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Lt Governor extends Navratri greetings

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings to the people on the eve of Navratri. In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, I extend my hearty greetings. The festival of Navratri signifies the triumph of truth, righteousness and virtue over evil. The nine-day celebration fosters goodness within and motivates people to work for peace, harmony and the progress of the nation. May Goddess Durga shower her blessings on the society for years to come and may the festivity bring health, happiness and prosperity to all."

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat calls for strengthening country's social harmony

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JAMMU, OCT 14

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday exhorted members of the Sangh and affiliated groups to work for the protection of the environment, cementing social harmony and strengthening the traditional family system in the country.

He was addressing Samanvoh Baithak of various organisations affiliated with RSS here, the organisation said in a statement.

Over 100 swayamsevaks of 38 organisations of the Sangh Parivar attended the meeting in which various social issues were discussed.



Bhagwat, who reached Jammu on a three-day tour on Friday, emphasised the need for further spreading organisational networks so as to reach out to every home with the message of the RSS.

He especially focussed on spreading the organisation's network ahead of the centenary celebrations of the foundation of RSS to be observed in 2025.

In the Samanvoh Baithak, the RSS

Local actions collectively can contribute to global environmental sustainability: CS

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SRINAGAR, OCT 14

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today addressed the 'Manak Mohatsav' organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) here at National Institute of Technology (NIT) on the eve of World Standards Day.

Addressing the faculty, students and other participants of the event, the Chief Secretary maintained that the event is important step towards sustainability. He observed that the period up to 2030 is very crucial during which the people across the globe should adopt changes in line with Sustainable Development



Goals (SDGs) as we have only one earth.

He stated that each of us have the responsibility to safeguard our environment for future. He noted that the population of this planet is soon going to reach around 9 billion and if suitable measures are not taken forthwith to ensure sustainability, the earth is not going to be able to support this huge population.

Dr Mehta mentioned

that the job of BIS is in sync with the SDG framework suggested by the United Nations Organization (UNO). He said that each of the 17 goals and 169 targets are inter-related in one way or other. He made out that the humans need to understand the limitations of each system and should not exploit it beyond its resilience. He also sensitized about the benefits of having an

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Two dead after truck skids off road in J&K

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SRINAGAR, OCT 14

Two persons were killed after a truck they were traveling in fell into a deep gorge on Zojila Pass in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday.

Quoting an official, that the truck that on its way from Kargil to Sonamarg skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge near Mandir Mode on Zojila.

He said that in the accident two persons died and their bodies were recovered by rescue teams. Police have taken cognisance of the incident, he added.

J&K Govt clarifies PMJAY-SEHAT Scheme implementation amidst misinformation

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

In a press conference held today, the Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar has addressed concerns and allegations surrounding the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - SEHAT (PMJAY-SEHAT) scheme.

One of the key allegations was related to a loss of Rs. 500 Crores. The government clarified that the total premium paid to Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC) during the policy period from December 26, 2020, to March 14, 2022, was Rs. 304.59 Crores, while the total claims payout to hospitals (both public and private) by BAGIC was Rs. 398.41 Crores. Consequently, the allegation of a loss is unsubstantiated as the insurance company incurred a monetary loss of Rs. 93.82 Crores.

Misinformation about the termination clause and contract renewal has also surfaced. According to the contract between BAGIC and the State



Health Agency, the maximum term was fixed for three years and renewable every 12 months. The continuation of the contract beyond the first year was to be based on mutual agreement, and the insurance company decided to exit after the first year due to incurred losses.

To avoid service interruption, the State Health Agency of J&K entered into an interim arrangement with BAGIC on a Stop Loss basis until a new insurance company was selected. During this period, the government bore the entire risk of loss of claims. The arrangement was cost-effective and served the public interest by ensuring the continuity of healthcare

services. Contrary to allegations that the number of eligible families was increased to benefit the insurance company, the government clarified that the number of families remained the same during the policy period, from December 26, 2020, to December 25, 2021, and the subsequent interim period of 79 days, totaling 21.24 lakhs.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir emphasized its adherence to the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation. This includes the use of the Model Tender Document for the transparent

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Mentally challenged teenager repatriated to Pakistan in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

A mentally challenged teenager was handed over to Pakistani authorities along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, an official said. Irshad Ahmad (17) was intercepted and arrested by the Army while crossing the border on Friday, the official added.

The teenager was handed over to the Pakistani Army by the Indian troops at the Chakan Da Bagh border crossing around noon, the official further said.

He said civil officials from Poonch and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) were also present at the border crossing point while Ahmad was being repatriated across the border, he said.

Ahmad, a resident of PoK, was captured by the Indian Army early Friday when he was trying to cross the border into the Indian side in Poonch district's Kerni sector.

BJP's Mission J&K ensures equitable empowerment: Rana



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said the huge transformation witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir on security and developmental fronts during the past over four years has instilled a sense of confidence and optimism among the people about better times to come.

"BJP's Mission J&K has been to ensure welfare of

the people by creating an atmosphere of peace and stability wherein every segment of society gets equitable opportunities to progress and prosper". Mr Devender Rana said while interacting with the people along with senior leader Vikram Randhawa at Satwari and Chowadi in the city periphery.

He said the BJP's focus under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

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After Chandrayaan, sky not the limit for India's space journey: Dr Jitendra



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said, after the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission and the unlocking of Space sector by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, 'sky is not the limit' for India's Space journey.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was delivering the inaugural cum keynote address at 'Campus Dialogue' on Chandrayaan 3 under

the theme 'Viksit Bharat @2047' at the Central University of Jammu today.

While interacting with the academia and students, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, India's quantum leap in space research with India's space economy standing at \$8 billion has been only possible due to the courageous decision taken by PM Narendra Modi to unlock the space sector from the shackles of the past.

India's Space economy is projected to grow beyond \$40 Billion by 2040 and as per ADL (Arthur D Little)

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Top Army commanders to deliberate on national security challenges at 5-day conference commencing in Delhi today

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Top commanders of the Army will carry out a comprehensive review of national security challenges along the borders with China-Pakistan and ways to boost the combat capability of the force at a five-day conclave beginning Monday October 16 at New Delhi.

As per news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), this will be the year's second conference where top commanders' will also focus on the ongoing reform process in the 1.3 million-strong



force and the use of high technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics and virtual reality for various purposes.

A Delhi based army spokesman said, the apex-level biannual event is an institutional platform for deliberations at the conceptual level, facilitating important policy decisions for the Indian

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Bag containing Pistol, some Ammunition seized in Poonch



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Security forces Saturday recovered a bag containing a pistol and some ammunition during a

search and cordon operation in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The operation was jointly carried out

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Agniveer dies of 'self-inflicted injury' along loc in Rajouri, says Indian Army

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

An Agniveer died of 'self-inflicted gunshot injury' along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Army said on Saturday.

Recently inducted Agniveer Amritpal Singh was found dead with a bullet injury in a forward post on October 11.

"In an unfortunate incident, Agniveer Amritpal Singh died while



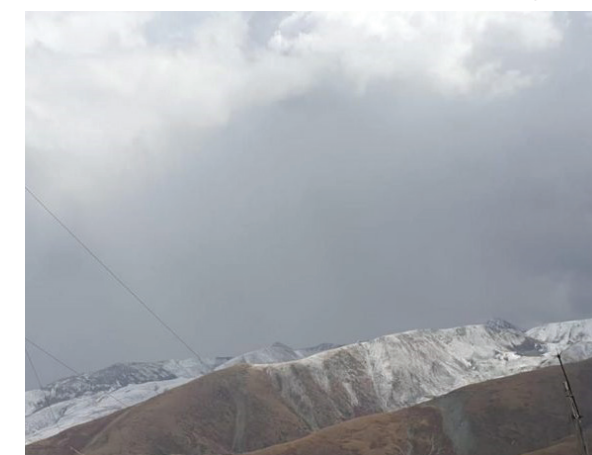
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IMD warns of heavy rain, snowfall in J&K, Ladakh over next two to 3 days

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 14

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday issued an "orange" alert, warning of heavy rain and snowfall in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh over the next two to three days due to an intense western disturbance. This is the first intense western disturbance of the season and will influence northwest and central India till October 17, the IMD said.

Western disturbances are weather systems that originate in the Mediterranean region and bring unseasonal rainfall to



northwest India. Punjab may also experience heavy rainfall on Monday under the influence of the western disturbance. Thunderstorms and lightning are predicted

in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, west Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and

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Training programme concluded in Government Polytechnic Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Six days Training Programme was concluded today at Govt. Polytechnic College Jammu which was organised to order up-skills the employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Katra to latest technologies in Plumbing Technology.

The programme was organized under guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu. On the valedictory day Training Certificates were distributed by the Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu among the employees of SMVDSB in presence of Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg, Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engg and Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engg. During the training Er Sukhdeep Singh HOD



Civil Engineering briefed the employees about introduction to various plumbing tools and its manufacturing, safety precautions and service tools. Mr. Pawan Kumar, Plumbing Instructor, provided hands on training to the employees of SMVDSB on Types of Plumbing tools, its implementation and field practice. Er. Akash Dugotra, Course Coordinator, briefed the importance of providing plumbing training for staff can be beneficial for maintaining and troubleshooting plumbing issues in your

facility. The employees were also briefed about the latest technologies established at CIIT Jammu with the aim of up-skilling and enhancing employability of engineering students to latest trends by imparting skill training on latest technologies as per industry 4.0 such as electric vehicles, mechatronics, IOT, automotive air-conditioners etc.

The employees of the SMVDSB thanked the college administration for providing excellent training to them to enrich their knowledge.

Doda Admin discusses measures to introduce PM Vishwakarma Yojna in the district

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting with all the stakeholders to introduce the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana (PM Vishwakarma Scheme) in the district.

At the outset, GM Industries Doda, Idrees Lone highlighted the strategic aspects of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. He informed that the scheme shall empower artisans, commonly known as Vishwakarmas by financial, technical, and logistic support, who form a vital part of the informal or unorganized sector of the economy.

During the meeting, the DC led discussions on various aspects of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme and emphasised for exhaustive awareness through print,



electronic and social media. The key areas discussed include all the 18 trades covered under the scheme.

The DC stressed upon the significance of conducting extensive drive of identification and registration of eligible beneficiaries on the designated portal.

He also stressed about taking on board Sarpanches, who play a pivotal role in the verification of beneficiaries.

Banks have been asked

to reach out to all the eligible beneficiary artisans, in collaboration with all the stakeholder government departments, whose accounts are in their bank branches.

He exhorted to use Block Diwas as special campaign days for PM Vishwakarma Yojana and the departments of Industries, Employment, and Technical education shall take lead in spreading awareness during Block Diwas and other such public out reach

programmes. The DC has asked the stakeholders to focus on women artisans to empower them and transform their lives while promoting local traditional craftsmanship.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, CPO Suresh Kumar, GM DIC Idrees Lone, ACP Ashfaq Khanji, Lead District Bank Manager Parveen Kumar, EOs of MC Doda, Baderwah and Thathri and representatives of ITI Doda, Baderwah and Doda.

DC reviews Progress of Revenue Department at Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai, presided over a meeting with officers from the Revenue department to assess and streamline the department in the District. The meeting took place at the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex. Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, SDMs from Ramnagar, Chenani, Dudu, and Basantgarh, along with all Tehsilidars attended the meeting.

During the meeting, in-depth discussions were held on various issues, including the digitization of revenue records, quality checks on updated Jamabandies and digitized Mussavies, recreation of damaged Mussavies, data entry of backlogged mutations, revenue court cases, relief cases under SDRF, the status of the Public Service Guarantee Act, complaint and grievance resolutions, and building permissions etc were discussed in detail.

GDC Kunjwani organizes Programme on Amrit Kalash Yatra under aegis of MMMD Campaign

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Kunjwani organized one day programme on Amrit Kalash Yatra under the aegis of Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign. The aim of the programme was to pay tribute to the veers and veeranganas who had made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

In this regard Amrit Kalash Yatra was carried out to celebrate India's soil and valour at the college campus.

The event took place within the premises of the college under the patronage of principal of the college, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. He encouraged the students to instill a sense of national pride and inspire future generations to protect India's cherished heritage.

The programme included various activities such as plantation drives, memorials, singing the National Anthem and taking the Panch Pran Pledge.

This event will pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives for the nation with a special focus on freedom fighters and defense personnel.

The programme was coordinated by NSS Programme Officer and formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Bushra Nizami.

International HR Conference, HR Conclave 6.0 organised at IIM Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

The first day of HR Conclave 6.0, the signature event of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, was a resounding success, with industry experts sharing their insights on a plethora of topics related to the theme of the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment."

The Chief Guest of the event was Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The day began with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu; and Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson, Placements at IIM Jammu; Dr. Guanganang Kahmei, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu, Mr. Deepak Taduru, Northern Trust VP

Talent Acquisition and Dr. Roy Kshemendra Sharma, Head of Communications & Customer Centricity, Tata AIA Life Insurance

Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson (Placements), IIM Jammu, welcomed the audience to the HR Conclave 6.0 and introduced the theme of the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment." He highlighted the importance of HR in helping organizations navigate the ever-changing business landscape and achieve their business goals.

He affirmed that HR Conclave 6.0 is an exceptional forum where human resources professionals from the industry convene to share insights, teach students how to navigate the challenges they will inevitably encounter on their path through the dynamic corporate world, and exchange ideas.

In his welcoming remarks, IIM Jammu Con-

ference Chair Dr. Guanganang Kahmei provided an overview of the proceedings that were scheduled for the following two days.

The special issue of journals was announced by him during this HR conclave. He emphasized that the HR conclave's connections and experiences will prove to be beneficial and enjoyable.

In his address, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, provided the audience with an insightful overview of multiple programs in accordance with its mandate to cultivate transformational leaders. He also mentioned that this collaboration between academia and industry will provide students with knowledge and value, thanks to the exemplary leadership of the Director and the excellent faculty at IIM Jammu, which is a testament to cultivating leaders who are pioneers in happiness and mental health.

World Migratory Bird Day: Wetlands Division organizes 'Cleanliness Drives' & 'Awareness programmes' at all RAMSAR sites

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

Under 'Swachhta Pakhwada' campaign, being organized across the country from 2nd to 15th October 2023 and in view of the World Migratory bird day, celebrated every year on 14th of October, Wetlands Division of Wildlife Protection department organized 'Cleanliness Drives' and 'Awareness programmes' at all RAMSAR sites viz. Hokersar, Shallabugh and Hygam wetland conservation Reserves and also at Pampore wetlands.

Field staff of the division, students of different colleges/schools, Sarpanchs, wildlife Mitras and people living on peripheries of these wetlands participated in the events.

During these cleanliness drives, huge quanti-



ties of solid wastes were removed from different spots of all Ramsar sites and the participants pledged to keep these wetlands solid waste free.

Further, during awareness programs students and other stakeholders were acquainted about the importance of wet-

lands and the flora/ fauna therein.

The main aim of these programmes was to spread the swachhta message to the general public and raise awareness among students/stakeholders about the importance of habitats of migratory birds.

DC Kulgam reviews Action plan for implementation of Special campaign 3.0

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, OCTOBER 14

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to review action plan for proper implementation of Special campaign 3.0 at mini-secretariat, here.

During the meeting, the DC instructed the officers to ensure that the offices are kept clean and organise Special Cleanliness drives towards the furtherance of better space management of the offices. He also instructed all offices to take initiatives under the campaign for better record management including weeding of files, review of files, etc.

Special emphasis was given on clearing the grievances received through various portals along with emphasis on disposal of stocks as per GFR.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACR, Imtiaz Ul Aziz; JDP, Zahid Sajjad; ACD, Mohammad Imran Khan; ACP, Sharjeel Ali; CEO, BDOs, EOs and other officers.

J&K Judicial Academy organizes One Day Special Orientation Programme on "Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence"

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

The Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy today organised a One Day Special Orientation Programme on "Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence" for Judicial Officers. The programme was inaugurated by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Judicial Academy in august presence of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Member, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Delhi High Court who was the Resource Person and officers of the Registry.

Delivering the inaugural address the Chief Justice

stated that nature of litigation has increased multi-fold especially in cases related to Cyber Crime leading to the appreciation of digital evidence. He further stated that by the medium of this programme Judicial Officers would get a practical knowhow of how to deal with day today problems faced in appreciating digital evidence during trials and the way to tackle those problems.

The technical session was conducted by Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva who dealt with different aspects of Cyber Law and electronic evidence from the perspective of their applicability to the judicial proceedings in the courts of law, investigating agencies and prosecuting wings. He also elaborated upon the brighter and darker side of the internet.

He highlighted the upcoming challenges and

opportunities with which the courts of law and investigating agencies shall be confronted with in near future. The speaker also discussed whole gamut of case law concerning important issues coming up before the courts of law.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bourne in his welcome address underscored the importance of organising this program. He said that the programme intends to build capabilities of judicial officers and other stakeholders in justice dispensation regarding the Cyber Laws

The orientation programme concluded with an interactive session during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource person.

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), in partnership with the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, organized a one-day Scientific and Technical Outreach Program at IIT Jammu.

This engaging program

saw active participation from numerous schools and local colleges in Jammu, including Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Gharota and Government College for Women Gandhinagar, with over 120 enthusiastic students in attendance.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director at IIT Jammu. Accompanying him were distinguished scientists from

Review meeting of National Rabies Control Programme 2023 held at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Under the supervision of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, a review meeting of National Rabies Control Programme was held today at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, which was organized by the Office of the State Surveillance Unit, Jammu Division.

District Health Officers (DHOs), Block Medical Officers (BMOs), Medical Officers (MOs) and District Epidemiologist from district Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Ramban, Udhampur and Reasi participated in the meeting.

Assistant Director Schemes Directorate of Health Services Jammu Dr. Sanjay Turki, Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Dr. Parveen Yograj, Deputy Director Animal



Husbandry Department Dr. D.K Bhagat also attended the meeting.

Dr. Harjeet Rai, Epidemiologist/State Surveillance Officer, Jammu Division welcomed all the participants. He explained the importance of NRCP which is aimed to prevent and control deaths due to Rabies in humans and progressively achieving SDG target for "Dog mediated Rabies-Zero by 2030 and he also emphasised on intersectoral coordination between Medical sector-Veterinary sectors and Municipality Corpora-

tion to achieve this goal. AD Schemes, gave brief description about NRCP and he also discussed the strategies & achievements of the programme.

Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Department, mentioned about the role and responsibilities of Animal Husbandry Department in implementing the NRCP programme.

Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu stressed that such training should be routinely organized as the staff gets reoriented with the latest devel-

opments and guidelines. Presentations covering salient aspects and guidelines of the NRCP, Pathogenesis, Clinical features & Prevention of Rabies, Animal Component of NRCP and Role of Animal Husbandry and Municipality in NRCP were given by the resource persons- Dr. Prem Lata, Medical Officer Epidemiology Office, Dr. Anuj Kapoor, Lecturer Department of Community Medicine, GMC-Jammu and Dr. Harpreet Kour, VAS Department of Animal Husbandry.

with the attendees.

The Scientific and Technical Outreach Program, organized by the Public Awareness Section of the Scientific Information Resource Division at BARC, extended over a week, from 9th to 13th of October, 2023, across five colleges in Jammu.

Eminent scientists conducted extensive discussions and interactions with students and faculty, comple-

mented by two captivating skits on nuclear energy and BARC Technologies.

The response from the students who attended the workshop and participated in the quiz sessions was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. Their enthusiasm has generated numerous requests for more such programs, reaffirming the success of this outreach initiative.

DC Kupwara hands over a Motorcycle under PMMSY



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 14

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today handed over a Motorcycle with Ice Box to a beneficiary at D.C Office, here.

On the occasion, Assistant Director Fisheries, Sajad Hussain informed the DC that the Motorcycle has been provided to the beneficiary under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for Post Harvest Management. The AD said that

the Fisheries Department is committed to improve the livelihood standard of the fishermen community as well as fish farmers who are engaged with the Fisheries activities, adding that the target is to cover maximum beneficiaries under the scheme.

Meanwhile, the beneficiary expressed his gratitude towards the District Administration and Fisheries Department for providing the Motor Cycle which will help him in marketing his catch smoothly.

DTFC discusses future plan of One Stop Centre in Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan convened a meeting of District Task Force Committee (DTFC) meeting to discuss the future plan of One Stop Centre in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, who is also the chairman of the Task Force Committee, had a detailed review of the working of One Stop Centre (OSC) and discussed critical issues with the Task Force members.

It was decided in the meeting that NGO, the HOPE, shall cease to run the One Stop Centre in the District as is the case in other districts of the UT. It was further decided that the One Stop Centre shall be taken over and run by the District Admin-

istration through its sub committee headed by DPO-ICDS Doda. It was also decided that until the new office bearers are engaged purely on a temporary and honorarium basis, the existing staff shall be allowed to perform their duties on the terms and conditions agreed upon by the NGO HOPE.

The Sub Committee shall advertise the honorary posts and ensure their engagement within one month as per the specifications mentioned in the relevant rules.

The meeting was attended by SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, DPO ICDS Doda Ashfaq Khanji, DSWO Doda Tariq Qazi, President Bar Association Doda, and other concerned.

Campus Bird Count held at GDC MARH to celebrate World Bird Migratory Day



JAMMU, OCTOBER 14: NSS unit in collaboration with JK Bharat Scouts Guides units of college and Bird watching club of college organized two days Campus Bird Count on World Bird Migratory Day at GDC MARH.

The programme was inaugurated by Principal Prof Rakesh Kumar Koul who also explained the mystic connection between birds and humans. He highlighted the role of birds for conservation of humanity.

The bird count was conducted by Sachin Kumar Bhagat, Asstt. Prof. in Political science, who was recently awarded by Chief Secretary and Forest Department for his contribution towards discovering rare species of birds and their conservation

and awareness. Prof. Asha Kumari (HOD Geography) and Prof. Ram Dayal (HOD Maths) played a bird game with students in which the students identified the pictures of birds and their habitats and were excited about the event.

Students counted around 34 species around the campus including endangered Egyptian Vulture, Lesser Whistling Duck, Painted Snipe, Pied Kingfisher, Wood Sand Piper, Common Sand Piper, Cattle Egret, Pond Heron, White Breasted Water Hen etc. Motivated and inspired about birds, students shared their feedback and experience that to how they got connected with nature and choose their career in this field.

DDC Rajouri reviews Livelihood Generation Activities under NLRM



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 14

District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting, with concerned officials to assess and enhance livelihood generation activities under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NLRM) within the district. During the meeting, in-depth discussions revolved around shaping the future action plan for Self-Help Group (SHG) formation, strengthening SHG-Bank linkages, promoting financial inclusion, and advancing various livelihood initiatives.

The meeting commenced with insightful

updates from the NLRM representatives. It was revealed that a substantial 36500 active members are engaged with SHGs in the district. Additionally, the presence of 364 Village Organizations and 31 cluster-level federations showcased the extensive reach of community engagement in Rajouri.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal sought clarification on the number of SHGs successfully linked with banks, with the response indicating a commendable 2,100 SHGs having established these crucial financial connections. This achievement signifies significant progress toward financial

inclusion and growth within the community.

The DDC underscored the importance of collaborative efforts among SHGs to diversify livelihood activities and improve income levels. He issued a clear directive to officers, emphasizing their role in assisting SHGs to channel their collective endeavors toward establishing thriving and successful businesses.

Among others who attended the meeting were Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chohan; DO NLRM, Javaid Ul Sofi and other concerned officers.

DDC Reasi review District Skill Development Plan

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, OCTOBER 14

District Development Commissioner Reasi Babila Rakwal chaired a meeting of District Skill Committee to review the District Skill Development Plan, besides reviewing progress on implementation of the plan approved for 2023-24.

DM asked the District Skill Committee (DSC) to introduce the new age courses pertaining to energy conservation, automotive sector and also introduced traditional courses like Dhari making etc.

Reviewing the activities approved and taken up under the Skill Development Plan, the DM directed the Heads of Skill imparting institutes for providing skill as well as vocational training to the youth by organizing



special short-term and crash courses which have potential to provide them job opportunities.

DM also directed the departments to guide their pass out trainees for availing the benefits from different job oriented schemes of various sectors, so that the graph of placements can be enhanced.

DM asked AD Employment to sensitize the already trained youth especially girls towards handholding to set up their start ups business units at their local level. DM directed all the departments to organize local

awareness camps, social media based awareness camps to encourage youth to avail benefits of recently launched Vishwakarma and other schemes of their respective sectors.

ADC Reasi Abdul Star, CPO Sumita Kanchan, PO Poshan Anwar Banday, ACP Pardeep Kumar, District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Dr. Kulvinder Kour Principal GDC Reasi, Dr. Preetpal Kour Principal GDC Dharmari, Er. Vinay Gupta Principal Govt Polytechnic College Reasi, Er. Rajesh Kumar Banotra Superintendent Govt ITI Reasi and other concerned officers were also present.

Berozgar Mukt Ganderbal: ADDC chairs coordination meeting for smooth conduct of Mega Job Fair on 21st October



JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 14

In a significant effort to create employment opportunities, the District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Ganderbal is organizing a mega job fair on October 21, 2023.

This initiative comes under the umbrella of "Berozgar Mukt Ganderbal," a campaign aimed at making Ganderbal unemployment-free.

In this regard a meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal. A diverse range of government departments will actively participate in this event, making it a comprehensive platform for job seekers to explore various career opportunities.

During the meeting it was revealed that around

15 reputed employers from different sectors are expected to grace the event, offering over 250 job openings to the aspiring youth of Ganderbal.

This mega job fair anticipates the participation of over 7000 unemployed youth from the district. By bringing together both sides of the employment spectrum, the event aims to foster economic growth and stability in the local community.

During the meeting detailed discussion was also held on shifting of official work to e-Office. Comprehensive directions were issued to various government departments to maintain a high level of organization within their respective offices.

To foster a conducive environment for both employees and visitors, Officers were directed to keep their offices clean and orderly. Additionally, specific instructions were

given to identify scrap materials and maintain accurate records in compliance with the GFR 2017.

Additionally, the efficient management of public grievances and the systematic handling of files were highlighted as crucial aspects of office operations.

In view of approaching winter, the meeting also discussed disaster and snow clearance plans. Directions were given to different departments to proactively prepare and strategize for potential emergencies, underscoring the commitment to the safety and well-being of the local community.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mehraj-u-Din Shah, ACR, CPO, CEO WMDA, SDM Kangan, ACD, DFO Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal, AD Employment and other district and sectoral officers.

DC Kupwara reviews preparations for conduct of Swachta 3.0



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 14

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of all district and sectoral officers to review the preparations for conduct of Swachta 3.0 in the district. The DC impressed upon the officers that the cleanliness should not be confined to ceremonial exercise but should be impactful on the ground. She asked the officers to ensure cleanliness of their respective offices and share the photographs of pre and post cleanliness drives with the AC Panchayats on a daily basis. The District Officers were asked to conduct inspection of sub offices of their respective departments to monitor the status of cleanli-

ness and were directed to also initiate a process for weeding out of unnecessary physical files and closing of e-files. The DC said that the scrap material including machinery and old records should be disposed-off as per the circular directions of the Government.

It was given out in the meeting that every department shall designate a Nodal Official for coordinating with ACP Kupwara regarding Swachta 3.0 activities to be undertaken.

She impressed upon all the officers to initiate the process of switching over to e-office as soon as possible and also ensure the quality disposal of pending grievances on priority.

She asked the BDOs to make monitoring of Swachta activities a regu-

lar part of their duty in their respective jurisdiction. They were also asked to sensitize the people for inculcating etiquettes for promoting a healthy and hygienic environment in rural areas.

Earlier, the AC Panchayats briefed the meeting about the plan for implementation of Swachta 3.0 Campaign which includes cleanliness at campaign sites, space management and beautification of offices, disposal procedure of scrap and redundant items, public grievance and appeals, record management etc.

ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, ACD, ACP, besides all other District and Sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

DC reviews progress of holistic Agriculture Development Plan in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai presided over a comprehensive review meeting today to assess the progress made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan in the Udhampur District.

The meeting, attended by officers from various allied departments, took place at the Mini Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

At the onset, Chief Agriculture Officer, Sanjay Anand provided an overview of the achievements made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan within the district. In-depth discussions were held, covering several crucial aspects such as the plan's implementation, approval of beneficiaries for individual and group activities, establishment



of connections with banks and financial institutions for beneficiaries, convergence of activities under HADP, physical and financial progress, the status of the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, and the receipt of online applications.

while Addressing the meeting, the DC emphasized that the HADP initiative represents a significant stride in establishing a robust and profitable agricultural ecosystem. She urged banks to expedite the sanctioning and disbursement of loans to support farmers in their agricultural endeavors. The Deputy Commissioner also called upon officers from various departments to ensure the

effective implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan within their respective domains, ensuring that farming communities can reap the benefits of these schemes.

The DC stressed the importance of promptly approving loans under agriculture and other allied department schemes. The DC emphasized on expeditious loan sanctioning reflects a proactive approach to meeting the financial needs of farmers and enhancing their well-being. She urged the concerned officers to analyze cases of rejected applications from farmers and encouraged them to conduct awareness programs.

DDC Chairperson visited Khari area, reviews progress of RDD works



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, OCTOBER 14

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan today conducted an extensive tour of Khari of Sub division Ramsoo to inspect various developmental projects being executed in block Khari.

DDC Khari, Gulshan Parveen, DDC Ramsoo, Faiyaz Naik, BDO Khari, Kavita Bindhral, PRIs, and Officials of concerned departments besides general public were present on the occasion.

During the tour, DDC Chairperson inspected Primary Health Centre

Trigam and enquired about the stock of healthcare facilities being provided to the patients. She also directed the concerned officers to ensure robust functioning of the health centre and better health services to patients.

Later, DDC Chairperson chaired a meeting with concerned officers and technical staff of Rural Development Department to review the progress about developmental projects being executed in block Khari. She also inspected the progress of various under construction road projects in panchayat Khari.

Discussing various

aspects which include execution of development schemes of RDD sector under Capex budget in the district, the Chairperson stressed on execution of works in a transparent and efficient manner so that benefits reach to the common masses in a hassle free manner.

The Chairperson also directed the officers to ensure proper monitoring and timely completion of the RDD schemes like PMAY-G and MGNREGA, etc for taking tangible results at ground level. She also asked the officers to achieve both physical and financial targets within prescribed time.

J&K Judicial Academy organizes One Day Special Orientation Programme on "Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence"



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

The Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy today organised a One Day Special Orientation Programme on "Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence" for Judicial Officers.

The programme was inaugurated by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Judicial Academy in august presence of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Member, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Delhi High Court who was the Resource Person and officers of the Registry.

Delivering the inaugural address the Chief Justice stated that nature of

litigation has increased multi-fold especially in cases related to Cyber Crime leading to the appreciation of digital evidence. He further stated that by the medium of this programme Judicial Officers would get a practical knowhow of how to deal with day today problems faced in appreciating digital evidence during trials and the way to tackle those problems.

The technical session was conducted by Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva who dealt with different aspects of Cyber Law and electronic evidence from the perspective of their applicability to the judicial proceedings in the courts of law, investigating agencies and prosecuting wings. He also elaborated upon the brighter and darker side of the internet.

He highlighted the upcoming challenges

and opportunities with which the courts of law and investigating agencies shall be confronted with in near future. The speaker also discussed whole gamut of case law concerning important issues coming up before the courts of law.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bournay in his welcome address underscored the importance of organising this program. He said that the programme intends to build capabilities of judicial officers and other stakeholders in justice dispensation regarding the Cyber Laws

The orientation programme concluded with an interactive session during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource person.

Understanding human psychology must for advocacy skills: CJ

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy at High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh today inaugurated two day training programme on Advocacy Skills for Young Lawyers of Kashmir and UT of Ladakh organised by J&K Judicial Academy in association with Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development (IILPD).

"Understanding the human psychology was an essential trait of the young advocates to be successful lawyers", observed the Chief Justice while addressing the event.

The event has brought together the enthusiastic participants i.e. young lawyers with the eminent jurists of the country and successful lawyers who got trained decades back and have rich experience in the field. The whole day was marked by hectic activities which include case studies, practical demonstrations and engrossing sessions filled with knowledge sharing exercises in various aspects of advocacy for the benefit of participants.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Justice



emphasized the importance of advocacy skills in the legal profession and underlined the importance of organising such training programmes which help in gaining the advocacy skills by the young and emerging lawyers. He appreciated the work done by IILPD in achieving the said objective.

Chief Justice also highlighted the importance of lawyers and judges working together in close collaboration for achieving the common goal delivering justice to the people.

Chief Justice emphasized that there were many training programmes organised for the benefit of judicial officers at state Judicial Academies as well as National Judicial Academy Bhopal but no such training programmes were organised for the new entrants into the profession. He further observed that in given circumstances, the present Training Programme is poised to empower the

young legal professionals with the knowledge, skills, and techniques which are essential for effective advocacy. This event marks the beginning of an enriching journey for all participants and promises to contribute towards growth and excellence of legal profession in the region, he added.

In his special remarks, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge Delhi High Court, highlighted the significance of Advocacy Skills and critically dwelt over the different facets of advocacy. He observed that it is easy to get a case and client but it is difficult to hold him back, so that he comes back happily to the same advocate. He further emphasized that a good advocate needs to develop a case concept or theory so that he knows how to present the case to the court effectively.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bournay, in his welcome address, underscored the importance of organis-

ing such programmes for the benefit of one and all. He said that it has been a much-needed initiative to hone and upgrade legal and advocacy skills of lawyers keeping in view the fact that the legal profession needs continuous and consistent practice, the programme has been conceptualized in collaboration with Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development.

Priya Hingorani and Rajeev Virmani set the tone for the programme by giving a succinct overview of the Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development and various training programmes conducted by the Institute across the country and their relevance.

The working sessions during the day involved the participants to conduct a case study, mock chief and cross examination in a hypothetical case and also were involved in discussion to demonstrate how to make an oral argument.

DC Poonch chairs DGRC meeting to review grievances, implementation of AB-PMJAY

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary chaired a meeting of the District Grievances Redressal Committee (DGRC) to review the status of grievances and implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Naheem Un Nissa Bharti, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anees Altaf Nabi, Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Poonch, Dr. Zulafkar Ahmed, Distt. Program Coordinator AB-PMJAY (MO Mandi), Dr. Riaz Jan, Distt. Inf. System Manager Poonch, Parvez Ahmed, and other concerned officials.

The committee members were apprised of their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the swift resolution of grievances related to the AB-PMJAY during the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of efficiency and urged the members to actively monitor the grievances database, ensuring that all issues are addressed within the prescribed timeline.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

RSS Chief calls for...

chief reviewed various projects initiated by the local units for the development of villages and rural economy, the statement said.

He gave some suggestions to the members who have taken projects for village development and social harmony in the society. Bhagwat also interacted with the students of the hostel of Sewa Bharti at Keshav Bhawan in the city.

He is scheduled to address volunteers in Kathua district on Sunday. (Agencies)

J&K Apni Party delegation...

the Lt Governor and shared his views on the developmental scenario in Jammu Kashmir.

Later, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, Director NIT Srinagar also called on the Lt Governor.

BJP's Mission J&K...

been to create an enabling situation for the people, who have undergone difficult times for decades due to misgovernance and the various other challenges, The first priority in such a grim situation was to restore peace and normalcy which became possible due to strong support of the people, finally leading to unprecedented initiatives on economic and developmental fronts. The results are discernible as the people are now deriving the dividends of peace, he added.

Rana exuded confidence that under the bold leadership of the Prime Minister, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to all, without any discrimination or any favour of appeasement. He said the voice of every region and sub-region is now being heard and course correction has been done in the process of governance. As a result of concerted efforts, the Union Territory is poised to a new era of progress, he added.

He referred to the great initiatives taken over the years and implementation of various schemes and welfare programmes with missionary zeal, saying these have resulted in the growth of every section of the society. The BJP's outreach to every single person speaks about the sincerity of intent to ensure Jammu and Kashmir's fast track development as per the cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, he added.

Rana dwelt in detail various path breaking initiatives aimed at ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He also spoke about various initiatives taken for improving the civic amenities and other totality services under the Jammu Smart City Project and said the most thronged pilgrim destination of north India is getting a renewed look and grandeur it deserved.

Among others present on the occasion included Pawan Singh, Corporator, Sarpanch Chowadi, Kali Dass President All J&K Mahasha Sadar Sabha, Muneer Choudhary,

Salman Choudhary, Kaka Ram and many others.

J&K Govt clarifies...

selection of insurance companies and the adoption of Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version) for implementation.

Since the launch of the PMJAY-SEHAT scheme, the government has paid Rs. 1175.32 Crores in premiums to insurance companies. In return, insurance companies disbursed a total of Rs. 1,249.33 Crores in claims to empaneled hospitals, benefiting approximately 5.67 lakh patients. The scheme has provided crucial medical care for patients with life-consuming and life-threatening diseases.

The insurance model has shifted the risk to insurance companies, leading them to pay nearly Rs. 74 Crores beyond the premium to empaneled public and private hospitals. This model has strengthened the healthcare system within the UT and significantly reduced out-of-pocket expenses for families in need of hospitalization.

Additionally, a feedback system using QR codes and a 104 Call Centre has been implemented, with nearly 99% of patients rating their treatment experience as Excellent or Good. The government emphasized that the allegations intended to discredit the scheme are baseless, false, and aimed at maligning its image. It reiterated its commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the public.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Additional Secretary in Chief Secretary office, Vishal Sharma, Joint Director HQ Information, Naresh Kumar, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma were also present during the press conference.

Agniveer dies of...

on sentry duty in Rajouri Sector, due to a self-inflicted gunshot injury. A Court of Inquiry to ascertain more details is in progress,' the Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps wrote on X.

It said the mortal remains of the deceased, accompanied by a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) and four other ranks, were transported to his home town in a civil ambulance hired by the Agniveer unit.

The accompanying Army personnel also attended his last rites, the Army said.

It said the cause of death being a self-inflicted injury, no guard of honour or military funeral was provided, in accordance with the existing policy.

'Indian Army offers deepest condolences to the bereaved family,' the post read.

Bag containing Pistol...

by police and the army in Dhargloom area in the Mendhar sector following specific input, the officials said.

They said a bag was spotted lying near a natural cave and its search led to the recov-

ery of a 9-mm pistol with a magazine and nine bullets, 159 bullets of AK assault rifle, one pouch, one dress, one black trouser and one waterproof suit.

However, no one was arrested in connection with the recovery, the officials said.

Local actions collectively...

eco-friendly lifestyle for the earth is home not only to humans but millions of other life forms.

Regarding J&K, the Chief Secretary elucidated that the UT has taken dozens of measures to conserve its environment and cut carbon emissions. He gave the examples of construction of around 2000 AmritSarovers, 200 e-buses, planting of nearly 1.5 Cr saplings previous year besides making efforts to cut use of 'Single Use Plastics' in the UT.

He enumerated that J&K today has many a distinctions to its credit for its contributions towards environmental sustainability. He made out that the UT is among the top performers in Food safety, Ayushman Bharat health scheme, Agricultural income, eco-tourism, use of renewable energy, and other eco-friendly activities. He said that the administration is committed to do more to protect the fragile environment for posterity. He urged that each of us have to think global and act local to bring about a positive change.

The Chief Secretary complimented the Institute and the other organizers for conducting the event. He asked them to frame clear cut recommendations for the future course of action which each of us may adopt to make our own local area as well as the planet safe and sustainable in times to come. KNO

Suspended J&K DySP...

DSP Sheikh Adil, a 2015 batch officer of the Kashmir Police Service (KPS), was arrested on September 21. The accused allegedly took money to drop certain charges in a "terror funding case" and attempted to implicate a police officer who was investigating a terror operative.

After his arrest, a five-member Special Investigation Team was formed to investigate the case. Adil was suspended by the J & K government soon after his arrest.

"The apprehension expressed on behalf of the prosecution that the applicant/accused being a highly placed officer may intimidate or win over the witnesses and influence them, this court is of the view that on this score alone the interim bail cannot be denied to the applicant, as the investigation in the case is almost complete.

Firstly; in the event of such event, the prosecution can always approach the competent court for cancellation of bail; secondly, the applicant is a suspended police officer having to power; thirdly, the applicant can be directed not to influence proceedings against him," the Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court observed.

"..Keeping the accused in the custody for a long period, no purpose would be served to the prosecution and it is for the prosecution to investigate, prove demand and acceptance of bribe money by the accused and affect the recovery thereof," it added.

The Court said it is amply clear that there would be no danger of justice being thwarted if the applicant is granted bail.

"Therefore, applicant/accused has carved out a strong case for grant of bail in his favour. The bail application succeeds and is allowed. Accordingly, the applicant/accused is admitted to interim bail subject to his furnishing two surety bonds in the sum of Rs. 50,000 each with personal bond of like amount," the court order said.

While granting the interim bail, the accused has been directed by the Court not to directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts before the court or any other authority.

In the order, the Court also asked the accused to cooperate with the investigation and make himself present before the investigating officer during investigation as and when he is called upon to do so.

The accused DSP was also asked to deposit his passport and travel document with the investigating officer until the completion of investigation of the case, so as to avoid any risk or possibility of his absence.

He was also directed not to leave the valley of Kashmir without prior permission of the investigating officer or Court as the case may be.

The Court said in case the accused breaches any of these conditions, the investigating officer shall be at liberty to move before the competent court for cancellation of bail granted in his favour.

Top Army commanders...

Army. In continuation with the new format adopted this year, the upcoming Army Commanders' Conference is also being conducted in a Hybrid format wherein Army Commanders and other senior functionaries will meet virtually on the first day followed by remaining deliberations being conducted in a physical format.

The spokesperson informed that Defence minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to attend the conference on 18th October 2023. General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff will address the gathering. Dr Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India will also deliver a talk on "Leveraging Technology for National Security".

The apex leadership will brainstorm current/ emerging security scenarios besides reviewing the operational preparedness of the Indian Army. They will also delve into pivotal subjects including review of the ongoing transformation process, training matters, HR management aspects and issues

impacting serving personnel and veterans. The Army Commanders' Conference, with its broad scope, ensures the Indian Army remains progressive, forward-looking, adaptive, and future ready. KNO

After Chandrayaan...

Report, India's space economy has the potential to go beyond \$100 Billion by 2040, which is going to be a gigantic jump, Dr. Jitendra Singh added.

On the successful conduct of the G20 Summit and Chandrayaan-3 Mission, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India today is at par with countries, such as the United States which commenced their space journey decades before us. Stating that India has made a quantum jump in its space journey in the last nine years, the Minister said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has created a supportive ecosystem. He added that the space sector has been opened for public private participation, with a swift increase in number of Space StartUps.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the Government of India has embarked on a mission to open Space Technology Teaching Centres in higher educational institutions. In this regard, the Minister mentioned the ISRO Teaching Centre established at the Central University of Jammu. A similar centre has also been set up at NIT, Agartala in North-east, he informed.

Enumerating the salient features of the National Education Policy 2020, Dr Jitendra Singh stated that India's youth are no more "prisoners of their aspiration" as the Policy now empowers them to choose or change subjects freely depending on their aptitude, skill, interest and other factors.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu and Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST, Jammu were among those who also spoke on the occasion.

IMD warns of heavy...

Rajasthan during this period. A cyclonic circulation has developed over central Pakistan and neighbouring regions under the influence of the western disturbance. It is likely to intensify further with the possibility of merging with a fresh western disturbance on October 15, the IMD said. This system is expected to receive moisture from the Arabian Sea, leading to an increase in rainfall intensity and distribution over northwest India during the same period.

Dry northwesterly winds from the Himalayas are likely to prevail over northwest India in lower tropospheric levels after the passage of the western disturbance. As a result, temperatures are likely to fall by 2 to 4 notches from October 17 over the region.

The IMD uses four colour codes for weather warnings – green (no action needed), yellow (watch and stay updated), orange (be prepared) and red (take action).

DDC Jammu prioritises border villages; Identifies 73 border villages for the mission

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, chaired a meeting to assess the progress of government schemes and skill development initiatives in the district's border regions here today.

In accordance with the prior instructions of the DDC, all departments are to prioritise border villages. A total of 73 border villages have been identified for this mission. The DDC has also instructed all departments to organise awareness camps to reach out to the communities effectively.

During the meeting, the Chief Medical Officer reported on the status of various schemes, including Janani Suraksha Yojana, Janani Shishu Suraksha Yojana, PMJAY SEHAT Golden Cards and ABHA cards and the number of eligible ben-



eficiaries who have availed of these benefits.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) was questioned regarding the progress of Ladli Beti and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana schemes, among others.

The DDC instructed the Sub-Divisional Magistrates and other relevant authorities to expedite the issuance of income certificates and necessary documents to eligible candidates, ensuring swift benefit delivery.

The Agriculture Department was pressed for updates on the Kisan

Credit Card, Soil Health Card and other schemes, with strict targets set for identification and delivery of benefits to eligible recipients.

The Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry departments were also urged to accelerate their efforts and ensure the efficient distribution of benefits.

The Chief Education Officer received instructions to address the specific requirements of border area schools, emphasising the need to rationalise the teaching staff to maintain quality education.

Employment genera-

tion schemes, including Tejaswini, were discussed in the meeting and department heads were motivated to promptly provide benefits to eligible individuals.

In addition, activities of other departments were also discussed and their representatives instructed on the course of action to be taken.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seointra; Assistant Commissioner Development, Preeti Sharma; Chief Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch and various district officers.

DC Rajouri chairs meeting to review progress of Special Campaign 3.0

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 14

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to assess the progress of the ongoing Special Campaign 3.0 in the district. The meeting was held to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign in achieving its set objectives.

The meeting was attended by CPO, Mohammad Khursid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; PO ICDS Shoket Mehmood Malik; Deputy Director

of Employment, Qadeer Ul Rehman; ACD Vijay Kumar Verma, ACP Sheraz Chowhan; AD FCS&CA, Auqil Nuvaaid; CEO Education Sultana Kouser; CMO Dr. Rajinder Sharma; CHO Madan Lal; CAO Sohan Singh, along with other concerned officers. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, emphasized the importance of ensuring the successful implementation of Special Campaign 3.0. He underscored the need for timely and effective disposal of public griev-

ances, emphasizing the significance of addressing the concerns raised by Members of Parliament and fulfilling Parliament assurances.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed the importance of maintaining a clean and hygienic workplace, promoting the responsible disposal of scrap materials, and streamlining administrative procedures to enhance efficiency.

The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas reiterated the resolve of the

administration to address public grievances effectively, maintain a clean and healthy workplace, and streamline administrative processes for better service delivery.

The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and determination to achieve the objectives of the campaign promptly. The district administration remains steadfast in its commitment to improving governance, fostering transparency, and delivering efficient public services.

Div Com calls for early notification of Patnitop Development Authority's Master Plan under revision

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Saturday chaired a significant meeting to oversee the progress on the revision of master plan of the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) and related issues.

During the meeting, concerned officers and stakeholders discussed various aspects of the plan and its impact on the region.

The meeting was attended by Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu, Shiv Kumar Gupta, VC JDA (Chief Town Planner, Jammu Addl. Charge), Sachin Dev Singh, Additional Secretary, Tourism Department, Sher Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, besides Director CEPT University and other concerned officers of Town Planning Organization.

The CEO of the Patnitop Development Authority provided a comprehensive update during the meeting. This



included an overview of the Authority's functions, its jurisdictions, and the villages proposed under revision of the Master Plan of PDA. Furthermore, the CEO reported on the progress made in the preparation of the Master Plan under revision. The revision of existing Master Plan by CEPT University of Ahmedabad, and a draft was released for public review and feedback from locals, stakeholders others. However, it was noted that town planning organization had raised some objections, necessitating further discussion and resolution.

In response to these objections, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Town Planning Organization to submit optimum/specific obser-

ations within a period of 15 days. The CEO of PDA was also tasked with coordinating with town planning organization, Jammu and CEPT to address the same in Master Plan which is under revision.

Divisional Commissioner stressed on the need for a time-bound notification of the final revised Master Plan. This step is crucial for the timely implementation of the plan on the ground, which is expected to alleviate challenges related to building permissions.

The Div Com empathized with the difficulties that people face when seeking building permissions for construction of their homes. He highlighted the importance of expeditious completion of the plan to ensure that

individuals do not face inconvenience.

Later, in a separate meeting, the Divisional Commissioner also reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Navratra festival in Basohli.

The meeting was attended by Director Tourism, Secretary JKAACL while DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, ADC Basohli participated through video conferencing.

The Deputy Commissioner Kathua briefed the Div Com about the measures in place to ensure the smooth conduct of events during the Basohli Navratra festival.

It was informed that sanitation work on main venue has been started alongside other required works like road improvements, arrangements for accommodation, cultural activities, competitions, repair work, sports activities etc. The Div Com asked the concerned officers to ensure all the arrangements in place for smooth conduct of Navratra festival.

Delegation of MSME DFO calls on Director I&C Jammu regarding PM Vishwakarma Scheme

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

G. Velladurai, Joint Director & Head of Office, MSME Development & Facilitation Office, the field office of Union Ministry of MSME for Jammu & Kashmir called on Kishore Singh Chib, Director of Industries & Commerce, Jammu and discussed in full detail about implementation of PM Vishwakarma scheme.

During the meeting the issue of nominating district wise officer from MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Jammu & Kashmir was discussed and a formal order to be issued in the next week by MSME DFO Jammu, J&K to further speed up the scheme implementation in Jammu & Kashmir.

Time bound clearing of applications received from the beneficiaries in the portal were planned meticulously to avoid delay in the benefits reaching the needy.

The scheme aims to solve the issues of lack of finance which stops them from living better lives despite their commanding skills in their field of expertise. This scheme will train and financially help the skilled artisans who need support by providing much needed collateral free loan.

Surinder Paul Sharma, GM DIC, Samba, Vireddnar-Manyal, GM DIC, Jammu and Ajaykumar, Assistant Director, MSME DFO Jammu and Kashmir were also present during the interaction.

DC Poonch reviews progress under District Capex Plan 2023-24

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, OCTOBER 14

The District Development Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary convened a meeting of all Sectoral/District Officers at the conference hall of the DC Office Complex Poonch to review the progress of works taken up under the District Capex Plan 2023-24 and to expedite the pace of developmental projects.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Chief Planning Officer Poonch, Maqsood Ahmed, CEO PDA, Dr. Mohd. Tanveer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Husain Shah, SDM Mendhar, Jahangir Khan, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, District Social Welfare Officer, Mohinder Paul, CEO Education, Bishamber Dass, CMO, Dr. Anees

Altaf Nabi, XENs beside other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the physical and financial status of the works was assessed, highlighting the achievements of the physical targets till date.

It was reported that a total of 1929 works were planned under the district capex, out of which 1755 works have been tendered, 1466 works have been allotted, 778 works have commenced, and 209 works have been successfully completed.

To ensure timely execution of projects, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to aim for 70% expenditure of the approved allocation by December 2023.

Emphasizing the importance of efficiency, he urged for an expedited tendering process and minimal wastage of time.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the executive engineers

to maximize the utilization of funds allocated under the Central Sponsored schemes, enabling the completion of more projects within the designated time frame. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to initiate all pending works promptly to achieve the set targets within the specified time frame.

Meanwhile, discussions were held regarding a month-long Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0. The campaign aims at improving overall cleanliness of government offices and enhancing public experience, therefore special attention will be given to field and outstation offices responsible for service delivery or having public interface.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon the officers to actively engage in the campaign and provide daily reports.

ADC Bandipora chairs meeting of District Grievance Redressal Committee



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 14

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, a review meeting of the District Grievance Redressal Committee was conducted under the chairmanship Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora Umar Shafi Pandith.

During the meeting, the ADC stressed the need for timely resolution of grievances related to the AB-PMJAY and Sehat scheme.

The ADC also took stock of the revenue generated from claims by both public and private EHCs in the district.

The ADC directed to enroll the beneficiaries who are yet to be enrolled under the scheme in the district. The meeting was also attended by ACR Bandipora Shabir Ahmad, CMO Bandipora, Medical Superintendent DH Bandipora, DIO Bandipora, Tehsildar Bandipora, besides DIU Team of AB-PMJAY Bandipora.

DC Rajouri inaugurates Empowering Camp for Senior Citizens



J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 14

In a heartwarming and community-oriented initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, inaugurated a special camp for the senior citizens. The event was a step towards recognizing and enhancing the well-being of senior citizens.

Deputy Commissioner, in his address, highlighted the pivotal role that senior citizens play in our society. He not only recognized their wisdom and experience but also motivated them to take full advantage of the various government schemes. This encouragement is a source of inspiration for the senior citizens, empowering them to be active participants in their own well-being and the

welfare of the community.

The primary focus of this special camp was to address the unique needs and concerns of senior citizens. One of the stand-out features of this event was the on-the-spot sanctioning of pension cases, a critical step towards ensuring financial stability and security for the elderly.

Furthermore, a medical camp was set up, providing the senior citizens with a valuable opportunity for health checkups.

Another significant aspect of the event was the awareness drive about the rights of senior citizens. A representative from the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) played a pivotal role in this initiative by educating the senior citizens about their legal entitlements.

10-day EDP concludes at JKEDI Kupwara



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 14

The 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under Mission Youth's Tejaswini (The Radiant) livelihood scheme concluded Saturday at District Centre, Kupwara of the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute.

The EDP was organized by JKEDI for the aspiring female entrepreneurs of district Kupwara. During the 10-day EDP, the candidates were apprised about basic business concepts like business plan formulation, marketing plans,

accounts management and record keeping, customer management, and other topics of relevance.

The program was coordinated by JKEDI District Centre, Kupwara while the training was imparted by a team of trainers including Ishaq Ahmad Mir, District Nodal Officer, EDI Kupwara and Mohsin Abrar, Assistant Faculty, EDI Kupwara.

Officials from the J&K Bank, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Kupwara, Labour Department, Kupwara, among others, were also invited as guest faculty to brief the trainees about different facets of

the livelihood generation scheme.

In his address, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Kupwara, highlighted the scope of entrepreneurship and self-employment and its contribution to the economic development of J&K.

The training program was modelled for retail and services sector activities. The aspirants were trained for establishment of small business ventures like retail outlets of footwear, readymade, pesticides, electrical goods, cosmetics, DTP centres, boutiques in different areas of the frontier district.

EDITORIAL

Refugees still at crossroads!

Recently, the Union Home Ministry released its report wherein it stated that the Centre has disbursed Rs 1452.34 crore among 33,636 beneficiaries of Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and Chhamb settled in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir since the introduction of the scheme. In its Annual Report for the year 2022-23, the MHA stated that under the Prime Minister's Development Package-2015 (PMDP-2015), financial assistance of 5.5 lakh is being disbursed to 36,384 displaced families from PoJK and Chhamb settled in Jammu and Kashmir. It also approved similar financial assistance for the inclusion of those Displaced Persons (DP) families out of 5300 families who initially opted to move outside the erstwhile State of J&K but later returned and settled in J&K. On financial assistance to West Pakistani Refugees, it claims that financial assistance of Rs 5.5 lakh per family is being disbursed by the Government of India for 5,764 families of West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs) who migrated from several areas of West Pakistan in the aftermath of the partition and settled in different parts of Jammu region. Since inception of the scheme in the year 2018, a total amount of Rs 38.28 crore has been disbursed to 1035 beneficiaries so far. Despite the extension of these benefits to all refugees and displaced people, these people are largely not satisfied and happy with the Centre's approach. What they are looking for the time being is political empowerment. While the Government of India, after the Delimitation of Assembly segment in Jammu and Kashmir, has decided to reserve at-least one seat for PoJK refugees against the demand of eight seats, the West Pakistan Refugees are aghast and miffed over the denial of any political empowerment to them as no seat has been reserved for them in the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir. This is notwithstanding the fact that West Pakistan Refugees claim that they have more than 1.5 lakh voters in two parliamentary constituencies of Jammu region—Jammu and Udhampur seats. On the other hand, the Government of India has projected unprecedented developmental activities being carried out across Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Going by the statistics of the Centre, as many as 9229 projects were completed in Jammu and Kashmir in the year 2018-19 but this number went up to 12637 projects during the year 2019-20 in Jammu and Kashmir. In 2020-21, 21943 projects were completed in Jammu and Kashmir. During the financial year of 2021-22, over 50627 projects were completed. There is no denying in fact that the Government of India has initiated inclusive development in Jammu region but the need of the hour is to ensure that all genuine concerns of displaced persons and refugees who form a large share of BJP's vote bank, must be addressed without any delay. The POJK and WPRs form the large chunk of voters both in assembly and parliamentary elections and no political party including BJP can afford to offend them at this critical juncture. The government should immediately address the genuine concerns of refugees and displaced people.

Precarious path forward for Israel, Hamas

MAKHAN SAIKIA

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hamas has become a critical juncture in the West Asian region. Hamas' audacious attack has exposed vulnerabilities in Israel's security apparatus, triggering a humanitarian crisis. Controversial evacuation orders have rekindled memories of historic displacements. As tensions mount, there are growing concerns about the potential for a broader regional crisis.

Hamas has surprised the State of Israel by launching one of the deadliest terror attacks on it last week, since its foundation in 1948. This brazen assault by the terror group is viewed as a turning point in Israel-Palestinian conflict. The multi-pronged war is now seen as long planned and clearly failed the sophisticated Israeli security network, known for decades for its stealth work and extensive espionage activities against its enemies like Hamas and Hezbollah.

This crisis is crucial for the US. No US President can ignore a conflict in which Israel is at stake or directly involved in the war. Also, for President Joe Biden, who is fighting re-election next year, the quagmire in West Asia is decisive. This crisis is virtually challenging the world order led by the US, since the end of the Second World War and the establishment of the UN.

Well, Hamas knows its limits. And Israel can easily assess how far it can push. With an annual military aid of about \$3 billion

to the country, the Israelis will be giving a tough fight to Hamas. Only time will tell how the current crisis unfolds and how bloodier and costlier it is going to be. But for sure, it will lead to one of the most serious humanitarian tragedies in recent days in West Asia.

Who is Hamas? Hamas is a Palestinian Sunni militant group that was founded on December 10, 1987, after the first intifada (uprising). Its name is an acronym which comes from Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya. Its English translation means Islamic Resistance Movement.

For Hamas, the main objectives since its inception have been the creation of an independent Palestine state and the destruction of the Israeli state. It will fight till the end. However, sustaining a prolonged conflict with an armed Israel would inevitably lead to further loss of lives, both in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, in the days to come.

Is it possible for Israel to fortify the nation adequately? It is an extremely challenging task for any nation, including Israel. Israel has been under threat from all its neighbours since its inception. However, the country has built an excellent security system over the years to counter attacks from non-state actors like Hamas and Hezbollah. This attack by Hamas indicates a near-total security and intelligence failure on Israel's part, as experts suggest.

Meanwhile, there has been a deluge of international reaction to the ongoing war between Hamas and Israel. The international victims

of assault on Israel by Hamas come from the US, the UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Canada, Thailand, Nepal, the Philippines, Cambodia, China, Tanzania, Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, etc.

It is certain that Gaza Strip will soon turn into a hotspot of humanitarian tragedy. Israel has asked more than one million Gazans to vacate the North Gaza in no time and to move towards the south. But the UN says the Israeli evacuation order is impossible without a major humanitarian catastrophe.

The UN also warns that Gaza is becoming a "hell hole on the brink of collapse" signalling that war clouds hovering over the Gaza Strip, the people might face all the hardships simply to survive. On the other hand, Hamas told Gazans not to leave their homes.

By now, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is deepening, as Israel has already cut off food and electricity to the besieged territory. Most of the common people are at risk of starvation. According to the estimate from the Palestinian Ministry of Health, more than 1,800 people have died so far. The UN reports that over 4,23,000 people are internally displaced due to the massive air raids conducted by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) since October 7.

US President Joe Biden strongly criticised Hamas for its military mission against Israel. In an official message delivered immediately after the offensive, he said, "We are with Israel. Let us make no mistake." He further

emphasised that Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people's right to dignity and self-determination. Its stated purpose is the annihilation of the State of Israel and the murder of Jewish people.

However, Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin has criticised Israel for employing "quite cruel methods" in its response to the Hamas attack. He said, "In my view, it is unacceptable. More than two million people live there. Not all of them support Hamas by the way, but all of them have to suffer, including women and children. Of course, it is difficult for anyone to agree with this."

This shows that Putin is fully aware of the chaos left behind by the relentless aerial bombing carried out by Israel over the Gaza Strip.

Previously, he also stated that an Israeli ground operation would be entirely unacceptable, as it would result in significant casualties. He advocates for the resolution of this crisis through negotiations, with Russia playing a role in the peace process due to its longstanding relations with both parties. These lofty words coming from a crude statesman who has been at war with his neighbour and creating another global crisis leading to thousands of deaths and displacement of lakhs in Ukraine. Before offering solutions to clash between Hamas and Israel, he must first deescalate the Ukraine crisis that he had started in February 2022.

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, visited Israel and reaffirmed

his country's unwavering support for the latter. However, he also acknowledged the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinians that are not represented by Hamas militants. While meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Blinken said, "You may be strong enough to defend yourself on your own. But as long as America exists, you will never ever have to. We will always be there by your side."

This shows how the US is directly providing aid to the Jewish state, while all other Western allies of Israel remain relatively quiet. Washington has taken one step further by sending its Defence Secretary Llyod Austin both to bolster support for Tel Aviv and assure all possible help to its ally.

By pledging full support to Israel, Austin said, "This is no time for neutrality, or for false equivalence or for excuses for the inexcusable."

When Blinken met the President of Palestinian Mahmoud Abbas in Jordan, the latter rejected the "forced displacement of the Gazans" from the northern Gaza.

He strongly opposed the idea of evacuation and to him such a move would lead to "Second Nakba". Nakba (Palestinian Catastrophe) is an Arabic word that refers to the catastrophe brought by the creation of the Zionist State in 1948 and the displacement of nearly 7,50,000 Palestinians from their homes.

This all happened only after the end of the historic British Mandate and the establishment of Israel on May 14, 1948. This finally resulted in the beginning

of the first Arab-Israeli War. Subsequently, the Zionist military forces captured 78 per cent of the historic lands of Palestine and today the remaining 22 per cent are left as the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip.

So now, with the evacuation of the Northern Gaza as per the order of Israel for beginning its ground offensive to crush Hamas and to rescue the hostages taken might lead to another Nakba.

At the moment, the Israeli security forces are conducting local raids in Gaza to locate the hostages taken by Hamas. And as per some media reports, the IDF is able to free nearly 200 hostages from the hands of Hamas so far. The battle is on, and it is certainly going to be bloodier than ever before.

The road ahead is complicated and filled with dangerous twists and turns for both Israel and Hamas. There will be no solution until an independent state of Palestine is created. But this will not be feasible given the circumstances that have led to the current hostilities between Israel and Hamas. Furthermore, a counteroffensive by Hezbollah and involvement of nearby Arab nations against Israel might further complicate the situation.

However, while dealing with Hamas, the IDF and the Israeli State is careful to minimise civilian casualties. Otherwise, the Israel-Hamas conflict may escalate into a larger regional quagmire.

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Israel-Hamas conflict: No holds barred

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West Asia has been an enigma for many years, especially after the Balfour Declaration of 1917, when the then British Foreign Secretary Lord Arthur Balfour promised the Jews a homeland of their own in the territory of Palestine. Missing in the Balfour Declaration was the timeline by which this was to be brought about.

All three Abrahamic religions have a claim on the region centred around Jerusalem, considered one of the world's holiest cities. The Jews hailed from there; Jesus Christ preached there and his miracles were performed in this area. He was crucified on Calvary Hill and was buried nearby. Jesus was born a Jew, some miles away at Bethlehem.

Islam's claim to Jerusalem and its territory is based on the belief that Prophet Mohammad's favourite horse Barack took him to meet Allah from the centre of what

today is Jerusalem. The spot from where the Prophet is said to have ascended to heaven is marked as the Al Aqsa mosque.

In 1948, the region was divided into the Jewish part called Israel and the dominantly Muslim part called Palestine, which however, failed to become a proper country. It exists as a crowd, vaguely ruled by a terrorist organization called Hamas. Ever since the rule of the Ayatollahs began in Iran in 1979, that country has patronized Hezbollah, a terrorist group based in Lebanon, apart from also siding with Hamas (although the latter is a Sunni terrorist group). Whether this policy and measures thereof are meant to keep Israel on the boil, or are intended to engage in geopolitical manoeuvring in the West Asian theatre is a matter of debate.

As is well known, the Arab sheikhdoms of the region have largely been indifferent to Israel despite the latter's declared Jewish

identity. Curiously, it is the non-monarchical countries like Egypt, Iraq, Iran and Syria that have been stridently anti-Israel. Since the coming to power of Gamal Abd El Nasser in Egypt in the early 1950s, the Arab monarchies, i.e., the sheikhdoms have been more wary of the threat of Arab socialism than Jewish nationalism. This must have been likely to keep their people loyal or subservient to their monarchies rather than any entity outside. In the process, the Palestinian issue fell into neglect. On the rebound, they have been dependent on terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah. The current war between these outfits and Israel has indeed come as a rude surprise. It is a desperate attempt on their part, to wipe out the existence of the Jewish country.

There are widespread allegations that the latest terrorist attack on Israel cannot be an independent act but has the guidance and support of some other

country, possibly Iran. The Ayatollah's regime of Tehran has been apprehensive of Israel attacking or even destroying its nuclear programme. Israel's great ally the United States of America certainly does not approve of what it calls nuclear proliferation, and Iran's nuclear programme, although claimed by Teheran to be of only a peaceful nature, has been a hugely contentious issue of American administrations of both of the country's political parties, Republican and Democrat, for a considerably long time.

The question, therefore, arises: could this explosive war be an attempted pre-emptive strike by Iran to keep Israel or the US from attacking its nuclear sites? Alternatively, could it be a precursor for armed action by Israel and the US to knock out Iran's nuclear programme, which according to Israeli and American allegations, is just a couple of steps away from building a bomb?

This is no mere specu-

lation. The late Saddam Hussein, Iraq's military dictator for three-and-a-half decades, was pursuing a similar nuclear program of an ostensibly peaceful nature. Saddam, though, was a self-declared enemy of the Jews; in 1981, without warning, Israeli F-16 and F-15 warplanes burst into Iraqi airspace without warning and in a matter of a few minutes, totally bombed the Iraqi Osirak nuclear reactor to ashes, completely ending Iraq's nuclear ambitions and wiping out an existential threat to Israel.

A third possibility is that this is Iran's bold gamble to grab for itself the dominant position of leadership in the politics of West Asia, although, for a Shia nation, such a role might be difficult to achieve and sustain in a Muslim world dominated by Sunni Islam. Whatever Tehran's aim, the attacks by Hamas have undoubtedly been on a large scale. Conversely, Israel might also look at this temporary rude military setback as an opportu-

nity to not only obliterate Hamas but also wipe out Iran's nuclear programme for good, which the Jewish nation sees as an existential threat to itself; indeed, many of Israel's politicians and military leaders have often said so, publicly.

Jerusalem would also want to reshape the politics of West Asia to its advantage in the decades to come. This is one objective which Israel's foremost ally the United States would be unambiguously aligned with.

Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, even while launching a retaliatory war against the Hamas holed up in Gaza, has publicly declared his intention to do so, saying "We will change the Middle East". Given the history of Jewish resolve, it shouldn't surprise us if this happens to be the beginning of that event.

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A tale of the journey of 'two wanderers'

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The dictionary meaning of the word wanderer is a person who travels from place to place without any particular destination or purpose. It reminds me of one's early college days when one was required to read the old English poem "The Wanderer". It is narrated by a man deprived of his lord and kinsmen whose journeys lead him to the realization that there is stability only in heaven. The poem reads like the meditations of a solitary exile, extorting the values of faith and forbearance

in the heavenly lord. However, the two original wanderers to whom all the traditional accounts of Buddhism relate were Maudgalyayana and Sariputra; they became spiritual wanderers in their early youth, then came across Buddha's teachings and later met Buddha and were ordained as monks. They later became two of the closest disciples of Buddha.

Bappaditya Chakravarty's novel "Two Wanderers" is set in the ninth century. It is the story of Snorre, a Nordic Viking and Srivarma, an Indian Buddhist scholar at Nalanda University. Both of them go

through intense personal experiences in their wanderings, until their paths cross at Kashgar, and they embark on a journey together for Tibet. The journey is dictated part by expediency and part by a commitment made by Srivarma to a dying Buddhist monk. The journey to Tibet is itself fraught with dangers, both at physical and psychological levels. As the dreadful journey unfolds Snorre was seeking the meaning of action and adventure in life, whereas, Srivarma was seeking the meaning of knowledge. These two sides are joined together through the medium of emotion and

passion, and both Snorre and Srivarma search for an understanding of these roots. Taken together, Srivarma and Snorre's story defines a praxis for every man in search of answers to the eternal 'whys' of life and living. While reading "Two Wanderers", what struck me most was the amount of research into the topography, history and geopolitics of North India, Silk Route, Tibet and even Nordic areas of the 9th century that has gone into the book. We get to know that on your way from Sweden to Kashgar, you have to cross two rivers Emba and Dariya and pass through

Tamday-Terek, a small desolate village a little away from the Emba river.

Then you go through Kazaly and Chachkand; from Chachkand you cross Terek-Devan or Poplar Pass and then traverse through the Pamirs crossing two high passes and the Isfai-ran River. On the way, you pass through Kokand and Margelan, where there is an old fort believed to have been built by Alexander, the great, locally known as Sikander.

This place Kashgar is rich and important because all the caravans travelling through the Silk Route have to pass through Kashgar. Like Samarqand and

Chachkand, Kashgar also was a heavy mixture of all kinds of peoples and religions. There were Jews, Manicheans, Nestorian Christians, Zoroastrians, and of course, Muslims. There were pagans also from the wild nomadic tribes, and not a few Tibetans professing a religion they called Bon. The novel is full of such a wealth of information at every stage of description.

Their journey to Tibet reads like a taut thriller with treachery, murder, betrayal, and espionage—all aplenty. With the advent of Lady Pema, the daughter of a Tibetan chieftain, the author introduces

the element of love in its full splendour. There are some profound thoughts expressed throughout the novel, perhaps emanating from the author's knowledge of Buddhist texts. For instance, the wanderer Srivarma told the Shreshthi of Kanyakubja, "You see, I have reached the conclusion that to experience the world, movement is of the essence. I was proud of every step that I took because it signified my movement—both physical and in the mind."

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Low Potassium Diet: Everything You Need to Know

PARUL DUBE

Eating a banana or a baked potato with the skin on provides you with a good dose of potassium. However, high potassium levels can throw electrolyte levels out of balance if you have compromised kidney function or chronic renal illness. That is when your healthcare professional will recommend a low-potassium diet.

If your doctor recommends a low potassium diet, incorporating low potassium foods from each food group will help you stay the healthiest.

Understanding a Low-Potassium Diet

Hyperkalemia is a condition where you have excess potassium in your blood. In such cases, doctors may suggest a low-potassium diet. It is one of the first therapies, defined as a dietary consumption of potassium between 2000 and 3000 mg/day.

Potassium is omnipresent in most meals. But if you're on a diet limiting your potassium intake, you must avoid foods high in potassium. You should also avoid consuming large quantities of any beverage that contains potassium. Even small amounts can rapidly raise potassium levels in your body.

A low potassium diet is essential, mainly when diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Sometimes you need to follow this diet long-term, and other times you will only need to follow it for a short while. Therefore it is essential to see your doctor regularly to review your diet. Remember, you are not aiming to avoid all foods containing potassium. By subscribing to HealthifyMe, you can get the proper guidance on making simple yet effective diet changes.

Note

A nutritionist or registered dietitian can help create a low-potassium meal plan depending on height and weight. The key is to choose foods with a low potassium level, when possible, but not totally eliminate a food group.

Foods to Eat

You can incorporate a range of nutrient-dense foods with low potassium levels in your diet. Listed below are a few of them:

Protein

Potassium is abundant in the majority of animal and plant proteins. Some low-potassium, high-protein food sources include:

Chicken
Egg White
Fish
Peanut butter



Tofu
Edamame

Vegetables

Fresh produce is typically rich in potassium and raw vegetables have a very high potassium content. You need to limit your intake or boil them to reduce their potassium content for a low-potassium diet. You can also use several vegetables from cans as long as they have been rinsed and drained. A few are listed below:

Alfalfa sprouts
Asparagus
Beans
Cabbage, green and red
Carrots, cooked
Cauliflower
Celery
Corn
Cucumber
Eggplant
Onions
Parsley
Green peas
Peppers
Radish

Grains

Look for rice cereals or bread prepared from refined flour instead of whole grains and bran. White rice and pasta noodles made from refined white flour work on a low-potassium diet.

Fruits

A few of the low potassium fruits to include are:
Apple
Apricots
Blackberries
Cherries
Grapes
Mandarin oranges
Peaches
Pineapple
Plums
Watermelon

Dairy

You might be able to consume a modest amount of milk or yoghurt every day. However, listed below are a few dairy products low in potassium.

No-fat milk
Cottage cheese
Whole milk

Beverages

Dehydration can throw off your body's electrolyte balance and cause hyperkalemia. Water is the best option for remaining hydrated. However, fresh lemonade, the juice produced from low-potassium fruit, and strained frozen fruit puree are also good drinks.

Foods to Avoid

Almost all foods contain potassium, so the only way out is to choose foods with a low potassium level.

Foods with high levels of potassium are:

Fruits

The following fruits have higher potassium content:
Avocados
Bananas
Mango
Kiwi
Prunes
Pomegranate
Orange
Papaya

Vegetables

Cooked broccoli
Brussels sprouts
Chinese cabbage
Raw carrots
Greens other than kale
Potatoes
Cooked pumpkin
Tomatoes
Spinach
White mushrooms

Dairy

A low-potassium diet requires avoiding or limiting the consumption of following milk products.

Condensed milk
Dried milk
Evaporated milk

Protein

Steer clear of processed meats containing potassium-containing additives such as sausage, bacon, and lunch meats. When cooking meat, drain the liquids and avoid utilising them to make sauces or gravies.

Sweets

Desserts high in potassium often contain nuts, syrups, and chocolate, among other ingredients. Therefore, you must be careful when choosing cookies, pastries, and ice cream.

You need to avoid the following sweets and snacks:

Biscuits containing nuts/ chocolate/ dried fruit
Fudge
Liquorice
Sesame snacks
Toffee
All standard chocolate bars
Sweets containing evaporated or condensed milk/ nuts/ dried fruit

Note

You must avoid foods with more than 200 mg of potassium per serving. Foods with the highest potassium concentrations are healthy, but if your kidneys cannot handle the potassium, they are not healthy for you. Also, limit your portion size since potassium can quickly add up if you eat a large portion.

Sample Menu for a Low Potassium Diet

Measure the serving size when calculating the amount of potassium in food. For example, a large serving of low-potassium food might have more potassium than a small serving of high-potassium food. Plus, your height and weight dictate the range of servings you need in a low potassium meal plan.

An example of one such plan includes:

Breakfast
Oatmeal: ½ cup
Blueberries: 1 cup
Egg whites: 2
Mid-morning
Bean sprouts: 1 cup

Lunch
White rice: 1 cup
Peas curry: ½ cup
Cucumber salad: ½ cup
Evening Snacks
Digestive biscuits: 2
Herbal tea: 1 cup

Dinner

Roti: 3
Chicken curry: ½ cup
Broccoli salad: ½ cup

Benefits of Eating Low-Potassium Foods

Healthy potassium levels are crucial because they keep your heart, muscles, and nerves functioning at their best. A low-potassium diet benefits people with specific medical disorders, including heart or renal problems.

The benefits of potassium-restricted diets for particular groups of people, such as dialysis patients with kidney diseases, have been the subject of numerous research. However, there is conflicting information regarding the effectiveness of a strict low-potassium diet because it is unclear whether the body processes all dietary sources of potassium (both plant and animal) equally. But, because there are no other dietary treatments for hyperkalemia, most researchers believe low-potassium diets should work positively for the body.

Cooking Tips for Low-Potassium Diet

Leaching can bring down the amount of potassium in some vegetables. It is the process of soaking raw or frozen vegetables in water for at least two hours before cooking. Leaching helps pull some potassium from the soaked foods and into the water.

Some other cooking tips to follow are:

Peel the vegetables with skin (e.g., potatoes, carrots, beets, rutabagas) before slicing. Rinse the cut vegetables in warm water. Soak the vegetables for two hours or overnight in unsalted warm water.

Choose pepper, herbs and spices to flavour dishes. Do not use salt substitutes since they come from potassium salts.

HEALTH NEWS

World Stroke Day: Signs of a silent brain stroke and how it is difficult to be identified

A stroke is caused by a blood clot that blocks a vessel in the brain. The blockage prevents blood and oxygen from reaching the area, causing the brain cells to die.

There are many symptoms of a stroke like having an excess drooping of the face due to relaxed muscles, but the fact is, there can also be silent stroke symptoms. This means that it is possible to have a stroke without even getting to know about it, and the result of that can be far more damaging.

According to Harvard Health, depending on its location, a clot can cause symptoms like weakness in an arm or leg or even trouble speaking or seeing. But sometimes, the area of damage is quite small and occurs in a part of the brain that doesn't control any vital functions, so the stroke remains undetected.

Signs and symptoms of a silent stroke

A stroke that is followed by lesser-known or less obvious symptoms can sometimes be far more damaging to the brain and body as a whole. Those who do not know they have had a stroke may go longer leaving their bodies untreated for stroke prevention.

Unlike the symptoms of a heart attack where there are obvious signs of pain and discomfort, a silent stroke may include:

Sudden lack of balance
Temporary loss of muscle movements
Memory loss
Change in personality
Cognitive skills and ability
Trouble walking
Blindness in one eye or cuts in your field of vision
Sudden, severe headache
Dizziness
Confusion

Can silent strokes be prevented?

According to the Mayo Clinic, while it is hard to spot a silent stroke, it is even harder to restore areas of the brain affected by them. Here are a few things you can do to prevent strokes from happening:

Get blood pressure under control: High blood pressure raises your risk for silent stroke and hence it is important to keep it under control.

Exercise: Regular exercising and workouts can reduce the chances of having a stroke by up to 40 per cent, doctors say. It is important to indulge in high to moderate-intensity exercises for at least 30-45 minutes daily.

Cut down on salt: According to the American Stroke Association, high salt intake can increase the chances of heart attacks and stroke. Hence, it is imperative to reduce sodium intake.

Weight management: Obesity and being overweight can rapidly increase the chances of a stroke. And so, strive to keep your weight at a body mass index of 18.5 to 24.9.

Lower cholesterol levels: To reduce the risk of a stroke, keep cholesterol levels low. According to health experts, your good cholesterol should ideally be 60 mg/dL or higher. Your LDL (bad) cholesterol should be under 100 mg/dL.

Stop smoking: Cut your smoking habit to reduce the risk of stroke.

Eat a balanced diet: Eat fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables along with whole grains, and meats for your heart health.

Increasing incidents of brain stroke cases among younger generation a cause of concern: Doctors

Young people live their life king size and quite literally. There have been many studies associated with various organisations that have revealed that youngsters take it too easy when it comes to health.

And with an increase in various life-threatening illnesses and infections across the world, it is high time that the younger generation takes serious stock. Stroke is no longer a disease of the old.

"Stroke is the second most common cause of death and the third-leading cause of death and disability combined in the world. So, it is a matter of serious concern that it is no longer a disease for the elderly in our country. A hospital-based study from India has shown that the proportion of strokes in young people now ranges from 15-30 per cent. In another population-based study in the country,

8.8 per cent of total stroke patients were found to belong to the younger age group," said Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Head of the Neurology Department, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad.

According to heart.com, researchers have found an 11 per cent increase in the rate of stroke among US adults over the 15-year study period. Stroke increased at a faster rate for adults under age 65 compared to those 75 and older. The rate of increase also varied by region, climbing faster in the South, West, and Midwest than it did in the Northeast.

Among those who had strokes, the percentage of people who had high blood pressure also rose, from 75-87 per cent over the study period.

Causes of stroke in young people

According to Cleveland Clinic, an estimated 10 per

cent of strokes occur in people under the age of 50. Some of the inherited causes of stroke in people under age 50 include:

Heart diseases: Conditions leading to structural abnormalities of the heart increase the risk of stroke.

Blood clotting disorders: These are conditions that increase the tendency of platelets to clot while moving through the body leading to stroke.

Sickle cell disease: It is a disease where deformed sickle cells may block arteries and vessels and increase the risk of a stroke.

Metabolic conditions: Conditions like Fabry disease may cause you to develop stroke risk factors such as narrowing of blood vessels supplying blood to the brain.

According to Dr. Gupta, several other risk factors are unique to the young Indian population.

Hyperhomocysteinaemia,

a medical condition characterized by an abnormally high level of homocysteine in the blood, is often found in people with vitamin B12 deficiency. "Considering the large vegetarian population in India with an inadequate intake of vitamin B12, this risk factor for stroke is quite significant. Many studies have published data suggesting that vitamin B12 therapy helps lower homocysteine levels in an individual," he said.

Symptoms of stroke

A few signs and symptoms of stroke that youngsters can experience are:

A sudden loss of balance or coordination
Sudden vision loss or double vision
Any drooping on one side of the face.
Sudden weakness in one arm or leg
Slurring or difficulty speaking or understanding words

Health benefits of Turmeric for diabetes; delays cataract, cures erectile dysfunction in men

Turmeric is one of the most favourite spices which not only enhances the flavour in food but is known for its immense health benefits as well.

Being antiseptic, anti-oxidant, and anti-bacteria, turmeric is also a wonder drug when it comes to regulating blood sugar levels and decreasing the risk of diabetes, a global health worry.

According to Healthline, diabetes is related to disruptions in your blood sugar level that plays an important role in how your body metabolizes food and uses energy. Diabetes occurs when your body cannot produce or use insulin and affects nearly 12 per cent of people ages 20 and older.

What is turmeric?

Turmeric is a common spice belonging to the ginger family plant. It is



native to Southeast Asia and is grown commercially in India. Its rhizome or underground stem is used as a culinary spice and traditional medicine, according to Ayurveda.

Turmeric is used extensively to treat infections, skin issues, digestive issues, kidney problems, burns, respiratory infections, allergies, liver diseases, etc.

Benefits of turmeric for diabetics

Curcumin is effective in reducing hyperlipidemia

Those suffering from diabetes over time also contract neuropathy, a condition in which nerves are affected. Experts believe curcumin suppresses diabetes-related cataracts and improves hyperalgesia, a condition in which the patient experiences sensations of increased pain.

Improves vascular conditions: Diabetes also attacks the blood vessels and affects them worse over time. Health experts believe that curcumin helps in improving vascular conditions that are associated with diabetes.

Cures erectile dysfunction: Many studies conducted on the subject have also proved to be effective in problems of muscles and bones which arose from a diabetic condition. It has been proved that curcumin improved erectile functioning in diabetic patients.

Deputation of families evicted from airport Jammu meets JKPCC Working President

Utility services suffered major jolt due to self-centred approach of BJP: Bhalla

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Deputation of families who were evicted from airport Jammu as a part of expansion today called on JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla. They apprised Bhalla that at the time of the proposal seeking an extension of the Airport in Jammu, the houses of 29 families were demolished. Houses were vandalized on 29 Nov 2019 and till date, no possession of plots has been given. They informed that the administration is lethargic towards giving possession of plots in Belicharana and warned to intensify the protest if the administration does not do the needful. They said that a committee based on the directions of the courts was formed which was employed for land demarcation in Sunjawan but till

date possession of plots has not been given. Bhalla demanded govt to immediately address this issue on humanitarian ground and keeping them waiting for rehabilitation is human rights violation.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said lakhs of people belonging to weaker sections such as old age persons, widows/divorcees, women in distress, transgender and persons with disabilities (PwDs) are struggling for their survival and are on roads against the J&K Government which has failed to release Rs 1000 pension in their favour for more than a year now. He said for years together, Rs 1000 in the name of financial assistance was being provided to these people by the Social Welfare Department of Jammu and Kashmir under its Integrated Social Security Scheme but

for last around 20 months, these people are without pension despite applying fresh on SUGAM portal as directed by the Union Territory Government.

Bhalla said, "The present UT administration has no mercy for handicapped persons. First, they asked them to make UIDAI cards to avail pension scheme and when they made these cards after a lot of struggle then they asked them to apply on SUGAM portal to get benefit of the pension scheme." He said the present J&K administration is leaving no effort to harass the handicapped people. "For years they were demanding enhancement of the disability pension from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 but instead of enhancing this meager financial assistance they have stopped it too." Bhalla claimed and said that even those who have successfully



registered themselves on SUGAM portal months back are deprived of the pension.

Bhalla accused the BJP Govt of putting the Union Territory's interests and development "subservient to the pleasure of its vested interests". He said the "lack of cohesion and vision" has made the people of Jammu and Kashmir suffer on the development front. "Despite being in power at the Centre and in Jammu and Kashmir, the party has failed miserably when it comes to governance and let Jammu and Kashmir down on all

fronts," he said, adding that the BJP has nothing to showcase as its achievement. Bhalla referring to the issues confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir, said in the absence of an elected government, the Lieutenant Governor-led administration has failed to give a push to the schemes and projects aimed at overall development and welfare of various areas and different segments of the society. "We will keep pursuing and highlighting every issue, major or minor, to see Jammu and Kashmir progress and

prosper, notwithstanding the odds," the Congress leader said.

Bhalla reminded the BJP of the massive 2014 Jammu mandate for development and welfare and said that instead of doing a little bit in this regard they pushed the entire region to the wall. The developmental machinery came to a grinding halt and the utility services suffered major jolt due to the self-centred approach of the BJP leaders. "Apart from developmental and administrative inertia, the present anti-people dispensation is credited of sowing seeds of discord and perpetrating polarization by bringing regions and communities eyeball to eyeball situation as per sinister political strategy", Bhalla said.

Bhalla blamed Govt of credibility deficit, saying "There is a huge contradiction between words and

actions of govt. Referring to the deceptive posturing of govt, he said this is being done with a purpose to conceal its failures on governance and developmental fronts. He also described lack of coordination between various components of the Government detrimental to the interests of the sensitive state, which needs special dispensation for its unique problems. He said the initiatives taken by the previous Congress Government with regard to implementation of various developmental projects and welfare schemes have been put under the carpet mostly, which has considerably retarded growth and development across the state.

Bhalla listed various issues being faced by the people of J&K including erratic power supply, scarcity of drinking water,

deteriorating living standard of people, defunct utility services, increase in prices and deficiency of ration stocks have terribly hit the common man, who is feeling sense of deprivation. The former Minister said people, especially unemployed youth and different segments of employees and daily rated workers are taking to streets and this Government doesn't seem to be concerned. He cautioned the Government against testing the patience of the people and hoped that their problems would be looked into for early redressal. "The lack of cohesion and vision has made people of J&K suffer on account of development," he said and made a particular mention of the BJP and dared its leadership to list their achievements with regard to fulfilling the developmental

Hanuman Ji Padh Yatra, Pranprathishta event, scheduled for Oct 16, 17: VYSA

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JAMMU, OCT 14

Today, the tranquil and serene surroundings of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram in Jammu played host to a noteworthy press and media event. The occasion was marked by an engaging discussion on the upcoming Hanuman Ji Padh Yatra and Pranprathishta event, scheduled for the 16th and 17th of October, 2023. The event commenced at 12:00 PM and was followed by a delightful and sumptuous lunch for all the attendees.

The discussion, attended by prominent personalities, aimed to shed light on the significance and details of the two-day event, which promises to be a spiritually enriching experience for all participants. The 16th of October will kick off at 7:45 AM with the Padh Yatra, a religious procession dedicated to Lord Hanuman.

The Yatra will be followed by the sacred Navratri Bhojan, where attendees will have the opportunity to partake in a delicious and traditional meal.

On the 17th of October, the event will feature the Pranprathishta ceremony, which is scheduled to conclude by 8:30 AM. Following this sacred ritual, a medical camp will be set up in collaboration with the renowned Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayan Hospitals and AYUSH, aiming to provide healthcare services to those in need. This initiative aligns perfectly with the ideals of holistic well-being, which are at the core of the Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram's mission.

Among the distinguished attendees at the event were Yog Guru Karan Ji, the esteemed Chairman of Vishwa Yog



Sansthaan, who graced the occasion with his spiritual insights and blessings. Additionally, Sham Lal Basan Ji, the dedicated Corporator of ward 48, was present, showing his unwavering support for the event and its noble cause. Rajesh Padha Ji, Vikas Chopra Ji, and Sanhi Ji, all well-known figures within the community, also contributed to the discussion, sharing their perspectives on the event and its importance.

The Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram has long been a hub for spiritual

awakening and holistic living. The upcoming Hanuman Ji Padh Yatra and Pranprathishta event promises to be a remarkable extension of their commitment to nurturing the spiritual and physical well-being of the community.

This grand press and media event succeeded in generating considerable excitement and anticipation for the upcoming Hanuman Ji Padh Yatra and Pranprathishta event. With blessings from Yog Guru Karan Ji and support of dedicated indi-

viduals like Sham Lal Basan Ji, it is expected to be a profound and spiritually fulfilling experience for all attendees.

As the event dates draw near, residents and visitors of Jammu can look forward to participating in these sacred rituals, enriching their minds and souls, and enjoying the camaraderie of like-minded individuals on this spiritual journey. The Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram has once again opened its doors to all, offering a unique opportunity to experience the divine in the heart of Jammu.

Mark your calendars for the 16th and 17th of October, 2023, and be a part of this remarkable spiritual journey in the peaceful surroundings of Har Ki Pauri, Bagh e Bahu, Jammu.

PTTI Vijaypur organizes Lecture on "Discipline and Enquiries"



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VIJAYPUR, OCT 14

Principal Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur Shri Shiv Kumar-IPS organized a Lecture on "Discipline and Enquiries" at PTTI Vijaypur for the awareness of trainees of various training courses undergoing in the Institute. Inspector (M) Mulkh Raj of PTTI Vijaypur delivered lecture and threw light on

various rules laid down with regard to Discipline and Enquiries. He said police personnel should have a high quality conduct both at department as well as at society level. He emphasised upon the trainees to avoid misuse of Social Media which is contravention of service conduct rules. The officer has further briefed the participants regarding the types of enquiries, procedure of departmental enquiries

and detail of penalties, punishments which can be imposed upon members of service under service conduct rules for sufficient reasons.

Among others Shri Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech) PTTI Vijaypur, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, SI Kuljeet Singh, ASI Sourab Samotra, ASI Narinder Singh, ASI Yash Paul, HC Mohan Lal, Narinder Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

PM Congrats, lauds UT of J&K for achieving 100 percent ODF Plus Model Status under SBM (Grameen)

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JAMMU, OCT 14

Prof. (Dr.) P.L. Kaul, BJP leader and a prominent Social and Human Rights Activist during his interaction with the intellectuals, said it is a proud moment for every one of us that UT of Jammu and Kashmir has declared all its 6650 villages across 285 blocks in 20 districts as Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus model Status under SBM for which Lieutenant Governor, his dedicated staff and the people deserve congratulations. It is a remarkable accomplishment and a significant milestone.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji congratulated and lauded the efforts of J&K Govt for achieving 100 percent village ODF plus Status in the model category under SBM (Grameen) phase -2, and said this is a monumental step in our journey towards cleaner and healthier India. It signifies the Govts commitment towards solid and liquid waste management, thereby promoting cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene apart from construction of toilets. After abrogation of article 370, the UT has attained new heights in development and growth and SBM is one amongst

these with its global recognition. UT of J&K has now emerged as one of the first few UTs/states in the country to achieve this goal.

Motivation, community participation and recognition of exceptional work under the able administration of the Lieutenant Governor and his dedicated team has remained point of focus in propagating this noble mission, said Prof kaul. The journey to achieve the ODF Plus Model Status in each village, involved well planning, collaboration and its execution on the part of administration, staff and stakeholders and creating necessary infrastructure for solid and liquid waste management (SLWM). For grey water management, water generated from kitchen, bathing and institutes has been well managed by constructing soak pits at household and community levels, to the extent of 4,83,404 individual and 24,088 community soak pits constructed. It has gone long way to prevent water logging, water borne diseases, besides reducing environmental pollution, protecting health and keeping villages neat and clean. Where ever kitchen gardens were available

people were motivated to dispose grey water through kitchen gardens. Setting of soak pits was made possible by information, education and communication activities (IEC) including awareness programme at house hold and ward levels. It is really appreciable that the Directorate of rural sanitation of the Govt is keen to ensure effective grey water management in all the districts, panchayats and villages. Biodegradable waste management was managed through compost pits, with 1,77,442 individual and 12,621 community compost pits constructed. Efforts were also made towards the waste collection and its segregation with 6,509. Collection and segregation sheds. The construction of 5523 community sanitary complexes and 17,46,619. Individuals house hold toilets further contributed towards the clean and pollution free environment. Gobardhan initiations -'Waste to Health' to focus on converting animal dung and kitchen waste into biogas and bio slurry yielded positive results with 20 projects nearing completion. Door to door waste collection has been initiated to ensure sustainability. To address plastic waste, plastic waste

management units are established in each block to clean, shred and bail plastic waste for proper disposal.

It is worthy to note that Capacity building measures have been undertaken across 285 blocks in 20 districts, involving officers from rural development department, village level workers and trained Swachhagrahis who will further train the people and other social circles to achieve the mission's goal. The campaigns focussed on IEC through various initiatives viz, paintings, banners, awareness programmes, nukudnataks, swachhta karwan, swachhata quiz, swachhta pledge, print media, radio talks, announcements and many more to bring about behavioural change through cleanliness. Today, every village of J&K carries the message of Swachhta and we are all proud for this achievement.

To ensure sustainability of ODF Plus model Status in rural villages is a challenging task and thus calls for, combined efforts of Govt and the people for its consistent and continued sanitation facilities including toilets and waste management system across the districts, blocks, panchayats, door

to door collection of waste, initiations and efforts towards behavioural change, accountability and citizens participation so that Swachhta becomes a mass movement in rural areas. Engaging community participation, social culture groups, womens' self help group also play an important role in this noble mission. More so innovative techniques and remote monitoring can also enhance sustainability and more sustainable future for the rural people of Jammu and Kashmir. Sustainability in ODF plus Status is a continuous and never ending journey and needs multi dimensional approach to sustain its mission for future generation to come to ensure clean and healthier environment.

Once again we all are proud of this great achievement and extend our heartiest congratulations to Honble Lieutenant Governor, his dedicated team and the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their co-ordinative efforts to achieve this milestone of 100 percent ODF Plus model Status which is a testament to their commitment to cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene, stated Prof Kaul.

BIS celebrates Manak Mahotsav on theme

Shared Vision for Better World at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, OCT 10

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO) on Saturday organized "Manak Mahotsava" to celebrate the World Standards Day "Shared Vision for a Better World" at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar.

The function was presided over by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta who was Chief Guest on the occasion, while Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla was 'Guest of Honour'.

Director School Education Kashmir Tassaduq Hussain Mir, General Manager, DIC, Hameeda Akhtar, Tilak Raj Director and Head of Jammu Kashmir Branch, Pankaj Atri, Joint Director BIS, Dean FW NIT Srinagar, Prof. G.A Harmain, Dean AA Dr. Mohammad Shafi Mir, Dean A&IA Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Dean P&D Dr. J. A. Bhat among other dignitaries were present in mega event.

Dr. Chilaka Ranga, Dr. Iqra Altaf were the coordinators of the program from the NIT Srinagar side.



In his key speech, Chief Secretary J&K, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta emphasized

the importance of sustainability in our daily lives. It is not always essential for significant decisions to be made at higher levels of government, as each individual can play a pivotal role in shaping a better tomorrow through their actions, he said.

On the occasion, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla said standards play a vital role in our daily lives. They help to ensure that the products and services we use are safe, reliable, and efficient, he said.

"They also promote interoperability and sustainability across various industries, ultimately benefiting consumers and businesses worldwide," Prof. Yedla said. "Standards help to ensure that the products and services we use are safe, reliable, and efficient. It promotes interoperability and sustainability across various industries, ultimately benefiting consumers and businesses worldwide," Prof. Yedla

said. He said this year's theme for World Standards Day is "A Shared Vision for a Better World." It reflects the importance of standards in addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequality.

"Standards can help us to build a more sustainable, equitable, and inclusive world for all," the Director NIT Srinagar said.

Prof. Yedla said NIT Srinagar is committed to promoting the culture of standardization among its students and faculty.

The program was attended by more than 300 students of Govt. Model Higher Secondary School Shadipora, Bandipora, Govt. Model Higher Secondary School Gadakhud Sonawari, Bandipora, Govt. Unani Medical College Ganderbal and faculty members from NIT Srinagar along with more than 100 participants from various Industries, standards club mentors of the Kashmir valley.

Shri Raghunath Ji Mandir Sewa Samitti demands CBI enquiry into irregularities at Dharmarth Trust

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Shri Raghunath Ji Mandir Sewa Samitti has issued a fervent appeal to Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to take over the administration of the Dharmarth Trust. The Samiti asserted that the Trust's properties are currently subject to widespread mismanagement and inappropriate handling.

Shri Raghunath Ji Mandir Sewa Samitti is advocating for the establishment of a public board to oversee all temples and shrines under the Dharmarth Trust, thereby ending a 76-year-old family rule over this significant public trust in the Jammu and Kashmir state.

The Samitti further called for the formation of an independent commission to conduct a comprehensive audit of all properties owned by the Trust. This audit aims to



clarify the extent of land and properties held by the trust prior to 1947, before the current trustees gained control through alleged manipulation. These long-standing demands from the Hindu community remain unanswered, leading to considerable dissatisfaction among the public.

Rajiv Mahajan, President and Thakur Karnail Chand, General Secretary of the Samitti, addressed the media during a press conference, alleging that Maharaja Gulab Singh established the Dharmarth Department in 1846 to ensure the proper management and supervision of Hindu temples and shrines in the state. It initially

operated as a government department, with Maharaja Ranbir Singh appointed as the sole trustee.

However, with the abolishment of the monarchy in 1947, the Dharmarth Trust should have transitioned to a public entity. Regrettably, it remained under private control, eventually leading to the current scenario under the trusteeship of Dr. Karan Singh. Allegations of financial impropriety and misuse of trust assets persist, despite these concerns being documented in the state government's response in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court (Writ Petition No. 1154/86) concerning the takeover of the shrine board by then-Gov-

ernor Late Sh. Jagmohan. The Samitti accuses those in control of the trust of mismanagement, misappropriation of funds, and illegal land deals, particularly in relation to the transfer of properties to the Muslim community in Kashmir Valley, which has raised significant concerns among the Hindu populace.

Shri Raghunath Ji Mandir Sewa Samitti appealed to the LG for a thorough CBI enquiry into the matter and, in the interim, suggests the formation of an ad-hoc committee under the guidance of the Divisional Commissioner of Jammu and Srinagar, Prof. R. P. Sharma, Prof. S.S. Bhalwal, Rajiner Bhagat, Karan Singh, Pritam Sharma, Garu Ram Malhotra, Kamal Sharma, Subash Chander, Chuni Lal, and Nirmal Kishore, all members of the Samitti, present during the conference.

DDC Suresh Sharma holds review meeting with R&B officials

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BJP senior leader and DDC member Pandit Suresh Sharma held a review meeting with the officials of R&B. In this meeting, he stressed upon these officials to immediately start the black topping of roads, repair such roads which got damaged due to the recent rains. He said that roads should also be maintained and kept clean by jungle cutting.

Pandit Suresh Sharma asked them that tender process should be initiated under state sector for Mahadev mandir Gousan Road, Migalla Gian Chand 8 kilometer to Dhanna, mohalla Ram Rattan and Tilak Raj Kathat road, Mandrian to Badhan di Chapdi, Baduyee to Parsoti, Mohalla Lelyal Chouki Choura road, Middle School SC mohalla



to sub centre Goudan, Dhanna Kufi road, mohalla Chaman Lal to mohalla Rattan Lal, Sandal panchayat Majur, Mohalla Jasbir Singh Bala, Bala Bus Stand to Ammi Sati devsthan, Hardoo Malada road, Syal mohalla road, Kandi Sira Chapad road, Bala Bus Stand to Shah mohalla road, and work be started at the earliest. He further asked for preparing DPR for NABARD covered roads of block Maira Mandrian and Chouki Choura

and forward the same for approval to the higher officials and the roads which has already got approval under NABARD, tenders should be invited to start the work to fulfil the motive of connecting every village with pacca road network.

Executive Engineer Sunil Dogra, AEE Angrez Singh, JEs Somnath, Rakesh Sharma, Tilak Raj and Mujid Choudhary were present in the review meeting.

Will regularize dailywagers, restore Roshni Scheme if elected to power: Azad

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DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday met various delegations led by Sobat Ali Provincial Incharge ST wing and a delegation by district president Udhampur Ashwani Khajuria. Mr Azad was apprised by various issues by the delegations and he assured them they will take for the redressal at appropriate quarters. Azad, however, asked them to intensify the party activities and reach out to the people at grassroots. While addressing the ST community leaders, Azad said the eviction drive to retrieve government land was "unlawful" and claimed he will bring back the Roshni Scheme if his party is voted to power in the next assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Everyone, including government officials, who used the scheme to usurp large chunks of land will face the law, he said. The Gujjars community members led by DPAP leader and JMC corporator Sobat Ali met Azad at his residence and informed him that they were being constantly harassed by the government officials who kept saying that they were living on forest land and their houses and shops would be razed. The Gujjars community members led by DPAP leader and JMC corporator Sobat Ali met Azad at his residence and informed him that they were being constantly harassed by the government officials who kept saying that they were living on forest land and their houses and shops would be razed. Meanwhile, Democratic Progressive Azad Party General Secretary RS Chib on Saturday appealed the LG Manoj Sinha to provide compensation to the farmers of various areas of Jammu region who suffered extensive losses to their paddy crop due to heavy thunderstorm and rains.

Organ Donation Pledge Drive launched in Jammu

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JAMMU, OCT 14

State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K in collaboration with Bhartiye Jain Sanghthana (BJS) J&K, SS Jain Sabha J&K, Jain Taruni Mandal and Jain Yuvak Sangh today organized today the Online Organ Donation Pledge Camp for the general public at Namah, Shri Vimal Muni Jain Bhawan in Bahu Plaza.

Drive was inaugurated by Inspector General of Police Jammu, Sh Anand Jain in presence of Director Ayush J&K, Dr Mohan Singh and Joint Director SOTTO J&K, Dr Sanjeev Puri, Jeev Daya President, Sh Sandeep Jain also graced the occasion.

The dignitaries were felicitated by the office bearers of BJS and SS Jain Sabha.

Sh Anand Jain inspired all by registering himself for Organ Donation.

Sh Sandeep Jain, President, Bhartiye Jain Samaj (BJS) J&K requested every one to pledge for organ donation in this special drive.



Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission under Ayushman Bhav has launched a national portal for registering for Organ Donation. Anyone can get an organ donor card by clicking the link <https://notto.abdm.gov.in/> with the adhaar linked mobile.

Many persons from the Jain community and others participated in this drive and became organ donors.

SOTTO staff Anshu Sharma, Media Consultant, Irfan Ahmed, Transplant Coordinator, Nisha Kumari, Programme Assis-

tant and Ashwani Kumar coordinated the registration.

J&K Ayush Department organised an Ayurvedic medical camp for all in the camp with free consultation and medicines.

Dr. Sanjeev Puri, Joint Director, J&K SOTTO informed that such camps are being organised under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to raise awareness about Human Organ/Tissue Donation and motivate people to pledge to donate organs after death.

18 successful Renal Transplants held in SSH Jammu - Big positive news for Jammunities

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JAMMU, OCT 14

In a historic medical breakthrough, Super speciality Hospital Jammu (SSH) is proud to announce the successful completion of the first-ever independent, in house renal transplant procedure conducted by our local team under the able guidance of our worthy Principal GMC Jammu Dr. Ashutosh Gupta. This remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone in our commitment to providing world-class healthcare services to our people. All previous transplants in Jammu have been done by our team under the supervision of Dr. S Raina from Jaslok Hospital Mumbai.

The surgical team, led by Dr. Elias Sharma Prof & Head Urology, Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Ajay Anand, Dr. Muzzain Iqbal, Dr. Sunil

Kumar Bhatt, Dr. Yashir Rehman, Dr. Chetan Sharma, Dr. Yashir Mehmood exhibited extraordinary expertise and dedication in performing this intricate procedure, further solidifying our hospital's reputation as a leading healthcare institution in the region. The successful renal transplant would not have been possible without the remarkable teamwork and coordination of our entire OT staff.

Medical management issues related to Evaluation, pre transplant work up, dialysis, cross match and immunosuppression was taken care by Dr. Abdul Majeed, Dr. Raju Bhandari, Dr. Aman Gupta, Dr. Anuradha, Dr. Danish, Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Sahil from Nephrology team of SSH, who had been managing and following this patient for more than 6 months.

This patient, [36]-year-old male, who had been suffering from end-stage renal disease and had been on waiting list for a kidney transplant has now been given a new lease on life and is on the road to recovery with a creatinine of 0.9 mg/dl at the time of discharge.

The silent force behind the scene before, during, and after surgery was provided by a team of our Anaesthesiologist comprising of Dr. Smriti Gupta Prof., Dr. Ashwani Kumar Prof. and Dr. Anjali Mehta Associate Prof, Dr. Amit Manhas Asso. Prof. and Dr. Neha Dang Assistant Prof.

Urology and nephrology teams expressed their gratitude to the hospital's dedicated staff and the trust placed in the hospital by Mohd Faryad and their family. This achievement is a testament to the

relentless pursuit of excellence in patient care and medical advancements at SSH. We are immensely proud of this milestone, which would not have been possible without the support and faith of our community.

SSH is committed to continuing its tradition of delivering high-quality healthcare services and pioneering medical breakthroughs. We look forward to helping more patients in need and advancing the field of renal transplantation. SSH is a leading healthcare institution in Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir dedicated to providing exceptional medical services and advancing medical knowledge. With a team of highly skilled healthcare professionals and state-of-the-art facilities, SSH is at the forefront of medical innovation and patient care.

41st Chhari Yatra to Mata Vaishno Devi taken out with religious fervor

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The 41st Chhari Yatra led by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit was carried out with traditional fervor, commencing from the historic Radhunath Temple in Jammu, making its way as a grand procession through the main markets of Jammu and culminating in the picturesque hills of Trikuta, the abode of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

The Yatra was organized under the patronage of Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh and Child Saint Sahil Ji Maharaj, who initiated the Yatra by hoisting the Saffron Flag. Following the rituals and worship at Shri Radhunath Temple, a multitude of devotees cheered and celebrated the Yatra, proceeding through Radhunath Bazaar, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, and Raj Tilak Road in Nagrota, where the first Darshan was held at Kaul Kandoli.

Afterward, the Yatra continued to Dharm Nagari Katra, where it received a warm welcome from the officials of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine



Board and Party's Katra unit. The second Darshan was conducted at Deva Mai. Subsequently, the Chaddi Yatra reached its ultimate destination at the Darbar of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Speaking on the occasion, Manish Sahni stated that on the auspicious occasion of Navratras, special Chhari Puja rituals will be conducted at the Holy Cave Shrine, in which Goddesses Laxmi, Saraswati, and Kali will be venerated with full traditional customs. The prayers will be for brotherhood, peace, prosperity,

and economic advancement in Jammu and Kashmir, as well as the entire nation.

Sahni further noted that after the worship and rituals at Shri Radhunath Temple in Jammu, the Dharmarth Trust honored the Shiv Sena's National Organization, Ashok Tiwari, Vinod Kumar, and State President Manish Sahni by presenting them with a ceremonial Chunri (scarf). Additionally, the Shiv Sena, as a mark of respect, conferred mementos to Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh and Child Saint Sahil Ji Maharaj.

Billawaria dedicates newly constructed lane, drain to public at Gadigarh



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Continuing to provide better development as well as basic amenities to the people of Jammu, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicated newly constructed lane and drain to public at Gadigarh in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. This development work was done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria said that as the demand of the lane and drain was brought to his notice by the local residents, he immediately directed upon the concerned authorities to prepare an estimate for its construction and today with his efforts the demand of development works has been fulfilled. The Deputy Mayor said that the lane and drain work is one of the basic works needed along with that of water, electricity for a common

person. The Deputy Mayor said that it is very astonishing that the Gadigarh area has remained undeveloped. He further said that the previous Government was biased and playing with the sentiments of the people in terms of development. Deputy Mayor said that he is committed to carry forward the equitable development of the Jammu city irrespective of caste, colour and creed. He said that being a public representative, he would carry forward the slogan of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" to the doorsteps of the public. The public brought some problems to the notice of Deputy Mayor Billawaria and said that work should be executed on priority. Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria assured the residents that their legitimate demands would be fulfilled in a phased manner as the Government at Centre led by Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi has resolved total development and prosperity of the J&K UT. He appealed to the public to come up with the developmental works which are a necessity of the hour so that the process for the execution is initiated at the earliest. The Deputy Mayor said that the Municipal Corporation is committed to provide better infrastructure and other basic amenities to the people of Jammu city. The local residents also expressed their gratitude to Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for fulfilling their long-pending demand. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Mandal President Vijay Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Ramneek Singh, Pushap Khajuria, Mohinder Singh, Meetu Sharma, Malvir Singh, Nariender Singh, Popinder Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Raghubir Singh, Ichpal Singh, Darshan Singh, Balbir Singh, Kirpal Singh and others.

Sarsanghchalak calls for strengthening social harmony



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The Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Dr. Mohan Bhagwat Ji on Saturday exhorted Sangh Swayamsevak to work for the protection of the environment, cementing social harmony and strengthening the traditional family system of the Bharat.

During the second day of his three-day visit to Jammu, Dr Mohan Bhagwat Ji addressed Samanvah Baithak of the various organizations of the Sangh Parivar.

105 Swayamsevaks of 38 organizations of the Sangh Parivar attended the meeting in which various social issues were discussed.

The Sarsanghchalak emphasized the need for further spreading organizational networks so as to reach out to every home with the message of the RSS. He especially

focussed on spreading the organization's network ahead of the centenary celebrations (100th year) of the foundation of RSS.

In the Samanvah Baithak, the Sarsanghchalak reviewed various projects initiated by the J&K RSS for the development of villages and rural economy. He gave some suggestions to the Swayamsevaks who have taken projects for village development and social harmony in the society.

During this busy schedule, the Sarsanghchalak met with the inmates of hostel of Sewa Bharti at Keshav Bhawan. He interacted with the students and inquired about their educational activities. Inmates of the hostel recited patriotic songs before the Sarsanghchalak.

Khatriya Sanghchalak Sita Ram Ji Vyas and Sanghchalak of J&K Prant Dr. Goutam Mengi were also present on the stage.

'Runway Diaries' to host a mega fashion show on Oct 15 in Jammu

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The Runway Diaries, a platform set to redefine and give wings to the fashion industry in Jammu & Kashmir, is hosting a mega fashion show on October 15, 2023, at the prestigious Hari Niwas in Jammu. The show will showcase the exquisite craftsmanship and rich culture of the region through the collections of renowned designers, both from within and outside Jammu & Kashmir.

This was disclosed by Kunwarani Ritu Singh, Founder and Director of 'The Runway Diaries' while addressing a press conference here today.

Kunwarani Ritu Singh said "The Runway Diaries" is an ambitious platform designed to celebrate the rich cultural tapestry, talent, and craftsmanship that the Jammu region has to offer. With a vision to redefine and uplift the fashion industry in Jammu & Kashmir, it aims to provide opportunities to local artisans, promote culture, boost tourism, and nurture art and talent with a global perspective.

Kunwarani Ritu Singh



has been a driving force in contributing to the empowerment and growth of the region with her remarkable vision, dynamism, and grace. She has a track record of bridging gaps and shattering glass ceilings, and she now extends this vision to the world of fashion and self-expression through 'The Runway Diaries.'

The dynamic team behind 'The Runway Diaries' included Vanita Thakur, an entrepreneur, educationist, and fashion curator. Vanita Thakur founded the National Institute of Fashion Design (NIFD) in Jammu 25 years ago. Her dedication to nurturing young designers and preserving indigenous art forms has transformed the fashion landscape in the region. Anika Bansal:

With a diverse background in software technology and event management, Anika Bansal brings innovation and business acumen to the project. She is a driving force behind 'The Runway Diaries.'

Dev Krishan Sharma: Founder of Dernier Cri. Sarita Tondon: Makeup artist and Marketplace Coordinator.

The 'The Runway Diaries' fashion show will feature a stellar lineup. The show will open with collections by Varun Bahl and Jyotika Jhalani, with Talla as the jeweler partner. The grand finale will be presented by JWS and Kisna jewelers, with Iqbal Khan and Esha Sharma as their show stoppers. The event will be enriched with cultural performances, including Bharatnatyam

by Nitika Aggarwal and live Dogri and Sufi songs by Sonali Dogra.

The runway will be graced by 34 supermodels from Mumbai and Delhi, alongside Dimple Patel (Miss DIVA Globe, 2016) and Aprajita Sharma (FEMINA Miss India finalist top 10), along with top Jammu models.

Collaborators for this prestigious event include Anshu Khanna of Royal Fables, NIFD, Mitali Gupta, Amar Chouhan, Nafisa Rachel William, Manav Parahawk, Samaya Interiors, and other esteemed personalities from the fashion world.

The 'The Runway Diaries' fashion show will showcase the work of 19 designers from Jammu, highlighting the rich culture of the region. These designers will present exquisite Dogra Poshaks with intricate Gota and Zardozi work, fusion of modern and traditional Dogri designs, and Kashmiri work and embroidery. One of the designers will illustrate the evolution of the Dogra dress over the years. The designers include Sabhyata by Shivani, Jogmaya by Chan-

drik, Virtues by Sumeet, Athleticon by Shubham and Ddivyanshu, Dharni by Simmi Gulati, Kyari by Winnie Singh, Neem Dote by Ritu and Rusky, Esha Modi, Monika Bhatia Couture, Adaa by Sonali, SC Sharma Studio, Angad Creations, JWS, NIFD Institute, Tana Jewellers, Kisna Jewellers, Pooja Khurana Jewellery, Sunder Gems Jewels by Neetu Bali, Nazrana by Ridhima and Parakh, and Pitarra by Ferry Sachdeva, Shanti Jewellers.

Apart from the fashion show we also have the display of products in 60 stalls, having a great variety of merchandise ranging from clothing and textile, art, craft, lifestyle and fashion accessories, bakers and many more. Artisans from across Jammu district as far as Basohli, Reasi, Marh, Akhnoor, Samba, Udhampur and Kishtwar will give live demonstration of their products.

The event's sponsors include Tawi Automobiles, Hero, Dada Motors, Jaguar Land Rover, Chandigarh, Ruchika Makeovers, Pans and Pots, Core Fitness, City Walk, October, Paper Baag, Shaalz, and Bonn.

BJP Kissan Morcha President expresses concern over hailstorm damage to Basmati crops

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Sarabjit Singh Johal, President of BJP Kissan Morcha Jammu and Kashmir and a member of District Development Council (DDC) Ramgarh, today expressed serious concerns over the widespread damage to standing crops of 'Old Basmati' caused by a recent hailstorm.

Addressing media persons at BJP Headquarters in Jammu, Johal revealed that more than 75 percent of the standing basmati crops in the region have been severely affected by this natural disaster. He also shared that he, accompanied by party leaders Darshan Choudhary and Rakesh Pant, along with an Insurance officer, recently conducted a comprehensive on-site assessment of the affected fields. The team witnessed the distressing impact on local farmers, who depend on these crops for their



livelihoods.

Following their field visit, the team promptly met with the Deputy Commissioner of Samba to apprise him of the extensive crop damage. Johal urged the Deputy Commissioner to take swift action in this matter, including the necessary steps to assess the full extent of the damages and prepare lists of affected farmers.

Johal mentioned that the affected farmers hail from various regions, including Bishnah, RS Pura, Samba, RS Pura, and others, all of whom are now grappling

with significant agricultural losses. He appealed to the government to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the damaged crops and provide much-needed compensation to the affected farmers who have suffered financial setbacks due to the hailstorm.

The senior BJP leader asserted that the Modi Government is committed to support affected farmers and is determined to ensure that they receive the assistance and compensation they require during this challenging time.

BMW Group India records best-ever year to date performance for all brands – BMW, MINI, BMW Motorrad

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JAMMU, OCT 14

After posting the best-ever half-year in 2023, BMW Group India continues the success story by posting the best-ever year to date sales (January - September) - for all three brands - BMW, MINI and BMW Motorrad. In the first nine months, 9,580 cars (BMW and MINI) and 6,778 motorcycles (BMW Motorrad) have been delivered. BMW sold 8,998 units and MINI 582 units.

Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "BMW Group India is on an unstoppable record-breaking path. We posted the highest growth in a decade last year and this trend continues in 2023 by first posting the best-ever half-year and now the best-ever January - September sales as well. Our business strategy is playing out well and there are many important factors driving success for us. Most importantly, we are achieving growth across segments in a healthy, balanced and profitable manner. Whether it is the top-end or entry-level, BEV dominance or SAV



popularity, our segment-specific strategies and tremendous customer connect are yielding excellent results. We will keep the excitement up with powerful launches from our stable and are dedicatedly focused on ending 2023 on a high note."

BMW Group India is the leader in luxury battery electric vehicle (BEV) sales thanks to the most versatile electric range - BMW iX1, BMW i7, BMW iX, BMW i4 and MINI SE. Among all models, BEVs registered the highest growth. Five times more electric vehicles were delivered during January - September 2023 than in the same period in 2022. The BMW iX remains India's most sought-after

luxury electric vehicle in India. The first-ever BMW iX1 was gone in a flash on launch day, getting completely sold out for 2023. Provision of complimentary charger with every BMW and MINI BEV and the leading charging infrastructure in premium segment at BMW Group dealer network in 35 cities plays a vital role. A landmark milestone in luxury electric sales has been achieved with over 1,000 electric BMW and MINI cars running on Indian roads today.

With unprecedented desire for BMW Luxury Class, sales for BMW 7 Series, BMW i7, BMW X7 and BMW XM, saw a trailblazing growth of 102% y-o-y. The flagship

model - the BMW 7 Series - captured the limelight in ultra-luxury segment. The demand for BMW X7 has nearly doubled as its extremely popular among high-end Sports Activity Vehicles (SAV) customers.

BMW achieved best-ever sales of 8,998 units (+10%). Buoyed by the new launches, September sales hit an all-time high in the history of the brand. BMW Sports Activity Vehicles (SAV) contributed over 50% to YTD sales volumes. The highly successful BMW luxury sports activity vehicle - the BMW X1 - became the first in its segment to offer a new electric avatar (iX1) in addition to the petrol and diesel drivetrains. High number of orders for the new BMW X5 which was introduced in Q3 gave a further impetus to SAV sales.

Big Love drove MINI to record YTD sales with deliveries of 582 units (+10%). The locally produced MINI Countryman dominated with a share of 63% and the iconic MINI Hatch 17%. The contribution of electric MINI 3-Door Cooper SE was also at 17%. BMW Motorrad

thrived with sales of 6,778 units (+26%). Leading the volumes were 'Made in India' BMW G 310 R, BMW G 310 RR and BMW G 310 GS with a combined share of 88%. The core bikes available as completely built-up units saw a growth of 36%. The BMW GS Adventure segment, in particular, has been gaining tremendous popularity. The GS community is strong with over 10,000 GS bikes sold in India till date. Another popular segment is Sports with new bikes such as BMW S 1000 RR, BMW M 1000 RR and BMW M 1000 R taking the thrill a notch up.

BMW India Financial Services played an instrumental role by providing customised and flexible financial solutions which are significantly valuable to premium clientele of BMW, MINI and BMW Motorrad. Customers enjoy great value and complete peace of mind with BMW 360° finance solutions which offer attractive monthly instalments, assured buy-back options, flexible term-end opportunities and upgrades to a new BMW among other benefits.

Er. Wajid Bashir Khan member DDC Mendhar, Narinder Singh meet IGP, Jammu

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Today, Er. Wajid Bashir Khan (Tickoo) DDC Member Mendhar (HQ) & Narinder Singh Bhau met with IGP Jammu Anand Jain during their visit to Jammu City and wished him Good luck for his future Endeavors, But his services were more required in Jammu province Because he worked hard during his Tenure to curb Terrorism and Drug Menace.

A delegation of bjp workers along with Er Wajid Bashir Khan & Narinder Singh Bhau met IGP Jammu Shri Anand Jain and discussed the problems of Jammu province.

The drug trade is destroying the youth of Jammu today.

The topic of banning this was discussed along with the serious shifting



of terrorist acts in Jammu province.

They talk about focusing on sports programs organized by the police to encourage the youth

Farmers on our borders should not be stopped from going to the fields: Narinder Singh Bhau.

The issue of a police post near the degree college of Khour of Chhamb assembly constituency was raised.

Similar kinds of problems are faced in Mendhar and things that can be done are discussed by Er. Wajid Bashir Khan (Tickoo)

More problems of the people of Jammu province and Chhamb were discussed. They assured to solve them soon! remain, emphasizing that academic success would render them eligible for this beneficial scheme.

Free medical camp organized at Panchvati Apartments



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JAMMU, OCT 14

A free medical camp was organized at Panchvati Apartments, Nanak Nagar Jammu in which Doctors from Medanta Group participated.

The free medical camp was organized by BJP Library Incharge Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Pooja Grover spokesperson BJP Mahila morcha in collaboration with Er Dil Bahadur Singh and Er. T.K Sharma BJP State Incharge and State Co incharge of BJP Swachh Bharat Mission.

Full body tests including ECG were performed free of cost and free medical advice was given to the public by the experienced doctors in this medical camp. Around 80 patients underwent free body tests and took free consultation from experienced doctors. Prominent among others who participated included Miss Pallavi Gupta, Er S. K Zailpuri, Er VK Gupta.

The public of the area appreciated BJP leaders for the initiative and thanked the visiting doctors and Para medical staff for this noble cause.

Operation Ajay has instilled world's confidence in Modi govt: Chugh

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JAMMU, OCT 14

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today hailed the "Operation Ajay" under which 212 Indians have been evacuated from Israel and said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was committed to safeguard every Indian.

The special rescue operation for the Indians exemplifies the unwavering commitment of the



well. He said the prime minister had acquired a distinguished status on the international platform where all countries look for his guidance and support in moments of conflict as well for the causes of economic development.

Chugh said the Modi government was not just helping Indians in the conflict zone of Israel but has also extended assistance to those from Nepal and Bangladesh.

He said the Operation Ajay holds great significance for all Indians regardless of their current location as it instills hope that the Indian government would take every possible measure to help them repatriate quickly.

DDC Chairman starts devp work of WSS Kanha chak worth Rs 4 Cr

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, DDC Chairman Jammu today started development work of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) Kanhachak in Marh Assembly with an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore aiming to provide 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal'. The project included 2 tube wells, two sump tanks, one Over Head Tank with capacity of 50000 gallons and a distribution system in the area to fulfill the shortage of water scarcity.

Prominent among those who were present include DDC Balbir Kumar, BDC Surinder Kumar, Sarpanch Kana Chak Pooja Rani, Panch Bodh Raj, Roshan Lal, Bunty Singh, Bhunesh Kumar General Secretary BJP Jammu North, Ex Sar Devinder Singh and all Panchs.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman said that the BJP led Central Government is imple-



menting the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with states and union territories to ensure every rural household in the country has functional household tap connection for drinking water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis leading to improvement in their living standards.

For this, the Jammu district alone has got a major share under this scheme to provide household tap connections which will definitely improve the ease of living, he added.

Bharat Bhushan assured that after completion of this WSS, every household in the vicinity will get tap

water and the problem concerning the dearth of potable water will be fully eliminated from the entire belt.

Bharat Bhushan, while interacting with the people of the area, reiterated his commitment to ensure overall development of district Jammu with special emphasis on rural and far-off areas. He assured that besides development of the area, he will ensure that the benefits of various schemes meant for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor and needy reach the doorsteps of the people. He said only then we can say that the objective of good governance has been achieved.

Big Boost to Democratic Azad Students' Union in Jammu

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Former District President of NSUI Kathua, Nitish Sharma joined Democratic Azad Students' Union along with his supporters in the Presence of Sh Gulam Nabi Azad, Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

DASU President Sh Anirudh Raina, Vice President Sh Manik Sharma & General Sec-



retary Mohammad Nadeem Choudhary welcomed him to the Student Wing. In a joint statement Anirudh Raina

& Manik Sharma claimed that Students of J&K are with Gulam Nabi Azad and wants him as Chief Minister of J&K.

MP Khatana meets LG, discusses unemployment, pending selections

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Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha (Nominated) Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today called on LG Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha and discussed various issues of public importance here today including problems of unemployed youth, aspirants JKPSI/JEs, selected Compilers in Finance department and JSA waitlist candidates.

He sought LG Manoj Sinha's personal intervention to resolve the pending issues and new avenues for jobs in the Union Territory. MP Gulam Ali Khatana appreciated LG Manoj Sinha's personal commitment to bring Jammu and Kashmir out of the morass created by previous regimes headed by Congress, National Conference and PDP for last 70 years and stressed for creating job avenues for the unemployed youth.

He said that 100s of



delegation youth hailing from various regions of the state meet his and discuss their concerns and the prolonged delay in the publication of the recruitment exam results, appointment letters to the selected candidates and operation of waitlist. These aspirants have been eagerly awaiting their results for many years, which has left them in a state of anxiety and uncertainty about their future careers.

MP Gulam Ali further appreciated LG's decision to provide political reservation to OBCs in Local bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions. He said that this would address the long pending demands of OBC commu-

nity. He further stressed the need to change the nomenclature of the community from Other Social Castes to OBC.

MP Gulam Ali also discussed the issue of opening new Gujjar Hostels in uncovered areas so that at least 10K girls and boys each of the community should be accommodated. He also stressed the need for playgrounds, security, and other basic facilities like computer lab etc. in the existing hostels.

LG Manoj Sinha assured to address the issues of selectees and result seekers in a time bound manner and issued instructions to the concerned for the same. He also assured to look into other issues on priority.

Maha Sampark Abhiyan will highlight post-Art 370 initiatives in J&K: Kavinder

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JAMMU, OCT 14

Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir, is going to initiate the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan starting from October 24, 2023, with an aim to highlight the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Modi government in the Union Territory after the historic abrogation of Article 370.

This was disclosed by Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister while chairing a meeting of senior Party functionaries at the Party Headquarters in Jammu.

During the meeting, Kavinder Gupta said that the primary objective of the Maha Sampark Abhiyan is to emphasize the significant initiatives taken by the Modi government following the abrogation of Article 370 from the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said one of the key aspects highlighted during the meeting was the impact of Article 370's abrogation on various communities. It was recognized that Article 370 had deprived several communities of their due rights. However, the decision to revoke Article 370 brought about a positive transformation. The Modi government's actions have provided a dignified life to various communities in the region. He mentioned that several Central laws related to labor, education, and healthcare, were extended to Jammu and Kashmir, aligning the Union Territory with the rest of the country. The government conducted successful Dis-



trict Development Council (DDC) elections, allowing local self-governance and attracting investment through summits. Educational reforms, infrastructure development, and employment initiatives were launched to empower the youth and improve overall stability, he added.

Kavinder said these efforts have led to a decline in terrorist incidents and significant economic growth in the Union Territory. "Women's rights have been promoted through initiatives focusing on land rights and educational opportunities, while educational institutions and infrastructure development have improved access to quality education. Schemes and programs aimed at empowering the youth and reducing corruption have been implemented," he said.

The former Deputy Chief Minister urged the party workers to gear up for the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan and reach every nook and corner of the Union Territory to highlight these initiatives and key achievements of the Modi government. This campaign aims to transform the region, promote development, and offer better opportunities to its residents, he added.

IGP Jammu greets people on Sharad Navratri

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JAMMU, OCT 14

Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain-IPS has felicitated all citizens of Jammu Province, J&K

police personnel and their families on the eve Sharad Navratri. He wished the people a blissful festival.

In his message, IGP Jammu has expressed hope that the festival

will bring joy and happiness among the people of the UT of J&K including families of Police Martyrs and their families. He has also prayed for peace and prosperity of the UT of J&K.

Vikar Rasool Wani welcomes hundreds into Congress Party



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The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Vikar Rasool Wani on Saturday welcomed hundreds of political and social activists of Srinagar District into the Congress Party.

Wani termed the new joining an outcome of Congress Party's pro people policies while appealing people to come forward to support Congress in its endeavor to seek redressal of people grievances.

JKPCC President welcomed hundreds of political and social activists led by social activist Irfan Ahmad into Congress, hoping that the new entrants will work hard to further strengthen the Party in their respective areas and serve people to the best of their abilities.

Talking to media on the sidelines of the function, JKPCC President said political leaders and workers from different political parties are joining Congress as they have realized that BJP and other political parties cannot do what Congress has done for the wellbeing of the people and inclusive development of India. It is the Congress Party which stands guarantee to equitable development of all sections of the people living in the country irrespective of their colour or religion. Wani said BJP has betrayed people even after getting a second chance to rule the country, but could not fulfill the promises it has made to people before 2014 elections, rather many anti people measures and unexpected decisions taken by the ruling BJP led to the economic losses and backwardness of people. All the promises made by the BJP have fallen flat, unemployment has broken all records, people are confronted with multiple issues espe-

cially economic distress, unprecedented price hike on essentials and lack of development. Though much has been said with regard to development, but the reality is the developmental process started by UPA Govt in J&K has received severe setbacks, Wani added

How long people will be kept away from their democratic rights, Wani questioned and asked the

BJP Govt to pave the way for holding elections in J&K rather than creating obstacles. Election has to happen in J&K one day, but that will be the end of BJP's betrayal and deceitful policies as that it (BJP) stands exposed for failing people on all counts and then mislead them for the lust of power.

On this occasion Senior Congress Leaders were present.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The below mentioned members have applied for registration of society namely, "HELPING HANDS JAMMU" LOCATED AT H.No.99, AJIT COLONY, CAMP RAOD, TALAB TILLO, JAMMU in the Office of Registrar of Society under Society Registration Act, 1860. Objections if any, from individual, Institution, State or Semi State Government organization may kindly be communicated to the office of Registrar of Societies (Director, Industries and Commerce) 1st Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu by post or in person within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper.

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2	Sh. Hitesh Malhotra S/o Sh.Surinder Malhotra R/o H.No.164 1A, South Extn. Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.	Business	Vice President
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4	Sh.Sonali Sharma W/o Sh.Gourav Sharma R/o H.No.99, Near Shiv Mandir, Ajit Colony, Camp Road, Talab Tollo, Jammu	House Wife/ Social Service	Treasurer
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9	Sh.Divyanshu Sharma S/o Rajinder Sharma S/o H.No.35, Rajinder Bazar, Jammu.	Executive Member	Business

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (HYDRAULIC) DIVISION RAMBAN
SHORT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
E-NIT No. 39 of 2023-24 Dated: -12-10-2023

Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Ramban on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K by e-tendering mode on **Item/Percentage Basis** on **SOR 2020** from Govt. approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. having valid registration card, the Technical Bid open upto **19-10-2023 1400 Hours** for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Approx. Cost (₹ in lacs)	Cost of Documents/Tender fee (in ₹)	2% Earnest Money (in ₹)	Completion period	Class of Contractor	Tender Receiving Authority
01	Construction of 01 No Collection Tank at Ashri, Providing and Laying of Roofing Structure Chicken meshed, Supply channel at Nabul, Washout Drain at Ramban, Dry Masonry, Construction of Anchor Block and Providing, Laying and Fitting of Gravity Mains/ Distribution Main, at Nabul Gravity Ramban Town under MH- 4215 (UT Capex Budget)	Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Ramban	₹ 34.32 lacs	₹. 1000.00	₹.68640/-	60 Days	AAV, BEE	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI HYDRAULIC DIVISION RAMBAN

Position of AAA: Accorded
Major Head of A/c: MH- 4215 – UT Capex (PHE Sector)
Position of funds: Provision Kept in Capex Budget

- Date of publishing 12-10-2023 1000 (Hours)**
- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **13-10-2023 1000 (Hours) to 18-10-2023 (1600 Hours)**.
- (a) The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **13-10-2023 1000 (Hours) to 18-10-2023 (1600 Hours)**. The bids received will be opened at **19-10-2023 1400 Hours** online or any other convenient date.
(b) The complete bidding process will be online.
(c) Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the Office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Ramban on **19-10-2023 at 1400 Hours** or any other convenient date.
- Bid documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other relevant details.
- The site for the work is available.

No: JS/Hyd/D/R/ 8009-33
Dated: 12-10-2023

SD/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division,
Ramban.

DIP/J-9645/23

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Annexure B Notice

Whereas vide this office advertisement notification No:-02 of 2023, Dated:-24-07-2023 applications for the post of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) were invited from the eligible female candidates for various vacant posts in Municipal/ Panchayat wards under the jurisdiction of Poshan Project Dansal.

Whereas after receiving application forms (6), scrutiny was conducted by the members of the selection committee as per laid down guidelines in the New Human Resource Policy issued vide Govt. order no:-222- JK SWD of 2022 Dated 30.11.2022 and provisional selection list has been framed at annexure A and objection notice at annexure B excluding 01 AWC (Bye Pass – B) where no application forms were received and it's date was extended.

Now therefore objections are invited with regard to residence/Ward No./date of birth etc from the general public/applicants of the concerned municipal/panchayat wards within **10 days** from the date of issuance of this notice failing which no claim shall be entertained and the provisional selection list shall be treated as final without any further notice.

No: CDPO/D/1133/2023
Dated: 11-10-2023

[Signature]
(Member Secretary)
Child Development Project Officer
Dansal

DIP/J-9590/23

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, POSHAN PROJECT DANSAL
Subject:- PROVISIONAL SELECTION LIST FOR POST OF SANGINIS (Anganwadi Workers) OF POSHAN PROJECT DANSAL, JAMMU

S.No	Name of the District	Name of the Poshan Project	Name of Sanginis(AWVs)	D.O.B	Parentage	Residence	Ward No.	Contact No.	Name of AWC	Aadhar No.
1	Jammu	Dansal	Sheema Bibi	21-04-2004	Shah Mohd	Keran (Tarah)	5	9419490003	Tarah Barni	316559159832

Panchayat Tarah Ward W.No. 05 Anganwadi Center Tarah Barni
Recruitment for the post of Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker) in respect of Poshan Project Dansal

S.No	Name of Applicant	Parentage		Residence	D.O.B	Aadhar No.	Qualification 12th			Points based on relative criteria of retiree	Total Points	Remarks
		Father's Name	Husband's Name				Marks Obtained 12+2	M.M	Percentage 10+2			
1	Sheema Bibi	Shah Mohd		Keran (Tarah)	21-04-2004	316559159832	440	500	88.00			
2	Kiran Devi	Sham Singh		Tarah (Barni)	07-03-1996	584398578802	324	500	64.80			
3	Minakshi Devi	Rounak Singh		Tarah (Barni)	12-03-1999	608891688787	313	500	62.60			
4	Pumima Devi	Ragbir Singh		Tarah (Barni)	01-05-1994	687276200371	383	750	51.07			
5	Parveen Akhter	Farman Ali		Tarah	12-05-1991	315826407739	297	750	39.60			
6	Sapna Devi	Balbir Thakur		Tarah	10-05-1992	822080158684	392	500	38.40			

Miss/Mrs Sheema Bibi at S.No 01, securing highest points 88.00 is recommended for provisional selection as Sangini (AWV) purely on Honorarium basis.
The selection is subject to fulfilling of all codal formalities including verification of documents/antecedents & objections if any.

Rohit, bowlers star in Pakistan demolition



AGENCIES
AHMEDABAD, OCT 14

Pakistan's jinx remained unbroken as Captain Rohit Sharma and Shreyas Iyer's deep batting skills drowned Pakistan captain Babar Azam's dreams to give his team the first-ever win at the World Cup ODIs, and it came about in the easiest of ways for India at Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday.

The 192 runs target was never going to bother India's strong batting lineup, and Rohit made it happen with a splendid 86 runs, and Shreyas with his unbeaten 53 at the end.

Rohit was on song, taking the Pakistani pacers to the cleaners with his graceful batting display and masterful stroke-making.

The trademark pull off Haris Rauf towering over deep backward square leg was the highlight of Rohit's knock. His raucous innings ensured Shreyas dropped anchor and guided India to a resounding victory with 7 wickets in hand and 19.3 overs to spare.

Pakistan did not set the target as expected, and were left bemused of surrendering to Indian bowlers superexcellent efforts. They were reduced to 191 all out from 155/2, and that is where the neighbouring giant lost.

Shubman Gill smashed

a boundary of the first ball in his comeback match, but did not stay for long. He cut Shaheen Afridi's ball hard, but it landed into the hands of the point fielder.

Despite losing Gill, India were off to a great start with Virat Kohli smacking two consecutive boundaries off Shaheen, but more than anyone else, it was Rohit who fired over the ropes.

While Rohit went all guns blazing, Kohli fell while trying to repeat the heroics at the other end. He attempted an uncharacteristic cross-batted shot and mistimed it to mid-on. Nevertheless, India were still on the top with 79/2 in just 10 overs.

Rohit got to his fifty off just 36 balls. After that, Rohit and Shreyas started to deal in sixes, hinting at wrapping the match pretty soon and sending a strong message.

Change of pace foxed Rohit as he went into the shot mode early and miscued it, but did an awesome job for India. He hammered 86 off just 63 balls to put India completely on top.

Shreyas smacked a boundary to bring up fifty and finished the job for India as they extended the streak in the World Cup to 8-0.

Earlier, the Indian bowlers shocked Pakistan, skit-

ting them for a paltry 191.

Considering the start Pakistan got off to, it was quite extraordinary how they folded their innings for a total less than 200. The Pakistani batsmen got off to a rollicking start as India's bowlers were off the mark, especially they carted away Mohammed Siraj for few boundaries and were looking ominous.

Imam-ul-Haq smashed Siraj for three boundaries in his very first over, but he gave India the first breakthrough by trapping Abdullah Shafique (20) in front in the 8th over.

Hardik Pandya forced Imam to snick one behind the stumps to KL Rahul for 36 off 38 balls with 6 boundaries. Pakistan were 73/2 and their most trustworthy pair was out in the middle.

Captain Babar and Mohammad Rizwan held fort and started accumulating runs. They dropped anchor, but did not lose an opportunity to put away loose balls to boundaries. It looked Pakistan were in for a big total with the duo at the crease.

But there was a big moment when Rizwan was given out lbw against Ravindra Jadeja, and looked out in real time, but the batsman reviewed the decision and the TV umpire watched the ball missing the stumps.

DC reviews progress of ongoing developmental works in RDD Sector

J I NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 14

In an effort to assess the current status of various ongoing developmental projects in Rural Development Department (RDD) sector, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai conducted a comprehensive review meeting with RDD officers at the DC Office Complex Udhampur.

The meeting, attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh, Sub Divisional Magistrates, and Block Development Officers (BDOs), focused on multiple RDD work schemes

and programs, including MGNREGA, PMAY-G, ADP, progress of Amrit Sarovars, SBM-G advancements, estimates for CSC under SBM-G phase-II, material expenditure by block, work progress up to the financial year 2023-24, and ensuring timely payments, among other critical aspects. During the meeting, BDOs were directed to prioritize the timely execution of all schemes while maintaining a strong emphasis on quality and transparency. The DC emphasized the importance of adhering to project timelines and completing ongoing initiatives within the stipulated timeframes.

SLCA organizes "2-days Training Program on De-addiction" for HS providers

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

JKSPYM State Level Coordinating Agency organized "Two-days Training Program on De-addiction for Health Service Providers" at training hall, Govt. Maternity Hospital, Gandhi Nagar GMC Jammu on Oct 13th & Oct 14th, 2023 in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. Nurses, MLHPs, Health Educators, Nursing Tutors, Counsellors, and pharmacists from district Samba, Kathua, Reasi and Jammu took part in the training program.

Training Program initiates with the inauguration by Dr. Arun Sharma,



Medical Superintendent, Govt. Maternity Hospital, Gandhi Nagar. Resource persons for training program were from Psychiatric department, GMC, Jammu and GMH, Gandhi Nagar. Topics covered in two-days program were components of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, Overview of drugs, drug addiction prevention and treatment, Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment, Drug Addiction in Women & Pregnant

Women, Introduction to ASSIST Screening Tool, how to use ASSIST Tool, How to Score and introduction to ASSIST tool, "Pharmacotherapy in Drug Addiction (what health workers should know)". Training program concluded with the certificate distribution function. Medical Superintendent, GMH, Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Arun Sharma & Program Director, Ms. Pallavi Singh presented the certificates to all the participants.

Ladakh's election verdict will be repeated in J&K giving a hard reality check to BJP: Sawhney

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU

A pivotal meeting of the Congress party was held in Ward no. 19 of Gumat, Jammu East with the public and Congress members. Former Jammu and Kashmir Minister Yogesh Sawhney, District President Incharge Jammu (Urban) also attended the meeting which was organised by Sardari Lal and Mannat Mehra. During the meeting, the former Minister made a significant statement, asserting that Ladakh's recent political developments, seen as a sharp return gift to the BJP for the Article 370 revocation and statehood changes, would echo in Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting, attended by a diverse group of political activists, community leaders, and local residents, focused on the party's goals for the region. Yogesh Sawhney expressed his belief that Ladakh's response to the central government's actions could set a precedent for Jammu & Kashmir. "Ladakh has clearly shown its stance and sent a strong message to the BJP



for the way Article 370 and statehood were handled," Sawhney remarked. "I am confident that the people of Jammu & Kashmir will also give a sharp reply to the BJP through their votes and collective actions."

The revocation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories in 2019 were done with doubtful mechanisms. While the government argued that these moves would bring development and integration, we know that they were meant to undermine the region's special status and autonomy, he said. The impending electoral developments and the decisions of the electorate will ultimately determine the course of the region's political journey, Sawhney said, adding that majority

of people will give a harsh reality check to BJP. The BJP, winning only 2 seats in Ladakh, shows that people are not ready to be wronged anymore.

The former Minister further emphasized that the recent electoral results in Ladakh, which witnessed a political shift away from the BJP, have set a crucial precedent for Jammu & Kashmir. He noted that these results reflect the aspirations and sentiments of the local populace and their desire for political change. The results in Ladakh serve as a reminder that public sentiment and local preferences can shape the political course, and that sentiment is against the BJP for ruining the opportunities for all sections of society in erstwhile state, he said.

Sat, Neelam provide Wheel Chair to Divyang



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Former Minister Sat Sharma CA, Municipal Councillor Ward No-40 Neelam Nargotra and Mandal President BJP Talab Tillo Keshav Chopra provided Wheelchair to a specially abled person at Kabir Colony Talab Tillo.

Speaking on the Occasion Sat Sharma said that this has come to our notice that Raj Kumar a resident of Kabir Colony lost the ability to walk and he has to go through the Dialysis twice in a week, Our

team immediately took the action and provided them the wheelchair at his doorstep. We are always ready to serve the society.

Speaking on the Occasion Neelam Nargotra and Keshav Chopra said that for BJP Nar sewa is Narayan sewa and we are committed to work for the welfare of the needy sections of the society.

Arun Dubey, Rahul Nargotra, Abhishek Sharma, Vikas Kumar, Manoj, Raman Sharma, Kaku, Saini and others were also present during the programme.

Modi govt concerned for devp of every region: Ashwani



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

During weekly sitting at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, BJP senior leader and former MLA, Ashwani Sharma listened to the grievances of the people in the public darbar.

Ashwani Sharma, while interacting with the people in the public darbar, said that the BJP as well as its government at the centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are concerned for the development of every region and welfare of all the sections of the society. He said that BJP is the only political party whose cadre is always at the doorsteps of the people without any leave or holiday and working tirelessly to help every household in availing the benefits of numerous schemes meant for the socio-economic upliftment.

Ashwani Sharma said that Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister of India in 2014 and during the last more than nine years, his government

has taken one historic decision after the other, exclusively for Jammu and Kashmir and its people, which has brought many changes. He said that the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, now Union Territory has witnessed historic development with the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A.

Modi government has taken great step for full integration of J&K with the rest of the country. Today, there is no separate constitution and flag and national tricolor has true honour here, which is a big achievement, he said and added that J&K is fast moving on the path of peace, progress and prosperity. During the public darbar people from Kishtwar, Laswara, Shangus, Bishnah and other areas highlighted their problem related to settlement of bank loan, construction of road, regularisation of SPO, tile work, lane and drain in main bazaar Bishnah. Their problems were taken up with the senior officials of the concerned departments for early disposals.

Power shutdown

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 14

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Industry Estate Digiana, Digiana, Jeevan Nagar, Babliyana, Raina Colony, Parts of Gangyal and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 15 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Tanda, Balli Gulaba, Sungal, Chowki Choura, Maira Maindrian and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 16 from 8 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Planagarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharif and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 17 from 9 am to 5 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana, Machallian and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 17 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Industry, DC Office, Bainglad, Raiyan, BSF, Mawa, PHE and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 15 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to SICO, Birpur Complex, Bari Brahmana, Palli, Kothi Morh, Canal Road, Sevada and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 15 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Industrial area Bari Brahmana will remain affected on October 15 from 9 am to 9.30 am and 5 pm to 5.30 pm.

SKUAST-J organizes seminar on "Critical Stress Management through Positive Thinking, Scientific Meditation, and Stress Coping"

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 14

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu organized an important seminar on the crucial topic of "Critical Stress Management through Positive Thinking, Scientific Meditation, and Stress Coping" yesterday under the leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and Chief Patron of the event. This event brought together a distinguished group of speakers and dignitaries. The seminar featured well-known individuals from the world of academia and healthcare. The seminar began with an opening address from Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu who spoke about the critical issue of stress and the Crucial Role of sound Sleep for Managing Mental Health. He also expounded on the challenges and stress that students commonly face during their academic journey. Some



of the notable speakers included Dr. J. P. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor of SKUAST J; Dr. Mohit Gupta, Professor of Cardiology at GB Pant Hospital in New Delhi and Dr. Amitash Ojha, Assistant Professor at IIT Jammu. Prof. J. P. Sharma spoke on Happiness is Happening and shared valuable insights on stress management and achieving happiness, offering practical strategies that attendees could apply in their. He said

Stress management is the key to unlocking the door to happiness, as it empowers individuals to navigate life's challenges with resilience and embrace a more content and fulfilling existence. Dr. Mohit Gupta followed with an enlightening discussion Seven Transformation that will Change your Life forever. He elaborated on stress management, scientific meditation, and effective ways to cope with stress

and said Stress management is crucial for maintaining physical and mental health, with scientific meditation offering a powerful tool to reduce stress. He was of the view that effective coping strategies, such as exercise, mindfulness, and seeking support, help individuals navigate life's challenges with resilience and composure. Dr. Amitash Ojha spoke on the topic Not who, but who are you and through his candid sharing of personal experiences with stress, he made a profound contribution to the seminar's discussions. He skillfully delved into various facets of stress, impact on individuals and strategies for

managing it effectively. Earlier, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Prof. & Head, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry and PI, NAHEP-IDP welcomed all the dignitaries and guests. Following this, a ceremonial lighting of the lamps marked the auspicious beginning of the event. All the statutory officers of the university were also present on the occasion. Also the seminar received enthusiastic participation from the faculty members and students of SKUAST Jammu, underscoring the university's commitment to addressing and managing critical stress-related challenges in today's world. This event was a significant step in fostering knowledge and strategies for dealing with stress and promoting overall well-being. The proceedings of the seminar were conducted by Dr. Vivek M Arya, Associate Professor & Organizing Secretary and vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sanku Borkataki, Organizing Secretary of the seminar.