

DAILY | JAMMU | VOL NO: 10 | ISSUE NO: 238 | PAGES: 12 | PRICE: Rs 2/- | RNI NO: JKENG/2013/49471 | POSTAL REGD. NO. JK-497/22-24 | dailyjindrahimages.com/Epaper.php | jindrahimages123@gmail.com

Its time for peace brotherhood its time to walk together: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, OCT 13

Amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said terrorism anywhere in the world and in any form is against humanity and asserted that it is time for peace and brotherhood and to move forward while walking together.

He also said that conto move forward with a tensions in the region. human-centric approach.

Addressing the inauers' Summit (P20) here, he has been facing crossremove obstacles in the has claimed thousands of the polls. way of global trust.

Modi said this is the forward together.

His remarks came whatever manifestation, is



flicts and confrontations against the backdrop of not benefit anyone, as militants over the weekhe called for the world end which triggered fresh

> Referring to the attack on Parliament House innocent lives.

time for peace and broth- was now realising how big erhood, and time to move a challenge terrorism is. so far and the general elec-Terrorism anywhere, in tions in 2019, where

against humanity, he said.

The prime minister said that consensus not being achieved on the definition of terrorism was saddening and the enemies of humanity are taking advantage of this situa-

He said Parliaments across the world would have to think how we should work together to combat terrorism.

The prime minister also said that the G20 presiin any part of the world a series of brazen attacks dency ensured festivities impact everyone and do on Israeli towns by Hamas in India throughout the year and India landing on the moon added to the celebrations.

He said 100 crore voters will cast their vote gural session of the ninth some 20 years ago, the next year in general elec-G20 Parliamentary Speak- prime minister said India tions in India and invited all P20 delegates to visit also said that we have to border terrorism which again next year to witness

> India has conducted 17 He noted that the world general elections and over 300 state assembly polls

> > CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Recent snowfall spurts booking inquiries by tourists in Kashmir



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 13

The recent snowfall in the upper reaches of ries by the tourists.

mountainous regions.

Tourists from differstarted inquiring about cable car are tour packages for Kash- CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

Political leaders, other

mir, which during the autumn presents a blend of red and white hues.

'Winter is one of the peak seasons for tour-Kashmir has led to the ism in Kashmir. We are spurt in booking inqui- already recording a good increase in the number Kashmir earlier this of bookings due to week recorded snowfall the Puja holidays, the in the higher reaches recent snowfall in the while the MeT depart- upper reaches has furment has also predicted ther enhanced it," Umar further snowfall in the Ahmad, a travel agent told news agency.

He said as such inquient states of India have ries for the Gondola

Jammu prepares for Jhiri Mela



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Additional Deputy Comintra today chaired a meetments for the upcoming Mela Officer. Jhiri Mela.

ern Indian states.

It is pertinent to men-riences, ensuring that

ADC emphasised the The mela, which is a importance of this event, reviewed by the ADC, major religious congrega- highlighting that it serves included sanitation and tion of the region, attracts as a gathering point for a cleanliness at the mela a substantial number of diverse range of devotees. centre, provision of devotees from Jammu & As such, he stressed the mobile toilets, waste man-Kashmir and other north-need to provide hospitality and memorable expe-

tion that Sub Divisional this year's preparations Magistrate Marh, Manu surpass those made in the Hansa, would assume previous year. To achieve missioner, Sandeep Seo- the role of Mela Officer, this, departments were while the concerned Block urged to conduct coming to assess the prepara- Development Officer prehensive on-site visits tions of various depart- would act as the Assistant to ensure thorough mela preparations.

Key areas of focus, as agement, power

CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli appointed as Dy Secy in cabinet secretariat

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCT 13

ed so far.

Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu, Chandan Kohli has been appointed as Deputy

Secretary in the cabinet



Around 3,000 dengue cases, 3 deaths

secretariat on deputation basis.

"The competent authority has approved the appointment of Chandan Kohli, (IPS of AGMUT Cadre 2013) CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

CONCERN!

J&K loses 30% of glaciers in 6 decades, delegations call on LG last year saw record melting: Experts

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 13

and warned that 70 per and this year it was a bit per the research, we have

that the melting of glaciers of Science and Technol- glaciers by the end of this will lead to water scarcity ogy (IUST), told the news in the near future. Howev- agency. er, the experts stated that

preserve glaciers.

& Kashmir while as the J&K. In the past couple of starts in April," he said. experts assert that the years, the melting of gla-Union Territory has lost ciers has increased. The say exact loss of glaciers nearly "30 per cent of gla- record melting of glaciers as the glaciers are melting ciers in the past 60 years was witnessed last year at different pace, but as cent of them will recee by low comparatively than lost 25-30 per cent of glathe end of this century if previous year," Professor ciers in the last 60 years. the prevailing pace con- Shakil Romshoo, an earth If it continues to melt at Reports have suggested lor of Islamic University losing 70 per cent of the

He said the record becoming carbon neutral melting of glaciers is the further added that was the only solution to outcome of less snowfall

in winters, especially the "There are 18000 gla- warm February and March ciers in Jammu, Kashmir months. "The melting of As the carbon emission and Ladakh, but all of snowfall has increased as continues to increase, the them are melting. The the temperature remains melting of glaciers has glaciers are melting in the usually high in February, gained a pace in Jammu entire Himalaya including March and the heat wave

> "It would be difficult to scientist and Vice Chancel- a similar pace, we will be century as the melting of glaciers has significantly increased," he said. He

> > CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13

ister called on Lieutenant importance. Governor Manoj Sinha at region. Devender Singh dum of demands to the Rana, former Legislator

and senior BJP leader also called on the Lt Governor and apprised him Priya Sethi, former Min- of various issues of public

A delegation of Jammu Raj Bhawan Friday and Kashmir Sharnarthi discussed the conserva- Action Committee led by tion of spiritual and culits President Gurdev Singh tural heritage of Jammu submitted a memoran-CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

tive" measures in the

reported in J&K this year so far absence of a dengue vac- rare instances of dengue cine and called for proac-shock syndrome and tive prevention to combat dengue hemorrhagic The Union Territory of this painful ailment. He, fever, urging those expe-

mately 3,000 cases report-

Officer, Dr Harjeet Rai he said. informed the news agency about the concerning rise. jeet, individuals who dengue prevention, urging He also said that there test positive for dengue people to manage and were three deaths due to should prioritise physical modify environments to the mosquito-borne dis-

public to take "preemp- fruits and vegetables.

Jammu & Kashmir has however, assured that the riencing symptoms such witnessed an alarming authorities are implement- as bleeding from the nose increase in dengue cases ing effective measures to or other body parts to seek this year, with approxi- control the spread.

State Surveillance tive measures are crucial, such cases, he said.

He also addressed the

immediate medical atten-Panic is unnecessary, tion. Early detection and but vigilance and preven- treatment are essential in

Dr Rai outlined a com-According to Dr Har- prehensive approach to and mental rest, maintain prevent mosquitoes from proper hydration, and accessing egg-laying habi-Dr Rai advised the consume a diet rich in tats. This involves proper disposal of

CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Anusandhan' foundation to realise vision of India's science driven growth: Dr Jitendra



NEW DELHI, OCT 13

MoS PMO, Personnel, Space while chairing the Health and Agriculture. monthly joint meeting of Centre here today.

the league of handful of & Regulations will developed nations pio-

neering new research in new frontiers, he said. "Anusandhan" NRF

"Anusandhan" National Act was passed by the Research Foundation Parliament in the recent (NRF) will realise Prime Monsoon session. NRF Minister Narendra Modi's will provide high level vision of India's science strategic direction for driven growth, said the research, innovation and Union Minister of State entrepreneurship in the (Independent Charge) fields of Natural Sciences Science & Technology; including Mathematical Sciences, Engineering and Public Grievances, Pen- Technology, Environmensions, Atomic Energy and tal and Earth Sciences,

Secretary, Department Union Secretaries of all of Science & Technology, the Science Ministries and Dr. Abhay Karandikar Departments, at Science informed the Minister that he convened the first The Minister said, the meeting of NRF Imple-NRF, envisaged by PM mentation Committee Modi, will catapult us to recently. The Draft Rules

CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Delivery of Justice to 1984 Anti-Sikh riots victims started only after 2014: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, OCT 13

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said justice to the victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, which were "politically motivated", started being delivered only after the Narendra Modi government assumed office in

Addressing a programme of the Delhi Sikh to the 1984 riots were



Gurdwara Management reopened and compensa-Committee here, Shah tion of Rs 5 lakh was given said 300 cases related to the family of each of the

victims after 2014. "No one can forget the

riots of 1984 and such heinous killings were politically motivated. No one was punished in those riots until the Modi government assumed office. No one was arrested and no one spent a single day in jail till 2014," he said.

missions were set up, but was done by the Modi govno concrete results ever came from them.

Prime Minister Modi established an SIT and reopened 300 cases, leading

to the imprisonment of the guilty, he said.

The home minister said cases are still ongoing and the Modi government will ensure justice for the vic-

The home minister said that after so many years, the process of giving compensation of Rs 5 lakh to Shah said probe com- the kin of the 3,328 victims ernment.

He also said that the Modi government opened the way to give

CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Suspicious object detected, destroyed in Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 13

Security forces on Friday detected and later destroyed a suspicious object in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said.

A road opening party of the Army detected two suspicious small gas cylinders, suspected to be IEDs, on the roadside at Odipora in the Kralgund area of



the north Kashmir district, the officials said.

A bomb disposal squad was called to the spot which later destroyed the suspicious object, they said.

There was no loss of life or damage to property during the destruction of the suspicious object, they added.

CAG dismisses allegations of malfeasance in transfer of officers

NEW DELHI, OCT 13

The CAG on Friday schemes, saying transfers scheme. and postings are a matter

of administrative con-

venience, and attaching

ulterior motives to these

is highly presumptuous. General of India (CAG) the highest level. said audit reports went through multiple hands said, also went through before being approved by multiple hands before the highest authority for

tabling in Parliament. "To set the record lature, and hence cannot straight, matters of trans- be attributed to any one fer and postings are a matter of administrative convenience and to read ulterior motives into these is highly presumptuous," the auditor to the government said.

The statement came after the Congress criti-

cised the government for reportedly transferring auditors Atoorva Sinha and Dattaprasad Surkaydenied any malfeasance ant Shirsa who were in in the transfer of auditors charge of audit reports connected with reports scrutinising the Dwarka that unearthed alleged Expressway project, irregularities in the Cen- and Ashok Sinha, who tre's flagship Bharatmala had initiated the audit and Ayushman Bharat of the Ayushman Bharat

CAG said audit reports are prepared by an extensive team over a prolonged period, comprising officers entrusted with In a statement, the fieldwork, central pro-Comptroller and Auditor cessing and finalisation at The audit reports, it

> due approval, and subsequent tabling in the Legisofficer.

"Furthermore, both referred reports have been presented to the President after approval at the highest level, and laid before the Parliament, and are in the public domain.

CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Distribution of Aids, Appliances to Divyangjan held in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 13

District Administration and Social Welfare Department Udhampur in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) and NHPC organized a free distribution camp for Divyangjan at Subash Stadium Udhampur.

The event witnessed the presence of District Development Council Chairperson, Lal Chand, Saloni Rai, General Manager NHPC, District Social cant public investment Gupta, DDC member Pan-curement. The event's such as motorized wheelchari Jasvir Singh and representatives of ALIMCO.

DDC Chairperson and DC schemes and ensure that and hearing aids, with a also interacted with the the benefits reach the total value of Rs. 20 lakh, beneficiaries.



highlighting the signifi- beneficiaries. deserving individuals.

They commended the The DDC Chairperson cost to 145 beneficiaries. joint efforts of the Social and Deputy Commis-Welfare Department and sioner also encouraged her introductory remarks, emphasized the respon- different parts of the to assist disabled individsible use of the distrib- district in the future to uals by providing them initiatives.

Deputy Commissioner, uted aids and appliances, expand the reach to more with durable, sophisti-

In total, 292 differ-Welfare Officer Kanika involved in their pro- ent aids and appliances, primary objective was chairs, battery-operated to raise awareness about tricycles, wheelchairs, During the camp, the the department's various crutches, artificial limbs, were distributed free of

cated, and scientifically manufactured aids and appliances. These aids aim to promote physical, social, and psychological rehabilitation while enhancing the economic potential of persons with disabilities. She also provided an overview of various departmental DSWO Udhampur, in schemes and called upon PRI members and the gen-ALIMCO in organizing this ALIMCO to conduct more highlighted the scheme's eral public to extend their distribution camp. They assessment camps across main objective, which is support and take advantage of these beneficial

DC discusses proposed site plan for construction of Mini Secretariat Building in Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 13

In a major development for Rajouri district, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a key meeting to discuss the site plan for the construction of the Mini Secretariat building.

The meeting focused on the detailed planning and execution of the construction project. The proposed site for the Mini Secretariat spans an impressive 88 kanals and 14 marlas of land, underlining the significance of this project in terms of infrastructural development for the district.

Deputy Commissioner opened the meeting by highlighting the importance of the Mini Secretariat in enhancing the

the need for a facility that considering factors such will serve as a central hub as accessibility, environfor various government mental impact, and future departments, thereby expansion possibilities. streamlining administrative processes and attended by the Chief

of Rajouri. He emphasized posed site plan in detail, Rajouri, Sardar Khan.

delivery.

The meeting was improving public service Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid and Execu-He along with the other tive Engineer of the Public administrative capabilities officers, reviewed the pro- Works Department (R&B)

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Macheedi, Malhar, Sukrala, Kudethar, Tandi, Baggan, Dhar, Dugnoo, Malad, Marhoon and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 14 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Kotli, Deoli, Treva and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 14 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Purkhoo, Bhalwal, Gharota, Bantalab, Jagti, Nagrota and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 14 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Battal Ballian and Air Force will remain affected on October 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

DC Doda reviews Revenue **Department's Progress** and Initiatives



DODA, OCTOBER 13

to assess the progress in encroached state land. terms of various priority areas within the depart- in detail the progress and

on complete shift to the issues. online mode and e-office. He emphasized the timely officers to ensure their handling of applications availability and assessabli-

mega Lumbardar, Chowkii ing peace and harmony. dar Conference shall be DC has once again reiterheld on 28th of October ated the revenue officers 2023 in Doda to sensi- to pay frequent visits/ tise them of their legiti- inspections in the Health mate duties for making and Educational institurevenue service delivery tions of their areas and mechanism more efficient report for any dereliction and effective. The meeting of legitimate duties or also addressed concerns slow performance. related to Lamberdars and Chowkidars.

the introduction of Geo- enue Department.

tagging of relief and other developmental cases.

The meeting delved Deputy Commissioner, into the State land mat-Vishesh Mahajan, chaired ters and the Roshni a meeting with revenue land issues, with the DC officers of the depart- directing the officers/ ment in Conference Hall officials to undergo anti of the DC office complex encroachment drives and in Doda. The purpose was retrieve major chunks of

The meeting discussed performance under CLU During the meeting, cases, Revenue Court a thorough discussion Cases, SVAMITVA, Audit regarding PSGA took Paras, Administrative place. The DC stressed Inspections, Attestation of the importance of strict mutation, Status of domiadherence to PSGA time- cile/ other certificates, line. He also stressed and other related related

DC urged the revenue

related to online services ty for the public, embrace for land records, Change zero tolerance for corrupof Land Use (CLU), and tion of any kind at any all services covered under level, and ensure prompt PSGA. Directions have paperwork/ replies. DC been issued not to revert/ has exhorted to follow send back applications proper norms and prowithin 72 hours from the cedures during Girdawri, last date prescribed for and Court cases. He has the service under PSGA. issued clear directions The meeting also includ- not to send communicaed discussions about the tions directly to Deputy state land allotment to the Commissioner and follow land less Pradhan Mantri the proper route. He Awas Yojana (PMAY) ben- impressed upon officers to remain vigilant of any It was decided that a kind of situation, disturb-

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda The DC instructed rev- ADC Bhaderwah, ACR enue officers to closely Doda, SDMs, Tehsildars, monitor documents Naib Tehsildars, Accounts related to revenue mat- Officer, and other conters, and he encouraged cerned officials of Rev-

DC Rajouri chairs meeting on Revision of District **Environment Plan to Strengthen Conservation Measures**

RAJOURI. OCTOBER 13

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, presided over a crucial meeting aimed at revising the district environment plan to bolster conservation mea-

The meeting covered a wide range of issues including the current status and waste management strate- its detrimental effects on codes on biomedical waste residents. action plan for solid waste management, plastic waste collection centers, conwaste, biomedical waste management, implemenbiomedical waste, wastewater treatment, hazardous waste management, e-waste management, Treatment Plants (STPs).

gies in maintaining a clean the ecosystem. and sustainable environment. He emphasized the struction and demolition need for comprehensive waste segregation, efficient waste collection systems, tation of barcodes on and the establishment of waste processing and disposal facilities.

of discussion was the plans, and the identifica- waste collection centers. tion of Effluent Treatment Recognizing the severe agement emerged as Plants (ETPs) and Sewage environmental impact of another significant point emphasized the impor-

Another critical point

The meeting also addressed the issue of construction and demolition waste management. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri emphasized the importance of responsible construction practices and the need for effective measures to manage construcwater quality management establishment of plastic tion and demolition waste.

Biomedical waste mansignificance of effective waste, thereby mitigating implementation of bar- safe drinking water for the communities, and other officers.

containers was discussed as an effective measure to enhance tracking, monitoring, and management of such waste. This step environmentally friendly handling of biomedical waste within the district. Water quality manage-

ment plans were also a focal point of the meeting. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas kundal

Regarding the regular monitoring of the mining activities and in a resolute effort to uphold the sanctiwould ensure the safe and of the district and protect better future for our dis-Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, has called for heightened vigilance and enforcement

stakeholders in prioritizing environmental conservation and implementing effective measures for waste management, wastewater treatment, and other environmental initiatives.

"The revision of the district environment plan marks a significant milestone in our journey towards creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Rajouri. It is imperative that we work together to implement robust environmental conservation ty of the natural resources measures and ensure a the environment from the trict," said Deputy Comperils of illegal mining, missioner Rajouri, Vikas

The meeting was attended by DFO Nowshera; ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; GM DIC, Ashwini Deputy Commissioner Sharma; ACD, Vijay Kumar; expressed his unwav- CMO Rajouri Dr. Rajinder plastic waste, Deputy Com- of discussion during the tance of monitoring and ering commitment to kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chow-The meeting com- missioner Rajouri Vikas meeting. Deputy Com- maintaining the quality of strengthening conserva- han; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid; menced with an in-depth kundal stressed the urgent missioner Rajouri Vikas water sources in the distinction measures are distinction measures and distinction measures are distinction measures are distinction measures are distinction measures and distinction measures are distinction measures are distinction measures and distinction measures are distinction measures and distinction measures are distinction measurements. discussion on the current need for dedicated collec- kundal emphasized the trict. He stressed the need trict and promoting sus- DO PCB, Anupam Koul; status of solid waste man- tion centers. These centers necessity of strictly adher- for regular testing, analy- tainable development. He CEO Education, Sultana agement in the district. would facilitate the proper ing to proper protocols for sis, and implementation emphasized the collective Kouser; MS DH, Dr Mehm-Deputy Commissioner collection, segregation, the disposal and treatment of measures to ensure the responsibility of govern- ood Bajar; EOs Municipali-Rajouri underscored the and recycling of plastic of biomedical waste. The availability of clean and ment departments, local ties and other concerned

EMPOWERING ARTISANS

DIC Kishtwar organises awareness program on PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana at ITI Kishtwar



JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 13

empower traditional artisans and craftsperprogram on the newly the quality, scale, and karma Kaushal Samman al products, integrating departments. Yojana was held today at artisans seamlessly into ITI Kishtwar, under the MSME value chains. astute guidance of GM DIC

strategically crafted to ing eligible beneficiaries. enlighten the targeted Representatives from varibeneficiaries about the ous departments graced nuances of the PM Vish- the occasion, delivering their thanks to the governwakarma Scheme, a fully insightful speeches on the funded initiative by the scheme. Government of India. This

Ashraf.

provide recognition and sor ITI; Rajnee Sharma, In a dedicated effort to utilizing their hands and

PM

The program was approach for identify-

Key attendees included initiatives benefiting the visionary scheme seeks to Inam ul Haq, I.C Supervi- Vishwakarma community.

comprehensive support to COPA Instructor; Lead artisans and craftspeople District Manager (Banks); Pankaj Bhandari; Vijay Yadav, Young Profes-Vishwakarma sional from the Employsons, a special awareness Scheme aims to elevate ment department; and representatives from launched PM Vishwa- market reach of tradition- Handicraft and Handloom

General Manager District Industries Centre, The session involved Dr. Mohamed Ashraf, elu-Kishtwar, Dr. Mohamed an in-depth discussion cidated the procedural to formulate a holistic intricacies of the scheme, ensuring clarity for all participants.

Expressing gratitude, participants extended ment and district administration for the proactive

DC Rajouri selects 28 beneficiaries under **HADP for Sheep Husbandry Sector**



JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 13

Goat units under HADP. concerned officers. This was done through a process.

(ACP) Sheraz Chowhan, throughout the meeting. Chief Agriculture Officer

Officer (CAHO) Dr. Khalid in Rajouri. Deputy Com-

during a comprehensive ing the targeted objectives cultural sector. meeting of the District of HADP, as well as to sen-Implementation Com- sitize farmers about the gram functions as an mittee (DLIC), which was innovative interventions invaluable platform for attended by the Chief Plan- approved under the pro- farmers to engage with ning Officer (CPO) Moham-gram. The resolute com-experts from the Agriculmad Khurshid, General mitment of the district tural and allied depart-Manager of the District administration to ensurments. This engagement Industries Center (DIC) ing that the benefits of allows farmers to seek Ashwini Kumar, Assistant HADP reach the intended expert guidance on vari-Commissioner Panchayat beneficiaries was evident ous facets of farming.

(CAO) Sohan Singh, Disture Development Pro-aspires to enhance agritrict Sheep Husbandry gram (HADP) is indeed cultural productivity, Officer (DSHO) P.P. Sajotra, a groundbreaking initia- improve livelihoods, and Chief Horticulture Officer tive designed to create a contribute substantially (CHO) Madan Lal Tak, sustainable and lucrative to the broader economic

Hussain, Lead District missioner underscored Manager (LDM) Sanjeev the overarching goal of Rajouri DC Vikas Kundal Bhasin, Deputy Registrar the program, which is to selected 28 beneficiaries of Cooperative Societies empower local farmers for Commercial Sheep/ Adnan Rather and other with knowledge and tools that can significantly boost One of the focal points their productivity and transparent draw and lots of this meeting was to profitability, while conmeticulously assess the currently bolstering the The selection was made progress made in achiev- overall growth of the agri-

Furthermore, the pro-Through this multifac-The Holistic Agricul- eted approach, the HADP Chief Animal Husbandry agricultural ecosystem growth of the region.

LG inaugurates complete street development of Apsara Road High Street & adjoining roads

We are ensuring that basic utilities are upgraded to meet the demand, and it is inclusive, sustainable to handle growing urbanization: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the complete street development of Apsara Road High Street Gole Market Area along with adjoining roads, today. This road network is a key project of Jammu Smart City Limited.

In his address, the Lt Governor dedicated the upgradation and modernization of road network of 13.5 km in Gandhi Nagar and the development of 600-meter Apsara road stretch into High Street to the people and the local business community.

"Our prime objective is to transform Jammu City into a centre of opportunities for all sections and develop it as an engine of growth and also incubator for young entrepreneurs of J&K UT. We are ensurupgraded to meet the economic activities. demand, and it is inclusive Lt Governor said.

of the famous Apsara road environment. will make the market area









He said the revamping tive change in the urban challenges, he said.

to Jammu and also give a new and resilient infra- development of facilities to

ing that basic utilities are boost to the business and structure. The upgrada- meet the aspiration of the ing projects including Tawi the ease of living and make stakeholders should coop-The Lt Governor reiter- infrastructure is also pro- Rental Housing Complex servation, street developand sustainable to handle ated the commitment of viding a solid framework inaugurated in August was ment from Mubarak Mandi growing urbanization," the the UT Administration to for progress and preparing targeted to ensure that the bring about a transforma- our cities to meet future

For quality living, smart Hon'ble Prime Minister tats. A huge workforce management, Blue Green ensure that the functiona major center of attrac- mobility and beautifica- Shri Narendra Modi ji, we tion for the local people as tion of Jammu City, we are making earnest efforts well as the tourists coming have focused on building for urban rejuvenation and tive, the Lt Governor said.

tion of existing physical common man. Affordable urban population living in slums can access to basic Under the guidance of services and livable habicontributing to growth has benefitted from this initia-

He said, various ongo-

River Front, Heritage Conto Raghunath Bazaar, rejuvenation of water bodies, beautification of approach smart city policing will road to Bahu Fort, waste also be launched soon to Project of Ranbir Canal,

electric buses to the fleet in

the city more vibrant and sustainable.

Infrastructure of smart with complete dedication equipment for solid waste and pay for government management, traffic and ing of the city is smooth, and the addition of more he added.

coming days will improve that citizens and other The 1.30 cr citizens of present.

erate in development process, discharge their duty

announce here that we will CEO Jammu Smart City; waive off the electricity bill ULB members, senior offiof poor people. Discrimi-The Lt Governor said few will not work here. prominent citizens were

Jammu Kashmir are our priority, he said

I assure the people that the government will take every decision in favour of common man, traders, business fraternity. Our doors are open 24 hours. I welcome all the suggestions regarding advancement of the society, the Lt Governor said.

Sh Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Sh Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, If capable pay the bill, I Jammu; Sh Rahul Yadav. cials, members from trade natory System benefiting & business community and

DRSC, RTA meetings held in Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 13

ing to discuss road safety Road. measures and streamlindistrict.

NHIDCL authorities erwah-Chatergalla Road. letter and spirit.

were directed to repair

cal Engineering Wing safety of passengers. It was informed that an and BRO to float the

The meeting informed the potholes, road surface that 15 CCTV cameras extention of route permit and install crash barriers have been installed in Deputy Commissioner, on Goha- Khellani Road the Doda Town by MC by the RTA. The Chair-Vishesh Mahajan (Chair- on urgent basis. PMGSY Doda, all School buses man deferred 04 cases/ man of DRSC) today engineers were instructed have fitted with CCTV applications for change chaired District Road to ensure construction of gadgets and directions of route permits for addi-Safety Committee (DRSC) bridges allotted to them, have been passed to contional clarification by the and Regional Transport besides managing more duct a meeting of Minibus concerned department. Authority (RTA) meet- crash barriers on Marmat owners and drivers under Chairman DRSC urged Doda to motivate them to Abdul Qayoom, ADC ing of Transport in the PWD, PMGSY, Mechani- install CCTV cameras for

The DC, while reviewamount of Rs. 1.50 crore required maintenance/ ing the road safety meain addition to already repair tenders by 15th of sures, directed all the Zargar, ARTO Rajesh released 50 lakh has been November to ensure that members of DRSC to go Gupta, GM NHIDCL earmarked to erect new all the roads are immedithrough the Road Safety crash barriers on vulner- ately repaired and remain Policy, Road Safety Executive Engineers able points on Pul Doda- open/operational during Action Plan and Direc- of PWD and PMGSY, Khellani, Thathri- Kilo- the ensuing winter. GREF tions issued by Govern- EO MC Doda, repthran, and internal and Engineers were asked to ment and Hon'ble Courts adjoining roads of Doda remove encroachments on the Road Safety and and Traffic Police and on the Pul Doda- Bhad- implement the same in other concerned offi-

On the decision of previous meeting regarding Road Safety Awareness, the Chair lauded Transport and Traffic Department and asked them to intensify the awareness campaign using all means of communication.

In Regional Transport Authority (RTA) meeting, permission to play on various routes in the district, for Stage Carriage of 16 Minibuses, and 05 (Stage Carriage) Tata magics/ M. Maximos were approved by the authority. 05 cases were also approved

The meeting was the chairmanship of ACR attended by SSP Doda Doda Dr R K Bharti, SE

PWD RP Gupta, CPO Suresh Kumar, CMO Doda Abdul Hamid NS Gill, DIO DIPR, resentative of GREF

Kashmiri Pandit Delegation calls on Lt Governor



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 13 A delegation of Kashmiri

Pandit Community called Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The delegation, led by fare and prosperity of the prominent members of community.

the Kashmiri Pandit Community including Sh. Hira Lal Bhat, Sh. I. K. Raina, Ms. Sonali Pandita, Sh. Anil Bhat, Sh. Chand Ji on Lieutenant Governor Pandita and Sh. Sanjay Koul, discussed various issues related to the wel-

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of traffic during upcoming Dussehra, Deepawali and Chhat Puja festivals, Railways have decided to run the following Festival

Specia	Special Trains as per details given below:-							
04610/04609 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Varanasi- 04 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Festival Special Exp. Trips								
Train N	Train No. 04610 CTATIONS A Train No. 04609							
ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS ARR. DEP.						
_	23:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	_				
23:55	_	Varanasi						

16.10.2023 (Monday) & 20.10.2023 (Friday) and 04609 Ex Varanasi from 18.10.2023 (Wednesday) & 22.10.2023 (Sunday). Stoppages: Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot

Days of Run: 04610 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra from

Cantt. Jalandhar Cantt. Ludhiana. Ambala Cantt. Saharanpur. Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Sultanpur stations.

Accommodation: 2 Tier AC cum 3 Tier AC & Sleeper

Accommodation: 2 Her AC cum 3 Her AC & Sleeper							
01431/01432 Pune-Gorakhpur-Pune 14 Superfast Special Express (Weekly) Trips							
Train N	Train No. 01431 Train No. 01432						
ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.			
_	16:15	Pune	06:25	_			
15:38	15:40	Lucknow	04:00	04:10			
21:00 — Gorakhpur — 23:25							
Days of Run: 01431 Ex Pune from 20.10.2023 to 01.12.2023 on							
		01432 Ex Gorakhpur f	rom 21.10 .	2023 to			
02 12 20:	23 on ever	v Saturdav.					

Stoppages: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Belapur, Kopargaon, Manmad Jn, Bhusaval Jn, Khandwa, Itarsi Jn, Bhopal Jn, Bina Jn, Virangana Lakshmibai, Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn, Mankapur Jn, Basti and Khalilabad stations Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC. Sleeper & General

For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in



RailMadad

44.96.318.44/-

E-Tender Notice

DEN/Track/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available or www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 07.11.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manua offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shal be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards ender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes vailable on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDF etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

l	render typ	Je	rendering Section	Bidding System				
Open		Works	Single Bid System					
Date of Uploading Tenders			Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time				
12.10.2023		24.10.2023	07.11.2023/ 15:00 Hrs.					
S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender						
	268-2022-23-	Misc. trac	Aisc track work and Pre & Post attention works in connection					

Track-DRM-FZR with Tamping machines (CSM, DGS etc.) over Firozpur Division. Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion Similar nature of work:- CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, Dee screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track mainte machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machines/ screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.

269-2023-24- Repair to Various Defective GPS Tracker of Firozpur Division o Track-DRM-FZR Make STESALITE SYSTEM LTD, Model-SXTREO T-57. Validity of Offer Period of Completio Similar nature of work: - "Nil".

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tende No:-268 & 269-2023-24-Track-DRM-FZR Date: 12.10.2023

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Azadify Azadify E-Tender Notice

Sr.DEN-II/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. Manua offers are not allowed against these 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 only paymer 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 logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type		Tendering :	Section		Bidding System
Open	Open		Works		Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Ter	nders	Bid Startin	g Date	Bid	Closing Date/Time
11.10.2023	11.10.2023		023	02.	11.2023/ 15:00 Hrs.
S.N. 1. Tender No.: 237	S.N. 1. Tender No.: 237-2023		M-FZR		
Details of Tender: Repa	air and	maintenance o	f Bridges in	the s	ection of ADEN-PLMX
Advertised Value (Rs.)	sed Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.)		Validity of	Offer	Period of Completion
34,99,233.52/-		70,000/-	60 Day	/S	08 Months
Similar nature of work:	- "NIL	".			

Details of Tender: Dewatering of LHS during heavy rainfall in the section of SSE/W/BAT Advertised Value (Rs.) | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Validity of Offer | Period of Completion

S.N. 2. Tender No.: 262-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR

11.98.906.11/-24,000/-60 Days S.N. 3. Tender No.: 263-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZF

and Gurdaspur colony and station in the section of SSE/W/BAT under ADEN/PTK Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion 89,600/

S.N. 4 Tender No.: 264-2023-24-PLMX-DRM-FZR Details of Tender: Repair and Maintenance of L-Xings in the section of ADEN/PLMX.

Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion 60,000/-60 Days Similar nature of work:- "NIL

S.N. 5 Tender No.: 265-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR Details of Tender: Misc P.Way works for track maintenance in the jurisdiction of ADEN/PTK Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion 69,900/ Similar nature of work:- "NIL"

S.N. 6 Tender No.: 266-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR Details of Tender: Misc P.Way works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P.Way/JAT under jurisdiction of ADEN/JAT. Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion

Similar nature of work:- "NIL" S.N. 7 Tender No.: 267-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR Details of Tender: Misc P.Way works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P.Way/KTHU under jurisdiction of ADEN/JAT Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion 44,96,318.44/-89,900/-60 Days

Similar nature of work:- "NIL" No.: 237 & 264-PLMX-DRM-FZR, 262, 263 & 265-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR, 266 &

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 13

Skill Convocation Ceremony 2023 held at ITI Mendhar

With the view to make skilling more aspirational and inspirational, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised a convocation ceremony for All India Trade Test (AITT) Toppers under CTS Scheme. Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Mendhar also organised "Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh (Skill Convocation Ceremony)" event in the campus of institution. Dr. Mohammed Asger Ghazi (Chairman IMC) was

the chief guest on the occasion. Hundred of passout trainees attended the ceremony and received their certificates from the Chief Guest and top three mementoes. meritorious from each trade of I.T.I Mendhar felicitated with intendent I.T.I Mendhar, staff also present on the occasion.



Er. Talat Mehmood Khan Super-society, trainees and parents were

members, prominent citizens of

Ganderbal grapples with

erratic power supply

Once famous, Kashmir's Shallabugh wetland exhibits desolate landscape

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 13

currently exhibits a desolate current state might have been said another expert. landscape, raising questions different today, but unfortunumerous flora and fauna spe-

The wetland, which earned the prestigious Ramsar site it has transformed into a the wetland is far from suitable stakeholders. designation just last year, spans desert. We can't merely say it's for birds. It's imperative that across two districts includ- dying; it's now a lifeless wet- the government takes action; dependent on natural water ing Srinagar and Ganderbal, land. During our site visit, we otherwise, we are not far from sources like rainwater, snowencompassing a vast expanse observed animals desperately a disaster." "I failed to capture melt, and a stream originating establishment of high-altitude totaling 1,675 hectares.

expressing their concerns expert. about the site's deteriorating condition, told the news or lotus stems; all we encountal Protection Group (EPG) agency that despite receiving tered were animals desperately conducted an inspection of Ramsar Site status months in search of water. The aquatic Shallabugh Wetland, which but misleadingly so. ago, it has now transformed ecosystem, including both flora was once a pristine 1675-hectinto a parched and waterless

"Its condition has deteriorat-

a mockery, as not even a trace community has been pro- pletely devoid of water. The as a wetland is increasingly servation of wetlands like this tions," he added. for their preservation.

searching for a drop of water, Many environmentalists, which eluded them," said an

"We couldn't spot any fish and fauna, has been profoundly impacted," he explained.

"Despite some children colring to it as a wetland seems like deemed inedible. The fishing into a parched expanse com- and distressing. Describing it KNO

The Shallabugh Wetland site ties had taken timely action, its impacting their livelihoods,"

birds either," he added.

of water is visible from a dis- foundly affected by the current EPG expressed deep concerns untenable; it has essentially tance. If the concerned authoristate of the wetland, severely over the deteriorating state of transformed into barren land." this wetland. Their assessment revealed that over half of the mental activist, emphasized "If we don't address this 33,000 kanal area is enclosed the urgency of taking immeregarding the legitimacy of its nately," they said, adding that issue promptly, it could lead to by a bund, raising suspicions diate action to rejuvenate the Ramsar status, and has sadly immediate water management significant environmental chal- about potential underlying wetland and prevent harm led to the disappearance of plans are needed for the conlenges for our future generamotives. Some believe this to future generations. Social might be linked to future real A bird photographer com- estate development or con- cerns about encroachments in "It's no longer a wetland; mented, "The current state of nections with influential land the area.

> Shallabugh, historically pictures of local birds, and from Sindh and Anchar, is curthere's no sign of migratory rently undergoing bund con- of gorges to regulate river flow struction efforts. These efforts effectively. These actions are Recently, the Environmen- aim to create artificial pools, essential to revitalize this oncegiving the illusion of water bodies during sporadic rainfall

are wetland. However, as per of the EPG, expressed deep that the government is actively the statement their findings sorrow, stating, "The current engaged in comprehensive painted a grim picture, reveal- condition of Shallabugh Wet- efforts to safeguard and restore ed to such an extent that refer- lecting chestnuts, they were ing that it has transformed land is profoundly unfortunate the wetland to its original state.

Syed Farhat, an environworker Syed Adil raised con-

Er Ajaz Rasool, serving as a Technical Advisor, highlighted the pressing need for effective water management, the storage, and the preservation thriving wetland and protect it for generations to come.

Faiz Bakshi, the Convenor ity of the situation, affirming

An official stressed the grav-

GANDERBAL, OCT 13

The residents of Gander- expressed frustration, bal are grappling with an erratic power supply, with have persisted for over a people questioning the fun week, particularly during of having three major power morning and evening projects in the district.

ity supply remains elusive examinations, they said. as the winter season comare suffering a lot.

Ganderbal Town, Kangan, they said. Prang, Wussan, Watlar, Thune, Ganiwan, Gund, Rayil, Kullan, and Gagangeer, have reported erratic the matter promptly. power supply for the past projects, they said.

for such power cuts when KNO

we diligently pay our electricity bills," they said.

The residents have saying that electricity issues hours. The situation is most The locals told the news distressing for students who agency that proper electric- are preparing for upcoming

"The power cuts during mences. They said students morning and evening hours, which are ideal Numerous areas within study times, will hamper the district, including their educational progress,"

The people have Cherwan, Bonibagh, appealed to the Power **Development Department** (PDD) authorities to address

"We are hopeful that week. Why is there insuf- the PDD authorities will ficient power supply when respond to our concerns the district has three power and take necessary steps to ensure a more reliable 'There is no justification power supply," they said.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Its time for peace brotherhood...

his party became victorious for the second time in a row, was the world's biggest election, he noted.

Modi said use of EVMs has boosted transparency and efficiency in the election process and results are now declared within hours of the start of counting of votes.

He also referred to legacy of thousands of years of debates and deliberations in India and said some of Assistant Professor at Department of Earth Sciences our over 5,000-year-old texts also talked about such

The event is being attended by Speakers of Parliaments of G20 members and invitee countries. The Pan-African Parliament will take part in the P20 Summit for has been receding 35 meters every year," he said, adding the first time after the African Union became a member that Kolahoi glacier is the biggest glacier of Kashmir, and of G20 at the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit last month.

focus on four subjects of transformation in people's lives through public digital platforms, women-led development, accelerating SDGs and sustainable energy tran- be stopped. sition. (Agencies)

Recent snowfall spurts...

very common, especially after the fresh snowfall in

"Tourists love to witness snow in Kashmir. The second phase of Gondola cable car also recorded a brief snowfall and tourists often inquired whether they could witness snowfall at the station," he said.

coming in numbers for the winter season.

"The airfare has skyrocketed for the last few weeks. Tourists who are planning to visit the valley during winter book their tours in advance. At present they get good deals while hotels also don't have full occupancy," said Aijaz Ahmad dar, a tour operator.

lakes, and explore the region's many historical and ment of the UT of J&K. KNO cultural attractions.

Pertinently, the year so far has been lucrative for the tourism players as record-breaking tourists visited the valley in the last nine months.

31,000 foreign guests have visited Kashmir. Last year, a total of 26.73 lakh tourists visited Kashmir.

The government this year is planning a series of age containers. events during the autumn and winter seasons to ensure full adventure tours to the visitors.

While the rush of foreigners is expected to increase during their stay in Kashmir. KNO

Jammu prepares...

supply, drinking water and cleaning of water bodies

The meeting also discussed the setup of a control room and a public announcement booth, along with their essential attachments. Ensuring sufficient public transportation options with clear fare information, renovation of essential structures and infrastructure, desilting of canals and cleaning of bathing ghats were emphasised.

Security and traffic management were also given priority, with a crucial emphasis on maintaining law and order for the mela's success. Surveillance was identified as another essential component for security.

The Tourism Department, being a major stakeholder, is responsible for promoting the event through various media channels. The meeting emphasised the need for departmental stalls to promote government schemes and raise public awareness.

convenience of devotees and the public. Additionally, fumigation and fogging measures were highlighted to protect devotees from diseases. Matters related to food testing and other responsibilities pertaining to the Legal Metrology Department were assigned to the concerned officials.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner General Manisha, Chief Planning Officer Yoginder Katoch, Deputy Director Information, Dr Vikas Sharma, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer and

SSP Jammu Chandan...

as Deputy Secretary in the Senior Executive Cadre 53 in 2020, and 1,709 in 2021. KNO

of the Cabinet Secretariat on deputation basis," read a communication issued by the Centre.

J&K loses 30% of...

"we are losing 18-20 meters of a glacier every year." Another expert, Dr Irfan Rashid, who is working as University of Kashmir, said that a research has been done, which states that Kashmir's biggest glacier, Kolahoi glacier has melted around 25 per cent since 1960's. "From 1962-2022, it has melted around 25 per cent. It at the same time, is the fastest melting glacier as well.

The other glaciers of J&K and Ladakh are also melt-The thematic sessions during this P20 Summit will ing, Dr Irfan Rashid told KNO, adding that according to research there will be a 4-7 degrees increase by the end of this century, and therefore the melting cannot

> "Until and unless we become carbon neutral, nobody can stop the melting of glaciers. The carbon emission is increasing, global emission is also high, and in future it will be increased as per the study, but becoming carbon neutral only could help in stopping the melting of glaciers," he added. KNO

Political leaders, other...

Lt Governor and sought his intervention in address-Travel agents also said that this year inquiries are also ing the concerning issues of POJK Displaced Persons

> The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation that their genuine demands and issues will be taken up with the central government.

Later, Vinod Jaiswal, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Chandigarh Circle along with the officials Some of the most popular winter activities in Kashmir of the Bank met the Lt Governor and briefed him on the tie-ups," he said. include skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and ice extension of the services by SBI and their commitment skating. Visitors can also go on sleigh rides, visit frozen to contribute actively to the socio-economic develop- right from the beginning, creating an optimum eco- cent reservation for women in the legislatures of states

Around 3,000 dengue...

solid waste, removal of artificial water-holding Till August, as many as 1.6 Cr tourists including containers, and regular cleaning and maintenance of domestic water storage units. He recommended the appropriate use of insecticides in outdoor water stor-

Highlighting the primary vector of dengue, the Aedes aegypti mosquito, Dr Harjeet said that it has adapted to urban habitats and breeds primarily in man-made confurther during autumn, the government has started tainers such as buckets, mud pots, discarded containplanning for winter adventures to enthrall the visitors ers, used tires, and stormwater drains. These breeding sites should be regularly cleared and cleaned.

> The Aedes aegypti mosquito is most active during dusk and dawn, so people are advised to wear clothing that minimises skin exposure to these mosquitoes, he

> Dr Rai reported that dengue testing labs are available in every district of Jammu division, with around 27,000 tests conducted this year so far, of which roughly 3,000 have yielded positive results.

> Out of the 3,000 positive cases, 1,047 required hospitalisation, and 89 active patients are currently under treatment, excluding three fatalities in Udhampur, he informed. The doctor informed about the helpline number 104

> for assistance from 9 am to 6 pm daily. He said positive patients are provided counselling and guidance through the helpline. In addition to dengue, approximately 80 cases of

> chikungunya, another mosquito-borne disease, have

been reported this year. Healthcare professionals recommend eliminating stagnant water that serves as mosquito breeding sites Banks and mobile ATMs are to be provided for the at home, schools, workplaces, and their surroundings to prevent dengue. They advise avoiding mosquito bites by covering the body and using mosquito nets when sleeping during the day, which should be sprayed with

insect repellents.

Common symptoms of dengue, as described by doctors, include fever, headache, eye pain (typically behind the eyes), muscle, joint, or bone pain, rash, nausea, and vomiting.

According to officials, Jammu & Kashmir last year reported 8,269 dengue cases, the highest number on record, along with 18 fatalities. The figures for previous years were as follows: two cases in 2009, none in 2010, three in 2011, 16 in 2012, 1,837 in 2013, four in 2014, 153 in 2015, 79 in 2016, 488 in 2017, 214 in 2018, 439 in 2019,

Anusandhan' foundation...

be ready by next week and once finalized, it will be tabled in Parliament.

of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood said, a proposal of names for the 16-member NRF Governing Body is also under finalization. It will include 6 Experts, 5 Industry representatives and I Humanities expert. The NRF will Guru Nanak Dev preached equality of all religions in connect to Tier 2 & Tier 3 institutions since 11% of its budget is earmarked for their Capacity Building.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Executive Council of NRF is mandated not only to monitor the progress of the different projects but also to analyse the accountability of the funding at different level stages.NRF will promote the culture of research and innovation throughout India's Dev Ji to the tenth Guru everyone gave the message of universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories and give further impetus to Clean energy research in India and Mission Innovation, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh stressed that Tier 2 & 3 Institutions will need handholding so that they can absorb the love throughout the world without any self interest. funds. Besides, he said, the NRF will bring about sweeping changes in the work culture as Industry will have to come forward to take risk cover and await the gestation.

NRF budget envisions a spending of Rs. 50,000 crore over five years, out of which a major share of Rs. 36,000 crore, over 70%, is estimated to come from non-governdomestic as well as outside sources.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the NRF will hike the R&D spending in the country.

sector will be bridged and there will be integration. NRF will also act as a think tank, it has the mandate of deciding the themes on which the projects have to

Dr Jitendra Singh said there will be Industry linkage system for innovation. Active involvement from the and Parliament for a women-led development. industry and the capital to push the quantum start-up ecosystem in India is required to boost the industry.

pave the way for India to emerge a Developed Nation by 2047," he said.

NRF will be an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in the country as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020, at a total estimated cost of Rs. 50,000 crores during five years (2023-28).

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will be the administrative Department of NRF which will be governed by a Governing Board consisting of eminent researchers and professionals across disciplines. Since the scope of the NRF is wide-ranging - impacting pilgrims to travel to Pakistan. (Agencies) all ministries - the Prime Minister will be the ex-officio President of the Board and the Union Minister of Science & Technology & Union Minister of Education will be the ex-officio Vice-Presidents. NRF's functioning will be governed by an Executive Council chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

NRF will forge collaborations among the industry, academia, and government departments and research institutions, and create an interface mechanism for participation and contribution of industries and State governments in addition to the scientific and line ministries. It will focus on creating a policy framework and putting in place regulatory processes that can encourage collaboration and increased spending by the industry on R&D.

Delivery of Justice to...

citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act to Sikh sisters and brothers who were tortured in neigh bouring countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Paying glowing tributes to the Sikh gurus and the Sikh community, he said the Sikhs move forward taking both religion and karma equally and when it is an issue of sacrificing one's life for religion, a true Sikh never looks back.

He said that from the days of independence struggle to the security of the country now, the sacrifice of Sikh brothers is unparalleled.

Shah paid tributes to the Sikh gurus and said: "I bow my head to the Guru tradition of the Sikh religion. Guru tradition of 10 generations of Sikh Panth has set before the world an excellent example of struggle and sacrifice against injustice and barbarity before the invaders." He reports have been approved by the CAG. said the contribution of the 9th Guru Teg Bahadur to the country can never be forgotten.

His supreme sacrifice against the atrocities of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb on the people in Kashmir shows his greatness, Shah said. The home minister said when Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi had decided to celebrate a festival in memory Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of Guru Teg Bahadur, then it was decided that his admiration will begin from the same spot of the Red Fort from where his martyrdom was announced. On the founder of the Sikh religion Guru Nanak Dev, he said many countries through 'Char Udasiyaan'.

The home minister said no one in the whole world can match the sacrifices made by Sikh Gurus for humanity and the country.

He said when every religion in the world was fighting a war for its own ideas, at that time from Guru Nanak equality of all religions to the world, which the whole world is following till today and this is a matter of pride for entire India.

He said Guru Nanak Dev also spread the message of

He said the Guru Granth Sahib imbibes all good teachings and there can be no greater message of equality of all religions than the holy book.

The home minister said whether it is the freedom struggle of India, the fight against the Mughals and the British, the horrors of partition, or securing the borders ment sources, from industry & philanthropists, from of the country after independence, the Sikh community has always been at the forefront.

The history of freedom struggle is full of sacrifices of brave Sikhs, and after the independence of the coun-'The demarcation between the Public and Private try, the Sikhs have made the maximum sacrifices for national security, he said.

He said that apart from the Sikh community, there would rarely be any other community which would be undertaken and funded, and deciding on foreign have such a long tradition of struggle and sacrifice against the injustice of the invaders for 10 generations. Shah said Prime Minister Modi has provided 33 per

He said the tradition of women empowerment started years ago in the Sikh panth with the teachings of "Prime Minister Modi envisages the NRF that will Mata Khivi's langar. He said history showcases that Sikh community women have made significant contributions

> in the freedom struggle as well in the nation's progress. Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi in the last nine years, several significant initiatives have been taken such as the 400th Prakash Parv of Guru Teg Bahadur, the 550th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev, the 350th Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh, exempting GST on langar, constructing the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, making Sultanpur Lodhi a heritage city, establishing a chair in the name of Guru Nanak Dev at a British university, and providing facilities to Sikh

CAG dismisses allegations of...

To attribute any malfeasance to these routine transfers driven by administrative requirements is completely incorrect," the apex auditor said.

The CAG reports, which were tabled in Parliament in August, highlighted alleged irregularities in some aspects of the Bharatmala project, a 1,400 per cent increase in cost and inconsistencies in tendering for the Dwarka Expressway project in the national capital and lakhs of claims under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance being made by beneficiaries lined to a single mobile number.

The CAG officials were reportedly transferred last

The opposition Congress accused the government of intimidating CAG officers who had exposed "corruption" within various schemes.

Party General Secretary Jairam Ramesh accused the Modi government of threatening and removing individuals who expose corruption.

CAG in the statement dismissed contentions that it was not signing or approving any fresh reports and verbal orders have been issued to stop all fieldwork, saying it "is categorically and unequivocally rejected".

The auditor said the number of audit reports approved by the CAG G C Murmu has been on a sharp ascent over the past three years, attaining an all-time high of 173 audit reports in 2022-23 (Union and states).

Of these, 29 Union audit reports and 78 state audit reports were tabled in Parliament and State Legislatures in 2022-23. In the current financial year to date, 43 audit

CAG had approved 165 reports in 2021-22 and 123 in the preceding year. (AGENCIES)

MC Bhaderwah organises "Amrit Kalash Yatra"



BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 13

The Municipal Committee Mughal highlighted the

Bhaderwah and culmi- uted among the students.

nated at Community Hall Bhaderwah.

Dr. Shahid Rehman

of Bhaderwah organised significance of campaigns a grand "Amrit Kalash like "Meri Mati-Mera Yatra" as part of the 'Meri Desh" in setting the stage Maati Mera Desh' cam- for enduring peace and paign, celebrating India's prosperity. He further 75th year of Indepen- urged ward members, students and other stake-President Municipal holders to take an active Committee Bhaderwah, role in transforming Bhad-Dr. Shahid Rehman erwah into a garbage-free Mughal led the "Amrit zone. Pertinently, cultural Kalash Yatra" with the programmes and debate participation of council- competition were also lors, citizens and other held in which students of stakeholders. Amid drum Model Secular High school beats and patriotic enthu- and Govt Higher secondsiasm, the Yatra passed ary school Boys Bhaderthrough all 13 wards of wah also participated. the Municipal Committee Refreshment was distrib-

DC Doda reviews achievements under developmental deliverables



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 13

An exhaustive list of deliv-plan. erables have been assigned to all the departments in governance, and has laid formance index. down monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly tar-

gets for the departments. contours not only define in delivering their services. the quality and quantity of The DC also exhorted the departmental services to departments to submit be ensured in a time-bound the issues hampering the manner, but also envi- achievements in developsion enhanced efficiency mental deliverables for and productivity through timely intervention from greater inter-departmental the authorised person to convergence and coordina-

To review the action

of DC office Complex. the government.

Kumar apprised the officers.

Deputy Commissioner about the progress made so far and future action

The DC urged the officers to put in extra efforts the UT to ensure greater to improve the Ranking of efficiency in the overall District Doda on the per-

He asked the departments to think innovative, highlight their achieve-These developmental ments and best practices achieve the desired results in time.

He impressed upon the taken on deliverables for officers to improve monithe year 2023-24, by vari- toring and assessment of ous departments in the performance at different district, the Deputy Com- levels. The meeting was missioner Doda, Vishesh attended by ADDC Doda Mahajan today convened Pran Singh, ADC Doda a meeting of the officers, Dr R K Bharti, CPO Doda here in the Conference Hall Suresh Kumar, SE PWD RP Gupta, SE Hydraulic Circle The DC took a com- Doda Anil Gupta, ACR prehensive review of all Doda Sanjeev Kumar, GM the 310 Developmental DIC Doda Idrees Lone, DIO Deliverables under imple- Doda, DSWO, AD FCS&CA, mentation by various CHO, CAHO, DSHO, CAO, Departments and directed Dy Director Sericulture, the officers to submit the AD Floriculture, District updated achievements reg- Officer Legal Metrology, ularly and focus on adher- District Officer AYUSH, ence to the timeline set by Executive Engineers of PWD/JSD/JPDCL/Mechan-CPO Doda, Suresh ical and other concerned

Chairperson DDC Ramban kickstarts blacktopping work

JI NEWS SERVICE

kick-started black-topping of PMGSY III up-gradation to Mahakund in SubDivision Gool of Ramban District.

The construction work on the occasion. on the 8.0 km stretch will be completed with an allotted interacted with the people amount of Rs. 716.78 lakh.

a long pending demand of the early redressal.

area will be fulfilled.

The Chairperson directed

and listened to their issues of Addressing the gathering, developmental concerns. She the Chairperson said that with issued on-the-spot directions the completion of the project, to the concerned for their

DC Rajouri reviews Dengue **Control Measures in the District**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCTOBER 13

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led of the dengue control measures underway in the district, highlighting the commitment of the administration to combating the dengue outbreak ing the younger generaand ensuring the well-tion, the district adminbeing of the residents of Rajouri.

The meeting was convened to assess the current situation and ensur- necessary precautions to ing the implementation avoid dengue. of effective strategies to combat the spread of dengue fever.

municipalities informed nating mosquito breed- to prevent dengue. ing sites and reducing mission of dengue.

Recognizing the imporness about dengue pre- to enhance testing facili- officers.



a comprehensive review vention, the Chief Educa- ties in the district. Early tion Officer was directed detection of dengue cases to educate students about is crucial in providing precautionary measures prompt medical intervenduring morning assemblies in schools. By targetistration aims to instill a tance of a coordinated sense of responsibility and ensure that students are

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat has been Executive Officers of the disseminating advisories to all panchayats in the the meeting that fogging district. This grassroots and spraying activities approach aims to raise have been implemented awareness at the local across all municipalities community level and in the district. These mea- empower individuals to sures are aimed at elimitake proactive measures

the mosquito population the healthcare infra- han; DPO, Auqil Nuvaid; responsible for the trans- structure and control the ; CEO Education, Sultana Chief Medical Officer of ood Bajar; EOs Municipalitance of spreading aware- Rajouri has been directed ties and other concerned

tion and minimizing the impact of the disease.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the imporeffort involving stakeholders, including government well-informed about the departments, educational institutions and the general public. He urged everyone in the district to take the necessary precauentrusted with the task of tions to prevent dengue, emphasizing the importance of eliminating mosquito breeding sites and maintaining a clean and hygienic environment.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; CMO Rajouri Dr. Rajinder To further strengthen kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowspread of dengue, the Kouser; MS DH, Dr Mehm-

DC Doda discusses winter preparedness in the district

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 13

faced during the winter season by public, especially in far-flung, snow bound areas and other natural factors hamper the normal life, the Deputy Com-Mahajan convened a meetto discuss preparedness of The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned winter, by managing all availability of food grains, LPG and other essential district.

To address the problems

their men and machin- in the district. ery ready to deal with of the district.



JINDRAH IMAGES

trict. The engineers were the district. ing of all the stakeholders instructed to keep sufficient buffer stock of Trans- nation among all stakeupcoming winter season. formers, poles, and other holders in making a viable stakeholders to ensure 24 hours in any part of services in the district. He same vibrancy during the the district. DC urged to asked for keeping machinthe roads to remain open, heating gadgets are not at the strategic locations to ensuring water and power used and sold in the dis-clear and make functional supply, snow clearance, trict. SE PWD was asked all the roads during snowto maintain all the roads fall and slides. and ensure they remain commodities across the open during the winter. advance avalanche warn-The DC instructed condirected to maintain water damage to property and cerned officers to keep supply to every household loss of lives.

any kind of situation and facilities, the health offi-their earlier performance, ensure smooth service cials were asked to ensure identify the shortcomings delivery across all areas sufficient stock of medi- so that a comprehensive cines in all health institu- plan is made and winter PDD was asked to issue tions across the district, preparedness is full the curtailment schedule besides availability of and the district remains and ensure uninterrupted doctors and paramedics vibrant.

missioner Doda, Vishesh power supply in the dis- in the remotest corner of

DC stressed on coordiequipments to restore snow clearance plan and power supply within restoration of essential ensure that the banned ery available and stationed

DC also asked for Jal Shakti department was ing for hilly areas to avoid

He urged the concerned Regarding healthcare departments to review

MC Doda celebrates Amrit Kalash Yatra in tribute to Martyrs

<u>JI NEW</u>S SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 13

In a remarkable event organized by the district administration in Doda, under the leadership of District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, and with the energetic coordination of Executive Officer Yousaf Ul Umar, the Municipal Council Doda celebrated an Amrit Kalash Yatra at Town Hall Doda. This yatra served as a heartfelt tribute to the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice for our motherland. The initiative, Mera Desh" campaign,

er Doda, Shri Pran Singh, who served as the chief down their lives for the capital.



phase of the "Meri Maatiheld under the "Meri Maati different communities and Girls in Doda. The symbolized unity and rev- the Amrit Kalash Yatras. for these colourful cultural Amrit Kalash, contain- their respective wards, by Om Prakash Bhagat, ing soil gathered from filled Amrit Kalash urns, a teacher from the Girls' various wards of MC Doda, and sent them to the Higher Secondary School was collected and artfully Municipal Council head in Doda. placed in a beautifully dec- office at Town Hall Doda. orated urn. The event was These Amrit Kalashs will graced by the presence ultimately journey to the Development Commission- leading up to a grand event planned for October 22, 2023. On this date, all the guest. This yatra is part Amrit Kalashs from variof a prestigious nation- ous blocks and Municipaliwide initiative launched ties will converge in Doda by the Union Home Minis- before making their way to ter of India to honour the the capital city of Jammu Doda were also in attenmemory of those who laid and then to the national During this festive occa- and memorable occasion.

DC Rajouri meets public

deputation from Sunderbani

As part of the second sion, a vibrant cultural program was presented by Mera Desh" campaign in students from the Higher the district, public from Secondary School for Boys actively participated in guidance and mentorship They collected soil from activities were provided

The Chairman Municipal Council Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta, extended of the Additional District District Headquarters, a warm welcome to the chief guest, ADDC Doda Pran Singh at the outset of the event.

Ward Members, Councillors, the Chief Account Officer Municipal Council Doda and officials of MC dance, making the Amrit Kalash Yatra a prestigious

Amrit Kalash Yatra honours martyrs at **Marmat Higher Secondary School Goha**

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 13

Under the banner of the "Meri Maati-Mera Desh" campaign, the district administration in Doda, led by District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, organized the Amrit Kalash Yatra at the Government Higher Secondary School Goha (Marmat).

The event was graced by the presence of Idress Lone, Deputy Director Employment, District Employment and Counseling Centre Doda, who served as the chief guest.

to the block offices from from October 22 to 27. October 1st to 13th. These



As part of the second District Headquarters, es, Punches, a significant

phase of the "Meri Maati- leading up to a grand number of students, offi-Mera Desh" campaign in event planned for Octo- cers, and officials, were the district, public from ber 22, 2023, when all the present. The colorful, each community were Amrit Kalashs from vari- soil-filled Kalash urns, encouraged to participate ous blocks will converge collected from diverse in Amrit Kalash Yatras. in Doda. Subsequently, regions, were prominent-They collected soil from they will travel to the capi- ly displayed during the their respective villages, tal city of Jammu before event. The program garplacing it in Amrit Kalash being transported to the nered participation from (urns) and sending them national capital, Delhi, the Block Development Officer of Marmaat, sar-During the Kalash panchs, panches, mem-Amrit Kalashs will sub- Yatra, Tehsildar Marmat, bers of Panchayati Raj sequently journey to the BDO Marmat, Sarpanch- Institutions, and students.

Farmers' awareness program promotes strawberry cultivation at Garkhal

JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Department of Horticulture hosted a one-day Farmers' Awareness-cum-Interaction Program with a significant focus on plantation schemes, particularly Strawberry Cultivation, at Garkhal, Block Akhnoor today.

by the presence of District Level Subject Matter Specialist (Pomology), Sandeep Gupta, who led the discussions.

program.

address, provided valuand programs currently cial schemes. underway in the district.



tic Agriculture Develop- community. He offered CAPEX, and SMAM.

ered an in-depth presentation on Strawberry Cul-Sandeep Gupta, in his close communication with Horticulture Department able insights into various field functionaries to fully Departmental schemes capitalize on these benefi-

The event was graced ment Program (HADP), guidance on applying for incentives through online Furthermore, he deliv-portals, such as Jansugam (jansugam.jk.gov.in) and HADP (hadp.jk.gov.in). tivation, highlighting its Moreover, he encouraged Accompanied by Hor- remarkable potential as a the farmers to tap into ticulture Development highly remunerative cash the incentives available Officer Akhnoor, Virender crop. He also brought to for establishing Custom Sharma, and esteemed light an enticing incentive Hiring Centers and Farm Sarpanch Garkhal, Kash- of Rs. 13,000 per Kanal Machinery Banks under mir Singh, a multitude of available for those ventur- centrally sponsored local farmers actively par- ing into Strawberry culti- Schemes SMAM, promotticipated in this engaging vation. Mr. Gupta urged ing employment genthe farmers to maintain eration and increased income.

Sarpanch, Kashmir Singh, expressed his gratitude to the Department for organizing this Virender Sharma, while highly beneficial camp. He He emphasized key initia- addressing the audience, also extended a heartfelt tives such as the Revised expounded on the vari- request for the continua-Modified High Density ous plantation schemes tion of such informative Plantation Scheme, Holis- accessible to the farming programs in the future.

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 13

the concerned to ensure qual-Chairperson, District Devel- ity and timely completion of opment Council, Ramban, construction work which will Dr Shamshad Shan today benefit hundreds of souls of the area.

Among others, AEE, of road from Kantha Morh Naveed Khan, AE, Muthair Banday, JE Waked Runiyal, PRIs and locals were present

The Chairperson also

at fostering strong community engagement and addressing the concerns of the people, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, met with a public deputation from Sunderbani. The delegation, led by District Development Council Member, to light a range of issues to their respective areas.

In a proactive move aimed

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 13

meeting. One of the primary issues raised during posed shifting of the tehsil headquarter from Beripatan to Bajnova.

Rajinder Sharma, brought Vikas Kundal attentively ment process. He urged

Deputy Commissioner pation in the develop- prosperity.

listened to all the con- the residents to closely and demands pertaining cerns and demands pre- collaborate with the Dissented by the delegation. trict Administration and Chief Planning Officer, He assures the deputation keep a vigilant eye on Mohammad Khurshid was that the District Adminis- the ongoing developmenalso present during the tration is unwavering in its tal activities within their commitment to address- areas. Such active involveing the genuine problems ment from the public, he this meeting was the pro- faced by the community. noted, is instrumental in The DC underscored driving positive change the pivotal role played and achieving the shared by community partici- vision of progress and

EDITORIAL

Take holistic review of J&K security

The recent statement of J&K police chief Dilbagh Singh that the Union territory witnessed the lowest number of terror incidents and civilian deaths in over three decades and hinted towards return of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir has given fodder to the opposition parties to take on the BJP and its government at the Centre for delaying assembly polls on the pretext of security concerns. On Thursday, the Director General of Police Dilbag Singh claimed that Jammu and Kashmir has achieved a significant milestone in the fight against terrorism this year and the security situation has drastically improved in Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, the best year in terms of security was 2013. There was the lowest level (of militancy) in 2013. However, subsequent years saw an increase in militant activities, with intent to incite emotions to revive the dying militancy but Pakistan tried to revive the militancy and it succeeded in it. They lured more people into terrorism. The militancy related incidents and number of terrorists increased. It was the peak of militancy in 2017. The statistics presented by the J-K police chief while expressing satisfaction at the current trajectory shows that the graph depicting militant activity now lies below both the level of 2013 and the zenith of 2017. In a remarkable statistical shift, the number of terror-related cases plummeted from 113 in 2013 to a mere 42 in 2023 so far. In 2022, a historical low of 26 law and order incidents was recorded in J-K, and this year (till date), there have been only three such incidents, none of which was linked to terrorism. All these figures indicate that the situation has returned to normal in large parts of Jammu and Kashmir and there should be no problem in holding Assembly polls in the Union Territory—an argument being repeatedly given by the opposition parties. These groups are up in arms against the Centre for abrogation Article 370, bifurcation of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs-J&K and Ladakh, restoration of full-fledged status of statehood and conduct of early assembly polls in the Union Territory. Recently, the Election Commission of India while announcing assembly polls in five states of the country had said that elections to J&K assembly would be held at appropriate time while assessing the security scenario. From the statement of DGP, it could be easily implied upon that the security apparatus has improved significantly and proven effective in safeguarding lives besides the comprehensive efforts to bolster security have yielded remarkable results in Jammu and Kashmir. The resolute efforts of the security forces stand as a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as they look towards a future marked by peace and stability. In such a situation, the Union Home Ministry and the ECI should take a holistic assessment of the situation and decide about Assembly polls accordingly.

School violence: Causes, extent and prevention

DR. RAJKUMAR SINGH

¬ chool violence is manifest in various ways, including physical vioelectronic communicadate others. e. Weapon Violence: The use of weapons on school grounds, which can result in serious harm or fatalities. f. Gang may face issues related to and multifaceted, influgang activities, however, enced by various social, its causes include: a. Bullying and Peer Pressure: individual factors which violence due to peer pressure or as a response to bullying. b. Family Issues: lence in the media, includ-Problems at home, including domestic violence or and online content, can neglect, can contribute desensitize individuals to to violent behaviour. c. violence. Cultural Norms: Untreated mental health aggression, conflict resoluconditions may lead to viotion, and the acceptance lent outbursts. d. Access to of violence as a means weapons, either at home influence behaviour. b.

disadvantaged areas may violence of any form face higher rates of vioor threat of violence lence. Consequences and that occurs within an edu- Impact: a. Physical Injucational institution. It can ries: Violence can lead to injuries and sometimes fatalities. b. Psychological lence, verbal abuse, bul- Impact: Students and staff lying, harassment, and may experience trauma even shootings or other and emotional distress. extreme incidents. Types c. Disruption of Learnof School Violence: a. ing Environment: School Physical Violence: Physi- violence can disrupt the cal aggression or harm educational process for directed towards students all students. d. Reporting or staff. b. Verbal Abuse: and Investigation: Schools Harassment, name-call- must have procedures for ing, or other forms of reporting and investigatverbal aggression. c. Bul- ing incidents of violence. lying: Repeated aggressive In a nutshell, addressing behaviour intended to school violence requires a d. Cyberbullying: Using involves the collaboration of educators, parents, tion to harass or intimi- law enforcement, and the

BACKGROUND SCHOOL VIOLENCE

The background of Violence: Some schools school violence is complex cultural, economic, and Students may engage in include: a. Social and Cultural Factors: Media Influence: Exposure to vioing movies, video games, Mental Health Issues: Societal attitudes towards Weapons: Easy access to of solving problems can

as depression, anxiety, or conduct disorders, may be more prone to violent behaviour. Bullying and Victimization: Students who are victims of bullying or who engage in bullying behaviour may be at a higher risk of violence. Substance Abuse: Drug and alcohol abuse can contribute to impulsive and aggressive behaviour. Past Trauma: Individuals who have experienced trauma, abuse, or neglect may be more prone to violent behaviour. c. Family **Environment: Parental** Influence: The behaviour and parenting style harm others, often involv- comprehensive and multi- of caregivers can signifiing a power imbalance. faceted approach that cantly impact a child's propensity for violence. Domestic Violence: Exposure to domestic violence at home can contribute to aggressive behaviour in children. Family Structure: Issues related to family structure, such as divorce or family instability, can influence a child's behaviour. d. Community Factors: Community Violence: High rates of violence in the community can spill over into schools. Socioeconomic Issues: Communities facing economic challenges may have higher rates of school violence. f. Political and Policy Factors: Education Policies: The presence or absence of effective policies addressing bullying, conflict resolution, and student behaviour can

tribute to a safer school environment. Addressing school violence requires a holistic approach that considers these various include promoting a positive school culture, implementing effective anti-bullying programs, providing mental health support, and fostering strong connections between schools, families, and communi-

VIOLENCE Preventing school viohensive approach that involves the collaboration of educators, parents, students, law enforcement, and the community. They are a. Promoting a Positive School Climate: Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS): that focuses on reinforcing positive behaviours and creating a supportive school environment. Character Education: Integrating programs that teach and reinforce positive and respect. b. Anti-Bullying Programs: Establish-

facing emotional or mental health challenges. Mental Health Education: Incoreducation into the curricufactors. Strategies should lum to reduce stigma and d. Conflict Resolution Programs: Teaching Conflict Resolution Skills: Providing students with skills to resolve conflicts peacefully and constructively. Peer Mediation Programs: Training students to medi-PREVENTION OF SCHOOL peers with the guidance ity to create a welcomlence requires a compre- Engagement: Encouraging Diversity: Incorporating cation and fostering open lum and school activities. Community Partnerships: Collaborating with local community organizations, Implementing a system mental health agencies evacuations. Monitoring School Resource Officers (SROs): Placing trained law enforcement officers within schools to enhance security and build posicharacter traits, empathy, tive relationships with of prevention programs ing Policies: Implementing security measures such munity are essential for and enforcing clear anti- as surveillance cameras creating a safe and supbullying policies with con- to deter potential threats portive learning environsequences for offenders. and provide evidence ment. Educational Programs: if an incident occurs. g. Providing students with Early Intervention: Threat education on the impacts Assessment Teams: Estabof bullying and strategies lishing teams to assess to prevent and report and respond to potential impact school violence. it. c. Mental Health Sup-threats of violence early or in the community, Individual Factors: Mental Resource Allocation: Ade-port: Counselling Ser- on. Behavioural Intercan escalate violence. e. Health Issues: Individuals quate resources, including vices: Offering accessible vention Plans: Develop-

Socioeconomic Factors: with untreated mental funding for education and and confidential counsel- ing plans to address the Schools in economically health conditions, such support services, can conling services for students behaviour of students who may be at risk of engaging in violence. h. Education on Responsible porating mental health Media Use: Media Literacy Programs: Educating students about responsible promote understanding. media consumption and critical thinking to discern between fiction and reality in media portrayals of violence. i. Promoting Inclusivity and Diversity: Cultural Competency Training: Providing staff with training on cultural ate conflicts among their sensitivity and inclusivof adults. e. Community ing environment for all Involvement: Parental students. Celebrating parents to actively partici- diverse perspectives and pate in their child's edu- cultures into the curricucommunication between j. Regular School Safety parents and school staff. Drills: Emergency Preparedness: Conducting regular drills for various emergency scenarios, law enforcement, and including lockdowns and to provide additional sup- Online Activities: Cyberport. f. Security Measures: security Measures: Monitoring and addressing online activities to prevent cyberbullying and identify potential threats. Regular evaluation and adjustment students. Surveillance based on the evolving Systems: Implementing needs of the school com-

The author is a Youth Motivator, presently a **Professor of Political** Science along with Dean, Student's Welfare (DSW), at B.N. Mandal University. Madhepura (Bihar), India.

P20 Summit: India's Parliament to foster global cooperation on key issues

OM BIRLA

success of the G20 summit chaired by India has been praised all over the world. It is a matter of pride that this Summit concluded with a Joint Declaration the role of a consensus

Parliament of India is getting ready to host another important congregation, i.e. the P20 or the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit on the 13th and form a collective view 14th of October in New Delhi. P20 brings together the Speakers or the Presiding Officers of Parliaments of G20 and invitee nations. Parliament is the supreme legislative body try to develop a common of every nation, through which public representatives present aspirations and expectations of the humanity. The importance formulate laws and poli-

he unprecedented in India for ages. Even in Goals, climate change, our ancient texts, there is mention of participatory and the shared future of institutions like Sabha and Samiti, which existed as public representative institutions in the Vedic age.

Democracy, diversity strengthening our concept and demography have Sustainable Development of "Vasudhaiva Kutum- been our strengths during bakam' - One Earth, One the 75-year journey since of the G20 Summit, the people-centric development and inclusive development are at the centre

of our democratic journey. Even in our Parliament, public representatives on issues after extensive discussion. This helps us the P20 conference, the Parliament of India will important contemporary issues facing the world and people in the Houses and of organizing the P20 Conclave in India increases because the consensus

been an ingrained concept Sustainable Development women-led development ment i.e. Mission LiFE.

The Sustainable Devel-Family, One Future". G20 independence. With the opment Goals (SDGs) have also underlined India's power of democracy, we certainly given impetus to cussed continuously in our positive experiences on played a big role in shapgrowing global influence, have created harmony efforts to realize the con- Parliament. Through this this topic at the P20 con- ing the destiny of the as it successfully played among all sections of soci- cept of holistic human dialogue, a consensus has ference and strive to make world's largest democety and ensured social and development in the world. economic development As we approach the year try on policy-making for Coming on the heels for all. It must be said that 2030, it becomes even more important to assess the achievements made under this initiative and accelerate efforts to realize them. Among the SDGs, there are many whose impact is universal. There is a need to discuss and dialogue on these issues in find collective solutions to the parliaments and reach challenges. Therefore, in a consensus to eliminate all contradictions. Policy consensus needs to be developed while mainvision to address the taining the sovereignty of

Sustainable Energy: Towards a Green Future

India has attempted to adapt its development

renewable energy beyond political differences.

From Women Empowerment to Women-led Development

Women have been considered the embodiment of power and devotion in technology to improve Parliament has presented India's ancient culture. Women have proved their capability and strength in all fields, be it science ric identification system, and technology, defence, space science or in the to government services. achieved consensus on field of sports. Our Constitution has empowered Interface) has become summit will also underwomen by giving them equal rights in all spheres, including voting rights. brought digital banking contemporary challenges As our journey of democracy progressed, policy decisions were taken to India is one of those on global issues is related process to the needs of a provide political and eco-citizens and is revolutionancient civilizations of the to the common future of green future even while nomic empowerment to izing governance at the

heritage. Democracy has P20 conference will be on a huge population and leadership opportunities. of millions of Indians have maintaining the aspiration Initially, laws were made been transformed with the of becoming a developed for reservation for women adoption of digital technolnation. Today, India is in Gram Panchayat and a leadership role in the municipal-level elections. like education, agriculhumanity. It will also dis-field of alternative energy. Taking this forward, laws ture, finance, etc. At the cuss topics related to the Policy initiatives like the have since been made for P20 summit, we will share Lifestyle of the Environ- International Solar Alli- reservation for them in this landmark achieveance, and International Lok Sabha and State Leg- ment with the parliaments Bio Fuel Alliance cham- islative Assemblies. There of the world so that India's pioned by India have has been a consensus success in digital transforreceived wide global sup- on this law among every mation becomes a model port. Environment-related political party in the entire for the entire world. issues have also been dis- country. We will share our been formed in the coun- women-led development a racy. Our Parliament has global movement.

Transforming people's lives through public digital platforms

India has been at the forefront of digital transworld's largest biomet- to the world. have streamlined access just as the G20 summit UPI (Unified Payments global challenges, the P20 one of the largest finan- line the essential role of cial inclusion tools that parliaments in addressing to the masses. The Digital and usher in a new era of India programme aims to cooperation between parprovide digital access to all world with a rich cultural humanity. The focus of the facing the challenges of women and to give them grassroots level. The lives

made public welfare laws after extensive discussion always keeping the interests of the public in mind. Despite having a multi-party system, we have reached a consensus formation, leveraging on issues. In this way, our the lives of its citizens. Ini- a model of meaningful tiatives like Aadhaar, the discussion and dialogue

I am confident that liaments on global issues.

The author is the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

Deadly effect of internet media

VIJAY GARG

recent report related to Gallup and Walton Family Foundation says that 'Jane G' is going through a terrible period of

necessary thinking is not taking the new generation is place on this subject. Mental talk about India in this context, here 'mental pain' is considered 2012 are called the Gen Z gen- it is such a feeling that if it is eration. This trend raises further not understood and treated in

warnings from psychologists, the cloak of materialism in such a way that nothing else is left within it except loneliness. He very worrying. A report by pain does not easily attract any-himself does not realize when one's attention. Especially if we the desire for maximum in a short time turns a human being into a mechanized structure. The loneliness and is feeling alone. to be a momentary impulse of calculation of earning money Those born between 1997 and stress and depression, whereas using that period in proportion to the time spent in maintaining relationships amid the concerns because this is a gen- time, it can also be fatal. Could. endless race drives the youth eration that is far more privileged The above study of Gallup and to choose loneliness. That too than previous generations. Walton Family Foundation has without the factThought that Despite this, she is immersed in been prevalent in the society ultimately human relationships stress, anxiety and depression. for a long time.lt also breaks are essential for communicating Other studies around the world the myth that prosperity is syn-emotions. Ignoring this truth ultialsoThese trends tell us about onymous with happiness and mately leads to loneliness on the the generation. The sad aspect satisfaction. The reality is that part of the youth, where there are

their defeat, frustration and disappointment. This pain pushes them towards depression. Behind the youth, there is also a crowd of teenagers who, though they have not yet joined the race of earning money, but words like 'friendship and kinship' are disappearing from their vocabulary. in the Department of Psychology at Princeton UniversityData scientist Chris Syed says that 'Internet media is like an atomic bomb attack on the social life of teenagers.' Syed's statement cannot be dismissed as an exaggeration, because the mass communication revolution that took place in the last decades

social relations as the Internet media has. In relation to the way this affects the mental health of teenagers, media psychologist Don Grant has used the term 'compare and despair'. Grant says the InternetTeens spend most of their time on media watching the lives and images of their peers and observing themselves. In this process, if they find their personality, external appearance and economic status inferior, then their selfesteem gets hurt and it creates to such an extent that sometimes they decide to end their life. Also bring thoughts to mind.

time and lower psychological well-being among children and adolescents: evidence from titled 'The Study' shows that teenagers who spend more than seven hours a day on Intersuffer from depression as those who spend less time on Internet media. Is. According to studies as Internet media started gaining popularity after 2000, the suicidal tendencies among ing them towards this. Amidst

was observed. These statistics and trends not only reveal the reality of America's 'Gen G' a population base'Research generation, but they also reflect the state of mind of teenagers around the world. In such a situation, it becomes necessary to net media are twice as likely to return the teenagers to the flow of social relations. It will not be easy to do this. The pseudo world away from the real world conducted in America, as soon is like a utopia for teenagers, where they not only find their happiness but also struggle to mental health of teenagers and make their place in it. This world inferiority complex within them young adults there started dete- of fantasy is very dangerous, but riorating continuously. Studies no effort is made to consider also show that after that period, that we are also the ones push-

is that despite such trends and society has covered itself with no relationships left to witness did not have the same impact on 'Associations between screen youth also increased. Increase our busyness, aspirations and storms, we are the ones who put smartphones in the hands of small children and we never know when these smartphones become a substitute for the loving touch of their parents. Therefore, it is important that we consider this issue seriously and give up our aspirations and give time to our children. A strong link of emotional support has to be added to their feelings, confusions and frustrations, otherwise they will just remain in disguise. You will continue to get trapped in the clutches of the world.

> Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

Researchers develop most accurate test yet to measure biological ageing

LONDON, OCT 13

A team of European researchers has developed a new test that can accurately measure biological ageing in a clinical setting.

The new test is an epigenetic clock - a type of biochemical assessment that looks at DNA to understand how well the body is ageing in contrast to its chronological age – and is the first of these cutting- that we can accurately around 100 matched popedge tests to be proven to perform accurately in biological as opposed to understand the impact a clinical setting, in both chronological ageing in on ageing of the disease, healthy and unhealthy chronic kidney disease including during dialysis

been proposed as a 'gold' the University of Glasgow. standard' for measuring age accurately, beyond a new Glasgow-Karolinska change in biological age person's biological age, as Clock – show that not only of around 47 patients one they are able to measure are these patients ageing year after kidney trans-

The clock – named the Glasgow-Karolinska accelerated ageing only Clock – developed by slows down once they teams from University of have had a transplant. 48 controls aged by com-Glasgow in the UK and Treatment with dialysis parison. the Karolinska Institutet does not appear to impact in Sweden, while study- this process," he added. ing patients for the ageing effects of chronic kidney disease and related treat- Medicine, the team stud- faster than the average



report on the extent of ulation controls, to better patients," said lead author treatment and after kidney Epigenetic clocks have Professor Paul Shiels, from transplant.

"Our findings, using the clocks to measure the methylation tags on DNA. faster than people in the plantation, or one year general population, their

In the study, published kidney disease, their bioin the Journal of Internal logical clock is ticking "This study is the first with chronic kidney dis- to be the case even after disease, cancer and heart time in a clinical setting ease in Sweden alongside dialysis treatment. Indeed,

patients' biological clocks were only shown to slow down following a kidney transplant.

However, while the epigenetic clocks all showed a similar picture, the research team found that none of the current clocks could be shown to be accurate in a clinical setting, and all were found to be inaccurate to differing degrees when tested in healthy tissue over time.

The team's Glasgow-Karolinska Clock that works on healthy and unhealthy tissue addressed this.

The results from this new clock matched what doctors saw in patients with chronic kidney disease, and also appeared to accurately assess healthy tissue too. This study is the first real-world test of epigenetic clocks in a normal ageing setting, and against clinical parameters.

As the body ages, a series of factors lead to epigenetic changes and loss of a chemical tag (DNA methylation) from your DNA. This is often associated with a range of diseases common to ageing, ied more than 400 patients person's. This continues such as chronic kidney

15% of adults experiencing mental health disorders at workplaces: Lancet study

AGENCIES LONDON, OCT 13

Mental health problems and mental disorders are common in the working population and 15 per cent of adults of working age experience mental health disorders - with depression, anxiety and substance abuse being the most common, according to a significant paper on the workplace as a major determinant of health published in The Lancet.

Workers with mental health disorders are at increased risk of sickness permanent exit from employment, and lower in turn, can exacerbate mental disorders.

Mental disorders incur substantial costs for workers, employers and the whole of society. Carried by Ireland-based Univeron Thursday illustrates Australia.

that major progress in be made by an increased focus on improving people's work environments. "Workplaces have huge tions.

absence, unemployment, potential to influence mental health by promotlifetime income, which, of work and providing mental health strategies. safe, non-discriminatory Policymakers at local, support for those show- national and internationproblems," said Birgit and control working envi-

researchers for the Lancet authored the article with series on work and health, academics from universithe paper that came out ties in Europe, Japan and

Selfies can make you vulnerable

to eating disorders: Study

population health can recommendations for decision-makers to supwork for diverse popula-

> "Governments need to ensure that the workplace adverse conditions," says the paper.

Policymakers should

also develop and improve policy on mentally healthy work, with a particular focus on the work environments of low-wage or marginalised workers.

They need to develop guidance on how to create and maintain mentally healthy work at all levels of an organisation which includes promoting training programmes.

'Governments should The report outlined improve support and workplace conditions to enable individuals with port healthy and safe mental health problems and disorders to be part of the workforce," the study stressed.

"Organisations now ing the positive aspects is an integral part of their need to take a second step and augment these programmes with proactive initiatives to improve ing signs of mental health al levels need to regulate work organisations and working conditions. This Greiner from UCC School ronments – evidence sug- is not just a moral impergests an increased risk of ative but necessary for Greiner and Profes- mental health problems employers to meet legal sity College Cork (UCC) sor Ella Arensman co- and mental disorders in and ethical mandates on psychologically safe work environments," said professor Arensman.

UK hospital launches world-first gene therapy trial to cure rare deafness

AGENCIES LONDON, OCT 12

UK doctors have launched a world-first trial to see whether gene therapy can provide hearing for children with severe to profound hearing loss due to a rare genetic con-

dition. The trial by Cambridge University Hospitals includes up to 18 children from the UK, Spain and the US, born with hearing loss due to auditory neuropathy – a condition caused by the disruption of nerve impulses travelling from the inner ear to the brain. They will be followed up for five years to see the extent to which their hearing improves.

Auditory neuropathy can be due to a variation in a single gene - known as the OTOF gene - which produces a protein called otoferlin.

This protein typically allows the inner hair cells in the ear to communicate with the hearing nerve.

Mutations in the OTOF gene can be identified by standard genetic testing.

About 20,000 people across the US and UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy are thought to have auditory neuropathy due to OTOF muta-

Monkey lives for 2 years with genetically engineered pig kidney

The team used the

after the start of their dial-

ysis treatment, as well as

how the healthy tissue in

The results showed that

for patients with chronic

In a medical breakthrough, a monkey has survived for more than transplanted from a genetically engineered pig.

The experiment, carried out by researchers at porcine genome. the US biotech company

Tatsuo Kawai, Professor of resulted in more than immune compatibility. cal School.

ried out 69 genomic edits two years (758 days) was into the pig kidneys which achieved. enhanced compatibility

The donor kidneys car- long-term survival. ried three types of edits:



two years with a kidney immunity, coagulation, and complement, and (3) inactivation of the endogenous retroviruses in the

Donor kidneys carrying eGenesis and Harvard human transgenes result-Medical School, may one ed in longer survival time tial solution to the global NHPs. Donor kidneys con-Surgery at Harvard Medi- seven times longer dura-Writing in the journal versus 176 days, respec- markers in recipients with Nature, the scientists tively. In the case of one stable grafts revealed that explained how they car-recipient, survival of over

The results indicate and reduced rejection by the benefit of human lack of two native kidneys. the recipient's immune transgene expression in porcine kidney grafts on threatening condition for

"One of the biggest (1) knock out of three hurdles has been longgenes involved in the synterm survival of the the demand for organs far thesis of glycan antigens genetically engineered implicated in hyperacute organ in the NHP (nonrejection, (2) insertion of human-primate) recipiseven human transgenes ent, and this dataset digm is suboptimal for involved in the regula- demonstrates remarkable patients and the healthtion of several pathways progress in editing the care system due to organ that modulate rejection: porcine genome to mini- incompatibility and vari-

tion, improve recipient compatibility and address the risk of viral transmission from donor to host," Kawai said.

"We anticipate that transplant outcomes in humans will be even more favourable, as these gene edited organs are a better match for humans, as compared with NHPs,' he added.

In vitro functional analday develop to be a poten- when transplanted into ysis showed that edited porcine kidney endothelishortage of donors for taining only knock out of al cells modulated inflampatients with organ fail- the three-glycan antigens mation in a manner that experienced poor graft mirrored human endo-"This is a major step survival, whereas those thelial cells, suggesting forward for the field of harbouring the knockouts the edited cells acquired transplantation," said and human transgenes a high level of human

Furthermore, the evalution – a median of 24 days ation of renal function bioa single transplanted porcine kidney provided sufficient filtration of metabolites to compensate for the

Organ failure is a life-

which transplantation is considered the gold standard treatment. However, outstrips supply. In addition, the existing organ failure treatment parainflammation, innate mise hyperacute rejec- able donor organ quality.

Love to take a selfie? Beware, it can make you vulnerable to eating disorders, warned a study. Popular on social media, selfies are portraits taken by the photo's subject, who positions the camera

LONDON, OCT 12

selves. The study, published in the open-access journal PLOS ONE, showed that people tended to rate women's bodies as slimmer when viewed in selfie photographs than in photographs taken from other

away from their body but

pointed back at them-

angles. However, there was added. evidence that participants favourably.

finding and prior findings from other studies, the researchers suggest that viewing selfies could be more damaging than other types of photos to people who are vulnerable to developing eating disorders.

"Many of us see selfies social media platforms. unteer models dressed in satisfaction. We know that filters exercise clothing. can change the way that from University of York in



which the photo is taken about body size, so that chin. when consuming images on the internet, even simple unfiltered selfies, what we see is not necessentation of real life," they

Prior research has sugtheir own appearance.

the judgments of female spectives analysed. participants in response

bodies appear," said the each volunteer's body was tions of the study, such team led by Ruth Knight photographed at several as a small number of from St John University angles: from a traditional participants and a lack of and Catherine Preston external perspective, precise matching of photo a selfie taken an arm's angles between volunteer length away, a selfie taken models, which could have "This research sug-using a selfie stick, or from influenced judgments.

gests that the angle from the volunteer's own perspective, with the camera can change our judgments looking down from the

Participants also completed a questionnaire to measure the degree to which they engaged in sarily an accurate reprethoughts and behaviours related to disordered

Analysing results from with a higher level of cer- gested that viewing selfies four different experitain disordered eating might affect viewers' judg- ments, the researchers symptoms tended to rate ments of the photo sub- found that participants bodies in selfies more jects' attractiveness and tended to judge bodies could, in some cases, lead in the selfie images as On the basis of this to comparisons that affect slimmer than bodies in viewers' satisfaction with the external-perspective images, however, there But, such research is were no significant diflimited and has focused ferences in attractiveness more on perception of ratings. Chin-down images faces in photos than were judged to be less slim bodies. To shed new than selfies, and the least light, the team evaluated attractive of all the per-

These findings highlight every day as we browse to photos from different potential links between the growing number of angles of 10 female vol- social media use and body

However, the research-With faces excluded, ers noted several limita-

'42% patients with skin disease suffer from sleep disturbances'

AGENCIES LONDON, OCT 13

Almost half (42 per cent) of patients with skin disease experience sleep disturbances, according to a major study that analysed over 50,000 adults across 20 countries to assess the impact of skin

The findings, presented at the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Congress 2023 in Berlin, Germany, showed that the sleep disturbances were found to have broader implications on patients' quality of life.

Nearly half (49 per cent) of patients with skin disease reported reduced productivity at work, in contrast with just one in five (19 per cent) participants without a skin disease.

The main symptoms that impacted the sleep of patients with skin disease were itching (60 per cent) and burning sensations or tingling (17 per cent).

In addition, patients more frequently experienced a feeling of fatigue as soon as they woke up (81 per centvs. 64 per centin the non-skin disease population), periods of drowsiness during the day (83 per centvs. 71 per cent), tingling sensations in the eyes (58 per centvs. 42 per cent) and repeated yawning (72 per centvs. 58 per cent) than those who did not have a skin disease.

Bionic hand, merged with woman's nervous & skeletal systems, functional after years

LONDON, OCT 12

farming accident was nerves and muscles. implanted with a novel nerves, and muscles.

after years of daily use.

A multidisciplinary

tion, while also enabling

nervous and skeletal sys- the Center for Bionics and journal Science Robotics. tems, remains functional Pain Research (CBPR) in Sweden.

attached to the user's independently and reliably components.

skeleton via osseointegra- in daily life," said Catalan.

The fact that she has electrical connection with been able to use her pros-A Swedish woman who the nervous system via thesis comfortably and lost her right hand in a electrodes implanted in effectively in daily activities for years "is a promis-The research was led ing testament to the potenhuman-machine interface by professor Max Ortiz tial life-changing capabiliinto her residual bone, Catalan, head of neural ties of this novel technolprosthetics research at ogy for individuals facing Now, the bionic hand the Bionics Institute in limb loss," Catalan said in that was merged with her Australia and founder of a paper published in the

The challenges at this level of amputation are "Karin was the first the two bones (radius group of engineers and person with below-elbow and ulna) that should be surgeons developed a amputation who received aligned and loaded equalhuman-machine interface this new concept of a ly, and that not much that allows for the pros- highly integrated bionic space is available for



The research team musculoskeletal implant thesis to be comfortably hand that can be used implanted and prosthetic nevertheless managed to that allows for connecting ing a strong mechanical an important milestone daily living, according to

develop a suitable neuro- the user's biological con-

the prosthesis via osseo- elbow amputation level motor and sensory comintegration – the process has particular challenges, ponents that allowed the by which bone tissue and the level of func- user to carry out 80 per embraces titanium creat- tionality achieved marks cent of the activities of

system) with the electronic Branemark, research as a whole." control system of the pros- affiliate at MIT, associate professor at Gothenburg in the residual limb were "Our integrated surgical University and CEO of Inte-re-arranged to provide and engineering approach grum, led the surgery and more source of motor also explains the reduction has worked with osseointe-control information to the in pain, as Karin is now gration for limb prosthesis prosthesis. using somewhat the same since they were first used neural resources to control in humans: "By combin- ed this part of the surgery the prosthesis as she did ing osseointegration with that took place at the Sahlfor her missing biological reconstructive surgery, grenska University Hospihand," the authors wrote. implanted electrodes, and tal in Sweden. A key feature of the AI, we can restore human new bionic technology is function in an unprec- oped by Prensilia, namely the skeletal attachment of edented way. The below Mia Hand, featured unique

trol system (the nervous Professor Rickard extremity reconstructions

The nerves and muscles

Dr Paolo Sassu conduct-

The robotic hand develfor the field of advanced the study.

Bhaderwah campus of JU empowers incarcerated individuals through education

BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 13

In a pioneering effort to support education and rehabilitation within correctional facilities, the Department of Computer Science & IT at Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, collaborated mir Prisons Department to of Computer Science & IT crime. into society.

It provided them with the

successfully implement an at Bhaderwah Campus, e-learning program at the University of Jammu, grammer from the Depart-District Jail Bhaderwah. expressed his enthusiasm ment of Computer Sci-This program, aimed at for this groundbreaking equipping inmates with initiative. He emphasized Campus, echoed the Uniknowledge and skills, rep- the potential of education versity's commitment to resents a significant step to transform lives, assert making a positive impact towards the reintegration ing that every individual, through education. and reform of offenders irrespective of their past, This e-learning initia- nity to learn and grow. August 15, 2023. Examitive, orchestrated by the By extending educational

of education to inmates. renewed sense of purpose. The awards were preopportunity to pursue gram not only addresses Manhas, the Head of the higher education and the educational needs of Department of Computer acquire valuable skills inmates but also contrib- Science & IT at Bhaderduring their time in incar- utes significantly to their wah Campus, University ceration. The University's social and emotional of Jammu, in the prescommitment to offering development. Research ence of Superintendent educational opportuni- has shown that inmates Jail, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed ties regardless of an indi- who participate in edu- Malla, and Bablu Sharma, vidual's background or cational programs while the Programmer from the circumstances is vividly incarcerated are statisti- Department of Computer demonstrated through cally less likely to reoff- Science & IT at Bhaderthis innovative program. end. This underscores the wah Campus, University Dr. Jatinder Manhas, the vital role of such initiatives of Jammu.

with the Jammu and Kash- Head of the Department in breaking the cycle of

Bablu Sharma, a proence & IT at Bhaderwah

The first three-month deserves the opportu- course ran from May 15 to nations were conducted Department of Computer outreach to the incarcer- on August 29, and today, Science & IT at Bhaderwah ated population, the aim on October 13, successful Campus, directly brought is to empower them with inmates received course the transformative power knowledge, skills, and a completion certificates. The e-learning pro- sented by Dr. Jatinder

Cultural Extravaganza marks Mela Magh celebration at GHSS Ligri Paddar

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 13

war today.

In connection with the vibrant celebration of Mela Magh, a cultural program illuminated Government Higher Secondary School Ligri Paddar, District Kisht-

Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), unfolded as a significant chapter in the ongoing series of cultural festivals throughout Jammu and

Mela Magh, an annual three-day celebration (Paddar), District Kishtwar, drew thousands from surrounding villages and all over District Kishtwar.

The festival commenced on October 13, 2023, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of erstwhile District Doda.

Rani, Sarpanch Panchayat Ligri Paddar and graced by Satish Kumar Rana, importance of such events Incharge program.

Students of Government Degree College Reasi during their two days

study visit to SKUAST-Jammu got exposed to the latest scientific advance-

held under the guidance

of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jam-

mu and Dr. B.C. Sharma,

Dean, Faculty of Agricul-

ture. The event was coor-

dinated by Shruti Khanna,

District Coordinator from

JKSTIC, Udhampur and

Dr. Sachin Gupta from

SKUAST-Jammu. In his

address to the students,

Dr. B.C. Sharma, Dean,

briefed the students about

various activities and aca-

demic programmes of the

University and motivated

scientists and students of

agri-preneurs.

the University.

ments in agriculture. The visit was organized by JKSTIC, Udhampur and

JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, OCTOBER 13

The event organised Tehsildar Paddar as the in fostering communal by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Guest, the program harmony and preservwitnessed the presence ing age-old cultures. She of dignitaries such as congratulated Slah ud Din

Balraj Chowhan, Principal Govt. Hr. Sec. School Ligri Paddar, Insp. Vikram Singh Station House Officer, and other PRIs and prominent personalities. Chief Guest, Satish

in the village of Ligri Kumar Rana acknowl- Dance, and soul-stirring edged JKAACL's role in singing performances by promoting local culture under the guidance of Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL and Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary

Anju Rani appreciated the efforts of JKAACL to Presided over by Anju showcase local art in the remote areas of the District, emphasizing the presented by Gulab Saifi,

GDC Reasi students visit SKUAST-J

students. During their visit

to School of Biotechnol-

ogy, the students learnt

nological interventions

that are in use for the crop

improvement and raising

o seedlings through tissue

culture. In the mushroom

unit, the students learnt

about various types of

the year cultivation and

During their visit to Api-

them to become future learnt about the benefits Dr. Gourav Gupta from

ous constituent units of about the various prod- great enthusiasm during

the University like NAHEP- ucts besides honey that their interactions with

IDP, Mushroom Unit, Api- are produced by honey the faculty of the Uni-

culture Unit, Mega seed bee. In the Mega seed versity. Meeting was also

and School of Biotechnol- Unit, the students learnt held among the authori-

ogy and interacted with about various types of ties of SKUAST-Jammu and

Modern Language labo- also saw the live demon- such visits and collabora-

ratory established in the stration of processing of tions in the near future.

of beekeeping as a source GDC Reasi.

Faculty of Agriculture mushrooms, their round

60 students visited vari- of income generation and

IDP cell was the main seeds that is being proattraction for the visiting vided to farmers through

about the various biotech- latest advancements in

nutritional importance. Dr. Susheel Sharma. The

culture Unit, the students nied by Dr. Anchal Raj and

protocols and methods JKSTIC to explore the pos-

for seed production and sibilities of arranging more

SOCA JKAACL Sub Office Doda and the entire team for organizing the event.

The cultural extravaganza featured Paddari Ghurrai Dance, Shena Bhudist Dance, Paddari Kharzaath renowned artists, including Navrattan Shetyan, Ved Rattan, Amar Singh, and Shadi Lal.

The event was held under the overall supervision of Slah ud Din, Cultural Officer JKAACL Sub Office Doda.

Vote of thanks was

University. It was a first

time eye opener expo-

sure of the students to the

entrepreneurship oppor-

tunities in Agriculture and

The scientists who inter-

acted with students were

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Dr. Moni

Gupta, Dr. Manmohan

Sharma, Dr.Vishal Raina,

Dr. Devinder Sharma and

students were accompa-

The students showed

allied fields.

GDC Vijaypur celebrates Khadi Mahotsav

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, OCTOBER 13

lege, Vijaypur in collabo- dana Gupta. ration with IQAC of the college under the flagship Khadi Mahotsav is aimed banner of Atma Nirb- at sensitizing citizens, har Bharat Abhiyan and particularly students and Meri Maati Mera Desh youth, to make them organized a slogan writ- aware of the importance ing event on the theme of local produce like

Khadi, Handloom, Handicraft, Village Industries innovative slogans pro-turer History).

Whole of the event was organized under able NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of guidance of the Principal Government Degree Col- of the College, Dr. Van-

Principal said that "Khadi for Atma Nirbhar khadi and handloom for our economy, ecology, The aim of organizing women empowerment the event was to promote and to encourage them to promote and adopt them.

The event was coorand other local products dinated by Dr. Naseem to bolster self-reliance Chowdhary (NSS PO) and and independence in local Prof. Poonam Kundan masses. NSS volunteers of (Convenor Cultural Comthe college participated in mittee) and co-coordinatthe slogan writing event ed by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo with great enthusiasm and (Lecturer Sociology) and fervor by writing vital and Dr. Radhika Rasyal (Lec-

Government Polytechnic for Women, Jammu inks MoU to strengthen skills



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

In order to bring industry and academia together Singh, Director, M/s ESPL for the betterment of Skill Jammu in presence of fac-Eco System, Government ulty and staff of the Insti-Polytechnic for Women, tution Jammu today inked Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s Ecoep-

this MOU is to strengthen partner with this Instituthe skill of the students tion in the field of Skill of Electronics and Com- Development in Solar munication Engineering Technologies which is and Electrical Engineer- highly desirable so as ing Departments with to make the students Short Term Courses in employable. Solar Technology including Apprenticeships and TPO, Naresh Gupta, HOD to make them Industry E&C along with faculty ready while increasing and staff of E&C Departtheir chances of better ment of Govt. Polytechnic employability.

between Er. Suket Gupta, Principal Government Polytechnic for Women Jammu and Er. Sarabjeet

Er. Suket Gupta, Principal while speaking on the occasion thanked M/S icsolar Pvt. Ltd., Jammu. ESPL, Jammu for coming The main objective of up with the initiative to

Kamal Kumar, HOD/I/c for Women, Jammu were The MOU was signed present on this occasion.

DC Kishtwar distributes Track Suits to Palaash Children

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 13

In a benevolent gesture, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav visited the Palaash Centre, a children's home in Kishtwar and distributed track suits to 34 Palaash Children.

DSWO Kishtwar Zubair Ahmed Lone, DMO Kishtwar Dr Brijesh Manhas and TSWO Kishtwar Rajesh Sharma besides officials of Palaash Children Home were also present on the occasion.

Pertinent to mention that the District Administration Kishtwar, under 2023 organized a successthese tracksuits were pro-

The Deputy Commisthe child inmates, inquir- Deputy Commissioner the Palaash Home. ing about the facilities Kishtwar directed DSWO provided to them in the Kishtwar to ensure the the commitment of the child home. The children establishment of a well- District Administration expressed satisfaction equipped book library for Kishtwar to contribute with the amenities and the children at Palaash, positively to the well-being were encouraged by DC utilizing resources avail- and development of the



alongwith academics.

the "Meri Matti Mera Desh track suits for sports and distribution ceremony, DC " campaign on August 13, physical health exercises. Kishtwar along with DSWO He further encouraged the Kishtwar and TSWO Kishtful fund raising concert Palaash children to priori- war conducted a comprefor orphans, here at GDC tize health and fitness by hensive inspection of the Kishtwar out of which actively participating in Palaash Home infrastrucextracurricular activities ture. He issued necessary directives to expedite ongo In line with fostering ing works and ensure the sioner also interacted with educational development, aesthetic enhancement of

The event underscores asked them to utilize the able in his office. Before the region's young residents.

14 Days State Handloom Expo (Hathkargha Mela) held at Pahalgam

JI NEWS SERVICE ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 13

The fourteen day Expo from 12 October, 2023 to 25 October, 2023 has been held at Pahalgam to showcase the exquisite art and craft of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Expo has been sponsored by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) Ministry of Textiles under National Handloom Development Programme: (NHDP) and organized by Weavers Service centre, Srinagar with the theme "My Handloom My Pride" and "Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion" in coordination with Pahalgam Development Authority.

Chief Guest, Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicrafts and Handloom Development addressed to the weavers and artisans and suggestproducts etc.



The Director, Handi- art and craft of Jammu & crafts & Handloom along Kashmir. and enquired about the Park, Main Market, Pahal- ers to register with the local products. Department, Kashmir Cooperative societies a of the ongoing exhibition was being organized with form to sell their genuine Pashmina shawls, Woolen

of Kani Pashmina shawls, tion of Handloom/ Hand- buyers and provide the Blankets, and varieties which will greatly support icraft Products, Khadi tourists and people to of Handloom/ Handicraft local weavers in terms of

ucts, will be available for buyer to enrich with precious Handloom products for the overall service to the Country and encouraging weavers creativity for manufacturing handloom products by giving respect to them and life to Sant Kabir And Mahatma Gandhi.

The Assistant Director, Weavers' Service Centre, Srinagar, Tahir Ahmad Hakim informed that as many as 60 Handloom/ Handicraft and Khadi Societies will get the opportunity to display their products during the fourteen days expo. He He appealed to people also appealed to the interto visit the expo at PDA ested, uncovered weavgam and support the local department to avail the weavers by purchasing schemes of the department and ti earn liveli-The special attraction hood. He said the event the message 'Khadi for

Khadi for Fashion' get a glimpse of the rich Products, Khadi Prod- both promotion and sale.

DC Ramban chairs **DGRC** meeting

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 13

Deputy Commissioner Mussarat Islam today chaired a meeting of the District Grievances Redressal Committee (DGRC) under the State Health Agency (SHA) to discuss the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Gias Ul Haq Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kamal Zadu and other concerned officers besides concerned members attended the meeting virtually.

During the meeting, the committee members were briefed about their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the prompt resolution of grievances related to the AB-PMJAY.

Emphasizing the importance of efficiency, the Deputy Commissioner urged members to actively monitor the grievances database, ensuring that all issues are resolved within the stipulated timeline.

Dr. Abid felicitates JKAACL artists at Tagore Hall

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 13

Secretary Tourism and Culture, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah today felicitated various artists of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL)

at Tagore Hall here. The felicitation cerists, Culture and Languagemony was organised es of Jammu and Kashmir. by JKAACL for artists

Murmu. and support Art and Art-sentation of Jammu and in attendance.

Pertinently, the young

Kashmir's cultural heritage.

The event was attended who gave an exceptional and talented artists from by the Additional Secrecultural presentation at Jammu and Kashmir, tary of Cultural Academy, Raj Bhavan, Srinagar, in performed Gojri, Pahari, Sanjeev Rana, along with honour of President of Dogri, Gaddi and Pad- other officials from the India, Smt. Dhroupadi dari Folk Dances, Jagrana J&K Academy of art culand Bhand Pather at Raj ture and Languages. The While distributing cer- Bhavan recently. The cultural program presenttificates of excellence to President and Lieutenant ed in front of in the Presieach artist, Dr. Abid said Governor had applauded dent of India received that the government is artists for their outstand- immense appreciation committed to promote ing performance and pre- from all esteemed guests

with many dignitaries took round of all the stalls exhibits created by local weavers. He expressed that the Expo will give Weavers/Artisans and suitable marketing plated towards the product- products directly to the shawls, Mufflers, Coats,

IGP Jammu reviews arrangements for Annual National Police Day



preparation and ensure arrangements required to adequate Police/Security be made. arrangements in connection is being organised on 21st of Oct-2023 to pay attended the meeting rich tribute to our #mar- are; DIG JKS Range ,DIG tyrs. A blood donation Armed Jammu, DIG IRP camp will also be organ- Jammu, SSP Jammu, CO ised on the occasion of the SDRF Jammu, SSP Rail-#COMMEMORATION DAY ways Jammu, SSP Traffic

given by the participants Police other officers. to IGP Jammu Zone with

regard to preparation, Administrative arrangements, Publicity/invita-In order to review the tions and other important

IGP Jammu Zone, tion with #Commemora- Jammu Sh. Anand Jain -IPS tion Day Parade, a meet- advised the participants ing was held by Inspector to maintain close coop-General of Police Jammu eration and ensure that Zone, Sh. Anand Jain all the arrangements are -IPS, at ZPHQ, Jammu put in place well in time this afternoon. The func- in a coordinated manner.

The officers who City, Jammu, SSP APCR, During the meeting, Jammu, SP City North/ detailed briefing was South/Rural Jammu and

SMVDU Scholar awarded at



CRABECON Cancer Conclave

JI NEWS SERVICE

Rajeshwer Singh Jamwal, breaking advancements. research scholar in the Mr. Rajeshwer Singh School of Biotechnol- Jamwal was one of the ogy, Shri Mata Vaishno five winners selected for Devi University (SMVDU), an oral presentation and got the 3rd Prize for his his oral presentation on oral presentation on his quality and significance of research "Towards Non- his research got the cash small Cell Lung Cancer in of Rs 4000/-. the Population of Jammu and Kashmir" at the presti- Jamwal extends his heartgious CRABE-CON Cancer felt gratitude to his Super-Conclave, held at Royal visor, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Park, Greater Kailash, Head, SoBT, Dr. Ratna Jammu. This national- Chandra, and Hon'ble level conference on "Pre-Vice chancellor, Prof. Pracision Oncology: A New gati Kumar for their infra-

field of cancer research to discuss and share ground-

and Clinicians from the

Mr. Rajeshwer Singh Milestone", witnessed a structural and administrahuge gathering of experts tive support.

Arvind Gupta refutes false claims of NC on **Kargil election**

JI NEWS SERVICE

For the first time, BJP has registered victory on two seats in the recently held Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil election and it is a major achievement for the party.

Arvind Gupta, Secretary, Jammu and Kash- leader that the BJP not mir BJP, said this while only increased its seats to rebuffing the claim of double but also got more NC's Provincial President votes than the earlier elec-Rattan Lal Gupta, that BJP tions in Kagil. suffered defeat in Kargil election. He said that the the number of seats and NC lacks proper informa- votes are clear indicators tion about the results of that the BJP has strengththese elections, where BJP ened its base in Kargil, has written new political which is due to the fact chapter by winning two that the people there are

seats for the first time. to the knowledge of NC the party.



He said that increase in convinced by the pro-Arvind Gupta added grammes and policies of

key to promoting universal brotherhood: Rana

Senior BJP leader Mr nents there is greater Devender Singh Rana need of spreading the today said the concept of message of peace, tran-Vasudeva Kutumbakam, quillity and righteousthe eternal philosophy ness, the hallmark of Sanatan Dharma, is of Sanatan Dharam. answer to promoting uni- Hinduism being a way versal brotherhood and of life, preaches love, offsetting the ill-effects of compassion, righteousconfrontational tenden- ness and inclusivecies that is possible grave ness, remains innate threat to global peace.

world order and peaceful he added. coexistence of communi-Secretary.

obtaining conflict and crisis like situation in parts across the contistrength of the Sanatan "Sanatan Dharma Dharma. This has been

human dignity, judicious for thousands of decades,

ties to make this world a Indian civilisation treats better place to live in", the world as a family Mr Devender Rana said and this ethos serves as while interacting with a beacon of light in the deputations, delegations dark tunnel of ignorance and cross sections of soci- that treats humanity difety during weekly public ferently. The Vedic phihearing at the BJP head- losophy, however, does quarters, along with Mrs. not differentiate between Veenu Gupta, BJP State the people on religious Rana said that in the treats them as one. This and guided humankind

espouses the cause of the source of its survival effort is now being appre- to peace and prosper- relentless efforts of Prime tence of each Sanatani, he ciated globally more than ity. The renewed cultural Minister Narendra Modi in added ever before. He said every renaissance in the present bringing about positivity Rana said the glorious Sanatani begins the day with the prayers for everyone to be happy, everyone to be in good health and

> humans. He said the spiritual land of India has emanated the message of humanity or continental basis but from times immemorial

everyone to prosper as they believe God in every particle, least to speak of addressing the conflict to issues, he maintained. issues for the humanity to grow and prosper, instead omous canards against Rana during the public of creating the fear of ani- the Sanatan Dharam and hearing were taken up at

mosity and uncertainty. Rana referred to the cal benefits beware and immediate redressal.

times is hugely contribut- in the international affairs, ing towards harmonious saying this is imperative growth of the society, he for better understandsaid, adding that in the ing between communipresent grim scenario, ties and nations. This is the ancient Indian way why the world is looking etc were raised for earof life rekindles hope for towards India for solutions nest redressal. The issues

"Those spreading ven-

not be mistaken about their tolerance as a sign of weakness ", Mr Rana said, asserting that the Sanatanis believe in the philosophy of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect and regard for each human being, irrespective of their religion, region or caste, however, they cannot tolerate insult of the Sanatan Dharam which is the identity and philosophy of exis-

During the public hearing, issues of public importance like roads. civic amenities, power and drinking water facilities, upkeep of utility services raised by the deputations and individuals before Mr Sanatanis for petty politi- appropriate forums for

Wattal receives prestigious Bharat Shreshtha Sewa Sanstha Puraskar from Haryana Guv

Sanatana Dharma's Vasudeva Kutumbakam philosophy

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13, 2023

Kiran Wattal - convenor of Vishwa Kashmiri Samaj (VKS) - today received prestigious Bharat Shreshtha Sewa Sanstha Puraskar from Haryana governor sory & mentor board memimpressive function held

at Gurugram. He was nominated for dation - a leading social skilling them for a susconvenor.

others, was attended by director education, DLF

top officials of Haryana government and prominent persons of the state, besides Utsav Foundation president Raj Nehru, vicepresident Pankaj Dhar and treasurer Virender Thakur.

Bandaru Dattatreya in an bers - Dheera Khandelwal (ex-chief secretary, Haryana), C K Gariyal (former secretary to Tamil Nadu the award by Utsav Foun- governor), Hanif Qureshi Foundation) - were also (joint secretary, ministry organisation engaged of heavy industries), Shiv in providing education Prasad Sharma (former to young children and deputy commissioner, al social organisations in HSVP), Sujata Shahi (vicetained livelihood - for his chancellor, IILM Univerimmense contribution and sity), Venkatesh Balasuservice to society as VKS bramanian (professor in IIT, Madras), Sunil Dabas Others awarded on (professor in Dronachathe occasion included rya government PG Col-US-based Concentrix lege, Gurgaon), Dr Shakun BM, DLF Cares Founda- Malik from National Instition, Arindam Founda- tute of Health, USA, B B tion, Roop Automative Gupta (president of JBM Ltd, Canara HSBC, Joyson group), Rachna Mukherjee Safety System and Selify (former CHRO Schneider) with daughter foundation. and Ameeta Mulla Wattal The function, among (chairperson & executive



present.

Wattal - a philanthropist is associated with sever-J&K. He also heads Shri Amarnathji Yatra Welfare Society (SAYWS) which every year organises free langar for Baba Amarnath devotees visiting J&K from across the country and the pilgrimage.

engaged in promotion of sports in J&K. In the field ism Federation of Jammu of gymnastics, J&K has headed by Rajesh Gupta. won over 1,000 medals under his presidentship.

He has also done a lot come function for idoil of opment.

before the government.

In a first-of-its-kind medical camp organised by VKS, top doctors from Medanta Medicity, Delhi, and from Jammu had participated. More than 4,000 persons were medically examined in the camp and given free medicines.

VKS also holds 'Samuhik Yagnopveet' for all Hindus including girls. It has also revived the old Kashmiri the eve of Mahashivratri. Also, on the eve of Amarnath Yatra this year, VKS abroad during all days of held 'Mahadev Ka Mahotsav' on June 29 for pil-He is also actively grims in collaboration with sister concerns and Tour- and athletics.

of social work with VKS - a Maa Sharda from Shangeri of Kashmiri Pandit samaj calendar of 5099 was also released.

> organisation - Mata Kheer Housing Board, Chief Bhawani Ji Yatra Welfare Engineer of UEED and Society - has become a Secretary, J&K State Sports bridge between the government and Kashmiri Pandit community in con- in August, 1978 as site ducting the smooth and engineer in GAMMON hassle-free yatra to Tul- INDIA LTD and was put mulla, Kashmir.

a mega sports carnival at joined the J&K govern-Kashmiri Migrants Camp ment service in 1980 and tradition of 'Har Ratri' on at Jagti with the govern- independently handled ment support. More than the job of construction badminton, kushti, chess

holding awareness pro-First time, VKS organ- grammes on dowry, drugs areas and low cost sanitaised an impressive wel- addiction and skill devel- tion management of solid

An engineer by profesfrontline Kashmiri Hindu Math covering a distance sion, Wattal - a multifacetsocial & cultural organisa- of 4,000 kms. Later, VKS ed personality - is credited tion which has from time took out a yatra to Teet- with taking Jammu Municto time highlighted the wal near LoC in Kupwara ipal Corporation to new grave issues and problems district where SaptRishi heights during his tenure as its commissioner.

He has also served as Since 2017, VKS's sister Managing Director of J&K Council.

He started his career on the job of specialised In 2020, VKS conducted bridge construction. He 400 boys and girls had of lined canals, cross participated in different drainage works, roads games like cricket, vol- and buildings. In January leyball, football, kho-kho, 1985, he opted for municipal services as Assistant Engineer and monitored VKS has also been various jobs of civic amenities, improvement of slum

BJP conducts "Amrit Kalash Yatra"

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) conducted "Amrit Kalash Yatra" in which the 'Mitti' (soil) collected from the homes of martyrs, statues of eminent social personalities, other prominent places of historical relevance was collected at the Block and then Disout with the chanting of eering by hundreds of BJP nation. activists at various places in Jammu & Kashmir.

from Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Park Jewel Chowk and cul- completed. minated at Maharaja Hari

Sethi, Mandal Presidents martyrs. Keshav Chopra, Parveen Kerni, Atul Bakshi, Raman Ex Councillor Sanjay Sharma, JKUT BJP Media Mahey, Hari Om Sharma, Incharge Dr Pardeep Mahotra, BJP JKUT OBC Morcha President Sunil Prajapati, Municipal Councillors Sanjay Baru, Jeet Angral, Suneet Raina, Neelam Nargotra, Satpal Karlupia, District General Sharma, Bablu Chand, Secretaries Kuldeep Kand- Geeta Sodhi, Ashok Sal-



the "Meri Maati Mera Sethi, Swati Bakshi, Vicky trict level and then Yatra Desh" programme aims Pandey, Sharda devi, (procession) was taken to respect and remember those heroes who sacpatriotic songs and slogan- rificed their lives for the

this initiative has been radha Sharma, Chaman BJP Jammu District led aimed to infuse a sense of Lal Angral, Rohit Mehra by its President Parmod patriotism and nationalis- and others were also pres-Kapahi organized Amrit tic fervor within the hearts ent. Kalash Yatra commencing of the people and this mission has been successfully

Parmod Kapahi emphasized on the significance

Vistarak Ashok Kumar, Asha Gupta Manav Mahajan, Rajesh Gupta, Anil Angral, Krishan Lal Sharma, Munish Gupta, Kushant Daffara, Rajesh Nischal, Deepak Sharma, Parveen Ghai, Bhubesh Modi. Priya Sethi said that Puneet Chawla, Rajeev emotions among all.

Vikas Bali, Sonu Manhas, Naveen Sharma, Pardeep Sharma, Dimple Kumar, Sanjeev Gupta, Bishan Yudhvir Sethi said that Singh, Gourav Singh Anu-

Similar, Amrit Kalash Yatra was taken under the leadership of District Jammu South President Rekha Mahajan. She said BJP NEM & Former Min- of this yatra, stressing the that the soil collected, ister Priya Sethi, BJP JKUT importance of remember- would soon become part Vice President Yudhvir ing the sacrifices of our of the 'Amrit Vatika' at Delhi, a place which would be visited by every person with a feel of belongingness. Similar, Amrit Kalash Yatra was untaken under the leadership of Kashmir Displaced District President Chand Ji Bhat, who focused on the strengthening of nation under PM

Another Yatra was taken in Ward no. 41 under hari, Adv Rajesh Gupta & gotra, Omkar Verma, the leadership of local others were amongst the Jatinder Khajuria, Sunil Councillor Sanjay Baru, prominent present on the Bindru, Arun Sethi, Vipan who stressed on the need Sharma, Sudhir Anand, to strengthen the patriotic

BFDC took stock of ongoing devp works in preparation for Shardiya Navratri

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCT 13

Bahu Fort Development Committee (BFDC) on Friday took stock of ongoing developmental works a t Bahu Fort in view of preparation for Shardiya Navratri, ehich is commencing from October 15.

Under the leadership BFDC President Rajeev Charak the officials of Jammu Development Authority, employees of Jammu Municipal Corporation along with police officers took stock of the ongoing development can become victims of pregnant or women with works and preparations accidents, he said that small children should for Navratri in the premises of Maa Bawe Wali Ji.

inspection, BFDC Rajeev at the beginning of the crowd. Charak said that Jammu Smart City Project and Jammu Development the Matador stand and road. due to lack of footpath on



waste.

market, whose condition

is very bad. Authority have done com- the departmental officers during the fair so that they mendable work in Bahu present during the inspec- can avoid the devotees Fort but some work is left tion to rectify the situation with criminal mentality. which is very important as soon as possible so that He said that the volunteers to be completed before the devotees do not get of Bahu Fort Development Navratri. The construc- any further facilities. He Committee will be worktion work of the main gate said that we welcome all ing around the clock to of Mata Mahakali Market the devotees coming to serve the devotees during is incomplete. The stairs the temple of Mata Bawe Navratri. are broken. If there is too wali and along with this much crowd, the devo- we request all the devotees may become victims tees to ensure that you Shopkeepers Union presiof unpleasant incidents. park your vehicle in the dent Ankush Khajuria, Apart from this, a drain parking area only, do not General Secretary Sumit has been constructed on park any vehicle on the

a water cooler has been avoid visiting during rush installed by Jammu hours and try to visit at Speaking during the Municipal Corporation a time when there is no

Rajjeev Charak also advised the devotes not Rajeev Charak asked wear precious jewelery

Vice president Hardesh Khokhar, Mata Mahakali Nagotra, Matador Union president Naresh Bhagat, Due to high crowd Vice President Neelkanth, it, it has become rough. during Navratri, he said regarding preparations for Due to which devotees that elderly, disabled, Sharadiya Navratri.

Delay in holding Assembly Elections in J&K generates feeling of hopelessness: Manjit Singh

JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has expressed his concern over delay in holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir as it has generated a feeling of hopelessness among the masses.

"The restoration of democratic system in Jammu and Kashmir in the erstwhile State," ers. said the Former Minister.

meeting cum joining pro- land was acquired by gram that was organized NHAI have accused he said that it becomes Women Wing Jammu, nating with the land bly Elections in Jammu Pavneet Kour, and Dalbir owners/businessmen and Kashmir as soon as Singh, April Party leader whose land /shops were possible in a bid to restore

Kour alongwith dozens authorities' ignorance to public," he said. their genuine demands. Jammu plains, he said ment, power crises and to have been ignored and next Govt in Jammu and others.



He was speaking at a pensation cases whose the public issues. by Provincial President authorities for discrimiacquired but the com-In this program, BJP's pensation was not given ward president, Ravinder as per the market value.

of her supporters joined their source of earning Apni Party in presence of yet the authorities seem be replaced by an elected areas. But the JMC has yet S. Manjit Singh. While wel- unconcerned. Similarly, Govt in Jammu and Kashcoming the new entrants the Sarore Toll plaza issue mir," he said. into the party, Manjit was not addressed despite Singh hoped that their a team of NHAI being sent ing of alienation has cized authorities for failjoining would strength- to Samba from Delhi and detached them from the ing to educate about the en the party at the grass its outcome remained Govt and its schemes that dengue spread and mearoot level. He said that under the carpet. The could have benefited the the people of Jammu decision as per the wishes and Kashmir are feeling of the people of Jammu implemented in a proper cern over delay in scheddisappointed regarding plains was not made manner with the consulta- uled elections of PRI and

He said that the issues tives. Referring to the issues of recruitment scams,

has been delayed for that the shabby condition the installation of the the babus taking decione reason or another of Jammu-Pathankot and smart meters have added sions from the comfortalthough the situation is Jammu-Srinagar highway more problems in Jammu peaceful and conducive to has affected the business, that should have been going into the fields, he hold Assembly Elections commuters and transport- addressed. However, it added while complaining appears the authorities He said that the com- are unconcerned about

> In these circumstances, important to hold Assemdemocratic system. "The babus have no connection with the people, and it is "The people have lost important that the present form of Govt should

> > He said that the feel- areas," he said, and critipeople at ground level if tion of public representa-

However, the public

tions of society would also be enhanced from Rs 50000 to Rs 1 lakhs.

able office rooms without

developmental projects.

announced.

He said that the Apni Party is committed to provide a Govt that would work as per the aspiration of the people and there would be no place for any kind of discrimination. "We are committed to provide equitable development, protection of rights of J&K residents, resources, and provide employment to the educated youth," he added.

pension from Rs 1000 to

Rs 5000 and marriage

assistance for the girls of

economically poor sec-

about the poor development, and incomplete The meeting cum joining program was also He also referred to the attended by Spokespersmart city project that son and State General is being implemented in Secretary, Youth Wing, a half hearted manner Abhay Bakaya; Provincial by the Jammu Municipal President Youth Wing Corporation. "The heaps Jammu, Vipul Bali; Proof garbage can are seen vincial President Transscattered in many wards port Union, Tirath Singh; of Jammu and the dengue Provincial Vice President cases are increasing in Transport Union, Yash the populated residential Khajuria; Provincial General Secretary Legal Cell, to intensify the fogging Kuldeep Sudan; Provincial in the dengue affected Secretary Women Wing, Sheetal Sharma; Provincial Secretary Women Wing, Shikha Bardwaj; Provincial Secretary sures to control its spread. Women Wing, Shivani Koul; District General Sec-He also expressed conretary, Deepak Bradoo; District Vice President ULBs in J&K that were Youth Wing, Abhinav Gupta; Faroog Chauhan, Meanwhile, he said that Monika, Neelam Gupta, being confronted in increasing unemploy-representatives appear if the Apni Party forms the Shewata Kumari and

Nitish seeks LG's intervention over poor power scenario in Jammu

JAMMU, OCT 13

Nitish Mahajan, Co Incharge situation in Jammu City.

Sinha, to intervene and profunction smoothly. vide necessary directions to the concerned authorities to address the ongo- directions to the concerned the concerned authoriing issues with interrupted authorities to ensure interties would take immediate power supply.

its historical and econom- He emphasized that a stable City. He called upon them ic significance, has been power supply is crucial for to ensure that the citizens grappling with a persistent industrial growth, attractpower crisis. He empha- ing investments, and prosized that the citizens of moting economic develop-Jammu City deserve reliment in the region. able and uninterrupted

daily needs and contribute provision of uninterrupt-

BJP Social Media Depart- Sinha, Mahajan under- been installed. These ment, J&K, has voiced his scored the importance of advanced meters play a deep concerns about the swift and effective action to key role in modernizing deteriorating power supply rectify the current power the power distribution In a press statement consistent power supply is consumption, and enhancreleased today, the senior vital for households, busi- ing billing accuracy. How-BJP leader appealed to the nesses, and industries, ever, their full potential can Lieutenant Governor of ensuring that daily life and only be harnessed with a Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj economic activities can consistent power supply,

He specifically urged Jammu City, known for industrial areas of Jammu. ing power woes of Jammu

Nitish Mahajan also growth.

power supply to meet their called for the prioritized to the growth of the region. ed power supply to areas In his appeal to LG where Smart Meters have scenario. He stated that system, optimizing energy he added.

Nitish expressed his con-LG Sinha to give necessary fidence that LG Sinha and rupted power supply to the action to alleviate the ongoof Jammu can enjoy a better quality of life, and the region remains conducive for business and industrial

SMVDU Scholar bags Best Oral Presentation Award at International Conference

JI NEWS SERVICE

Chitrakshi Chopra, Scholar at the School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). received the best oral presentation award at the International Conference on Recent Trends in Biomedical Sciences (RTBS-2023), organized by the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, their respective fields. Ms. Lovely Professional Uni- Chopra, working under of translational investiversity, Punjab. The con-the supervision of Dr. Indu gations in this field. The ference aimed to promote, encourage, and bring presented a paper titled appreciated the work cartogether researchers, scientists, pathologists, and in Women's Reproductive More than 200 papers medical service providers Health: Insights into Vagi-



Bhushan, Faculty, SMVDU "Microbial Communities ried out by Ms. Chopra. to share knowledge and nal Microbiota and Impli- participants coming from recent advances made in cations for Well-being," co- different countries.

authored by Ms. Malvika Mehta, Mr. Pankaj Suden, and Dr. Indu Bhushan. The research aimed to provide insight into the role of vaginal microbiome in various stages of life in females. The study also emphasized the significance of microbiotatargeted interventions that aim to optimize the composition of the healthy microbiome and shed light on the importance experts at the conference were presented by the

NC District Coordination Committee meeting held

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13

A meeting was organized by the Coordination Committee Jammu District (Urban), Central Zone JKNC at Jammu Club, Zonal President and Former Minister Babu Ram Paul, was the Chief Guest, whereas, Provincial Joint Secretary Ankush Abrol was presided over the meeting and Dr. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District Urban and Zonal Secretary was guest of honour.

The meeting was orgaby numbers of people.



said that the National Con- becoming drug addicts. ference is committed to among the young genera-grievances of people. While speaking on the tion following which they

nized by Rahul Mahajan, fighting for the rights of people to strengthen of locals of Jammu as all the Member Coordination Jammu and Kashmir. He the hands of Dr Farooq Govt works including con-Committee Jammu District said that few forces are Abdullah and Jenab Omar tracts of sand, bajri, wine (Urban) and Vice-President working to divide people Abdullah so that NC could Central Zone at Jammu on the communal and once again form a popular have been allotted to the Club which was attended regional lines which will government in J&K and people from outside JK be given a befitting reply. mitigate the sufferings UT jeopardizing the living During the meeting Babu "The country is presently of poor masses. Former Rampaul deliberated in going through a state of Minister further said that Jammu and Kashmir and detail the various aspects crisis. The graph of infla- after August 5, 2019, the drastically dwindling their imperative to strengthen tion is constantly on rise, situation has grown from livelihood. He further said the party at the grass root the prices of essential bad to worse to jeopardize that all the important posilevel. He opined emphasis- commodities are skyrock- the living of people by first tions in the UT Govt sector ing on the office bearers eting and still BJP is claim- imposing property tax, and universities have delibto disseminate the infor- ing good governance" he smart meters installation erately been given and mation amongst general added. He said that unem- and now prepaid meters occupied by officers from masses about the good ployment is at an all time with inflated power bills outside JKUT under a well work and achievements high in the present scenario coming in thousands but knit conspiracy to make ence Party in Jammu and depression and resentment ready to pay heed to the

Besides, Ankush Abrol grievances, he added. occasion Babu Rampaul are getting deviated and alleged that the political

party in power has totally ed his resolve to continue Rampaul urged the spoiled the earning pattern making efforts to consolishops, and parking spots standard of general public

Dr Vikas Sharma said Kumar and others.

ance, motivational and further motivated the col-

career- oriented informa- lege students about the sig-

people are being cheated under Smart City narrative and the condition of Jammu city is bad. There are potholes all over the streets, drains are broken and when it rains, the entire city turns into flood hitting the normal life of commoners. Is this what Smart City is like, he asked, adding that Smart City is not made by installing Signs Boards, but by providing all kinds of facilities to the people,

Rahul Mahajan reiteratdate the party in his area of operation. He also said, "We have to take the vision of our party leadership to every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir for its development and benefit of people."

The others who spoke on the occasion include Nirmal Singh, Sandesh Shan, Surjit Singh Sassan, BD Dalotra, Adv. Aslam Choudhary, Narinder Bhagat, Navid Raja, Dharminder Sharma, and Sahil Kerni.

Others who were present in the meetmade by National Confer- which is the root cause of the administration is not the lives of people here ing included Som Raj, quite miserable with none Rahul Gupta, Amar Nath, to listen to their genuine Surinder Kumar, Vikram Gupta, Chetan Singh, Vinod

PDP, NC, Cong looted J&K: Kavinder Entire team of PDP Kathua joins BJP



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 13

Decimating the entire Rani Devi and others. PDP unit in Kathua, Jammu.

Jagdip Singh (JD), Dis- nity, we have delivered Vinod Gupta, Vice-Pres-

wing Jyoti Devi, General inent people to join BJP in Secretary Mahila wing large numbers.

along with team, includ- entrants, said that the of the parties like PDP, ing Presidents of SC, parties like PDP has noth- NC, and Congress and ST, Mahila, Youth, and ing except bluff to offer are looking towards the Labour wings and hun- to the masses He said BJP with hopes of bright dreds of their supporters that these parties looted future for young generajoined Bharatiya Janata the resources of J&K and tions and development Party (BJP) at party head- devastated the socio-eco- oriented government. quarters, Trikuta Nagar, nomic structure of the Senior BJP leader & the youth into the state otism and narrow mindformer Dy. CM Kavin- of total dismay and dark. set. They said that PDP der Gupta, BJP spokes- He said that the BJP has entertained zero internal person Abhijeet Jasrotia kept progressing with its democracy and failed to and Minority Morcha agenda of nation-building reach to all the sections President Ranjodh Singh and perfect synchroniza- of the society. They said Nalwa welcomed the new tion between its words that they all are highly entrants in the party fold. and actions. By taking the impressed by the poli-Those who joined on decisive actions to help cies and commitment of the occasion included every person from every the Modi government PDP District President region and every commuand its efforts towards the

trict General Secretary on what we promised. Abhijeet Jasrotia said the society. ident Gurdeep Singh that the Modigovernment dent Youth Dinesh Khaju- underprivileged and the present on the occasion. ria, District President ST neglected sections of the Labour wing Mohd. Rouf, These developments, he ing programme.

District President Mahila said, has forced the prom-

Ranjodh Nalwa said Kavinder Gupta, while that the public is fed up PDP Kathua President welcoming the new with the misgovernance

Former PDP leaders erstwhile state pushing accused the party of nepempowerment of weaker and neglected sections in

BJP Minority Morcha Rishi, Treasurer Hans Raj has framed its policies Vice-President Balwind-Sharma, Secretary Jatin- with a vision to give the er Singh, spokesperson der Singh, District Presi- maximum benefits to the Fani and others were also

Minority Morcha Vicewing Attar Din, District society, while making the President Jasmeet Kour President SC wing Mangal nation strong on national Pandey conducted the Das, District President and international fronts. proceedings of the join-

GDCW, Kathua organizes one day lecture on "Educational Awareness"

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCT 13

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell in collaboration with IQAC, Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua organized one day lecture on "Educational Awareness about Competitive Examinations" on 13th of October for the lecture. The func-gramme.

tion began with the wel-



2023 under the valuable come address by Ms. ing on the awareness of guidance of worthy Prin-Romika Basin, convener the students of the college cipal Dr. Savi Behl. Mr. Career Counseling and regarding the prepara-M.D. Sharma, Managing Placement Cell GDCW, tion of several competi-Director, Vision Academy Kathua. In her welcome tive examinations such as Ashutosh explained how Ms. Anu Radha, Dr. Vaish-Kathua and Mr. Ashutosh address she outlined UPSC/JKAS, SSC, Banking proper guidance, consis- no Devi and Dr. Rajni Khawere the resource person the purpose of the pro- and JKSSB. The proceed- tent and motivation helps juria. The program ended ing of the seminar includ- the students to achieve with the vote of thanks by The lecture was focus- ed valuable insights, guid- their goals. The speakers Ms. Pallavi.

tion to the students, by nificance of clearing such the resource persons of examinations and attain-Vision Academy Kathua. ing a respectable position Mr. M. D. Sharma very in the society and helping impressively shared his in women empowerment. experiences with the students and motivated the streams and semesters them to prepare for the participated in the semicompetitive examina- nar. The occasion was also tions, without thinking graced by the presence of that such examinations other faculty members, are meant for a particu- Ms. Ravinder Kour, Ms. lar subject or stream. Usha Devi, Mr. Barun Next resource person Mr. Bhatti, Mr. Vijay Kumar,

Eighty students from all

AB-PMJAY SEHAT Scheme: Dispelling falsehoods through transparency, verified data

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 13

aiming to tarnish the upon mutual agreement. reputation of AB-PMJAY

facts and figures agency said the contractual was elicited. agreement with Bajaj Alli-

examination of irrefutable ber 2021. Despite extensive Company, during the predeliberations between the bid meeting. Contrary to misinfor- State Health Agency of J&K

Document issued by the National Health Authority. Authority, ensuring a just the specified require- arrangement to prevent ue services on a Stop Loss was the most cost-effec-National Health Author- The transparent process selection process. Reacting to recent social ity, outlining a maximum involved the participation media dissemination of three-year term with the of five insurance compa- explicit and comprehenmisleading information option of annual renewal nies, namely IFFCO TOKIO sive, was accessible on revealed IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Co. Ltd, www.jktenders.gov.in, Bajaj Allianz General Reliance General Insur- with all modifications and SEHAT scheme in Jammu Insurance Company for- ance Company Ltd, Bajaj clarifications duly conand Kashmir, State Health mally communicated their Allianz General Insurance veyed to bidders. A gener-Agency (SHA) today said decision not to renew the Company Pvt. Ltd, United ous period of 22 days was the claims were found contract through an exit India Insurance Company, allocated for bid preparabaseless after thorough notice issued in Septem- and National Insurance tion and submission.

The bidding document,

Following the pre-bid meeting and the public In strict adherence to the unveiling of technical bids, mation alleging favoritism and the insurance compaguidelines of the General meticulous scrutiny by the and a multi-crore scam, the ny, no positive response Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, Central Tender Committhe procurement process tee affirmed that three out The 4th Governing guaranteed transparency, of four bidders, includanz incurred a substantial Council meeting of SHA competition, fairness, and ing IFFCO Tokio General loss of Rs. 93.82 crore to the J&K decided to instigate the eradication of arbitrari- Insurance Company, Bajaj Insurance Company. The a fresh tendering pro-ness. The qualification cri-Allianz General Insurance contract adhered to the cess, utilizing the Model teria mirrored those speci- Company, and National

stipulations in the Tender tender document from the fied by the National Health Insurance Company, met J&K sought an interim Bajaj Allianz GIC to contin- administrative charges, ments, qualifying for the service disruption. Bajaj basis until the selection of tive option, serving public subsequent stage.

> Opening financial bids General Insurance Comof Rs 1840/- per family.

With the imminent period. expiration of the policy with Bajaj Allianz GIC on ruption, SHA J&K entered underscore that the Inter- primary policy and the December 25, 2021, SHA into an agreement with im Arrangement, with 15% interim period.

Allianz GIC responded by a new Insurance Company interest during the transioffering to continue imple- is finalized. The Insurance tion period. Contrary to menting the scheme at a Company would not share the misinformation cirquoted price of Rs 3,261.60 the risk of loss of claims, culating on social media, pany Ltd. as the lowest (L1) per beneficiary family unit and the entire claims outgo there were no changes or bidder with a quoted rate on a Pro-Rata basis for would be borne by the Gov- additions to the number the requested coverage ernment of J&K and the of beneficiary families,

To prevent service inter-

National Health Authority. which remained consis-The financial details tent throughout both the



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR Office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division, Rajouri Tele-fax: +91-1962-295093, Email:eemedrajouri@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K, Bids are invited by Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri by e- Tendering mode from reputed firms/ contractors for undertaking the work as per SBD/BOQ:

S. No	e-NIT No	Description of work	Cost of tender (Rs)	Time of completion	Tender opening authority
1.	MHDR/TS/ 2023- 24/61 Dated: 11.10.2023 Due: 17.10.2023	Repair Replacement of Parts to Snow Cutter 125 Machine and Snow Plough 62 Machine.	500	07 Days	Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri
2.	MHDR/TS/ 2023- 24/62 Dated: 11.10.2023 Due: 17.10.2023	REPAIR /REPLACEMENT OF PARTS of SNOW CAT 7466, SNOW CAT 7470, SNOW CAT 4385, SNOW CAT 180, SNOW CAT 181, SNOW CAT 7500, SNOW CAT 865, SNOW PLOUGH – 437, SNOW PLOUGH GURU 2999, SNOW PLOUGH GURU – 3470	500	07 Days	Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, terms &conditions, Bill of Quantities can be seen / downloaded from the J&K Govt. website www. Jktenders.gov.in

All other information regarding the e-NIT can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during the working hours before due date.

> **Executive Engineer** Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri

DIP/J-9569/23 Date: 14-10-23



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION AKHNOOR SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 05 of 2023-24 Dated 11-10-2023

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

S.	Name of Work	Adverti	Cost of	Earnest Money	Time	Time and	Class of
No		sed	document	(In Rupees)	allowed for	date of	Contractor
		Cost	(In		completion	opening of	
		(in lacs)	Rupees)		_	tender	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of BALANCE WORK OF GOVT. ISM	6.40	600/-	(2% of the	30 Days	(1400 Hrs)	A, B, C D
	DISPENSARY GHAR MAJOOR. (Ist Call)			Advertised		on or after	
				Cost)		20-10-2023	
2	Construction of link road to Badgal upto H/O Swaran	5.75	600/-	(2% of the	30 Days	(1400 Hrs)	ABCD
	Singh (Pucca drain) (Under Non Plan) (2nd Call)			Advertised	,	on or after	
				Cost)		20-10-2023	

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11-10-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12-10-2023 to 19-10-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	16-10-2023 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
4	Bid submission Start Date	12-10-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	19-10-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	20-10-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- 1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B)
- 2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids
- 3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor The date for same shall be intimated separately. *No:-* 744-54 Dated: 11-10-2023

(Er. Sunil Kumar Dogra) **Executive Engineer** PWD (R&B) Division

DIP/J-9530/23 Date: 14-10-23

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION, AKHNOOR/NOWSHERA

Tele/Fax:01924-253998/E-Mail - ifcjmidakhnoor@gmail.com **Notice Inviting Tender** e-NIT No.: - MID/AN/85 Dated: -11/10/2023

For and on behalf of The Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Akhnoor/Nowshera invites e-tenders from Approved contractors/ Registered firms / Workshop owners having experience in Electromechanical

S. No.	Name of the work	Quantity	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of tender document	Period of Completion	Class of contractor
01.	Repairs to 06 cusec discharge HC pump unit no. 03, 250 mm foot valve assembly at LIS Nazlachak and 4.5 cusec discharge 8mtr HC pump unit no. 02 installed at LIS Patyari	01 Job	03% of the quoted value	Rs. 200	07 Days	Registered /Reputed firms / Workshop owners having experience in Electromechanical Works

- 20/10/2023 (02:00 PM). Bidding document contains instruction for bidders, bill of quantities, general terms and condition and other
 - The Bids shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website http://www.jktenders.gov.in from 13/10/2023 (10:00AM) to 20/10/2023 (02:00 PM).
 - The complete bidding process will be through electronic mode.
 - A pre-bid meeting will be held on 12/10/2023 (11:30 AM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation
 - Division Akhnoor / Nowshera to address any queries from the firms. Cover-I of the bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 21/10/2023(1:00PM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Akhnoor / Nowshera in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue
- As per the Govt. Order No. O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated. 07-06-2018.
 - Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-Tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidders who is declared as L1 after opening of Financial Bids
 - The cost of the tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan by simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury
 - Similarly, insisting on actual call deposit receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the concerned department should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the work or issuing the supply order the original CDR should be obtained and kept on
- record. Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
- The guidelines regarding submission of bid in electronic mode can be downloaded from website http://www.jktenders.gov.in
- The bidders shall go through the tender specific instructions sheet also The bidders for any clarification can contact the department through e-mail ifcjmidakhnoor@gmail.com

No: - MID/AN/1236-40 Dated: - 11-10-2023

> DIP/J-9560/23 Date: 14-10-23

Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division







UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION SATWARI SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh Short e-NIT No. 07 of 2023-24 Dated 07-10-2023 For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on <u>percentage basis</u> from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of I&K CPWD Pailways MES and other State (Central Covernments for each of the following works:

	of Jake, Ci WD, Railways, WLS and other State, Central Governments for each of the following works.						
S.	Name of Work	Advertis	Cost of	Earnest	Time	Time and	Class of
No		ed Cost	document	Money	allowed	date of	Contracto
		(in lacs)	(In	(In Rupees)	for	opening of	r
			Rupees)		completi	tender	
					on		
1	2	3	4	5	on 6	7	8
1 1	2 Construction of drain & sanitary works item at CHC	3 3.20	4 600/-	5 (2% of the	6 30 Days	7 17/10/2023	8 "A" "B",
1 1	2 Construction of drain & sanitary works item at CHC Marh(2 nd Call)	3.20	4 600/-	5 (2% of the Advertised	6	7 17/10/2023	8 "A" "B", "C" &

Position of AAA

:- Accorded

:- Under Non Plan for the Year 2023-24

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07/10/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07/10/2023
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	09/10/2023 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari
4	Bid submission Start Date	07/10/2023 at 1800 Hrs.
5	Bid Submission End Date	16/10/2023 up to 1800 Hrs.
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17/10/2023 on or after 10.00 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1.Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents

of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of

The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Satwari The date for same shall be intimated separately

Dated: 07/10/2023

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division

DIP/J-9546/23 Date: 14-10-23

DUBAI, OCT 13

India rising star Shubman Gill is the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September 2023 after dominating a stretch of ODIs ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday revealed the ICC Men's Player of the Month award recipient for September packed month of cricket.

Mohammed Siraj and Eng- en 27 not out as India said. land opener Dawid Malan crushed Sri Lanka by 10 to claim the award after wickets in the final. compiling 480 ODI runs at an average of 80 during September.



strong tournament form

The opener made the innings against Australia 2023 following an action- most runs at the Asia Cup as India fine-tuned for with 302 at an average of the Cricket World Cup on Gill held off teammate 75.5, including an unbeat- home soil, an ICC report

> The right-hander smashed a century illness but looms as piv-Gill backed up his against Australia (104) in the second of those ODIs, with 178 runs in two after reaching three fig-

(121) during the Asia Cup for two tons in September.

Gill also scored three half-centuries last month and was only dismissed for less than fifty on two occasions from eight innings in that time. The 24-year-old has

an incredible record in ODIs with 1917 runs in 35 matches at an average of 66.1 and at a strike rate of 102.84, and is No.2 in the ICC Men's ODI Batting Rankings.

Gill has missed India's opening matches of the Cricket World Cup due to otal to the hosts' chances of lifting the trophy for the first time since 2011.

Athapaththu named ICC Women's Player of Month for September

DUBAI, OCT 13

Chamari Athapaththu is the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2023 after inspiring Sri Lanka to a historic series triumph over England.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday revealed the ICC Women's Player of the Month award recipient for September 2023 following an actionpacked month of cricket. Athapaththu beat out

South Africa pair Laura Wolvaardt and Nadine de Klerk to earn the award after an outstanding month that included leading Sri Lanka to a stunning series victory.



captain starred as her taking five wickets as Sri side claimed their first- Lanka started the month ever series win over England in any format when coming out on top in two land, an ICC report said. of their three Women's T20I clashes.

named player of the series against England, along Rankings.

The Sri Lanka Women's for compiling 114 runs and with the two critical Women's T20I wins against Eng-

The all-rounder was pivotal to the pair of victories Athapaththu was with scores of 55 and 44

with bowling figures of 1/11 and 3/21.

Athapaththu was also among the runs at the Women's Asia Cup later in September as Sri Lanka faced Thailand, Pakistan and India.

In total the 33-year-old amassed 208 runs at an average of 26 across five WT20I innings and three WODIs in September.

The off-spinner also took five wickets for the month at an average of 26.6 across the white-ball formats.

The left-handed batter is currently No.3 in the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings, and No.7 in the Women's T20I Batting

Messi eases injury worries as Argentina stay hungry



BUENOS AIRES, OCT 13

Lionel Messi allayed a long time so it was difconcerns about his fit-ficult. But I will take a lot ness after an impressive second-half cameo in over Paraguay in their feeling this way." World Cup qualifier on struggled to overcome a muscle problem in recent weeks, made an immediate impact after replacing Julian Alvarez in the 53rd minute at Estadio Monu-

The 36-year-old Inter Lima on Tuesday. Miami forward instantly gave the Albiceleste more qualifier," the former Barfluency in attack and he celona and Paris Saintwas twice denied by the German star said. "Parawoodwork in the last 20

minutes. to add minutes which is important after such a chances and, fortunately, long time off," said Messi, the goal came in the end. who missed four games We'll leave here with the for Inter Miami before three points and that's the

utes in a 1-0 loss to Cincinnati last Saturday.

"I was unable to play for of positives out of tonight. I want to train as much

Argentina's 1-0 home win as possible to continue Thursday's result

Thursday. Messi, who has means Argentina now have three wins from as many games this qualifying campaign. The reigning world

champions will now turn their focus to their next qualifier against Peru in "It was a very difficult

guay are always tough because they find spaces "I felt good. I was able and move the ball quickly.

"Even so, we had a lot of returning to play 35 min-most important thing."

Continental gladiators get ready for battle royale at the Colosseum

BD NARAAYANNKAR AHMEDABAD, OCT 13

Due to the longstanding political tensions, both India and Pakistan play each other only at international tournaments, and hence the craze among the fans blow out of the roof, a testimony to it is the heavy hospital bookings, instead of booking 10-fold pricey hotel rooms for tomorrow's match.

Bereft of India-Pakistan bilateral matches, has not won any game at the craze among the fans only gets manifold out of the field, taking a cue out desperation, and it only of their record World Cup gets the nod of the people chase of 345 against Sri if they do something unheard of.

stroke.

full steam to deny Paki- doldrums at 2/3. stan their first-ever World Cup win against them in man Azam has had poor bowling lineup.



encounter.

Since 1992, Pakistan World Cup, but walk on to Lanka to make amends. India are fresh from

If tomorrow's match their eight-wicket thrashis a humdinger, and the ing of Afghanistan after weak hearted are at the skipper Rohit Sharma Narendra Modi Stadium, smashed a record seventh rest be sure, they would World Cup century on be the most lucky ones Wednesday. In the opener, to get the treatment in India lived up to the billtheir reserved hospitals if ing of tournament favouany one of them suffers a rites with a six-wicket win over five-time winners And for those, who are Australia, riding high on strong hearted would go Virat Kohli and KL Rahul's any distance to bear the match-winning partnerbrunt as India would go ship after India were in

Saturday's blockbuster outings in the tournament, scoring 5 and 10 in Pakistan's two victories. Whereas, Mohammad Rizwan and Abdullah Shafique scripted a brilliant partnership against Sri Lanka in Hyderabad, and Pakistani spinners and batsman Saud Shakeel orchestrated a win against

> Netherlands. On the other hand, top Indian batsmen have been on song with Kohli getting 85 and unbeaten 55 against Australia and Afghanistan, and Rahul belted an unconquered 97 against Australia.

Top-ranked ODI bats- needed filip for the Indian Hasan Ali, Shaheen Shah

Kuldeep Yadav has been in good form, picking up three wickets so far, and the onus will be on him if Ravichandran Ashwin is omitted and Shardul Thakur prefered.

Shubman Gill's availability is yet to be determined as he joined the team yesterday after a bout of dengue.

But one thing is determined. A roller-coaster match is in the offing with over 1,30,000 spectators shouting at top of their voices at The Colosseum, where the sub-continental gladiators would banter about and snarl at each other in the heat of the

Predicted Playing XI India: Shubman Gill, Rohit Sharma (c), Virat Kohli, Ishan Kishan, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Jasprit Bumrah

Pakistan: Abdullah Jasprit Bumrah's 4-39 in Shafique, Imam ul Haq, the last match and Ravin- Babar Azam, Muhammad dra Jadeja demolishing Rizwan, Saud Shakeel, Australia in the opener, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shadab must give the much- Khan, Mohammad Nawaz,

Basketball players from Philippines & Jordan test positive at Asiad

AGENCIES

BEIJING, OCT 13

Asian Games men's basketball final contenders. Filipino player Justin Brownlee and Jordanian player Sami Bzai, failed doping tests during the tournament, the International Testing Agency (ITA) reported on Friday.

The Philippines defeated Jordan for the men's basketball title at the Asian Games which concluded last Sunday. According to ITA, a sample collected from

Brownlee has returned an adverse analytical finding for Carboxy-THC, while a sample of Sami Bzai from Jordan tested returned positive for dehydrochloromethyl-testosterone metabolite. Both samples were collected during an in-

competition anti-doping control performed on October 7. Both athletes have been informed of the cases, and they have the right to request the analysis of the B-samples, the ITA said. The ITA was mandated by the Olympic Council

of Asia (OCA) to independently handle areas of the anti-doping program at the Hangzhou Asian Games. A total of 10 doping cases have been reported at the Hangzhou Asian Games by now.

Indian senior women's team to train in Saudi Arabia ahead of Olympic Qualifiers

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 13

The Indian senior women's team is leaving for Saudi Arabia on October 14 for a training-cumexposure tour on the eve of the AFC Women's Olympics Qualifiers to be played in Uzbekistan later this month. The team, who will play a few friendly matches in Saudi Arabia, will leave for Uzbekistan on October 23, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) sources on Friday said.

Indian senior women's squad for Saudi Arabia

Goalkeepers: Sowmiya Narayanasamy, Shreya Hooda, Elangbam Panthoi Chanu, Anisha.

Defenders: Ashalata Devi Loitongbam, Sweety Devi Ngangbam, Ritu Rani, Ranjana Chanu Sorokhaibam, Dalima Chhibber, Manisa Panna, Shilky Devi Hemam, Juli Kishan, Astam Oraon.

Midfielders: Privangka Devi Naorem, Anju Tamang, Indumathi Kathiresan, Sangita Basfore,

Forwards: Grace Dangmei, Soumya Guguloth, Renu, Sandhiya Ranganathan, Bala Devi Ngangom, Sanju, Pyari Xaxa.

Head coach: Thomas Lennart Dennerby.

WC: Rohit gives big hint on Gill's playing chances against Pak

AGENCIES

AHMEDABAD, OCT 13

Giving a big update on Shubman Gill, Team India captain Rohit Sharma on Friday said 99 per cent he will play against Pakistan on Saturday.

"99 per cent he (Gill) will play. We'll see tomorrow (Saturday) about that," Rohit told reporters on the eve of the mega clash of the ICC Men's World Cup.

Gill has reportedly been recovered from dengue and joined the Team India yesterday at Ahmedabad, and was seen doing batting practice in the nets today. If he is picked up for tomorrow's match, it would be his debut in the World Cup.

Gill has missed the first two matches against Australia and Afghanistan due to illness. He has been in awesome form, scoring big in all formats of the game last year.

Gill has amassed 1,230 runs at an average of 72.35 and a strike rate of just above 105 in as many as 20 ODIs this year. He also smashed five hundreds and as many fifties, with 208 being his highest.

No time to sulk as Labuschagne seeks answers for Australia

AGENCEIS

LUCKNOW, OCT 13

Australia batter Marnus Labuschagne has urged his teammates not to dwell on his side's winless start to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and believes there is still time for the five-time champions to regain their best form and qualify for the knockout stages. The Aussies were sloppy

in the field and failed to gain much momentum with the bat as they fell to a second consecutive loss at the event when defeated by South Africa at Atal Behari Vajpayee Cricket Stadium on Thursday.

to start the tournament leaves Australia in a situation where they can afford can quickly turn around very few slip ups over their their fortunes. remaining seven group

likely to need to win at loss to South Africa. least six of their final seven



"We can be disappointed four," he said. about this performance,

"We've got to take action said. group matches in India to and we've got to get our

Their quest to do that this is my first World Cup, will begin when they take but I don't know how the Consecutive losses on Sri Lanka in Lucknow points system works but on Monday and Labuscha- we're going to need to win gne is confident his team every game from here I assume or at least very, and we have to be better very close to get into that than that," Labuschagne

"But once again, it's the While New Zealand we can be disappointed reason Australia has won qualified for the semi- about lots of things... but the World Cup five times. final stage of the most the reality is you can't sit It is because we play well recent World Cup in 2019 and sulk in the changing under pressure and we with five wins and one no room," Labuschagne said haven't started well, but result, Australia are now after Australia's 134-run this is the beginning not the end," Labuschagne

have any chance of claim-tournament underway looking for rapid improveing an unprecedented and in three days time ment in every aspect of sixth title, an ICC report we've got Sri Lanka here the game, one departand I don't know how, ment they will seek an ing," Labuschagne added.

of chances went begging against the Proteas. All-rounder Marcus Stoinis put down a sitter later in South Africa's innings,

immediate response in is

their fielding after a host

skipper Pat Cummins grassed a gettable return catch off his own bowling, while Mitchell Starc, Josh Inglis and sub-fielder Sean Abbott were other culprits that missed chances.

Labuschagne made no excuses for Australia's poor performance in the field and expects his side to execute better in this discipline as the tournament progresses.

"I'm not here to sit and make excuses," he said. "We're playing the

World Cup for Australia and we have to be ready

"It's hard to put your finger on it. We're one of the best fielding sides in the world - we pride ourselves on that and we just didn't seem to get it right today," he said.

"We created opportunities and just didn't take While Australia will be them and it just wasn't a great performance from us. But we have to bounce back and get this train roll-

against India: Babar Azam

Will try to break WC jinx



AHMEDABAD, OCT 13

Captain Babar Azam here on Friday said records are meant to be broken, and he would try to break them, including breaking the jinx haunting Pakistan at the World Cup.

"I don't focus on the

past; I try to focus on the future. Such records are made to be broken and I try to break them. I will try to give a good performance on Saturday. It depends on the day how you play. I believe my team did well in the first two matches and will do on the eve of the mega match against India.

Cup since 1992, and to make amends by pull- tain," he said.

ing off the first ever at Motera's Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday.

Babar said the India and Pakistan match is a big game, and he has told his teammates to give their best by seizing the opportunity coming their

"Ahmedabad is a big stadium and a lot of fans are coming. So, this is a golden opportunity for us to perform well in front of the fans and become heroes," he said. Asked about pacer

Naseem Shah's absence, Babar said the team misses him a lot. "First of well in the next matches all, we will miss Naseem as well," he told reporters Shah a lot. The way he was bowling in the Asia Cup, it was very impressive bowl-Pakistan have never ing - and as a youngster, beaten India at the World the way he was improving day by day, we miss him would be extremely keen a lot as a team, as a cap-