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### Early winter chill in J&K; upper reaches receive fresh snowfall, rains lash plains

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SRINAGAR, OCT 16

Under the influence of Western Disturbance, several parts of Kashmir experienced fresh snowfall while rains lashed plains of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday, resulting in significant dip in the mercury across the Union Territory. The fresh wet spell also led to the closure of several roads as well.

According to the news agency, rains lashed plains of J&K since the wee hours of this morning.

Many areas in the higher Afarwat area of Gulmarg, has plummeted across J&K Sinthan Top, Bhaderwah, including Srinagar where Mughal Road in Poonch, 12.8 degree Celsius was Gurez in Bandipora and recorded today compared other places received to 22.0 degree Celsius on fresh snowfall today.

As per the details, six inches of snowfall was cury settled at 9.3 degree recorded at Sinthan Top Celsius today compared



marg till this evening. With the fresh precipi-

Sunday.

In Pahalgam, the merand Afarwat area of Gul- to 15.9 degree Celsius

yesterday while Kokernag recorded 10.4 degree reaches of J&K including tation, the temperature Celsius compared to 21.2

degree Celsius on Monday. In Kupwara and Anantnag, there was a dip of 11 degree Celsius compared to yesterday while Jammu recorded a maximum temperature of 20.9 degree Celsius today compared

to 30.5 degree Celsius CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

A slew of projects dedi-

cated to the people today in the Health, Education, Water Supply, and Urban

Development sectors will

empower all sections of

### Navratri Puja at historic Sharda temple signifies return of peace in Valley: Home Minister

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCT 16

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for return of peace to valley after Navratri Pujas took place at Historic Sharda Temple at LoC in north Kashmir Kupwara dis-

After the reconstruction of Historical Sharda Temple in Teethwal (LoC) in north Kash-Shah earlier this year Teethwal recently. on 23rd March. Scores of pilgrims since it was Minister of India Amit to offer prayers.

in the border district. ing peace to the valley. From different parts of CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4



the country, pilgrims visit there.

As per details available with news agency, on the Line of Control for the first time since partition in 1947 Navratri mir's Kupwara district. Puja of Sharad-Navratri The temple was virtually took place in the presinaugurated by Home ence of a large number Minister of India Amit of devotees at the LoC in

Meanwhile, Home reopened visit this place Shah called himself fortunate to reopen the The reopening has temple virtually and also led to the revival praised Prime Minister of pilgrimage tourism Narendra Modi for bring-

### 224-meter viaduct on NH-44 in Banihal completed: Nitin Gadkari

SRINAGAR, OCT 16

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari on Monday said that 224-meter viaduct on National Highway 44 in Sherebibi area of Ramban district has been completed.

In a post on X, formerly known as Twitoverall connectivity.

completed the construc- 224-meter segment, as



this project contributes with an estimate cost of the travel distance by to the region's economic 12 crore. This infrastruc- 125 meters, thus mitigatgrowth and enhances its ture is situated along ing steep gradients, but the Ramban to Banihal also avoids the need for "In Jammu & Kashmir, section of NH-44," he a steep cutting with a hill we have successfully said. He added that this slope angle

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### Hybrid terrorist arrested in Shopian

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SHOPIAN, OCT 16

possession in Shopian, RR,SOG PC Imamsahib

police said on Monday.

A police spokesman in a statement issued to the ing at Manihal Crossing, Police alongwith secu- news agency said that on a suspicious movement rity forces arrested one 16 Oct 2023, a joint Naka of one person coming hybrid terrorist and and patrolling in villages towards naka point by recovered incriminat- of Manihal, Aloora, DK ing materials, arms and Pora was established by seeing police party and ammunition from his Shopian Police, Army 34

and 178 Bn CRPF.

"During naka checkfoot was observed. While security forces, the

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### LG lays foundation stone, dedicates to people various projects worth around Rs 290 Cr at Anantnag



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and laid the foundation occasion. stone of various develaround Rs 290 crore at Anantnag's path to eco-Anantnag on Monday.

the society," the Lt Gover-Our focus on health and education will prepare the people for future challenges and revitalize the growth story of the

The Lt Governor con-The Lt Governor said gratulated the District the foundation stone Administration, public laid for projects in Rural Lieutenant Governor representatives and resi- Development, PW (R&B), Manoj Sinha inaugurated dents of the district on the Jal Shakti, Fisheries and Tourism sectors will bring "This is yet another visible impact on the qualopment projects worth milestone in district ity of lives of the people.

"The prime goal of CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

district, he added.

### BJP inculcated spirit of inclusiveness: Rana



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to become Vishwa Guru periphery of Jammu. by pursuing Prime Minis-Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

"Together we can overcome all the challenges with courage, as has been Describing unity in diver- done during the past over sity as real strength of the nine years of the BJP led world's largest democ- National Democratic Alliracy, Senior BJP leader ance Government", Mr Mr Devender Singh Rana Devender Rana said while today said India is poised addressing people in the

He said the BIP has set ter Narendra Modi's cher- a goal to take the nation ished agenda of Sabka towards new heights by taking along all

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### **LG chairs District Development Review meeting at Anantnag**

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ANANTNAG, OCT 16

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday chaired the District Development Review meeting at Anantnag and took appraisal of the progress of development projects, implementation of Centrally-sponsored & UT Sector schemes and saturation of welfare schemes in the district.

Shailender Kumar, Prin-



CS launches digi dost

services, IT policies

toll-free number, online

cipal Secretary Public officers. The meeting was Works (R&B) Department; Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; huri, Divisional Commis- ing efficiency, sioner Kashmir and senior

The Lt Governor comattended by Ch Mohd. Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhan- mended the District Yousuf Gorsi, Chairman dari, Principal Secretary Administration for its DDC Anantnag; Vijay to Lt Governor; Vijay Bid-remarkable work in ensur-

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### **CS reviews completion** of JSCL projects



JAMMU, OCT 16

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Monday took a review of the proj-Jammu Smart City Limited during this time of the

The meeting was city. attended by Principal concerned officers.

stressed that the ongoing them with the click of the projects for beautification button only. of the city should be completed forthwith to add to new 100 e-buses its aesthetic appeal.

Dr Mehta recalled that the projects like giving facelift to the Vikram Chowk, installation of view cutters before SRTC yard, upgradation of Bahu ects taken up under the Fort Road, Satwari Chowk and Airport Road should (JSCL) to be completed also be carried out for giving major upliftment to the outlook of this capital

nomic and social progress.

He also urged the offi-Secretary, H&UDD; Com- cers to extend all the ITmissioner Secretary, IT; based smart solutions to Commissioner JMC & the city dwellers in view CEO, JSCL besides other of the commitment of offering all the services The Chief Secretary through online mode emphasized upon the offi- in the UT. He made out cers to take emphatic and that the city people not all necessary measures for only deserve world class uplifting the overall ambi- infrastructure but all ence of the Jammu city. He the services delivered to

While taking note of the

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### IGP Jammu Zone review security /crime meeting at Kathua, holds public interaction

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Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Sh. Anand Jain-IPS reviewed the crime position and over-all functioning of District Kathua with all supervisory officers, SHO's, IO's and other Police officers. The disposal of cases registered during the current year and previous



Shri Anand Jain-IPS was arrival. pendency was reviewed, accompanied by DIG JKS discussed and instructions Range Sh. Shakti Pathak -

of Police Jammu Zone, honour at Kathua, on his

IGP Jammu Zone in his first visit interacted and IPS and his team of officers welcomed all the offi-Inspector General and was given a guard of cers with the note that

the basic concept behind conducting the meeting is to see and discuss as to where the fault lies and how to improve the quality of investigation.

The focus was laid on NDPS cases, Bovine smuggling cases, Crime Against Property and Crime Against Person, and Inquest Proceedings. The participants were briefed to concentrate on NDPS cases with special reference to find out, source, carrier and destination.

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JAMMU, OCT 16 Chief Secretary Dr. Arun

slew of digital initiatives aimed at improving access to government services at the total number of online Civil Secretariat here on Monday. The various initiatives /UT of the country.

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launched include a Toll-Free Number-1447, which IT policies for the Governvices at the doorstep of Policy, PASSWORD Policy, common public by paying and Policy on the Use of a minimal fees prescribed IT Resources were also by the Govt. DigiDost - a adopted. These policies Information Technology and efficient use of diginity Service Centre (CSC) ment operations, with an is a revolutionary step by emphasis on security which people can get the

services delivered at their doorstep by calling on this toll free number.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Kumar Mehta launched a also launched ten new Online Services of multiple departments, taking e-services to 1065, which is the largest for any state

Further, the three key aims to provide e-ser- ment of J&K: the E-mail collaborative initiative of aim to ensure the secure Department and Commu-tal resources in govern-

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### Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates CBC's Multimedia **Exhibition to mark Navratra festival** JI NEWS SERVICE

KATRA (J&K), OCT 15

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today expressed concern over the menace of drug addiction spreading even



to Reasi district and the holy destination of Katra Vaishnodevi. The Minister said he

was disturbed to receive reports about rising cases of substance abuse by the youth in this region. The Minister had held

review meetings with the local administration and law enforcing agencies

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KUPWARA, OCTOBER 16

Under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', a nation-wide campaign envisaged as the culminating event of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Amrit Kalash Yatras from all 24 blocks and three ULBs of Kupwara district reached at TRC Kupwara. People from across the district, in a large number, chanting patriotic songs amid a festive environment converged at TRC to receive Amrit Kalash Yatra, despite incessant rains.

The mitti and rice collected from the villages



during the village level Amrit Kalash yatra was Information Officer Kupkalash yatras in earthen welcomed and received wara, Dy.CEO Kupwara pots (Kalash) was brought by Chairman, District and students from differfrom block headquarters Development Council ent educational instituto TRC Kupwara in a fes- Kupwara, Irfan Sultan tions were present on the tive environment. Yatra Panditpori; Vice Chair- occasion. from block headquarters man, Haji Farooq Ahmad was accompanied by con- Mir; District Development Development Council cerned chairperson BDC, Commissioner Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Pan- occasion said that the cers, students and general BDOs, PRIs, and employ- Ayushi Sudan, ADDC Kup- ditpori thanked district ees of different blocks of wara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; Administration Kupwara, ACD Kupwara, ACP Kup- PRIs and officers and func-

Chairman District ceremonies. TRC Kupwara, wara, CEO LBDDA, District tionaries of Rural Develop-

working tirelessly and nation. making MMMD campaign a success in the district.

Mera Desh (MMMD) soil was taken from door campaign was started to door and put in the to encourage people Amrit kalash. The purpose to pay their tributes of which was to make our to the Veers (Martyrs) future generations underwho dedicated and sacrificed their lives said that all this soil will be for the nation. The used to make Amrit Vatika campaign unfolded at in Delhi, a place which Panchayat/Village and Block level inviting person with a feeling of people to participate

in Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign through various activities such as construction of Shilaphalakams, tree plantation, Veeron ka Vandan, and Panch Pran

"Meri Maati Mera Desh" those heroes who sacri- cold weather.

ment department for ficed their lives for the

She said that this initiative has been aimed to infuse a sense of patrio-Vice Chairman, tism and nationalistic District Development fervor within the hearts Council Kupwara said of the people. Under this that the Meri Maati campaign, the DDC said, stand these sacrifices, she would be visited by every belongingness.

A scintillating cultural programme was presented by students of different educational institutions.

ADDC Kupwara Altaf Khan expressed gratitude to all the PRIs, Representa-DDC Kupwara, on the tives of ULBs, District offipublic for their massive programme aims to participation in the event respect and remember braving incessant rain and

### DC reviews progress on Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 16

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal convened a meeting to review the ongoing developments on the pivotal Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project. This crucial infrastructure venture holds immense promise for enhancing connectivity and fostering development in the region, making the review imperative. A comprehensive review passes a total length of 33 kilometers, and significant er also discussed issues dards underscores the to resolve the issues ami-



during the meeting indi- ity and precision, urged Commissioner directed cated that the road encom- the officers to steadfastly the concerned departadhere to the prescribed ments to expedite their specifications for the con- efforts in completing the progress has already been struction of the road. His roadwork, recognizing the achieved. Meanwhile, emphasis on maintaining urgency and importance the Deputy Commission- impeccable quality stan- of timely project delivery. regarding the construc- commitment to delivering Member Darhal, Idbal tion work and asked the a road that not only serves Malik; ACR, Imran Rashid officers to work in tandem as a lifeline for the local Kataria; SDM Thanapopulace but also stands mandi, Shafiq Mir and AC the test of time in terms Defence, Saleem Qureshi Deputy Commissioner of durability and safety. and Officers from BRO

Among others, DDC with a keen eye for qual- Furthermore, the Deputy attended the meeting.

### **Deputy Commissioner reviews progress** of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes in Rajouri



RAJOURI, OCTOBER 16

drinking water to rural communities, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, the progress of the Jal ress. Jeevan Mission schemes.

Deputy Commissioner resolute directive for offiunderscored the utmost cers to adopt a results- attended by the CPO, importance of top-notch oriented approach and Mohammad Khurshid; SE work quality, on-time proj- adhere strictly to pre- Hydraulics, Bharam Jyoti ect completion, and vigi- defined timelines. lant supervision to meet the goals of the mission.

actively underway.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the pivotal meeting to assess of the schemes in prog-

During the meeting, completion, DC issued a of the mission.

lighted significant strides District Administration officers.

already achieved in to implementing the Jal Rajouri, where 293 JJM Jeevan Mission effectively, schemes have been green- ensuring that rural areas In a bid to provide clean lit, and 252 schemes are gain access to this basic necessity - clean drinking

**Deputy Commissioner** Vikas Kundal chaired a component wise progress rallied them to persist with dedication and unwavering commitment To expedite scheme in achieving the objectives

The meeting was Sharma; XEN Jal Shakti This meeting serves as Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; a testament to the unwav- XEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, The meeting high- ering commitment of the Vipin Kumar, and other

### Spot inspection, assessment of fire-related DC, SSP Doda visit property damages conducted in Hajin



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District Development Commissioner affected families.

(ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan, Monday visited Hajin and assessed the losses caused due to devastation inflicted upon private properties in fire incident at Hajin.

The embarked on a comprehensive inspection of the private properties' damages, aiming to gauge the extent of the disaster's impact.

The ADDC conveyed his deep concern for the victims of this natural calamity and stressed the

imperative need for swift and precise assessments to facilitate essential aid and relief measures. He said that the district On the directions of Deputy Commis- administration is committed to provide sioner (DC) Bandipora, the Additional relief and necessary requirements to the

# Guldanda to review the status of tourist amenities



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 16

Amid rains and fresh Deputy Commissioner along with SSP Doda equivalent to God). Abdul Qayoom visited Division Bhaderwah and uninterrupted power and local and outside tourists. water supply to the resi-

tourist guides, and others have been urged to put in place all the required infrastructure and allied snowfall in the higher things and give elite hosreaches of the district, pitality services to the visitors promoting 'Atithi Doda Vishesh Mahajan, Devo Bhava' (the guest is

It is worth mentioning Guldanda- tourist desti- here that the Bhaderwah nation in Bhaderwah to and its adjoining tourreview the status of tour- ist destinations receive ist amenities and other heavy snowfall during the basic essential services in winter, attracting adventhe area. DC, during his ture and other tourists visit has instructed PWD from across the country.

Administration, last GREF authorities to keep year, had ensured all the the men and machin-roads open and all the ery ready and ensure amenities in place for the the road remains open convenience of the visiduring the winter so that tors. It is further importourists enjoy the snow tant to place here that and beauty of the Bhad- last year, a mega Askini erwah Valley with least Bhaderkashi Utsav was inconvenience. PDD and celebrated, which was wit-PHE departments have nessed and highly apprebeen ordered to provide ciated by thousands of

This year also a weekdents and hotels of the long festival has been area. Hoteliers and other planned by the administourism related service tration in the last week of providers like taxi drivers, December.

## JKAACL organises 2-Day Urdu writers Conference at Jammu University

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) organised "2-Day Urdu writers Conference at seminar Hall of Department of Urdu, Jammu University.

The theme of the con-Cultural Challenges in the Guest of Honour. Urdu Language and Literature".

of the Conference was prethe keynote address on gram at Urdu Depart- of socio themes. "Social and Cultural Chal- ment was to involve the Singh, Secretary JKAACL the hands of the people Professor, Department of Singh Betab.



At the outset, Bharat

ference was "Social and where as Anil Sehgal was who reads and write that

language. In his presidential Singh, Secretary JKAACL, address Prof. Anwar Pasha The Inaugural session gave a heartfelt cordial appreciated the efforts of welcome to everyone JKAACL to organise such sided over by Prof. Anwar having respect and love literary and cultural activi-Pasha, former head of the for Urdu Language. While ties. He stressed upon the Department Jawahar Lal addressing the audience, need to encourage new Nehru University. Prof. he said that main thought generation of writers to Qadoos Javed presented behind keeping this pro- write on various aspects

Dr. Shahnawaz, Editor lenges in Urdu Language students and scholars of Cum cultural Officer, and Literature". Prof. Urdu in the programme JKAACL presented Vote of Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, for better development thanks. He said that such was also presented by Professor and Head of of the Language and get initiatives will be taken in more than 20 poets from Department of Urdu better results. He further future also. The inaugural Jammu University shared added that the develop- session was conducted by the presidium with Bharat ment of a Language is in Dr. Farhat Shamim, Asstt. renowned Poet Pritapal

Urdu. After the inaugural session, paper reading session was organised in which Dr Nusrat Jabeen presented paper on "Social and Cultural Challenges in teaching of Urdu Language and Literature", Dr Alataf Anum on "Social and Cultural Challenges in criticism of Urdu Language and Literature", Dr Abdul Rashid Manhas presented paper on "Social and Cultural Challenges Journalism of Urdu Language and Literature",. The session was presided over by Anil Sehgal, renowned Journalist while Khalid Hussain was guest of honour.

The session was conducted by Prof. Rashid Manhas, Assistant Prof. Department of Urdu.

An Urdu Mushaira across the J&K. This session was presided over by

### Pension Adalat held at Town Hall Kupwara



KUPWARA, OCTOBER 16

A Pension Adalat was today organized by the office of Accountant General (A&E) J&K in collabosury Office Kupwara at

Town Hall, here. The Pension Adalat was presided over by Deputy Accountant General, Sudhakar Pinglay in presence of District Treasury Officer Kupwara, Mohammad of the pensioners were Shafi Wani, DDOs and a answered by the experts large number of pension-

On the occasion, the Deputy Accountant General along with his team of officers patiently heard the issues /grievances of pensioners/family pensioners and pension sancration with District Treationing authorities/DDOs and resolved several issues on the spot.

Earlier, a detailed question-answer session was held in the Town Hall during which various pension related queries of the Finance depart-

### **World Anesthesia Day** celebrated at Aryans

SRINAGAR, OCT 16

role of anesthesia in healthcare, Aryans Paramedical College, Rajpura, Near World Anesthesia Day. The students from various courses including MT Anesthesia, tation, Burhan Hussain, Operation theatre, Cardiac Care, Radiology & Imaging Atul; Majid and Sanjeet Technology, Medical Lab got 1st, 2nd & 3rd Posi-Science etc. participated in tion respectively. While in

different activities. ticated machines This day the history of medicine.

serves as a reminder of the continuous improvements in anesthesia practice and To raise awareness of the the efforts of anesthesiologists and other healthcare professionals to ensure the well-being of patients during Chandigarh celebrated surgical and medical procedures, she highlighted.

In the poster presen-

Ritesh, Joti Ruksana and Speech competition Md. Itrat Fatima, Faculty, Sameer got 1st & Bilal Ahmed Aryans Paramedical College got 2nd position. Neha won said that the day is celebrat- fist position in a quiz compeed to honor the anesthetists, tition. It is to be mentioned who help the patients under- that World Anesthesia Day go painless surgery. There or National Anesthesia Day has been a significant prog- is celebrated on October 16 ress in the field of anesthe- to mark the first successful sia along with the Informa- demonstration of diethyl tion technology revolution ether anesthesia in 1846. It in last few decades leading is considered as one of the to development of sophis- most significant events in

### Indian Army Conducted Lecs on Girl Child Day at Pangali, Akhnoor

AKHNOOR, OCT 16

The Indian Army conduct- the country. ed a remarkable lecture

occasion dedicated to promoting the rights and well-being of girls across

The event was a testacum painting competi- ment to the Indian Army's tion in honor of Girl Child commitment to social of Border Area, a special The lecture was featured of gender equality, women significance of educating society.



These lectures served as an inspirational platform for the audience, shedding light on the challenges faced by girls in various aspects of life and providing valuable insights on how to overcome them.

## DC Jammu shares vision for PMAY housing, urban areas

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting to scrutinise the status of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) projects in various municipalities across the district. ADC L&O Harvinder Singh; DIO Sanjeev



Kapoor; CPO, Yoginder term, interest-free loans to representatives from the of PMAY projects. Recof both sanctioned and provided to beneficiaries mended the inclusion of bottlenecks hindering the struction regulations. banks to provide short- construction of houses.

Additionally, the DC Katoch; Executive Offi- beneficiaries, ensuring the addressed Executive Officers of municipalities and unhindered continuation cers, outlining a series of practical yet impactful steps JK Housing Board were ognising the importance to enhance the overall look present in the meeting of geo-tagging at various and feel of municipal areas. whereas SDMs partici- phases, the DC commend- These measures include pated in the meeting via ed the ongoing efforts organising local bazaars, video conference. The and urged concerned improving pathway acces-Deputy Commissioner officers to streamline and sibility, creating designated assessed the headway improve the assistance parking spaces, conducting regular cleanliness drives, approved cases, paying throughout the process. beautifying vacant areas particular attention to He emphasised the need with plantation, clearing the development stages, for efficient coordination nullahs, maintaining funcincluding plinth and roof between Sub-Divisional tional streetlights, promotlevels. To expedite the Magistrates and Executive ing artistic endeavours implementation of PMAY Officers of the municipali- like graffiti and murals and initiatives, the DC recomties to swiftly resolve any enforcing building and con-

### Secretary Tourism inaugurates 2 day President Shri Kailakh Wathora Cultural Festival-2023

JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, OCTOBER 16

The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, (JKAACL) in collaboration with All Jammu and Kashmir Folk Artists Association organised 2 day Wathora Cultural Festival at Govt Degree College, Chadoora.

Secretary, Tourism and Culture, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, inaugurated the mega event.

On the inaugural day, performances including Kashmiri Rouf, Sufiana Music, Folk Music, Bhand Pather, Dambali Dance, Ladishah were presented by different groups of

Speaking on the occaciated the organisers, pation in the event.

shall continue to orga- cultural activities.



grams in both Jammu taries, Principal GDC and Kashmir divisions Chadoora, Professor for the promotion and Rifat Ara, Incharge Offipreservation of rich cul- cer Cultural Academy, tural heritage of Jammu Dr. Farooq Anwar Mirza, and Kashmir.

Bachnagma ,Wanvon, youth to play their criti- Naseem, M. Yousuf Shacal role for rejuvenating heen and Gh. Mohiuddin and keeping our rich culture alive.

He added that governsion, Secretary appre- ment is making all efforts and performances by colto promote and preserve lege students enthralled artists and students for our exquisite cultural the huge audience prestheir enthusiastic particilegacy. He assured all ent on the occasion. support to the artists or He said that JKAACL those associated with

Dr. Syed Iftikhar Ahmad, Dr Abid urged upo Dr. Shabnam Rafiq, Nisar Aijaz were also present

The renowned artists

on the occasion.

Later, various artists and organisers were felicitated.

# **Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan** Trust calls on Lt Governor



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

Sinha at Raj Bhawan today region. and projected various issues pertaining to the Ganai, former Legislator promotion and preserva- also called on the Lt Govtion of Sanskrit language ernor and apprised him

Bharat Petroleum LPG incharge J&K and Ladakh met the Lt Governor Mahant Rohit Shastri, and shared with him the President Shri Kailakh Jyo- endeavours of the Bharat tish and Vedic Sansthan Petroleum for the expan-Trust called on Lieuten- sion of LPG storage and ant Governor Shri Manoj Bottling plants in the

Later, Ms Shehnaz of various development Sandeep Kumar Raina, issues of Poonch district.

### DC Ganderbal chairs DCDC meeting

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GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 16

In order to make primary agriculture credit societies (PACS) as economic vibrant entities by diversifying their business activities at grass-roots level, a meeting of District Level Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) was today chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal at VC

discussion was held on tive Ganderbal presented various agenda points an overview of the pres- sify the business activities including status of adop- ent status of Cooperative of PACS to make them tion of Model Bye laws Societies in the district vibrant economic entiby PACS, status of hard- besides deliberating upon ties, the DC directed the ware purchase, targets for the work being done to Deputy Registrar Cooperaestablishing new multi- strengthen the Coopera- tive Ganderbal to provide purpose PACS, formation tive movement across the handholding to PACS in achieve the set targets. of FPOs by PACS, identi- district. The committee carrying diversified activivergence with PM-KUSUM Ministry of Cooperation, Aushadhi Kendra, LPG/ Jan Aushadhi Kendras by and IT, NABARD and CSC outlets and CSCs.

agenda points, the DC randum of Understanding of model by-laws by all ies Ganderbal, Additional stressed the importance enabling PACS to under- registered PACS to make Managing Director State of the Cooperative move- take CSC services. Under them economic genera- Cooperative Bank Sriment and how it benefits this initiative more than tion resources. society on a large scale for 300 e-services in rural



At the outset, detailed Deputy Registrar Cooperabe provided by the PACS. PACS and other initiatives. e-governance service India

In order to further diver-

their economic empower- areas including banking, for identification of PACS block Lar besides Managment and income genera- insurance, health services, for convergence with the ers of PACS of district Gantion. During the meeting, bus/air/rail tickets etc shall PM-KUSUM scheme for

promoting green energy so that farmers associated with PACS can replace Agricultural Diesel Pumps with solar agricultural water pumps and ensure their energy security by installing photovoltaic modules on the periphery of their land.

The DC directed all the members of the committee to work in close coordination in order to fulfill the various initiatives undertaken under the guidance of the Ministry of Cooperation in order to strengthen the cooperative ecosystem by way of registering more PACS in the district and assured all possible support from District Administration to

The meeting was fication of PACS for con- was informed that the ties like opening up of Jan attended by the ADDC, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; scheme, establishment of Ministry of Electronics Petrol/Diesel distribution CPO, ACR, CAHO, CAO, AD Fisheries, AD FCS&CA, He further empha- AD H&H, Deputy Regis-While discussing the Ltd has signed a Memo-sized on timely adoption trar Cooperatives Societnagar, Assistant Registrar The DC also directed Cooperatives Societies

# Div Com reviews progress on Delhi Katra Expressway, Ring Road

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting of concerned Deputy Commissioners and officers of NHAI to review the progress of work on Delhi Amritsar Katra Expressway project and Jammu ly examined the progress execution of work on Ring Road Project.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas; Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma; Regional Officer NHAI, Chief Engineer JPDCL, ACR Reasi, Project Directors of NHAI and other con-

The Div Com thorough- on priority for smooth minor pending issues. Road project at Jagti.

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of work on the Delhi- prestigious road projects. Amritsar Katra Express- He also directed them for way and the Jammu Ring completing the disburse-Road Project. It was ment of land acquisition informed that work was compensation in a timein progress in all executed bound manner. packages.

reviewed land acquisition, have been resolved while Highway. While reviewing disbursement of compen- the Div Com instructed Ring Road the Div Com sation. He instructed the NHAI officers to stay in directed Chief Engineer concerned Deputy Com- regular touch with con- JPDCL for early shifting missioners to resolve land cerned Deputy Com- of power line coming in

to promote healthy eating habits

The Div Com also most of the land issues movement on the National issues, bottlenecks if any missioners for resolving the alignment of the Ring

NHAI Officers were asked to expedite the pace of work on Delhi-Katra expressway for its time bound completion.

The Div Com took strong note of slow progress on package falls in Reasi district and instructed Project Director to engage more men and machinery for expeditious progress.

The Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for the proper maintenance of surfaces where work has been executed It was informed that to facilitate smooth traffic

### Police seizes 11 vehicles, arrests 11 persons in Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCT 16

Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have arrested 11 persons and seized 11 vehicles in Kulgam. Today Kulgam Police along with officers of Geology and Mining Department seized 11 vehicles (02 JCB, 05 tractors and 04 dumpers) and arrested 11 persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Vishaw river at Ashmuji Bhan, Matalhama and other areas. Accordingly, a case with FIR No. 176/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kulgam and investigation has been set into motion.

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

### DC Kupwara reviews beautification measures of Municipal Towns

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 16 In order to review the

steps being taken for beautification of towns falling under three municipalities of the district the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of all the concerned agencies,

Officer Municipal Coun- ventions we can beautify cil Kupwara, Naveed Ajaz our towns and give them a through a detailed Power- better aesthetic look. Point Presentation elabobeautification of towns.

Langate towns wherein the visitors. threadbare discussion was

towns of Kupwara district. all three Municipal towns. The DC said that there



Addressing the ULBs rated on measures being and concerned officers, taken by Municipality for Ayushi stressed for identification of proper space for During the meeting, DC creating iconic landmarks reviewed measures being in all the three towns taken for Beautification of which may serve as Selfie Kupwara, Handwara and points and attraction for

The DC directed the held on Sanitation, facelift Executive Officer Municiof market places, creation pal Council to develop Handwara, Langate; Chief of open and green spaces, uniform prototypes for street lighting, traffic sig-signages, 3D wall painting nals, development of pave- and colour coding of govments, creation of vendor ernment offices and other zones in all three major business establishments in PDD Kupwara, PDD Hand-

She also directed conis ample scope of beautifi- cerned agencies to speed pality Kupwara and Handcation in all three Munici- up the pace of the work wara and other concerned palities of the district. She on SLWM plants in all the officers attended the meetemphasized that with the three Municipalities and

At the outset, Executive smaller but creative intergave a timeline of one month to complete the SLWM plants.

Ayushi asked PDD to provide electricity to the people according to the schedule. "Follow schedule of cuts strictly and synchronize scheduled cuts with grid cuts" DC said. Presidents, MC Kup

wara, Reyaz Ahmad; MC Handwara, Abdul Majeed Pandith; Presidents, traders federation Kupwara, Planning Officer Kupwara, District Information Officer, Ex. Engineers of R&B Kupwara, R&B Handwara, wara and PHE; DFO Social Forestry, Eos of Munici-



habits and raise awareness about the importance of millets in our diet, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, enthusiastically flagged off the

Millet Walkathon as part of healthy living. of the Eat Right Challenge Campaign. The event was organised by the Food and Drug Administration Department in collaboration with the Agriculture Department. The event witnessed the participation of numerous students who were eager to spread the message of nutritious The rally commenced

from the premises of the DC office complex and culminated at Gujjar Mandi. missioner Vikas Kundal the community.

Along the route, the stu- were Chief Agriculture dents showcased their Officer, Sohan Singh and enthusiasm and commit- Assistant Commissioner

Deputy Commissioner shared his thoughts on the role of millets in a balsignificance of incorporat- anced diet. ing millets into our daily meals. He emphasized the nutritional benefits of building a healthier and millets, underscoring their more conscious society. role in maintaining good The enthusiastic particihealth. Deputy Commis-pation of students and the sioner encouraged every- support of District Adminone to embrace these istration were a testament wholesome grains as a to the collective efforts

ment to fostering a culture Food Safety, who both shared their insights on During the event, the the importance of food safety standards and the

This event marked a significant step towards part of their regular diet. aimed at a healthier and Joining Deputy Com- more nutritious future for

#### DC Rajouri flags off Millet Walkathon Indian Army **Celebrated World Students Day** Celebrated

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, OCT 16

Indian Army celebrated "World Students Day" at Government Middle School, Parori Brahmna, District Rajouri to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Remembering this great personality and his love for children, the lecture emphasised on the importance of education and the contribution that an enlightened youth can make to the progress of the country.

A large number of students and school teachers attended the event. Such efforts of Indian Army, while fostering peace, communal harmony and tranquility in the region, also create awareness amongst the residents about empowering the young generation with essential skills for a brighter future.

### Police arrests drug peddler in Kulgam

KULGAM, OCT 16

eating.

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of

drugs from the society, party tried to flee from the remains in custody. Police have arrested a spot but was apprehendheaded by SHO Police Sta- ident of Bonigam. During has been initiated. tion Qazigund at a check-search, 3.2Kgs of Poppy

point established on NHW Straw like contraband sub- masses that if you witness at Bonigam Crossing Qazi- stance concealed in nylon drug peddling or any other gund intercepted a person bag was recovered. He has crime anywhere near you, carrying a nylon bag, who been arrested and shifted feel free to contact nearest after noticing the police to police station where he police establishment or

drug peddler in Kulgam ed tactfully. He has been No. 227/2023 under rele- in curbing the menace of and recovered contraband identified as Abdul Rashid vant sections of law stands drugs from the society. We substance from his pos- Rather @Mathur son of registered at Police Station reassure the community session. A police party Ghulam Hassan Rather res- Qazigund and investigation members that police will

We urge the common nals as per law.

dial 112. People are request-Accordingly, a case FIR ed to cooperate with police act tough against the crimi-

## Hailstorm causes widespread damage to Kashmir orchards, say growers

SRINAGAR, OCT 16

Sunday evening, causing annually, they receive a crucial role in prosignificant damage to meagre compensation.

Kulgam, Anantnag, a comprehensive crop Shopian, Pulwama, Ban- insurance scheme so Valley Fruit Growers dipora, and other dis- that if growers face any and Dealers Association tricts informed the news damage, they could and New Kashmir Fruit agency that the hailstorm receive at least 50 per- Association, stressed the severely affected the fruit cent compensation. crops upon which thouregions depend.

swift action and urged stage and prolonged season. the government to assess dry spells in summer the damage and compen- and autumn have led to

faced extensive damage colour of apples. He tation of the crop insurover the past three con- expressed concern over ance scheme has been secutive years due to the quality of this year's delayed, leaving growers mir Valley Fruit Growers Jammu and Kashmir.

Orchardists said there apples in the valley. Local residents from is an urgent need for

They have demanded during the flowering during the harvesting sate the affected growers. scab disease, which has ters and high-ranking Growers said they affected the size and officers, the implemen-

curing inferior-quality

President of Kashmir need for a crop insurance he said. Saleem Ahmad, a scheme, especially after said that incessant rains areas with quality fruit

> Despite repeated assurances from union minis-

untimely snowfall, hail- C-grade apples, lament- in distress, he said and Cum Dealers Union, in a storms, and other climating the discontinuation urged the government to statement issued to KNO, ic events. They expressed of the Market Interven- restart the MIS scheme has expressed deep con-A severe hailstorm frustration, saying that tion Scheme (MIS) by to address the increased cern over the immense wreaked havoc in vari- despite suffering losses the Union government, proportion of C-grade losses suffered by fruit ous parts of the valley on worth lakhs of rupees which previously played apples resulting from the orchards in Shopian, untimely hailstorm.

> proved futile. "We also requested J&K Bank to come up with some scheme in this regard, but nothing was done,"

Union issues statement

Kulgam, Bandipora, and Bashir said the efforts other districts due to a to seek assistance from severe hailstorm on the Bashir Ahmad Bashir, J&K Bank have also evening of October 15,

According to the statement, the orchard owners have lost their entire year's earnings due to the hailstorm, which The affected growers has impacted not only sands of families in these grower from Shopian, this year's hailstorm hit have appealed to the the orchards but also authorities to support the livelihoods of countthem and safeguard less individuals associtheir livelihoods from the ated with the industry. aftermath of the natural It said the fruit industry is the backbone of Kash-Kashmir Valley Fruit mir's economy, and any Growers Cum Dealers damage to this sector directly affects the over-Meanwhile, the Kash- all economic stability of

## Srinagar youth's singing wins hearts in Indian Idol

### Earns him entry in toppers of the reality show

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCT 16

Afaq Shafi, a talented youth from Srinagar's Shalimar, has left the audience and judges spellbound with his sensational singing on the reality show 'Indian Idol.'

As per news agency, the young singing sensation's incredible journey on the show has now led him to earn a coveted spot among the top 14 contestants.

Afaq has consistently wowed the nation with his melodious voice and exceptional performances through- who was always there

out the competition. His ability to con-

nect with both the audience and the judges has been nothing short of extraordinary, making him a standout contestant on the show.

"I have been singing since childhood, and no one has taught me. All I learned is from social media and YouTube. I didn't have exposure to how to sing and where to sing, and I got chances to showcase my talent through social media. For my success, I would like to give special credit to my father, for me," Afaq said.

"Before reaching the Indian Idol auditions, I had given many auditions, and I told them I hadn't learned anywhere and I would sing without a band. The judges appreciated me and said I had to sing with a band and music. Alhamdulillah, I performed well," he added.

Afaq's versatile singing style and heartfelt renditions have garnered him a massive fan following and appreciation from the music industry luminaries and all walks of life in Jammu and Kashmir. KNO

### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### Early winter chill in...

on Monday. Moreover, Deputy Director of Meteorological department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad told KNO that the intermittent rainfall and snowfall is expected till late night while the overall improvement in the weather conditions is expected from tomorrow afternoon.

"There is no forecast of any major wet spell across I&K so far. From tomorrow afternoon, the weather will remain dry till October 24," Deputy Director MeT further said. The fresh wet spell has led to the closure of Lt Governor include 29 projects of Jal Shakti; Beautificamany roads as the fresh precipitation triggered slippery conditions of the roads at different places.

In wake of the fresh snowfall, the authorities decided road as a precautionary measure.

Sinthan Top-Kishtwar road has also been closed for the traffic movement after the fresh snowfall triggered slippery conditions of the road. The Margan as well as the Mughal Roads have been closed by the authorities after the fresh precipitation today.

Some other roads including Srinagar-Jammu highrestored for vehicular movement after clearing the

Moreover, the advisory has been issued by a local MeT department here, asking the farmers to postpone harvesting of crops till tomorrow.

It added that the fresh wet spell would also temporarily disrupt transportation especially at vulnerable places like Zojila, Mughal Road, Sinthan Top, Sadnatop and other places.

In Kupwara, Deputy Commissioner has issued a fresh advisory, asking people living in Keran, Karnah, Machil, Budnamal, Jumugund, Nowgam, Kumkadi and those living near the periphery of different Nallahs, rivers, which are prone to sliding and flash floods, not to venture in these areas till the improvement in weather conditions. KNO

#### Navratri Puja at historic...

"It is a matter of profound spiritual significance that for the first time since 1947, the Navratri pujas have been held in the historic Sharda Temple in Kashmir this year. Earlier in the year the Chaitra Navratri Puja was observed and now the mantras of the Shardiya Navratri puja resound in the shrine. I was fortunate to reopen the temple on 23rd March 2023 after restoration," the Home Minister posted on X formerly known as Twitter.

"This not only signifies the return of peace in the valley but also marks the rekindling of our nation's spiritual and cultural flame under the leadership of PM @narendramodi Ji," he posted.

It may be recalled that normal activities including the tourist arrival have seen significant improvement following the renewed ceasefire pact between the two armies of India and Pakistan. KNO

#### 224-meter viaduct...

exceeding 80°.

"Furthermore, it significantly facilitates the smooth flow of vehicles, bypassing the challenging terrain of Sherebibi area gradients, and it's important to note that this project contributes to the region's economic growth and enhances its overall connectivity." He also said: "Under the visionary leadership of the PM Modi, we remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering exceptional highway infrastructure to the state of Jammu & Kashmir.". KNO

#### Hybrid terrorist arrested...

suspect person tried to flee from the spot but alert LG chairs District... naka party apprehended him tactfully," police said.

During preliminary questioning, he was identified as Bilal Ahmad Shah son of Miraq Shah resident of Vessu Qazigund, police said, adding that during his search, one illicit pistol, one magazine, 14 live rounds, one mobile phone and his Aadhar card was recovered from his possession.

"During preliminary questioning when asked about possession of illicit weapon and ammunition, he revealed that he has received it from an active terrorist in order to carry out attack in the district Shopian,"

In this regard, police said that a case under FIR UA(P) has been registered in PS Imamsahib and investigation has been taken up. KNO

#### LG lays foundation stone...

UT Administration is rapid economic growth integrated with speedier social development. With collective efforts to synergize strengths of different sectors, improving standards of living and seizing the vast opportunities in the industrial sector, J&K is today at the forefront of development transformation in the country," the Lt Governor said.

The 37 projects worth Rs 124.17 crore inaugurated by tion of main market Pahalgam; Multi-storied building in Boys Degree College Khanabal and Academic Block & additional class room at Degree College Bijbehara; to suspend vehicular movement along Bandipora-Gurez office complex at Town hall premises, MC Qazigund; Block office building at Ruhoo & Footbridge at Kanganhall; NTPHC Kehribal under Languishing Project and upgradation of roads in the district.

The 39 projects at a cost of Rs 166.56 crore for which foundation stones were laid by Lt Governor include 20 projects of Rural Development Department; 9 projects of PWD (R&B); 4 projects of Fisheries; development of way and Zojila road were closed temporarily and were recreation spot on River Bank at Pahalgam; Nagar Van (City Forest), Munjhadan, Mahind and Water Supply Schemes at Siligam Tantraypora, Imoo Sundoo, Brad Ikhrajpora & Shumhall Hassanoor.

Ch Mohammad Yousuf Gorsi, Chairman DDC Anantnag; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Shailender Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B); Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and senior officers were present. KNO

#### **BJP inculcated spirit...**

segments of society, irrespective of caste, religion or region, as per inclusive ethos ingrained in the national character from times immemorial. This has withstood ones to public at an earliest. He asked the department to He called it the commitment that is acting as a force the test of times, which is why the great Indian civilizae either take the requisite staff out of the huge employee behind this administration. tion is not only flourishing but resonates with all its base of the UT on deputation or hire the ones with glory, rekindling hope of a peaceful world order based appropriate skill sets. He impressed upon them to comon the eternal philosophy of Vasudeva Kutumbkam . All plete the formalities in next few days so that public attempts to divide the society by raking up caste and communal passions have failed, he said.

Rana called for redoubling the efforts to channelize all the energies towards inclusive direction. Youth have an onerous responsibility to wage a decisive ideological battle against caste and creed exploiters, who are trying to trample the social fabric of the Indian society for furthering their political agendas. They have been working overtime to generate passions, he cautioned, hoping the people will stand up with their full might to confront the machinations being perpetrated by such

He said the Prime Minister's dream of realizing a harmonious society is possible only when every segment will come forward in a big way and help in changing the socio-political discourse by forging unity and strengthening the bonds of amity. Promoting and sustaining the inclusive character of this nation is a biggest challenge, given the sinister designs of inimical elements, he maintained.

Devender Rana exhorted the Karykartas to reach out to the people and apprise them about the path breaking initiatives of the BJP for realizing the larger goal of public welfare. Much has been done during the past nearly four years in Jammu and Kashmir much more is yet to be done, he said, adding that the double engine government is committed to achieve the vision of complete transformation of the Union Territory.

Responding to the issues raised by the people, he assured that these will be taken up at appropriate levels for earnest redressal.

transparency and reliability of public services.

He directed other districts to replicate the Anantnag District Administration's unique initiative 'Main Bhi Kisan' to maximise the benefits of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

in developing agriculture & allied sector and bring a to come. KNO qualitative difference in the sector, he added.

The Lt Governor directed the District Administration to be well prepared for winter season and ensure that the power and road infrastructure is well maintained and suitable for traffic at all times.

Measures of essential items and increased continnumber 54/2023 under sections 7/25 IAA, 18, 20, 23 gency plan for vulnerable areas should be implemented effectively by the district administration and the con-

cerned departments, he said. He further directed the district officials for special

focus on the disbursement of benefits under farmer- the relief to the general public and directed I/Os for oriented, health and education sector schemes.

The Lt Governor called for making 'Poshan Abhiyan' a Jan-Andolan in order to achieve improvement in key nutrition parameters.

Success of 'Poshan Abhiyan' is based on people's participation. Society should collectively act to generate awareness and work with District Administration for well being, growth and protection of mother and

The Lt Governor also reviewed the progress made in diverse sectors and schemes including Tourism, Youth Empowerment, Infrastructure, Sports, Employment generation, Industries, Cooperatives, PMAY, Jal Jeevan Mission, status of Transit Accommodations and revival, restoration and preservation of Architecture and Heri-

Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag briefed the chair on the overall functioning of the district administration, and progress made under Centrally-sponsored and UT government schemes and infrastructure projects.

Later, the Lt Governor interacted with various delegations of PRI representatives, Traders, fruit growers, Civil Society members and beneficiaries of various welfare to disrupt the peaceful environment. schemes and assured them of appropriate redressal of their issues and demands on merit.

The members of the delegations expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for addressing the developmental needs of the people of Anantnag has come a long way in transforming itself from a lagdistrict. KNO

#### **CS reviews completion...**

to be pressed into public service by JSCL, the Chief Secretary directed for dedicating the already received is able to take benefit of this bus service without any further delay.

On the occasion the Chief Secretary dedicated several new and remapped IT-based services brought live on the 'MyJammu' portal. He urged the department to create awareness among the city dwellers about the uses and benefits of these services. He asked for making service delivery both efficient and cost effective for general public by taking their feedback for improving the quality continuously.

The Chief Secretary was informed that these services include many which would ensure improved quality of life of the citizens residing here. It was given out that these comprise of General Information Services, Tourism Information Services, GIS services, Smart Addressing System, Grievance portal, G2C Services, Enforcement Module besides Litigation and Document Management Systems.

The services which a citizen could avail through such an IT-based solutions includes machinery booking, septic tank cleaning, booking of water tanker, community hall, space for hoardings etc.

It would also provide information to application users about the exact location of public infrastructure like health institutions, fire stations, blood banks, government offices, educational institutions, libraries, parking facilities, cycle stations, Bus Stands, Railway Stations, Airport besides senior citizen and women utility infrastructure in the city.

The service for lodging of GPS based grievances related to sanitation can also be done by uploading photographs on the portal. The Municipal body would in turn access the location, send its sanitation staff for cleanliness of the area with the instant feedback to the citizen complainant.

The Chief Secretary commended the corporation for taking such initiatives as seen in the big, modern cities of the country. He told them to keep adding other citizen-friendly services to the list so that Jammu would This initiative will lead to greater youth participation be at par with any other city of the nation in the months

#### **IGP Jammu Zone review...**

With regard to the theft cases, a strategy needs to be framed, night patrolling be enhanced, Beat System be also improved. He also emphasised on effective prosecution of NDPS cases and other cases of tenuous nature to ensure that the cases end in conviction.

ization of the pending cases/public complaints to give administration were present on the occasion.

speedy disposal of cases assigned to them for conducting the investigation.

He asked the officers to strengthen the CI grid and to stimulate the basic functioning of Police by way of effective supervision over the function of Police Stations.

SSP Kathua Sh. Shivdeep Singh Jamwal -JKPS gave a detailed power point presentation and briefed IGP Jammu Zone about the Law & order crime and security scenario alongwith other activities being carried out by Kathua Police in the district. He also highlighted measures adopted to strengthen security grid and improve policing.

Later, IGP Jammu, Sh. Anand Jain-IPS held the public meeting at Conference of DPL Kathua in which a large number of respectable people including DDC's, BDC's, Senior Citizens and Beopar Mandal Members etc participated and highlighted various issues of public importance. They were assured by the chairing officers that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority. Participants were also stressed upon to co-operate with police in curbing the drug menace and in identifying ANE's/ASE's who always try

#### **CS launches digi...**

and reliability. The Chief Secretary noted that J&K gard to leader when it comes to bringing governance at the doorsteps of people. He hoped that the UT should be seen as a model to replicate by other States/UTs in the country. He underscored that J&K has the requisite capacity, capability, drive and desire to be best in the nation without falling into the rat race to showcase only.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta acknowledged the efforts of the J&K IT Department in enhancing transparency, efficiency, and smart governance. He stressed the importance of Jammu and Kashmir maintaining a leadership position in IT services, ensuring that the region continues to deliver high-quality digital services to its citizens.

Among others the meeting was attended by Prerna Puri, Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Anuradha Gupta, CEO JaKeGA, State Informatics Officer, NIC Saleem Khan, and several other officers. KNO

### Dr Jitendra Singh...

on the matter in the last two days.

Dr Jitendra Singh appealed to parents and the local administration to wean away children from drugs, saying their potential must be harnessed to realise Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047. He said the sanctity of the holy city of Katra must be preserved, and it must become a source of inspiration for social values.

The Minister said a strategic plan is being formulated at the local administration level and social level to check drug addiction. Hotspots will he identified and social awareness will be created to curb the menace, he informed.

Dr Jitendra Singh was speaking after inaugurating a Multimedia Exhibition of the Central Bureau of Communication, Jammu, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, at Katra to mark the Navratra festival.

The theme of the weeklong exhibition being organised at Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Katra is 9 Years of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan. The exhibition coincides with Navrata Festival in Katra.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh said the development of the region is the top priority of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre. He said revolutionary development has taken place in the region in the last nine years. Talking about infrastructure projects,

Dr Jitendra Singh said the world's highest railway bridge has come up in Reasi. The Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway is being developed.

In his address, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu, Shri Ghulam Abbas said the unit has been creating awareness about government schemes and programmes among the public. Today's exhibition is part of the efforts to reach the message to the grassroots, he added.

Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Ms. Babila Rakwal, IGP while briefing the officers advised them for final- SSP, Reasi Amit Sharma and other senior officials of the

# 2 day Workshop/ Awareness programme

BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 16

In an endeavour to implement the recently launched PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojna in the district to uplift the artisans and craftspeople, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Syed Sehrish Asgar today presided over

Functional Manager DIC, rate of 5% including an in lation. Rehana Kazmi and other depth training to upgrade concerned functionaries. their skills.

At the outset, the workthe comprehensive over- panchayat secretaries and week's time.



view of the benefits that CSC officials with the neca two day district level the scheme entails to essary tools to identify eliworkshop cum awareness empower traditional artigible beneficiaries both at programme at Dak Bun- sans and the craftspeople. the rural and urban level The scheme provides tool- and apprise them of the The workshop, organ-kit incentive of Rs.15000, scheme's benefits. ised by District Industries Rs 500 per day during Centre (DIC) Baramulla training, credit facilities ing on the occasion, was attended by Gen- to the beneficiaries up to emphasized the critical eral Manager DIC, Nighat 1 lakh (first tranche) and importance of ensuring Alam, Assistant Com- 2 Lakh (second tranche) that the scheme benefits

shop was provided with workshop was to equip beneficiaries within a

Dr. Sehrish while speakmissioner Panchayat, at a concessional interest reach the deserving popu-

The DC further directed the concerned functionar-A key focus of the ies to identify the eligible

### **Government Polytechnic Jammu** organise a seminar on role of **Technology in Career Development**



JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

cipal of the college, while process and blended it duct of the event.

speaking on the occa- with their AI tool "CLEAR sion, encouraged the stu- FUNDAE". Er Lovtesh dents to adapt the latest demonstrated the AI tool Government Polytech- skill sets and advances to the students and shared nic College Jammu today in their respective fields with them the ways of organized an AI Tech- for employment. He also exploring, explaining and based seminar on Role said that interview should justifying the answers for of Technology in Career always be considered as various sets of questions Development- AI Pow- a process of learning and gave demonstrations ered Interview Practice rather than an event of on AI Powered Interview for the final year students judgment. Er. Udeshaya Practice. Er. Ajay Thapa, of the institute. The semi- Mahajan and Er. Lovtesh Training and Placement nar was aimed to enhance Sharma from "Clear Officer, Er. Sakshi Kapahi the interview skills of stu- Fundae", New Delhi Lecturer I&C, Er. Yogesh dents using latest tech- were the keynote speak- Raina Lecturer Automonology of artificial intelers for the seminar. They bile Engineering made all discussed about the vari- the necessary arrange-Er. Arun Bangotra Prin- ous aspects of interview ments for smooth con-

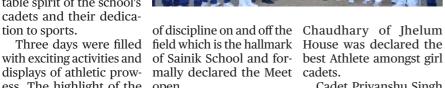
### 47th Annual Athletic meet concludes at Sainik School Nagrota

JAMMU, OCT 17

47th Annual Athletic Meet 2023 held from 11th to 13th Oct at Maj Somnath Sharma (PVC) Stadium in Sainik School Nagrota got a resounding success, showcasing the indomitable spirit of the school's cadets and their dedica-

tion to sports. ess. The highlight of the open. event was the grand march manship and emphasized of sportsmanship. the importance of fair

Principal Sainik School ners. Nagrota added prestige to



stage for a day of thrill- athletes left spectators in in the Junior house. ing competitions. School awe of their extraordinary Sports Captain, Cadet abilities and commitment Sindh houses lifted the Hardik Pandey administ to excellence. Their feats overall champions trophy tered the oath-taking cer- not only displayed their in Senior and Junior emony, a solemn pledge physical prowess but also category respectively. of integrity and sports- epitomized the true spirit Addressing the cadets, the

play and camaraderie in ny Maj Gen RK Sachdeva, the organizing team for Additional Director Gen- putting up a stupendous torch lighting eral, NCC, Jammu Kashceremony was another mir and Ladakh Directorhighlight, with the sports ate and Mrs (Dr) Sonia address appreciated all captains of the respec- Sachdeva presided over Cadets for displaying comtive houses taking centre the function as Chief Guest mendable zeal and high stage. On the opening and gave away the medals standards of performance day Capt (IN) AK Desai, and trophies to the win- in various events. The

Cadet Priyanshu Singh Three day Meet includ- of Jhelum house was past led by the School ed track and field events declared the best ath-Captain, Cadet Arush like Long Jump, High lete amongst the Seniors Verma. Each house exhib- Jump, Javelin Throw, Dis- and Cadet Adarsh Kumar ited impeccable discipline cuss throw and races for Tiwari of Chenab House and teamwork, setting the all Houses. The young won the best athlete award

> Trikuta house and Chief Guest compliment-On the closing ceremo- ed the winners as well as show.

Chief Guest in his cheers and applause from The Closing Ceremony the school community and the event and expressed was marked by an impres-supporters reverberated confidence that all the sive march past by the parthroughout the stadium, participants will uphold ticipating houses amidst celebrating these exceptrue sportsman spirit and resounding applause from tional athletes and their exhibit highest standards the audience. Cadet Angel remarkable achievements.

### PM Vishwakarma Scheme: DIC Bla organises DLSA Kathua organises Sensitization Programme DC Kishtwar reviews on "Sexual Harassment of women at work place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCTOBER 16

As per the directions of JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) & in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, District Legal Services Authority Kathua organised One day Sensitization Programme on the topic "Sexual Harassment of women at work place(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, under the supervision and direction of Chairman, DLSA Kathua Ashok Kumar Shavan, (also Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua), here at Conference Hall, ADR Centre, District Court

Complex Kathua.

The programme was

all the Courts from District Department of Social Welfare Kathua, Integrated (Mission Vatsalya) Kathua, Integrated Child Development Scheme (POSHAN) Kathua, One Stop Centre Kathua, Special Cell female staff & PLVs of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Sexual Harassment, dif- environment.



Defence Counsel, DLSA ferent types of Sexual was the resource person.

workplace is a form of violates a woman's fundamental right to equality and right to life and liberorgaised for female staff of ty, guaranteed under Articles 14, 15 and 21 Constitu-Court Complex Kathua as tion of India. He further well as female staff from said that women are the glory of our nation and it is our duty to create such female staff can feel safe and protected under law.

Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA nizing this sensitization Kathua Puneet Kumari, programme was to make for Women Kathua and in her address deliberated upon the theme of to how this programme DLSA Kathua. Chairman today's program in depth can help them to come out DLSA Kathua, Ashok i.e what is the concept of and report any miscon-Kumar Shavan, who was Sexual Harassment, What duct in the work place to the Chief Guest where as are the myths around ensure safety in the work

Kathua Puneet Kumari, Harassment, the guidelines of the Supreme Court In his special address of India, the main features the Chief Guest said that of "Prevention of Sexual Sexual harassment in the Harassment Act, 2013, & also redressal mechanism gender discrimination that in case of woman who has subjected to some form of sexual harassment at work place decides to file a complaint.

Secretary, DLSA Kathua Rekha Kapoor Nischal, in her address gave an overview of the programme whereas Vote of thanks Child Protection Scheme atmosphere wherein the was presented by Upasana Gupta, Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua.

The objective of orgaaware the participants as

### Workshop on GST held at Northern Zonal **Accountancy Training Institute, Jammu**



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Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Jammu in collaboration nized a one day workshop tioners) of Batch 2023.

Commissioner, State Taxes Administration and Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

The welcome address was given by Bharti Sam- deduction of tax, release with the State Taxes byal, Director Finance/ of payments etc to check Department, Jammu orga- Principal of the institute.

In the inaugural session on Goods and Services Tax of the workshop, Namrita the workshop was to make for the newly appointed Dogra interacted with the officers aware of their Accounts Officers (Proba- officer trainees and laid duties and responsibilities emphasis on the roles and regarding GST so that they The Chief Guest of the responsibilities of Draw-deliver effectively and effioccasion was Additional ing and Disbursing Offices ciently in the field.

with regard to the Goods and Services Tax.

The inaugural session was followed by a detailed presentation by Tamanna Seth and Sachin Gupta, State Taxes Officers who sensitised trainees about various provisions of GST

They highlighted the significance of registration, liabilities and responsibilities of DDOs under GST with regard to return compliance (GSTR7), the tax evasion.

The aim for conducting

### **Provision of Cycles With Cycle** Learning Capsule for Girls at Village Rajpura, Distt Samba



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In a significant stride towards fostering women's empowerment and promoting girl child education, the Rising Star Corps of the Indian Army organized a cycle learning capsule and distributed 61 bicycles to girl students of Secondary School in Rajpura, District Samba, Jammu & Kashmir.

This noble initiative these young girls. aims to remove transpor-

enabling them to com- ing commitment to safetion without hindrances.

remarkable initiative. The they are playing a pivotal distributed bicycles will role in shaping a brighter the Government Higher not only simplify the daily future for these commujourney to school but also nities. foster a stronger commitment to education among

tation barriers for girl stu- endeavor exemplifies the pathway to a better and dents in border villages, Indian Army's unwaver- more equitable society.

mute to school with ease guarding the nation and and pursue their educa- simultaneously contributing to the development of At the culmination of a prosperous and incluthe cycle learning capsule, sive society. By promotthe School Principal and ing girl child education villagers expressed their and addressing the speprofound gratitude to cific challenges faced by the Indian Army for their students in border areas,

This initiative underscores the belief that education is a powerful tool The Rising Star Corps' for empowerment and a

# implementation of e-Office system in the District

**JINDRAH IMAGES** 



JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR,

The Deputy Commission-quick file disposal, and er Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh efficient work manage-Yadav convened a meet- ment in government ing today to review the offices. implementation of the e-Office system in various details on training sesoffices of the district.

tor Planning Mohd Iqbal procedures. besides concerned officials attended the meetof employees registered e-Office. on e-Office provided by different departments and

The Deputy Commis- his office on daily basis. sioner stressed on achiev-Heads to adopt a target- not receive their salary. driven approach to ensure under e Office.

efits of transitioning to e-office usage.

e-Office, he highlighted its role in ensuring transparency, accountability,

The DC also sought sions conducted to famil-ADC Kishtwar Inderjeet iarize employees with Singh Parihar, Joint Direc- e-Office processes and

All district officers were directed to coordinate ing. At the outset, DC with the Tehsildar HQ and Kishtwar inquired about DIO NIC for the hassle free the status of information implementation of the

The Deputy Commissioner further instructed the availability of infra- officers to share report structure for the smooth on the progress under implementation of the e-Office Implementation of individual offices with

In the meeting, the ing 100 percent registra- Deputy Commissioner tion of employees/dealing Kishtwar stated that assistants of offices and employees who fail to further directed District work on the e-Office will

Also, an on-spot demcent percent registration onstration was conducted during the meeting Emphasizing the ben- to acquaint officers with

### **Preparations for** conduct of Swachta 3.0 reviewed at Shopian



SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 16

and sectoral officers to be undertaken. review the preparations 3.0 in the district.

exercise but should be on a daily basis.

The District Officers rural areas. were asked to conduct disposed-off as per the Government.

It was given out in the meeting that every department shall desig-The Additional Deputy nate a Nodal Official for Commissioner (ADC) coordinating with Assis-Shopian, Dr Zakir Hus- tant Commissioner Pansain Faaz today convened chayats Shopian regarding a meeting of all district Swachhta 3.0 activities to

He impressed upon all for conduct of Swachhta the officers to initiate the process of switching over The ADC impressed to e-office as soon as posupon the officers that the sible and also ensure the cleanliness should not be quality disposal of pendconfined to ceremonial inggrievances on priority.

He asked the concerned impactful on the ground. to make monitoring of He asked the officers to Swachta activities a reguensure cleanliness of their lar part of their duty in respective offices and their respective jurisdicshare the photographs of tion. They were also asked pre and post cleanliness to sensitize the people for drives with the Assistant inculcating etiquettes for Commissioner Panchayats promoting a healthy and hygienic environment in

Earlier, the AC Panchayinspection of sub offices ats briefed the meeting of their respective depart- about the plan for implements to monitor the mentation of Swachhta status of cleanliness and 3.0 Campaign which were directed to also ini- includes cleanliness at tiate a process for weed- campaign sites, space ing out of unnecessary management and beautiphysical files and closing fication of offices, disposal of e-files. The ADC said procedure of scrap and that the scrap material redundant items, public including machinery and grievance and appeals, old records should be record management etc.

Among others, Discircular directions of the trict and Sectoral officers attended the meeting.

### **EDITORIAL**

### **Changing mindset-an** encouraging sign

ecently, a former leader of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) Talat Majid exposed separatist leadership of Jammu and Kashmir and candidly admitted that the destiny of the people of J&K lies with India. He even went on saying that it was high time to accept this reality to save the future of the younger generation. The statement holds significance and indicates the changing mindset and perception among the people of Kashmir, especially separatists who never endorsed J&K as an integral part of India. Hailing from south Kashmir Pulwama district Talat Majid, a Rukn-e-Jamaat (member of Jamaat) before it was banned, joined the Apni Party headed by Sved Altaf Bukhari along with a large number of his supporters. He made some shocking claims saying all separatist leaders, during private conversations, accept this reality that the future of the people of Jammu and Kashmir only lies with India but they lack the guts to tell this truth to the people. In the prevailing geo-political situation it is a hard reality which every Kashmiri has to accept. Majid is the second separatist leader who joined the Apni Party during the last month. Exactly one month ago on September 12, former separatist leader Syed Muzaffar Rizvi had joined the Apni Party. He was appointed as vice president of the party. Rizvi was the general secretary of Itehadul-Muslimeen headed by former Hurriyat Conference chairman Abbass Ansari. Majid made it clear that his decision was not influenced by any pressure to be a part of a mainstream political party. It seems that Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari is on a mission of convincing separatists to join the mainstream and work for the country. Bukhari recently, while reiterating his open invitation to one and all to join the Apni Party, announced that the party's doors are open to everyone who wishes to join, regardless of their past political affiliations and ideologies. His message was loud and clear that those who rejected terrorism, held faith in the nation's constitution, have not engaged in spreading drug menace, and earnestly aspired to contribute to the peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir are welcome to join the mainstream. Jamaat-e-Islami, a radical outfit, was banned on February 28, 2019, by the Home Ministry for allegedly being involved in subversive activities in the region. The Union Home Ministry had claimed the organization has close links with secessionists and terrorist groups and contests the merger of J&K into the Union of India. Post ban on the JeI, authorities had carried out a massive crackdown on its first and second-line leadership and detained its hundreds of members and associates across J&K. In June 2022, the J&K government also banned several schools affiliated with FAT. The students studying in these schools were asked to immediately take admission to government-run schools. The FAT is an affiliate of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) which is proscribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. The development is an encouraging sign and shows that there has been drastic improvement in the situation on ground in J&K especially Kashmir Valley. The need of the hour is to engage the people who have shun the path of separatism.

# Understanding pedagogy and its role in the teaching-learning process

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n the realm of education, the term pedagogy holds a central position in the teachinglearning process. Derived from the Greek word "paidagogia," pedagogy originally referred to the art and science of teaching children. However, in modern education, pedagogy has a broader scope, encompassing various methods, strategies, practices, principles and theolearning process at all levels, from early childhood to higher education and beyond. In the dynamic landscape of education, the role of pedagogy has evolved significantly, shaping the way students are taught and how they engage with content. This article deliberates on the multifaceted role of teaching pedagogy, its evolution, its core principles, strategies, and the ever-evolving challenges faced by educators in fostering effective learning experiences for

#### The evolution of pedagogy

The concept of pedagogy has evolved significantly over time, reflecting changes in educational philosophies, societal needs, and development in cognitive science, and advancements in science and technology.

#### Here are some key historical developments in the realm of teaching pedagogy: Traditional pedagogy

Traditional, pedagogy was often teacher-centred, with a focus on rote memorization and strict discipline. Students played a passive role in receiving knowledge and were less participative in the teaching-learning process. Progressive pedagogy

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, progressive educators like John Dewey advocated for student-centered learning. They emphasized experiential learning, critical thinking, and active engagement of students in the learning process.

#### Constructive pedagogy

Building on the work of Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky, constructivist pedagogy emphasizes that learners actively construct their understanding through interaction with their environment and peers. Therefore, learning should be constructed in a stepwise manner.

#### Technology-enhanced pedagogy

With the advent of technology, pedagogy has adapted to incorporate digital tools, online resources, and interactive platforms. Blended learning and flipped classrooms are examples of modern pedagogical approaches that leverage technology.

#### **Principles of pedagogy**

a teaching methodology; it's

ries that guide the teaching and a comprehensive approach to to interactive group activities, entire learning ecosystem. It takes into account not only the methods and techniques used in teaching but also the broader context in which education occurs. Effective pedagogy is built upon the following foun-

#### dational principles: Learner-centered pedagogy

pedagogy is shifting the focus from the teacher to the learner. It recognizes that each student is unique, with individual learning styles, abilities, and needs. A learner-centred approach tailors instruction to accommodate these differences, promoting active participation and engagement.

#### Constructivism

This theory posits that learners actively construct knowledge through their experiences, interactions, and reflections. Educators use constructivist pedagogy to encourage students to make connections between prior knowledge and new information, fostering a deeper understanding and critical thinking. Socio-cultural theory

Developed by Lev Vygotsky, this theory emphasizes the role of social interactions and cultural context in learning. Pedagogical strategies rooted in socio-cultural theory encourage collaboration, dialogue, and the Flipped classroom co-construction of knowledge among peers.

### Pedagogy as an assessment for

Effective pedagogy incorporates ongoing assessment and instruction. Teachers use formative assessments to gauge student understanding, allowing them to adapt their teaching Problem-based learning strategies accordingly.

#### Adaptive and inclusive pedagogy

Pedagogy should be inclucultural backgrounds. Inclusive pedagogy ensures that all students have access to high-quality education

#### Pedagogy, at its core, involves the following key elements: **Instructional methods**

Pedagogy includes the tech-

education that considers the technology integration, and project-based learning. **Learning theories** 

Pedagogical approaches are often grounded in various learning theories, such as behaviourism, cognitivism, constructivism, and socio-cultural theory. These theories shape how educators understand how learners A key principle of modern acquire knowledge and skills. **Curriculum design** 

The development of a curriculum that aligns with pedagogical goals is a crucial aspect. This involves selecting and organizing content, establishing learning objectives, and designing assessments.

#### Assessment and feedback

Pedagogy also addresses how educators assess student progress and provide feedback. Formative assessments, summative assessments, and feedback mechanisms are integral components.

#### **Teaching Strategies for Effective** Pedagogy

Encouraging students to actively engage with the material through discussions, problemsolving activities, and hands-on experiences promotes deeper understanding. Techniques like think-pair-share, peer teaching, and collaborative projects foster active learning.

In a flipped classroom, students engage with course content outside of class through prerecorded lectures or readings. Class time is then dedicated to discussions, problem-solving, feedback mechanisms to inform and application of concepts, allowing for more meaningful interactions with the instructor and peers.

of problem solvers. The students teaching methods. work on long-term projects that Alignment with learning goals sive and adaptable to cater to address real-world problems. with special needs and different plex issues, researching and proposing solutions collaboratively. This approach enhances critical thinking, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

#### **Technology integration**

Leveraging technology in pedagogy can enhance learning experiences. Educational apps, niques and strategies that online simulations, and virtual educators employ to facilitate labs provide opportunities for Pedagogy is more than just learning. These methods can interactive and immersive learning technologies and pedagogi-

tional teaching methods to avoid overreliance.

#### Assessment and feedback

Ongoing assessment through quizzes, tests, and assignments helps instructors gauge student understanding. Providing constructive feedback enables improvement and take an active role in their learning.

#### Personalization

Tailoring instruction to individual student needs and interests is a hallmark of effective pedagogy. Personalized learning plans and differentiated instruction ensure that each student is challenged at their appropriate

#### Role of pedagogy in the teachinglearning process

#### Pedagogy plays a pivotal role in shaping the teaching-learning process in several significant ways: Fostering learning

Pedagogy provides the framework for educators to create effective learning environments. It helps design activities, select resources, and implement strategies that maximize student engagement and comprehen-

#### Individualization differentiation

Effective pedagogy takes into account the diverse needs and abilities of learners. It supports individualization and differentiation, ensuring that every student has opportunities for success.

**Promoting critical thinking** Through pedagogical strategies like problem-based learning and inquiry-based teaching, learners are encouraged to think critically, analyze information, and develop problem-solving

#### Creating a positive learning environment

Pedagogy influences classroom dynamics and the overall learning culture. Inclusive and participatory pedagogical approaches foster a sense of belonging and encourage active participation.

#### Assessment and improvement

of assessments that measure student learning. It also facilitates the use of assessment data to adjust instruction, ensuring

It helps educators set clear them.

### Adaptation to changing needs

Pedagogy is not static; it evolves to meet the changing needs of learners and the demands of society. It allows educators to incorporate emergrange from traditional lectures ing. However, it's essential to cal trends into their teaching.

#### balance technology with tradi- Challenges in Teaching Pedagogy

While effective pedagogy is crucial for student success, educators face several challenges in implementing these strategies: Diverse learning styles

Managing a classroom with diverse learning styles can be challenging. Educators students to identify areas for must adapt their pedagogical approaches to accommodate visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and other learning preferences.

#### **Technology integration**

While technology offers numerous benefits, its integration can be daunting for some educators. Overcoming technological barriers and ensuring equitable access to resources are ongoing challenges.

#### **Assessment overload**

Balancing formative and summative assessments can be difficult. Educators need to strike a balance between evaluating student progress and avoiding excessive testing.

#### **Inclusive education**

Catering to the needs of students with disabilities and diverse backgrounds requires specialized training and resources. Inclusive pedagogy often necessitates additional support systems.

#### Time constrain

Fitting innovative pedagogical strategies into a packed curriculum can be challenging. Teachers must find ways to optimize their use of instructional time effectively.

#### Conclusion

In summary, pedagogy is the heart and soul of education. It encompasses the theories, methods, principles, and practices that guide the teachinglearning process. Understanding the historical evolution of pedagogy and its role in education is fundamental for educators seeking to create meaningful and impactful learning experiences for their students. Teaching pedagogy is a dynamic field that continually evolves to meet the changing needs of learners and the demands of the modern world. Effective pedagogy is Pedagogy guides the design rooted in learner-centered approaches, embraces diverse learning styles, and leverages a variety of teaching strategies, including active learning, PBL places students in the role continuous improvement in technology integration, and personalized instruction. While educators face challenges in Pedagogy ensures that teach- implementing these strategies, diverse learners, including those They work on real-world, coming practices align with edutheir commitment to fostering cational goals and standards. student success remains at the core of pedagogical practice. As learning objectives and develop education continues to evolve, instructional plans to achieve so too will the strategies and approaches that underpin effective teaching pedagogy, ensuring that students receive the best possible education to prepare them for the challenges of the

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# **Transforming education: NEP 2020** in J&K government schools

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has brought a ray of hope for the educational landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. With its emphasis on inclusivity, quality education, and holistic development, the NEP has ushered in a new era for government schools in the region. This article explores the key provisions of NEP 2020 and their impact on the education system in Jammu and Kashmir.

A Paradigm Shift in Education NEP 2020 marks a significant departure from the traditional approach to education. It aims to revolutionize the learning experience by focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy, critical thinking, and practical skills. The policy seeks to cultivate a well-rounded individual, capable of adapting to the rapidly changing world. In Jammu

is particularly crucial to bridge the educational gap and proeducation. Enhanced Access and Inclu-

One of the primary objectives of NEP 2020 is to ensure universal access to education. The policy emphasizes the establishment of vibrant and well-equipped schools in every village, thus reducing the barriers to education faced by marginalized communities in Jammu and Kashmir. With an increased focus on early childhood care and education, government schools aim to nurture young minds and create a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

Flexible Curricula and Multidisciplinary Learning

NEP 2020 promotes a flexible curriculum that encour-

and Kashmir, this paradigm shift In Jammu and Kashmir, this and foster a positive learning sion ensures that students can approach opens up new possibilities for students to explore mote equitable access to quality diverse subjects and develop a range of skills. By integrating vocational education and experiential learning, government schools can now equip students with practical skills and ensure their readiness for higher education or the job market.

Teacher Empowerment and Continuous Professional Devel-

The NEP recognizes the critical role of teachers in shaping the future of education. In Jammu and Kashmir, the policy emphasizes the recruitment of well-trained and motivated teachers, along with the provision of continuous professional development opportunities. By empowering teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills, government schools can ages multidisciplinary learning. improve the quality of education

environment. **Embracing Technology and** Digital Learning NEP 2020 acknowledges

the transformative power of technology in education. In Jammu and Kashmir, the policy encourages the integration of technology and digital learning tools in classrooms. This shift towards digital education not only enhances access to quality resources but also prepares students to thrive in the digital age. Government schools are now equipped with infrastructure and resources to facilitate e-learning, making education more engaging and interactive.

Promoting Local Languages

and cultural fabric of Jammu and Kashmir, NEP 2020 emphasizes the preservation and promotion of local languages. This provi-

connect with their heritage and develop a strong sense of identity. By incorporating regional literature, history, and art into the curriculum, government schools can instill a sense of pride and belong among students.

### Conclusion

NEP 2020 has brought about a transformative change in the education system of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in government schools. The policy's focus on inclusivity, quality education, and holistic development has paved the way for a brighter future. By embracing the provisions of NEP 2020, government schools in Jammu and Kashmir can empower students, foster innovation, and create a genera-Given the diverse linguistic tion of lifelong learners ready to navigate the challenges of the 21st century.

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# WHAT EFFECT DOES APPLE HAVE **ON YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE?**



#### **PARUL DUBE**

pples are a famous, sweet, and crunchy food that may appease your appetite and provide the body with the nutrients required to function. They are delicious and healthy foods to add to your diet regardless of whether you have diabetes. This amazing furit will indeed slightly impact your blood sugar because they contain carbs in the form of sugar. However, since an apple has a low glycemic index, it distributes sugar into your circulation gradually, avoiding unnatural spikes in blood glucose

There existed a misconception that apples raise blood sugar levels due to their sugar content. However, blood glucose tracking has helped burst such myths. Glucose monitoring is especially vital for people who suffer from diseases such as blood pressure and diabetes. However, the ageold way of monitoring glucose levels requires a glucometer that demands finger pricking to extract a drop of blood and check the blood sugar levels. But, technology and innovation are changing how healthcare works

A wearable device called BIOS can be an excellent way to track your blood glucose in real-time. With a device attached to your body, usually your arms, you can continuously and promptly measure your blood glucose levels. The sensor in the device monitors your blood glucose levels in realtime and helps you know the impact of a food or beverage or exercise on your blood glucose levels. For example, you may monitor your blood glucose levels from the first mouthful to the final sip of water. Monitoring the glucose level can help with decisions about what to eat and how to exercise. So, the device can tell you the impact of an apple on your blood glucose levels. It can also help you determine the quantity of consumption and the correct time to

#### **Debunking Myths Regarding Fruits** and Diabetes

Fruits are abundant in phytochemicals, antioxidants, and fibre, all of

which have numerous positive health benefits. Unfortunately, research reveals that despite the widely acknowledged health advantages of eating fresh fruit, people with diabetes do not generally consider fruits safe, given their high sugar content. Contrary to this belief, studies have proven that increasing fruit consumption is helpful for the primary and secondary prevention of several chronic diseas-

es, including type 2 diabetes. The common myth of fruits being bad for diabetes comes from the generalisation that all fruits are problematic due to their sugar content. However, when making such an assumption, you must consider the fruit's glycemic index or load. It represents the quality and quantity of carbohydrates in a fruit which can vary substantially for different fruits.

Research shows a strong correlation between increased whole fruit consumption and a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, especially in the case of blueberries, grapes, and apples. It is due to the low glycemic index of these fruits and their highly digestive fibre, antioxidants, nutritional, and diabetesfighting phytochemical contents.

It is vital to refrain from believing in myths that say fruits are unhealthy for blood sugar regulation and can lead to a spike. On the contrary, fruits are an excellent source for regulating blood sugar without causing significant damage. Furthermore, they are a healthy source of glucose and can help stabilise the body's blood glu-

#### **Nutritional Value of Apples**

It contain vitamins, dietary fibre, antioxidants, and other minerals. With diabetes, it's essential to keep track of macronutrients like carbs and micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) since they affect your blood sugar. Therefore, it is vital to know what apples' nutritional content is and why they are considered diabetes-friendly. As per the USDA, around 100 grams of raw apples with skin contain:

Calories: 52 kcal Protein: 0.26 a

Carbohydrates: 13.8 g Fat: 0.17 g Potassium: 107 mg Phosphorus: 11 mg Calcium: 6 mg Magnesium: 5 mg

Apples are a rich source of phytochemicals. According to research, the nutrient consumption of apples leads to a reduced risk of diabetes because various phytochemicals are present in apples. For example, apples contain potent antioxidants, quercetin, catechin, phloridzin, and chlorogenic acid. The phytochemical content of apples varies significantly amongst apple types, and modest changes in phytochemicals occur as the fruit ripens and matures. Nevertheless. these phytochemicals are essential in the fight against diabetes.

#### **Apples and Glycemic Index**

Regulating blood sugar levels is vital in preventing diabetes. The glycemic index categorises foods that include carbohydrates into groups based on how likely are they to cause blood sugar spikes. Compared to foods with a lower Glycemic Index value, foods with a high Glycemic Index are likely to cause a more significant spike in your blood sugar levels. Since apple has a low glycemic index, several studies support apple consumption for people

type 2 diabetes. As per research, poly- of developing diabetes. phenols slow down the bloodstream's absorption of sugar, reducing sharp spikes in blood sugar. Second, fructose, which has little impact on blood sugar, makes up most of the sugar in apples. Hence, many prefer swapping table sugar for fruit-derived sugar such as fructose to reduce blood glucose.

#### **Health Benefits of Apple**

Apples are a nutritious superfood for everyone, not just people with diabetes. They aid in preventing and treating several illnesses, including diabetes because they contain various nutrients. Here are some of the

that make them a healthy addition to

#### **Nutrient-rich**

Apples are full of several nutrients. As per the USDA, around 100 grams of raw apples are a rich source of several essential vitamins, minerals and micronutrients.

Apples are a great source of vitamins and minerals. The fruit contains vitamins E, B1 and B6. Vitamin E is vital for growth and development, vitamin B6 is crucial for protein metabolism, and vitamin E functions as a fat-soluble antioxidant. Apples are also abundant in antioxidants called polyphenols. These shield your cells from free radicals, protecting them on a cellular and molecular level

#### **Lowers the Risk of Diabetes**

Apple consumption is not only safe for people suffering from diabetes but it can even prevent the disease. Apple consumption lowers your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. According to a research review, eating apples and pears was linked to an 18% lower incidence of type 2 diabetes. In addition, a weekly dose of one could lower the risk by 3%. This favourable impact may be due to their high antioxidant (polyphenols quercetin and phloridzin). The anti-inflammatory properties of quercetin may lessen insulin resistance, a significant risk factor for the Apples have a low glycemic index development of diabetes. Phloridzin owing to two reasons. First, apples may also reduce sugar absorption in contain polyphenols, plant-based the intestines, resulting in lower blood substances known to guard against sugar levels and a decreased chance

#### **Aids Weight Loss**

Recent studies have proven that a diet rich in fibre aids weight loss. A high-fibre diet keeps the stomach full for longer, significantly reducing overeating. A diet filled with protein also keeps cravings at bay, and apples contain a reasonable amount of fibre and protein, making them suitable for weight loss.

#### **Heart Friendly**

Apple consumption lowers the risk of heart disease because apples contain soluble fibre, which can lower excellent health benefits of apples blood cholesterol levels. In addition,

some polyphenols such as flavonoid epicatechin may reduce blood pressure. Studies also show that high flavonoid consumption lowers the risk of stroke. Additionally, flavonoids reduce plaque formation in your arteries and lower blood pressure, LDL cholesterol oxidation and atherosclerosis. As a result, it can help prevent heart

#### **Promotes Gut Health**

Apples contain pectin, a form of fibre that serves as a prebiotic. It nourishes the beneficial bacteria in your stomach, known as the gut microbiota. Your gut microbiota contributes significantly to your general health due to its role in various health and disease prevention processes.

Better health frequently depends on a healthy gut. Pectin enters your colon intact because dietary fibre is hard to digest, which helps the growth of beneficial bacteria. In addition, it enhances explicitly the proportion of Firmicutes to Bacteriodetes, the two major bacterial species in your gut.

#### **Cancer Prevention**

The antioxidants in apples protect against specific malignancies, such as the digestive system, breast, and lung tumours. In addition, according to one study, eating more apples was associated with a lower chance of cancer mortality. Apples' ability to combat cancer is also due to their high

#### Can help fix Asthma

The antioxidant properties of apples help shield your lungs from oxidative damage. Oxidative damage can occur due to an abundance of dangerous chemicals known as free radicals. Your body may react by becoming inflammatory and allergic as a result. The anti-inflammatory, antioxidant quercetin, abundant in apple skin, can help protect your immune system and lessen inflammation. That makes apples useful against reactions in the later stages of bronchial asthma. Similarly, additional elements present in apples, such as proanthocyanidins. may lessen or stop allergic asthma airway inflammation.

Yoghurt

Cottage cheese (Paneer)

Soy, almond, and rice milk

Sugar-free ice cream

Lactose-free milk

Mayonnaise

Oils and Dressings

Smooth peanut butter

Plain cakes, cookies, and pies

Plain gravy with salt, pepper, and

As you can see, most foods in

a low-fibre diet are perhaps less

healthy than high-fibre alterna-

tives. Therefore, follow this diet

when you have no better option,

such as on medical grounds. It's

best to change your diet after con-

sulting a nutritionist. Speaking

to the health experts at Health-

ifyMe, you can get proper guid-

ance on balanced and portion-

Fats and Desserts

without fruits and nuts

Carbonated drinks

Jelly, honey, syrup

Plain hard candy

Butter

Cheese

### **HEALTHY WAYS TO EAT APPLES**

ou can eat apples as fresh fruit or chop an apple into slices and toss them into a salad with vegetables and nuts. You can also eat apples as a dessert by eating sliced apples with a scoop of your favourite nut butter.

#### Quantity and Timing are Important

Make sure to stick to one medium-sized apple since larger portions will have a higher glycemic load. You'll also want to space your daily fruit intake to stabilise blood sugar levels. Moreover, avoid pre-packaged apple sauce and dried apples and consume fresh, whole apples. Processed fruit can have lower fibre and higher sugar content.

#### **Eat Apples With the Skin**

Try to consume the apple with its skin because research shows that the apple skin contains most of the fibre. minerals and antioxidants. Its removal will lower the overall nutrition benefits you would reap by eating an

Consume Fresh Fruit Instead of Drinking Apple Juice As per studies, fruit juice can cause a higher risk of diabetes than fresh fruit consumption. Fruit juices contain a higher sugar concentration and less fibre than fresh fruits. As a result, it can cause a higher spike in blood sugar. Therefore, it is best to eat apples rather than drink apple juice to reap the maximum benefits.

Apples have many health benefits apart from just blood sugar regulation. For example, apples help prevent asthma, and cancer, and aids weight loss. Eating the correct quantity at the right time is very important. One of the best ways to consume apples is by eating them raw with the skin.

#### **Precautions and Safety Measures**

After eating apples, some people may experience an allergic reaction. Anyone suffering from hives, puffiness or breathing issues must consult a doctor immediately. Life-threatening conditions could arise if this develops into anaphylaxis. As a result, checking to see if you have an apple allergy before including them in your diet is essential.

#### **Monitoring Blood Glucose Levels**

To know how apples impact you, always check your blood glucose after eating them. Maintaining a healthy body requires monitoring your blood sugar levels and understanding how various foods affect you. If you are dealing with diabetes, it is also wise to speak with your doctor before adding new items to your diet.

Apples are a fantastic option for managing type 2 diabetes and preserving healthy blood sugar levels. The majority advise a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables of nutritional guidelines for diabetics. Since apples don't raise your blood sugar levels quickly, they are one of the safer fruit options for those with diabetes. In addition, they are rich in nutrients, such as vitamins and minerals that support blood sugar regulation.

Apples are also an excellent food option for people with diabetes due to the inclusion of fructose, which makes them low GI foods, as well as polyphenols and fibre, which slow down the digestion of carbohydrates and lower blood glucose levels. However, before introducing apples into your diet, you must ensure that you aren't allergic to them and that you also monitor the effect it has on your blood glucose level.



# A Simple Guide to Understanding the Low-Fibre Diet

#### HIRAL PATEL

ietary fibre or 'roughage' is an essential part of a healthy diet. Due to its indigestibility, fibre helps you feel fuller for longer, improves gut health, and maintains your blood sugar levels. Yet whilst fibre helps maintain weight and aid normal gut functioning for some, its hard-to-digest nature can be a nightmare if you have digestive difficulties. Digestion varies from person to person. and it is particularly sensitive in cases of inflammatory bowel disease. And that's when you have to ditch high-fibre foods temporarily. A low-fibre diet, sometimes called a low residue diet, helps relieve digestive issues. This diet aims to give your digestive system a rest. You can follow a low-fibre diet for many reasons, but it all leads to the typical result of leaving minimal residue in the bowel. You can even consider this diet the first step towards effective bowel cleanse.

Read on to know what a lowfibre diet is if you might require one, and which foods to include and avoid

### **Low Fibre Diet: An Introduction**

Some preliminary studies show the positive influence of lowfibre intake on Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, bloating, bowel obstruction, and pre-and/or postabdominal surgery. The fibre intake in a low-fibre diet should be no more than 10 g per day. While the diet is suitable for

bowel issues, not everyone can adopt a low-fibre lifestyle. So, who might require a low-fibre

#### A doctor advises this diet for the following reasons:

Reduce the undigested food amount passing through the gut

Ease diarrhoea and stomach cramps, including flare-ups of more severe health concerns like Crohn's disease or ulcerative

production in the large bowel. Reduce the workload of the digestive system Lessen the amount of stools

To reduce the amount of gas

As a bowel preparation protocol before colonoscopy, colonography, or gynaecological surgery

follow for a short period due to Foods its restrictive nature. One benefit A low-fibre diet is a short-term of this diet is that it gives your diet plan primarily for gastroin- digestive system a rest and settestinal disease management. tles gastrointestinal symptoms. allowed while you are on the low-



on your condition and tolerance. A low-fibre diet is only safe to Low-Fibre Diet: Recommended

> Despite being one of the most challenging diets, the best part is that many cooked veggies are

fibre diet. However, you need to be careful with the portions altogether. Below you will find the foods you can eat to experience more beneficial results.

Refined bread, crackers, cereals, waffles, and pancakes that have less than 0.5 grams of fibre in a single serving

Pasta foods like noodles, spaghetti, and macaroni White rice, white pitta, chapati

Well-cooked and canned vegetables without skin or seeds

Vegetable juice made without seeds or pulp Potatoes without skin

Fruits Canned or cooked fruits Apple sauce Ripe bananas, ripe cantaloupe, and honeydew melon

Fruits juices without pulp **Dairy Products** 

A low-fibre diet comprises foods that your body can easily absorb and digest. However, it also swaps healthy wholegrain for white, refined ones, which contain more calories. With this in mind, ask for a doctor's opinion if you are thinking of starting Salad dressings without seeds a low-fibre diet.

#### Thoroughly cooked or tender Low Fibre Diet: Reference Meal beef, ham, poultry, fish, and shell-

Below is a sample meal plan that gives you a glimpse of a typical day on a low-fibre diet. Breakfast: (Fibre: 2 g)

Scrambled eggs with two slices of white bread toast

Unsweetened tea: 1 cup Mid-morning Snack: (Fibre:

Fat-free plain yoghurt: 1 cup Sliced banana: ½ cup One small bagel Lunch: (Fibre: 5 g) Baked chicken breast: 120 g Sautéed zucchini: 1 cup Evening Snack (Fibre: 1.5 g)

Apple cinnamon rice cakes: 2 Peanut butter: 1 tbsp Dinner (Fibre: 3.5 g) Fish cooked with your preferred choice of seasoning: 200 g

Rice: 3/4 cup

Stir-fried/sauteed pumpkin:

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controlled meals.

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU,, OCT 16

Uday Bhanu Chib, Incharge Youth Congress, Maharashtra, along with Surinder Kumar, Youth Leader from Ward No 34, today inaugurated the Ram Leela event held at Jammu North Assembly. This remarkable event was organized by the enthusiastic members of the Youth

tional cultural extravagan- "Ram Leela serves as a organizing the Ram Leela za, is celebrated with great timeless source of inspira- which holds very much enthusiasm and fervor tion, teaching us values of significance in the Hindu throughout India.

the younger generation ded in Ram Leela." with the profound values and characters depicted in efforts of Sunil Kumar, importance of preserv- cate audiences of all ages.



The Ram Leela, a traditimes. Uday expressed, Leela Club Old Janipur for Addressing the gath- and the triumph of good ering, Uday Chib threw over evil. It is crucial that light on the significance we bridge the generational nated with Uday Chib's of Ram Leela in the pres- gap by educating today's sentiments and encourent era. He emphasized youth about the cultural aged the youth present at

righteousness, devotion, community as well as pres-

Surinder Kumar reso-

Ram Leela Club Old Jani- Ram Leela, which are rele- Ashwani Kumar and Ashu ing our rich heritage and vant even in contemporary members of Youth Ram traditions as they provide a strong foundation for a harmonious society.

The inauguration of the Ram Leela in Jammu North Assembly was a resounding success, fostering a sense of unity and cultural pride within the community. The event, organized by the Youth Ram Leela Club the dire need to acquaint and moral lessons embed- the event to remain con- Old Janipur, promises to nected with their cultural be a cultural extravaganza He also appreciated the roots. He highlighted the that will captivate and edu-

### Ubaid Taj's "Chali Chali 2.0" released, aims to uplift spirits amidst ongoing mental health crises

SRINAGAR, OCT 16

Today marks a significant the renowned moment in the world SXR, known for of music as we proudly their exceptional announce the release of talent in craft-"Chali Chali 2.0," a vibrant ing melodious and energetic song that is sure to bring joy and entertainment to listeners, while also serving as mastered by the a respite from the ongoing anxiety and mental health crises. Sung by the notch audio qualtalented Kashmiri Reggaeton artist, Ubaid Taj Beigh, hearts of the listeners. this track is a sequel to the hit single "Chali Chali," released two years ago.

"Chali Chali 2.0" is more than just a song; it's designed to uplift spirits and provide an escape from the pressures of the world. The catchy beats, infectious melodies, and meaningful lyrics combine to create a musical experience that transcends bor- lar way. ders and brings people

The music for "Chali Chali 2.0" is produced by tunes. The song has been meticulously mixed and talented Arif Mir, ensuring a top-

artistic eye of Muneeb Khan. The music video is a ray of musical sunshine a visual delight, complementing the song's energy and enthusiasm. The entire project is skillfully directed by RJ Umar Nisar, whose creative vision and direction have brought the song to life in a spectacu-

ity that resonates with the region of Kashmir, has not gets the drugs in kashmir only lent his soulful voice and other social issues The visuals for "Chali to this track but has also the track name was Chali 2.0" are a feast for infused it with his unique KALKHARAAB, Can be the eyes, thanks to the style and charisma. His streamed all across major performance in "Chali Chali 2.0" is nothing short of exceptional, showcas-

as a beacon of hope during Beigh' Youtube Channel. challenging times. Its We encourage everyone release is timely, aiming to listen, enjoy, and share to provide solace and a this musical journey with much-needed distraction friends and family, as Ubaid Taj Beigh, who from the ongoing mental together we navigate the hails from the beautiful health challenges that complexities of life.

many individuals face worldwide.

This is more than just a song release; it's a testament to the power of music in bringing people together, offering comfort, and serving as an antidote to the anxieties that haunt our daily lives.

His recent release was about the social evils in which he tar-

platforms.

"Chali Chali 2.0" is now available on all major ing his versatility as an streaming platforms, and the music video can be "Chali Chali 2.0" comes watched on 'Ubaid Taj

### Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu Achieves Rank -1 in UT of J&K and Coveted Top Spot in National Education Rankings by Education World - a human development magazines

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCT 16

In a historic milestone, Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu, a beacon of academic excellence and holistic development, proudly announces its recent accolade as the nation's foremost educational institution ranked no.1 and UT of J&K in Co-ed day schools category by Education World, a globally renowned authority on educational rankings. This exceptional achievement stands as a testament of unwavering commitment to delivering unparalleled education while nurturing an environment that empowers students to thrive intellectually, socially, and per-

annual assessments distinction, state-of-the- ing thousands of institu- ferred upon Rohini Aima encompass a comprehen- art infrastructure, diverse tions across the nation, - Principal Cum Vicesive evaluation, consider- extracurricular offerings, the school has risen as an Chairperson in New Delhi ing factors such as aca- and active community undisputed leader.



Education World's demic prowess, faculty engagement. Outshin-

The award was conaccompanied by Sonakshi mention that school has educational excellence.

remarked, "This recognition symbolizes the dediand supportive parents. ther confabulated that we have come a long way, deeply indebted and humbled to all stakeholders for reposing their trust, faith students and supportive

Anand - Director Opera- also clinched EW Jury's tions Jammu Sanskriti award in Library and Read-School Jammu in the name ing Culture J&K no. 1 and of school for being Ranked India no. 6. As a premier No-1 in the entire UT of education institution, we J&K. She exuding profound at JSS, JAMMU believe it is gratitude and enthusiasm, imperative that we are not only ahead of the change, but also drive change in cation and tireless efforts the right direction. Library of our exceptional edu- engagement and effectivecators, diligent students, ness along with academic competencies, students She also added that our continue to flower in pursuit of excellence has teamwork, critical thinkalways been unwavering, ing, communication, perand this ranking reaffirms sistence and creativity our mission to mold well- -all attributes which JSS rounded, responsible JAMMU has been working global citizens." She fur- towards reimagining education and reinventing pedagogy.

As Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu basks in the glory of this prestitoil, hardwork, persever- gious ranking, its commitance and commitment ment to innovation and of management, faculty, delivering a world-class educational experience continues unabated, set-Also, It is pertinent to ting new benchmarks for

### **JKBS felicitates Engineer Kuldeep Kaith for encouraging** people to love gardening



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 16:

The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members visited Engineer Kuldeep

when he first moved to added the Engineer. his one kanal plot here at Airport 25 years ago, members who visited over was plant an orchard. Baldev Chand Sandhu, He carefully researched Havildar Des Raj Kaith and the varieties he wanted, R.L.Kaith.

selected his site (an open, slightly sloping field in full sun), mail-ordered his tiny trees (called whips in the trade, veritable branchless sticks), and headed Kaith's orchard garden at out to plant them as soon Airport Raipur Satwari as they arrived. Now the and felicitated Engineer trees grown that time Kuldeep Kaith for encour- are not only providing a aging people to love gar- large yield of fruit but also producing fresh oxygen, Engineer Kaith told giving him and his family the JKBS members that cleaner air to breathe,

Prominent among JKBS the very first thing he did there included Subedar

### JKDFA organizes awareness camp to resolve grievances of Dairy farmers



JAMMU, OCT 16

J&K Dairy Farmers Association (JKDFA) today vision of Chairman mir Singh, Vikram Singh, wherein Department of other members from all Animal Husbandry was Districts of Jammu. also invited to resolve the

Sudhir and Dr Ashwani. stock. Singh Chib, Keher Singh, from different subsidized many more.

Sunil Sharma, Balwinder schemes launched by the Singh, Jasvinder Singh, central government for Ajay Singh, Mukesh Raina, the welfare of the farmers Govind Sharma, Harpal and youth of Jammu and Singh, Rohit Mathur, Kashmir. They also brief organized awareness Inderjeet Singh Slathia, about FPOs and Self Help camp under the Super- Rameshwar Singh, Kash- Groups to avail various departmental schemes Sh.Jeet Ram Choudhary Rashpal Choudhary and under HADP and other schemes.JKDFA appreciated the efforts made by Insights and expertise the department to congrievances of Dairy Farm- from Animal Husbandry duct mega awareness proers regarding the new helps the farmers to gain gram benefitting farmers schemes and benefits. a better understanding under various schemes. Prominent among those of the various aspects of They said every possible from Department present animal husbandry and help should be given to on the occasion Dr.Zahid dairy farming. Dairy the farmers through the Saleem CAHO, Dr Zafar farmers were informed designated staff of the Iqbal LDO, Dr HP Singh, creating better livelihood department so that they Dr Shadab Hussain, Dr opportunities for live- can achieve the goal in this regard. Also Depart-Prominent among They appealed to dairy ment has given awareness those from JKDFA Dr. farmers to come for- about IDDS ,Gobar Gas Ashwani Jojra ,Sandeep ward and take benefits Plant, Processing Unit and

### Akhand Jyot, Holy Chharri reaches Raghunath ji Temple, invites devotees for Darshan



**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, OCT 16

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has placed the illuminated Akhand Jyot and sacred

have Darshan. Manish Sahni, Presiand the Chhari have been blessings of Maa Vaishno made available for Dar- Devi.

shan, extending a warm invitation to all devotees to perform Darshan of scared and Akhand Jyot.

It's worth mentioning that on Saturday, after a traditional Puja at the his-Chharri, received from toric Raghunath ji Temple the Holy Shrine of Mata in Jammu, Kuwarani Dr. Vaishno Devi, placed at Ritu Singh and Sahil Maha-Raghunath ji Temple in raj formally initiated the Jammu for devotees to journey of the Akhand Jyot and the Chhari. Following the Darshan of the Akhand dent of Shiv Sena State Jyot and the sacred Chhari Unit, revealed that follow- at the Mata Vaishno Devi ing the traditional light- shrine during the first day ing of the Akhand Jyoti at of Navratri, they have now the Vaishno Devi shrine been placed at Raghunath during Navratri and the ji Temple for devotees to continuous scared Jyot have Darshan and seek

### Manjit Singh demands formation of sports policy to encourage sportsmanship among youth in J&K



JI NEWS SERVICE

Apni Party Provinsportsmanship in J&K, and establishment of fully equipped sports stadiums each block of Jammu divi-

that was organised by SC an alarming situation. State President Bodh Raj youth.

Apni Party leaders for and Kashmir. involved in sports activi- authorities should estab- the youth.

them to remain physically and mentally fit.

and Former Minister S the revival of traditional Manjit Singh on Monday sports like wrestling, demanded formation of horse riding, bow-arrow a policy to encourage etc by involving the youth and the elders of the villages," he said.

He however expressed was addressing a meeting divert and often indulge authorities is missed." of youth in Marh Block in drug addiction that is

Bhagat with dozens of nation between society Raj Bhagat, OBC Wing J&K In his address, Manjit curb on the drug peddling Senior Vice President Singh appreciated the and addiction in Jammu Jammu Urban, Vaibhav

ties that would enable lish a sports stadium, fully equip, develop and maintain already established "The physical activities stadiums, and appoint cial President Jammu, are important as well as adequate numbers of coaches for the training of the sports activities in different fields.

He said that "It is unfortunate that the sports are promoted among the youth in Haryana and with trained coaches in surprise as to why the Punjab which are our sports are not being given neighbouring states of attention by the authori- Jammu and Kashmir - but The Former Minister ties and many youth the passion among the

Meanwhile, the Former Minister along with the He demanded coordi- Apni Party leaders Bodh and the police to ensure President Bhagat Ram, Mattoo and others distribencouraging youth to get He demanded that the uted sports kits among

### Shri Mauni Ji Maharaj was a religious, ascetic, supreme seeker of couple name Shri Sita Ram: Jagadguru Rajendra Das Ji Maharaj

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCT 16

An introductory book based on the life of Shri Shri 1008 Saketvasi Shri Mouni Ji Maharaj in the Maluk Ashram of Ras Bhoomi Vrindavan titled "The Punya Katha of the Inspirational Saint Mauni Baba" has been published by Shri Shri 1008 Shri Mouni Baba Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay, Chief Trustee and PDF Researcher of Center for Study of Sanskrit and New Delhi, lovingly presented the gift to the most revered Shri Majjgadguru Dwaracharya Swami Shri about Siddha Saint Shri Mouni Ji Maharaj in Shri is associated with the itself improves. Ayodhya Dham, he men- name of many charitable tioned many mysterious and ascetic kings like Raja Upadhyay, the grandson and touching incidents. Bali since ancient times. of Shri Mouni Ji Maharaj, Describing about Mouni Ji Many accomplished ascet- who is following his saint Shukla and Shiva Shukla Maharaj, he said that his ic saints have been incartradition in many places were present.

JI NEWS SERVICE

DAUSA (RAJASTHAN), OCT 16

Senior BJP leader and

former Deputy Chief

Minister of Jammu and

Kashmir, Kavinder Gupta, urged the people

of Rajasthan to unite

with the BJP for a trans-

formation in the state,

while strongly criticizing

the Congress for various

misdeeds that under-

mined the power of the

Anaaj Mandi Lalsot, and



years, etc. are world famous.

Slams Congress for weakening power of voters

Kavinder, along with ing Bandikui, Mahoba, ernment with a commit-

Bilas Meena, met with as the western state of and plans for the people. retary Balram Bairwa,

While addressing people as well as mem-

Mandavari Anaaj Mandi meetings, Kavinder bers of business com- Deepak Sedulai, Anil

to discuss impending highlighted the poor munity not to fall into Burja, Deepak Bohra,

poll strategies. He also state of governance in Congress' trap again but Vinod Koraka, Jagdish

meetings with mem- ruling authorities of has a zero-tolerance hary, Jagmohan Hada,

bers of business com- displaying the highest stance against corrup- Lallu Gupta, Sushma

munities and Municipal degree of indifference, tion, as demonstrated Chaudhary, Rekha Sen,

Councillors in the Dausa instability, and incom- in states where it is in Jaiprakash Saini, Sanjay

observed a strong desire confidence that the BIP allevel where corruption Rammanohar Bairwa,

for change in the govern- would secure a substan- has been significantly Jaiprakash Sharma, Ram-

as the Prabhari and will ing that only the BJP can were present include Modi, Hemraj Meena,

be campaigning in five provide a corruption- State Vice President of and Kailash Balaji.

BJP candidate Ram Sikrai, Dausa, and Lalsot, ment to prolific policies

conducted a series of Rajasthan, accusing the to support the BJP, which

constituency, where he petence. He expressed power and at the nation-

constituencies, includ- free and progressive gov- Mahila Morcha, Suman

Charitable Trust , Dr. spiritual practice, chant- nating on this sacred land ing of name, service as a from time to time. Mouni skilled Ayurvedic physi- Ji Maharaj Ji's name also cian, difficult penance comes in the same condone in his life to make the text. There is a long series Oriental Studies, Jawa- society religious like fast- of saints and mahatmas har Lal Nehru University, ing of silence for twelve who incarnated here, in which the names of Maharishi Dardar Muni, Kha-Maharaj ji had incarnat- padiya Baba, Chainram Malukpeethadhishwar ed in Rattichapra, Revati, Baba, Devraj Baba etc. the sacred holy land of are still prevalent in the Rajendradas Devacharya Maharishi Bhrigu in Ballia minds of people with rev-Ji Maharaj Ji. While nar- district. Since childhood, erence. The biographies rating some serious facts he had been engaged in of such great men prove introverted meditation to be helpful not only in Mouni Ji Maharaj, Maharaj like a proven meditator. inspiring the society but Shri Ji said that he was a It is mentioned in the sto- also in taking it forward. In great man who was adept ries of mythological texts the middle of his mystical in chanting Yugalnaam, an that Maharishi Bhrigu ji stories, he drew parallels ascetic, a good household- had gone to Lord Vishnu between spring and a saint er, who did public welfare in Ksheer Sagar and given and said that when spring and guided the right path. solutions like an enlight- arrives, nature blossoms While connecting his ened person on some seri- and when a great saint childhood memories with ous subject matter. Ballia incarnates, the culture

Dr. Abhishek Kumar

Kavinder urges people of Rajasthan to unite for change

Kashmir by making the eternal system of Sanskrit, culture and civilization his important goal, has compiled, written and edited this book commendably. And he has done a commendable job. We pray at the feet of Shri Sitaram Ji Maharaj that the writings of this young scholar may contribute more positively in carrying forward the Sanskrit, culture, values and virtuous thinking, meditation and traditions of the Saint Mahatmas, Baba Kashi Vishwanath and the mother of the world, Mata Vaishno. We pray to the Goddess and bless her that her interest. study, teaching, writing, penance and sadhana continue to remain the same, and that Satvik knowledge and science grow progressively in the continuous flow of her sacred mind like the Ganga of the Indian knowledge tradition. are. I hope that this book will become the basis of public awareness in the society. I congratulate and bless all the compilers and editors engaged in publishing this holy book. While presenting the book, Prof. Kamalakant Tripathi, Prof. Maharajshree's disciples including Parmeshvardutt

Meena Khurra, Dis-

trict Vice President

Ravi Hada, Anil Baina-

da, Satpal Meena, Jitu

Chaudhary, Lalsot City

President Satyanarayan

Bohra, Lalsot Dehat Pres-

ident Roop Singh Meena,

Rahuwas Mandal Presi-

dent Bhanwar Singh,

Ramgarh Mandal Presi-

dent Laddu Ram Meena,

Mandawari Mandal President Kamal Meena,

Assembly Convenor

Kanji Meena, Co-Conve-

nor Jagdish Prasad Saini,

Mandal General Sec-

Yuva Morcha President

Gupta, Suresh Chaud-

Koraka, Suresh Saini,

manohar Sharma, Kan-

The former Deputy Mahesh Torda, Shriful

Among those who haiya Lal Meena, Kailash

Chief Minister urged the Meena, Kailash Shivaji,

including Jammu and

### 'Vibrant Verve' - a two day exhibition inaugurated by Director Tourism, MD JKTPO



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

The enchanting blend of luxury and the spirit of celebration took center stage as Director of Tourism, Vivekanand Rai, and Managing Director of JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir, today inaugurated the highly anticipated 'Vibrant Verve' exhibition at KC Regalia here today. The event, a two-day extravaganza, is set to captivate visitors with its opulent

'Vibrant Verve,' organized by FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter in partnership with Luxuries of Kashmir, promises to be an exquisite showcase of premier brands, not only from the season has kicked off in of Jammu to visit the their heart's content.

symbolizing festivity. Shoppers are in for a treat, ranging from home decor ing luxury and elegance. to fashion essentials.

Director of Tourism, mended the tireless efforts of the FICCI FLO JKL team, led by Varuna Anand, dedication in bringing people of the region.

Varuna Anand said the exhibition is not only FLO JKL who were present confined to local offerings; it also welcomes participants from across the country. Many of the brands that are typically seen online are available Union Territory but also right here in Jammu. She tion from people in huge from across India. Festival encouraged the people numbers who shopped to

Jammu and Kashmir, and exhibition and explore this exhibition is a true the extraordinary exhibembodiment of luxury its. She emphasized that 'Vibrant Verve' is a twoday affair, making it a with an array of options must-visit for anyone seek-

"Don't miss the opportunity to experience the Vivekanand Rai, com- opulence of 'Vibrant Verve' as it unfolds over these two exciting days. For those who appreci-Chairperson. This exhibiate the finer things in life, tion is a testament to their this exhibition is the perfect destination to usher top-notch brands to the in the festive season," she emphasized.

The core team of FICCI on the occasion included Ruchika Gupta, Arti Chowdhary, Mona Saraf, Pooja Gandotra, Sona Mehta & Chandani Kapoor. Day 1 concluded with participa-

### Hanjura visits family of Ghulam Nabi Khayal for condolence

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (JKPDP) General Secretary & Former Minister J&K GH Nabi Lone Hanjura today visited family of Gh Nabi Lone Hanjura at their residence in downtown Srinagar for condolences. He was accompanied by several other party leaders including State Secretary Ab Hameed Kosheen, district president Srinagar Ab Qayoom Bhat, Mohd Shafi Kundangar, Mohd Arif Laiguroo, Zuhaib Yousuf Mir, Mohd Iqbal Tramboo, Mohd Altaf, Fayaz Ahmad and others. Expressing deep sympathies with the family, Gh Nabi Lone termed Khayal Saheb as a vetran writer and journalist who had dedicated his life to the pursuit of knowledge and promotion of rich cultural heritage of Kashmir. His contributions being very vast and significant and has left behind a legacy which will inspire generations a head. Terming his loss a big void in the literary world Lone said that Khayal sahib will be remembered for long. He also prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

### JJSF begins 3-day fast as tribute to student martyrs of 1966 agitation



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

To observe `Martyr Days' dent martyrs of 1966 Agitation, who had sacrificed Jammu. their lives while fighting against the decision of shifting Agriculture College from Jammu to Srinagar, Jammu Joint Students Federation began its Sthal in front of GGM Science College, Jammu.

Brij Mohan, Subhash Rajesh Kumar Gupta Prin- Manish Khullar, Vansh Chandra and Gulshan cipal GGM Science College Sharma, Raman Khajuria, Handa were killed on Jammu, Surinder Kumar Samaksh Sharma, Rohan October 17, 1966 in GGM Principal SPMR College Sindhu, Karan Kumar, Science College premises of Commerce, Dr Vinod Gourav Sharma, Aryan whereas another student Bakshi Physical Director Sharma and others.

activists of JJSF today sat the supreme sacrifice of on three-day long fast at martyr students. Shaheedi Sthal outside GGM Science College. addressed on the occasion, three-day fast at Shaheedi Those observing fast included JJSF President included Keshav Mal- Pushvinder Singh, Vice hotra, Bharat Verma, Ritik President Atul, Raghav Three students, namely Verma and Vishal Kumar. Singh, Ramandeep Singh,

leader, Gurcharan Singh GGM Science College along was killed on October 18, with the staff of their col-1966, in Kanak Mandi, lege visited the Memorial Jammu, when a students' to pay homage to martyrs and pay tribute to the stu- procession was march- and showered their blessing through the streets of ings on the fast observing IJSF activists. A number To pay homage to these of students assembled at student martyrs, four the venue and recalled

Among those, who

### NC concerned over losses to orchardists in Kulgam, Shopian due to intense hailstorm

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 16

National Conference (NC) on Monday expressed concern over widespread damage to apple orchards in Kulgam, Shopian areas following heavy hailstorm.

In a joint statement issued to the news agency, Senior leader Sakina Itoo, MP Hasnain Masoodi, JKNC Agriculture Committee Chairman Javed Dar said the intense hailstorm damaged hundreds of orchards in Kulgam and Shopian belt just when the harvest was about to commence.

"Our fruit growers have been facing increasingly challenging times in recent years, with continuous lockdowns and natural disasters taking a toll on their livelihoods. Once again, nature's destructive forces have severely damaged the nearly ripe produce. For many, this year's harvest is a pivotal moment in their lives, as they have invested all their savings in their orchards, they said.

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, OCT 16

research scholars, and stu-realize the dream of the corns", he further said. efficiently. dents were present on the Honourable Prime Min- Adding, those planning to

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ment. Notably, Kavinder tial majority in Rajasthan reduced.

pati Rao. This is the first Honourable Prime Minis-

ister. Prof. Rao identified Speaking on the occa- poverty as a humongous sion, Prof. T. Tirupati Rao, challenge for India in its The Central University asked the students to play race for being the develof Kashmir, on Monday a crucial and pivotal role oped nation. "The people

Prof. Rao, asked the

employment are staying historic moment for the role in tackling the global

now that of a technologi- was extremely important is to facilitate a discourse are implemented on the

with the youth. "The youth management of organ-dents. have to optimally utilize isation, human resource the technological advance- and finance". "Ultimately Mehraj ud Din Shah, in his ments and Information the sustainability lies on welcome address, said the Technology to realize their values of transparency, challenges of unemploydreams and to play a role accountability and human ment and poverty faced and development of the prosperity enabling the try have to be addressed

thanks, Dean Academ- have an important role to

Referring to Indian democ- and the strength of India opment of the nation, in racy he said, the vibrancy lies in its diversity. Speak- which faculty and students of our democracy lies in ing about the leadership, are fully acquainted with the power of vote being CUK VC said, "the lead- the fast moving developexercised by all eligible ership emerges in three mental scenario in India. voters without any preju- forms: election, selection Prof. Shahid added that and nomination". He also the lecture was beamed Addressing the gather- said that, "development live to all the campuses ing, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. shall be based on techno- of the university and was A Ravinder Nath, said the logical advancement in watched by the faculty future of the country lies growth sectors, effective members and the stu-

Earlier, Dean DSW, Dr. realise the dream of Viksit Proposing the vote of Bharat. He said the youth Prof. Rao described cally advanced nation. in a democratic set up in the campuses on devel- ground in letter and spirit.

## 'Youth to play crucial role in realising dream of Viksit Bharat'

Gupta is in Rajasthan after the polls, emphasiz-

prominent workers in the country prepares for

Didwana, Lalsot city, upcoming elections.

organised a distinguished in making India a devel- of the country have to get lecture on "Bharat in Amrit oped nation by 2047, as united to fight poverty and Kaal: Democracy, Leader- envisioned by the Honour- alleviate the sufferings of ship and Development," by able Prime Minister, Shri the people belonging to the Chancellor, Manipur Narendra Modi Ji. "Viksit the lower strata of the soci-University, Prof. T. Tiru- Bharat @ 2047', which our ety," he added. lecture under the 'Distin-ter, Shri Narendra Modi ji youth to take up entreguished Lecture Series' has visualised, conceptu- preneurship and become visit western countries for the G-20 Presidency as a being organised under the alised and imagined can job providers, rather than title Amrit Kaal -Vimarsh: be achieved only when job seekers. "The policies back and working in the country and said the world the youth and citizens of launched by the Govern- newly established corpo- has now started to believe Vice-Chancellor, Prof. country will shun the coloment of India, including rates. Prof. Rao remarked that India can play a huge in overall growth, progress concerns for peace and by the people of the country will shun the coloment of India, including rates. A Ravinder, Nath, Dean nial mind-set and will work start-up India, A Scheme that the Indian prowess Academic Affairs, Prof. proficiently and efficiently for Promotion of Inno- in the key sectors can be issues. "The joint state- country," Prof. A Ravinder democracy to survive", immediately in order to Shahid Rasool, Dean DSW towards the nation build-vation, Rural Industries gauged from the fact that ment issued by the G-20 Nath said. He said that in he added. and Finance Officer, Dr. ing," Prof. Rao remarked; and Entrepreneurship several Indians are head-members in itself is a huge order to achieve the goal Mehraj ud Din Shah, Deans adding that he had firm (ASPIRE) and other have ing the billion dollar corof Schools, Heads and belief and conviction that started to show excellent porate houses and compa- Referring to Chandriyan-3, the youth have to inno- ic Affairs, Prof. Shahid play in fighting inequal-Coordinators of Depart- the youngsters will leave results with India fast nies across the world and he said, the image of India vate. CUK Vice-Chancellor Rasool, said the objective ity and ensuring that poliments, faculty members, no stone unturned to becoming the hub of uni- are managing them quite at international level is said that inclusiveness of holding these lectures cies of the government

achievement," he added. of Viksit Bharat @ 2047'

# Fifteen show series of 'Mata Ki Kahani' begins in Navratra Festival, Katra

KATRA, OCT 16

Fifteen show series of the mega theatre show 'Mata Kahani' begins at the auditorium of Spiritual Growth, Katra. 'Mata Ki Kahani' - a mega musical theatre presentation devised designed and directed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur is being featured in the Navratra Festival-2023 organised by J&K Tourism in association with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. While welcoming the august audience, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur year 2017, Natrang has been regularly presenting tions. this internationally the-

charges. nificant part of this per- of the three manifestations edge of the inner self. She that the time had yet not



niques of visual magnifica-

atre show in the Navratra no Devi is a classic narra-tee of three Goddesses, festival and have been the tive that echoes every and then go on to lead a most sought after happen- Hindu household and is life of piousness and pening of the festival here in a part of every grandma's ance, so as to raise her Katra. On the occasion midnight tale. As per the he informed that Natrang legend, during the period will present this show when the Goddess was also told her that once if she recognized him at every day at 4 pm and 6 busy in annihilating the she had attained that level pm at the Spiritual Growth Asuras, Her three main of consciousness, she Centre, Katra regularly till manifestations viz. Mata would then become one 23rd of October, 2023. The Maha Kali, Mata Maha with Lord Vishnu. Soon meet her after winning entry to the show is free of Lakshmi and Mata Maha a young and beautiful girl Saraswati got together one was born to Ratnakar and History has never wit- day and pooled their col- his wife. They named her nessed a theatre presenta- lective Tejas or spiritual Vaishnavi. Right from her tion based on this one of strength. A stunningly childhood, the girl was She became upset when the most popular Indian bright light emanated from spiritually inclined and Rama showed his true mythology. The most sig-the place where the Tejas had a quest for the knowlformance is the usage of coalesced and a beautiful would go into deep meditraditional narratives of young girl emerged out of tation and stay in that state Mata Vaishno Devi which this Tejas. The young girl for hours together. She have been echoing in asked them, "Why have I then decided to renounce during Kaliyug, when he the hills since last over been created?" The Devis all worldly comforts and one thousand years. This explained to her that they travel deep into the forest tion of Kalki. Rama also mind-blowing presenta- had created her so that she to perform severe austerition is an assimilation of would live on earth and ties and penance. This is ashram in the foot of the and Uday Manhas. music, dance, drama and spend her time in uphold- when she met Lord Rama, Trikuta Hills and serve to

informed that since the the latest developed tech- ing righteousness. They asked her to take human birth in the home of Rat-The story of Mata Vaish- nakar, who was a devoown consciousness to the level of Godhead. They

an incarnation of Lord Vishnu and attained his blessings. She wanted to become one with Rama, as was her mission. However. Rama, knowing that it was not the right time, promised her that he would visit her again, after the end of his exile. He told her that that time, he would then fulfill her wish. Rama kept his promise, and came to the battle from Ravana in an old man's disguise. But unfortunately, Vaishnavi could not recognise him. self to her. Rama told her come for them to be with one another and assured her that they would unite would be in his incarna-

uplift the poor and the destitute. And the story continues.

Seventy accomplished artists/performers/technicians/designers have mounted this presentation. Prominent amongst those included Neeraj Kant in Direction, Surinder Manhas Virji Sumbly in art direction, Rahul Singh, Brijesh Avtar Sharma and Mohd. Yaseen in Costumes and properties, Chander Shekhar in Designing, Sunny Mujoo (Choreography) and Shivam Singh in light design.

The prominent participants of this mega production included Neeraj Kant, Sunny Mujoo, Gopi Sharma, Chirag Anand, Sushant Singh Charak, Aadesh Dhar, Mahikshit Singh, Kushal Bhat, Vishal Sharma, Sanket Bhagat, Sumit Bandaral, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Chaitanya Shekhar, Ajay Lalotra, Anand Verma. Amit Rana, Sunny, Raghav Pandita, Vansh Pandotra, Rikshit Sharma, Arun Sharma, Palshin Dutta, Radhika Khajuria, Radhika Sharma, Meenakshi Bhagat, Shivam Singh, Kananpreet Kaur, Mehak Singh, Mehak Chib, Mehak Panzore, Ritika, Anmolpreet Kour, Jaspreet Kour, Shriya Razza, Madiha Sajad, Kashish Katoch, Tania Balgotra, Priya, Suneha Agural, Priyal Ashok Gupta, Prerna Sharma, Deepshikha Sharma, Himanshi Jain, asked her to set up her Tarun Sharma, Munish

### **Indian Army conducts Stitching and Tailoring** Course for Women at Thanamandi, Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI: 16 OCT 2023

a significant step towards nomic independence. empowering the women ing a Stitching & Tailoring ant women with essential to household income.

a comprehensive range lize their newly acquired demonstrate their dedicaof topics, including basic skills for self-employment tion to building stronger, stitching techniques, and income generation. accurate measurements,

embroidery skills, and mitment to the developthe marketing of finished ment and empowerment products. These skills are of the inhabitants, espe-The Indian Army, as part essential for individuals cially women, is highly of its ongoing Sadbha- seeking self-employment commendable. By offervana initiative, has taken opportunities and eco- ing vocational training,

in this program, display-Course in Thanamandi, ing a strong commitment ity in the region. Rajouri District. This initiato improving their livelitive aims to equip inhabit- hoods and contributing with the broader goal positively to their families of fostering social and vocational skills that can and communities. With economic development enhance their livelihood this valuable training, in Thanamandi, Rajouri prospects and contribute these women are optimis- District, and empowering tic about their future pros- the women of the region. The course will cover pects and are eager to uti- The Indian Army's efforts

The Indian Army's com- munities.

they are not only impart-Ten enthusiastic train- ing valuable skills but also of the region by commenc- ees have eagerly enrolled promoting self-reliance and economic sustainabil-

This initiative aligns more self-sufficient com-

### DPAP braces up for mega rally in Batamaloo

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SRINAGAR OCT 21

Democratic Progressive Azad Party senior leader, Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori on Monday held a meeting of office in touch with the masses bearers from Central and to make people well Kashmir at party head office Sonwar to gauge the present political scenario in the valley and to discuss various issues Meanwhile, the upcoming taq Lodhi, Yusuf Sultan, pertaining to the party affairs. The meeting was DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad Ahmad and others also attended by a number of at Batamaloo scheduled attended the meeting. party office bearers, who on 21st October was also Meanwhile, the party held thorough discussions discussed and the party leaders expressed grief over certain party affairs workers were directed and shock over the sad and outlined a strategy to ensure maximum par- demise of Treasurer Taj to strengthen the party ticipation of workers so Mohiuddin and Working further. He urged party that the rally becomes a Committee Member Mohd leaders to be vibrantly mega event. Azad is plan- Aslam Goni' sister.



aware of the party's people-friendly agenda and its vision for a better future Khan, Dr G M Rather, M for Jammu and Kashmir. Y Dar, Javid Iqbal, Mushpublic rally of Chairman Mushtaq Sogami, Farooq active in order to remain ning to address a rally of

thousands of workers at Batamaloo and the preparations are in full swing. Senior Leaders Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Shoaib Nabi Lone Distt President Baramulla, Mohd Altaf Dar. Zonal President Peer Bilal, Distt President Sgr Aamir Bhat, Shafat Gafar, Haleem

## Vishwa Yog Sansthaan organizes Grand Padh Yatra



JAMMU, OCT 16

spiritual spectacle on the event, showcasing the the renowned Vishwa Yog local leadership. Sansthaan Chairman, Shri

the first light of dawn, wani Ji, Ashok Sharma Ji, as participants gathered Sh. Rajinder at the sacred grounds of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Lal Kalsi Ji, sh. Deep ji Sh. Navratri Bhojan, where Ashram. Shri Yog Guru Sunny Ji, Sh. Balkar Singh they shared a meal in a Karan Ji, an eminent spiri- Ji, and Smt. Vina Bakashi tual leader known for his Ji, joginder Kumar ji ship. wisdom and teachings, keshav padha ji Madhan led the procession with sharama ji Sh. Santokh haan's Padh Yatra was unwavering devotion. The sharama ji sh . Madan lal a testament to the pro-Padh Yatra, dedicated to ji Krishan Lal ji sh.Manoj found spiritual experi-Lord Hanuman, made its kamar ji among others, ences it offers to the local way through the peaceful were part of this congre-community. It was a day streets of Jammu, filling gation, further empha- of devotion, unity, and the air with hymns and sizing the event's impor-spiritual awakening that

esteemed individuals region. added to the sanctity of

Jammu witnessed a grand and enthusiasm for the tranquillity.

The event began with Rajan Gupta Ji, Sh. Ash- togetherness.

in the local community. ous recitation of bhajans landscape of Jammu.

Sh. Sham Basan Ji, Cor- and mantras resonated porator of Ward 48 Baghe through the air, creating Bahu, shared his support an atmosphere of divine

Chairman Shri Yog 16th of October, 2023, as unity and spirit of the Guru Karan Ji expressed his gratitude for the over-Prominent figures such whelming support from Yog Guru Karan Ji, led a as Sh. Bansi Lal Gupta Ji, the community and digdivine Padh Yatra that Sh. Rajesh Padha Ji, Sh. nitaries. He emphasized brought together a mul- Rakesh Sawhney Ji, Sh. the importance of such titude of devotees and Suresh Sharma Ji, Sh. events in promoting spiri-Vikash Chopra Ji, Sh. tual growth and a sense of

> As the Padh Yatra concluded, participants were Acharya Ji, Sh. Sham treated to a traditional spirit of unity and fellow-

The Vishwa Yog Sansttance in fostering unity left an indelible mark on The presence of and spirituality in the the hearts of all those who attended. The event, led The Padh Yatra was by Shri Yog Guru Karan the occasion. Deputy not only a religious Ji, served as a reminder Mayor Sh. Baldev Singh procession but also an of the power of faith and Balloria Ji, graced the opportunity for partici- the strength of commuevent with his presence, pants to find solace and nity bonds, making it a highlighting the signifi- deepen their spiritual significant milestone in cance of the Padh Yatra connections. The melodi- the cultural and spiritual

### Official Visit of Hyundai **Mobis Leadership Team** to AM Hyundai Jammu



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ships in the region, is Jammu. thrilled to announce the in the Jammu and Kashmir and development.

jan and Akshay Mahajan, ity of the region.

Mobis team signifies their its customers.

dedication to enhancing the automotive experience for customers in AM Hyundai Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir and one of the leading and strengthening their partlargest Hyundai dealer- nership with AM Hyundai

During the visit, the esteemed visit of Hyun- leadership team had the dai Mobis Executives, opportunity to explore Mr. Y G Park (Managing AM Hyundai Jammu's Director-Mobis), Mr. Seo state-of-the-art facilities, Jang Won (Coordinator), met with the dealership and Mr. Bae Yoon Sik staff, and gained a deeper (Coordinator), along with understanding of the Mr. Anunay Garg, Group region's unique automo-Head India and Mr Pard- tive market. They also eep Gill ,Area Manager discussed strategies to Mobis . This visit marks an further improve customer important milestone for service, offer innovative both the dealership and solutions, and explore the automotive industry new avenues for growth

AM Hyundai Jammu In a heartwarming is proud to have been Indian tradition, Chair- chosen for this official man AM Group Mr. Jatin- visit, as it reflects the der Mahajan, along with dealership's commitment Managing Director Mr. to providing the best in-Sanjay Mahajan, and class services to Hyundai Directors Ankur Maha- customers in the region.

AM Hyundai Jammu is were present to welcome the largest and most trustthe distinguished guests ed Hyundai dealership in from Hyundai Mobis. Mrs. the Jammu and Kashmir Vandana Mahajan, Direc- region. With a dedicated tor of AM Group, and Mrs. focus on customer sat-Sakshi Mahajan, Director isfaction, AM Hyundai of AM Group, graced the Jammu offers a wide range occasion with an Indian of Hyundai vehicles, sertraditional Tikka Cere- vice options, and genuine mony and Lamp Lighting Hyundai parts. The deal-Ceremony, symbolizing ership takes pride in delivthe warmth and hospital- ering top-notch automotive solutions and building The visit by the Hyundai lasting relationships with

# PMGSY & contractor for using substandard material on the road

People protest against AEE of



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SUNDERBANI, OCT 16

Today the prominent Powal area. people of middle Kangri people stop the JCBs who completely wrong. involved in the illegal mining.

of the road connecting stones bringing from Bajora via Punne Khater George by illegal mining

Dozens of villagers of Chokidar, Panch & Sar- the village reached the ers, was requested several panch hold strong protest construction site today times to contractor for against AEE of PMGSY and and staged a protest using high quality concontractor for baseless against the contractor struction material as per material using of newely and the PMGSY depart- the standards set by the road length 05 kilometres ment and demanded government. They said if & its sanction amount is from the government that a heavy vehicle, dumper, 04 crore 47 lakh rupees. with immediate effect, the truck etc. moves on that The protection walls are road construction being road, it will break immemaking by sandy stones done by the contractor diately. This kind of conare being filled with iron using substandard con-struction has taken place nets no any made con- struction material should which is completely wrong crete protection walls and be stopped. Along with and we want to detail projno this road made in parthis, road construction ect report (DPR). allel some places road,s work should be carried widnes is 15 feet and other forward with high qual- the local villagers and places 35 feet people urge ity construction materi- elected Panchayat leaders to lieutenant governor for als. The local Sarpanch that you can go wherever give a directions to agentold that the road he has you want and do whatever cies CBI, ED, Vigilance constructed. If a heavy you want, I will construct for enquiry this sacm and vehicle, dumper, truck the road in this manner take legal action against etc. moves on that road, and no one can stop me. contractor and officers of it will break immediately. PMGSY. The illegal mining This kind of construction Kangrii Panchayat, Anil was found in deep george has taken place which is Kumar said that despite

embankments were to be officials nor the contractor This protest was under built in its place, the sandy listened to the villagers. the chairmanship of sar-stones are being filled. Then the villagers had to panch Anil Kumar and with low material iron protest against the PMGSY panch Kashmir Singh and nets. Along with this, red department, Sunderbani other prominent persons soil is being used instead Nowshera and the confor see baseless material of sand in the drains and tractor. People urged to using on the PMGSY road. concrete works on both lieutenant governor Manoj Protesters said huge sides of the road. Due to Sinha for give directions irregularities being com- which the road construc- to different agencies for

in the construction work very poor quality sandly by JCB machines.

They said local villag-

But the contractor told

Sarpanch of Middle repeated requests, nei-People say that where ther the departmental mitted by the contractor tion work is being done of checking for this scam.

### **JKTA Deputation meets** DSEJ, Raised burning issues of teachers



at Zonal, Ceo and direc-

torate level should be

resolved in time bound

Release pending

Conversion of Pending

Issuance of postfacto/

Consideration of

prior permission of the

mutual transfer in favour

of all teachers appointed

Director school edu-

deputation and assured

Kumar, Bashir Ahmed,

kumar, Soma Kumari,

built here with everyone's

cooperation. She assured

Members of Jammu

Kumar Basss, Jai Bharti,

Raj Sandhu and Jagdish

of all possible help.

ised at Village Ganda and Kashmir Batwal in which hundreds of Sabha: General Secre-

people from all walks of tary R.L.Kaith, Rajinder

First of all, Havan was Subedar Baldev Chand

performed in the morning Sandhu (Retd), Subedar

and Lord Shiva was wor- Tilak Raj Motan (Retd),

shipped. After the Havan, Subedar Sewa Ram

Bole Nath ka satsang and Loria, Havildar Des Raj

bhajans were sung and Kaith (Retd), Sub Inspec-

everyone was mesmer- tor Darshan Kumar Bassa

ized by the hymns of Lord (Retd), Master Naresh

Bhole Nath. Thereafter all Kumar Kaith, Sat Pal present on the occasion Mandi, Des Raj Mandi,

partook parsad from the Tarsem Lal Sandhu, Des

DDC Member Vidya Raj Kaith were also pres-

under Ret scheme.

cases of RRet to Teachers

Grade ll/lll.

JAMMU: OCT 16

The delegation of manner. Iammu Kashmir teachers association(JKTA) under arrears of RRet teachers. the Leadership of its UT President Bhupinder Singh called on Director school education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma JKAS at his office and apprised him about the burning issues of teachers fraternity includes:

Teachers to masters. Release the Salary of cation Jammu gave a Teachers fraternity on 1st patient hearing to the

Issuance of DPC list of

of every month. Rationalization should to redress each and be session to session and every issue raised by provide two teachers to the representatives each primary school and of JKTA. Others who

four teachers to each accompanied the depumiddle school and there tation include: Joginder should be Constitution of Dingra, Surjeet Singh, five members committee Sajad Malik, Kameshwar at Zonal level for free and Baru, Liaquat Ali, Shiv fair rationalization.

Transfer policy for Munir Wani, Shabnam female teachers appoint- kousar, Shabugta Anjam, ed under Ret scheme on Darshan Kumar, Rakesh marriage grounds.

The issues of teachers Azaz Ahmed and others.

Village Ganda

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MIRAN SAHIB, OCT 16:

life participated.

A Bhandara was organ-

a Shiv Mandir would be

**DDC Member Vidya Motan** 

organises Shiv Bhandara at

### TKM join hands with Indian **Navy for 'Eastern Naval Fleet Drive - The Eastern Arc'**

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has announced its participation in the Eastern Naval Fleet Drive 'The Eastern Arc,' organized by the Eastern Command of the Indian Navy Today, the fleet drive started-off to good cause of Indian Navy Sood, Vice President continue over the next 12 days, covering 17 cities and kilometers, along two Fortuner models, that will radial routes and groups,



sary support with a fleet be utilized to traverse the held at the Naval Dockyard locations. This Eastern Commanding in Chief and vibrant landscapes With a view to support the of Indian Navy, Mr. Atul ranks.

, TKM has extended neces- Sales and Strategic Marketing of Toyota Kirloskar spanning a total distance of seven vehicles includ- Motor, said, "We are honof approximately 6000 ing Four Hilux and Three oured to be an integral part of the Eastern Naval Fleet Drive 'The Eastern on the East Coast of India. challenging terrains and Arc,' which symbolizes The flag-off ceremony of rugged off-road routes deep values that resonates this important event was across various remote well with Toyota's belief in contributing to the comin the gracious presence Naval Fleet Drive is set munity development. of Vice Admiral Rajesh on its remarkable jour- This fleet drive serves as a Pendharkar, Flag Officer ney through the diverse unique platform for us to showcase the remarkable Eastern Naval Command, of India's eastern region, capabilities of our vehicles Rear Admiral Gurcharan with the Toyota vehicles - Hilux & Fortuner, further Singh, Flag Officer Com- which is renowned for its supporting the Indian manding Eastern Fleet unmatched performance, Navy's noble mission of alongside the TKM repre- versatility, and off-roading community engagement sentative, Mr. Atul Sood, capabilities. Comment- and fostering awareness Vice President - Sales ing on the flag-off of the about the career oppor-

# and Strategic Marketing. Eastern Naval Fleet Drive tunities that lies within its

JAMMU, OCT 16

Terming the assertion of ists, BJP Secretary Arvind surviving on false dreams. leaders too are aware of the reality. but they are stick to Congress.

means of communication and Union Territory. and cannot be misled or

well aware of the past Gupta said that the party is years, when Congress was in power at the centre and The revival of Congress in in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir is Jammu and Kashmir and totally impossible and its promoted dynastic rule grant citizenship rights and corruption, he said.

Arvind Gupta said making repeated state- that the ground realities ment of 'comeback' so are well indictors that is political reservation to STs that the party workers do is not the Congress but and adopted hard stand not lose heart and remain Bharatiya Janata party against militancy, which (BJP), which will be the has resulted in return of Arvind Gupta said that single largest party in the peace and normalcy, the gone are the days when assembly election and tourists are visiting J&K the Congress used to gain form its government for from across the world and votes of the people on the first time. He said that J&K marching on the path false slogans and prom- the BJP has always worked of progress and prosperises. In the present era for development and welity". of people have more and fare of all the sections of easily accessible modern the society in every state that the people will not

SCs, STs, border peoples, gress and support BJP in

Father-son duo forged School

of genuine rights during the Congress times. They were on roads for justice but no one cared. They were treated as second class citizens. Militancy had strengthened its roots in Jammu and Kashmir during the Congress, NC rule.

"When BJP came to power at the centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, it took bold and historic decisions to to refugees, restored property rights to daughters of the soil, provided

He expressed hope fall prey to the false state-He said that refugees, ments and claims of Con-

# Congress surviving on false dreams: Arvind Gupta

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J&K Congress President that 'Cong will be single largest party in assembly elections' as merely an attempt to keep united flock of its leaders & activ-

The people are getting women etc were deprived



Wing - Crime Branch Jammu charge-sheeted accused father-son duo (1) Mukhtyar Ahmed S/o Bashir Ahmed R/o Village-Sunderpur Tehsil R.S Pura A/P Rajiv Nagar Nirwal Bala Jammu (2) Bashir Ahmed S/o Kasim Din R/o in Case FIR No. 26/2023 U/S 420/467/468/471/120-B/ RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu for their involveconspiracy in forging / prelosses to the Government

Exchequer. Sarfarz Ahmed S/o Bashir the Power Development has been produced in the Ahmed of Village Sun- department is fake, there- Court of law for judicial derpur, Tehsil R.S Pura by cheating the PDD J&K determination.



by obtaining Govt. job in that department.

On receipt of the com-

fication was initiated and the allegations were prima-facie established and subsequently, the instant seized from concerned

# AGS Chandigam lifts Girls **Volleyball Championship** Cup in Lolab, Kupwara

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KUPWARA, OCT 16

The Grand Finale of Lolab Girls Volleyball Championship-2023, the pinnacle event of the season, concluded with a spectacular display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The tournament, held over 10 days from 07 October to 16 October 2023, brought together the finest teams from across the LOLAB VALLEY of Kashmir's Kupwara District region to compete for the coveted championship title.

The championship AGS showcased the exception- emerged as the victorithe participating teams. ing performances, captiof their seats. Each match umphant journey. was a testament to the perfecting their craft.

teams, \*AGS CHANDI- able respect and admiwith fans from both sides encouragement. passionately cheering for battled point by point, work and dedication Guj- the Army.



**JINDRAH IMAGES** 

gameplay.

back-and-forth battle, pionship title with their

their respective favorites. Grand Finale Girls Vol-sense and feeling of bonwas palpable as the teams a testament to the hard the local populace and

displaying exceptional jarpatti Garrison under athleticism and strategic the aegis of Charkut Garrison and Lolab Youth After an exhilarating Club the event a resounding success. Their unwav-CHANDIGAM ering commitment to promoting and nurtural talent and dedication of ous, clinching the chaming the sport of volleyball in LOLAB VALLEY From powerful spikes to exceptional performance. has provided a platform precise sets, the players Their unwavering deter- for young athletes to delivered highly inspir- mination, teamwork, and showcase their talent resilience throughout the and pursue their passion. vating the audience and tournament proved to be The finals also witnessed leaving them on the edge the key factors in their tri- the presence of SDM Aijaz Bhat and DDC Nasir The tournament not Lone. The Winners and countless hours of train- only celebrated the ath- Runners up teams were ing and preparation that letic achievements of given certificates, prizes the teams had devoted to the teams but also high- and token of excellence lighted the importance awards by the Army. The The grand finale match of sportsmanship and event was highly appreciwas a thrilling clash camaraderie. The play- ated by the Civil Adminbetween two formidable ers exhibited remark- istration, Locals and the participants. The audi-GAM and GHS SOGAM\*. ration for one another, ence at the tournament The atmosphere in the creating an environment hugely appreciated the arena was electrifying of mutual support and efforts of the Army for conducting such an event The success of the which brings to fore the The intensity on the court leyball Championship is homie and trust between



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

Short e-NIT No. 03 of 2023-24 Dated 13-10-2023

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

S.	Name of Work	Adverti	Cost of	Earnest Money	Time	Time and	Class of
No		sed	document	(In Rupees)	allowed for	date of	Contractor
		Cost	(In		completion	opening of	
		(in lacs)	Rupees)			tender	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of Road from Dev Sthan to Plai Mohalla	110.18	1500/-	(2% of the	06 months	(1400 Hrs)	A
	Maniwalla W.No. 07 Jourian (Ist Call)			Advertised		on or after	
	, , ,			Cost)		30-10-2023	
2	CONSTRUCTION OF STATE OF ART TOILET	21.92	600/-	(2% of the	02 months	(1400 Hrs)	A, B, C
	COMPLEX/ RESTING PLACES ON MAJOR			Advertised		on or after	
	ROADS/HIGHWAYS FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE			Cost)		30-10-2023	
	AT JAMMU TO KHOUR ROAD AT KHOUR (Ist Call)			,			
3	Construction of link road from Rajwal Kaleeth road to	2.00	600/-	(2% of the	01 month	(1400 Hrs)	A, B, C D
	Chuhana Mohalla,Link road from Phagwal Chappri to			Advertised		on or after	
	Master Bodh Raj mohalla at Rajwal by way of providing			Cost)		30-10-2023	
	Wet Mix Macadam and 25mm thick OGPC. (Ist Call)						
4	Construction of L/Road from H/O Naib Sarpanch upto	4.96	1500/-	(2% of the	02 months	(1400 Hrs)	А, В, С Г
	H/O Maan Singh at Kirpalpur W. No. 3 (Dalpat) under			Advertised		on or after	
	Non Plan( Ist Call			Cost)		30-10-2023	

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-10-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14-10-2023 to 28-10-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	17-10-2023 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour
4	Bid submission Start Date	14-10-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	28-10-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	30-10-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnes money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B

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

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour The date for same shall be intimated separately. No:- 451-461

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

Date: 17-8-23

### Innerwheel Club New Gen organizes Seminar on 'Breast **Cancer cum Preventive** Diseases' at GCW Gandhi Nagar

Motan said that very soon ent on the occasion.

JAMMU, OCT 16

Jammu. Apart from technical medical experts; Principal of the college Inner Wheel Club, New Mrs Meenu Mahajan also Gen, Jammu today orga- addressed the audience nized a seminar at and shared her knowl-PSPSM Govt. College, edge on the subject. The Gandhi Nagar, Jammu said function was orgaa medical awareness nized under the Presion Breast Cancer cum dent ship of Mrs Ambika preventive measures Samnotra, (IWC, NEW amongst women folk. GEN)Mrs Manpreet Kour, In-depth lectures were Secretary and other delivered by doctors elected members of the namely Dr Taranjot club. There was a very Kour Gandhi, Senior good feedback from the Resident, Department of girl participants as such Physiology,GMC,Jammu: camps play a vital role in Dr Poonam Kalsi, Senior the overall development Resident, Department of of females. Club mem-Physiology,GMC,Jammu bers appreciated the role and Dr Surbhi Kudyar, of college authorizes in Consultant Breast organizing the event in Services, American oncol-their college campus and ogy Institute, ASCOM, made it a grand success.

Village Sunderpur Tehsil District Jammu whereschool leaving certificate paring false school leaving issued in favour of accused certificate and managing Mukhtyar Ahmed S/o a Govt. job in the Power Bashir Ahmed in the year Development Department 1979, was not genuine and of J&K and thereby causing admission No.1311 existed in the name of one Nazia Bano D/o Naseer Ahmed Brief facts of the case as such the school leav-

case was registered for indepth investigation. Relevant record was obtained School and Power Development Department of R.S Pura District Jammu in the complainant after J&K, statement of witobtaining information nesses recorded, Circumfrom the Chief Educa- stantial and other Matetion Officer Jammu under rial evidence was gath-Right to Information Act- ered against the accused ment in hatching criminal 2005, had alleged that the and it has been found that the accused Mukhtyar Ahmed in connivance with his father hatched criminal conspiracy in forging /preparing a fake document to seek a Govt. Job. Therefore, offences u/s 420//467/468/471/120-B/RPC have been proved/ are that a written coming certificate produced established against the plaint was lodged by one by Mukhtyar Ahmed in accused and charge-sheet

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# 31st Edition of LG's "Awaam ki Awaaz" Program received overwhelming public response in J&K

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

The latest episode 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' initiative of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha got massive response from people from all walks of life across the UT of J&K. The programme was listened to and watched with keen interest by scores of people across the UT. It was the 31st edition of the series "Awaam ki Awaaz."

Special Chaupal were organised at different panchayats to update the inhabitants of rural periphery about the progressive steps taken by the administration besides Lt Governor also lauded the women achievers who have done well by availing welfare schemes of the government with their extraordinary commitment and courage.

KATHUA: Special Chaupals were organised of Rajouri district across working to create an at Panchayat Ghars where all 312 panchayats and five enabling environment for the attendees lauded the people listened to the municipalities listened to these entrepreneurs, and message of Lt. Governor the program with rapt they appreciated this dediwhich was on fast chang- attention, reflecting their cation. ing development profile deep connection with the is marching ahead with veyed. inclusive and sustainable development plan.

spread the vision and mes- acknowledged the remark- pur. sage of LG Administration able engagement of the across the length and audience. breath of the rural land-

Chaupal were organised lined the significance of ures, and women particiin Billawar, Kathua and the program in their lives. pated in the chaupal. Basohli sub divisions seen during the hour long ship found a receptive broadcast of Awaam Ki audience. The listen- Places of the District.



Lt. Governor Sinha's ers understood that the

program at various Places,

dedicated efforts of Lieu-

tenant Governor Sh. Manoi

Sinha towards the com-

prehensive development

of the Union Territory of

monthly 'Awam Ki Awaz'

program, which effectively

informs the people about

government policies and

display of community

engagement and sup-

port, a large gathering of

people from various Pan-

Lieutenant Governor Sh.

Manoj Sinha. This special

programs.

They also expressed

Jammu and Kashmir.

UDHAMPUR: The of Jammu Kashmir which stories and messages con- District Administration Udhampur organized Lieutenant Governor 'Chaupal' event dedicated Manoj Sinha, in his dedi- to the Lieutenant Gover- their appreciation for the In Border sub division catory message to the nor's 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' Hiranagar, people listened women change-makers radio program in various to Awaam Ki Awaaz which of the Union Territory, Places of District Udham-

The event witnessed a significant turnout, with The attentive and participation from PRI enthusiastic response members, local residents, Likewise, Special from the listeners under- notable community fig-

They gathered to listen where overwhelmingly commitment to support- to the inspiring success participation of locals was ing women entrepreneur- stories shared by the Lieutenant Governor at various

After listening to the session, called 'Chaupal,'

Assar, Kuthyea, Bulandpur, Charota and chill to connect the public with the LG's message. The "Awaam Ki Awaaz"

and Kashmir, is aimed at conveying the progressive feedback to optimize their

Tehsildar Assar Fareed (PRIs), joined the local community in listening to the LG's message.

This radio program saw a diverse participaof gender, who exhibited local community. great passion and enthusiasm throughout its dura-

highlighted the success of this program in fostering community engagement.

The listeners of "Awaam Ki Awaaz" applauded the efforts of Lieutenant Govdedication to the holistic share their success stories, development of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

By placing citizens at the DODA: In an inspiring center of the policymaking process, the program has become a symbol of collective aspirations.

SAMBA: Various chayats in Doda district Chaupal were organized in of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Sh Manoj Sinha's "Awaam Ki Awaaz" also held in the other dis-RAJOURI: The people administration is actively monthly 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' was organized by the program which focused trict of the UT.

at panchayat Ramgarh, empowerment and gender equality.

The significant event saw active participation from various stakeholders in District Samba, includinitiative, orchestrated ing the general public, by the Office of the Lieu- Panchayati Raj Institutions tenant Governor, Jammu (PRIs), and elected councillors.

The chaupal were steps taken by the adminis- organised at ten differtration and inviting public ent locations across nine blocks. In addition to the decentralized chaupals, a During the event, the grand gathering took place SDM Assar Lekh Raj and at Samba Fort, where elected councillors and cit-Ahmed, along with offi- izens of the district came cials and the members of together to participate and Panchayat Raj Institutions listen to insightful discussions during the program.

This centralized event, organized by the Municipal Committee Samba, showcased the unity and tion of people, regardless collaborative spirit of the

Besides the Municipal Committee of Bari Brahmana, Vijaypur, Ramgarh The active involvement also set up and hosted of PRIs and local residents local Chaupals in their respective jurisdictions.

The "Awaam Ki Awaaz" program, under the leadership of the Lieutenant Governor, has not only provided a platform for ernor Manoj Sinha for his the empowered women to emphasizing the importance of gender equality, but it has also empowered street vendors, promoted local art and culture, such as khadi, agriculture and allied activities, dairy farming, promotion of co-operative societies, came together to tune in rural and urban areas of highly talented artisans. to the monthly "Awaam Ki District Samba during the craftsmen, small enter-Awaaz" radio program, by live streaming/telecasting prises, and the commerce

Similarly chaupals were

### DC Poonch chairs District **Export Action Plan meeting**



JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 16

A meeting of District Level Export Promotion Com-tion, quality of products, mittee was held today more FPO formation, clussioner Poonch, Yasin schemes be implemented

The meeting was convened to discuss the Draft Export Plan for Poonch ments were instructed by district prepared by Deputy Commissioner Jammu and Kashmir trade Poonch to submit shortpromotion Organization and long-term action plans

The consultant from district Export action plants. plan Poonch, detailing tified under ODOP, i.e. realistic data and plan. Pecan nuts, Rajmah Wal-Adventure sports etc.

of production of Rajmah Ashutosh Koul, Consuland pecan nuts besides the tant JKTPO Dept. of Indusproducts of international DGFT (J&K), A.K.Bhushan quality to increase the besides other concerned income of local potential officers.

the district.

The DC said that the plan must include strategies to increase producunder the Chairperson- ter zones for export to be ship of Deputy Commis- identified, departmental M.Choudhary, who is also and market linkages, good the Chairman of the Compackaging techniques etc to increase export from

The stakeholder departwith precise targets for At the outset, the Gen- the following three years eral Manager DIC, Dr. of the designated product Mohd. Tanveer, Convener to DIC for inclusion in the of District Level Export plan. He asked the com-Promotion Committee, mittee to include items like welcomed the committee maize and sheep for meat members and informed in the area because they about the agenda of the have a significant potential to produce there.

In addition, he noted JKTPO, Jeetan Kumar pre- that the district also has sented a PPT and draft potential for medicinal

He directed JKTPO to both hard and soft mea- share a format with DIC sures required to increase which will be shared with exports of products iden- all departments for getting

The meeting was nuts, woollen garments attended by CPO Maqsood Ahmed, CAO Rakesh An extensive discussion Sharma, CHO Sanjeev was held on the increase Kumar, LDM J&K Bank, action plan to make these tries, Jeetan Kumar, Joint.

### Navratra Festival Day 2: Carnival; A tapestry of India's rich culture, spiritual diversity

JI NEWS SERVICE REASL OCTOBER 16

The second day of Navraunfolded as a vibrant celebration of India's rich cultural and spiritual diver-

This festival, a collaborative effort by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra and divisional administration Jammu as well as district administration Reasi, is a homage to the sacred Navratras while also serving as a beacon for tourism in the region.

The day commenced with a soul-stirring Prabhat Pheri procession early morning, where devotees enthusiastically joined in, singing devotional bhajans dedicated to Shri Maa Vaishno Devi. Originating from Fountain Chowk Katra and winding through the main bazaar, the procession resounded with faith and devotion.

to life by the artists of and creativity. Natrang, a renowned

The day's centerpiece



Later in the day, two Communication (CBC), Katra. Aspiring singers

theatre group. The play of divine depth to the fes- with the competition's left the audience deeply tival, a spiritual voyage winners eagerly awaited moved and inspired by the through the Bhagwat for the festival's final day. grace of shri Maa Vaishno Katha took place at Durga Bhawan Katra.

mesmerizing showings of graced by Dr. Jatinder from every corner of the this event left a profound 'Mata ki Kahani' enthralled Singh, Union Minister of nation competed for the the audience at the Spiri- State for Personnel, Public prestigious title of 'Bhakti tual Growth Centre, Katra, Grievances, and Pensions, Ki Awaaz.' These talented with screenings today and esteemed dignitaries, performers rendered evening. This captivating including public repre- devotional songs in variplay elegantly narrated the sentatives. This exhibi- ous languages and genres, divine story of shri Maa tion was a vibrant canvas captivating the audience. Vaishno Devi, brought of India's diverse culture A panel of distinguished experts in music and spir-Adding an extra layer ituality served as judges,

In addition to the festivities in Katra, a divine themselves in the vibrant The day concluded Navratra celebration took mosaic of Indian culture, was the grand inaugu- with harmonious notes place with Mata ka Jagran ration of a cultural and of All India Devotional at Kali Mata Mandir, tual depth of the Bhagwat multimedia exhibition Song Competition in the Manthal, Udhampur set Katha.

by the Central Bureau of evening in Yog Ashram against the majestic backdrop of the Trikuta Hills, spiritual impact. The Navratra Festival

will continue its mesmerizing journey until October 23, offering a week filled with an array of events and activities. With a diverse tapestry of cultural celebrations, the festival is poised to draw pilgrims and tourists alike to Katra, where they can pay homage to Shri Maa Vaishno Devi, immerse and delve into the spiri-

## Advisor Bhatnagar reviews performance, functioning of Transport Deptt, JKRTC

(JKRTC) at Civil Secretariat here.

sioner, Rahul Sharma; and security measures incidents. Managing Director, besides making them JKRTC, Rakesh Kumar more environmentally Srangal and other senior sustainable. officers of Transport department as well as

IKRTC. During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar held extensive discussions on physical and financial aspects of departtransportation services cussed in detail.

launched from last few accidents. years to achieve that

ment as well corpora- Service Guarantee regarding safe driving in looked into. tion besides other issues Act timelines. He also taxi stands, bus stands like service quality, emphasized on them and other public spaces Transport Commissionsafety measures, infra- to monitor the data on to generate maximum er and Managing Direcstructure development, Vahan portal effectively awareness among the tor JKRTC gave detailed and future plans for the so that any fraud of vehi-intended audience. improvement of public cles is detected timely.

ing road accidents, Advi-sor Bhatnagar impressed tively.

Addressing the offi- sor Bhatnagar empha- upon the management cers during the meet- sized upon the officers of corporation for effecing, Advisor Bhatnagar to analyse the data of tive utilisation of staff Advisor to Lieutenant maintained that the Integrated Road Acci- with deployment of staff Governor, Rajeev Rai present LG led Admin- dent Database (iRDA) technical sections after Bhatnagar today chaired istration is committed to portal efficaciously. He proper training. a meeting to review the provide accessible and stressed upon them to

The meeting was goal. He emphasized asked them to install assets of corporation attended by Secretary on the importance of speed checks on critical effectively and make it Transport department, modernizing public junctions on highways a much profitable entity. Prasanna Ramaswamy transportation system as well as other interjec-G; Transport Commis- with all advanced safety tions for reducing traffic asked the management

He remarked that performance and func- reliable transportation implement intelligent with the infusion of new tioning of Transport options to the citizens solutions in consultation fleet in the corporation, department and Jammu of Jammu and Kashmir with other stakeholders there is a huge potential and Kashmir Road and in that direction and technical experts for revenue generation Transport Corporation several initiatives were in order to reduce road now. He directed the management of the cor-The Advisor also poration to utilise the

> The Advisor further of corporation to initiate Advisor Bhatnagar steps for generating the further asked the offi-revenue for corporation cers to study the feasi- through other means. While reviewing the bility of conducting hill He asked them to study performance and func- driving training course the feasibility of genertioning of Transport for all the government ating revenue through department, the Advi- drivers owing to the display of advertisesor asked the officers to hilly terrain roads of ments on JKRTC buses provide seamless ser- Jammu and Kashmir. He regarding various vices to the people with also asked them to orga-schemes of government due adherence to Public nise awareness camps departments should be

During the meeting, presentation on the While reviewing the performance and func-Deliberating on the performance and functioning of department in J&K were also dis- steps taken for reduc- tioning of JKRTC, Advi- and corporation respec-

### Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

informed that the power supply to Industrial area October 17 from 8 am to 10 am. Ghatti, M/s Varun Beverages and adjoining areas will and 3 pm to 3.30 pm. Similarly, the power supply to to 10 am.

City, Choudharynar, Ghambhir, PWD, and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Khokhyal, Ajijpur, Nadoli, Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has Tathabar and adjoining areas will remain affected on Similarly, the power supply to Nagri and adjoining

remain affected on October 18 from 11 am to 11.45 am areas will remain affected on October 18 from 8 am