneurship can become a potent tool for reducing vulnerability and effectively addressing the problem of human trafficking. Social entrepreneurs don't just build organisations; they change systems. We tend to think of charities and governments when we think about ending human trafficking. But what do

human trafficking surviwe think of businesses? vors and to support them in developing their small Let us understand how social enterprises can act business models, they

writing on the benefits of based on their respective social entrepreneurship as interests. It is significant well as the importance of to build a conversation early access to this type of about the significance of learning. But how can the survivors' involvement in entrepreneurship ecosyserable efforts to tackle traf- tem train and inspire the neurship, legislation, and ficking in the country, the next generation of antitrafficking leaders? How trafficking to facilitate sincan entrepreneurship also be a driver for prevention and a source of economic stability for those at-risk and survivors of human trafficking?

To do this, it is recommended that a multi-stake-The anti-trafficking holder dialogue be held to movement must advance hear opinions on how best to combat human traffickits innovative efforts and ing in India through social force a true systemic transformation. Potential entrepreneurship. The victims and survivors of time is now to act and human trafficking must create social enterprises that will provide innovabe ASSESSED (Aware, Skilled, Self-employed, tive goods and services Empowered, Supported, to the public across the nation and even interna-Educated, and Dignified). To enable and inspire

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tionally. (Mishra is an IPS, MP cadre and a Fulbright fellow, Sumit Kaushik is a PhD candidate at OP Jindal Global University; views are personal)

EDIT

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human trafficking preven-

nated and comprehensive as a form of rehabilitation should be provided with social justice and entrepre- for survivors in high-traffic the right skills, capacity

Solving the public stockholding riddle

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n a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture (CoA) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) held on October 2, 2023, in Geneva, the European Union (EU) agreed to consider India's demand for a permanent solution to public stock-holding (PSH) programme for food security. This is a significant change of stance since March 2023, when the EU along with the USA and

Canada had challenged it. India has urged WTO members to start textbased negotiations on the issue "as soon as possible, preferably in the senior official meeting scheduled during October 23-24, 2023". Under text-based negotiations, an agreement till all the nations are in tural inputs like fertilizers,

duce such as wheat, rice/ from farmers at the minimum support price (MSP) and distribute it at a subsidised price of Rs 2/3/1 per kg respectively to meet the needs of India's poor and vulnerable population under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

The excess of MSP plus handling, storage and distribution cost over the realisation from the sale (that is, Rs 2/3/1 per kg) is paid as a subsidy from the Union Budget. This includes (a) subsidy to the farmer, being the excess of MSP of, say, rice over its international price also known as External Reference Price (ERP) in WTO parlance and (b) subsidy to the food conis finalised around draft sumer, being the excess of texts floated by the chair ERP over the price paid (Rs of a particular committee 3 per kg rice). The WTO is dealing with the subject. concerned with (a) branded The draft is based on discus- as "product-specific" subsions amongst the member sidies. It is also concerned try gives AMS in excess of

the Food Corporation of product-specific subsidies include establishing that India's PSH program is of agricultural produce as India (FCI) buy agri-pro- or aggregate measurement support (AMS) is capped paddy, and coarse cereals at 10 per cent of the value of agricultural production for a developing country. If a member country gives AMS over 10 per cent, it is a violation.

> The AoA came into force in 1995. For India, until 2005, MSP was less than ERP. Thereafter, MSP has been higher than ERP and, in the last decade, this gap widened. During 2018-19, in the case of rice, for instance, AMS was at 11 per cent, exceeding the 10 per cent cap. During 2019-20, it was even higher at 13.7 per cent.

For over a decade or so, India along with other developing countries has been making efforts at WTO to wriggle out of the situation. In the 9th Ministerial Conference (MC) held in Bali (2013), it secured sanc- lion). tion for a "peace clause". It said, "If a developing coun-

distorting."

tries have objected to such invocation. Their argument are finding their way to the international market resulting in trade distortion. The US has gone so far as to say that India has become a top rice exporter of rice, courtesy of excessive subsidies given under PSH. India's stand that it exports premium rice varieties which are not part of public proexports of non-basmati rice are also substantial (during

challenge this until 2017 ent about its PSH program security'. This coalition of flaws "artificially" inflate

subsidies are not "trade open-ended under which well. That is where the line the government's agencies between its role as a protec-India has invoked the buy the highest possible tor of 'food security' and as 'peace clause' several times quantities of wheat and rice an 'exporter' gets obliteratat the WTO for breaching from the farmers at everthe 10 per cent ceiling in increasing MSP (courtesy, case of subsidy on rice. vote bank politics). These However, developed coun- purchases being unrelated to the requirement under NFSA, surplus stocks with is that stocks procured agencies are unavoidunder the PSH program able which they dispose amendments in the formula of by auctioning to pri- to calculate the food subsivate traders etc under the dy cap. When agreed to at Open Market Sale Scheme Bali MC (2013), the 'Peace (OMSS). Under OMSS 'all the bidders are compulsorily asked to give an undertaking that they won't export it'. One wonders whether a mere declaration by private traders acquiring such stocks would satisfy curement fails to cut ice as the developed countries. This brings us to the need for a permanent solution. In from several flaws. These 2022-23, it was 17.8 million this regard, last year, India include (i) taking ERP for tons valued at US\$6.4 bilspearheaded a proposal by the years 1986-88; (ii) not G-33, the African Group, If the EU countries are and the ACP (Africa, Carib- to the resource-poor farmnow open to negotiations, bean, and Pacific) asking ers; and (iii) using the entire this is because they want WTO for 'total exemption output instead of quantity countries and is fine-tuned with subsidies on agricul- 10 percent, no member will India to be more transpar- for support to PSH for food procured for PSH. These

ed. So, at WTO it is unlikely to get a blanket exemption. Now, India has asked for (a) the inclusion of programs implemented after 2013 under the ambit of the 'Peace Clause' and (b) Clause' was meant only for programs existing prior to 2013. It is unlikely that developed countries would agree to the inclusion of programs implemented after 2013. However, India's best bet lies in (b). The formula for the computation of AMS under the AoA suffers excluding subsidies given should rein in open-ended procurement to avoid landing in a situation whereby even as per the amended formula, the subsidy could

agreement with it. India seeds, irrigation, power, when the WTO would look and put in place safeguard developing countries and the subsidy beyond the 10 is keen to get this deliber- etc., referred to as "non- for a permanent solution." ated at the WTO ministe- product specific" subsidies. The developed countries rial conference (MC) slated to be held in Abu Dhabi in (most of them also happen February 2024. What is the to be exporters of agricul-PSH program? What is a tural products) argue that permanent solution? Why such subsidies distort interhave developed countries national trade; hence these opposed it so far? What has need to be curbed. Their led to their change in stance argument found accepnow? Are they serious? tance at the WTO. Accord-

Under the PSH program, ingly, Under the AoA, the government agencies like total of product and non- and subsidies. These also

In the General Coun-

cil (GC) held in December 2014, this sanction was modified to say "The peace clause will stay till a permanent solution was found." However, the peace clause term as 'trade distortion comes with several riders, support'.

such as the submission of data on food procurement, stockholding, distribution

mechanisms to prevent LDCs wanted the MC-12 per cent threshold. India illegitimate exports from held in Geneva (June 12-17, should ask for amendments excessive food stocks. They 2022) to be taken up for to get rid of these flaws. would also want India to consideration. But, the Meanwhile, the government demonstrate conclusively issue was not even put on the table. that its "domestic support" The proposal makes perdoesn't turn into what they fect sense for a country that

produces food essentially to In view of the above, it meet the domestic requirewon't be easy for India to ments of its population but avail of the 'peace clause'. doesn't export. However, This is all the more because India is a major exporter

exceed 10 per cent. (The writer is a policy analyst, views are personal)

The triumph of Adivasi women

NAYAKARA VEERESHA

n September 29, the High Court of Madras delivered a crucial verdict in the case of L Nadhan vs State (2011), represented by the Deputy Superintendent of Police. The case concerns the rights of Adivalives and dignity, unjustly denied by the State. In this case, the State means ments: police, revenue, and forest bureaucracy. It's well known that Adivasis are the most vulnerable and marginalised community in India. The both the Union and states,

have failed to uphold their rights in the justice frame-

work.

Adivasis rights. The verdict in the present case is unique as it exposed the unlawful activities committed by the uniformed force against women in general and Adivasi women in particular.

The incident of sexual assault and rape of 18 women in Vachathi Vilsis, particularly women's lage in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu was conveniently sidelined or ignored by the political three powerful depart- and police elites at that time, registering the case only after the High Court intervention. Mainstream political parties in Tamil Nadu, both DMK and AIADMK, didn't bother successive governments, to file an FIR; it was a CPI(M) worker who, with the support of local organisations, brought this case to the court of law. On

The verdict is historic, June 20, 1992, a collecaligning with other critical tive team of police, revjudicial pronouncements enue, and forest officials like Kailas & Others vs attacked the Vachathi vil-State of Maharashtra TR lagers under the pretext of (2011) in the last three catching the sandalwood rigorous imprisonment between the political Kailas & Others vs State decades that uphold the smugglers, leading to the ranging from 1-10 years

18 women and committing rape and sexual assault.

The officials threatened the Adivasi women and made systematic efforts to keep them quiet and bury the unlawful and inhuman act. The entire state machinery did not heed the representations and Tribal Association and the All India Women's Asso-

the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Special Court of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Dharmpuri, convicted all 269 accused and sentenced them to

lacking strong political support or agency. The verdict is the result of certain committed individuals, sensitive judges, human rights activists, tribal associations, womcomplaints made by the civil society organisations, researchers, and, of course, the village people of Vachathi.

Justice P Velmurugan's decision to visit the Vachathi village in March of this year before pronouncing the verdict is a rare and critical gesture by a judge

in Independent India. Such visits, though occasional, are important for building trust among the Scheduled Tribes, who have been denied and deprived of rights both erring officials received cases. in colonial and, more so, post-colonial periods.

the political class, the real The court's verdict culprits behind the illegal has revealed the nexus trade of sandalwood. In class, bureaucrats, and of Maharashtra TR (2011),

uniformed officials taking with fines. It has been a the real sandalwood the verdict rightly asserts long and tough legal battle smugglers and their cor- that "the mentality of for the Adivasi women, ruption association. To our countrymen towards quote the verdict, "In these tribals must change, order to safeguard the and they must be given actual smugglers and the the respect they deserve bigshots, the revenue offi- as the original inhabitants cials, police officials, and of India". also the forest officials, This case has spanned with the help of the then three decades, and the

got affected much..." It

DFO of the relevant time

and the payment of Rs

10 lakh for each victim/

family along with job/self-

ical class, bureaucracy,

and mainstream society

towards Adivasis needs

radical transformation.

Even in this verdict, only

punishment, leaving aside

The attitude of the polit-

employment.

en's associations, lawyers, government, played a big compensation offered to stage drama in which the Adivasi women is too little innocent tribal women and too late. The belated justice indicates the need directed stringent action to remove structural and against the DC, SP, and institutional bottlenecks that are holding back the judiciary from serving justice to the most marginalised sections of society in a timely manner. To undo the historical injustice accrued to the Adivasis, the Union and state governments can set up

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fast-track courts exclu-

sively to deal with such

ciation in Tamil Nadu. It was only after the PIL filed by A Nallasivan that the High Court of Madras in 1995 ordered a CBI inqui-

ry on the basis of the SC/ ST director Bhamathi's report submitted to the NCST. On September 29, 2011,

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Buy goods from local shops instead of online: Shuvam Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE VIJAYPUR

When big festivals like Diwali, Navratri, Dussehra come, many types of goods are purchased. However, now the trend of online shopping is taught a lot to the entire ers. Apart from this, the Helped business constituin Vijaypur town. Their these things in mind. ping from local shops and goods can be purchased society a lot, especially their local merchants. Concommon consumers had to only.

stay at home,

traders risked their lives to provide services. Shuvam Singh says that

the Corona period has

increasing. In such a situ- creation. All transactions ation, District President of were halted. But, the trad-Aam Aadmi Party Shuvam ers in the market yard did Singh says that online not stay at home. Traders shopping is causing injus- were risking their lives to tice to local shopkeep- supply grain to the city. relationship between the ents like Hamal brothers, consumer and the mer- small traders, brokers. Vacchant is not considered in cination, health checkup online shopping. Shuvam was done. These traders Singh told that there are maintained humanity. many merchant families Consumers should keep business continues from Shuvam said that the biggeneration to generation. gest crisis we have seen in Their present generation is our lives was the time of aware of customer service Corona epidemic. During and modern technology this period the traders did and changes. He has cited not abandon the Grahak the relationship between Devo Bhava mantra. Somethe businessman and the times retailers also lend consumer. The purchase their goods so that customof goods increases during ers can celebrate their fesbig festivals like Diwali. In tivals well, even if they are view of this, Shuvam Singh in difficult times. But even has requested all the cus- during festivals in malls tomers to do Diwali shop- or online transactions, local traders only. During only after cash payment. the Corona period, busi- All consumers should keep nessmen had helped the this in mind and not forget during the Corona period, sumers should come out of businessmen have helped their homes and shop at the society a lot. When wholesale and retail shops

Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicates Only Modi govt sincere for development works at Ekta Vihar

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

Continuing to provide better development as well as basic amenities to the people of Jammu, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicated the development works at Ekta Vihar in

RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. This development work was done with the construction of He said that development under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). The local logging in the rainy season. ous steps are being taken residents also expressed their gratitude to Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for fulfilling their ously working under the the Municipal Corporation long-pending demand. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that the residents of Ekta Vihar will continue living. He said that the the ward that whatever to do development work for the betterment. The ration is working on the they will also be complet-Deputy Mayor said that policy of Prime Minister ed with priority. Mandal this development work Narendra Bhai Modi's President Ranjit Singh, was completed ahead of schedule and it was a long Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, pending demand of the and Sabka Prayas". The local people and now this Deputy Mayor said that Bhasin, Rakesh Sangral, demand has been fulfilled. development is the prior-He said that this lane and ity of the Government so drain is adjacent to other that the last man in the Singh, Rinku Singh and lanes of the ward, now last queue is benefitted. others were present.



this lane there will be relief works are continuing in from the problem of water Jammu city and continu-Deputy Mayor Baldev by the government in the Singh Billawaria said that interest of the public. The the government is continu- Deputy Mayor said that leadership of Lieutenant is committed to provide Governor Manoj Sinha to better infrastructure and provide basic facilities to other basic amenities to the common man and to the people of Jammu city. improve the standard of He assured the people of Jammu Municipal Corpo- other problems remained, motto "Sabka Saath, Sabka Sunil Sharma, Pawan Chib, Jugal Kishore, Ajay Pratap Singh, Nikhil Surjit Kumar, Captain Sarup Singh, Gurvinder

Modi govt empowered neglected, oppressed: Sat Sharma

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

The Narendra Modi government has empowered the most neglected and the oppressed sections of the society. Policies of the government are specifically tailored to meet the needs and the aspirations of the classes, which bore the burnt of the policy paralyled governments, said Sat Sharma (CA), former Minister, and former President, J&K BJP.

Kashmir.

Sat Sharma said that entire region of Jammu & Trikuta Nagar, Talab Tillo, entire BJP cadre believes Kashmir is presently under- Ward 40, Greater Kailash, in the 'Sewa Dharma' and going a phase of transition Sarwal, Gole Gujaral, and the day he/she joins the and soon with the untiring other places, shared their BJP takes the oath to keep efforts of Modi govern- grievances with the BJP the nation and the society ment, the youth of Jammu leaders, which were related on priority keeping the & Kashmir would be pros- to ration supply, compenpersonal interests in abey- perous and ambitious for- sation of shop, street light, ance. He hailed the Modi getting the previous black drain work, building pergovernment for decisive days of unemployment, mission, inadequate teachand pragmatic approach bloodshed, disappoint- ers in school, upgradation to the issues faced by the ment under Congress, NC of cremation ground, gargeneral masses especially and PDP. in the regions of Jammu & Kashmir, wherein the accompanied by J&K BIP development in the form of Secretary Anju Dogra and up with the senior officials 2 AIIMS, IITs, IIMs, Medical Maha Jana Sampark Abhi- of the concerned depart-Colleges, higher education yaan Department Incharge institutions, express high- Ankush Gupta while listenways, bridges, tunnels, ing to the grievances of a Gupta managed the proimproved road infrastruc- number of people, indi- ceedings of the public ture, decreased terror- vidually and in the form of darbar and diarized the ism, improved tourism, deputations at BJP Head- issues presented by the digital official platforms, quarter, Trikuta Nagar, visitors.

sis of the earlier Congress improved public response, Jammu. Various deputainvestments have opened tions and individuals from gateway for new Jammu & Bhagiyal Dharab, Poonch, Fatehpur Rajouri, Vikram Sharma said that the Chowk, Khoo Wali Gali

safe, dignified return of Kashmiri migrants: Dr. Devinder Manyal

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

Only Narendra Modi government is sincere for the safe and dignified return of Kashmiri migrants to their homeland, stated Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary J&K BJP & former Minister.

Dr. Manyal was addressing a meeting of BJP Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) regarding "Booth Jan Samvad Mahaabhiyan". This outreach programme shall begin on 24th October 2023, and culminate on Uttarayan, paign a grand success. 24th January 2024. The motive of this campaign is to strengthen the grass root level cadre of party and to reach each and paign and Mandal Verifica- of BJP cadre. tion Abhivan at BIP office.

detail on the massive out- the 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' reach program initiated He stressed that during by the BJP on the national the ongoing outreach prothe eve of Dusshara on level and urged the party grammes of the organizaworkers to make this cam-

Dr. Manyal said that the Kashmiri Displaced community has seen the heinous crimes on large scale leading their ouster from

"Bharatiya Janata Party has always stood with KDD President Chand the Kashmiri community has full faith on the Modi

Dr. Devinder Kumar details of the programmes Mandal general secretar-Manyal, while address- like 'Meri Maati, Mera ies and Booth presidents, ing the meeting, spoke in Desh' and the planning for attended the meeting.

tion, the BJP cadre must also allot active roles to their booth level activists strengthening the booths.

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Ajay Bharti, while speaking on the occasion, spoke on the issues faced by the Kashmiri Pandit community and said that the Jammu & Kashmir BJP is raising these issues before the LG administrathe safe return of the community.

Chand ji Bhat said that the Kashmiri community

All District office bear-Dr. Manyal sought the ers, Mandal presidents,

DDC Suresh Sharma kickstarts devp works woth 1.75 cr under JJM

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BJP senior leader and DDC member Pandit Suresh Sharma initiated the work for laying of water supply pipe in Maira Mandrian panchayat of Chhamb assembly constituency, which will be completed at the cost of rupees one crore seventy five lakh under Jal Jeevan Mission. This pipeline will be laid in Maira Mohalla, Thanger, Mohalla Puran Singh, these areas had acute at will get big relief from shortage of water due scarcity of water. to over loading of pipes through regular supply. gallan capacity reservoir



every household at the the valley. Subsequently, booth level. The cadre in the community overcomgeneral shall aware the ing numerous difficulties public regarding the poli- struggled for their exiscies, programmes and tence in various corners welfare scheme of Modi of the world and hence tion and the Union Home government. Dr. Manyal the outreach program in Ministry for their disposal, also took the review of the community requires expressing the hope for Meri Matti Mera Desh cam- dedicated effort on behalf

Kachi Chawni Jammu.

Ji Bhat presided over and the Modi government government and assured the meeting, while Ajay has taken all possible the BJP leadership that Bharti, former MLC and measures for the safe every KDD activist would Prabhari KDD, along with and the dignified return leave no stone unturned Hira Lal Bhat Seh-Prabhari of Kashmiri migrants to to strengthen the party at KDD, Moti Lal Bhat Gen- their homeland" said Dr. the grass root level. eral Secretary KDD also Manyal. spoke on the occasion.

Muslims were exploited by Cong for 70 yrs: Khatana

MA Dar offers condolences

Prominent Socio Political Activist And Trade

Union leader Mohammad Altaf Dar (Rajbagh) in a

statement issued to press here said saddened by

the loss of an Ayurvedic doctor and seven others

persons were injured, two of them critically due to an road mishap in South kashmir Anantnag

district in which Tata Suno bearing registration

number JK03B 1989 while on way from Dessu to

Vailoo, skidded off the road and fell down a bridge.

Praying for injured for their speedy recovery.

the injured recover at the earliest,"

My thoughts are with the bereaved families.

"The entire Community stands shoulder to

shoulder with the bereaved families in this hour

of grief. My sincerest condolences to them. May

to families of deceased

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SRINAGAR, OCT 11



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Bharatiya Janata Party Rather, Sunny, Sanjeev, MP(Nominated) Er. Gulam Dinesh and others. Ali Khatana said that Muslims have understood that political expediency but so-called main stream par- wants to serve common Modi.

prominent social activists favouritism." from Billawar here, Er. the country.

Mohd, Nazir Mohd, grammes.

Sultan Mohd, Azam Khan, Basharat Hussain, Kalim Ullah, Dev Raj, Shahbaz

"BJP does not believe in

ties including Congress masses without any dishave used and misused tinction of caste, colour, them for only political creed, religion or race," gains. He said that large said MP Khatana adding number of Muslims are "We have delivered on any coming to join BJP and front everywhere and no expressing their love for one can accuse PM Modi Har Dil Aziz PM Narendra led government of any wrongdoing, while others Speaking on the occa- govts. Were kneed deep in sion of joining of BJP by corruption, nepotism and

Mohd Rafiq said that Gulam Ali Khatana said he had been deeply that BJP Govt belives in impressed by the poli-Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, cies and programmes of Sabka Vishwas and during the BJP govt. and espelast nine years of PM Modi cially its special focus to led rule, developmental educate Muslim commuactivities have seen mani- nity. He said that party fold increase in all parts of would expand its mass base among untouched, Prominent social activ- unheard, discriminated

ist Mohd. Rafique, along- against communities too with Shabir Ali, Gulam with its outreach pro-

bage collection, electricity Sat Sharma was also bills, pension cases, etc. All the grievances were taken

> ments for early disposal. Anju Dogra and Ankush

Orientation Programme organized at SMVDU for UG, PG Students

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

SMVDU organized an orientation program for the students of Masters and Integrated Programmes. The Orientation program is envisaged to help stument and role and align university and communiin the SMVDU family and course of the journey as university.



dents transition into their urged each one of them to whether they would new academic environ- to take responsibility and like to become, job crecontribute to the univer- ators or job seekers, and expectations to the values sity. He advised the stu- work towards achieving that SMVDU upholds as a dents to make the best their dream. It was folout of the course, and the lowed by brief orientaty together. The program faculty provided to them. tion remarks by Dr. Balbir began with the recital of He urged the students to Singh, Dean of Academic the National Anthem fol- enjoy their studies and Affairs. He addressed the lowed by a lamp-lighting their sports while on students for making the ceremony at Matrika Audi- the ground. Further, he best of every opportunity torium. The chief guest of encouraged the incoming and to stay optimistic. He the function, Prof. Pragati students to remain inquisi- wished them good luck for Kumar, Honourable Vice tive and to enjoy their life embarking on their new Chancellor, SMVDU graced and study by consistently journey. The event was the occasion and gave the working with a purpose in attended by the Deans inaugural address. He wel- life. He also advised them and heads of the schools comed the incoming batch to decide on their future of various faculties of the

maira Sathar, mandrain sand gallan capacity res- gratitude to Pandit Suresh mohalla Nargada, Centre ervoir in Mandrian. On Sharma for taking keen Mohalla Rehani, Mund completion of the work of interest in mitigating their mohalla thanger and SC this tubewell the panchay-problems.

and this project will pro- said that the Narendra president Ashok Purohit, vide relief to the people Modi government has mandal general secretary Pandit Suresh Sharma, sion with a motive of panch Shakti Bhagat, Jyoti also addressed the public providing drinking water Devi, Sudesh Bhagat, Vijay on this occasion and through tap to every Bhagat, Sikander Dev, Balshared with them that household across the want Singh, departmensoon a tubewell will also country. The people are tal officials and a large be set up in Maira Mandri- getting regular supply of number of prominsnt an having fifty thousand water under this mission. persons of the panchayat in Maira and thirty thou- panchayat expressed their sion.

BDC Sushma Devi, BJP

mandal president Dr. Ram Pandit Suresh Sharma Lal Sharma, mandal vice launched Jal Jeevan Mis- Master Chanchal Singh, All the people of the were present on the occa-

JJM project should be completed in time: Arvind

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 11

Secretary Arvind Gupta has ing to get fresh tap water conexpressed his grave concern nections.

over the media report that ernment's project with fixed facility.

deadline that by 2024 every districts under the mission of the Modi-led government uncovered by 2024, he said.

and that the performance of launched on August 15, 2019, both these districts is not up which is a great initiative to to the mark as nearly half of benefit large population and Jammu and Kashmir BJP the households are still wait- need to be completed in time bound manner.

Arvind Gupta further said Arvind Gupta said that till that while it is appreciable Jammu & Udhampur districts now, as reported, in Udham- that in Jammu and Kashof the Union Territory are pur district, only 54.45 per mir UT, some districts are lagging behind in complet- cent households have got amongst the best performers ing the water projects under fresh water connections and in the entire country having Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He in Jammu just 54 per cent 100 per cent tap water supply said that it is a Central Gov- have been able to get this under Jal Jeevan Mision, The BJP leader said that on the officials supervising

household has to be pro- Narendra Modi government such works of water schemes vided tap water supply. It is is committed to provide all in the worst performing dismost unfortunate to learn the basic amenities to the tricts and immediate and from the report that both, people at their doorsteps. effective steps should be Jammu and Udhampur, are Jal Jeevan Mission is one taken to speed up the works among the worst performing such flagship programme to ensure that no areas is left

responsibility should be fixed

NEWS JINDRAH IMAGES

Thathri gets PWD Division post administrative reorganization

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 11

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan today inaugurated the newly established PWD (R&B) Division Office at Dakbunglow Thathri. The Divisional Office of R&B at Thathri has been established after the reorgandemand of the people of from different parts of hospital. Thathri Sub Division. He the Tehsil Gandoh, who also dedicated the new as Master Trainers will review on the progress of Tehsil Office Kahara shift- teach and mentor their under construction resied to Dakbunglow from fellow villagers interested dential quarters for health private accommodation, in the programme. The staff. making the Office more program was conceived the public.

attends valedictory event beneficiaries. of 9- day Silai School, a collaboration with ELFA with the staff there. International, supported by the USHA International Sub Divisional Hospital Ltd.



isation of administra- ed to provide livelihood and patient care besides tive units of PWD (R&B), and income generating ABHA and AB-PMJAY meeting the long pending opportunities to 10 women SEHAT registration in the

He also took a physical

The DC, while undervisible and accessible for with a view of ushering lining the significance of avenues of dignified livelithe inaugurations, said Apace with his sched- hood to the trainees and that the goal of the govuled Amrit Kalash Yatra kicking in a chain reac- ernment is to provide programme at Revenue tion of sorts aimed at the all basic services to the Complex Gandoh, he also poverty alleviation of the people at their doorsteps with utmost transparency Later, Vishesh Mahajan and efficiency. He reitercapacity building pro- inspected the Sub Divi- ated the motive of the LG gramme, organized by the sional Office Complex administration in making

district administration in Gandoh and interacted available the opportunities to the unemployed He also inspected youth for their livelihood with dignity and with least Gandoh and inquired displacement from their

The Programme intend- about the staff punctuality homes.



GUWAHATI (ASSAM),

Assam Engineering Institute Playground, Chandmari, Guwahati which attracted buyers, visitors, traders and enthusiasts from across North-East Region and India.

Trade Fair is a flagship event aimed at celebrat- in highlighting the UT's ing and promoting the exceptional products. unique cultural heritage, craftsmanship, and traditional expertise that differto offer. With Jammu and Kashmir being a treasure



JKTPO exhibits exquisite heritage, craftsmanship

of J&K at Eastern Himalayan Trade Fair 2023

of exhibitors, artisans, The Eastern Himalayan farmers from J&K in this event played a crucial role

The event witnessed an impressive display of market opportunities. The a wide range of products ent regions in India have like hand knotted silk carpets, kani shawls, pashmina shawls, sozni, saftrove of ancient traditions fron, readymade garment, lakh to J&K exhibitors. and indigenous prac- saffron tea, saffron, dry

tices, the participation fruits, lavender oil, rose- Commerce, Assam, Bimal water, and paper mache. With national buyers exhibitors from Jammu & in attendance, the fair facilitated fruitful business the unique products from

interactions and paved the region. the way for expanding Industry & Commerce, Assam further facilitated platform resulted in generation of more than 200 business leads and on spot retail sales of INR 5.00 Minister for Industry & Growers (STG) and Handi-

craft & Handloom retailers in Assam. The Access Development Services in association with Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd showcased interest in organizing an artist exchange program with JKTPO and Department of Handicraft & Handloom, J&K.

JKTPO has continuously provided an ideal platform to the exhibitors of J&K to showcase their unique products in different platforms domestically and internationally.

JKTPO was also awarded with "Certificate of Excellence in Display" by ITPO and Department of I&C, Assam. The successful participation and interest shown by Dept. of Indus-Borha, interacted with the tries & Commerce, Assam for collaboration with Department of Industries & Commerce, J&K reflect the growing demand The Department of and appreciation for our region's distinct products, creating pathways interaction of exhibitors for economic growth and from Jammu & Kashmir promoting the rich culturwith Farmer Producer Cor- al heritage of Jammu and poration (FPC), Small Tea Kashmir.

Weekly Block Diwas: Deputy Commissioner presides over **Public Outreach Camp at Dassal Panchayat in Rajouri Block**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 11

tive.

The event provided a welfare. crucial platform for residents and their represen- Commissioner ensured tatives to articulate a range that grievances of the citiof concerns, encompass- zens have been noted and ing road maintenance, that concerned departstaffing enhancements ments would take stepin government institu- wise actions to address tions, water scarcity, and genuine concerns.

dedication of the administration to delivering essen-

tial services directly to the In a resounding display of community. He reassured commitment to effective the public that earnest governance and prompt efforts were underway issue resolution, Deputy to realize this objective. Commissioner, Vikas Extending appreciation to Kundal led a successful all stakeholders for their public outreach event in contributions to various Dassal panchayat of block government endeavors, he Rajouri as part of the lauded their diligence and Weekly Block Diwas initia- encouraged their continued commitment to public

Moreover, the Deputy

during the event were resolve the issues raised by and transformative Jal deserving individual is "Amrit Kalash" programs constituents. upgradation of MS Kari- the public in a time-bound Jeevan Mission schemes, left behind, and that the have also been successyan for HS level, scarcity manner, resulting in the which are set to be imple- dream of a safe and secure fully organised in every attended the event were Amid the proceedings, several matters.



functional, readily acces- unwavering commitment healthcare infrastructure During the event, imme- sible tapped water connec- underscores the dedica- unity of the people. In tion in redressing public improvement. Specific diate directives were tions. This commitment is tion of the administra- addition to this, he proud- concerns and unwavering issues which were raised issued to prioritize and backed by the ambitious tion to ensuring that no

for all.

of the power sector, the Rajouri block showcased Deputy Commissioner a multitude of issues dissaid that the district cussed and effectively administration is commit- resolved. Commendations ted to resolve all the issues poured in from appreciaregarding the PDD sector tive residents who recogfor the convenience of nized the administration's the public so that no issue dedication to issue resolubecomes a hurdle in the tion. installation of the receiving station.

The Deputy Commissioner also extended his logue between the public heartfelt congratulations and district authorities. to all the stakeholders for It stands as a source of the successful completion immense contentment, of the "Meri Maati Mera allowing citizens to voice Desh" campaign through- grievances and witout the district. This mon- ness prompt actions to umental achievement address them. The event stands as a testament to highlighted the proactive the unwavering spirit and stance of the administra-

Regarding the issues in Dassal panchayat of

The Block Diwas has emerged as an exceptional forum, fostering direct dialy announced that the dedication to serving its

GDC Doda emerges 2nd top among Sangam-2023 participants

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 11

Government Degree College sheed Ahmed, Dr. Jagmo-Doda has figured among top han Sharma and Prof. Zain performers at the Sangam Bandey for their enduring Festival-2023 hosted by efforts throughout the prep-Jammu University campus aration period. Bhaderwah.

Kashmir and appreciated

Principal Dr. Attar Singh podium in multiple events, Kotwal congratulated the Kho kho girls (Runner up), winners of Sangam Festival Kabaddi (Runner Up), Cross Bhaderwah 2023 as the GDC Country Boys (Ist and 2nd Doda finished with a tally of position), Long Jump Silver 16 medals, college notched medal, Discuss Throw Boys up top position among Col- Silver Medal, Discuss Throw leges and bagged over all Girls Bronze medal, 100 second position, while as meter and 200 meter Boys Jammu University retains Silver, 100 meter girls bronze top position at the podium medal, 100×4 relay race of this mega festival.

The Principal applauded Position, Folk Dance 2nd the efforts of the Physical position, Skit Second Posi-Director Dr. Arjun Singh tion, Poster making 3rd Posiand other members of the tion and Debate competition Sports Committee-Prof Second Position.

The College finished at the Silver medal, Solo dance Ist

Satish Kumar Convener

Cultural Committee and

Prof. Anita Kotwal, Dr. Jam-

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of water, PDD issues etc

government officials also initiatives.

In a resolute response

sioner underscored the soon enjoy the luxury of under the scheme. This the concerned authorities. ful Weekly Block Diwas officers.

on-the-spot resolution of mented with utmost diligence and efficiency. Addressing the concern

to raise awareness about water scarcity, the Deputy under the Pradhan Mantri Kariyan to the HS level, ongoing schemes, foster- Commissioner extended Awaas Yojana - Gramin the Deputy Commising public participation a solemn promise to the (PMAY-G), the DC assured

and urging residents to public. With unwavering that every eligible benefi- commitment to address tion among stakeholders, EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd take advantage of available determination, he pledged ciary who had previously this issue effectively. He aimed at elevating the Rashid; EXEN PWD(R&B) that every household been left out would be assured the public that he quality of life for district Rajouri, Sardar Khan and The Deputy Commis- across the district would comprehensively included will take up the matter with residents. The success- other district and sectoral

plan.

In response to the con-

To make Sports activities

an added feature during

the Basohli festival, the DC

directed the Sports depart-

ment to work out a detailed

schedule for conducting

expedite the completion of

all ongoing works under-

about hosting a maiden

theme based Laser Show at

Basohli which will be a spe-

taken in Basohli town.

PWD was directed to

The DC also informed

sports activities.

Among the others who

home becomes a reality single block within the CPO, Mohammad Khur-

district. importance of sustained

DH Budgam observes

'World Mental Health Day'

shid; PO ICDS, Shoket Concluding the event, Mehmood Malik; ACP, seized the opportunity to the pressing issue of of left-over beneficiaries cern of upgrading MS the Deputy Commis- Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, sioner emphasized the Augil Nuvaid; AD Employment, EXEN Jal Shakti sioner expressed resolute progress and collabora- Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma;

ADC Jammu finalises SMVD Chhari Yatra routes

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the yatra will culminate at Additional Deputy Com-Katra. In the meeting, the missioner, Sandeep Seoin- specific routes for each tra on Wednesday presided group were determined, over a meeting to finalise starting from Hari Singh the arrangements for the Park, Jewel Chowk and Chhari Yatra to Shri Mata MAM Stadium. Vaishno Devi from Jammu.

The meeting saw the vatra route, such as the participation of prominent provision of drinking members and organisers of water, parking facilities, the yatra and discussions traffic management and centred on the Chhari mobile toilets, were thor-Yatra's route within the oughly discussed and finalcity. The three organising ised. Deliberations on trafgroups are set to embark fic management encomon this sacred journey passed the identification through the city on Octo- and mitigation of potential ber 14, commencing after traffic congestion points.

Vital facilities for the

Starting from Jammu,

Power shutdown

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Similarly, the power supply

Shazadpur, GhoManhasa, 13 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power affected on October 14 from

Meanwhile, the Super-Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, intending Engineer (Distri-Shadra Sharief and adjoining bution) JPDCL, O&M Circle areas will remain affected on Kathua has informed that October 12 and 14 from 9 am the power supply to Industo 2 pm. Likewise, the power tries under Feeder 2nd, 3rd, supply to Dhar Mahanpur, 4th and adjoining areas will Mahanpur, Raipur and adjoin- remain affected on October ing areas will remain affected 12 and 13 from 6 am to 10 am.

Preparation in full swing for upcoming Mega Basohli Navratra Festival

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KATHUA, OCTOBER 11

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to the grand Navratra Festival Basohli Fort. being organised in Basohli SubDivision.

Gupta; EO Basohli and other Sub Division level officers were also present.

tival. He was also directed and wild growth. to ensure proper function-



of the region.

The DC enjoined upon To maintain Sanitation the officials of Floriculture directed to carryout cutand cleanliness across the Department to ensure ting of bushes and wild township of Basohli, the DC beautification of the area growth en-route Atal Setu directed EO MC Basohli to in and around Historical and Basohli Market giving depute adequate men and Basohli Fort besides trim- a cleaner and neat look to machinery for Navratra fes- ming/weeding of bushes the area.

The Animal Husbandry directed to ensure round activities exhibiting local ing Street Lights and High Department and DIET the clock electricity in delicacies will also feature Mast lights besides making Basohli were asked to Basohli town and Purthu during Basohli Navratra provisions for illumina- earmark their premises Tourist spot besides

finalise arrangements for tion of iconic Atal Setu and for Parking of the Vehicles by cleaning the area

To give aesthetic look to well before the scheduled the Basohli town, the DC event. The DC also visited President MC Basohli, directed ZEO to make a the PWD, PDD Rest Houses Sumesh Sapolia; ADC canvas of Basohli Art across and JNV Basohli to assess Kathua, Ranjit Singh; the town so as to showcase the boarding and lodging ADC Basohli, Ajeet Singh; the intricate artistic skills facilities for the visitors XEN PWD Basohli, Bharat of locals besides promoting coming for the festival quintessential art and craft ensuring their comfortable and pleasant stay.

Forest Department was

cial attraction for the visitors coming to witness the World acclaimed Basohli Ramleela. While giving a brief of the scheduled activities, the DC said features like

Photography competition, PDD department was Photo Exhibition, Culinary festival

JI NEWS SERVICE making a Power back up BUDGAM, OCTOBER 11

The 'World Mental Health Day' was observed at District Hospital Budgam with the theme "Mental Health Is a Universal Human Right" by District Mental Health Unit ASYM

DH Budgam. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr M Iqbal, Medical Superinten-

Addressing the audience, the Medical Superintendent briefed them Day in collaboration with regarding mental health and its well being.

by medical officers, paramedics and attendants of DH Budgam.

On the occasion, DMHP and Waiting areas of the Helpline.



Hospital.

Besides, Medical Superdent ASYM DH Budgam. intendent ASYM DH Budgam also observed

World Mental Health District Social Welfare Department at Govern-

The event was attended ment Degree College Charar i sharief in which all the students as well as teachers were present.

In view of World Mental Unit gave a detailed over- Health Day 2023, the view of Mental Health and DMHP Unit gave detailed Tele Manas Helpline. The awareness regarding Health talk sessions were Mental Health and its disalso conducted in OPD orders and Tele Manas

on October 13 from 8 am to 12 noon Chief Engineer (Distribution) to Birpur, Data Talab, Ansal JPDCL, Jammu has informed and its adjoining areas will that the power supply to remain affected on October

Marh, Gajansoo, Karloop, Dataryal, Marh, Bagh and supply to Supwal, Vijavpur adjoining areas will remain Industrial Area, PHE and affected on October 12 from adjoining areas will remain 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply 6 am to 10 am. to Thanamandi, Fatehpur,

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Surjit Choudhary meets Union Secretary of Panchayati Use 'Power of the Pen': Raj in Delhi, submits memorandum **Prof. Sanjeev Jain VC CUJ**

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Surjit Choudhary, Convener of Panchayati Raj Cell Jammu & Kashmir, today met with the Union Secretary of Panchayati Raj, Sunil Kumar, at Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi today. During the meeting, he formally submitted a memorandum outlining key demands and pressing issues related to the Panchayati Raj system.

During this meeting, he advocated for elec-Zone were also present.

tation

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Jammu.



electoral delimitation of votes, Panchayats, and With the completion of at various levels of the Blocks across different these three-tier elections, Panchayati Raj system. It regions of Jammu and Halqa Panchayat elections highlighted the irregulari Kashmir. These variations are scheduled for Decemties present in the existing have led to imbalances in ber 2023. electoral structures and representation, making stressed the importance it imperative to conduct highlights irregularities of bringing these systems delimitation exercises observed at different patterns, this measure of Panchayats and provide in line with the principles that reflect the current levels of the Panchayati of fairness and represen- demographic and geo- Raj system included Panchayati Raj system in form for addressing their

dum is the demand for an Kashmir was established 6,500 votes; disparities open tender process for following the abrogation in number of BDCs across toral delimitation in the Panchayat Ghar constructor of Article 370, and it condistricts, varying from 4 Panchayati Raj system tion projects at the Pan- sists of a three-tier strucin Jammu and Kashmir. chayat level. He said this ture, including Panchay-Arun Sharma, BDC Chair- move aims to promote ats, Block Development man Sunderbani and transparency and effi- Councils (BDCs), and Dis-Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh ciency in the allocation of trict Development Coun-Saini, President of Rashtri- contracts for these essen- cils (DDCs). The first-tier ya Sarpanch Sangh, North tial community facilities. Panchayat elections were Moreover, the memo- held in 2018, followed by The memorandum randum discussed the BDC elections in 2019 and addressed the need for disparities in the number DDC elections in 2020. emphasized the impor- tive service delivery, local

The memorandum

tion. graphic realities. variations in the number Jammu One of the key points The Panchayati Raj of votes within Panchay- added.

Yudhvir, Priya, Dr. Akshay inaugurate medical camp at ward-8

Medical camps play a pivotal role in ensuring well-being of community: Yudhvir

raised in the memoran- system in Jammu and ats, ranging from 600 to to 26l varied numbers of Panchayats within Blocks, with some having only 6 while others have 24 Panchayats and significant variations in the number Commission. He emphaof DDC members within sized that Panchayats play districts.

Surjit Choudhary irregularities through the roots representation. delimitation of wards for and DDCs. By ensuring and standardized voting

In light of these concerns, Surjit Choudhary called upon the Union Secretary of Panchayati Raj to initiate the delimitation process promptly, ahead of the upcoming elections for all three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system. He stressed the importance of conducting delimitation of wards and rectifying these issues to streamline the Panchayati Raj system and ensure that it functions as

intended. Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini, President of Rashtriya Sarpanch Sangh, North Zone, has raised a significant demand for the creation of a dedicated Panchayat a crucial role in rural governance, ensuring effectance of addressing these development, and grass-

By advocating for a Halqa Panchayats, BDCs, dedicated Panchayat Commission, Sarpanch equitable representation Gurdeep Saini aimed to strengthen the institution would streamline the them with a formal plat-Jammu and Kashmir, he concerns and advocating for their rights.

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JAMMU, OCT 11

The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu proudly commemorated the International Day of the Girl Child which brought together all the students, scholars, and faculty members. The Celebration embraced the importance of education to each girl embodying a ment in the direction of female education.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. San- Asit Mantry Head of the



spirit of undying commit- the girls and highlighted ment to the Department's their role in shaping the commitment to gender future of Bharat.

Before that, Prof. girl students. jeev Jain, felicitated every Department addressed by the Dean of Students female student in the the gathering and shared Welfare, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Department by gifting a insightful thoughts on the faculty members - Prof. pen and said that the girls revered position of women J. N. Baliya, Dr. Kran, Dr. need to understand and in Bharatiya culture and Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, use the 'Power of the Pen'. also paid a remarkable Dr. Yad Ram, Dr. Arvind, He further said that the tribute to the potential, Dr. Aarushi, Dr. Anil dn Dr. time has come to encour-strength, and achieve-Shivali. The entire event age the girls in leadership ments of girls around the was well planned by the roles which is increasing world. He said that the Co-curricular activities day by day. He encouraged celebration was a testa- committee.

equality by empowering

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The event was attended

Altaf Bukhari inaugurates Apni **Party Office at Sumbal**

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 11

Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday inaugurated the Apni Party Office at Sumbal.

was inaugurated in presence of the Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir; Vice Presiothers.

sion, Altaf Bukhari appre- another question, he Jammu and Kashmir and ciated the Party leaders responded that "The BJP accordingly, held a series and workers for strength- has no presence in Kash- of protests in support of ening the party and mir. Similarly, they are our demands. intensifying the public nowhere in Kargil that is He said that "Whenoutreach programmes why in Ladakh Autono- ever assembly elections that is aimed to educate mous Hill Development are announced, the Apni people about the policy Council-Kargil they faced Party is confident that



said. On the sideline of masses on the name of dent Usman Majid; Vice the function, he raised a BJP which has no ground President, Zaffar Manhas; question on the absence in Kashmir yet they play Spokesperson Ex-MLA of National Conference divisive politics in Jammu Yawar Dilawar Mir; and PDP leadership from and Kashmir for vote District President Sri- a joint protest of opposi- bank politics," he said. nagar, Noor Mohammed tion political parties in Sheikh; District President Jammu to demand res- Party has forcefully Bandipora, Qazmi; Party toration of democratic raised the demand for leader, Imtiyaz Parry and system and holding of the restoration of state-Speaking on the occa- Jammu and Kashmir. To assembly elections in

He said that the Apni assembly elections in hood and holding of

and developmental defeat. The Council was we will win the assembly re-elected because they elections with a majority in Jammu and Kashmir



with Dr. Ram Manohar importance of main- tion for a prosperous and quality of life, ensuring Lohiya Arogya Jeevan taining good health. He fulfilling life. Sansthan Hanumangarh, emphasized that initia-Rajasthan, is a noteworthy tives like medical camps importance of the medieffort to provide crucial play a pivotal role in cal camp, which offers a address, emphasized that tain their health and wellmedical services to the ensuring the well-being of wide range of healthcare health should be a top pri-being.

Sethi reiterated the is available to all.

that accessible healthcare

tions, can significantly contribute to a higher quality of life. She lauded Dr. Akshay Sharma's initiative and encouraged community members to participate in the camp, ensuring their health remains a priority.

Dr. Akshay Sharma extended his gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi and Priva Sethi for sparing their valuable time for this medical camp. He informed the attendees that the camp will continue its services until October 15, urging residents to take full advantage of Priya Sethi, in her this opportunity to main-

Among those who were

The Apni Party Office

ent.

local community. District the community. He high- services to address the ority for every individual. Among those who were President Parmod Kapahi, lighted that regular health various health concerns She underlined the signifi- present include Suresh Corporator Suneet Raina, check-ups are essential for of the local population. He cance of community-driv-Salgotra, Navin Sharma, Mandal President Raman early detection and pre- said such medical camp en healthcare initiatives Ashok Salgotra, Rohit Sharma were also pres-vention of diseases. He stands as a testament to in promoting a healthier Gupta, Sharda Devi, encouraged individuals to the commitment of indi- society. She pointed out Puneet Chawla, Romesh Yudhvir Sethi, while take full advantage of this viduals and organizations that preventive healthcare Kumar, Vipan Verma, addressing the gathering, medical camp, stating that to the betterment of the measures, such as regular Raman Dhiman, Swati stressed the paramount good health is the founda- community's health and

check-ups and consulta- Bakshi and Ashok Naidu.

agenda of Apni Party.

"The Apni Party is had done good work." committed for the social, in all the regions," he spreading fear among the opmental agenda."

"However, the Con- because the people have economic and political gress Party, PDP and pinned their hope with upliftment of the people NC are responsible for the party and its devel-

Dr. Ritu Singh, Pt Subhash Shastri, Sahil

Ji Maharaj to lead 41st Shiv Sena Holy

Pilgrimage with Green Flags

GangaDhar Ji Maharaj Hari Naam Sankirtan Restore Statehood, hold going on in village Pasgal of Bishnah tehsil



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Today In the Hari Naam Shraddh is a wonderful by listening the great scien- during his exile. By this, in the ongoing Pitru fort- through many sources of worshiping our ancestors is and others happy, increas- human and moral values.

capable of giving happiness, ing mutual love, social har peace and benefits to man. mony, service to the coun-This process of doing try and keeping the young generation away from vices. Sankirtan going on in vil- and scientific discovery of Respected Shri Gangadhar lage Pasgal of Bishnah tehsil, the ancient Indian sages. Ji Maharaj inspired us with thousands of people took Lord Ram also performed his wise sermons to improve the valuable benefit of life Shraddha in Gaya Tirtha our health. In this five-day long tific knowledge propogated he pleased his father King Hari Naam Sankirtan pro-

by anicient Rishis of India. Dashrath and also saw him gramme, the devotees expe-Religious preacher Shri in person. To organize rienced great joy by consum-Gangadhar Ji Shastri, while human life in well manner, ing the nectar of knowledge throwing light on the need Respected Shri Gangad- and also by taking food offerand importance of Shraddha har ji guided the listeners ings from the Bhandara. In fact, organizing such

night, said that Our ances- Sanatan culture and theolo- knowledge sessions fretors are as important to us gy to make them happy and quently in society is very as the roots to a tree, hence prosperous. Keeping oneself important to promote

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elections in J&K: Tony

JAMMU, OCTOBER 11

Congress Leader and District Development Council (DDC) Member, Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, reaffirmed his call for the restoration of statehood and the prompt organization of elections in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here today lamented the reluctance of the Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) to hold elections, damental pillar of India's vibrant democracy and should not be postponed or avoided.

tion Commission is delay- the nation.



ing the announcement of asserting that the party elections. He called upon appears ill-prepared and the Election Commisuncertain about facing the sion to carefully consider democratic process. He these statements and act emphasized that demo- in accordance with the cratic elections are a fun- democratic principles that India upholds.

Tony implored the Election Commission to act swiftly and decisively by Drawing attention to announcing the schedule the statements made for elections in Jammu by the Prime Minister, and Kashmir without any Home Minister, and the further delay. He believed Lieutenant Governor of that this would not only Jammu and Kashmir, all restore the democratic affirming the prevailing rights of the people in the peace in the region, Tony region but also strengthen questioned why the Elec- the democratic fabric of

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On October 14, the 41st sacred pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi's abode, commencing from Jammu, will be led by Maharaja Hari Singh's daughter-in-law, Dr. Ritu Singh, along with Pandit Subhash Shastri and Sahil Ji Maharaj, all proudly bearing green flags. Additionally, devotees can avail of complimentary bus services from Maharaja Hari Singh Park in Jammu for the auspicious occasion.

Shastri, and Sahil Ji.

Sahni detailed the Ji will lead the majestic depart from Hari Singh Vaishno Devi.

This was stated by journey with green flags Park at 12:30 PM on the Manish Sahni, President in hand. In attendance, specified date. Interested Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu we will also have the dis- participants can reserve and Kashmir today after tinguished presence of their seats by contactmeeting with Dr. Ritu National Organizers Ashok ing the party office at Singh, Pandit Subhash Tiwari and Vinod Kumar 9419182952. as chief guests.

plans for the 41st pilgrim- pilgrimage will have a pro- shan at the Kool Kandoli age, which will start from found mythological signifi- Temple in Nagrota have the historic Raghunath cance. He explained that also been organized. Sahni Temple in Jammu. Dr. Ritu arrangements for free bus appealed to the devotees Singh will extend a warm services from Hari Singh to become an integral welcome to the sacred Park have been made for part of this pilgrimage in procession, while Pandit the convenience of devo- large numbers, seeking Subhash Shastri and Sahil tees. These buses will the blessings of the Maa

Moreover, arrange-Sahni clarified that this ments for the Pehla Dar-

Jat MahaSabha demands swift action on long-pending OBC Status for Jat Community

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All India Jat MahaSabha, for the Jat community. Jat community.

mohan Singh, President of issue, showcasing the commir, and former Mayor in and dedication. Jammu today. In the meet-Jat community.

ering commitment of the Jat MahaSabha in its struggle to secure OBC status

Jammu and Kashmir, has Over the last decade, the fervently called upon the MahaSabha has tirelessly government to fulfill their organized hundreds of rallong-standing promise lies, Grand Mahila Adhiveto grant Other Backward shan, and National Level Class (OBC) status to the Sammelan to the cause of the Jat community.

This resounding call Through these efforts, the this matter and urged swift was made during a meet- government's attention action to rectify this situing convened by Ch. Man- was drawn to this critical ation.

other office bearers of the ernor, Manoj Sinha, made He asserted that if the gov- commitment to working border fence. Ch. Man-Jat MahaSabha were pres- an announcement regard- ernment fails to fulfill its tirelessly for the upliftent and deliberate on the ing the conferment of OBC commitment regarding ment and empowerment pressing issues facing the status to the Jat communi- OBC status to Jat commu- of the Jat community. ty, no substantial progress nity before the upcoming

government's inaction in box.

Ch. Manmohan Singh underscored the Jat MahaSabha's unwavering nity's future. Ch. Manmohan Singh dedication to the welfare AIJMS, Jammu and Kash- munity's determination hoped that the govern- of the Jat community, ment at the Centre will pledging to continue the Ch. Manmohan Singh grant OBC status to the fight until OBC status is ing, District Presidents, further pointed out that Jat community before the granted. The MahaSabha Tehsil Presidents, and while the Lieutenant Gov- 2024 Lok Sabha elections. remains steadfast in its land has come under the

He appealed to the gov-Addressing the assem- has been made to fulfill elections, it should not ernment to act promptly bly, Ch. Manmohan Singh this promise. He expressed expect support from the and honor their comthrew light on the unwav- his deep concern over the Jat community at the ballot mitment to the Jat com-

munity, recognizing the in securing the commu-

One of the primary concerns discussed during the meeting was the nonpayment of compensation to border dwellers whose mohan Singh disclosed that the MahaSabha has

Minister. However, despite this, there has been no progress in addressing this issue.

Ch. Manmohan Singh sory Members of All India mohan Singh extended fervently appealed to the Jat Mahasabha, Jammu and his gratitude to the Dis-Defence Minister to con- Kashmir, will be held on trict Presidents and Tehsil sider the genuine demand October 22 at 11:00 AM at Presidents, urging them of border dwellers, who the Golden Leaf Banquet to promptly inform the have long awaited com- Hall, Babliana in Jammu. pensation for their land.

of agriculture to the Jat ment, he added. community.

ters, the participants high- tance of education and Engg Yash Pal, Ch Onkar, lighted the long-standing skill development for the Ch Sunil, Ch ShamLal, Ch already met with Defence absence of a gathering for children of the Jat commu-Advisory members. To nity, highlighting the need Shamsher Singh, Capt. address this concern, it for investment in their Gopal Sandhu, Mdm. was unanimously decided future. that the meeting of Advi-

Furthermore, the meet- said that there are more the upcoming meeting ing addressed the distress- than 500 Advisory Mem- scheduled for October 22, ing damage inflicted on bers of Jat Mahasabha, emphasizing the imporstanding crops due to a J&K, and the Jat Mahas- tance of punctuality with importance of OBC status recent hailstorm. Partici- abha is functioning with a start time of 11:00 AM. pants expressed their deep their active involvement. concern and called upon So, this meeting will play a the government to provide pivotal role in determining adequate compensation to the future course of action tra, Col R.L Gangaal, Ch the affected farmers, rec- regarding the promised ognizing the significance OBC status by the govern- deep Kaur, Sarpanch Dev

In addition to these mat- emphasized the impor- Vijay Singh, Ch Suresh,

Advisory Members in their Ch Manmohan Singh respective areas about

Among those who were

present in the meeting include Brig Pawan Saun-Avtar Krishan, Mdm. Kul-Raj, Ch Rashpal, Kamal The participants also Randhawa, Ram Pal, Sd. Rattan, Ch Pawan, Capt. Pammi, Rajni Choudhary

In conclusion, Ch. Man- and many others.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Showcases specialpurpose Hiluxat the East Tech (2023)

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Tovota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today showcasedtwo special purpose iconic Hilux, modified with the support of an authorised external vendor, at the East Tech 2023 (ET2023), a technology-showcase annual event conducted by the Eastern Command of the Indian Armyin association with Government of Assam. Thisevent aims to promote state-of-theart indigenous development and production of defence technological capabilities and attain "Atmanirbharta" (self-reliance) in defence sector. Further, this year reflects a bigger leap in reinforcing the Indian army's endeavours in the areas of Synergy & Research Development and Innovation for modernization of the Indian army.



Having conducted com- rised external vendor, to winch for rescue operaprehensive market survey the Toyota Hiluxnamely tions during emergency to understand the differ- the Field Diagnosis Vehi-Commenting on the entmobility requirements cle (FDV) and the Forest occasion, Mr. Varinder of the specific consumers Patrolling Vehicle (FPV), modified versions, the Kumar Wadhwa, Gen- which includes the Indian to serve specificarmy general-purpose Hilux eral Manager - Strategic Army, TKM through needs and other special Business Unit (East) of its authorised external consumer requirements. customers' personal and Toyota Kirloskar Motor, vendor has made certain Given the operational business uses) was also on said, "We, at TKM, take modifications on the ver- and logistic challenges display at the Expo being

situations.

In addition to these (catering to the general great pride and are deeply satile Hilux (two units of Indian army, owing to held during Oct 10-11th

Shemford Futuristic School hosts Bilingual turncoat debate competition

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Shemford Futuristic School successfully organized an exhilarating Inter-school Bilingual turncoat Debate Competition under the banner of Jammu Sahodya School Complex with the topic: "Impact of Smart Phones

on human IQ", showcasing the awe-inspiring talent of young debaters from various schools in the region. The event witnessed the overwhelming participation of 20 prestigious schools. The competition was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Kusum Chib, JKAS Assistant Commissioner Revenue Samba who was the Chief Guest of the occasion; Ms. Rekha Mahajan, District President BJP, Jammu South as the Guest of Honour and Dr. Sadaf Shah, Assistant Professor lish, University of Jammu as a Special Guest.

The panel of judges Professor in the Depart- development. ment of Hindi, University



arguments, leaving the of our society. The event audience in awe of their commenced with a grand exceptional oratory skills welcome song performed and depth of knowledge. by the talented students. Dr. Kusum Chib, in her The cultural extravaaddress, emphasized the ganza continued with a offer and encouraged significance of debate mesmerizing Shiv Van- the students to continue competitions in develop- dana. To add a touch of sharpening their debating ing young minds and fos- creativity and non-verbal skills. tering a culture of healthy communication, a capticompetition. She comvating mime act was permended the participating formed by the talented schools for their continu- participants. Through ous efforts in nurturing their gestures, expresthe next generation of sions, and body language leaders. Ms. Rekha Maha- they conveyed profound Position- Shemford jan expressed her delight messages related to the Futuristic School, Mannat in seeing the enthusiasm topic of the debate. The Choudhary; Ist consolaand passion displayed by event reached its pin- tion- Heritage School, in the Department of Eng- the young debaters. She nacle with a grand finale Aasvi Bhardwaj; 2nd conencouraged them to con- dance performance that solation-Jammu Sanskriti, tinue engaging in such left everyone mesmer- Hargun Anand and 3rd intellectual pursuits as ized which was tributed consolation- APS Jammu consisted of Dr. Pursho- they contribute greatly to particularly today which Cantt, Binwant Singh. tam Kumar, Assistant personal growth and skill is International Day of Lastly, the winners

The event came to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Ms Sushma Choudhary (Headmistress Pre-Primary Wing Vriksha Jammu). Ms Choudhary expressed her gratitude to all the participants, teachers, judges, and the organizing committee for their tireless efforts in making the interschool debate competition a resounding success. She highlighted the immense learning opportunities that such events The event concluded

with the declaration of the result. Ist position- APS BD Bari, Tanisha Sharma; 2nd Position- APS Damana, Neelakshi Sharma; 3rd

Girl Child. The vibrant were felicitated for their Dr. Sadaf Shah applaud- costumes, synchronized outstanding perfor-

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at defence sites. Looking ity for All'. ahead, we remain stead-

of the iconic Hilux, at the anarmy requirements. and dedicated solutions East Tech 2023. This has These curated vehicles- to significantly overcome enabled Toyota to demon-signify TKM's commit- the on-ground necessities strate the distinctive fea- ment to identify unique of the troops. In this directures of special purpose solutions to meet special tion, the FDV is designed Hilux (modified through customers' requirements to provide essential vehithe specific needs of the ing mobility needsacross Army at defence sites.

Further to such market veillance and is equipped fast to extend necessary survey, TKM has applied with fog lamps for better support to defence sector two distinct modifica- vision at night, digital ised by Northern Comin achieving self-reliance." tions through an autho- video for recording and mand of Indian Army.

honoured to have the displayed), to suit the diverse terrain and climat- at the Mani Ram Dewan opportunity to present varied needs which can ic conditions, it necessi- Trade Centre, Guwahati. the customized variants also aptly meet the Indi- tates more customisation Earlier in July 2023, TKM our authorized external including army usage, and cle servicing in remote played two modified (with vendor)that can cater to thus support the evolv- locations, supporting the the support of an autho-Indian army to enhance markets and verticals, On the other hand, the Hilux vehicles - Field the operational efficiency thereby providing 'Mobil- FPVhelps Indian army for Diagnosis Vehicle (FDV) patrolling movement, sur- and Rapid Intervention

handed over a fleet of Toyota Hilux, marking the company's first-ever delivery of its Hilux to the Indian Army. Further, in Sep 2023, Toyota disrised external vendor) Vehicle (RIV) at the North Tech Symposium organAssistant Professor Dept. of English Central University of Jammu. The competition wit-

nessed a fierce yet insightthinking abilities of the

College, Kathua, and Dr. late complex ideas with importance of bilingualism and its role in fostering cultural understanding and inclusivity.

dently presented their casing the rich diversity managed the entire event. Einstein

of Jammu; Dr. Chetna ed the participants for movements, and infec- mance, and winning tro-Gupta, Assistant Profes- their remarkable com- tious energy of the danc- phies were given to them. sor in the Department mand over both languages ers filled the atmosphere Shemford Futuristic of English, Govt. Degree and their ability to articu- with joy and excitement. School extends its heart-Speaking on the occa- felt appreciation to all Neena Gupta Vij, Senior ease. She emphasized the sion the Incharge Princi- the participants, judges, pal of the school Ms Sah- guests, and organizing rish Ismaily praised all the committee members participants for their hard for making the event a work and wished that grand success. This event However, this compe- they continue to excel. served as a reminder of ful debate on relevant tition was not limited to Ms. Ankita Choudhary, the power of education to and thought-provoking debate alone. In addi- Administrative Officer, unite and inspire young topics highlighting the tion, students presented Ms. Sushma Choudhary, minds, paving the way for eloquence and critical a plethora of colorful and Headmistress Pre-prima- a brighter future. captivating cultural activi- ry wing and CCA Coorparticipating students. ties, adding an extra layer dinator Ms. Seema Rani ligence is not knowledge The debaters confi- of excitement and show- Shemford successfully but imagination." - Albert

"The true sign of intel-

InsuranceDekho Raises \$60M in Series B Funding, Surpasses \$200M in Total Funding This Year

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stone for the company. With mix of equity and debt, the company has attracted new marquee investors to its cap in South Asia. table while reaffirming the confidence of existing investors. This is the second fundraise for the Gurugram-based fundraise to \$200M+, further solidifying its position as the leading Indian Insurtech.

Eurazeo, India- focused Beams robust business model. Fintech Fund and Yogesh Mah-

tors. InsuranceDekho's exist- its marketing activities, further and Ish Babbar in 2017, Insur-InsuranceDekho, India's ing investors, TVS Capital, expand its distribution presleading Insurtech player, has Goldman Sachs Asset Manageence in the Indian hinterland, raised \$60 million in its ongo- ment and Avataar Ventures, scale up its tech platform, is on track to achieve Rs 3,600 ing Series B funding round, also invested, re-enforcing explore inorganic growth crores premium this financial marking a significant mile- their confidence in the comopportunities, and for new pany. In February, Insuran- initiatives like Reinsurance to this latest capital infusion, a ceDekho had secured \$150 continue democratizing and million in the largest Series A revolutionizing the insurance funding raised by an Insurtech landscape in India.

By securing more than \$200 founder of InsuranceDekho country. It gets 90%+ premillion in a year, Insurance- said," We are incredibly thank-Dekho has not only emerged as ful to our investors for trusting the leading Indian Insurtech; our vision and potential. Our position amongst the very insurance accessible and userfew startups to be able to raise friendly for all Indians, and large Series A and B funding this funding will allow us to Japanese giant Mitsubi- in the same year, a significant accelerate our efforts, reach added, "InsuranceDekho is shi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. win amidst the ongoing fund-("MUFG"), the insurer BNP ing winter. This exceptional further in the Insurtech space. Paribas Cardif, through its fundraise is a testimony of Theinsurance sector in India is stones. The capital infused Insurtech fund managed by InsuranceDekho's vision of at the cusp of a tech-backed will accelerate its growth tra-European investment major insuring every Indian and its revolution and I believe Insur- jectory, providing the impetus

The Insurtech player plans as one of the pioneers leading markets with a reliable insur- with our vision of advancing in the manufacturing & distri- ing value-added solutions to sector."

ansaria Family Office have to utilize the proceeds from this transformation."

come on board as new inves- this funding round to boost Founded by Ankit Agrawal anceDekho has witnessed a significant growth trajectory. It year and is targeting to have 2,00,000 agent partners on its platform by Mar'24. Currently, the Insurtech player is present in 1500+ regions, covering Ankit Agrawal, CEO and 98% of pin codes across the

mium from tier 2 and beyond regions. InsuranceDekho has served 6Mn+ customers till startup in 2023, taking its total but has also cemented its aim has always been to make date and is currently insuring 12¹ Indians every minute.

Amit Jain, CEO and Cofounder of CarDekho Group more customers, and innovate expanding at a rapid pace and reaching remarkable mileanceDekho is well positioned to reach more underserved

ment brings the company one step closer to its vision of enhancing insurance penetration across the nation. Under great team, InsuranceDekho has demonstrated outstanding success, disrupting the Insurtech landscape in India. InsuranceDekho will continue to leverage tech, innovate and disrupt Insurtech space to be the pioneer in making insur-

ance accessible to Bharat." Shashank Joshi, Deputy CEO MUFG Bank, India said, "MUFG's dedication to fostering a sustainable and inclusive future is at the core of our investment ethos. Our entry into the Insurtech sector signifies a strategic commitment to increase insurance accessibiltech-driven last-mile distribu-

and their strong executional approach that adds value for Ankit and Ish alongside a insurance value chain. Together, we commence this journey with InsuranceDekho, with the going forward".

Matthieu Baret, Managing Partner – Venture at Eurazeo, said, "We are thrilled to make InsuranceDekho our first investment in India with the After our investments in China, Indonesia and Singapore, we're extending our footprint with the ambition to become a

Partner, Beams Fintech Fund Asset Management, said: ing round reaffirms our confiity in India. InsuranceDekho's said, "We have spent a lot of "InsuranceDekho continues dence in the team and positime in the Insurtech space to help improve insurance tions InsuranceDekho to drive tion model perfectly aligns now to identify the challenges penetration in India by bring- innovation in the Insurtech

ance platform. This invest- insurance outreach in India. bution of Insurance in India. the insurance market using We commend the visionary The Insurance space in India is its technology platform and leadership of Ankit and Ish, marred with low penetration, capitalizing on its expanding lack of trust, mis-selling, lim- distribution partner network. ited access and affordability. We have been supporting the found InsuranceDekho, led by ing our network and resourcthe incredibly talented team of es, and we look forward to Ankit Agrawal and Ish Babbar, creating more value as Insur-Praveen Sridharan, Partproblem but also fostering

ner at TVS Capital added, "We mind to millions in India. In remain steadfast in our convicthe diverse & growing Indian tion that to enhance insurance insurance market, where pro- penetration, there must be a tection and financial security simultaneous improvement for growth in this sector is seamlessly with Insuranceimmense & InsuranceDekho is Dekho's overarching mission building a robust platform to of extending insurance covercapitalize on this opportunity." age to the remote corners of Rajat Sood, Managing India, including its smaller Sagar Agarvwal, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs towns and villages. This fund-

the dynamic leadership of all the stakeholders in the Within this complex space, we company's growth by leveragobjective of supporting the building a large platform not anceDekho continues to scale company's growth journey just solving the penetration up its business." trust & providing peace of insurer BNP Paribas Cardif. is paramount, the potential in accessibility. This aligns

leading player in Asia."

SBI Regional Manager Jammu hands over thirty Wheel Chairs To GRP, RPF Jammu



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Social Responsibility Pro-RPF Jammu in a function Jammu. organised in GRP Lines Jammu.

SHO GRP Jammu Insp and RPF Jammu.

Kesri demands stringent action against drugs suppliers, sympathizers of terrorists

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Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri in a press conference today on drug abuse and terrorism said that these are two sides of the same coin because money is area of Jammu and Kash-Pakistan and send them division is working for this, to India, for which terror- but one of the drug smuging the young generation killings in the last few years. the other hand, the money arrest him as soon as possi-

Niaz and others.

Regional Manager Kumar Ji Raina briefed Today SBI Regional that the chairs are for Manager Kumar Ji Raina use of specially abled handed over thirty Wheel passengers/commuters in Chairs Under Corporate need of these at busy Railway Station and Medical gram To GRP Jammu and Units Of Police and GRP

DySP Naresh Sharma of GRP Jammu on behalf of The Chairs Were GRP thanked the Regional received by Dy SP Naresh Office Head and his team Sharma of GRP Jammu for this kind gesture in and SHO RPF Insp Chetan providing Wheel Chairs Parkash in presence of under CSR to GRP Jammu

and Jaishe-Mohammed. The job of these people, who are hired servants of Pakistan, is to disturb the

required to spread terror- mir in India and to target ism. To fulfill this, these and kill the Hindu leaders people bring drugs from there, the police of Jammu ists adopt new tactics to glers here is Luv Gurjar sell chita and many such who is supplying drugs drugs in Jammu division. By and has connection with luring the common people terrorist groups and he is with money, they are push- also responsible for Police towards this direction, Kesri said Gurjar keeps which is like a bane for our roaming from place to place society, just as termite make in Jammu district, Samba wood hollow, similarly this district, Kathua district, addiction is making the Reasi district, Udhampur young generation hollow district and is smuggling in the society, added Kesri. drugs. Kesri urged Police, Kesri further said that on especially IG Jammu, to

NYKS continues Block level Kalash Yatras under MMMD

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The Mega National event Meri Mati Mera Desh program has now entered next stage in which the Amrit

Kalash collected at Village a larger Block Level Kalash Panch Pran pledge and as NYKS J&K Ladakh is witnessed the programme organising numerous proin each block of Jammu grams across all the blocks district. Mr Gulshan, Mr of the UTs. The nation is Aniece Chowdhry, Sukhorganising Meri Maati, dev Kumar NYVs coor-Mera Desh on theme dinated BDO on behalf "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron of NYK Jammu in their Ka Vandan" Campaign respective blocks. In

as a culminating pro- Samba District, Ms Sumgram of "Azadi Ka Amrit riti Slathia, NYV, NYK Mahostav". Jammu coordinated with In Jammu District the BDO Nud and Vijaypur attended by ADC Baram-,MMMD Kalash Yatra in organizing the MMMD programme was orga-Kalsh Yatra in which Shri nized in GHSS Block Chander Prakash Ganga Chowki Choura in which Ex minister was the Chief Shri Suresh Sharma DDC Guest in Block Vijaypur The evnt was organised in Member was the Chief . Shri Kartar chand DDC Guest. Shri Rahul Dev member, Shri Dev Raj Sharma, BDC, Shri Varin- BDC chairman, Smt Shilpa derGupta, SDM, Smt Dubey DDC member were Rupinder Kour BDO, Shri the dignitaries who wit-Raman Jandial, Sarpanch nessed the programme of Block Chowki Chora in Block Nud, along with and 200 peoples wit- sarpanches and panches

nessed the programme. of block Nud. In Bhalwal Block Programme was conducted Block Level Kalash Yatras Panchayats. Now this soil in coordination with were held at Blocks Balaother agencies in which kote and Sathra which was Shri Bharat Bhushan DDC attended by BDO Balakote 2023 and then to Nation-Chairman Jammu was and BDO Sathra respecthe president During the tively. Large number of Ministry of Youth Affairs programme of each block people including youth the family members of club members, NYVs and martyrs were honored by general public were pres- ministries responsible for the Chief Guests. Soil col- ent in the program.in ensuring success of the lected from each Panchy- Doda district also, Amrit Mega National Program. ats in the Kalash placed Kalash Yatra was held in All States and UTs are at BDO office. Patriotic Block Bhallesa which was actively working to make Songs, Dance and plays attended by Deputy Com- this program of Janbhagiwere performed by the missioner Sh Vishesh Paul dari a grand success.



participants. A large no. Mahajan, large number of Level shall be poured into of peoples has taken the officials and large number of people.

In Kashmir division, under the banner of Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign, Block level Kalash Yatras were organised in different blocks. In District Baramulla, Amrit Kalash Yatra was held by NYK Baramulla incollaboration with Municipal Council Baramulla, which was ulla, President Municipal Council Baramull Anantnag, PRI Members nd large number of people. a festive environment in which drum beating was also performed.

It is important to note that plantation drives have been held in all the Panchayats of the nation from 9th to 15th August after which Mitti Kalash In Poonch district, has been collected from collected shall be sent to Block till 13th of October al Capital subsequently. and Sports and Ministry of Culture are the nodal

DDC Chairman hand-over Maati Kalash to BDO Bhalwal



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of enthusiasm and patri- Bhalwal. otism, DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Maati Kalash (Soil Pots) symbolizing the "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" camof PRI members, party workers, women folk and school students.

rally was taken out which General Secretary North, Joginder Singh, Sarpanch nation. Rajni Devi, Sarpanch Er Rekha Langeh, Sarpanch

Vipin Sharma and other of Rashtrapati Bhawan on PRI members also joined 'Kartavya Path'. the rally which was culmi-In a remarkable display nated at the Office of BDO the consistent and resolute efforts of the Modi

Speaking on the occa- government in promoting sion, the DDC Chairman a sense of nationalism and Bodhi today handed over expressed his heartfelt preserving India's unparappreciation for the alleled cultural heritage. unwavering dedication He highlighted that these and extraordinary comefforts resonate deeply paign, to the Block Devel- mitment demonstrated with the ethos of inclusivopment Officer (BDO) by PRI representatives ity and pride in our roots, Bhalawal in presence and the tireless efforts of fostering a deeper sense members from various of belonging among the organizations and politi- citizens. The initiative, cal parties who actively In this context, the participated in the noble exemplifies the governendeavor of collecting soil ment's commitment to was started from Gharota from households, revered safeguarding and celebrat-Chowk in which Bharat sacred sites, and public ing the multifaceted cul-Bhuhsan Bodhi leading areas. He underscored the tural tapestry that defines the way. BDC Chairman importance of this collec- India, ensuring that our Kuldeep Raj, Omi Kha- tive effort, emphasizing heritage continues to juria, District President that it not only symbolized thrive and inspire genera-North, Ajay Sharma, a tangible connection to tions to come. the land but also echoed Sarpanch Raj Dev Singh the spirit of unity and expressed his gratitude Jamwal, Sarpanch Ashok patriotism that has always to everyone involved for Singh Langeh, Sarpanch been the bedrock of our their dedication to the Naseeb Singh, Sarpanch diverse and culturally rich

Pallavi Devi, Sarpanch collected soil will be sent our shared heritage and to the National Capital to the importance of pre-Kamaljeet Singh, Ex Sar- be merged with the soil serving it for future genpanch Narinder Singh, at 'Amrit Vatika' in front erations.

"Meri Maati, Mera Desh" initiative, which serves as He mentioned that the a powerful reminder of

The DDC Chairman

Bharat Bhushan lauded

"Meri Maati, Mera Desh,"

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL** SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. JSPHEMK/147 OF 2023-24 Dated: 09-10-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/joint venture etc. for below mentioned works at Water Supply scheme Bhagocha Chak of Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Sub Division Hiranagar of Kathua District of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on $\underline{www.jktenders.gov.in}$ in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ

Particulars of the Work Estimated Tender fee Earnest money Bid Time of No. Cost (in Rs) Deposit Validity Completion of (Lacs) work (days) 1 5 3 4 6 installation Rs. 51.23 1000/-500007 365 150days Providing, testing and (pledged to Von-Refundable) davs commissioning of pumping machinery Executive In the shape of





collected from this drug is ble to avoid further killings used by terrorists to buy and especially Hindu leadweapons and increase ter- ers. Balveer Kumar, City rorism. The terrorist group, Head Raju Honda, Paramjit The Resistance Front TRF is Singh, Praveen Gupta were a group created by Lashkar present on the occasion.

Udhampur Postal Dept observes Philately Day, Award function

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nar is organized today at roses and jasmine. Udhampur HPO in which students were educated Udhampur started a camabout the importance and paign for opening of phisignificance of philately as a hobby.

is to create awareness his given address. among young generation two hundred students of they gained knowledge ed for their best writing in about the Postal stamps, Udhampur Division.

Postal envelopes, Post Cards, commemorative

Postage stamps etc. Quiz In the series of events Competition was also during National Postal organized on the theme of week from 9th to 13th Philately stamps. Winners October 2023, today phi- were also awarded with lately day is observed in prize on the spot. Students Udhampur head post were caught surprised to office. In this connection a see postage stamps with Philatelic workshop/semi- fragrance of sandalwood,

> Shri Amit Supdt lately deposit account in which a person can start

Col Vinod Kumar, an account with Rs 200/-PMG Jammu Region, J&K only in a post office and inaugurated the Philately whenever a new postal seminar/workshop and stamp is released a fresh intimated that the main stamp will be delivered purpose of the workshop the account holder at her/

National Academy High especially the students of School, Udhampur orgadifferent schools. About nized a award distribution program, in which Col AOC Holy Angel school Vinod Kumar, PMG Jammu and National academy Region, J&K presided over high school. Along with as the chief guest. He prethe student's staff per- sented the prizes to the sons including teachers winners of Dhai Akhar also visited the Udhampur letter writing Campaign post office to see the beau- which was held in year tiful stamps on display. 2022. Col Vinod intimat-Students appreciated the ed that three students of collection of stamps and National academy high expressed happiness as school have been awardJI NEWS SERVICE

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of the Council of Scientif- Raju Shankarayan, and IIM-Jammu. The visit was ic & Industrial Research Er Arvind Yadav .The stu- organized and managed (CSIR), was celebrated on dents visited the various by Dr. Asha Chaubey, 9th October 2023 at CSIR- labs of the institute and Senior Scientist and Indian Institute of Inte- interacted with expert Chairperson, Students grative Medicine (IIIM), scientists and research Visit Committee at IIIM Jammu. On this Occasion scholars and were briefed Jammu in collaboration an exhibition cum poster on the ongoing research with the Head, School of presentation session for at the Institute in differ- Biotechnology, Dr. Ratna scholars and start-ups ent disciplines of Plant Chandra. The Honourwas organized. The event Biotechnology, Cancer able Vice Chancellor of also marked as an open Pharmacology, Instru- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi day to all the school and mentation and Infectious University, Prof. Pragati college students in which Disease Section etc. The Kumar appreciated the 60 sstudents from B.Sc. students also interacted efforts on both sides and and M.Sc. Biotechnol- with two alumni from the encouraged the faculty ogy from the School of School of Biotechnology, and students to visits such Biotechnology, Shri Mata SMVDU, Dr. Gurleen Kour, institutes quite often.

Vaishno Devi University Scientist in Pharmacology Katra participated. They Division and Dr. Rashmi were accompanied by Sharma, Scientist in Infec-The 82nd Foundation Day Dr. Indu Bhushan, Dr. tious Diseases Division at

Indian Army launches First Ever T-10 Girl's Cricket Tournament at Lolab

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCT 11

With an aim to promote sports talent amongst girls of the area and to provide the young talent a chance to showcase their skills, Handwara and the nearby Indian Army inaugurated the Lolab Premier League (LPL) KnockOut Cricket Tournament at Chandi-2023 as part of the LOLAB FEST - 2023.

over Kupwara including Cricket Academy, Hand- cricket among Girls.



wara.

district of Baramulla. The tournament is being

The team players displayed unmatched enthuplayed at Chandigam siasm and sportsmanship. Sports Complex Cricket The locals and elders of gam, Lolab on 11 October Ground, Lolab, Kupwara. the nearby villages have The inaugural match appreciated the efforts of was played today between Indian Army in providing The tournament com- the teams of Handwara this opportunity and nurprises of 16 teams from all Strikers and Legends turing the talent of playing

| | with allied jobs to be executed at water supply scheme Bhagocha Chalk of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Sub Division Hiranagar of Kathua District of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). |
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Position of AAA Accorded

Position of T.S : Sanctioned

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE (M) Div. Kathu

| Critical Dates: | | | | | |
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| i | Publish Date | 09-10-2023 | | | |
| ii | Document Download/sale start Date | 09-10-2023 | | | |
| iii | Date of Pre-bid meeting | 14-10-2023 (02:00 PM) | | | |
| iv | Bid submission start date | 10-10-2023 | | | |
| v | Bid submission end date | 03-11-2023 (04:00 PM) | | | |
| vi | Date and time of Bid opening | 04-11-2023 (01:00 PM onward) | | | |

Bid documents downloaded from the

www.jktenders.gov.in

- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading themon the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech Division Kathua. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at
- The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury chalan/e-challan towards the cost of tender document to be deposited in MH-0215 (Revenue head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Ltd. Kathua City bearing bank account No. 0555010200001579, IFSC CODE: JAKA0PCKATU in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua.
- The original hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan/e challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as ${\rm L1}$ after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of $365 \ days$ from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordinglyand the bid shall be declared non- responsiv
- 7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website

www.jktenders.gov.in.

Queries by email if any should be made at phejmumdkathua@gm

No: JSPHEMK/3826-38 Dated 09-10-2023

> Sd/-Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE)Mech. Division Kathua

DIP/J-9373/23 Date: 12-10-23

ASIAN GAMES BRIEFLY

Neymar praises Brazil boss Diniz ahead of World Cup qualifiers AGENCIES

CUIABA, BRAZIL, OCT 11

Neymar has hailed Brazil head coach Fernando Diniz as one of the best managers in world football ahead of the team's 2026 World Cup qualifiers against Venezuela and Uruguay.

Diniz was appointed Brazil's national team boss in July and has already made a positive impact, having led the five-time world champions to victories in their first two qualifiers against Bolivia and Peru.

Diniz, who is feted in Brazil for his attacking brand of football, is concurrently managing Fluminense and has guided the Rio de Janeiro club to the final of this year's Copa Libertadores, South America's top club competition.

Neymar, who joined Al Hilal from Paris Saint-Germain in August, said he expects a difficult encounter against a Venezuela team that already has three points and sits fifth in the 10-team South American qualifying group.

Thursday's clash will mark Brazil's first game at Arena Pantanal in Cuiaba, a stadium built for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The city in central-western Brazil is regarded as one of the hottest places in South America with temperatures often surpassing 40 degrees Celsius at this time of year.

Following the match against Venezuela, Brazil will travel to Montevideo for a clash against Uruguay at Estadio Centenario next Tuesday.

FIBA postpones Israeli clubs' CL openers

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The opening games of the Israeli teams in the Basketball Champions League, scheduled for next week, have been postponed due to the security situation in Israel.

The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the Israel Basketball Association (IBBA) announced the change in separate statements on Tuesday.

FIBA's decision includes the Group G game between Hapoel Jerusalem and SL Benfica, initially scheduled for Oct. 17 in Israel, and the game between Telekom Bonn and Hapoel Holon in Group F, originally planned for the following evening in Germany.

FIBA noted that new dates would be set up when circumstances allow.

The decision was made following discussions with the two clubs, FIBA Europe, and the IBBA, according to the statements.

Meanwhile, Israel's two opening matches in the Women's handball Euro 2024 qualifiers, against Slovakia away on Wednesday and at home against Germany on Saturday, were also postponed, according to the European Handball Federation.

In addition, the Israel Handball Association said that foreign players from most of the women's and men's leading teams in Israel have left the country due to the security situation.

UEFA announces Euro

India Junior & Sub Junior Women Academy Championship to commence from Oct 12

Riser's Academy, and GWALIOR, OCT 11 Meghbaran Singh Hockey

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Academy will compete for the title in the Sub Junior The appetite of the hockey aficionados continues Women category.

to be satisfied as the 1st This championship, Hockey India Junior and aimed at unearthing Sub Junior Women Acade- young talent across the my Championships (Zone nation, persists with A) is set to kick off at the Hockey India's unrelent-Madhya Pradesh Women ing efforts in taking the Hockey Academy here on sport to new heights Thursday, with the final through their grassroots scheduled for October 19. development initiative.

The 1st Hockey India The Junior category will see the participation of Junior and Sub Junior five teams- Khalsa Hockey Women Academy Cham-Academy (Amritsar), Bhai pionship 2023 - (Zone Behlo Hockey Academy A) will begin in a league Bhagta, Madhya Pradesh format that will be played Hockey Academy, Salute from the October 12 to 18. Hockey Academy and HIM The top two teams Academy.

after the completion of Khalsa Hockey Acad- the group stage in both emy (Amritsar), Madhya the Junior and Sub Junior a draw will reward each pionships in Zone B will as part of our long-term unturned in providing Pradesh Hockey Acad- Women's categories will emy, Raja Karan Hockey secure places in the cham- the event of a tie at the academies from the rest President Padma Shri Dr. nity for this sport to grow Academy, Ghumanhera pionship showdown on end of regulation time, a of India, at the end of Dilip Tirkey.



October 19.

Meanwhile, the teams that finish third and fourth in the pool stages will battle it out for the 3rd/4th place honor, ensuring mouth-watering battles from start to finish. In the group stage, teams will earn three points for a win, while

shoot-out will decide the layer of excitement to the

classification matches. Following the enthralling matches in Zone A kick off the Hockey India and build on their expewhich consists of top Junior and Sub Junior rience of playing high-Academies from the Academy Champion- quality hockey. The pas-North, the Hockey India Junior and Sub Junior Pradesh in a bid to further unmatched and we would Women Academy Cham- nurture grassroots talents like to leave no stone team with one point. In take place, comprising of goals," said Hockey India every possible opportu-

which three teams will be formed to play an Inter tournament will help pated tournament, the vision of Hockey India to abilities," he added. bring the next generation of hockey stars to light is Nath Singh emphasized on the journey to signifi- tunities provided to the cantly contribute to the young players. growth of the sport in India for which the Junior and Sub Junior Women victor, adding an extra and Sub Junior Women Academy Championships Academy Championships provide a wonderful plat-

Zone Academy Cham- the players develop and pionship. As the nation become better at their awaits this highly antici- game as they hone their skills to the best of their Secretary General Bola

"We believe that this

evident as they embark the abundance of oppor-

He said "The Junior provide an ideal platform. form for all the talents to "We're delighted to showcase their prowess ships in Gwalior, Madhya sion towards the game is in the country."

Flying starts to World Cup push ODI stars higher in latest rankings

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format.

Virat Kohli, Quinton de Kock and Dawid Malan are the big movers inside the top 10 of the ODI Batting Rankings, while a pacer has claimed the outright lead in the Bowling Rankings.

Ten centuries across the opening eight match-

es at the ICC Men's Crickthe ICC Men's ODI Batting rating of 711 to be four matches. Rankings.

points behind Kohli, and De Kock's blazing hun- six points ahead of Pakidred for South Africa stan's Imam-ul-Haq who against Sri Lanka has has dropped three spots lifted the opener one spot to ninth. higher to sixth in the bat-India keeper-batter

ting rankings, as he sets KL Rahul (up 15 spots to out to make his mark in a 19th) and South Africa alllast 50-over tournament rounder Aiden Markram before retiring from the

heels of the South Africa Cricket World Cup. keeper-batter in seventh spot after a match-turning Azam holds onto top spot

et World Cup 2023 have rankings. Malan has also World Cup even as runs and into second spot in shaken up the top end of reached a career-best have flowed in most the bowling rankings.

> Hazlewood now holds top spot on his own in the ICC Men's ODI Bowling Rankings after sharing the position with Mohammed Siraj

669 to 682 rating points (up 11 spots to 21st) have after taking 3/38 against (up four spots to five) have also benefited from plun- India including the early also risen inside the top-India star Kohli is on the dering runs to start the scalps of Rohit Sharma 10. Bangladesh captain and Shreyas Iyer that had

Kuldeep has climbed Australia pacer Josh three places to eighth after taking 2/42 against Australia, while Jadeja (3/28) soared 22 spots but still sits outside the top-40 bowlers.

New Zealand quicks Hazlewood leapt from Trent Boult (up two spots to third) and Matt Henry Shakib Al Hasan holds onto top spot in the ICC

Rankings after taking four wickets in their open-Mitchell Santner is the tralia batting line-up to only all-rounder to climb higher inside the top-10 after backing up 2/37 Siraj picked up the against England with 5/59 Australia's last wicket of and a quickfire 36 not out The top bowlers have Mitchell Starc to finish in a player-of-the-match

Hockey India announces Women's Team for Jharkhand Asian Champions Trophy

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to November 5.

India, which recently in the tournament alongside Phalke will also travel with Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Savita will be leading the Indian Women's Hockey Team in the tournament Hockey Team Chief Coach with Deep Grace Ekka as her Janneke Schopman said, deputy.

paign in the tournament momentum and our steady against Thailand on October improvement as a team. 27 and then follow it up with While we performed well at a match against Malaysia on the Asian Games to claim the October 28.

their third game on October a chance to further improve 30 and then compete against our standings against our Japan October 31, the Hockey Asian challengers. We will get India sources said. India will play their final from Hangzhou into action pool game against Korea on and test ourselves once again. Thursday, November 2. The With the tournament hap-Semi-Finals and Final of the pening in Ranchi, Jharkhand, tournament will be played on we are eager to perform our November 4 and November best in front of home fans, 5, respectively.

than claiming the presti-

gious title."

in the previous update. Pakistan skipper Babar the hosts on the ropes.

India went on to win Men's ODI All-rounder 85 runs against Australia in the ODI batting rankings that match by six wickets in the hosts' opening clash despite scores of 10 against after spinners Ravindra help restrict them to 199

Hockey India on Wednesday han, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, announced the 20-member and Deep Grace Ekka have Indian Women's Hockey been named as defenders. Team that will be travelling for the prestigious Jharkhand Navneet Kaur, Sonika,

Nisha, Salima Tete, Neha, Women's Asian Champions Monika, Jyoti, and Baljeet Trophy Ranchi 2023 set to Kaur form the midfield linetake place from October 27 up, while Lalremsiami, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, and Vandana Katariya have been claimed the Bronze medal at named as the forwards in the the 19th Asian Games Hang- squad. Meanwhile, Sharmila zhou 2022, will be competing Devi and Vaishnavi Vitthal

the squad as the backup

Kharibam have been named

in the list of goalkeepers in

the squad while Nikki Prad-

options. Speaking on the upcoming competition, Indian Women's "It is an important tourna-India will open their cam- ment for us to continue our Bronze medal, the upcom-India will take on China in ing tournament will give us



2028 and 2032 hosts

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UEFA announced the host associations of Euro 2028 and 2032 at a ceremony held here on Tuesday

England, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Scotland and Wales will host the Euro 2028, while the 2032 version will be held in Italy and Türkiye.

The Euro 2032 was initially applied separately by the Italian and Turkish football associations, but the two countries finally decided to submit a joint bid for the tournament.

Japan's Sapporo confirms abandoning bid for 2030 Winter Olympics

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The northern Japanese city of Sapporo on Wednesday confirmed its withdrawal from the bid to host the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The announcement was made by the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) and the city of Sapporo at a joint press conference held in Tokyo, which was attended by both JOC President Yasuhiro Yamashita and Sapporo Mayor Katsuhiro Akimoto.

They confirmed that the city will withdraw from the bidding and seek to host the event in 2034 or

Sapporo, which in 2014 announced its bid for the 2030 Games, is facing sluggish support and growing public distrust over the bribery and bidrigging scandals connected to the Tokyo Summer Olympics in 2021.

Having hosted the Games in 1972, Sapporo was once considered the front-runner to host the Winter Olympics for a second time. But the International Olympic Committee appears to have shifted its focus to other candidates after the scandals linked to the Tokyo Olympics, said local media.

of the Cricket World Cup Sri Lanka and five against Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav ing two matches. sent him two places higher Netherlands so far at the had torn through the Ausin the rankings, an ICC showpiece event.

report on Wednesday said. India young gun Shub-England opener Malan man Gill remains in second runs. made an even bigger move place even while sidelined as 140 rapid runs against due to illness.

Bangladesh pushed him seven places higher into also made an immedi- with 1/26 from 6.3 overs performance against Netheighth in the batting ate impact at the Cricket but dropped five points erlands.

a chance to put our learnings and showcase our growth as

Savita and Bichu Devi a team."

New York Strikers team sign 4 Sri Lankan players for Abu Dhabi T10

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Player Draft.

year.

Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL. Crowe will be The New York Strikers, assisted by former South owned by Sagar Khanna, Africa all-rounder Albie have successfully built a Morkel, who will continformidable squad for the ue to serve as the team's seventh edition of the Abu bowling coach, adding a Dhabi T10 through the wealth of experience and knowledge to the coaching With 11 out of the 17 staff.

player slots to fill, they've Before the Player Draft made strategic moves to even commenced, the New

bolster their team. York Strikers had already Interestingly, the New made significant addi-York Strikers played their tions to their roster. They retained former Windies maiden season of Abu Dhabi T10 last year and finished as captain Keiron Pollard as runners-up. The team will their Icon Player, a move target to go all the way this that generated significant anticipation. Pollard shared

Heading into the 2023 his thoughts, stating, "I'm edition of the Abu Dhabi privileged to lead the New T10, the New York Strikers York Strikers again and have chosen to retain Carl work with this exceptionally Crowe as their head coach, gifted squad that has been assembled. a seasoned mentor who

previously led the Deccan Within this team the stan-Gladiators to victory in the dard we aspire to is nothing short of excellence and, as 2021 edition of the tournaa result, we'll give our all ment, according to a media to go one step further than

release. Crowe's coaching experlast year and secure the Abu tise extends to various Dhabi T10 championship." cricket franchises globally, Joining Pollard are com-



Narine

(Platinum), former Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik (Asian Super Star), and the fiery left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir (Cat A), all of whom promise to be valuable assets to the team. Additionally, the team decided to retain Trinidadian spinner Akeal Hosein and UAE batter Muhammad Waseem, further strengthening their lineup.

Notably, the New York Strikers made some strategic selections in the draft,

bringing on board a blend of international talent and emerging prospects.

From Sri Lanka, they secured the services of four promising players -Lahiru Kumara (Cat C), Chamika Karunaratne (Cat C), Kusal Perera (Cat C), along with young Lasith Croospulle (Emerging), who is a top-order batter.

Adding to their firepower, they acquired the explothe hard-hitting Pakistani sensation Mohammad Haris (Cat B).

Furthermore, the team can improve. This season, till December 9. expanded its Caribbean influence by recruiting Odean Smith (Cat B), and also made some noteworthy selections from other regions, including Muhammad Jawadullah (UAE-RES), Chundangapoyil Rizwan (UAE-RES), Will Jacks (Opt 1) from England, and Ali Khan (Opt 2) from USA. This diverse and talented roster

sets the stage for an exciting season ahead for the New York Strikers.

After the successful com- to winning the title last year pletion of the players draft, but couldn't, however, this head coach Carl Crowe year we will leave no stone expressed his enthusiasm, unturned to get our hands saying, "I am really happy on the coveted trophy. I'm with the draft. We got the confident that the New players we were looking for. York Strikers will set the We are excited and eagerly tone right from the opening anticipating the upcoming match, showcasing the franseason and have full confi- chises' unwavering commitdence in our squad's ability ment to competitiveness." to leave a significant mark With a strong squad, in the tournament, much experienced coaching staff,

and enthusiastic leaderlike we did in the previous sive Afghan batter Rahman- season. While we fell short ship, the New York Strikers ullah Gurbaz (Cat A), and of clinching the trophy last are poised for an exciting time, it serves as motivaseason in the Abu Dhabi tion for us to identify and T10, which will commence enhance the areas where we on November 28 and go on our sole aim is nothing less

New York Strikers' squad for the 2023 edition of the Abu Dhabi T10:

Owner Sagar Khanna also Draft Signings: Rahmanadded, "We are elated with ullah Gurbaz (Cat A), Odean how the players draft turned Smith (Cat B), Mohamout for us as we got what we mad Haris (Cat B), Lahiru wanted. It went according Kumara (Cat C), Chamika to our plans. We believe that Karunaratne (Cat C), Kusal our squad, under the guid- Perera (Cat C), Muhammad ance of head coach Crowe Jawadullah (UAE-RES), and bowling coach Morkel, Chundangapoyil Rizwan is well-equipped to make a (UAE-RES), Lasith Croostrong impact in the tourna- spule (Emerging), Will Jacks ment. We came very close (Opt 1), Ali Khan (Opt 2)

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