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## LG addresses Round Table Conference of Newly-Appointed Vice Chancellors

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the inaugural session of the Round Table Conference with newly appointed Vice Chancellors from various universities of the country at the University of Kashmir.

In his address, the Lt Governor appreciated the endeavour of the Association of Indian Universities to bring together the Vice Chancellors on a common platform to deliberate on University Governance, Collaboration and promoting innovation in academic world.

“Higher education institutions across the world are undergoing radical



transformations. The Universities and colleges will have to formulate strategic plan, organizational readiness for adjustments aligned with NEP 2020 to stay relevant in a constantly evolving world.

Educate in India should

be our aim and we need to increase our share in multi-trillion dollar global education sector. Institutions with aspirational and shared vision should focus to improve ranking. It should be our top priority and we must take

bold action to achieve this goal,” the Lt Governor said.

We are witnessing a massive growth in demand for higher education. In 10-15 years, India has contributed 74% of all

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## Portion of Jammu’s 150 year-old Ranbireshwar Temple collapses

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Front portion of the 150 year-old North India’s biggest ancient Ranbireshwar Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and managed by Jammu and Kashmir’s Royal Dogra Family owned Dharmarth Trust, collapsed here on Tuesday due to lightning, a temple official said.

The incident prompted the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to plan a dimension stability audit of all ancient religious places in the city.

Officials told news agency, at around 9:30



am, lightning struck the old temple amid rains in which Veranda of second floor of complex collapsed

Former Minister and

member of Royal Dogra family Ajatshatru Singh, who is one of the trustees of Dharmarth Trust said that the old structure is made of old bricks which

collapsed following the rains. He said that will construct a more magnificent temple at the site.

“By the grace of

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## Making Jammu Kashmir disaster resilient is our top priority: LG



JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed an event on Disaster Risk Reduction organized by J&K Disaster Management Authority at University of Kashmir.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of UT Administration for effective disaster preparedness mechanisms, building safe and resilient J&K.

“Making J&K disaster resilient is our top priority and we are taking signifi-

cant steps to strengthen disaster risk reduction system in the UT. Under the guidance of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, J&K Administration is committed to reduce impacts of natural disasters on lives and

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## Kashmir in tight grip of cold as rains, snow continue for 2nd day

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCT 17

The intermittent rainfall continued to lash plains of J&K for the second straight day while the upper reaches received fresh snowfall on Tuesday, bringing down the mercury further across the Union Territory.

The major roads including Srinagar-Jammu highway, Mughal Road and others remained closed for vehicular movement.

According to the news agency, the winter chill returned in the Valley as the people were seen donning the traditional

Pheran and other warm clothes after the mercury plummeted in wake of the fresh snowfall and rains for the second straight day here.

Details available with KNO said that Sadhna Top has received a snowfall of nearly one ft till today while Afarwat hills experienced a snowfall of six inches today.

In Gulmarg, a snowfall of nearly one inch was experienced today while Zojjila also recorded a snowfall of 6 inches.

According to a document prepared by a local Meteorological department (MeT), Srinagar, the

summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir received a precipitation of 20.9 mm till this morning while Qazigund received a rainfall of 47.4 mm.

Pahalgam received a rainfall of 27.4mm while the highest precipitation of 52.0 mm was recorded at Kokarnag, the document reads.

The wet spell has led to the further dip in mercury. According to the details, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 11.6 degree Celsius while Anantnag recorded 9.2 degree Celsius today. Gulmarg, a world

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## LG dedicates specialized snow clearance equipments and vehicles to the public



JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today dedicated the specialized snow clearance equipments and

vehicles to the public. The equipments procured by J&K Disaster Management Authority were handed over to Mechanical and

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## Aim for Indian space station by 2035, Indian on moon by 2040: PM Modi to scientists



AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, OCT 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked scientists to aim to send the first Indian to the

Moon by 2040 and set up an Indian space station by 2035, according to an official statement.

He gave these directions during a meeting to review the preparedness of the

Gaganyaan mission and the first demonstration flight of the crew escape system test vehicle scheduled for October 21. “The meeting evaluated

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## Couple murdered in Rajouri village mysteriously

JNEWS SERVICE  
RAJOURI, OCT 17

A husband wife duo were murdered brutally in Upper Kandi village of Jammu and Kashmir’s Rajouri district after which the panic spread in the entire area with locals demanding immediate identification of the accused involved in the act.

As per news agency, the deceased have been identified as Mohammad Azam (55) son of Mohammad Khan and his wife Gulzar Begum.

The family members of the victims said that the couple was living in their house at Dhok Bagla in Upper Kandi village of Kotranka sub division in Rajouri district and their house was located adjacent to thick forest cover of Kesari Hill.

They said that the duo have been murdered brutally with their throat slit and foot of husband and eyes of wife have also been mutilated.

Political leader Mohammad Ayub Khan, elder brother of victim Mohammad Azam, said

that his eleven family members have been murdered in similar acts in the past few decades.

“I am not speaking about the nature of the incident but the law enforcement agencies and investigation agency should ensure that all the aspects of this case are brought to light,” he said.

The incident also sparked protests at main Chowk Kotranka with a large number of people assembled at main chowk raising slogans of justice.

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## Films are the most effective medium to spread awareness and sensitivity: Murmu



AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, OCT 17

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu presented the 69th National Film Awards in various categories in New Delhi today (October 17, 2023). She also conferred Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achieve-

ment Award for the year 2021 on Ms Waheeda Rehman.

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated Waheeda Rehman for receiving Dadasaheb Phalke Award and said that she has reached the pinnacle

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## Mahatma Gandhi serves not just as political inspiration but also as motivator of diplomacy: EAM Jaishankar

AGENCIES  
HANOI, OCT 17

The relevance of Mahatma Gandhi is very great in today’s world that is beset by conflict and violence and he serves not just as a political inspiration but also as a motivator of diplomacy, External Affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Gandhi in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, Jaishankar eulogised India’s foremost freedom fighter for



his contributions to truth, non-violence and the freedom and independence of people.

“Mahatma Gandhi is without question one of

the most iconic figures of our contemporary world. His contributions to truth, non-violence, to freedom and independence of people have been recog-

nised by the UN by proclaiming his birthday as the International Day of Non-Violence,” he said.

Jaishankar, who arrived in Vietnam on Sunday on a four-day official visit, said Gandhi not only unified India but also inspired other nations, continents and peoples in a similar quest.

“The contributions of Mahatma Gandhi extend beyond this. His thoughts today are a very powerful inspiration for human dignity, societal values, spirituality, environment,

sustainability, cleanliness and many other areas,” he said.

“The relevance of Mahatma Gandhi is very great in a world that we see today beset by conflict and violence. So, as we strive to harmonise contradictions, to bridge divides, Mahatma Gandhi serves not just a political inspiration, but even as a motivator of diplomacy,” he said.

Jaishankar said the unveiling of the bust is a symbolic moment for

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## Rs 117 Cr earned from 2 weeks of ‘Swachhata’ Campaign: Dr Jitendra

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, OCT 17

The Government has earned an impressive revenue of more than Rs 117 crore in the first two weeks of the ongoing Special Swachhata Campaign 3.0, just by disposing of scrap, informed the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, after reviewing the progress of



the campaign at the end of the first two weeks.

In addition, this has also resulted in making available office space measuring 32.54 lakh square

feet of space having been cleared and made available for use after clearing the junk, the Minister said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, commended the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), being the nodal agency, while reviewing the progress of Week 2 of Special Campaign 3.0 here today. He appreciated the progress achieved in minimizing pendency and institutionalizing Swachhata in the period October 2-14, 2023, during

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## DC Rajouri chairs District Skill Committee Meeting on formulation of Skill Dev Plan for FY 2023-24



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 17

Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting of the District Skill Committee, convened to deliberate on the comprehensive Skill Development Plan for the financial year 2023-24.

The meeting brought together various stakeholders committed to the noble cause of empowering unemployed youth in the region through skill enhancement programs.

Addressing the committee members, DC emphasized the abundant opportunities available for individuals possessing skills in the current job market. He underscored that the pressing need of the hour is to inspire the unemployed, educated

youth of the district to embark on a journey of skill acquisition. He said that this would enable them to become self-sufficient and financially independent.

In a comprehensive overview of the measures initiated by District Administration to bolster youth skill development, the DC directed the officers to take proactive steps to train a maximum number of unemployed youth under various skill development initiatives. He urged that this should be executed with a sense of urgency to bridge the existing skill gap in the region.

The DC encouraged officers to explore innovative methods to nurture the untapped potential of talented young individuals at the grassroots level.

This grassroots approach aims to identify and support latent talent in the district and guide them towards skill development opportunities.

DC underscored the importance of aligning skill development programs with market demands. He called upon officers to adapt training curricula to meet the evolving needs of the job market, thus ensuring that the youth are well-prepared for the employment landscape of the future.

The meeting was attended by the GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; Principal ITI, Ujjwal Mahajan; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser and other concerned officers.

## Food Safety Ganderbal conducts Market Checking



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 17

A joint team of Food Safety Ganderbal and Intelligence cum Legal Cell Kashmir today conducted market checking of various Food Business Operators in Duderhama and Beehama markets of the district. The team led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety was accompanied by Designated officer, Food Safety, Food Safety Officer,

Ganderbal and Kangan. During the course of inspection, some restaurants and butchers were found operating in unhygienic conditions thereby violating Schedule-4 of FSS, Act-2006. As such an amount of Rs.10,000 was recovered on spot under section-56 of FSS Act. The drive shall continue in whole district and FBOs that are found violating FSS, ACT-2006 shall be dealt strictly under the said Act.

## ADC Kishtwar chairs DLTFC meeting



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 17

Under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) by the J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board, the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting was held, here today which was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Inderjeet Singh Parihar.

GM DIC Dr. Mohamed

Ashraf, LDM Pankaj Badani, Manager JKB Grammeen, representatives from Cluster Head JK Bank, RSETI, ITI Polytechnic College and Supervisor KVIB Shah Mohd Mir attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the DLTFC interviewed numerous beneficiaries, selecting them for sponsorship in diverse sectors such as Cutting Tailoring Boutique, Sheep farm, Dairy farm, Departmental Store, etc. Out of 30 appli-

cations, the DLTF committee approved 20 cases, with a total project cost of Rs 178 lakh, involving Margin Money (subsidy) of Rs 60.55 lakh.

9 applicants were absent, and 1 case was deferred for the next DLTFC meeting.

This proactive engagement reflects the commitment of Kishtwar's administration to bolster rural employment and promote diverse industries under the JKREGP framework.

## IDPL Tournament showcases Karate Excellence: AAG Girls Shine in Gulabgarh Paddar, Kishtwar

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 17

In the ongoing inter-District Provincial Level Tournament featuring Karate AAG Girls, the sporting prowess was on full display today at Gulabgarh Paddar.

Organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Kishtwar, the event unfolded under the direction of Director Youth Services & Sports, Subash Chander Chhibber.

DYSSO Kishtwar, in an inaugural ceremony, officially kicked off the Karate AAG Girls competition at Gulabgarh Paddar, Kishtwar. The primary objective of organizing the tournament was to foster sports talent and



cultivate a sense of camaraderie among youth from all 10 districts of the Jammu province.

The distinguished presence of officials from the Youth Services and Sports

District Kishtwar added to the prestige of the event, highlighting the commitment to promoting sports excellence and unity among the region's youth.

## One day sensitisation-cum-awareness programme on 'Women Empowerment & Drug Menace' organised in Udhampur



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 17

Akhand Jyoti Committee Devi Bani Manwal today organised one day sensitisation-cum-awareness programme on 'Women Empowerment and Drug Menace' at Neelam Palace Manwal.

Vice Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur, Juh Manhas Pathania, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, underscored upon the need of empowering women in all spheres of life.

Vice Chairperson underscored that women

empowerment can play an important vital role in eradicating the drug menace from society adding that women can be instrumental in spreading awareness about the ill-effects of drugs.

She said that empowering women through education, economic opportunities and advocacy can help counter the drug menace in society. They can educate their families and communities, promote healthy values, support rehabilitation programs, and advocate for effective policies, she added.

Skits and cultural programs were also present-

ed by the school children which mesmerized the audience and highlighted the theme of the programme in a most subtle way.

Geeta Bangotra, Chief Education Officer Udhampur, Mohd. Anwar ul Haq, Addl. SP Udhampur, Darshan Sharma, Assistant Director, Kalpana Jasrotia, Deputy CEO Udhampur and Dr. Latief Kohli, BMO Majlata, Dhiraj Sharma, Som Nath, Dr. B.D Gupta, Retd Deputy Director, ISM, Durga Das, Ram Gupta, Devi Das, Mohinder, Pallavi Sharma and other were present on the occasion.

## DC Kupwara chairs winter preparedness meet, discusses arrangements for ensuing winter season

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today chaired a meeting of Officers to review winter preparedness of different departments in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed availability of Snow clearance machines, stock position of essentials, action plans prepared by the concerned departments to prevent interruption in services during this winter season.

The DC directed officers of R&B, PMGSY and Mechanical Engineering to ensure that main roads and inner links are cleared of Snow within 24 hours. "No road should remain closed due to Snow accumulation beyond 24 hours", DC said.

She asked the concerned officers to prepare a comprehensive and meticulous Snow clearance and winter plan to avoid any inconvenience to people by extending a prompt response.

She also called for better coordination in dealing with Snow clearance operations and to ensure smooth power, water supply and other essential supplies.

Meanwhile, the Power Development Department was directed to enhance buffer stocks of Transformers and stick to the electricity schedule and ensure no unscheduled power cuts are made.

The DC directed R&B and DDMA to explore the possibility of Shelter homes for Tangdhar, Keran and Machil. She emphasized that shelter homes will be equipped with essential services and commodities so that stranded passengers are saved from inconvenience.

The DC directed AD food to start winter stockings in Snow bound areas from tomorrow.

Moreover, Ayushi also instructed for activation of control rooms at District, Sub Division and Tehsil headquarters level and asked DIO to consolidate the details of all the control rooms and publish them for wider publicity.

DC directed concerned departments to speed up the pace of works and complete them before 15 November and asked officers to monitor the works on priority.

Meeting was attended by ASP Kupwara, ACR Kupwara, SDM Lolab, OC Beacon, other District and Sectoral Officers.

## DC reviews progress on PDD Sector in Udhampur



**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 17

To review the progress of ongoing developmental works undertaken by the PDD Department under District Capex Budget 2023-24 and PMDP in the District, the Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai chaired a meeting of officers and field functionaries of the PDD department at the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

Executive Engineer PDD gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation about the ongoing developmental works and other schemes being executed in the PDD sector in the district. While reviewing the progress of execution work under the PDD sector, executing agencies were asked to gear up men

and machinery in coordination with other departments so that targets can be achieved within the given timeframe. The DC emphasized the need for officers to work with zeal and dedication to achieve the set targets during the current financial year.

The DC directed the concerned departments to conduct site visits with the help of SDMs to resolve the ROW (Right of Way) issues and take over the infrastructure projects within a week's time.

She stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination and resolving issues on a priority basis. The concerned department was directed to monitor unscheduled power cuts in the district and submit reports on a daily basis. The Executive Engineer JPDCL was

instructed to expedite the progress of all 26 ongoing works under the District Capex Budget, with a completion deadline set for November 15, 2023. She also emphasized the need to improve the quality of power supply and ensure uninterrupted power supply to consumers.

In this regard, JPDCL Udhampur has established 24x7 Control rooms with the following contact numbers for addressing public grievances related to electricity in Udhampur District: Sub Division-I JPDCL Udhampur: 01992-270792, 9055659167, Sub Division-II JPDCL Udhampur: 01992-270870, 9419160032, Sub Division JPDCL Ramnagar: 01990-227110, 01990-453291, 9419240369, Sub Division JPDCL Chenani: 01992-285503, 9419113302.

## ADDC Bandipora chairs meeting of Concurrent Audit Team

**J1 NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 17

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Concurrent Audit Team to formulate verification reports for recently completed languishing projects and to discuss the progress of various ongoing languishing projects within the district.

The meeting discussed project timelines, budget allocation, and progress achieved in the ongoing languishing projects. The meeting also focused on generating comprehensive verification reports for recently completed projects, ensuring that all aspects of these initiatives have been successfully addressed.



## Div Com reviews periodical revision of Jammu Master Plan 2032



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 17

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the periodical revision of Jammu Master Plan 2032.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, JMC, Jammu, Rahul Yadav, Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; Vice Chairman Jammu Development Authority, Shiv Kumar Gupta, Directors of Industries, Urban Local Bodies, CFOs of Jammu and Samba, Chief Engineer JPDCL, Jal Shakti, Chief Town Planner, Jammu, Chief Town Planner, JDA, FA & CAO JDA and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioner Jammu and Samba participated through video conferencing.

Technical Committee members participated through video conferencing including Naresh Kumar Dhiman, Chief Planner, TCPO New Delhi, Jit Kumar Gupta, Former Advisor Town Planning,

(Retired) PUDA, Jacob Manohar, Associate Town & Country planner, TCPO New Delhi and other members.

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation by the Town and Country Planning Government of New Delhi, meticulously outlining various facets of the Jammu Master Plan (JMP) 2032.

It was informed that Planning area JMP 2032 is encompassing Jammu Municipal Corporation and four Municipal Committees, namely Bari Bharamna, Vijaypur, Bishnah and Gho Manasa. Furthermore inclusion of identified 93 plus 54 left out villages from being notification and rectification of the boundary of JMP 2032 by coinciding the boundaries of the Revenue Villages at the periphery results an increase in the total planning area, from 652.33 sq KM to 778.3 sq KM.

The count of villages integrated within the ratified Master Plan bound-

ary now stands at 350, including an additional 54 previously left out of notification, in addition to the 93 villages already approved.

It was informed that the land use survey was successfully completed. To bolster the plan's effectiveness, surveys related to traffic and transportation, as well as socio-economic aspects, have been outsourced to AIILSG & Sustainable Alternative Private Ltd.

Divisional Commissioner stressed on the prioritization of zones in accordance with their unique requirements. He emphasized the importance of synchronized efforts on zonal development plans and rural development plans to ensure parallel progress across various sectors.

Furthermore, in-depth deliberations held on pivotal matters, with department heads were directed to furnish comprehensive information about ongoing projects and allocate lands for future projects and initiatives.

## DC Reasi chairs meeting on smooth roll-out of PM Vishwakarma Yojana in the District

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
REASI, OCTOBER 17

In a significant step towards uplifting the lives of traditional Artisans/craftspeople through the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, a meeting of District Level Committee was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal to review the status of smooth roll-out of the said scheme in the District.

GM DIC, Reasi Mohammad Anwar Bandy gave a brief overview of the scheme and also informed the committee members about the objectives of the scheme & challenges before the department for smooth implementation of the same in the District. Later on Power point presentation was also given by Ankur Sharma, FM.

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said that this initiative is set to empower and provide invaluable support to the artisans, commonly known as Vishwakarmas, who form a vital part of the informal or unorganized sector of the economy.

## Samba district strengthens flood preparedness with joint mock exercise

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, OCTOBER 17

In a proactive initiative to bolster Disaster response preparedness, the Samba district conducted a Table top exercise at the DC Office in collaboration with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

This commendable endeavor was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma and witnessed active participation from various departments and agencies.

A team of 13 highly skilled members from the NDRF, stationed at TPL Kotbhalwal, Jammu, took part in this Table-top Exercise (TTEX) aimed at stimulating flood-related emergency scenarios.

The exercise commenced with an informative introduction to the NDRF, shedding light on the crucial role they play in disaster response and relief efforts.

The participants engaged in a detailed discussion of sequential activities and procedures required during flood-related emergencies. The exercise underlined the significance of mock drills in disaster preparedness, allowing the various stakeholders to explore different scenarios and responses.

One of the key highlights of the exercise was the comprehensive discussion on the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders, including government bodies, law enforcement agencies, and medical professionals. This thorough examination of disaster management plans for flood-related emergencies showcased a commitment to improving community safety.

The exercise was a collaborative effort, with participation from multiple departments and agencies, including Administration, Police, NDRF, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), among others.



DC stressed the significance of enrolling beneficiaries with the active participation of PRI members, who play a pivotal role in the verification of beneficiaries. She emphasized the need for the widespread implementation of the scheme in all the wards of Municipalities and all panchayats across the district.

The DC further underscored the importance of conducting sensitization and awareness camps to ensure that every eligible artisan reaps the benefits of this transformative scheme. Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Reasi, DM Municipality Katra, DM CSC Reasi, Superintendent ITI Reasi and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

## GDC Vijaypur celebrates Fit India Movement



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
SAMBA, OCTOBER 17

As a part of the series of program being organized under the banner of 'Fit India Freedom Run 4.0' a nationwide campaign, 'Swatchh Bharat', 'Gandhi Jyanti Celebrations 2023' and 'Nasha Mukh Bharat', the NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College Vijaypur today organized the Swatchhata Freedom Run (Plog Run) from college campus. NSS volunteers and faculty (both teaching as well as non-teaching) participated in the freedom run actively with great enthusiasm and fervor.

The freedom run was

flagged off by Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta, along with senior faculty members, Prof. Anita Jamwal (HOD Political Science) and Prof. Ritu Bhagat (HOD Education).

Principal briefed the students about the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and elaborated upon their formula of sound mind in the sound body which shows that youth is on the right track. She further articulated that this freedom run is actually an awareness event to aware students against the ill effects of 'Drug Abuse' and that they should keep themselves away from drugs by keeping themselves engaged in fitness activities.

## Day long e-Governance Conference held at Anantnag



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Sayeed Fakhruddin Hamid today chaired e-Governance Conference at Dak Bungalow, here.

The aim of the conference was to discuss and strategize the implementation of various e-Governance initiatives at the district level, with a focus on improving public service delivery, fostering digital inclusion and ensuring efficient governance.

The event brought together key decision-makers, representatives from CSCs, government departments and other relevant stakeholders to deliberate upon ways to enhance the delivery of government services to the citizens of Anantnag.

The conference featured several insightful sessions and discussions, where experts and officials presented their ideas and experiences in the field of e-Governance. Topics such as digital literacy, citizen engagement, online services and the use of technology for transparency and accountability were extensively covered. The conference also highlighted the role of CSCs in bridging the digital divide and providing essential services to rural and remote areas.

Vice President CSC,

Shahnawaz Rashid presented the PPT on role played by the CSCs in digital race and the online services being provided by the CSCs for rural citizens like Aadhar enrolment and updation, G2C, B2C, financial inclusion services, cash withdrawal, cash deposit, domestic money transfer, DigiPay, PAN, Ayushman Bharat, e-Shram, Vishwakarma, Passport, Insurance, PM-Kisan, e-KYC, PMSYM, electricity bill, water bill and submission of forms of JKSSB, JKPCS, NSP, Meri Mati Mera Desh and other services.

He also mentioned that there are more than 647 CSC Centres providing all types of online services to common people in each village of district Anantnag.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasised the need for collaboration between government departments, CSCs, and local communities to bring about a holistic transformation in the way government services are delivered. The event also underscored the significance of leveraging emerging technologies and innovations to enhance governance.

SF Hamid stressed on CSC VLEs and attendees that there should be zero footfall in government offices related to online services within 3-4 months. He also stressed the importance

of e-Governance in ensuring transparency, efficiency and accessibility of government services. He noted that the conference serves as a platform for sharing best practices and exploring new opportunities for the advancement of e-Governance in Anantnag.

While interacting with the CSC holders and listening their grievances, the DC directed the concerned officers for early redressal. He further emphasised the CSC holders to do the job with dedication and honesty and catalyse the process of digitization.

The DC said that District Level e-Governance Conference of CSC marks an essential step forward in the journey towards a more digitally inclusive and transparent governance system. The insights gained and discussions held at the conference are expected to catalyze positive change in the way government services are delivered and accessed by the citizens of Anantnag.

The conference concluded with a resolve to work collaboratively across departments to address challenges and promote the well-being of the residents.

The conference was attended by ADC, CMO, Technical Director NIC Anantnag, ACR, ACD, DSWO, ACL and CSC holders.

### FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY						
Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Thursday, Sunday 23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Friday, Monday 24.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday 25.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Sunday 26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri 20.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat 21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Weekly	Tuesday 21.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Weekly	Wednesday 22.11.2023 to 06.12.2023
07651	Jalna	23:35	Chhapra	05:30	Weekly	Wednesday 18.10.2023 to 29.11.2023
07652	Chhapra	22:15	Pune	04:00	Weekly	Friday 20.10.2023 to 01.12.2023
05063	Chhapra	16:15	Lokmanya Tilak	07:25	Weekly	Friday 20.10.2023 to 24.11.2023
05064	Lokmanya Tilak	12:45	Siwan Jn	03:15	Weekly	Sunday 22.10.2023 to 26.11.2023
09417	Ahmedabad Jn	09:10	Patna Jn	21:05	Weekly	Monday upto 27.11.2023
09418	Patna Jn	23:45	Ahmedabad Jn	11:20	Weekly	Tuesday upto 28.11.2023
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# Kashmir's centuries-old cherished Filigree art struggles for survival

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCT 17

The timeless art of Filigree in Kashmir is on the brink of extinction, with most skilled artisans opting for other livelihoods due to its dwindling demand. Only a handful of dedicated artisans continue to practice this intricate craft, and they voice concerns that without government intervention, this cherished art form may fade away.

Artisans deeply rooted in Filigree craftsmanship shared their concerns with the news agency.

Tariq Ahmad, a Filigree artist from the Raiteng area of Srinagar, said he has dedicated four decades to this art, passed down through generations. He, however, laments the diminishing number of practitioners

over the years. Filigree, as the name suggests, is an art that revolves around threads and grains. The process of crafting Filigree jewellery is painstaking, with silver or gold bars melted and transformed into fine wires, often extending for a kilometre from just a gram of metal.

Tariq recalled that his family, including his grandfather, engaged in Turkwaaz work, a craft akin to Filigree. In the past, Filigree enjoyed a robust demand, but this has waned due to inflation, and now, only art enthusiasts seek out Filigree pieces, he lamented.

He said the government should initiate a revival of this dwindling craft, asserting that the survival of Filigree hinges on such intervention. "Presently, the demand for Filigree is

minimal, primarily attracting a few tourists, and only a handful of artisans remain. The imminent passing of these artisans would spell the end of this art form," he said.

The craftsman said that Filigree is a complex handcrafted jewellery art, and dates back to the 6th century BC, with origins in Greece and Etruria, subsequently spreading to Italy, Egypt, India, and Armenia.

Tariq acknowledged that financial constraints have limited his ability to launch large-scale training initiatives for the younger generation. He underscores the indispensable role of government intervention in rescuing this dying art.

"Had I been financially sound, I would have started training youth, so

I believe only the government can revive this dying art," he said.

Mohammad Mubasir Kathwari, who has managed a shop in Poloviev, Srinagar since 2000, inherited it from his grandparents. He echoes the sentiment that the Filigree art's demand has waned due to low production and a decrease in foreign tourist visits in recent years. The availability of machine-made Filigree from Orrisa contrasts with the rarity of handmade Filigree in Kashmir, he said.

He pointed out that Filigree is an intricate, costly art, with limited appeal to tourists. However, an increase in tourist arrivals, especially foreign tourists, could potentially rejuvenate demand for this cherished Kashmiri craft, he said.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG addresses Round...

new higher education institutions started in the world. We need to ensure quality of studies to provide new tools to students to face the changes and challenges, he said.

He said, more than 13 lakh Indian students are studying in 79 countries. As per an estimate of 2020, students studying abroad are spending approximately \$30 billion annually. Despite having the largest number of higher educational institutions in the world and best facilities, not a single institution of ours is included in the top 10 educational hubs of the world, because of lack of promotion, he added.

Many countries of Global South are now focused on enrolling International students. But we are lagging behind. On the contrary, we top the list of Countries for sending highest number of students abroad. This trend needs to be reversed with transformational approach, the Lt Governor said.

At the Conference, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to overhaul the education system in Jammu Kashmir.

"Since September 2020, J&K is witnessing encouraging reforms in higher education sector. Universities and Colleges have been enabled to focus on demand for education outputs, industry requirements, innovation, new-age skills and to be flexible and resilient to meet the needs of tomorrow," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also underlined the need for the Universities to adjust to the change and meet future challenges.

Today, the pace of change in every sector is faster than before. The biggest transformational revolution is required in the University Campus, the Lt Governor said.

"To remain relevant in the future, Universities will have to function like a Professional Corporation in which each department, unit, teacher play their crucial role as a separate part and forms a complete organic mechanism," he said.

Innovation and entrepreneurship cannot be taught through books. Arrangements should be made that students are involved in field learning every week, the Lt Governor said.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council, in his address, shared the ongoing transformation in higher education sector in Jammu Kashmir.

Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian University highlighted the endeavours of AIU for enhancing the engagement of universities and teachers in reforming the education system in the country.

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir; Vice Chancellors of various universities; HoDs; senior officers and faculty members were present.

### Portion of Jammu's 150...

the lord of Shiva, there was no loss of life, and all the idols in the temple are also intact," Singh added.

Commandant, Zahid Manhas, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said, "We had received information (about collapse) around 9:40 am and our team rushed to the spot after that." There is no report of any casualties or traces of anyone being trapped inside."

He also informed that the verandah of the temple collapsed in the incident. On being asked about the cause of the incident, the SDRF Commandant said that the cause of the incident could be rain as well but the temple itself is around 150 years old "so we cannot state the exact cause of the incident."

Meanwhile, the incident prompted the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to conduct a dimension stability audit of all ancient religious places in the city, which housed hundreds of small and big temples, which aged over 100 years.

JMC mayor Rajinder Sharma said, "There is always an issue of stability of dimensions of buildings. We will conduct a dimension stability audit of all of the religious places in Jammu."

He said instructions have been given to the JMC commissioner to conduct the audit of all temples, mosques, gurdwaras, churches and other religious places, particularly which are old.

The Ranbireswar temple is located on Shalimar Road near the new secretariat

The largest north Indian temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was built back in 1883 by Dogra Dynasty Maharaja Rambir Singh.

The temple is divided into two distinct halls—decorated with images of the Ganesha and Kartikeya respec-

tively—and the highlight here is the mammoth 8-ft-tall Shiva lingam (made from black marble) looming high in the central sanctum of the temple. In addition to that, the Ranbireswar Temple has an additional 12 lingams (carved out of crystal) rising between 15-38 cm in height. KNO

### Making Jammu Kashmir...

livelihoods," the Lt Governor said. Due to climate change and increasingly extreme weather events, the natural disasters are striking places that have not seen destructions from natural hazards before. We have to shift our approach from reactive response to proactive prevention and preparedness to mitigate impacts, he said.

The Lt Governor called for accelerated action to tackle concerns highlighted in this year's International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction theme, 'Fighting inequality for a resilient future'.

"Our priority is to strengthen the system of early warning, early action, resilient infrastructure and collaborative action by all stakeholders to ensure no precious life is lost. Our focus should be on protecting marginalised communities for resilient development and quick recovery," he said.

He directed the J&K Disaster Management Authority to prepare a blue-print on a robust mechanism to provide access to information, essential services and early warning in the event of a disaster.

The Lt Governor also suggested for constituting disaster management committee in every Panchayat falling under disaster-prone areas. The committee may include members of youth clubs, voluntary organizations, elected public representatives and Aapda Mitra. Jan-Bhagidari will play a crucial role in preparedness and disaster risk reduction, he added.

Sh Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary Public Works (R&B) department threw light on the augmentation of snow Clearance equipment and achievements registered under PMGSY in J&K.

On the occasion, a report on Socio-economic impact Assessment of PMGSY in Kashmir Division was presented. Seven other reports and two pamphlets were also released by the Lt Governor.

Sh Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University; Sh Nazim Zai Khan, Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction; senior officials of UT and Police administration, faculty and students of University of Kashmir were present.

### LG dedicates specialized...

Hospital Engineering Directorate of PW (R&B) Department to carry out safe and effective snow clearing and maintain accessibility for the citizens. The 170 number of Disaster Response and Snow Clearance equipments under SDRF I, II & III includes Snow cutters, Backhoe Loaders, Tractors with Snow Plough; Light Recovery Vehicle Crane, Wheel Mounted Front End Loaders, Variable Snow Plough, Wheel & Chain Mounted Excavators.

Shailender Kumar, Principal Secretary Public Works (R&B) Department; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University; Sh Nazim Zai Khan, Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction and other senior officials were present.

### Kashmir in tight grip...

famous ski-resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 2.0 degree Celsius while Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded 9.1 degree Celsius.

The continuous wet spell has forced the closure of major roads including Srinagar-Jammu National Highway.

The Srinagar-Jammu highway was closed for vehicular movement in wake of the landslide and shooting stones at multiple places. The highway has closed as a precautionary measure while the officials said the road clearance work is underway.

Some of the other roads including Bandipora to Gurez Road, Sinthan Top- Road, Sadnatop-Tangdar Road, Kishtwar Road and Mughal Road continue to remain closed due to fresh snowfall.

Meanwhile, Director MeT, Sonum Lotus told KNO that the weather conditions would improve from tomorrow.

"The weather is expected to turn pleasant from tomorrow as there is no forecast of any wet spell till October 24," he said, adding that the temperature would also start increasing gradually from tomorrow. KNO

## Several Pulwama villages demand bus services

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
PULWAMA, OCT 17

Residents in various villages of Rajpora tehsil of south Kashmir's Pulwama district are demanding bus services in their areas.

The inhabitants of Aglar Kandi, Kadipora, Kanigam, Drabgam, and neighbouring localities told the news agency that despite such services being available in almost every corner of Kashmir, their areas lack the facility.

The residents said they are compelled to walk nearly five kilometres on foot to access transportation facilities.

Zakir Ahmad, a resident of Aglar, mentioned the hardships faced by the people in the area, including employees and students, who need

to commute to Pulwama and Srinagar for work or educational purposes. He said patients and the elderly are also grappling with the absence of transport facilities.

"We have brought this matter to the attention of the relevant authorities, who had initially assured them that services would commence after the conclusion of the Amarnath Yatra. However, over a month has passed since the yatra concluded, but nothing has been done," Ahmad said.

In light of this situation, the residents of the villages have urged the road transport corporation authorities and the District Commissioner of Pulwama to take steps to provide transport facilities in their areas.

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## 9 injured in Totigund Handwara accident

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
HANDWARA, OCT 17

At least nine persons were injured at Totigund Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district after a bus they were travelling in met with an accident. As per details available with the news agency, a passenger bus on its way to Srinagar from Kupwara skidded off the road and fell in agricultural fields, leaving about 9 individuals injured. Officials said that the incident involved three more small vehicles (Grand i10, Ecco, Celerio) as the drivers lost their control and fell into the agricultural fields. They said that from the spot, nine injured passengers were taken to District Hospital Handwara for treatment. The officials further said that all injured were stable and out of danger. KNO

## 21-year-old youth dies after tractor overturns in Sumbal

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
BANDIPORA, OCT 17

A 21-year-old youth died after a tractor overturned in Wangipora area of Sumbal in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday.

An official told the news agency that the youth identified as Rayees Ahmad Rather son of Ghulam Qadir Rather of Wangipora was injured after tractor overturned on him. He said that soon after he was taken to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead. He added that after medico-legal formalities the body was later handed over to family for last rites. KNO

### Aim for Indian space...

the mission's readiness, affirming its launch in 2025," the statement said.

During the meeting, the prime minister outlined the future of India's space exploration endeavours and urged scientists to work towards interplanetary missions, including a Venus Orbiter Mission and a Mars Lander.

"Building on the success of Indian space initiatives, including the recent Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L1 missions, the prime minister directed that India should now aim for new and ambitious goals, including setting up 'Bharatiya Antariksha Station' (Indian space station) by 2035 and sending first Indian to the Moon by 2040," the statement said.

To realize this vision, the Department of Space will develop a roadmap for Moon exploration, it said.

"This will encompass a series of Chandrayaan missions, the development of a Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), construction of a new launch pad, setting up human-centric Laboratories and associated technologies," the statement said.

The Department of Space presented a comprehensive overview of the Gaganyaan Mission, including various technologies developed so far such as human-rated launch vehicles and system qualification.

It was noted that around 20 major tests, including three uncrewed missions of the Human Rated Launch Vehicle (HLVM3) are planned.

Prime Minister Modi expressed confidence in India's capabilities and affirmed the nation's commitment to scaling new heights in space exploration. (Agencies)

### Couple murdered in...

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal along with SSP Rajouri Amritpal Singh, Additional DC Rajouri Rajeev Khajuria, Additional SP Rajouri Vivek Shekhar Sharma reached at the protest site and held a meeting with protesters.

The officers ensured that the matter will be investigated on priority and whosoever involved will be dealt with iron hands. KNO

### Films are the most...

of the film industry with her talent and personality. She has lived her personal life also with dignity, self-confidence and originality. She chose many such films in which her role broke the barriers associated with women. She has set an example that women themselves should take initiative for women empowerment.

The President noted that Pallavi Joshi, Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon, who have received awards for best acting, have played roles of empowered female characters in their films. She was happy to note that director Srishti Lakhera has depicted the fighting spirit of an 80 year old woman in her award winning film titled 'Ek Tha Gaon'. She said that sympathetic and artistic portrayal of female characters would increase sensitivity and respect for women in the society.

The President was happy to note that the films which received awards this year have depicted issues like climate change, girls' trafficking, oppression of women, corruption and social exploitation. She also noted that good films have been made on various subjects like tribal communities' love for nature and art, establishment of the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, fighting with indomitable spirit amidst adversities, transformative power of education and special achievements in the field of art and culture.

The President said that film is not just an industry. It is not limited to merely business and entertainment. Films are the most effective medium to spread awareness and sensitivity. Meaningful films depict the achievements as well as the problems of the society and the country.

The President said that the film fraternity gives us a vivid introduction to the diverse reality of Indian society through their films. Cinema is both a document of our society and a medium to improve it. She said that the cinema artists are change agents. She added that they provide information about the country and connect citizens.

The President said that Indian films should be the carrier of the country's social diversity and rich cultural heritage. Such films would not only be beneficial for the country and society, but would also be commercially successful. She urged the film fraternity to do this experiment with greater resolve.

The President appreciated all the people associated

with the award winning films of the 69th National Film Awards for making impressive contributions to society and cinema. She expressed confidence that the film fraternity would continue to set new standards of global level excellence and Indian films would play an important role in building a developed India.

### Mahatma Gandhi serves...

the friendship between India and Vietnam, which is rooted in mutual respect and shared aspirations for a better world.

He said the installation of Gandhi's statue in Ho Chi Minh City was a reaffirmation of the strong people-to-people ties, which are expressed from Yoga to culture and to arts and Buddhism.

The installation of the memorial is of enormous significance not just for India or Vietnam, but as a universal message, the minister said.

"It is significant that two great personalities of the last century, Mahatma Gandhi and President Ho Chi Minh, exchanged messages during their lifetime. During his visit to India in 1958, President Ho Chi Minh was quoted to the media as saying, 'I and others may be revolutionaries, but directly or indirectly, we are disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. Nothing more. Nothing less'", Jaishankar said.

"President Ho Chi Minh laid the foundation of an abiding relationship between Vietnam and India, but this relationship has flourished since over many administrations and during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016, it was designated as a comprehensive strategic partnership," he said. (Agencies)

### Rs 117 Cr earned from...

the campaign that is being implemented in all Government offices across the country.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, massive participation is being witnessed across Ministries/Departments and their field/outstation offices. He reiterated the focus of the campaign is to cover offices with public interface. He urged Ministries/Departments to adopt a saturation approach in the implementation of the Campaign to cover all outstation offices/defence establishments and PSUs in all parts of the country.

The Special Campaign 3.0, in its second week, has been holistic in size and scale, and witnessed widespread participation from offices across the country. More than 1.47 lakh sites have been covered and 32.54 lakh square feet of space has been freed. The efforts of thousands of officials and citizens have created a mass movement for Swachhata in Government offices.

The Special Campaign 3.0 has been reviewed by Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Secretaries to the Government of India providing leadership and guidance in implementation.

Field visits to Central Govt. Offices in Mumbai - Western Naval Command HQ, Textile Commissioner Office, Addl. DGFT Office, GPO Mumbai, CSMT Mumbai Railway Station were undertaken by Secretary, DARPG Shri V. Srinivas on 12th October 2023.

The Progress of Special Campaign 3.0 is monitored on a dedicated portal (<https://scdpm.nic.in/>) on a daily basis. Regular review meetings are held under the Chairmanship of Secretary DARPG with nodal officers to review the progress of the campaign. The Special Campaign 3.0 has gained significant traction in social media with over 6,000 tweets by Ministries/Departments, 450 tweets by DARPG handle, 450 infographics on #SpecialCampaign3.0 and issue of 150 press releases.

Upto the 2nd week of Special Campaign 3.0 from 2nd-14th October, 2023, the following progress has been achieved: Swachhata Campaign sites 1,47,757, Records management files reviewed (physical files + e-Files) 17,92,630, Space freed (lakh sq.ft) 32.54, Revenue earned (Rs. In Crore) 117.33, etc.

Amongst the best practices that emerged in second week of Special Campaign 3.0 : Department of Posts: Wall art at Bengaluru Post Office. Ministry of Culture: Tree House at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, Department of Telecommunications: Independent Public Grievance Dashboard, Department of Land Resources: Lectures on Health & Wellbeing.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the reduction in pendency over the years through adoption of Special Campaign and called on all officials to sustain the momentum to achieve 75% targets by end of Week 3. Special Campaign 3.0 concludes on October 31st, 2023 with the beginning of Evaluation phase in 1st week of November.



## DC Srinagar finalises arrangements for smooth celebration of Dussehra Festival

JNEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

In order to review the arrangements for smooth celebration of upcoming Dussehra festival, also known as Vijay Dashmi, marking the victory of good over evil, a meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. The festival is celebrated as the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana. It also celebrates the triumph of Goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura. In many places, the effigies of Ravana are burned on this day to signify the destruction of evil, along with fireworks. Dussehra is celebrated on the 10th day of the month of Ashvina (September-October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, with the appearance of the full moon, an event called the "bright fortnight" (shukla

paksha).

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Zahoor Ahmad Mir and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria, the meeting was attended by Regional Director Pollution Control Board, Sub Divisional Magistrate, East, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer PHE, Deputy Director Fire & Emergency Services, Assistant Controller Legal Metrology, Tehsildar South, assistant director Planning and representatives of Dussehra Festival Organizing NGOs.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed appraisal about the arrangements to be made by different Departments for smooth celebration of Dussehra celebrations in the District.

The representatives of Dussehra Festival Organizing NGOs who were present in the meeting briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the requirements for the occasion.



A detailed discussion was held on various aspects of the arrangements including security measures, traffic management, parking facility, first-aid services, sanitation, availability of fire tenders, route plan for Jhanki procession, finalization of proposed place where effigy will be burnt on Dussehra, etc.

After listening to the demands of the representatives, the Deputy Commissioner assured them of all possible support from the District Administration.

He also issued on the spot directions to the concerned Departments for making comprehensive arrangements for smooth

and peaceful conduct of the festival.

On the occasion, the DC stressed on making adequate security arrangements in and around the venue for the Dussehra Festival scheduled to be celebrated on October 24, 2023.

The Traffic Department was asked to prepare a workable Traffic Route Plan and parking arrangements to avoid any traffic jam during the Jhanki procession.

Similarly, the Health Department was asked to keep a mobile van for the first aid facility to manage any medical emergency on the occasion.

The DC also asked for stationing a Fire Tender near the venue on the Dussehra occasion.

During the meeting, the stress was also laid on using eco-friendly (Green) fire crackers as per the National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines to maintain clean air regime in the district.

## Commissioner Secretary IT reviews e-Office implementation across J&K

JNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 17

On the directions of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Commissioner Secretary Information Technology (IT), Prerna Puri, convened a meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners to review implementation of e-Office across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioners through virtual mode while Chief Executive officer JaKeGA, Anuradha Gupta; State Informatics Officer, Saleem Khan; Additional Secretaries IT Department, Rajinder Khajuria and Satish Kumar Sharma besides other concerned participated in person.

The central focus of the meeting was complete transition of government file processing to the e-Office platform, encompassing districts, blocks and panchayats. The move towards a paperless and



digitally driven system was strongly encouraged to enhance transparency, accountability and accessibility of government records. The Chief Secretary has envisioned complete abandonment of manual file transmission in the UT.

Commissioner Secretary, while addressing the meeting, exhorted upon the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that e-Office becomes the standard for processing government files. This transformation is expected to revolutionize the functioning of government offices, making information easily accessible to the concerned stakeholders. She also

asked the DCs to promote the horizontal and vertical usage of e-Office in all departments throughout the districts.

The meeting also projected several key issues, such as the availability of IT infrastructure, need for capacity building of manpower, VPN access and increasing bandwidth to support the e-Office system. Commissioner Secretary assured the attendees that these issues would be promptly resolved through coordination between NIC and JaKeGA.

Prerna Puri enjoined upon the Deputy Commissioners to submit a minimum of five online serv-

ices which can be developed for their respective districts for integration into the e-UNNAT platform. This initiative is aimed at providing citizens with easy access to government services and information.

To facilitate seamless adoption of e-Office system in all tehsils and blocks of the districts, it was decided that a workshop will be organized to provide necessary guidance and support in making the digital platform functional in all administrative units of the district.

Commissioner Secretary asserted that the government of Jammu and Kashmir was committed towards advancement of technology for the betterment of governance and citizen services. The successful implementation of e-Office system will undoubtedly bring about a positive change in the administration and service delivery throughout the Union Territory, she maintained.

## DC Ganderbal reviews Power scenario



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In view of approaching winter, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a meeting of officers to review the power supply scenario in the district.

At the outset, the DC sought details from the officials regarding power supply scenario in the district. Executive Engineer PDD presented a detailed action plan regarding the arrangements being put in place to ensure power supply to the consumers as per the curtailment schedule during the winter season.

While giving details, the Executive Engineer said that unscheduled power cuts are caused due to overloading of several receiving stations especially during peak hours saying that field and technical staff is making all efforts to distribute the load equally to avoid overloading to ensure power supply is provided to the consumers as per the curtailment schedule.

The DC Directed the PDD to submit the power curtailment schedule Panchayat wise which should be given wide publicity so that people are aware about the curtailment schedule.

While interacting with the officials, the DC maintained that district administration is committed to providing uninterrupted power supply to the consumers and directed the Executive Engineer to ensure that the power supply is provided to the

consumers as per the curtailment schedule.

He also stressed them to take prompt measures to ensure time-bound redressal of the genuine concerns regarding power supply so that people may not suffer.

Meanwhile, the DC appealed to the people to make judicious use of electricity and refrain from using crude heaters to avoid overloading of receiving stations which are the main cause of power disruption.

The meeting also discussed the power generation capacity within the district. The Executive Engineer Generation Division Ganderbal briefed about the current power generation capacity from Hydro power projects available in the district whose power generating capacity is affected due to less discharge in power canal during winters.

The DC gave necessary instructions to the concerned for taking necessary steps for upgradation of existing power projects in the district.

The meeting was attended by CPO, SE, KPDCL, Executive Engineer KPDCL Division Ganderbal, Executive Engineer, KPDCL, Div-Sumbal, Executive Engineer PDC USHP-ISumbal, Executive Engineer, CMD SVP, Kangan, Executive Engineer CMD USHP-II Kangan, Executive Engineer, STD, Ganderbal, Executive Engineer PDC NGHEP Div.I & II Ganderbal, Executive Engineer Generation Div Ganderbal and other concerned.

## National Workshop on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in Snow Leopard Landscapes' commences at Bhaderwah Campus

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BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 17

The eagerly anticipated four days National Workshop on "Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in Snow Leopard Landscapes" commenced today at Bhaderwah Campus, bringing together wildlife enthusiasts, conservationists, researchers, and managers from different parts of the nation. This workshop being organized by Institute of Mountain Environment in collaboration with Department of Wildlife Protection, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir, is poised to be a focal event for the advancement of wildlife conservation in snow leopard habitats in the region. It represents a critical milestone in the ongoing effort to bolster conservation initiatives and wildlife monitoring strategies, particularly focusing on the elusive and vulnerable snow leopard and its prey base, said Dr. M.K. Kumar Regional Warden, Jammu and Chief

Guest of the occasion.

He urged the researchers and students to be the brand ambassadors of conservation as the conservation of one species contributes to the protection of many.

ADC Bhaderwah, Dil Mir Choudhary lauded the efforts of Institute of Mountain Environment in highlighting the issues of conservation concern of the region. Concerned about the escalating number of human-wildlife conflicts in the area, he expressed his optimism that this workshop will provide the ideal forum for deliberation and the pursuit of resolutions.

Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Organizing Secretary of the workshop introduced the theme and objectives of the workshop. Later he made a detailed presentation on the Snow leopard population assessment across J&K. In addition to summarizing the key findings regarding the snow leopard and its prey base in JK, he detailed the approach adopted for field



monitoring, data collection, and analysis.

Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director ND Fopined that conservation gold needs to be community oriented as the snow leopard landscape include diverse peoples and cultures that share and shape its habitat. The involvement of local communities is paramount to harness the conservation goals to meet the set targets.

'An Illustrated field

guide to the mammals of snow leopard habitats' in Jammu and Kashmir, jointly published by IME, Bhaderwah Campus, Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K, and Nature Conservation Foundation, was released to provide useful information about the snow leopard and its allied species. This was followed by the release of a book on 'Black Neck Crane, general biology, habitat, migration, and conservation

another important species battling for its survival in snow leopard. The book is authored by Dr. Pankaj Chandan and Dr. Asad Rehmani.

Dr. Munib Khanyari, Programme Officer, High Altitudes, Nature Conservation Foundation Mysore, and key resource person of the workshop shared his experiences about the ongoing sampling, challenges being faced and the suggested way forward to achieve promising results.

Dr. Vinita Sharma, Assistant Professor from Department of Zoology, Central university of Jammu and Resource person of the workshop shared relevance of wildlife forensic science in tackling the growing threat of wildlife poaching.

Majid Bashir, Wildlife Warden, Chenab Circle, Kishtwar, expressed his delight at the encouraging results of the current snow leopard surveys conducted by all partners. He ensured all partner teams

involved in snow leopard assessment in Jammu and Kashmir his full support and assistance.

Other resource persons included Dr. Vipin Sharma from Central University of Jammu, Dr. Sidharth Srinivasan and Dr. Deepti Bajaj from Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore, Dr. Tahir Gaznaffar and Dr. Mehreen Khaleel from Wildlife Resaerch and Conservation Foundation and Dr. Shakha Sharma from Cluster University of Jammu.

The workshop is being attended by 35 participants including protected area managers (DFOs), range officers, foresters, researchers, scholars, students and field researchers engaged in primary field surveys in the snow leopard landscapes of Himalayas.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor, faculty of Economics, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus

## DC Rajouri chairs District Skill Committee Meeting on formulation of Skill Dev Plan for FY 2023-24



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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 17

Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting of the District Skill Committee, convened to deliberate on the comprehensive Skill Development Plan for the financial year 2023-24.

The meeting brought together various stakeholders committed to the noble cause of empowering unemployed youth in the region through skill enhancement programs.

Addressing the committee members, DC emphasized the abundant oppor-

tunities available for individuals possessing skills in the current job market. He underscored that the pressing need of the hour is to inspire the unemployed, educated youth of the district to embark on a journey of skill acquisition. He said that this would enable them to become self-sufficient and financially independent.

In a comprehensive overview of the measures initiated by District Administration to bolster youth skill development, the DC directed the officers to take proactive steps to train a maximum

number of unemployed youth under various skill development initiatives. He urged that this should be executed with a sense of urgency to bridge the existing skill gap in the region.

The DC encouraged officers to explore innovative methods to nurture the untapped potential of talented young individuals at the grassroots level. This grassroots approach aims to identify and support latent talent in the district and guide them towards skill development opportunities.

DC underscored the

importance of aligning skill development programs with market demands. He called upon officers to adapt training curricula to meet the evolving needs of the job market, thus ensuring that the youth are well-prepared for the employment landscape of the future.

The meeting was attended by the GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; Principal ITI, Ujjwal Mahajan; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser and other concerned officers.

## DC Samba chairs meeting on Change of Land Use

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 17

Deputy Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma chaired a meeting wherein thorough review of Change of Land Use (CLU) cases was conducted. A total of 15 cases were diligent-

ly discussed and deliberated upon so as to ensure efficient land-use practices. The meeting resulted in the approval of 2 CLU cases and 3 CLU cases were reverted back to the applicants, with a clear directive to address the observations made during the meeting.

This decision ensures that the applications meet the necessary requirements and adhere to established standards

The chair took inputs from various concerned departments. The comments and suggestions provided by these

departments were carefully reviewed to ensure a comprehensive and informed decision-making process.

DC stressed the critical need for all participating departments to strictly follow the mandatory rules and adhere to set timelines.

## Horticulture deptt organises Mega Awareness Camp at Kulgam

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KULGAM, OCTOBER 17

The Department of Horticulture, Kulgam today organised a daylong awareness programme at the Conference hall of the mini-secretariat Kulgam.

The main purpose of the awareness camp was to raise awareness among the farmers and youth about the different schemes of the department in vogue, particularly the newly launched Modified High Density Scheme. The programme was presided over by Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, Mohd Afzal Parrey and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

Joint Director Horticulture, Zahoor Ahmad, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer and a good number of Progressive farmers and students of different Degree Colleges attended the awareness programme.

Addressing the participants, Chairperson DDC highlighted the importance of the Horticulture and Agriculture sectors and advocated for promot-

ing and propagation of new technologies among farmers.

Speaking on the occasion the Deputy Commissioner urged the Department to organise awareness camps in colleges to apprise the potential youth about various schemes and technologies in the Horticulture sector.

He also urged the department to ensure technical hand holding of farmers and promotion of modern technological interventions and methods among the farming community so that they can get quality produce and fetch the best price.

During the programme, experts from Horticulture and KVK Pombay informed the participants about various schemes and new technologies in the sector to enhance the crop productivity and quality.

Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Kulgam, Liyaqat Ali Khan highlighted the present scenario of the Horticulture sector in the district and apprised the participants about various developmental schemes including Modified High-Density Scheme.



## EDITORIAL

## Need to bring sanity on roads

The state and the central governments have been making tall claims about bringing significant improvement in building road infrastructure across the country but there has been no let up in the number of fatal road accidents. According to the latest statistics, over 1.68 lakh people were killed in road accidents in India last year—a figure which is quite worrisome and alarming and it calls for immediate need to go for introspection. This translates into a fatality every three minutes, and denotes a jump of nearly 9 per cent over the previous year. The number of people left injured stood at 4.43 lakh, compared to 3.84 lakh in 2021. Both the state as well as the central government has been claiming that they have made concerted efforts to improve road conditions, tighten the safety norms for auto manufacturers and enforce stringent traffic rules over the years but it failed to deliver the desired results. It shows that there is a lot of work that needs to be done on ground to minimize the fatalities on roads. The data is self explanatory that the deficiencies are stark. Confronting the brazen lack of discipline on roads is impossible without a massive investment push in the road safety strategy. The pitifully low number of traffic cops is a serious anomaly and a major reason for ineffective policing. That, in turn, explains the routine wrong-side, wrong-lane and rash driving, over-speeding, not wearing helmets and jumping traffic lights. Besides, the vehicular population has been exploding with every passing day while the road lengths are not commensurate with the rising number of vehicles. The congestion along with faulty management and lack of manpower add to the woes of road users. In towns and cities across the region, flouting traffic rules is viewed as coming-of-age bravado. The CCTV cameras have been installed across the length and breadth of the cities and towns but these can be of help only if there is constant monitoring. This aspect is still missing and the 'observers' (traffic cops sitting in control rooms) perform their jobs in 'sarkari' manner. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has been forthcoming about the several shortcomings and missing the target of reducing deaths in accidents by half before 2024. He has laid stress on road engineering as a critical safety element. Preparing detailed project reports without providing for flyovers or underbridges — just to save construction costs — compromises on road safety standards, he has pointed out. The need of the hour is to ensure that the motorists and road users are brought under strict rule of law and they should be made well aware of road safety norms so that fatal accidents are brought down. No laxity at any level should be tolerated while the monitoring system should be made more effective. This will not only help in bringing some sanity on roads but also imbibe a sense of discipline among road users.

## Developing argumentative skills with Moot Courts

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The syllabus of the law universities features 'Moot Court' as a compulsory topic, the marks scored in it playing a crucial role in determining the grade with which the students pass out of the LLB degree examination. Persons outside the legal fraternity or law colleges may stare back when they are asked about Moot Court. "Though Moot Courts are as important and interesting as Mathematics Olympiad, they are yet to get the public recognition. For those interested in legal affairs, this is an event equal in status to the Mathematics Olympiad," said Prof V R Jayadevan, principal, of Government Law College, Thrissur, who successfully conducted an all-India Moot Court event in his college in the last week of September.

Though planned as a low-profile event the Thrissur Moot Court Competition drew 36 teams from all over India. The winners walked away with the Justice T Ramachandran Memorial Trophy. The event saw intense competition as participating undergraduates switched over from one section of the law to another section with elan and poise.

If you ask a person without a legal background what moot court is about, chances are that you will get a grumpy look. No one can blame him/her because persons without knowledge of legal education are not at all familiar with the term. Moot Courts are simulated lessons held in law schools to make budding lawyers ready to face real-life battles in courtrooms. It is an intellectual bout conceived to test the prowess of law students in their academic pursuits.

The organisers take out subjects of national and international events, put them as a legal issue and ask the students to argue for and against the topic. Classrooms in law schools are converted into real-life courtrooms with all resplendent ambience. These bouts turn out future Jethmalanis, Servais, Narimans and Sorabjees!

Those familiar with the nuances of law and legal codes are sure to take a liking to the event. "I always feel that Moot Courts resemble Kathakali, a pantomime of Kerala, which could be enjoyed only by the connoisseurs of art. For those who are uninitiated about Kathakali, watching it is a futile exercise. There is a saying in Malayalam that watching the art form without knowing the story is a waste of time," said Parvathi Sreejith Valliathan, Assistant Professor, SRM Law School, Chennai. The Thrissur event was the 12th edition of the annual Moot Court competition held by

the College. "This year we selected a topic right out of a real-life event. Dharmanchal, a State in the Union of India, enacted Dharmanchal Infrastructure Investment Fund Act 2001. The preamble of the Act states that it was expedient to constitute a fund for investment in infrastructure projects in the State. The Act was similar to the provisions of the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Act 1999," explained Prof Sonia K Das, the livewire of the event.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India took strong objections to the way the KIIFB was functioning and the availing of loans beyond the repaying capacity of the State. The Articles concerning the federal structure and the freedom of the States were used as weapons by the participants in simulated courtrooms which were presided over by judges who needed the counsels appearing for the peti-

tioners and respondents with questions that went deep into the subject. The expressions on the faces of the audience spoke a lot. They too were taken to the hitherto undebated issues in the Indian Constitution. "Our intention is to tone up the skills of advocacy," said Prof Jayadevan.

The competition witnessed high-pitch arguments and counter-arguments. "Besides arguments, Moot Courts are the path for law students to have practical knowledge in drafting, pleading and conveyancing. The Moot Courts will intellectually stimulate students to develop skills that will be of great importance in future. The participants (addressed as Mooters) should possess sharp analytical skills to dissect complex legal issues, identify key arguments and develop logical frameworks," said Parvathi Kumar, who has more than a dozen Moot Court events to her

credit. Moot Court also have a number of participants performing various tasks like researching and drafting which are put to the Court for approval/consideration. The participants are hopeful that one day they will be able to compete in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court hosted in Washington DC. Considering the fact that there is no empowered body to ask the global community of nations to follow the diktat of the International Court of Justice, it is for the Gen Next to come up with ideas and solutions that make the States obey the orders issued by it. The progress made in science and technology has brought together warring nations of Europe is a hopeful signature. Let the Moot Courts flourish in India.

(Views expressed are personal)

## Igniting the passion of traditional entrepreneurs

DINESH SOOD

Many people strive to secure their dream job and are unwilling to risk becoming an entrepreneur. However, it is notable that professions such as blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, carpenters, sculptors, barbers, cobblers, and others are a significant part of India's workforce. These traditional tiny entrepreneurs work with their hands and tools and are usually self-employed individuals whose skills are passed down from generation to generation. This proves that entrepreneurs are born, not made. The culture in which these individuals are raised plays a significant role in shaping their entrepreneurial mindset. They witness the ups and downs of entrepreneurship and choose to live their lives similarly.

Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme worth Rs 13,000 crore to promote such traditional tiny entrepreneurs to create more employers than employees. The aim is to integrate traditional tiny entrepreneurs into the domestic and global value chains by providing skill upgradation and modernisation. This will help to enhance their already existing traditional skill sets and make them more relevant, thereby improving their socio-

economic status and quality of life.

Successful entrepreneurs are not limited to those who inherit family businesses. An individual's mindset towards entrepreneurship is crucial and develops with age and experience. As people mature, they become aware of the advantages of entrepreneurship and often choose it as a career path. However, how can we motivate those who do not come from entrepreneurial backgrounds to become future employers and contribute to our sustainable economy? It is our responsibility to take the necessary steps to make this happen. Can't we start at least with these initial steps?

Home; the parents should start from the early school days of their young ones, read to them the stories of successful entrepreneurs, ones their young buds could relate to and get them acquainted with their day-to-day life attributes and the attributes and benefits they pass on to the society. Well, it is better to tell your bud to aim at making a hospital or hotel than just being a doctor or a chef, in the process, the young mind will keep his trajectory not confined to just being a doctor or a chef but keep his horizons much open and farther even



after turning a successful super specialist doctor or a celebrity chef.

Schools; To fuel the entrepreneurship spirit among job seekers, multifaceted efforts are needed to accelerate the creation of more job providers in the bustling industrial, services and tertiary sectors. Unfortunately, our education system did not focus on the development of essential entrepreneurial skills in school students, while entrepreneurial skill is the main pillar of job providers, intend to march forward.

Thus, to support the entrepreneurial spirit must give a nod to the Business Blaster Young Entrepreneur Programme in schools to encourage

school children from class 11 to become entrepreneurs. Successful entrepreneurs and unicorns who bring with them years of entrepreneurial experience can play a vital role as mentors and can contribute the angel funding to build entrepreneurial orientation and mindset among the youths, especially school dropouts can be skilled and would equip their budding entrepreneurship to take charge as a job provider.

Colleges; there should be a structured curriculum with frequent seminars and workshops on entrepreneurship, emphasizing hands-on experience rather than just classroom learning. Encouraging idea sponsor-

ships and mentorship from entrepreneurs would be beneficial. Additionally, students should be encouraged to visit actual facilities to better understand the entrepreneurial culture.

Business schools; should place equal emphasis on teaching entrepreneurship as they do on teaching business. Mock drills should be implemented, where students spend an equal amount of time shadowing an entrepreneur as they do during internships with organizations. Evaluations should hold equal weight in determining the student's level of business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit.

Skill Development Centres; we have some of the brightest minds who are driving change in skill development. These leaders should focus on imparting entrepreneurship skills with the same energy and dedication as employability skills. Entrepreneurship Development Institutes; how many successful entrepreneurs have we connected with to mentor our future entrepreneurs? We don't need teachers to teach how to be an entrepreneur; if they knew, they would already be one. We need proven entrepreneurs to guide and support our future entrepreneurs and set them on the

path to success. Providing resources is only part of the equation, providing expert guidance is equally important.

Lastly; successful entrepreneurs must step forward and make time in their busy schedules to mentor future entrepreneurs regularly. This can be done for a specific period until the mentee establishes their trajectory, after which the mentor can move on to the next aspiring entrepreneur. This would be a more effective and impactful form of corporate social responsibility.

Entrepreneurship is driven by aspirations that exceed available resources. Entrepreneurs do not start businesses because everything falls into place perfectly. Even the self-employed, or "Vishwakarma" in traditional terms, continue to hone their skills for personal fulfilment and to contribute to their communities. Society as a whole should come together to support these individuals and in doing so, benefit itself. The goal should be to create more employers than employees, and it is hoped that "PM Vishwakarma" will help make this a reality.

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## Mental health needs your attention

RAVIVALLURI

Anand was a meremintee at a celebrated flautist's music school. The youngster was bewitched by a damsel who too was learning to play the flute under the expertise of the legendary musician.

Anand and Bhairavi were ensnared by craving; they were in a tearing hurry to achieve stardom through soulful renditions of the fabled Ananda Bhairavi raga. Their respected Master was however certainly not impressed at the proffer of his novitiates and admonished them. "One needs enormous tapas to arrive at the world stage," he added.

A Zen Story: Years ago, a greenhorn was learning various nuances of breathing techniques and meditation at a temple of knowledge. After acquiring some basic skills, he approached his monk as to how soon he could graduate from

the monastery and begin to spread the knowledge of Zen Buddhism. The impassioned monk was to say impassively, "It will take you ten more years."

"Master, I will practice twice the number of hours, then how long will it take me to become a suzerain of Buddhism?"

"Thirty years," was the bland reply.

Learning to Learn: Forbearance and endurance are paramount keys to achieving success. Tearing hurry and sheer desperation to climb the ladder to achieve fame in any field leads only to severe psychological problems.

Psychotherapy: The intent of a therapeutic approach is to upend the pyramid. It is to ensure the betterment of the victim's life. The therapy reinforces the client's resolve for mitigating distress leading to an improved lifestyle. By adopting a holistic line of treatment, the mind is blessed with positivity,



becomes robust and develops the ability to eschew unwelcome habits.

There is astonishing progress in the victim who undergoes a mental transformation; the thinking pattern changes dramatically and becomes

empowered to make mindful decisions on the voyage of rehabilitation. Gifted and trained psychotherapists combine their clinical insights and their mental GPS to zero in on suitable psychodynamic therapies. Dynamics of Rehabili-

tation and Recuperation: Fundamentally, psychodynamic therapy cogitates that it is an intra-psychic conflict that is primarily responsible for the psychological malady. The fountainhead of the problem lies within the psyche of the individual. Research in the field opines that querulous desires of childhood and unmitigated childhood fears are essentially responsible for intrapsychic disorders. Keeping in mind the above two factors, psychotherapists deploy the technique of free association and eliciting information through visualisation, dreams, thoughts, and feelings to create a database. The cutting edge of the therapy is provided as the therapist glides and floats from the intellectual frame to an emotional plane. Psychodynamic therapy enfranchised the therapist to understand the mind of the patient and provide emotional succour.

Last but not least, the duration of treatment is of tremendous significance. The magnitude of the problem is obviously a key determinant of the span of treatment. However, around 15 to 20 vigorous sessions put the patient well on the road to renaissance.

Alternative therapies Unbridled ambition could also trigger alcoholism, bulimia, heavy smoking, and substance abuse among others. In such cases, alternative therapies such as practising the unique rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya, Vipassana, sessions of yoga and pranayama, and meditation techniques of Yoga Nidra, help in the relaxation of the mind and body immensely.

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# Hanuman Ji Pranprathishta: A Spiritual Marvel at Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram

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The tranquil and spiritually charged surroundings of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan Ashram in Jammu bore witness to a profoundly spiritual event on the 17th of October, 2023 - the Hanuman Ji Pranprathishta. This sacred event, organized under the divine guidance of Shri Yog Guru Karan Ji, Chairman of Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, attracted distinguished guests, dignitaries, and a large gathering of devotees, all seeking spiritual elevation and inner peace.

Special guests at the event included Sehi Prabhari, BJP, Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Ashish Sood Ji, who graced the occasion with his presence. Their attendance was a testament to the significance of this event in the cultural and spiritual fabric of Jammu & Kashmir. Shri Sood, in his address, highlighted the importance of spirituality and how it transcends boundaries, emphasizing that Lord Hanuman is not just a deity but a Guru for us all. The event was further graced by the presence of Kumarani Dr. Ritu Singh Ji from the Royal Family of Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Ritu Singh Ji expressed her commitment to support Vishwa Yog Sansthaan's initiatives in the field of Yog, acknowledging the organization's efforts in promoting holistic well-being.

Parampujya Vishnu Priya didi Ji Maharaj cap-



tivated the audience with a captivating narration of Lord Hanuman's life and his unyielding devotion to Lord Rama. The tale of Hanuman Ji's unwavering faith and dedication left the participants spellbound, underscoring the eternal values of devotion and humility.

The presence of Shri Sham Lal Basan ji, Corporation-ward 48, Bagh e Bahu, Shri Bansilal Gupta ji and Shri Rajesh Padha ji, Shri Vikas Chopra ji, Shri Rajan Gupta ji, Shri Reen ji, Shri K K Arora ji, Shri Ashrani ji, Shri Rakesh Sawhney ji, Shri Suresh Sharma ji, Shri Ashok Sharma ji, Shri Rajinder

Acharya ji, Shri Sunny ji, Shri Balkar Singh ji, Smt Vina Bakshi ji, Shri Arun ji, Chamber President, not only made the pranprathishta event happen smoothly but their support has immensely added to the glory of this gracious event.

The cultural program presented by students of Shri Brahmishi Bawra School, Udhampur, added a delightful touch to the event. Their performances, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region, left the audience enthralled.

The highlight of the cultural program was the demonstration of yogas-

anas by the students, including a national awardee, showcasing their remarkable dedication to the art of Yoga. It was a testament to the potential and talent of the youth, who play a pivotal role in carrying forward the legacy of ancient traditions and practices.

As a part of their commitment to the community, Shri Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospitals and AYUSH conducted a medical camp during the event, providing essential healthcare services to those in need. This humanitarian endeavor reflected the values of service and compassion promoted by Vishwa Yog Sansthaan.

The Hanuman Ji Pranprathishta event was not just a spiritual gathering but a convergence of devotion, culture, and well-being. It was a day of spiritual awakening, unity, and cultural celebrations that will resonate in the hearts of those who attended for years to come.

Vishwa Yog Sansthaan's Chairman, Shri Yog Guru Karan Ji, conveyed his gratitude to all the participants, dignitaries, and volunteers who contributed to the success of this spiritually enriching event. The Hanuman Ji Pranprathishta serves as a shining example of the organization's commitment to nurturing the spiritual and physical well-being of the community, and it has left an indelible mark on the cultural and spiritual landscape of Jammu & Kashmir.

# PDD, EESL to distribute 20000 Inverter LED Bulbs in Ladakh, free of cost under BEE AP



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Under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)'s action plan for UT Ladakh, the people of Nubra will get free inverter bulbs. To provide relief to the common man in electricity bills & promote energy efficiency, a large-scale inverter bulbs camp was organised at Nubra.

This camp was organised by EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Lim-

ited), a Govt of India Agency working to promote Energy Efficiency, in coordination with the Power Development Department (PDD) UT of Ladakh. Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament UT of Ladakh launched this scheme in Nubra during 'Nubra Sports & Adventure Festival'. Under this scheme Approx. 20000 bulbs would be distributed to around 5000 beneficiaries of 52 villages of

Nubra. This would lead to savings of approx. 14.5 lacs electricity units each year.

Moreover, these bulbs have a power backup of 4 hours in the absence of grid/DG-based electricity which would help households & students to improve their day-to-day life. In the first phase close to 15000 inverter bulbs distributed in Zaskar, in second phase 20000 bulbs will be given free of cost in Nubra & in

last phase around 10000 bulbs will be given in Changtang.

MP of Ladakh disclosed that in the last week of November, one more scheme for the benefit of Anganwadis & schools, 2500 nos. induction cook stoves will also be given to Anganwadis, Schools, Colleges & Hostel, etc. Inverter bulbs & induction cook stoves will be distributed free of cost to the beneficiaries under the BEE action plan.

# Rajesh Gupta discusses security, policing, drugs issues with DGP Dilbag Singh

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SRINAGAR, OCT 17

Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) chairman, Rajesh Gupta here today met DGP J&K Dilbag Singh, and discussed several issues regarding policing, security, drugs and traffic violations in Jammu and Kashmir. Gupta while appreciating the J&K Police said the comprehensive efforts to bolster security have yielded remarkable results in Jammu and Kashmir. He also raised issues of drug menace with DGP.

Dilbag Singh said it should be clear that drug menace is a very big problem. The drug menace, which falls in Poonch District, under the Chairmanship of State President BJP Minority Morcha, J&K Ranjodh Singh Nalwa where Grievances of common people was addressed various issues like; Macdamization of Roads, Upgradation of Electric Transformers, Water Resources, Upgradation of Education Sector,



has achieved a significant milestone in the fight against terrorism this year so far as the Union territory witnessed the lowest number of terror incidents and civilian deaths in over three decades." The resolute efforts of the security forces stand as a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as they look towards a future marked by peace and stability," DGP said.

JWF leader raised concern over the improvement of the policing in police stations and police posts respectively." In some cases criminals are doing crimes without fear of law and media on the behalf of DySP's, SHO's and many incharges of police posts and common man is the most sufferer.

The DGP Dilbag Singh assured that police will definitely look into the issues raised by Gupta.

tion and go all out to face the drug challenge today. Firstly, Pakistan agencies, which were earlier in the business of terrorism, have taken it up as a matter of policy to use drugs to fund terror as well as to mix terror with social crime to harm society and punish the people of J&K for

choosing peace over terror. It was done in Punjab in the same way and while the state's militancy died a long time ago, the problem of drugs is as threatening as ever. We are moving in the same direction.

While discussing security issues Dilbag Singh said, "Jammu and Kashmir

# BJP Moniorty Morcha J&K meets people of Poonch, solved their problems

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SUNDERBANI, OCT 17

Today a public meeting was held at two locations Chandimarh and Bufliaz which falls in Poonch District, under the Chairmanship of State President BJP Minority Morcha, J&K Ranjodh Singh Nalwa where Grievances of common people was addressed various issues like; Macdamization of Roads, Upgradation of Electric Transformers, Water Resources, Upgradation of Education Sector,



and Pension Schemes. Many people from different areas of Poonch region join BJP Minority Morcha, and show their faith in State president Ranjodh Singh. After the listening of grievances of common people of Chandimarh and Bufliaz, the

President Ranjodh Singh fixed evening appointment with, D.C Poonch Mohd. Yasin, where they will try to resolve all the issues. After hearing issues of people, they also visited Surankote and Draba where people welcome state team and join BJP

Minority Morcha.

The President was accompanied by Vice President, Balvinder Singh, Parbari Rajouri, Pawanjeet Singh, Parbari Poonch, Firoz Ahmed Fani, District President Minority Morcha Mohd. Bashir Khan was also present in meeting and all issues were listened by State president Ranjodh Singh Nalwa where people of Chandimarh, Bufliaz, Draba and Surankote thanks to State President, Ranjodh Singh for solving problems.

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

e-NIT No. 04 of 2023-24 Dated: 14-10-2023

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (in lacs)	Cost of doc (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs. )	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Road from Mandi to Phagla Km 6 <sup>th</sup> to Kanal Via Syed Muzaffar Shah (Under District Capex Budget)	07.60	600	15200	45 Days	C, D Class
2	Construction of Road from Seri Chowana to Lassawali (Under District Capex Budget)	16.00	600	32000	75 Days	B, C Class
3	Construction of Chandak Bela Grid Station Road (Under District Capex Budget)	10.53	600	21060	60 Days	B, C, D Class

Position of AAA: - Accorded.  
Position of T.S: - Accorded  
Position of funds: - Partially/Available

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

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	14-10-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14-10-2023 to 26-10-2023, 1855 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	14-10-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-10-2023 up to 1855 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-10-2023 on or after 1000 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Surankote.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after the technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of the Tender document in the 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, Surankote uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Surankote as mentioned in the bid documents.
- Successful bidder will submit 3% additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/. The total 5% will be released after the completion of the defect liability period of the work.
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Surankote.
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after the 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 make any additional payment towards the cost of the 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 the online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Surankote. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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# Revival, restoration of Jammu heritage places on cards



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 17

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, convened a meeting of the District Level Coordination-cum-Implementation committee, focusing on the revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of the architecture and heritage places of the district. During the meeting, the DC advocated for a much-needed facelift and renovation for the cherished heritage sites,

stressing the importance of preserving the cultural and historical treasures that define the region.

He instructed Executive Engineers of PWD and Sub Divisional Magistrates to come together to devise a comprehensive strategy for the planned development of these distinguished locations, which hold a special place in the hearts of the local population and are steeped in cultural significance.

The Deputy Commissioner underscored the

immense emotional and cultural value attached to these sites, emphasizing that their upkeep should be a top priority for the district administration.

He proposed innovative measures to enhance these revered landmarks, such as the thoughtful development of the surrounding areas to include inviting public spaces and the promotion of sustainable development, all while respecting the intrinsic architectural essence.

The sites discussed

during this gathering encompass the Jhiri Baba Jitto Shrine, Nagrota Kol Kandoli Temple, R.S Pura Raghunath Mandir, Kameshwar Temple in Akhnor and many more.

The meeting was attended by SE Public Works Department, ACR Piyush Dhotra, CPO, Yoginder Katoch, Deputy Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Chief Education Officer besides others. The SDMs participated virtually.

# DC Rajouri reviews Drug Control Measures at NCORD Committee meeting



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 17

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, chaired a meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee.

The meeting provided a dedicated platform to deliberate upon and invigorate the ongoing measures to combat the pervasive issue of drug abuse within the district.

The meeting was attended by the SSP, Amrit Pal Singh; ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; ACD, Vijay Kumar; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; MS DH, Dr. Mehmood Bajaj and other concerned officers.

A crucial focus of the discussion was the enforcement of regulations on registered pharmaceutical shops to prevent their certificates from being misused by drug peddlers. The efficacy of various awareness campaigns, including those conducted in educational institutions, unique events such as special sports tournaments held were thoroughly scrutinized and reinforced.

The ACD was instructed to establish Panchayat-level committees as part of the Nasha Mukh Bharat initiative. The DYSSO was tasked with coordinating Nasha Mukh Games, special events aimed at educating and raising awareness among the youth about the dangers of drug abuse. The PO ICDS was

tasked with the vital mission of enlightening and educating their beneficiaries about the dire consequences of drug abuse on Village Health and Sanitation Day. This initiative seeks to empower and inform individuals, equipping them with the knowledge required to combat the grave issue of drug addiction within the community, thereby fostering a healthier and safer environment for all.

During the NCORD Committee meeting, officers also shared insightful perspectives on strategies for combating drug abuse. Their valuable input contributed to a constructive dialogue aimed at formulating effective measures to address this pressing issue.

The Deputy Commis-

sioner deliberated upon the agenda of the meeting regarding drug abuse and directed to different officers to strictly adhere to the directions passed. He also urged all stakeholders to work in tandem and make dedicated efforts to transform Rajouri into a drug-free district.

Emphasizing the importance of keeping the youth on the right track, he called upon the officers to strengthen their synergized and comprehensive efforts in combating the drug menace.

The District Administration Rajouri remains steadfast in its determination to combat drug abuse and looks forward to continued support and collaboration from all stakeholders in creating a drug-free society.

# DC Rajouri takes comprehensive review of RDD Sector Schemes

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 17

In a proactive effort to monitor and enhance the progress of Rural Development Department Schemes, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today conducted a comprehensive review meeting focusing on several crucial developmental programs.

The meeting, which featured a detailed examination of key projects, reaffirmed the commitment of the district administration to advancing rural development and improving the quality of works.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and Awas Plus, the DC undertook a thorough review block-wise. It was informed that out of a target, an impressive 31,480 houses have already been successfully completed. Noting a gap between the first and second installment, the

DC emphasized the need to bridge the gap at the earliest.

The DC asked the officers to expedite the achievement of targets under PMAY-G and Awas Plus, highlighting the importance of providing quality housing to those in need.

While talking a review of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Phase II, the DC inquired about the progress of door-to-door waste collection, learning that this essential service is being efficiently carried out in all 312 panchayats within the district. The review also included a comprehensive overview of the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) units, with an impressive 123,528 units completed so far. Additionally, the progress of community soakage pits, segregation sheds, and community compost pits was discussed, underscoring the importance of effective waste man-

agement and environmental sustainability in the district.

Taking note of the progress under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), it was reported that out of the initiated works, 2,126 have already been successfully completed in the financial year 2023-24, with 6,022 works still in progress. For works funded under the District Capex budget, out of 4,143 approved works, 640 have been successfully completed, while 2,301 have already been allotted.

The DC emphasized the need for a speedy allotment of these works, ensuring that the region benefits from the development schemes.

The meeting was attended by CPO Mohammad Khurshid, ACD Vijay Kumar, ACP Sheraz Chowhan, DPO Auqil Nuvaid, EXEN REW Zahir Khan and Block Development Officers.

## CRACKDOWN ON UNSAFE CONSTRUCTION

### District Administration Kishtwar establishes Safety Inspection Committee to fortify building permissions and conduct thorough audits

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 17

In a strategic move aimed at elevating building safety standards, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav issued a directive to initiate stringent measures against unsafe construction practices.

As part of this proactive initiative, the administration has established a specialized Safety Inspection Committee dedicated to fortifying building permissions and conducting safety audits of existing structures. The primary objective is to curb unsafe construction practices and reinforce existing building permission protocols. The order mandates a temporary cessation of new building permissions until a No Objection Certificate (NOC) is obtained from the Safety Audit Committee following a thorough safety inspection.

A team of skilled engineers from relevant departments has been appointed to constitute the Safety

Audit Committee. This committee holds the responsibility of conducting meticulous safety audits, subsequently issuing NOCs, and ensuring that permissions for construction projects/houses are granted only when in strict compliance with robust safety standards.

Residents encouraged to actively participate in this safety initiative by conducting audits of their existing structures. This collaborative effort aims to establish a safer living environment for all inhabitants of Kishtwar. Given Kishtwar's location within a seismic zone 5, this initiative assumes heightened importance in safeguarding the well-being of the local population during natural disasters. The comprehensive approach underscores the administration's dedication to creating a resilient and secure infrastructure that prioritizes the safety of the residents.

The District Administration sought cooperation from the community in this crucial endeavor.

# Theft case solved, stolen mini bus recovered by PP Greater Kailash Jammu

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, OCT 17

A complaint was lodged at PP Greater Kailash by one person namely Surjeet Singh S/O Raghbir Singh R/O near Rajan Bar Kunjwani bye pass produced a written application stating that some unknown persons had stolen his minibus (metador) bearing Registration number JK02BB 9962 from kunjwani.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 107/2023 U/S 379 IPC got registered at PP Greater Kailash and investigation started.

After this special police teams of PP Greater Kailash led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO PS Gangyal Inspir Ajay Singh and I/C PP Greater Kailash PSI Puneet Sharma did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally recovered the vehicle and arrested the accused person Mukesh Singh S/o Jagat Singh R/o Ward no.6 near bala sundri, village bohra p/o kathera tehsil kathua, P/o kathua, J&K. During questioning accused confessed his involvement in the above case and on his disclosure stolen vehicle was recovered from his possession within 48 hours of the theft.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

# Snatching case solved within 48 hours by PS Gandhi Nagar Jammu; One accused arrested



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, OCT 17

On 15/10/2023, Anjali Sharma R/O Trikuta Nagar reported that in evening hours that some unknown person snatched her purse containing cash and mobile phone from Bahu plaza.

Upon receiving this information case FIR No. 246/2023 was registered at PS Gandhi Nagar and investigation was set into motion.

After this a team led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspir Pankaj Sharma analysed the CCTV footages of the area. Also Technical data was analysed and few suspects were rounded up.

Finally accused named Rahul Randhawa R/O Valmiki Colony was arrested who confessed his involvement in the crime and on his disclosure he told that he had sold the snatched purse to another accused namely Shiv Shankar Ram S/o Ram Chandar Ram R/o Bihar A/P Valmiki Colony, working as labourer who was immediately arrested.

On his disclosure snatched purse along with mobile phone and cash has been recovered from his possession.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

# BJP working to boost development, tourism, peace in J&K: Tarun Chugh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, OCT 17

BJP is working to boost development, tourism, peace in J&K with computers in the hands of youth, while 3 dynastic parties want to push J&K into the turmoil and hand stones/ AK 47 to the youth, said BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh.

Tarun Chugh along with BJP President Jammu & Kashmir Ravinder Raina, Seh-Prabhari BJP J&K Ashish Sood, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, senior leader Devender Singh Rana was addressing a workshop on 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan' at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

He said that the BJP is following the struggle and the ideology initiated by Pt. Prem Nath Dogra ji since 1950. He said that now BJP and earlier

Jana Sangha have a history of continued struggle against the oppression and the wave of separatism initiated by the Nehru-Gandhi family and Abdullah family. He said that these families joined by the Mufti family have destroyed the socio-economic and security structure of Jammu & Kashmir through all these decades.

He said that while the whole of the nation was integrated by Sardar Patel, Jammu & Kashmir was mishandled by Pt. Nehru, but now the unfinished task to integrate the J&K has been completed by Modi ji and Amit Shah ji. He reiterated that the BJP's stand that we would not allow even an inch of J&K's soil under the illegal occupation and recalled the struggle under the slogan 'Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan, Ek Samvidhan'.

Chugh said that these parties vitiated the atmosphere of J&K and made it volatile to the extent that it served as a source

of Ak-47, bombs and Grenades for the gullible youth. The BJP has now handed over the computer, development and the tourism to the youth for their better future.

Chugh said that while the BJP talks of development, NC, DP, Congress talks of bringing back 370 and we are committed that we would never allow 370 to return, as it has caused enough devastation earlier. The J&K is on the way to a major transformation under the Modi government, added Chugh.

Chugh termed this as a struggle of ideologies, as BJP envisions to strengthen democracy, and development and opposition parties wish to promote nepotism at the cost of innocent lives. He said that these parties glamorized terrorists and separatism and we should not forget how these parties allowed the whole J&K to burn on the direction of Pakistan.

# Wani presides over Party workers' meeting, expresses anguish over problems confronting people

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KUPWARA OCT 17

Congress is committed to safeguard rights of people and serve them as an instrument of service, for the fact, it (Congress) has always worked in public interest while ensuring equitable development of people irrespective of their region or religion.

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Tuesday made these comments while addressing a District review meeting at Handwara area of Kupwara district in which Senior leaders of PCC and DCC were present.

The workers apprised JKPCC Chief about the current socio-political scenario obtaining in the District and also highlighted multiple issue of public importance which are being ignored for unknown reasons

Wani sought details of political activities in every block of the District and urged Party workers to ensure that every pro-

gramme of the party is successful.

On this occasion, Vikar Rasool Wani reminded the BJP Govt of its promise made on the floor of the house with regard to restoration of Statehood and democratic process in J&K and said even after claiming complete normalcy in J&K, both these most significant demands are yet to be restored and questioned the prolonged delay in this regard ? Adding that people of J&K are eagerly waiting for the elections and their other rights to be restored, which cannot be denied any more, Wani told BJP Govt. JKPCC Chief also slammed the LG administration for failing to address local developmental issues of people, though many tall claims are pouring in from day in and day out, from different departments, but the reality is there is lack of interest being found on account of resolution of people issues. He referred to power crisis

and said Kashmir witnesses harsh weather every year, which is not a new things, so the power supply in previous regimes used to be the priority, but the present dispensation has completely ignored this sector despite installation of smart meters, besides there are many other developmental issues concerning people in towns and villages including far flung areas particularly worst condition of roads etc, which too have failed to invite attention of the administration.

JKPCC Chief said Congress Party has served people and it will continue to serve them, at the sometime, urged upon LG Govt to focus on people's issue for their resolution, on priority basis.

Senior Congress Leader Mohd Anwar Bhat, Nazir Ahmad Lone, Dr.Gh.Nabi Lone, Abdul Wahab Wani, Zahoor Ahmad Shah and various other leaders addressed the meeting.



## Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse Awareness organised at GDC R.S Pura

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JAMMU, OCT 17

ANukkad Natak or Drug Awareness Programme organised under Civic Action Programme at Govt. Degree College R.S Pura and a debate competition was also conducted to spread awareness on drug abuse.

Ramnish Gupta, SP Hqrs Jammu was the chief guest of the event. Other than him SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna, SHO PS RS Pura Insp Pawan Kumar and Principal Dr. Rajni Bala Principal Govt. Degree College R.S Pura and various other staff members of the schools were also present in the event. SP Hqrs Jammu Ramnish Gupta in his speech draw the attention of the participants and made them aware about the effects of Drug addiction, government policies to curb it, laws and police actions against the suppliers, also enlightened the participants on drug mence and motivated them to aware their families and surrounding people, also it is the duty of every citizen of this country to contribute towards drug-free society and help Police to curb smuggling/ menace of drugs from the country. He further added that police is committed towards public welfare



and we urge the students to inform us if they suspect any illegal activity in the area. He further added that students had to strongly come forward to make the area free from the menace of drug abuse. The guest speakers also put forth their valuable suggestions and out of the box solutions to deal with this increasing menace of drug addiction.

SP Hqrs Jammu, Ram-

nish Gupta advised the students to channelize the energy in sporting activities to make their future better. He said that sports is the best way to be focused person in life. It not just keeps the physical health of a person well but also brings more mental robustness. It makes one disciplined in real sense and students should opt sports so that they can learn the sense of disci-

pline that sports teaches us. He also highlighted that the journey of any addiction begins with the "use" and develops into "abuse" and very quickly graduates to becoming an addiction.

In the end he asked students to be aware of their surroundings and come forward to actively contribute towards a drug free society and help Police to curb trafficking of drugs.

## "The Runway Diaries" unveils a Cultural Extravaganza in J&K

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JAMMU, OCT 17

Pioneer and Visionary Kunwarani Dr Ritu Singh conceptualized "The Runway Diaries," a visionary forum dedicated to celebrating the vibrant culture, talent, and craftsmanship of the Jammu region, made its spectacular debut, along with her esteemed team comprising Vanita Thakur, Chairperson NIFD, Ankita Bansal, CEO EVENTOS, and Devrishi Krishan Sharma, Head Dernercri, delivered a platform set to redefine and elevate the fashion industry in Jammu & Kashmir and keeping with age old traditions and supporting the artisans from the region.

This groundbreaking event aimed to provide opportunities for artisans, culture, tourism, art & craft, and local talent, all seen from a global perspective. The inaugural edition took place on October 15th, coinciding with the holy Navratri festival at Hotel Hari Niwas.

The event was divided into two captivating sections - "The Fashion Show" and "The Festive Marketplace." The marketplace was open in the lawns of Hari Niwas Hotel, featuring over 70 stalls, showcased a diverse array of products, from clothing to artifacts, paintings to calligraphy, soft toys to resin art, and delicious food stalls. Notably, rural women from organizations like JKRLM, UMEED, and Help India Foundation were present, providing live demonstrations of traditional crafts.

The grand fashion show commenced at 7 pm, marked by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by distinguished



dignitaries, including Smt. Sheetal Nanda, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Social Welfare Department; Dr. Rashmi Singh, IAS, Commissioner Sale Taxes; Mr. Khalid Jahangir, JKAS, M.D JKTPD; Mr. Vikas Gupta, JKAS, Director Handicraft & Handloom Department; Dr. Kishor Kumar Chib, Director Industries Jammu; Anisa Nabi; Sunaina Mehta Deputy Director Jammu Tourism; Ruchika Mehta, Editor at large India Today Group, DL Maya, fashion designer; Iqbal Khan, TV Actor; Arun Ahuja, Nafisa Rachel William, fashion designer; Harpreet Singh from FAMA, Stuti from Amaana trunk show; Mitali Gupta, Dietician and other prominent figures from various sectors.

The fashion show was an absolute spectacle creating history, as the models walked out of the museum and library of the Amar Mahal Palace, which was opened for the first time for any event of this magnanimity. It began with an opening round featuring India's top designers Varun Bahl and Jyotika Jhalani, CEO of Janavi, with Talla and Pooja Precious showcasing their exquisite jewelry and DR RITU SINGH created history by sending a strong message of support

for local talent in adding live dogri and Sufi classical songs of Sunali Dogra and her esteemed group of musicians to all the rounds for the show.

Subsequently, the runway came alive with 15 talented Jammu apparel designers and six innovative jewelry designers.

Then the show followed with 15 Jammu apparel designers Sabhyata by Shivani; Jogmaya by Chandrika; Virtues by Sumeet; Athleticon by Shubham and Ddivyanshu; Dharni by Simmi Gulati; Kyari by Winnie Singh; Neem Dore by Ritu and Rusky; Glamour Esha creations by Esha Modi; Monika Bhatia Couture; Aadaa by Sonali; SC Sharma Studio; Angad creations; JWS and six Jewellery designers including Talla Jewellers, Kisna Jewellers, Pooja Khurana jewels, Sundar Gems by Neetu Bali, Nazrana by Ridhima and Parakh, Pitarra by Ferry Sachdev and Sandip Jewellers.

The garments celebrated the rich culture of the region, particularly the exquisite Dogra Poshak with intricate Gota and Zardozi work, along with a fusion of modern and traditional Dogri and Kashmiri styles.

A total of 36 models graced the ramp, with 21 hailing from the Jammu region. The show stoppers

included Iqbal Khan, Isha Sharma, Dimple Gupta, Aprajita Sharma, and Ankit Sharma.

Pallab Bose, who served as the Show Director, Choreographer, and Anchor, ensured a seamless and captivating experience for the attendees.

"The Runway Diaries" extends its heartfelt gratitude to sponsors such as Bharat Chaudhry of KC Group, Dada Motors, Tawi Automobiles, CityWalk, and gifting partners Shalzemdispa, Dreamwraps, Pans and Pots, Octoberstore, Paperbaag, JKRLM, and Bonn Foods, Angad Creations for their invaluable support.

The grand finale featured JWS Studios and Kisna Jewellers, with a jaw-dropping highlight - a 4 crore ring that has secured a coveted place in the Guinness Book of World Records was worn by the show stopper Isha Sharma. Iqbal Khan the TV artist was the men's showstopper for the round.

"The Runway Diaries" attended by over 2500 people, has set a remarkable precedent, shining a spotlight on the cultural and fashion richness of Jammu & Kashmir. Stay tuned for more remarkable journeys into the world of fashion and culture with "The Runway Diaries."

## Partap inaugurates Indian Public Library in RS Pura

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With the objective to promote the reading culture among the students, Partap Singh Jamwal inaugurated the library at Abdhullia Road R S Pura.

Speaking the inaugurated programme, Partap Singh Jamwal has appreciated the owner of Indian Public Library for successfully setting up the library, speaking on the importance of reading and motivating the parents to encourage the children to read books. He encouraged the students to keep first god in every walk of life.

He said that Indian Library is one of the first privately-owned 200 sitted village libraries in rural area. It serves a population of farmers, small shopkeepers, homemakers, and service providers. The library offers books in Hindi and English in its one-room space.

He emphasised on the importance of reading and encouraged the students to inculcate the habit of reading books. He advised the students and public to wisely utilise the resources.

Partap projected their views on the importance of reading and how books are the best companion. He said that how parents should encourage their children in books reading and how books will help them in every aspect of their life.

The aim of the event was emphasise on the importance of reading and also highlighting the creative aptitude of students and also create a culture of reading.

## Billawaria starts work of lane, drain, protection wall at Mahakali Nagar, Gadigarh

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JAMMU, OCT 17

Continuing to provide better development as well as basic amenities to the people of Jammu, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria started the work of lane, drain and protection wall at ward 73, Gadigarh, Mahakali Nagar in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. This development work will be executed under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria said that as the demand of the lane and drain was brought to his notice by the local residents, he immediately directed upon the concerned authorities to prepare an estimate for its construction and today with his efforts the demand of development works has been fulfilled. The Deputy Mayor said that the lane and drain work is one of the basic works needed along with that of water, electricity for a common person. He said that this work will not only provide protection to the community but will also provide a sense of connectivity and belongingness to the community. He said that the JMC is taking all the necessary steps to ensure that the amenities of the citizens are not compromised. The Deputy Mayor said that it is very aston-



ishing that the Gadigarh area has remained undeveloped. He further said that the previous Government was biased and playing with the sentiments of the people in terms of development. He said that the JMC is taking all the necessary steps to ensure that the amenities of the citizens are not compromised. Deputy Mayor said that he is committed to carry forward the equitable development of the Jammu city irrespective of caste, colour and creed. He said that being a public representative, he would carry forward the slogan of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" to the doorsteps of the public. The public brought some problems to the notice of Deputy Mayor Billawaria and said that work should be executed on priority. Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria assured the residents that their legitimate demands

would be fulfilled in a phased manner as the Government at Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved total development and prosperity of the J&K UT. He appealed to the public to come up with the developmental works which are a necessity of the hour so that the process for the execution is initiated at the earliest. The Deputy Mayor said that the Municipal Corporation is committed to provide better infrastructure and other basic amenities to the people of Jammu city. The local residents also expressed their gratitude to Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for fulfilling their long-pending demand. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Mandal President Vijay Sharma, Satpal Choudhary, Ex-subedar-major Kulwant Singh, Ramneek Singh, Jasmeet Singh, Sunil Dutt Khajuria, Pawan Singh, Suraj Prakash Khajuria, Harpreet Singh and others.

## Navratri Festival organised at Puji Mata Katwalt Ramnagar



JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Today on 17th of October 2023, As usual a Chari Yatra with great pump and enthusiasm started in the heavy rain from Jandore khattan Baan Narsing Mandir via Chowki Jandore, Birnoo, Majua, Damak, and stayed at Thakur Dwara where a pargaad is distributed among the Yatries, further is started Marching and stayed at Lola near Nkara where another stall of pargaad was established for the devotees.

Every one took the pargaad and enjoyed by shouting Jai mata di... sare bolo Jai mata di...

Now lastly it started Marching and reached at Puji Mata mandir Katwalt.

In the Yatra thousands of devotees comprising areas of Chowki Jandore Birnoo Majua Damak Pray Badal Sullan sattain kella Chapper and others with in the radius of 30 km.

This could be gathering by the grace of Mata Rani. Nevertheless it remained a colourful program by the grace of Mata Rani

Local singers and students of various schools participated in the program. Dr Sham Lal Sharma and Mr Kuldeep Kumar I program thanks District administration Udhampur & tehsil administra-

tion Ramnagar especially Deputy commissioner udhampur and Chief Education officer Udhampur for full cooperation.

The committee members of Puji Mata Katwalt and Khattan Baan Narsing Mandir Jandore Dr Sham Lal Sharma, Mr Kuldeep Kumar, Girdhari Subash, Romesh Gopal, Joginder, Mulkh Raj Pritam, Baldev, Gian Chand Rajesh Sharma, Bishan, Shoba, Nisha Shamlal, Reva, Neha, Sunita Sharma Anita, Anjali Gopal Krishan, Makhan Singh Surinder Singh, Sukhdev, Pooja Kasturi, various members, prominent people, Panches numberdaar sarpanches etc.

## AEE PMGSY visits on spot of road work Punne Khater, reprimanded to contractor

JINNEWS SERVICE  
SUNDERBANI, OCT 17

Today the assistant executive engineer (AEE) Pardhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY Mohammad Javed along with our team reached on the spot and see the road work. The amount of this road work was sanctioned O4 crore 47 lakhs rupees. AEE gave a solid instructions to contractor Vinod Dutta for using baseless material on this road.

According to reports a big impact of protest seen at village Punne Khater one contractor using baseless material on the road & illegal mining in deep george so the people of that areas was hold a protest against AEE PMGSY and contractor.

## Rajeev Charak demands Safety Audit of all ancient religious places

JINNEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Bahu Fort development Committee Trust J&K (Regd.) Chairman Kr. Rajeev Charak and Vice Chairman Adv. Ishant Gupta on Tuesday shocked over the ignorance of Jammu's Ancient Heritage and demanded immediate safety audit of all heritage religious places.

Reacting over collapse of a major

portion of 150 year old ancient Ranbireswar Temple, which is managed by Jammu and Kashmir's Royal Dogra Family owned Dharmarth Trust. Charak said that the management least bothered to do required repairs and renovations and just collection offering and donations.

Charak also criticized the Archaeological Survey of India ASI, which he said has so far failed in conservation and preservation of cultural and

historical monuments in Jammu. He said this is not a standalone case, the earlier portion of Fort historical was collapsed as present management of the temple did a lot of alteration of historical complex by raising new building which is clear violation of ASI guidelines and also weaken the old foundations.

Charak said that the condition of temple complexes of historical Purmandal-Utterbehni, which is

also termed as Chotta Kashi is similar and dhramath trust as well as ASI hand in hand becoming mute spectators and watching it becoming ruins.

Charak appealed LG Manoj Sinha to immediately pass and order and took the control of all temples and further takeover for its proper up keeping, management and as model of Shri Mata Vaishno devi shrine Board, Sukrala Mata Shrine Board,

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, Shiv Khori shrine Board etc.

Vice Chairman Adv. Ishant Gupta also demanded a time bound safety audit of all the temples and stern action against people for putting the lives of people in danger by not keeping in view the safety of devotees. He said that today's incident is all just because of the ignorance of Archaeological Survey of India, whose duty is to protect the histori-

cal monuments. He demanded the UT Administration to take cognizance of today's incident because with blessings of God, today it will not affect any one's life but such incident is a sign of lesson to be admistratration, "Not to play with the life of people", immediately take stern action for the protection of all Historical Monuments so that these types of incidents may not repeat again.



# BJP holds 1-day workshop on 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan'

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held a 1-day long workshop on 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan' at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, BJP President Jammu & Kashmir Ravinder Raina, Seh-Prabhari BJP J&K Ashish Sood, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, senior leader Devender Singh Rana addressed the workshop.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta, who is also the General Secretary Incharge of the Abhiyaan, conducted the workshop proceedings.

Tarun Chugh, while addressing the workshop said that the BJP is following the struggle and the ideology initiated by Pt.

Prem Nath Dogra ji since 1950. He said that now BJP and earlier Jana Sangha have a history of continued struggle against the oppression and the wave of separatism initiated by the Nehru-Gandhi family and Abdullah family. He said that these families joined by the Mufti family have destroyed the socio-economic and security structure of Jammu & Kashmir through all these decades. He said that while the BJP talks of development, NC, DP, Congress talks of bringing back 370 and we are committed that we would never allow 370 to return, as it has caused enough devastation earlier. J&K is on the way to a major transformation under the Modi government, added Chugh.

Ravinder Raina, in his address said that the BJP cadre would take all the achievements and the landmark decisions of the Modi government to



the masses from 24th of October. He said that the J&K has witnessed unprecedented development under the Modi government especially after the abrogation of 370 giving benefits to every single resident of J&K. He emphasized on the improved security scenario and the major development projects undertaken in J&K. He said that people have rejected the parties like NC, PDP and Congress and stated that BJP would win the elections in 2024 with

even greater margin than that of 2019.

Ashish Sood, in his address, focused on the publicity and the promotion of the achievements of the BJP government. He stressed on the effective media and social media use by the party cadre and the conduct of the party programmes at the public places promoting the policies of the party to strengthen the nation and for the welfare of the common people.

Ashok Koul discussed

the 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan' in detail with the party leaders especially the District Presidents, Prabharis, Media, Social Media teams and the youth from all the Districts from the Jammu region. He said that the Abhiyaan would start from the 'Vijay Dashmi' on 24th October and would continue up to the 'Uttarayan' for approximately 3 months, in which all the party cadre would organize around 200 programs by each unit to make the

Abhiyaan a massive success.

Sunil Sharma said that Pakistan through its proxies in Jammu & Kashmir has tried to destabilize the region since 1947 and said that Article 370 was used as a war tool by those proxies. He said that NC, PDP, Congress promoted separatism to create lawlessness, but now with the removal of Article 370, all the voices challenging the integrity of the nation have been silenced.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta

asked the party cadre to take the achievements of the Modi government pro-actively to the public. While he stressed to put their achievements in facts to the public, he also asked them to counter the fake propagandas of the opposition.

Dr. Devinder Manyal enumerated the people welfare schemes initiated by the Modi government for the direct benefit of the people like two AIIMS, new Medical Colleges, new Degree colleges,

new roads, flyovers, highways, increase in pension amount, 5 Marla plots under PMAY etc.

Devender Rana said that Bharat is upgrading to a new strengthened nation. He asked the party cadre to effectively reach up to every person in the outreach programme.

Earlier in the workshop, all the BJP District Presidents reported various preparations regarding the meetings and the programmes to be conducted from 24th of October under 'Booth Jana Sampark Maha Abhiyaan'.

BJP women leaders led by BJP NEM & former Minister Priya Sethi felicitated Tarun Chugh while hailing and thanking the National BJP leadership for taking concrete steps to empower women through 'Women Reservation Bill'.

BJP Social Media Department Incharge Ankit Gupta also shared various social media details regarding the Abhiyaan.

## National Workshop on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in Snow Leopard Landscapes' Commences at Baderwah Campus

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 17

The eagerly anticipated four days National Workshop on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in Snow Leopard Landscapes' commenced today at Baderwah Campus, bringing together wildlife enthusiasts, conservationists, researchers, and managers from different parts of the nation. This workshop being organized by Institute of Mountain Environment in highlighting the issues of conservation concern of the region. Concerned about the escalating number of human-wildlife conflicts in the area, he expressed his optimism that this workshop will provide the ideal forum for deliberation and the pursuit of resolutions.

tion as the conservation of one species contributes to the protection of many.

Dil Mir Choudhary, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Baderwah lauded the efforts of Institute of Mountain Environment in highlighting the issues of conservation concern of the region. Concerned about the escalating number of human-wildlife conflicts in the area, he expressed his optimism that this workshop will provide the ideal forum for deliberation and the pursuit of resolutions.

Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Organizing Secretary of the workshop introduced the theme and objectives of the workshop. Later he made a detailed presentation on the Snow leopard population assessment across Jammu and Kashmir. In addition to summarizing the key findings regarding the snow leopard and its prey base in Jammu and Kashmir, he detailed the approach adopted for field monitoring, data collection, and analysis.

Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director ND Fopined that conservation gold needs to be community orient-



ed as the snow leopard landscape include diverse peoples and cultures that share and shape its habitat. The involvement of local communities is paramount to harness the conservation goals to meet the set targets.

'An Illustrated field guide to the mammals of snow leopard habitats' in Jammu and Kashmir, jointly published by IME, Baderwah Campus, Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K, and Nature Conservation Foundation, was released to provide useful

information about the snow leopard and its allied species. This was followed by the release of a book on 'Black Neck Crane, general biology, habitat, migration, and conservation another important species battling for its survival in snow leopard. The book is authored by Dr. Pankaj Chandan and Dr. AsadRehmani.

Dr. Munib Khanyari, Programme Officer, High Altitudes, Nature Conservation Foundation Mysore, and key resource person of the workshop shared

his experiences about the ongoing sampling, challenges being faced and the suggested the way forward to achieve promising results.

Dr. Vinita Sharma, Assistant Professor from Department of Zoology, Central University of Jammu and Resource person of the workshop shared relevance of wildlife forensic science in tackling the growing threat of wildlife poaching.

Sh. Majid Bashir, Wildlife Warden, Chenab Circle, Kishtwar, expressed his

delight at the encouraging results of the current snow leopard surveys conducted by all partners. He ensured all partner teams involved in snow leopard assessment in Jammu and Kashmir his full support and assistance.

Others resource persons included Dr. Vipin Sharma from Central University of Jammu, Dr. Sidharth Srinivasan and Dr. Deepti Bajaj from Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore, Dr. Tahir Gaznaffar and Dr. Mehreen Khaleel from Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation, and Dr. Shakha Sharma from Cluster University of Jammu.

The workshop is being attended by 35 participants including protected area managers (DFOs), range officers, foresters, researchers, scholars, students and field researchers engaged in primary field surveys in the snow leopard landscapes of Himachal Pradesh. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shayan Javeed, Assistant Professor, faculty of Economics, Institute of Mountain Environment, Baderwah Campus With Warm Regards.

## 2-Day Urdu writers Conference Concludes at Jammu University



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

"2-Day Urdu writers Conference on "Social and Cultural Challenges in Urdu Language and Literature" organised by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and languages in association with Department of Urdu, Jammu University successfully concludes at Gyan Chand seminar Hall of Department of Urdu, Jammu University. This was an initiative of JKAACL to involve the youth and scholars of Urdu Department for the better development of the language. The youths were very enthusiastic about this Conference. One of the students said that such events should be organised regularly in the department as these events help us to better understand the nuances of Urdu language. Another scholar said that we get to listen and meet the renowned writers and educationists, in the events like this.

The second day the event began with paper reading session. The session was presided over by Jenab Qadoos Javed, renowned Urdu writer and educationist while Jenab Khalid Hussain was the Guest of Honour. In this session Prof. Shafaq Sopori read the paper on the Social and Cultural Challenges in Urdu fiction Literature, Prof. Rasheed

Manhas read his paper on the topic "Social and Cultural Challenges in Urdu Journalism", Prof Reyaz Ahmad, HOD Department of Urdu read paper on the topic "Social and Cultural Challenges in Urdu Novel". In his presidential address Prof. Anwar Pasha appreciated the efforts of JKAACL specially the Secretary Bharat Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He stressed upon the need to encourage new generation of writers to write on various aspects of socio themes.

Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL presented Vote of thanks.

The paper reading session was followed by Urdu Mushaira by more than 20 poets from across the Jammu and Kashmir. This session was presided over by Renowned Educationist and Sir Syed of Pir Panchal Region Jenab Khurshid Bismil.

The Conference concluded with Light music programme by the renowned artist of Jammu and Kashmir like Sh. Jitender Singh, Jeevan Sharma and Deepali Watal. All the artists mesmerized the audience with their melodious voices. They were equally supported by Rahul Bhardwaj on Tabla, Rakesh Jasotra on Flute, and Vicky Gill on Synth.

## KCWT greets SSP Kishtwar to strictly implement traffic rules, tighten grip on drug peddlers

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Today KOTLI COLONY WELFARE TRUST Chairman Sh Chandan Datta greeted SSP Kishtwar for his exemplary service.

He has tighten grip on drug peddlers and reduced it to a Greater extent and also controlled other criminal activities in Dist Kishtwar. Recently he has taken an initiative to follow traffic norms and started a massive campaign to aware masses to wear helmets for the safety and to follow traffic guidelines.

He has generated a huge amount of revenue more than 1 Cr from challaning vehicles which are not following traffic rules. Today witnessed not seen a single two wheeler driver without wearing helmet and car driver without seat belt in Kishtwar. Such policing and strict initiatives are required should be taken at all district headquarters to implicate traffic civic sense among public at



large to avoid accidental deaths. Datta appreciate role of SSP Kishtwar to curb out drug menace and his drive to booked out the active drug peddlers in a area and slapped out PSA under NDPS act.

This is need of your to deal this drug menace very

seriously to save our future generations. KCWT extends wishes to District police Kishtwar team for their tireless efforts to save the essence of society and ensure SSP Poswal yo stand by his vision to eradicate drug menace out of Jammu region.

## Indian Army in collaboration with Kashmir Central Magazine, conduct Youth Seminar

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, OCT 17

As part of its ongoing collaboration and engagement with young minds, Indian Army in collaboration with Kashmir Central magazine, conducted a Youth Seminar on October 17th at the North Campus of Kashmir University. This transformative event witnessed active participation from the youth, academia, intellectuals, professionals and creative thinkers across schools and colleges making up an audience of almost 500 plus across all age groups, fostering an environment of vibrant discussion on educational reforms, innovation and cultural inclusiveness.

The Youth Seminar was inaugurated by Prof Gull Mohammad Wani, a renowned educationist and political scientist. Mr Bashir Assad, a renowned author and senior journalist set the tone for immersive discussion with his welcome address. The audience were then treated to an exhilarating glimpse of Kashmir's cultural



diversity by a troupe of Ms Shagufta Rehman.

The inaugural session of the seminar focused on discussing 'Innovative Pedagogies and New Education Policy'. Prof Gull Mohammad Wani, Mr. Bashir Assad and Mr Aijaz Bashir, the Nodal Principal of Kashmir Division colleges shared their views to an enraptured audience.

The concluding session of the seminar on the topic 'Preserving Our Cultural Heritage' explored ways to safeguard and celebrate the rich cultural historical heritage and syncretic identity of Kashmir. Prof. Gul Mohd Wani, Political Scientist and Educationist, and Mr Mushtaq Ali

Ahmad Khan, Actor, Art Promoter and Filmmaker and Ms Mehajabeen Nabi, the social activist spoke on the theme and enlightened the audience.

The students and faculty representing schools and colleges from all across North Kashmir enthusiastically participated in the seminar with incisive and thought-provoking queries and opinions to the panelists. Such interactive events on contemporary and constructive themes would further inspire and motivate the youth of Kashmir to actively participate towards shaping the future of Kashmir as one of the most important stakeholders.

## Assess losses, provide adequate compensation to affected farmers: Bali Bhagat

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCT 17

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former minister, Bali Bhagat urged the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to immediately gear up its men and machinery to assess the losses caused to crops due to the incessant rains and hailstorm.

In a statement issued here today, Bali Bhagat asked the government to assess the exact losses caused in order to provide compensation to the affected farmers who have lost their crops and they must be compensated on priority basis.



# PM Vishwakarma Yojana for People Engaged in Traditional Skills: Sunil Prajapati

JNEWS SERVICE  
KASHMIR, OCT 17

Sunil Prajapati, President BJP OBC Morcha, J&K UT Conducted Press Conference at BJP Office Kashmir. He said this mega Scheme is meant to promote lively hood opportunities for the people of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and others engaged in traditional Skills through 'PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA'.



The financial outlay of Rs.13,000 crore for a period of five years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28) has been approved under the Scheme for Skill training and financial support for opening of Skill outlets by the concerned people engaged or desirous to engage in the traditional skill profession mostly from the OBC Community.

Prominent among others Present in the Press Conference are Sajjad kumar Hussain (General Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Fayaz Ahmed

Najar (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Muzaffar Ahmed Najar (Prabhari Central Kashmir BJP OBC Morcha), G. M. Hajjam (Spokesperson BJP OBC Morcha).

He said first face of this Scheme is extended in four districts of South Kashmir namely Kulgham, Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama.

The scheme aims to strengthen and nurture the Guru-Shishya parampara or family-based practice of traditional skills by artisans and crafts people

working with their hands and tools. The scheme also aims at improving the quality, as well as the reach of products and services of artisans and craftspeople and to ensure that the Vishwakarmas are integrated with the domestic and global value chains.

Under PM Vishwakarma scheme, the artisans and craftspeople will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, Credit Support upto Rs.1 lakh (First Tranche) and Rs.2 lakh (Second Tranche)

with a concessional interest rate of 5%. The Scheme will further provide Skill Upgradation, Toolkit Incentive, Incentive for Digital Transactions and Marketing Support.

The scheme will provide support to artisans and craftspeople of rural and urban areas across India. Eighteen traditional trades will be covered in the first instance under PM Vishwakarma. These trades include Carpenter (Suthar), Boat Maker, Armourer; Blacksmith (Lohar) Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith (Sonar), Potter (Kumhaar), Sculptor (Moortikar, stone carver), Stone breaker, Cobbler(Charmkar)/ Shoemaker/ Footwear artisan, Mason (Rajmistri), Basket/ Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional), Barber (Naai), Garland maker (Malakaar), Washerman (Dhobi), Tailor (Darzi) and Fishing Net Maker.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW POONCH

### TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 223 of REW POONCH 2023-24 Dated:- 13-10-2023 2nd Call

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, the Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch, as his representative invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt/CPWD/MES for the following work under:

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position of Funds
1	Spring at Moh. Matoo Sb Dala W.No. 7 Pyt. Baila Block Mandi Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	1.00	200	2000	30 days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 21-10-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded
2	WHT at W.No. 4 Moh Trichal NLO Mohd Rashid Chowdhary Pyt. Baila Block Mandi Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
3	Spring Renovation at Moh. Thanda Pani Baran W.No. 5 Pyt. Baila Block Mandi Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
4	Spring Renovation at Moh. Ganharwala Baran upper W.No. 5 Pyt. Baila Block Mandi Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
5	WHT at W.No. 1 Moh. Saydaan NLO Nazim shah Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
6	Spring Renovation at Moh. Awana W.No. 3 NLO Mohd Azam Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
7	Spring Renovation at Moh. Turian NLO Mohd Sharief W.No. 4 Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
8	WHT at Moh. Sheikhhan W.No. 4 NLO Sanaulaha Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
9	WHT at W.No. 5 Moh Akhori Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
10	Water Harvesting Tank at W.No. 6 Moh. Adana Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
11	Spring Renovation at W.No. 7 Moh. Pattian NLO Imtiaz Hussain Shah Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
12	WHT at Moh. Khatana W.No. 8 NLO Mohd Arif Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
13	Spring Renovation at W.No. 8 Moh. Chowana NLO Mohd Akram Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			

14	Spring Renovation at W.No. 1 Moh. Chrie Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	1.00	200	2000	30 days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 21-10-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded
15	WHT at W.No. 2 Moh. Bagh NLO Ahmed Shah Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
16	Spring Renovation at Moh. Peeran W.No. 3 NLO Habib Shah Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
17	WHT at Moh. Dhakan Pathana W.No. 3 NLO Bashir Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
18	Spring Renovation at Moh. Sheikhhan W.No. 4 Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
19	Spring Renovation at W.No. 5 Moh. Jabri Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
20	Spring Renovation at W.No. 6 Moh. Trarawali Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
21	Spring Renovation at W.No. 7 Moh. Barwalan NLO Mohd Hussain Barwal Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
22	Spring Renovation at W.No. 8 Moh. Tarkhana Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			
23	Spring Renovation at W.No. 9 Moh. Khatana NLO Mohd Latief Pyt. Sathra Block Sathra Under PMKSY 2.0 Year 2023-24 2nd call		1.00	200	2000	30 days			

**NOTE:** The Contractors registered with DDC, Poonch in reference to GOVT. Order No: 238-F of 2021.

Dated 07-09-2021 can participate upto an amount of Rs 3.00 Lacs, in local Panchayat works. **The already defaulted contractors are not allowed to participate in any tendering work of REW Division Poonch.**

**NOTE: No PRI member shall be allowed to take part in Tendering process**

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-10-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14-10-2023 to 20-10-2023, 1855 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	14-10-2023 from 1500 Hrs onwards
4	Bid Submission End Date	20-10-2023 up to 1855 Hrs
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) (in case of holiday, the bid shall be opened on next day)	21-10-2023 on or after 1000 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer REW, Poonch
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) (of only successful technical bidders)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

**1. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

**2.** Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <https://www.jktenders.gov.in/> to acquaint bid submission process. **No:- XEN/REW/P/3309-16**

**Dated:- 13-10-2023**

**DIP/J-9767/23**  
**Date: 17-10-23**

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## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, JAMMU

**e-N I T for Installation, Operation and Maintenance of LED Wallwith Sound System anywhere in Jammu Province for a period of one year on rate contract basis.**

**e- NIT NO. 20of2023Dated:07-10-2023**

On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Directorateof Tourism, Jammu invites e-bids from registered agencies for Installation, Operation and maintenanceof LED Wall/Sound/PA Systemanywhere in Jammu Province for a period of 01 Year on a rate contract basis.

S.No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Cost of document (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time and date of opening of Bid	Who can apply			
1.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
1.	Installation, Operation & Maintenance of LED Screen (20'X 8') with Sound System anywhere in Jammu Province	Directorate of Tourism, Jammu	Rs. 500/-	Rs.20,000/-	21/10/2023at 1600 hrs.	Registered agency having valid GST No. and prior experience of installing & maintaining of LED Screens			

1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **09/10/2023 to 21/10/2023** at the cost of Rs.500/- to be deposited in the shape of treasury challan pledged in favour of the Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu which is to be deposited in MH-1452 in any Govt. Treasury.

2. The bids shall be deposited in electronicformatonthe website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **09/10/2023 to 21/10/2023upto 1400Hrs.**

3. Bids shall be opened online in the office of the Director of Tourism, Jammu on **21/10/2023 at 1600 Hrs** or any other day approved by the competent authority.

4. The bidder shall obtain a treasury challan/ of Rs.500/- as the cost of e-N.I.T document and Earnest Money will have to be in the form of CDR/FDR as specified in column 4 & 5 respectively of the table payable at Jammu pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu.

5. Director Tourism, Jammu reserves the right to reject any bid or any part of the bid without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

6. The Hard copies of Technical Bid will be obtained only from the bidder who will be declared as L<sub>1</sub> after opening bid online.However, following documents have to be uploaded by the bidder at the time of submission of his/her bid.

- Copy of Treasury challan/receipt as a cost of Documents Worth Rs.500/-to be remitted in any Govt. Treasury in Major Head 1452 or copy of the deposit receipt in the official A/C, 0097010100002025, J&K Bank Town Hall, Jammu of Directorate of Tourism, Jammu (non refundable in any circumstances).
- Copy of EMD (worth Rs. 20,000/- in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu). However, the original CDR/FDR would be given by the firm as and when required by the Directorate.
- Minimum experience of 02 years for Installation and Operation of LED Wall and sound system with Govt./Semi-Govt/PSU/Govt. Corporation/Autonomous Bodies Department. Copy of Job order and successful work completion Certificate to be enclosed to substantiate the experience.
- 20.00 lac annual turnover for the year 2021-22. Certificate issued by Chartered Accountant to be attached.
- Income Tax return for the Assessment year 2022-23.
- Pan card of the Firm/ Agency.
- GST Registration Certificate.

**Deputy Director Tourism**

(Pub) Jammu

No: DTJ/Est/134-136  
Dated: - 07/10/2023

**DIP/J-9669/23**  
**Date: 18-10-23**



# 3rd day of Navratra unleashes power of Devotion and Cultural Splendor in Katra, Jammu

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REASI/JAMMU, OCTOBER 17

In a harmonious celebration of Navratra, Katra and Jammu are ablaze with spiritual devotion and cultural richness as devotees and artists unite to honor the divine presence of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi. As the Navratra festivities reach their third day, the cultural mosaic continues to dazzle with its blend of theater, spiritual narratives and soul-stirring devotional music.

At the Spiritual Growth Centre, the celebrated Natrang theatre group takes the stage, bringing to life 'Mata ki Kahani' - a mesmerizing narrative deeply intertwined with the veneration of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

Meanwhile, at Durga Bhawan, devotees have gathered to immerse themselves in the spiritually enriching Bhagwat Katha, a profound narrative that delves into the divine significance of



Navratra, guiding individuals on a path of spiritual fulfillment.

Adding another layer of devotion and musical enchantment, Yog Ashram Katra hosts the highly anticipated All India Devotional Song Competition, where talented participants showcase their unwavering devotion through soul-stirring melodies. The anticipation for the competition's results,

to be revealed on the final day of Navratra.

In a collaborative effort between the Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association, Jammu and the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, the vibrant Mata Ka Jagran takes place at Raghunath Bazaar Chowk. The event features mesmerizing Mata Ke Bhajans performed by renowned artists from Jammu, creating an atmosphere brim-

ming with spirituality and inspiring the entire city to unite in devotion.

Prominent dignitaries including Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism, Publicity, Jammu, Sugandhi Banotra, Assistant Director Tourism, Jammu, Jagwinder Tak (SO) Tourism Department Jammu, and the venerable President of the Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association, Sanjay Gupta, grace the occasion alongside prominent citizens and officials of the department.

The Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association Jammu commends the Jammu Tourism for their tireless efforts in organizing and celebrating the auspicious Navratra festival, creating an atmosphere brimming with positivity and joy. The event comes to a grand culmination with a heartfelt Aarti of Maa Durga, where everyone unites in prayers for the well-being of the world.

## DC reviews overall Developmental Scenario in Baramulla



JI NEWS SERVICE  
BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today convened a meeting at Dak Bungalow, here to take detailed review of the developmental progress under various departments including RDD, PDD, Jal Shakti, Education, Health and others.

During the meeting, several aspects pertaining to overall development were comprehensively discussed. On the occasion, all the departments presented the status of various developmental works undertaken in different sectors viz. health, education, rural development, PDD etc by the concerned agencies. While taking sector wise review of various major developmental works, the DC emphasized for adopting a coordinated approach for achieving the desired results. She stressed to ramp up the pace of work so that all the undertaken projects are completed well within

the stipulated time.

Moreover, the DC urged the concerned officers to identify the bottlenecks, if any and bring them into the notice of District Administration so that they are sorted out as early as possible.

Meanwhile, DC sought cooperation from the concerned officers for developing the district from different perspectives pertaining to developmental concerns. She added that her focus shall remain on providing efficient and prompt public services besides establishing a vigor and effective grievance redressal mechanism.

Among others Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Joint Director Planning, M.Yosuf Rather; Superintending Engineer R&B, Reyaz Ahmad Parray; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz; Assistant Commissioner Development, Shabir Ahmad Hakak and other district and Sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

## Awareness programme regarding Drug Abuse held at Lawaypora Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

An awareness programme on the menace of drug-abuse was organised by Department of Social Welfare J&K Government in collaboration with National Educational Society and Social Welfare Organisation well-known experts highlighted the crucial role of Educational Institutions, Parents, Teachers and Civil Society Members in shaping young minds and instilling values that discourage drug abuse. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts to safeguard the well-being of the youth and build a stronger and healthier society.

The programme was attended by the general public, young girls and boys, students and teachers, who pledged to fight against the drug menace.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahi Riyaz Ahmed, prominent Social Activist and Chairman Ahsan Foundation J&K stressed upon the participants to adhere to religious teachings and pledge to fight against the menace that has engulfed people irrespective of age and gender.

"If we have to save our future generations from this menace, we need to give moral as well as religious education to our

children. The Holy Quran is the best guide for us and we should follow its teachings in letter and spirit," he added.

On the occasion, Dr Obaid from GMC Srinagar, Dr G. R. Bilal from National Educational Society & Social Welfare Organization well-known experts highlighted the crucial role of Educational Institutions, Parents, Teachers and Civil Society Members in shaping young minds and instilling values that discourage drug abuse. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts to safeguard the well-being of the youth and build a stronger and healthier society.

During the programme, various speakers, including experts in the field of addiction, shared their knowledge and experiences, shedding light on the psychological, physical, and social ramifications of drug addiction.

Interactive sessions were conducted to engage attendees, encouraging them to actively participate in creating a supportive environment for those in recovery.

## DC Ganderbal reviews progress on SWM

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a meeting to review progress on Solid Waste Management (SWM) in the district. At the outset, the DC took stock of the door to door waste collection, installation of dustbins at identified locations, monthly payment collection, segregation process, and monitoring.

He stressed on proper segregation and disposal of waste material including degradable and non-degradable waste generated from households on a daily basis, electronic waste and other bio-medical waste in the district. The DC stressed on



remedial measures for augmentation of sewerage and drainage systems along the water bodies, besides steps to be taken for treatment of sewerage and drainage in/out flow mechanism to improve the water quality.

He also emphasized on proper use of separate dustbins by the citizens and urged the contractors to ensure regular lifting

of waste material and its proper disposal from all areas as per the schedule.

The BDOs were directed to monitor the Solid Waste Management properly in their concerned blocks besides monthly charges for waste collection shall be collected from all households, shopkeepers and others on monthly basis. He instructed the ACD

to ensure regular monitoring of garbage collection and segregation process besides, report of daily activities and specific issues through WhatsApp group so that appropriate resolution is ensured in time.

The meeting among others was attended by CPO Irfan Giri, ACD Dr. Bashir Ahmad, BDOs and contractors.

## Group of 87 progressive farmers flagged-off from Kupwara for inter-state Exposure tour



JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 17

A group of 87 progressive farmers, including women farmers was today flagged-off for a one day inter-state exposure tour from DC Office Complex, Kupwara.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan flagged-off the farmers group.

The exposure visit has been organized by Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department under MIDH- PFMS (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture), to Pulwama district where farmers will visit KVK Malangpora and attend training and lectures on "Promotion of Mushroom

Cultivation round the year. Among others present on the occasion included Chief Agriculture officer Kupwara, Gurdeep Singh; District Agriculture Officer (Extension), Peerzada Shabir Ahmad and other officers and employees of agriculture department.

Interacting with the farmers on the occasion, the ADDC underlined that the objective of such an exposure tour is to make farmers aware of the latest technological interventions in the field of agriculture to achieve the targets and goals.

The farmers were advised to replicate the new technology in their respective areas that they will learn during the visit and further share it with

other fellow farmers.

Chief Agriculture officer Kupwara on the occasion impressed upon the farmers to interact with the farm scientists, experts, and extension functionaries at KVK Malangpora to get acquainted with latest techniques in Mushroom cultivation on scientific lines. He asked the farmers to enhance their technical skills in the field.

He said that under the holistic document, special attention has been given to the capacity building of farmers and to achieve this target a number of programs have been devised. The District Agriculture Officer (Extension) as Team Leader is accompanying the farmers during the visit.

## Senior Citizens Week Commences at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 17

In order to mark the commencement of Senior Citizens Week, an awareness cum celebration event was today organized by the J&K Students Welfare Mission (JKWSM) in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare Bandipora.

The event was organised at the Senior Citizens Home Bandipora, with the aim of honoring the rights and facilities of senior citizens.

The program was attended by District Social Welfare Officer Hidaitullah Mir, members of JKWSM, senior citizens besides other concerned.

On the occasion, Noor ul Hassan delivered a speech, underscoring the importance of senior citizens in our society and the need to safeguard their rights.

Chairman of the Civil Society while addressing the gathering emphasized the duty of society to care for and protect its seniors, acknowledging their immense contributions to our community.

## DC Kulgam reviews winter preparedness



JI NEWS SERVICE  
KULGAM, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to review the arrangements put in place for approaching winters.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed availability of Snow clearance machines, stock position, action plans prepared by the concerned departments framed to prevent interruption of services during the winter season.

Dr Bilal impressed upon the officers to ensure prompt response to the public grievances and ensure better coordination in dealing with Snow clearance operations and to maintain power and water supply besides other essential supplies to avoid any inconvenience to people.

The concerned officers from the Mechanical Engineering Department briefed the DC about the action plan and availability of Snow clearance machines in the district and added that they have availability of 23 machines

including 02 snow cutters for snow clearance.

EOs from Municipal Councils also briefed the chair about their preparations and availability of machinery and human resources.

The DC directed for ensuring that Snow clearance machines are positioned at all critical spots to press them into process.

During the meeting, the DC also reviewed preparations of KPDC and availability of transformers in buffer stock.

The DC sought inter-departmental coordination for effective response for any eventuality in the approaching winter season and exhorted that the reaction time should be prompt.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Viqar Ahmad Giri; ACR, Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz; ACD, Mohammad Imran; SDM-Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan; SP, G M Bhat; Executive Engineers from MED, KPDC and Jal Shakti; CMO, ARTO, Tehsil-dars, EOs, and other Officers.

## DC Ganderbal reviews progress achieved in District CAPEX 2023-24



JI NEWS SERVICE  
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a meeting to review the progress achieved in District Capex 2023-24 and other schemes in the district.

At the outset, the DC took a comprehensive department wise review of tendering and allotment of works under District Capex and held a threadbare discussion on status of re-tendering of works, delay in allotment of works, physical and financial progress.

The Chief Planning Officer informed the meeting that authorization has been given to 1401 works out of 1422 works and 1211 works are also allotted under District Capex

2023-24 besides, 96 percent tendering is also done.

The DC passed necessary instructions for expediting the pace of tendering and allotment of works of remaining works and directed the HODs to utilize all available resources to the optimum so that most works are completed within the timeline.

He also impressed upon the officers to ensure regular monitoring and stressed for better liaising and coordination between administrative and engineering wings so as to keep up the pace of the works. The meeting was attended by SE, PWD; ACD, ACP, Chief Planning Officer, CMO, Executive Engineers of various wings, BDOs and other concerned.