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Police arrests a person impersonating as an IAS officer

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Police on Thursday arrested a person impersonating as an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and defrauding the people in Jammu Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said.

Police said Budgam Police Station received a formal written complaint from one Ghulam Hassan Malik, a resident of Aalipora Putlibagh on October 18, 2023, about an alleged impersonation scam.

applicant accused Ayush Koul, also known as "Vicky," residing at Rose Lane No. 6, Rajbagh, Srinagar, of posing as an IAS officer and defrauding him of INR 6.5 lakh under the pretext of securing government employment for the applicant's son", police said.

In response to the complaint, an FIR No. 302/2023 was registered under sections 419 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in police station Budgam.

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JKPCL, RUVNL to purchase 1,000 MW power from SJVN

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Discoms Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd (JKPCL) and Rajasthan Urja Vidyut Nigam Limited (RUVNL) have agreed to purchase power from energy producer SJVN Ltd.

"JKPCL and RUVNL have given their consent for purchase of 600 MW and 500 MW power, respectively, against a capacity of 1,000 MW at a tariff of Rs 2.57/kWh," SIVN said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

SIVN Ltd has also offered power to the beneficiaries of the northern region from 1,000 MW solar PV station to be developed under CPSU scheme of the central

government in CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

CIK conducts multiple raids in a Terror case

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 19

J&K police's Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) on Thursday conducted multiple raids in a terror case related to misuse of social media for threats and recruitment, officials said.

The searches were conducted at five locations in districts of Kupwara, Srinagar, Anantnag and Pulwama of Jammu

and Kashmir. Officials said the searches were conducted in pursuance to search warrant obtained from Court of Special Judge Designated under NIA Act Srinagar in case FIR No. 07/2023 U/S 153-A, 505, 506 IPC, 13, 18, 18-B, 39 UAPA registered in Police starion CIK Sri-

nagar. "During CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

PM Modi speaks to Palestinian Prez Abbas; condoles death of civilians at Gaza Hospital; assures aid for Palestinians

NEW DELHI, OCT 19

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to convey condolences over the loss of civilian lives in an attack on the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza and assured him that India will continue to send humanitarian assistance for the Palestinians.

long-standing "principled Gaza. We will continue to militant group Hamas position" on the Israel- send humanitarian assis-Palestine issue but at the tance for the Palestinian same time shared with people. Shared our deep October 7. him New Delhi's "deep concern at the terrorism, ing security situation in region," Modi said on 'X'.

the Palestinian Author-tion on the Israel-Palestine condemnation. ity Mahmoud Abbas. Con- issue," the Prime Minister



"Reiterated India's long-

It was Modi's first concarried out the unprecedented attack on Israel on

The call also came two violence and deteriorat- security situation in the rocked the al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza that killed about 500 people, trigger-"Spoke to President of standing principled posi- ing strong international

Palestinian authorities

blamed Israeli air strikes for the explosion at the hospital while Israel said it was caused by a misfired rocket launched from Gaza by the militant group Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

At a media briefing External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, replying to a question on the attack on the hospital in Gaza, said India is for strict observance of the international humanitarian law.

Referring to Hamas's multi-pronged attack on Israeli cities, he said the international community must stand together in combating terrorism in all concern" over terrorism, violence and deteriorating days after an explosion its forms and manifesta-

> He said around 1200 Indians and 18 Nepali nationals have come back to India in five flights

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J&K govt mulling to bring law on installation and maintenance of lifts/ escalators

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SRINAGAR, OCT 19

government is contem-tion, maintenance and Jammu. plating to bring a law for safe working of lifts/escaregulating installation and lators in the UT. safe working of elevators the Union Territory.

lations before and after lators in J&K installation of lifts and escalators in buildings.

in high-rise buildings in a copy of which is in pos- a cue from similar enactsession of news agency, ments in other states/UTs. The administration of the R&B Department has the UT has set the ball constituted a three-membeen directed to submit the certain Acts and Rules rolling for enacting a leg- ber committee to prepare its report by October 31, islation that would require draft Act for regulation/ 2023, the order states. builders and owners to maintenance and safe comply with certain regu- working of lifts and esca- set-up after the Depart- owner of a complex/build-

ment has set-up a high-lev- chief engineer Mechani- Department on the matter. UTs does not end with

"J&K Lifts and Escalators Superintending Engineer government had come up Act". The proposed law Mechanical & Hospital The Jammu & Kashmir would regulate installa- Engineering Department, As per its terms of refer-

ence, the panel shall pre-According to an order, pare the draft after taking

The committee has

The committee has been

On October 22, 2018,

the draft for enactment of Department, Kashmir and the Jammu & Kashmir with regulations for installation and maintenance of lifts and escalators in highrise buildings.

It is worthwhile to mention that the installation. maintenance and safe operations of lifts and escalators is regulated by in certain States and Union

Territories. As per these laws, the ment of Law, Justice & ing/ has to seek permis-The committee com- Parliamentary Affairs and sion from the government prises chief engineer Department of Food, Civil to install and use a lift. The To begin with, the Public Works (Roads & Supplies and Consumer process of installing a lift/ Roads & Buildings Depart- Buildings) Department, Affairs wrote to the R&B elevator in these States/

el committee to formulate cal & Hospital Engineering Days of working in Silos over, adopt whole of Govt approach: Jitendra Singh to J&K Officers

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NEW DELHI, OCT 19

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SRINAGAR, OCT 19

Union Minister Iitendra Singh on Thursday asked officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service to adopt "whole of government" approach in governance, saying the days of working in silos have gone. He also asked the



Govt brings 141 hectares of land under

growth and employment

Recognizing this poten-

In 2015, the Jammu

and Kashmir government

brought nine hectares

followed by 34 hectares

Data suggested in 21

Medicine, aromatic plant cultivation

Harnessing the untapped tial, the Jammu and Kash-

potential of the region's mir government embarked

natural resources, the on an ambitious mission

Jammu and Kashmir gov- to promote the cultivation

ernment has successfully of medicinal plants and

brought 141 hectares of harness their rich biodi-

Medicinal plants have of land under medicinal

been a cornerstone of traplant cultivation. It was

alternative medicine but hectares of land were uti-

also present a tremendous lized for growing medici-

for centuries. They not in the following year.

opportunity for economic nal plants in 2017.

land under the cultivation versity.

of medicinal plants during

As per news agency,

ditional medicine in India

only serve as a source of

the past five years.

execution for better efficiency and result, benefitting common people.

State for Personnel, was addressing the sixth capacity building programme for officers of J-K administrative services organised

In 2018, 2019 and 2020,

the government expanded

the area under medicinal

plant cultivation to 24, 28

and 25 hectares, respec-

hectares of land has been

brought under the cultiva-

tion of different species of

Under the 'Medicinal

Plants' component of the

National Ayush Mission

scheme, the centre is sup-

porting the market-driven

cultivation of 140 priori-

tized medicinal plants in

identified clusters and

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medicinal plants.

zones across the

In India, at least 56305

tively.

officers to identify the by the National Centre for schemes having common- Good Governance (NCGG) ality and adopt an inte- here. He said there is grated approach of their change in the demography of central and state civil services due to availability of technology even Singh, the Minister of in the rural and remote areas and democratisation of resources.

Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Man injured in bear

attack in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 19

A man was seriously injured after he was attacked by a wild bear in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday, officials said. The incident took place in the Adayee area when Mohmmad Bashir was passing through a forest while returning home from work, they said. After hearing Bashir's cries for help locals rushed to the spot and rescued him. Bashir sustained serious injuries on his face and

He is undergoing treatment at a hospital.

neck, the officials said.

train services in Kashmir

Lt Governor, Union Railway Minister

Launch much-awaited Vistadome



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw. today launched the muchawaited Vistadome train services in Kashmir.

Union Minister and Chief Ministers of Assam and Tripura had joined the ceremony through video-conferencing. Later, the Lt Governor flagged off the first Vistadome coach train to Banihal from Srinagar Station. Speaking on the occasion, Sh Ashwini CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Vande Bharat Trains in Kashmir soon: Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCT 19

Vande Bharat services are expected to be introduced in Srinagar within this financial year after the Jammu-Srinagar line becomes functional, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said here on Thursday.

He said the semi-high speed train will also serve the people of Tripura CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4



We must create a fine balance between external and inner journey to lead a happy life: LG Sinha



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the Motivational event - 'A Life of Happi-Space Centre at University of Kashmir.

Governor congratulated er, can be tremendously

He welcomed the interna-Lieutenant Governor er Sister Shivani to the UT

In his address, the Lt ety. The people, howev- must look at life in

the Inner Space Centre. happy if they create a fine balance between external tional motivational speak- and inner journey, the Lt Governor said.

"If stress is real, so In today's world, stress is happiness. We get so has become a social issue entangled in peripheral ness' organized by Inner and many a times people things of life that we forget are overwhelmed by the to live and enjoy ultimate situation leading to anxi- bliss life is offering us. We

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Term of Municipal Committees, Councils ends by Nov 30 in J&K

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ment (HuDD) has writ-Municipal Committees tives," they said. and Councils in Jammu & Kashmir.

Official sources privy to the development told end term of Municipal Committees and Councils vary as there were bi-elections at multiple places as well.

in September 2018, in ed representatives. four phases. J&K has two

"The authorities have The Housing and Urban written to the govern- legal department about Development Depart- ment in this regard and the term of the Commithave sought details about tees or Councils where ten to the government, the first meetings held seeking details about after their appointment the dates of end term of of elected representa-

> the term of the Municipal elected representatives.

Municipal Act 131, begins wishing anonymity said. from the date of the first Pertinently, the Munic-meeting, which is being within the department ipal elections were last held within a month after informed that a notificaheld in Jammu& Kashmir the appointment of elect-tion about the end term

municipal corporations, all the Municipal Com- expected to be issued by 19 municipal councils mittees and Councils October 21.

and 57 municipal com- are ending by the end of November, but we have sought advice from the bi-elections were conducted," they said.

"There is no provision of any extension in their According to the law, terms, but we have written to the government Committees and Councils and it will take a decibegin from the date of sion soon as the term of the news agency that the first meeting held by the almost all the Municipal Committees and Councils Officials said that the are ending by the end of five-year term as per the November," an official,

> However, a source of the Municipal Com-"The term of almost mittees and Councils is

DC Doda discusses Bhaderwah Tourism Promotion Plan & upcoming Askini Bhaderkashi Utsav 2.0 with stakeholders

DODA, OCTOBER 19

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, today convened a meeting with government and private stakeholders to discuss strategies to devise a comprehensive plan for the promotion of tourism in Bhaderwah, besides celebration of Asikini Bhaderkashi Utsav 2.0 to be held in the last week of December 2023. The meet- last year's figure of 65000 in place all the facilities in ping malls, luxury hotels, ing aimed to harness the visitors/ tourists visiting all the tourist destinations Gaming facilities, food great potential of Bhader- Bhaderwah. wah as a prominent tourist destination and to seek submitted the proposal good quality hotels, food the inputs and suggestions for creating civic amenicourts, transport infrapotential of the area. of stakeholders for effecties in tourist places like structure, and other tive implementation of Guldanda, Jae Valley, facilities have been built the plan. DC applauded Paddri, Lal Draman, Nalthi in Bhaderwah by the priarrangements in advance the collaborative efforts of etc, on which the DC said vate stakeholders and for the upcoming weeking more than 3.70 lakh including better roads, Guest Houses are ready



Private stakeholders

shortly.

The DC informed that

cultural programmes have for collaborative efforts also been planned during between the government the festival to showcase and private stakeholders the rich culture and heri- to attract tourists and protage of the district. DC informed that Dis-

trict Doda, particularly Bhaderwah is a great destination for Adventure Tourism, Film Tourism, Nature potential of Bhaderwah. Tourism, Religious Tourism, Cultural Tourism, closely with all stakehold-Solace Tourism, because of its unmatched natural cive environment for the beauty, expanded mead- growth of the tourism ows, thick forest, pleasant sector in Bhaderwah. climate, and charming rivers and streams. The attended by ADC Bhaderholders of the vision and promotion in the district.

During the meeting, Utsav 2.0. He informed Bhaderwah, with its rich

along with some VIPs in of attractions for tourthe festival. The colourful ists. He stressed the need mote the region's unique attractions

> The stakeholders gave valuable inputs and suggestions to tap the tourism

The DC assured to work ers to create a condu-

The meeting was

DC apprised the stake- wah, CPO Doda, SE PWD, JD Tourism Jammu, BDO objectives of the tourism Bhaderwah, DIO Doda, AD Tourism Batote, Cultural officer, several private stakeholders for attract- that most of the facilities state-of-art Government long Asikini Bhaderkashi the DC emphasized that stakeholders, including hoteliers, tour operators, tourists in the Bhaderwah toilets etc have been cre- to welcome tourists in the that the administration is cultural heritage, scenic film producers, adventure Valley this year till Sep- ated and assured that the district. He said that Five expecting a huge footfall of beauty and adventur- sports organizers, and tember 30, compared to administration shall put Star properties, shop-local and outside tourists ous treks, offer a variety local representatives.

2-day seminar-cumalumni meet concludes at **KU's Mathematics dept**

SRINAGAR, OCT 19

To bring together past and and a shared commitment held during the function. to advancing mathematics education in the Kashmir ing the Head of Department region, the Department of (HoD), Mathematics, Prof Mathematics, Kashmir Uni- Mukhtar Ahmad Khanday; versity (KU) Thursday held former HoD, Prof S Pirzada; a valedictory function con- HoD, Mathematics, Central cluding its 2-day Seminar- University of Kashmir, Prof cum-Alumni Meet 2023 at Wali Mohmad Shah; Former EMRC auditorium.

witnessed speeches on the Sheikh from NIT (National significance of mathemat- Institute of Technology), ics, poetry recitations and Srinagar; Director, JKIMS a captivating skit aimed at (Jammu and Kashmir Instidispelling the fear of math- tute of Mathematical Sciematics among secondary school students.

department took the centre SCERT delved into the topic stage showcasing their tal- and proposed recommendaents and highlighting the tions to address issues in stuessential role of mathemat- dent enrollment at the secics in today's world.

group discussion on the theme, "Current Scenario of Mathematics Education in present members foster- Kashmir Division: Challenging a sense of community es and Remedies" was also A panel of experts, includ-

Dean Academics, KU, Prof The final day of the event MA Sofi; Prof Niyaz Ahmad ences), Prof Tariq A Shikari and Senior lecturer Gulzar A The students of the Dar from School Educationondary and college levels.

Comm Secy I&C chairs interactive session with Trade Bodies, Industrial Associations

courts, and other ameni-

ties are located in Bhad-

erwah, seeing the huge

holders to make all the

He stressed on the stake-

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In a collaborative effort tary, Industry and Comto stimulate economic merce (I&C), Vikramjit growth and foster busi- Singh, who chaired the ness development in the session, emphasized the region, the Jammu and critical importance of Kashmir Trade Promo- engaging with key staketion Organization (JKTPO) holders in shaping the today convened an inter-future business landscape active session with the of the region. trade bodies and industrial

and Industry (KCCI), a significant role in the

and various Small-Scale Industrial Associations.

Commissioner Secre-Vikramjit

expressed gratitude for The event was part of the robust participation the ongoing activities of and thoughtful contribu-Investor Facilitation Meet. tion of trade bodies and The interactive session associations in successful witnessed active partici- conduct of the event. He pation of a diverse spec- emphasized government's trum of industrial associa- commitment towards cretions and business bodies ating a business-friendly including the Kashmir environment, where Chamber of Commerce the private sector plays Confederation of Indian economic growth of the Industry (CII), Federation region. Vikramjit Singh, of Indian Chambers of while addressing the ses-Commerce and Industry sion, reaffirmed govern-(FICCI), CA Store Associa- ment's dedication towards tion, Kashmir Chamber implementing construc- He also encouraged ongo- ing the need for a unified of Commerce and Devel- tive changes based on ing collaboration between effort to drive innovation





During the interactive tions and industry sectors, trade bodies and assomendations. Their inputs including spanning investture development and the entire region. overall business climate.

of camaraderie among all and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khalid Jahangir, underthe region. He appreciated (KCCDO), Meeras, Tahafuz received during the event. try stakeholders, reinforc- development in the region. from various trade associa- in Kashmir.

session, representatives recognizing their invalufrom these esteemed able contribution towards transforming the business ciations actively provided landscape of Jammu and their invaluable insights, Kashmir. The interactive suggestions and recom- session served as a testament to the commitment encompassed various of JKTPO and the governaspects of business activi- ment of Jammu and Kashties in Jammu and Kashmir mir to create a favorable investment climate and ment opportunities, regu- promote economic activilatory reforms, infrastruc- ties that will benefit the Interactive session was

The session was marked attended by Javid Ahmed by a vibrant exchange of Tenga, Chairman, Kashmir ideas and a strong sense Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Vicky the stakeholders, under- Shaw, PHD Chamber of scoring the shared goal of Commerce and Industry fostering economic growth (PHDCCI), Bilal Ahmad, KCCDO, Khursheed, Confederation of Indian Indus-Earlier, MD JKTPO, try (CII), Irfan Guju, Federation of Indian Chamscored the significance of bers of Commerce and the gathering in fostering Industry (FICCI), GN Dar, economic growth and Meeras Carpets, Mohambusiness development in mad Rafiq, Tahafuz and other representatives opment Organizations the recommendations the government and indus- and sustainable business the presence of dignitaries from various associations

DC chairs District Grievance **Redressal Committee meeting for** Ayushman Bharat Scheme in Rajouri



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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 19

ernment of India.

During the meeting, ing out-of-pocket expens- needs of the community. es, denial of treatment, misbehavior etc.

the District Grievance attended the meeting.

Inauguration of GHSS building

in Barolla and MS Dhanni by

DDC Chairperson, DC

Redressal Committee had diligently investigated and resolved each grievance, The Deputy Commission- emphasizing the dedicaer Rajouri, Vikas Kundal tion of the administrapresided over a District tion to delivering quality Grievance Redressal healthcare without undue Committee meeting, here financial or bureaucratic burdens. Deputy Com-The meeting under- missioner Vikas Kundal lined the commitment of expressed satisfaction the administration to the with the resolution of all welfare and healthcare grievances and extended access for beneficiaries gratitude to the officers of the Ayushman Bharat and staff involved, under-Scheme, a pivotal health- scoring the importance of care initiative by the Gov- a responsive and accountable administration.

The committee also the Chief Medical Offi- addressed the review of cer, Dr Rajinder Sharma medical examinations, informed that the commit- consultations and treattee, demonstrating comments, with a focus on the mendable administrative quality of care provided efficiency, successfully to patients. Deputy Comresolved all 148 grievanc- missioner emphasized es received on the portal, the need to ensure the ensuring that no issues delivery of high-quality were left pending. The services, reinforcing the grievances encompassed dedication of the adminvarious concerns, includ- istration to the healthcare

Chief Planning Officer, wrong treatment, tech- Mohammad Khurshid, nical issues, instances of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rajinder Sharma and It was informed that other concerned officers

CIIIT Jammu organizes webinar on "Electric Vehicle & Repair"



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organized by Center for Jammu and latest tech- of TATA Technologies Invention, Innovation, nologies established at briefed about sensors and Incubation & Training CIIIT Jammu with the aim troubleshooting used in (CIIIT) Government Poly- of up-skilling and enhanc- electric vehicle. Ravi V, technic Jammu on "Elec- ing employability of engi- Rohit Bhanushali and tric Vehicle & Repair" neering students to latest Anand Rathore SMEs of under the guidance of trends by imparting skill TATA Technologies pro-Directorate of Skill Devel- training on latest technol- vided information about opment Training & Place- ogies as per industry 4.0 motors and drives techment (DLTP) Cell for all such as electric vehicles, the ITIs and Polytech- mechatronics, IOT, auto-Jammu Division.

supervision of Principal CIIIT Jammu (Tata Tech- OBD scanner used in elec-Government Polytech- nologies) explained about tric vehicle repair. nic Jammu, Er. Arun the various components Bangotra in which more of EVs in details. Dhiraj sented by Neena Dullo, all Government ITIs and SMEs of TATA Technolo- Directorate of Skill Devel-Polytechnics participat- gies briefed the students opment.

The programme was Sandeep Nimbalkar,

ed. Er. Arun Bangotra about introduction to briefed the participants electric Vehicle and CIIIT about the various com- Jammu. Tushar Mule and Two days webinar was petency center at CIIIT Pranav Aggarwal SMEs neering students to latest Anand Rathore SMEs of nology.

Ankush, Anubhav nics students and staff of motive air-conditioners SMEs of TATA Technologies demonstrated in detail about all the trouorganized under the Programme Director bleshooting method and

Vote of thanks was prethan 320 students from Nanda and Jagjit Singh, Incharge DLTP Cell of

Basohli turns into cultural wonderland amidst Basohli Mahotsav celebrations

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA OCTOBER 19

The Basohli Mahotsav, a vibrant celebration of culture and tradition in the picturesque landscape located at trijunction of J&K, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh is attracting visitor/ tourists from far and wide to witness world acclaimed Basohli Ram Leela.

The festival has been captivating locals and visitors alike with its enchanting mix of cultural programs, sports events, and artistic competitions.

The highlight of the day was the mesmerizing cultural programs presented by talented performers from the region. Their captivating performances showcased various art forms, including folk dances, classical music, and traditional storytelling. The audience was enthralled by the vibrant filled the air.

In addition to the cultural programs, several nized to engage and enter- part of the Basohli Mahot-



tain the participants. Par- sav. Through their paintticipants showcased their ings, the young artists skills and enthusiasm as beautifully captured the they competed in various sports activities, including traditional sports. These events not only provided a platform for friendly competition but also fostered District Administration colors, graceful moves, a spirit of sportsmanship Kathua for the well orchesand soulful melodies that and unity among the partrated arrangements ticipants. Art enthusiasts, for the ongoing Basohli particularly school stu- Mahotsav which is being dents, took part in paint- organised on a massive sports events were orga- ing competitions held as scale this year.

essence of Basohli's rich cultural heritage.

The locals and tourists witnessing the multitude of events appreciated

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UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 19

The District Development Council Chairperson dents and teachers, under-Udhampur, Lal Chand and scoring the importance of Deputy Commissioner, increasing enrollment in Saloni Rai, conducted government schools and an extensive visit to the delivering quality educa-Barolla area, accompation. They assured full supnied by DDC member Ashu port and cooperation to Sharma.

inaugurated the Govern- education, a conducive ment Higher Secondary environment and ample School building in Barolla opportunities for success and MS Dhanni, as well as a in life. Furthermore, they lane drain at Barolla in the urged SMAGRA and other Udhampur District.

crucial role of education in the development and prosperity of any nation. They interacted with stuensure that students have During the visit, they access to the best possible executing agencies to expe-Addressing the media, dite construction work in

Power shutdown

supply to Chakroi, Pindi, Hansa, Satraiyan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, Ward No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (R.S Pura), Paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla and its adjoining areas will Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, remain affected from October 20 from 8

Similarly, the power supply to Tanda, October 20 from 2 pm to 6 pm. Balli, Gulaba, SungalDori Dager, Basava Gagel, Maira Mandrian and adjoining neer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle areas will remain affected on October Kathua has informed that the power

Likewise, the power supply to Battal ing areas will remain affected from Octo-Ballian, Air Force will remain affected on ber 20 from 11 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engisupply to Raipur, Mahanpur and adjoin-

the DDC Chairperson the area to enhance educaand DC emphasized the tional infrastructure.

JAMMU, OCTOBER 19

Jammu has informed that the power am to 12 noon.

20 from 8 am to 11 am.

Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi chairs DISHA meeting at Shopian; reviews physical, financial progress of CSSs

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 19

Member Parliament, Lok Sabha, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi today chaired District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting at Mini Secretariat, here to review the physical and financial progress of various Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS)

in the district. The District Develop- speedily in the district to schemes, one by one. ment Commissioner (DDC) facilitate the general public Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb and mentioned under- department wise progthrough powerpoint pre- construction water supply ress, MP stressed upon sentation apprised the schemes for saturation of bettering the performance chair about ongoing devel- FHTCs under JJM, Trenz under these schemes. opment projects, schemes Shiekhpora bridge, conin the district and imple- struction of roads under keeping an adequate mentation status and progress under CSSs along um, construction of Amrit the winter and the need with the achievements of Sarovars, Houses under of having workshops at departments.

initiatives, best practices district of the District Administration and put up detailed eration.



Masoodi reviewed MGN- during the year. REGA, PMAY (R&U), SBM,

While taking stock of

The MP stressed for R&B, PMGSY, Indoor Stadi- buffer of transformers for PMAY, etc and highlighted Keller, and Zainapora also, He highlighted the the acceleration of socio- effective implementation achievements, special economic indicators in the of JJM, completing all targets of HHU under PMAY

He also asked for putting department wise, scheme NRLM, NHM, Ayushman in place drug de-addiction dren Homes, empower-JSY, JSSK, HADP, PMGSY, along with treatment facili-The DDC informed that IDPS, JJM, AIBP, PMKSY, ties. He sought status of besides emphasising upon mental projects is going on other centrally sponsored care facilities and winter tlenecks in the implemen- of PRI members.

Masoodi also sought vacant positions of health and education staff and need for reflection with higher authorities for early provision along with creation of new posts, enrollment status, drop-outs rates, status of migratory

preparedness during the

meeting

schools.

He also asked for making approaches towards Institutional Home for Women in the district, and better facilities to inmates in Childowntrodden and Tribals

tation of schemes especially in KPDCL billing.

Masoodi appreciated the efforts of officials for making significant improvements in social, economic and development indicators of the district.

The MP also sought feedback from officers of Power, Jal Shakti, Horticulture, Health, Education, Social welfare and others on their department's activities and future plans to bridge developmental

Masoodi asked all the officers to remain in touch with the people, pay regular visits and organize camps in all the remote and far-flung areas so that the people can avail maximum benefits of the schemes meant for the welfare of the people.

DDC Chairperson, Bilqees Jan; President, MC Shopian, Subhash Koul; SSP, Tanushree; ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; SEs, wise progress for consid- Bharat/ JK Sehat Scheme, and rehabilitation facilities ment of women, children, and other sectoral and district officers of line departments attended the work on various develop- Poshan Abhiyaan and road construction, health- officers for removal of bot- meeting besides a number

mance of the OPD.

Jan Aushadhi Kendras lishment of help desks to

Deputy Commissioner, cines from these shops. He ing addressed the estab-Sachin Kumar Vaishya, presided over meeting of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti highlighting their role in ties within the hospital for Government Hospital offering free government besides management Sarwal today.

The DC urged all prestribute to public welfare. ent to dedicate their efforts to improving healthcare in DC stressed the need for health-related awareness the area, pointing out that prompt action on esti- activities conducted by ample funds are available for development and the important developmental focus must be on aligning projects for the hospital, attended by Additional priorities to address press- emphasising the impor- Deputy Commissioner ing healthcare needs. He tance of enhancing healthmeticulously reviewed care services in the region. Medical Officer Dr. Harreports of medical procedures, including deliver- sioner expressed his con- Superintendent Governies, surgeries and medical

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and said that patients be assist patients efficiently. encouraged to buy medi-

DC Jammu chairs Rogi Kalyan Samiti meeting

mating and tendering

fidence in the exceptional ment Hospital Sarwal, tests, as well as the perfor- capabilities of government Superintendent Engineer doctors to handle various PWD and Executive Engi-The DC emphasised medical challenges and neers from various departthe significance of PM recommended the estab- ments.

Additionally, the meetalso promoted the PMJAY lishment of new medical SEHAT Golden Cards, and infrastructural faciliservices that greatly con- issues which were discussed in detail. The meet-In the meeting, the ing also touched upon the hospital.

The meeting was Sandeep Seointra, Chief The Deputy Commis- baksh Singh, Medical

District Admin Kishtwar organise workshop/ seminar on Career Development opportunities

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KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 19

District Administration Kishtwar, in a strategic collaboration with DECC Kishtwar and Tech Mahindra Foundation, orchestrated an enlightening and forward-thinking workshop/seminar that set its allied health, Logistic & market requirements. IT sector. This event, held empower the local com- of meeting the community diverse areas such as medmunity by shedding light and broader economic ical technology, radiology, opportunities in these encouraged participants

Devansh Yadav focused and opportunities. tial growth of the health, ing modalities. The offline and the potential career Director Employment IT and logistics sector and segment was skillfully prospects within them. stressed the significance conducted by the erudite The emphasis on these Employment Officer and of aligning education and Dr. Satish, who brought a courses extended to the other officials of GDC and skill development pro- wealth of knowledge and Assistant Director Employ- DECC Kishtwar.

sights on the burgeoning grams with evolving job practical experience to ment Kishtwar, Idrees The Deputy Commis- presentation delved into an outstanding opportuwith meticulous plan- sioner committed to nur- the nuances of the allied ning and care, aimed to ture a workforce capable health sector, covering and highlighted that par-

on the vast potential and needs was evident. DC also and patient care etc. to consider these fields as was equally enlighten- remarkable offer further The highlight of prime avenues for career ing, with "Dr. Hanumat to the event was that the development, emphasiz- logistic" and "Dr. Sai in IT" Deputy Commissioner Dr. ing the immense potential segments that resonated with the digitally evolving education accessible to all. on the intrinsic value of The workshop unfolded world. Participants were these courses in response in two distinct sessions, exposed to the exciting attended by Jyoti Parihar to market demand and combining the best of domains of logistics and (Principal GDC, Kishtwar), emphasized the exponen- offline and online learn- information technology, Idrees Lone, (Assistant

the participants and his Lone who announced nity for aspiring learners ticipants could benefit from scholarships of up to 80% to facilitate their The online session educational journey. This underlines the commitment of the local administration to make quality

> The Workshop was Kishtwar), Vinod Shant,

DDC Chairperson Kulgam reviews status of works in block Pombay

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KULGAM, OCTOBER, 19

The Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, Mohammad Afzal Parray today conducted a review meeting of Block Pombay and also reviewed the status of developmental works of the block.

During the meeting, the chairperson took stock of progress made in works of Pombay block, under MGN-REGA, PMAY (G), SBM (G), Composite soak pits etc.

The DDC Chairperson impressed for effective and efficient implementation of these schemes for the betterment of the people.

He impressed upon the officers to scale up the pace of works and ensure timely completion of the works in the block. He also complimented the employees for working with dedication and urged them to work with the same zeal and enthusiasm.

DC Doda inspects revenue record

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DODA, OCTOBER 19

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan paid an inspection of the Revenue Complex in Thathri and interacted with the officers of Sub Divisional administration.

During his visit in the Revenue Complex, the DC inspected the revenue record of Thathri tehsil and asked the revenue officers to encourage digital platforms for issuing revenue extracts and certificates for greater transparency, efficiency and accountability. DC also reviewed the

law-and-order issues in the Sub division Thathri the sub divisional authori- during the meeting. officials and sub-divisional to ensure all the essential division.



in a meeting with civil magistrate to keep an eye services remain intact as and police officials. The on illegal sale/ purchase per the earlier directions DC reiterated that peace, of psychotropic drugs by during the ensuing winter. harmony and public sup- chemists and other drug He also reviewed the trafport are prerequisites for peddlers. Responsibility fic congestion issue in Thainclusive development. lies on the sub divisional thri Town and directed to While reviewing the drugs authorities to stop smug- manage the traffic and menace in the Sub Divi- gling of drugs by increas- discourage roadside parksion, the DC expressed sating vigilance and prompt ing of vehicles in the town. isfaction on the efforts of action, DC told the officers He also directed the civil

and police officers to join ties in combating drug DC asked all the officers hands for removing illegal menace and urged the in the subdivision Thathri encroachments in the sub

Educational institutions have primary role in nurturing cultural roots of our younger generation: Advisor Bhatnagar

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

In a splendid ceremony, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today inaugurated the much-anticipated Soan Meeraas Cultural Fair at Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School (PCHSS) here.

the heart of the valley.

desire for digital tech- eration. nologies, it is important



Addressing the large shops, local art and crafts, ment has prioritised the gathering of students, which will acquaint them incubation, innovation parents as well as faculty about their past traditions and vocational teaching of institution, Advisor and culture of their soci- in schools with an aim to Bhatnagar expressed his ety. He commended the prepare younger generaimmense pleasure for school administration for tion for future challenges. being part of this vibrant organizing this cultural event, highlighting the extravaganza, emphasiz- said that the Jammu and importance of celebrating ing that education insti- Kashmir is playing leading culture and traditions. He tutions have primary role remarked that with the in nurturing the cultural growing modernity and roots of our younger gen- and the girls are emerg-

not to forget our roots of his address, also spoke sities here. He added that an aim to nurture and unique culture and tradi- about various initiatives the women are emerging educate younger genera-The Advisor highlight- streamlining the edu- ners in innovations and ture, art and craft of the ed that this unique fair cation system here. He entrepreneurship across Jammu and Kashmir.

features an array of activ- highlighted that Jammu Jammu and Kashmir. On The fair marks a signifi- ities and performances and Kashmir is among cant cultural milestone, for the students, includ- the toppers in implebringing together art, ing traditional music and menting National Edumusic, and tradition, in dance, art exhibitions, cation Policy-2020. He interactive cultural work- added that the govern-

> The Advisor further role in empowerment of women and girl students ing as toppers and gold Advisor Bhatnagar, in medal winners in Univerof J&K Government for as leaders and equal part-tion about traditional cul-

the sidelines of the fair, Advisor Bhatnagar also visited the exhibition area of school and interacted with the students there.

During the interaction, the Advisor applauded the students for participating enthusiastically in this exhibition as it reflects they are deeply rooted into their traditions and culture.

Pertinently, the Soan Meeras Cultural fair, hosted by PCHSS is a testament of celebrating rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir with

DC Kupwara chairs NCORD meeting

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 19

Sudan.

A meeting of District Level Committee of Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held Thursday under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi

the DC said that there will be no tolerance towards drugs and impressed upon all the officers to work in coordination and added nating the drug menace cerned officers to utilize wara and Kupwara. from the district.

The DC took appraisal Panchayats, ASHAs, of the action taken by the AWWs and Lumberdars concerned line depart- to mobilize the drug ments with regard to addicts for attending measures to overcome counseling centers for the Drug menace in the their proper rehabilitadistrict.

The meeting held a threadbare discussion informed the chair on the incidences of that 433 drug addict drug addiction, action patients have been taken report of previous seen in the district NCORD meeting, Drug and 654 counseling free Panchayats in district sessions of Drug De-Kupwara, Awareness pro- addiction have been grammes, installation of conducted till date. CCTVs in all Medical /Phar- Medical camps with macy Shops, status of the special focus on Drug Drug De-addiction centers De-addiction were conof the district, hotspots of ducted at GMS Wadder the drug abuse, social boy- Bala, Rest House Path-



Addressing the meeting, cott with Drug peddlers, wari Nowgam, and GMS measures taken against Phulmarg. Besides, 7 illicit crop cultivation and Tele- MANAS and Drug geo-tagged details of land De- Addiction awareness under cultivation.

the services of Secretary

tion. The CMO Kupwara

programmes have been On the occasion, the conducted at Kralgund, dedication towards elimi- DC directed the con- Langate, Chowgal, Hand-

CMO to prepare the list of Medical shops within 7 days who have not installed CCTV cameras so that action under rules is taken against such defaulters. She further directed Officers of line departments to become more visible and share photographs of day to day activities related to Drug De-addiction measures.

The NCORD meeting was attended by SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; CMO Kupwara, CEO, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Tehsildars and The DC directed the other concerned officers.

TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division Invite applications for allotment of halt contract for sale of tickets for the following stations:-Allotment of Halt contract at Jamsher Khas, Sham Chaurasi Khatkar Kalan Jhanda Ji, Jaijon Doiaba, Garhshankar, Malupota Saila Khurd, Dudwindi, Garna Sahib, Parao Mehna & Sindhar Hali Stations over Firozpur Division Tenure of contract 05 (five) years On 20.11.2023 Up to 15:00 hrs (Applications will be opened on 20.11.2023 and in case the day on which Last date & time of the applications are to be opened is a holiday, the same Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Mar date from which 20.11.2023 Northern Railway'

www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available

on the official web site of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.ir SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Israel-Hamas Conflict | India calls for strict observance of humanitarian law

NEW DELHI, OCT 19

Days after an attack on a hospital in Gaza triggered global outrage, India on Thursday called for strict observance of international humanitarian law.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India is concerned over civilian casualties and the humanitarian situation.

We would urge strict observance of international humanitarian law, he direct negotiations for a by militant group Palestinsaid at his weekly media two-state solution. briefing while replying to questions on the attack on the hospital this week.

adding the international community must stand together in combating terrorism in all its forms.



Around 470 people were reported to have dra Modi on Wednesday been killed on Tuesday We have strongly con- in the explosion on the aldemned the horrific attack Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, on Israel, Bagchi said, triggering strong international condemnation.

blamed Israeli air strikes responsible. for the explosion at the

ian Islamic Jihad. Prime Minister Narenexpressed shock at the loss of lives in the attack on the Gaza hospital and that those involved in civilian casualties in the ongo-Palestinian authorities ing conflict should be held

"Deeply shocked at the On the Palestine issue, hospital while Israel said tragic loss of lives at the Al he said India reiterated it was caused by a misfired Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Our ber 7. Nearly 200 others its position in favour of rocket launched from Gaza heartfelt condolences to were abducted by Hamas.

the families of the victims, and prayers for speedy recovery of those injured," Modi said on X.

"Civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict are a matter of serious and continuing concern. Those involved should be held responsible," he said.

The conflict has been triggered by unprecedented and multi-pronged attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza since October 7. Israel has launched a massive counter offensive in Gaza to avenge the attacks.

According to the Gaza Health Ministry, over 3,300 people have been killed and over 12,000 wounded in Gaza since the conflict began.

Around 1400 people

in Israel have been killed and 3,800 injured in the deadly attack by militant group Hamas since Octo-

Nitin Gadkari reviews progress of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway in Punjab

AGENCIES AMRITSAR, OCT 19

One can reach Amritsar from Delhi in four hours and Katra from Delhi in six hours once the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway becomes operational, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Thursday as he inspected the project here. This 669-kilometre Delhi-Amritsar-Katra in Haryana, while the its Asia's longest 1,300-meter Rs 40,000 crore, said the already started on 296 minister for road trans-

port and highways. Once completed, one can reach Amritsar from Delhi in four hours and Katra from Delhi in six on 120 kilometres, he said. hours, he said.

km. With the construction ala, Sangrur, Malerkotla, as well as the popular Mata said, adding that this projof the new route, the dis- Ludhiana, Jalandhar, tance will be reduced by Kapurthala and Gurdas- Jammu. 58 km, Gadkari said.

Over 137 kilometres of the expressway falls this corridor includes the lane bypass road in Amrit- ment for the youth.

is being built at a cost of km, of which work has the Beas river, the miniskms, Gadkari said.

> expressway in Jammu and Kashmir is 135 km, of which work is in progress

In Punjab, the express-

A special feature of

ter said.

The length of the connect major religious dented development and places like the Golden prosperity in the state. Temple, Sultanpur Lodhi Gurdwara, Khandur Sahib At present, the distance way will pass through Gurdwara, Gurdwara India (NHAI) for the comfrom Delhi to Katra is 727 industrial areas like Pati- Darbar Sahib (Tarn Taran) pletion of the project, he

sar, he said the bypass which is being built at a cost of Rs 1,475 crore, will provide better connectivity from Tarn Taran to the Amritsar airport.

This bypass will be able to solve traffic problem in Amritsar and improve transportation, said the

minister. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who was also present on this occagreenfield expressway length in Punjab is 399 cable-stayed bridge over sion, said that the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway will be a harbinger The expressway will of a new era of unprece-

> The state government Gurdwara in Kapurthala has already extended all district, Goindwal Sahib its support to the National Highways Authority of Vaishno Devi shrine in ect will give a major fillip to the economic activity in While reviewing the the region, besides openprogress of a 50-km four- ing new vistas of employ-

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

PM Modi speaks...

from Tel Aviv under 'Operation Ajay' and that the region. government was monitoring the situation and decided accordingly on facilitating the return of more people.

"We have strongly condemned the horrific terrorist all its forms and manifestations," Bagchi said.

On the Palestine issue, he said India has been in favour of direct negotiations for having a two-state solu-

"As regards Palestine, we have reiterated our longstanding position of advocating the resumption of direct negotiations towards establishing a sovereign, independent and viable state of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders, side by side at peace with Israel," he said.

"We have also expressed our concern at the civilian casualties due to the ongoing conflict. We also remain concerned about the humanitarian situation," Bagchi

of international humanitarian law," he said, replying to numbers attended the launch ceremony. a question on Tuesday's attack on Al-Ahli Arab hospital

Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday expressed shock at the loss of lives in the attack on the hospital and said those involved in civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict should be held responsible.

involved should be held responsible," Modi said on X.

To a question on humanitarian assistance to Palestin-

"India has been supporting Palestine and Palestinian refugees through significant contributions to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). A total of USD 29.53 to start within this financial year. million has been contributed to UNRWA between 2002 and 2023," he said.

"The Indian annual contribution to UNRWA was increased from USD 1.25 million to USD 5 million in 2018. India has pledged an annual contribution of USD 5 million for the next two years (FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25)," Bagchi said.

edented and multi-pronged attacks against Israel by Hamas militants on October 7. Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive in Gaza to avenge the attacks. According to the Gaza Health Ministry, over 3,300

people have been killed and over 12,000 wounded in Gaza since the conflict began. Answering a question, Bagchi said there has been

no report of any Indian casualty yet and that an Indian woman, who has sustained injuries, is recovering well. A caregiver from Kerala had sustained injuries in the

The sudden escalation in hostilities between Israel and Palestine has triggered global concerns. Leading powers like Germany, the US, France and the UK emphasised the importance of preventing the situation from further escalation.

US President Joe Biden has already visited Israel, showing solidarity with the Israeli people. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak also paid a visit to Israel. (Agencies)

Lt Governor, Union Railway...

attacks by Hamas.

Vaishnaw, Union Railway Minister said, in the last nine years, Jammu Kashmir has changed a lot and the change is discernible on the ground.

After abrogation of Article 370, development of Jammu and Kashmir is pacing fast. Recently, meetings of G20 were held in the UT. In Railways also, various development projects have been ongoing in Jammu Kashmir and the development work has been completed on Chenab Bridge, Anji Bridge, tunnels have been completed except on some portion, he said.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the people of the UT of J&K on the momentous occasion.

We are grateful to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for introducing Vistadome train services in the Kashmir Valley. Vistadome is a symbol that facilities available in developed countries are now accessible to people of J&K," the Lt Governor said.

He also expressed gratitude to Sh Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways for elevating the travel

experience of people and tourists. The Lt Governor said the Vistadome services will have a profound impact on tourism and contribute to

the economic growth and cultural enrichment of the **Days of working in...**

It is a big leap by Railways in the development of the Union Territory. The state of the art Vistadome will attack on Israel, and we believe the international com- lihood generation avenues for the people living in the have citizen-centricity. munity must stand together in combating terrorism in cities, towns and villages connected to all the railway stations enroute, he added.

At the launch ceremony, the Lt Governor also shared the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir over the past few years.

He said that there has been a substantial boost in tourism in recent times and the new Vistadome coach will further give impetus to the development of the area.

The specially designed Vistadome coach is equipped with wide windows, revolving chairs and glass rooftop, offering the passengers a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.

Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Dr Farooq Abdullah, Member of Parliament; Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC Srinagar; senior officials of Northern Railways, "We would urge the full respect and strict observance Civil and Police Administration and people in large

Vande Bharat Trains...

once the railway line to the northeastern state gets

The government plans to roll out 75 Vande Bharat "Civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict are a trains by March next year and is also keen to run sleeper matter of serious and continuing concern. Those versions of the trains on long-distance routes as an alternative to Rajdhani Express trains.

"Once the Jammu to Srinagar railway line is comian people, Bagchi said India has been supporting them. pleted very soon Vande Bharat will also be run on that," Vaishnaw saud.

He said the Jammu-Srinagar railway line is expected This train has been designed in a unique way so that

they run very smoothly in those temperatures and altitude, Vaishnaw said. According to a survey, Vande Bharat express trains

zens alike for comfort and speed. "In Tripura, the railway line will get electrified short-

have been popular amongst the youth and senior citi-

The latest conflict has been triggered by the unprec-ly, then we will be able to provide Vande Bharat services to Tripura," Vaishnaw said.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken personal interest in the development of the northeastern region and Jammu and Kashmir where railway services were being expanded in a big way. (Agencies)

J&K govt mulling...

the grant of permission as several post-installation tests are required to be done to ensure the safety and security of users-(KNO)

We must create...

its entirety. We must look within and recognize our potential and importance of this beautiful life that is full of possibilities," he said.

The Lt Governor said the ancient philosophy of our reat nation has always guided the people to first know hemselves, develop their individuality, focus on creativity and follow their passion.

Many times, when someone is very upset or stressed, the sound of music playing somewhere in the distance creates a new, yet momentary excitement. That one moment can turn into 365 days, 24x7 happiness when people follow their creativity, passion and they are in charge of their life instead of others, he added

The Lt Governor called upon the students, teach ers and professionals to rediscover their passion and contribute in nation building with complete dedication. "Every person is unique. He or she just needs to

recognize it. Our every step in this journey should be dedicated to the service of others. It should be our mission to wipe every tear from every eye and eradicate inequality. Dignity of life, pride, prayers can be meaningful only when we can wipe someone's tears and show him the right path," he said.

Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University; senior officials of UT and Police Administration; members of Inner Space Centre and Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, and youth in large number were present.

has special penchant for governance reforms and attract tourists in large number and open up more live- to make it more transparent, more accountable and to medicinal and aromatic plant cultivation in five years.

> The minister said India has improved systems of grievance redressal to make them "more relevant to our times, and has tried to address any lingering sense of injustice springing from an administrative act by simpli-

It is to this end that digital advancement has enabled citizens grievance redressal, he added.

Singh also promised to implement call centre and herbal medicine industries-(KNO) approach in J-K, currently being implemented at the Centre to personally ascertain the satisfaction level of the persons having redressed their grievances.

He said the new age competency of civil servants has to be anchored in ethics and accountability.

"Government of India has maintained a 'zero tolerance approach to corruption' bringing greater transparency to government processes, enhanced supervision and severe penalties in cases of proven misconduct. India's legislative and constitutional framework to fight corruption has been greatly strengthened with mandabasis, thereby focusing on preventive vigilance," the minister added.

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public investigation. (Agencies) Grievances, said that the training is a platform for collective learning and sharing and working towards improving the quality of life.

He said that there is need for accelerated and inclusive development for resilient growth and stressed on the importance of technology in transforming the lives

Srinivas said the officials should create a conceptual framework to meet the needs and expectations of people and work for the holistic development in the

The capacity building programme is being conducted

from October 9-20 at the NCGG. The programme is attended by 37 officers of the JKAS (Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service) working in the ranks of secretaries, special secretaries, additional secretaries, CEOs, directors, joint commissioners, mission directors, among others, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

The capacity building programme is scientifically tailored to equip civil servants of Jammu and Kashmir to deliver robust and seamless services to the people.

The cutting-edge knowledge and new skill set acquired during this programme will help these civil servants in efficient public service delivery to improve the lives of people, the statement said.

The aim of this programme is to reorient officers to work with single-mindedness to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for the people, it added.

The officers are given exposure to the best practices in governance to emulate these practices of good governance, transparency and efficient service delivery in Jammu and Kashmir. The focus of the programme is on sharing the practical aspects of governance, to work with speed and scale, and be accountable to citizens order and a violence free society, as legitimate targets and address their grievances proactively," the statement of vilification and violence. said. (Agencies)

Govt brings 141 hectares...

In Jammu and Kashmir, this year cultivation of medicinal plants has picked pace in Doda area of Jammu.

Farmers in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district are switching to cultivation of medicinal plants instead of crops like rice, maize and wheat.

are now growing medicinal and aromatic plants such indulge in large scale violence and disturbance against trillium (Nag-Chatri), saussurea costus (Kuth), inula (Mannu), dandelion (Handh), wild garlic, and balsam apple (Ban-Kaakri), as well as lavender and Tagetus Minuta.

Researchers have documented that at least 1123 varieties of medicinal plants are found in Jammu and

A study published in 2018 identified 50 native medicinal plant species in the region that required "immediate conservation action" based on ecological and socioeco

Pertinently, the government of Jammu and Kashmir soon after taking charge in May, 2014, a number of with a budget of Rs 62 crore, has set the target of bringmeasures were taken to streamline the administration ing 5000 kanal of land spread across 28 clusters under

> The medicine and aromatic plant cultivation as per the document is estimated to contribute about Rs 75 crore every year after 5 years which is expected to rise to over Rs 783 crore by the year 2037.

A senior official directorate of Ayush said the govfication of administrative processes and strengthening ernment was currently prioritising the Medicine and Aromatic sector in Jammu and Kashmir to substantial economic benefits to the region apart from enhancing the availability of raw materials for the pharmaceutical

Police arrests a...

During the investigation, the primary suspect, Ayush Koul, was apprehended and it was revealed that Koul had an accomplice, identified as Burhan Bashir, a resident of Nundresh Colony, Bemina.

Both Ayush Koul and Burhan Bashir were arrested, they said.

Police have urged the public to exercise caution and vigilance, verifying the credentials of individuals offertory declaration of assets by civil servants on an annual ing such promises to avoid falling prey to fraudulent

Police said anyone with pertinent information related Speaking on the occasion, V Srinivas, Secretary, to this case to come forward and assist in the ongoing

JKPCL, RUVNL to...

Poogal tehsil of Bikaner district in Rajasthan, it said. The power generated by the project will be used by government entities, either directly or through discoms (distribution companies).

Under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Power, SJVN Ltd is a joint venture of the central government and the government of Himachal Pradesh.

CIK conducts multiple...

the searches, incriminating material including electronic gadgets and other articles having bearing on the investigation of the case were seized and recovered. Analysis of the data would follow and leads that would emerge would become the basis for further investigation, " an official of the probing agency said.

Officials said the case pertains to a "deep conspiracy' hatched by terrorist organizations with their associates in Kashmir valley with handlers sitting across who are uploading criminal content on different social media platforms which are not only "seditious" in nature but are also spreading anti- India narrative aiming at glorifying or glamorizing terrorists and also inciting and luring gullible youths to take up arms against sovereignty of India by joining terrorist ranks.

"During preliminary investigation(of the case) it revealed that some of these individuals/entities were profiling individuals, especially those who would like to take a different and independent stand against secessionists or terrorists and who are in support of peace,

These anti-national elements are also profiling bonafide Government servants working in Kashmir and perpetually keep issuing threats, sometimes open and sometimes veiled to harm their person, reputation or properties in order to prevent them in performing their lawful duties, "the official said.

During the course of preliminary investigation, it was also revealed that through these Facebook accounts, these associates of terrorist organization(s) are promoting feeling of enmity and disharmony among different Many farmers in Doda villages close to forested areas religious and regional groups and provoking youth to

the peace and tranquility of Kashmir. The official said searches are aimed at dismantling the terror ecosystem in the valley by identifying such elements who are inimical to the peace and security of the state and are supporting or abetting terrorism by luring gullible youth into the fold of terrorism. (Agen-

JINDRAH IMAGES

DDC Ramban releases Evaluation Study on State Marriage Assistance Scheme



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 19

Mussarat Islam today welfare Department here in his office chamber.

tics & Evaluation officer finalizing the said study. (DSEO) Ganesh, Assistant Director in DSEO, Ashfaq

which are the 10% of the to aware general public total beneficiaries were about the scheme.

selected in Tehsil Ramban and Tehsil Banihal by randomization process for District Development conducting of Evaluation. Commissioner Ramban, The analysis was further supplemented by ascerreleased an Evaluation taining the suggestions of Study conducted by Dis- 10 knowledgeable persons trict Statistics & Evalua- about achievements and tion Office, Ramban on shortcomings observed in State Marriage Assistance the implementation of the Scheme, (SMAS) being scheme and suggestions implemented by the Social for its effective implementation. After releasing the study, the District Devel-Additional Deputy opment Commissioner Commissioner, Harbans appreciated the efforts of Lal Sharma, CPO, Dr. Kas- staff members of DSEO turi Lal, District Statis- office for conducting and

The DDC also highlighted the findings of the ur Rehman and other staff study and pointed out the members of DSEO Office suggestions and recomwere present on the occa- mendations for consideration of the concerned Pertinent to mention department for better here that the main objec- implementation of the tive of the study was scheme which includes to assess the extent to timely disbursement of which the objectives of assistance among the elithe schemes have been gible beneficiaries under achieved and also ana- SMAS, regular survey lyze its impact on social- of eligible beneficiaries economic upliftment of so that the maximum the targeted beneficiaries. number of poor girls can As many as 355 benefi- get benefit under the ciaries in the district have scheme, mass awarereceived assistance under ness camps should be SMAS during the financial organized at village level year 2020-21 and 2021- besides launching an IEC 22 and 36 beneficiaries campaign on social media

DC Doda asks departments for complete shifting to e-office



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 19

Doda, Vishesh Mahajan is incorporated. today convened a meeting of officers of different benefits of switching over departments and exhorted to e-office, which includes them to shift completely time saving and efficient to electronic mode for all management of works, kinds of transmission of quick disposal of files

DC appointed DIO NIC the system. Doda Rohit Saini as Nodal Officer and officers have ed by ADC Doda, ADC tance if required and shift Hq, SE PWD, SE Hydraulics, to e-office completely from SE PDD, ACR, ACP, CEO, today onwards.

the department wise details of employees dealing with e-office, file heads besides Deputy Commissioner flow chart of file movement

The DC highlighted the information and commu- besides bringing transparency and accountability in

The meeting was attendbeen asked to take his assis- Bhaderwah, CPO Doda, SP CAO, CHO, AD FCS&CA, The DC directed DIO NIC DIO DIPR, DIO NIC and to devise a format wherein other district officers.

Inauguration of GHSS building in Barolla and MS Dhanni by DDC Chairperson, DC

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 19

The District Development Council Chairperson Udhampur, Lal Chand and Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, conducted an extensive visit to the Barolla area, accompanied by DDC member Ashu Sharma.

During the visit, they inaugurated the Government Higher Secondary School building in Barolla and MS Dhanni, as well as a lane drain at Barolla in the Udham-

Addressing the media, the DDC Chairperson and DC emphasized the crucial role of education in the development and prosperity of any nation. They interacted with students and teachers, underscoring the importance of increasing enrollment in government schools and delivering quality education. They assured full support and cooperation to ensure that students have access to the best possible education, a conducive environment and ample opportunities for success in life. Furthermore, they urged SMAGRA and other executing agencies to expedite construction work in the area to enhance educational infrastructure.

DC Kathua chairs DLC meeting on HADP, approves 349 cases

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA OCTOBER 19

In a significant move towards the development of agriculture in the region, the Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas chaired a District Level Committee on Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) at the Conference Hall of the DC office complex here today.

At the outset, the DC took brief on the headway all components of HADP projects being covered across the district by Agriculture and allied depart-

The meeting also conselection of various applications received for different components of stakeholder departments under HADP. A total of 349 applications were approved by 28 applications for Sheep Husbandry schemes, 03 respectively.

the HADP to the district.



farmers, the DC said the tion methods", he added. district administration is success. He called upon

The DC said that the ducted a draw-of-lot for HADP initiative is a major step towards creating a The programme aims to their productivity and of targets assigned under ing, such as crop selec- istrar Cooperatives and tion, soil management, other concerned officers While interacting with pest control, and irriga- attended the meeting.

committed to supporting the stakeholder departfarmers and ensuring their ments for work in close coordination for impleachieved in implementing the need to take inspira- mentation of different inition from progressive tiatives at district level. He farmers to upscale their also directed to reach out incomes by diversifying the farmers of far-flung their earnings by adopt- areas and make them ing mix farming practices. aware about the latest farmer technologies in the agriculture sector besides work in collaboration sustainable and profitable with the representatives agricultural ecosystem. of PRIs for the successful implementation of differempower farmers with ent schemes at grassroots knowledge and tools that level. Regarding crop the committee including can help them enhance damage incidents reported in the district due to profitability while also recent incessant rains, for Horticulture and 318 contributing to the overall the DC passed directions for Agricultural schemes growth of the agriculture to the revenue and agriculsector. "The programme ture department to access The DC, while approvalso provides a platform the damages and process ing the applications, to the farmers to interact the crop compensation stressed upon all sectoral with experts from the cases. CPO, ACD, CAO, officers of Agriculture Agriculture Department CHO, CSHO, CAHO, DDM and allied departments to and seek their advice on NABARD, Lead Bank Manspeed up the completion various aspects of farm- ager, AD Fisheries, Dy Reg-

The DC stressed upon

DC Reasi chairs DCDC meeting



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In order to increase the economic entities, a meetmittee (DCDC) held today

Reasi, Babila Rakwal. fying areas which show rural level. increasing trend in grain

such PACs in the grain/ cold storage plan.

They were also directtives Development Com- targeted through PACs.

under the chairpersonship addressed district-wise stipulated time of Deputy Commissioner targets for establishing At the outset, a thread- in uncovered panchayats, istrar Cooperatives Reasi bare discussion was held the PM Kisan Samridhi Bhawani Atri ,Chief Agriwith the members in Kendra initiative through culture Officer Harbans which viability of grain/ PACs, utilizing PACs as Singh, Chief Horticulture cold storage plan was Common Service Cen- Officer Brij Vallabh Gupta discussed and necessary ters, and establishing Jan Chief Animal Husbandry instructions were issued Aushadi Kendras through Officer Abdul Majeed, to Agriculture and allied PACs to improve access to Deputy CMO Yusuf Khan, departments in identi- generic medicines at the DPM NRLM Jugal Magotra

production /need for cold er NRLM was directed to bandry department.

storage for considering work in coordination with Cooperatives department to involve SHG members in formulation of new viability of PACs and divered to provide the list mpacs/dairy/fishery coopsify their business activi- of Farmers producers eratives. The Deputy Comties to make them vibrant Organisations(FPOs) missioner issued direcalready formed so that tions to the concerned ing of District Coopera- uncovered blocks can be departments to work in coordination in order to The meeting also achieve the targets within

> The meeting was new multipurpose PACs attended by Deputy Regand representatives from District Project Manag- fisheries and Sheep Hus-

DC Kishtwar reviews progress under JJM



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KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 19

made under the Jal Jeevan resolve impediments. Mission (JJM) in the dis-

reviewing the ongoing completion. Water Supply schemes, with a detailed Sub Divianalysis. The Deputy pace of work.

During the meeting, dis-Khandak, Trigam.

and the DC underscored Deputy Commissioner the need for collabora-Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh tive efforts between the Yadav today chaired Jal Shakti Department, weekly review meeting to contractors, revenue, assess the advancements and other stakeholders to

necessity of a target-driv-The focus was on en approach for timely

The concerned AEEs received directives to comof Sub Division Kishtwar Commissioner directed and WSS Chandali of SD all executing agencies and Thatri by the end of Octocontractors to mobilize ber 2023. Similar urgency resources to accelerate the was emphasized for the Marpanyar Scheme.

In further instructions, ing challenges impeding Jal Shakti Kishtwar was Kishtwar, 11 schemes in and Contractors.

The Contractors were Sub Division Chatroo, assigned specific targets, and WSS Choidraman of Margi in SD Dachhan by December 2023, prioritizing these targets.

DC directed the Jal Shakti Authorities to conduct a rigorous drive against illegal water con-The DC stressed the nections, involving the police department.

Dr. Devansh Yadav asked the ExEn Jal Shakti to ensure no habitation is left out, and ensure timely sion and scheme-wise plete 25% of WSS Semana submission of proposals by the Pani Samitis to the District Water Sanitation Committee.

The meeting was attended by ACR Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak, Executive Engineer Jal cussions unfolded regard- the Executive Engineer, Shakti Department Sunil Kumar Sharma, Consulthe progress, including tasked with completing tant Jal Jeevan Mission/ specific attention to the 15 out of 27 Water Supply coordinator DMPU, Riyaz Water Supply schemes schemes in Sub Division Ahmed Batt , AEEs, JEs

DC Ramban reviews physical, financial progress on District Capex Budget, ADF

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 19

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam reviewed the physical and financial progress made by the various departments under District Capex Budget and Area Developand Panchayats. He also reviewed implementation of central sponsored and

district. MC and senior officers Panchayats. attended the meeting.

cation, Health, Jal Shakti, of all executed works to 22, 2023. ing agencies to complete Blocks. construction works of the

ment Fund of DDC, BDC financial targets of the ments, Aspirational Pan-

flagship schemes in the Lal, ACD, Ashok Katoch, of their respective sectors in the district. CMO, Kamal Zadu, Execu- approved under UT Capex

Youth Services and Sports, achieve the financial tar-

besides achieving the Development Depart- Ramban.

same by October 31, 2023. chayat Development Pro-The Deputy Commis- gramme (APDP) and Aspisioner directed all the rational Block Programme executing agencies to (ABP), the Deputy Comcomplete the accord of missioner asked the offi-Rajinder AAA and tendering pro- cers to implement all the Sharma, CPO, Dr. Kasturi cess of remaining projects projects as per parameters

Later, the Deputy Comtive Engineers of PWD, and District Capex Budget missioner also reviewed REW, Jal Shakti, JPDCL besides Area Development the preparations being and PMGSY, DYSSO, CEO Fund of DDC, BDC and made by the administration for the Amrit Kalash The Deputy Commis- Yatra to be organized from Reviewing the progress sioner directed the ACD all Block headquarters on developmental proj- to ensure that all BDOs of the district to District ects of RDD, JPDCL, Edu- shall book expenditure Headquarter on October

The Deputy Commis-Urban Local Bodies, gets besides accelerating sioner directed all the PMGSY, REW, PWD (R&B), the tendering and allot- officers to ensure all the Food and Civil Supplies ment process to start all arrangements pertaining etc, the Deputy Commis- developmental works of to their respective departsioner directed the execut- public interest in their ments well in advance for conducting a colorful Taking stock of progress reception of Amrit Kalash ongoing 422 SOS projects about projects of Urban Yatra at the venue in

Horticulture. JKRLM launches horticulture training program for women in Thathri, Doda



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DODA, OCTOBER 19

JKRLM Doda launched a Department. comprehensive training program for women in Manager Horticulture proticulture, Bharat Bhushan Pangotra.

JKNRLM Thathri, Abdul products. Roof and other distin-Department of Horticulture guished officers and offi-Doda in collaboration with cials from the Horticulture

During the program, Thathri and was graced post-harvest losses through Officer, Rakesh Kotwal.

by the presence of BPM the creation of value-added

He highlighted that this sector not only offers employment opportunities for unemployed youth but also plays a pivotal role in empowering women eco-Thathri today under the vided an insightful overview nomically, providing crucial leadership of Manager Hor- of the processing sector and nutritional support, and underscored the vital role of addressing nutritional defifood processing. He placed cits in underserved areas. The event saw turnout of significant emphasis on the The program was conductover 50 women from vari- need for processing fruits ed under the overall superous regions within Block and vegetables to mitigate vision of Chief Horticulture

Div Com Kashmir directs completion of work on Bemina, Nowgam flyovers; BT of Roads



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

The Divisional Commis-Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday directed agencies entrusted with exeprojects to expedite ongocold winter days.

completion of vital projthese critical junctions. duct clear demarcation action taken report.

vehicles on Bypass. Seving work before the com- Balidan Stambh, Sangar- ment of winter season. mencement of freezing mal Junction, Parking at The Div Com called for of ITMS cameras.

He instructed for metal- of state land as per the ing and macadamiza- records and asked to tion on the main over- remove encroachments pass roads of flyovers so that the Bund Road sioner (Div Com) Kashmir, for unhindered plying of shall be developed on priority basis. Meanwhile, eral ongoing projects of Div Com also directed for SSCL were also discussed Black Topping (BT) of city cution of developmental in the meeting for early roads wherever required completion including before the commence-

Officers of R&B, SSCL, Hat-Trick and operation Revenue and Law who attended the meeting Regarding Natipo- shared feedback about ects including Bemina ra Rambagh Barzulla the mentioned works and Nowgam flyovers to Bund Road, the Div regarding physical and ease the traffic flow at Com exhorted to con-financial aspects besides

EDITORIAL

Prepare contingency plans for power outages

7ith the onset of winters in Jammu and Kashmir, the perennial problem of scheduled and unscheduled power cuts has returned bringing a lot of discomfort for common masses. This is happening at a time when tall claims are being made about improvement in power scenario after the installation of smart meters. There has been a widening gap between the demand and supply of electricity, forcing the government to purchase electricity from outside Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had declared that there was no alternative to the smart meters as power debt bills for the UT have mounted to Rs 31,000 crore in the past four years. The moot question arises as if the officials concerned willfully allowed the theft of power and led the liabilities soared over the years. The need of the hour is to fix the accountability and responsibility to punish the corrupt people in the system. This perplexed situation has left the people suffering who are increasingly finding themselves plunged into darkness as unscheduled power cuts continue to haunt both the regions of the Union Territory. Be it Kashmir or Jammu, the power crisis has reached an alarming level, causing widespread disruptions that affect households, commercial establishments, and essential services. Power cuts have been ranging from 5 to 9 hours a day, making it exceedingly challenging for residents to carry out their day-to-day activities and for businesses to operate smoothly. The Power Development Department officials present lame excuses, saying various measures to mitigate the crisis have been taken but still there remains a significant power deficit of approximately 500 MW in Kashmir region alone. This shortfall is primarily attributed to the skyrocketing peak load demand, which can surge up to 1700 MW during times of plummeting temperatures. In winter, tourism is a significant source of income for the region and the looming power crisis threatens to disrupt this sector. The frequent power cuts at a time when smart meters are being installed have irked people who blame administration for not fulfilling its promise of an uninterrupted power supply. The onset of early winter in Kashmir has also started to bring up several challenges, and one of the most pressing issues during this time is the deepening electricity crisis. The businesses heavily rely on electricity and the persistent power cuts have started to leave monetary losses. Jammu and Kashmir often faces electricity shortages even during normal weather conditions due to various factors, including an insufficient power generation capacity. Given the current scenario, the UT administration should immediately start investing in upgrading and maintaining the electricity grid, transmission lines, and transformers to withstand harsh weather conditions, both in winters and summers. There should be an increased power generation capacity to meet the growing energy demand during winter, possibly by diversifying energy sources or enhancing the efficiency of existing power plants. The government should also put in place its contingency plans so that the people don't face inconvenience in both the regions.

A long road to economic recovery for Sri Lanka

NARESH BANA/ TALAL

restructuring, bailouts, and direct investment into Sri Lanka. While the Inter-(IMF) bailout is on course, seventeen countries promised support in May this year. China is supporting International Financial and India is constantly sending money and material as a neighbouring large economy. The World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) are also coming up with equal measures (Almost \$ 3.75 Billion) as external help to economy. While all this is welcome, we also need to see what additional can be done to make this economic revival less punitive and sustainable for Sri Lankan people. For that, we need to answer the 'what' and 'how' of sustainable options and see what may be applicable to the evolving scenario in Sri Lanka and in which time frame.

The economic crash has impacted Sri Lankan institutions and financial companies in a big way, become disconnected turing sustainable collab-

ers seem to be pursuing short-term relationships founded on situational uch is being writ-values. For practitioners ten and talked of sustainability, this is debt the opportune time to get out of this cycle of crises and think long-term and with sustainable human national Monetary Fund relations and get out of the crisis smoothly in this interconnected world.

Institutions (IFI) are loans and would need to be returned, though over a long duration. Further, these loans may be denominated in US dollar (USD), Euro, Japanese Yen, Chinese RMB, ADB SDRs or Indian Rupees (INR), all resuscitate the Sri Lankan foreign currencies having only a market-based relationship with the Sri Lankan rupee (SLR). Such a relationship subjects the repayment of these loans to currency risk as SLR is traded and subjected to the vagaries of the currency market. Prevailing political risk in the country makes it even more complex and challenging. Such external funds when applied to sustain/ boost economic activity where earnings are in SLR, an asset-liability curand they have apparently rency mismatch happens due to currency trade and from fundamental values inflationary pressures. and long-term sustainable For example, if the SRL thinking. Instead of nur- depreciates against USD by 10%, revenues in Sri Lanka borrowers, and sharehold- liabilities get enhanced by go in favour of Sri Lanka.

10% on the higher side.

Even with a free float Funds extended by regime, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka does have some control over the exchange rate through its monetary policies, but the overall effective control of the exchange rate is most limited due to the precarious situation of forex reserves and import commitments. The funds which will be used in various development works or infrastructure projects where developers may earn revenue to repay the loans (extended to them in foreign currency) will either manage the currency risk by hedging or factor it in their project tariff thereby leading to additional burden on the user of the infrastructure eventually eroding the purchasing power of the common person, finally, denting the repayment capacity of the nation. At the same time, the currency risk can have an upside as well and it may generate revenues much in excess of the projections if the infrastructure gets extra orations, banks, lenders, remain the same while utilized or exchange rates

Though it may not excite the lenders much beyond receiving interest on payments on the principle there is little potential for upside, while the develop-

ers harvest profits. In view of the uncertainties associated with the exchange rate, currency risk could be a difficult and sensitive issue to be effectively assumed by the government of Sri Lanka. It is at this stage that time tested, and innovative strategies are put into practice to hedge and ameliorate currency risk. The conventional hedging strategies being used contracts and (d) Loan in end user i.e., the common person, directly (rates/ tariff increase) or indirectly (enhanced taxation). internal debt is already at Lanka. sky-high levels how does the local currency become ing equity investment

tain and grow the econom- based on the apparent ic activity? That is where cohesiveness that emabe extraordinary.

there is a definite role regional economies of currency availability in Sri Sri Lanka sovereign bonds with whom Sri Lanka has a fair-trading activity. Sec-Sri Lankan capital markets to enhance transparency and credibility, which not remittances and deposare (a) Natural hedge (b) its from non-resident Sri on investment in future. Local currency swap (c) Lankans but also help Exchange-rate Indexed these markets to engage with other regional marpegged currency. Most of kets and regional investhe above options load tors and draw on their hedging costs onto the strength. Both activities may enhance the availability of local money without any currency risk and thereby render maxi-The way out is having more mum sustainability with of 'local currency i.e., Sri the least pain for the eco-Lankan Rupee.' But when nomic resuscitation of Sri

The optimism of drawavailable to users to sus- from IOR countries is

external support can be of nates from shared cultural help. Committed leader- and trade ties between the ship and good diplomacy neighbours. Among many can play a key role. These IOR countries, particuare extraordinary times larly Maldivians, Malayand solutions too need to sians and Indians would like to invest in Sri Lanka In addition to the IFIs, and see that the economy does well as there are to play for the growing shared investments in either country which suf-Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) fered badly during the ecocountries. Firstly, together nomic crisis. Development with IFIs, these economies of the capital market and can help enhance local raising regional funds will give regional investors a Lanka i.e., subscribing to chance to earn returns on investments which is nothdenominated in any stron- ing but helping their own ger currency of the region investments give better returns. Such financial instruments of Sri Lanka ondly, this is the time to may be supported by more refurbish and resuscitate credible regional financial sovereigns. Those who invest do know that Sri only would bring more Lanka is always bankable and will give better returns On the part of Sri Lankan people, they need to elect caring, credible and committed leaders to minimize the political risk which is significant and could jeopardize the recovery trajec-

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Accelerating green innovation through EVs

TUSHAR CHOUDHARY

n the wake of the global climate crisis, the need for innovative solutions to combat environmental challenges has never been vibrant startup ecosystem, finds itself uniquely positioned to drive a transformative change through electric vehicle (EV) companies. These enterprises Environmental imperative are not just shaping the advancement.

Thriving startup ecosystem

India's startup ecoremarkable evolution over the past decade, establishing itself as a fertile ground for innovation. Within this force, leveraging technol-

ogy and green initiatives to redefine mobility and address environmental concerns. A recent report by the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSmore pressing. India, a COM) predicts that India's country known for its EV industry could reach a staggering market value of \$206 billion by 2030, with startups contributing significantly to this growth.

As India strives for sus-

future of transportation tainable development in but also revolutionizing the face of rising pollution the nation's startup land- and climate change conscape, with far-reaching cerns, EVs offer a viable implications for sus-solution to mitigate carbon tainability, economic emissions and reduce religrowth, and technological ance on fossil fuels. With to the Paris Agreement, targeting 40% of energy generation from renewsystem has undergone a ables by 2030, the role of EV companies becomes pivotal in achieving this goal. By transitioning from conventional interecosystem, the EV sector nal combustion engines to has emerged as a dynamic electric propulsion, India can substantially reduce nomic Forum highlights charging infrastructure is ulatory hurdles, standard-



pave the way for a cleaner, greener future.

Job creation

The surge in EV start- lenges ups isn't merely an environmental endeavour; it also carries significant economic implications. A

value chain could potentially generate up to 10 million jobs worldwide by 2030. Addressing chal-

EV startups to drive green However, a sustained colinnovation is undeniable, laboration between the several challenges must report by the World Eco- be addressed. The lack of is essential to address reg-

tion of EVs. However, this challenge also presents an opportunity for startups charging infrastructure environmental challenges. can further enhance the sustainability of the EV ecosystem.

Government support

age EV adoption and While the potential of domestic manufacturing. government and startups

a primary concern, imped- ize policies, and create an ing the widespread adop- environment conducive to innovation.

India's endeavours to foster a green startup ecoto innovate by developing system transcend national efficient charging solutions boundaries. The success of and collaborating with the its EV startups can serve as government to expand the a global inspiration, showcharging network. More- casing how technological over, integrating renew- innovation can be harable energy sources into nessed to address pressing

The accelerating growth of EV companies within India's startup landscape holds the promise of transformative change. With The Indian govern- strategic government supment's recognition of port, robust private sector the importance of EVs is innovation, and heightreflected in its policies ened public awareness, and initiatives. The Faster India's EV startups can the nation's commitment its carbon footprint and that the electric vehicle Adoption and Manufac- steer the nation towards a turing of Electric Vehicles sustainable, eco-friendly, (FAME) scheme, along and economically prosperwith tax incentives and ous future. As the wheels subsidies, aims to encour- of innovation turn, EVs are not only driving us forward but also steering us toward a greener horizon.

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For fulfilling life, accept it as it comes

VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

average me of a lindividual is about 80-90 years (at an optimistic level) the proportional level of work experience ing jealous, being petty, may not be more than or simply idling would be about 40 years or so. This such a waste. There is a calculation is difficult to need to be constructive, derive empirically but is common meniscal if you consider the following: One spends about onethird (1/3) of the 80 or 90 years simply sleeping or taking rest; another 1/5 is spent eating, dressing, commuting, and all that have, or simply displaying goes with it. The first 10 years or so before adulthood are part of growing up. A rough calculation like the one in the preceding lines would show that even the figure of 40 years cism is worth it or not. All of operational active life is a generous projection and is a passing phenomenon. assessment of the years Nobody does or can stay allotted to 'experience'. Of in power forever. Then these 40 years' a substan- why the pedanticism? for life, such as studying, helpfulness, understand- ronments and almost when, largely speaking, works through sensory

searching for information, and more. Hence, ssuming that the the conclusion is that average life of an roughly, only, about 50% is the active man-years in a human life of 80-90 years.

To spend this on feelpositive, and joyful. Anger comes easy, and dissatisfaction even easier. People pack in these 30 years or more with a lot of other sentiments such as envy, hate, pedanticism, showing off what little they power in the limited space that the Almighty may have given them power.

A simple reflection would ask a basic question of whether this pedantisaid and done, power itself



ing, and supportiveness everywhere else. are not meant for saints only. They are meant for normal, everyday people who go through the grind of life. The vicissitudes of everyday life can be quite

Whether we like it or not, we all have our share of disappointments, emotions, and some experiences of not having achieved, not having received enough, or getting nowhere near where we wanted to get. This happens in interpersonal

least, that people gloat at their few successes and feel so bruised, hurt, and unhappy about their setbacks and disappointments. This is an unusual feeling because nothing lasts. Life is as simple as having it. There is a constant feeling of change in the experience of the individuals. Because of this, to see joy or pain larger than in a temporary frame would be unrealistic. How-

nence is itself an illusion.

and religion. The spirit is ness, or melancholy. It was accepted as a continuance so worthwhile to reflect in most religions, and the that all these are passing body is a passing phase. experiences, as enumer-Some religions believe ated above. They should that the body will come not be taken too seriously alive on the date of judg- nor should they be taken ment, and then eternal life to heart. will follow. Other religions believe in Atma-'soul' and Paramatma-'supreme with a sense of fulfilment It is amusing, to say the existence.' This need not seems to be the way forbe a place to get into the ward. This is being facilidetails of the philosophy tative. The relatedness of the other world. Suffice and relativity of life are it to say that those who reflected in the seconds, do not believe in the day minutes, hours, and days, of judgement believe that and it is that which one 'Atma' must ultimately tries to live with such merge in the 'perma- intensity! A sense of supnence' and, therefore, the port is all that one needs cycle of birth and rebirth. to lead a healthy, fulfilling, Be that as it may, it is true and complete life. This can that there is an existence be stated simply, but it is a of the spirit, the soul, or lifetime struggle, let alone whatever phraseology one fulfilment, to achieve. chooses to use after the ever, life is a testimony to body runs its course. The relationships, in family the fact that many have body, therefore, becomes tial part is spent preparing Qualities of humility, environments, work envi- the illusion of permanence a passing experience. It

the concept of perma-life. Embedded in this body is the experience of There enters spirituality joy and happiness, sad-

Accepting things as they come and acting on them

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SIMPLE TIPS TO FOLLOW A HIGH **BLOOD PRESSURE DIET**

HIRAL PATEL

eady-to-eat, fast or semicooked foods that are aimed to save time are gaining more popularity. More and more of us tend to grab fast foods or ready-to-cook foods due to their attractive feature of being convenient. However, even though they claim to be healthy, these ready-to-eat or semi-cooked foods are high in sodium/salt.

You must embrace healthy living habits if you struggle with high blood pressure levels. A speedy way to reduce high blood pressure is to reduce salt intake. Yes, revamping the longaccustomed habit of eating salty foods will be effortful. And with patience and understanding of how badly it will affect your health, it won't take long to attain freedom from the clutches of high blood pressure.

Based on your age, gender, and condition, you can design a diet to combat or treat high low sodium intake, reduced saturated fat, refined sugar, and managing blood pressure.

High Blood Pressure Diet: An

High blood pressure or hyperney by consulting HealthifyMe's tension is when your blood pressure is consistently 140/90 mm Hg or higher. Many dietary interventions to manage hyper- Foods to Eat tension come under the prempotassium, calcium, protein and sweetened beverages, tropical oils, full-fat dairy foods, and ing those with and without high beans. blood pressure, can follow a low-sodium diet for significant bles, leafy and non-leafy- spinhealth improvements.

Starting a high blood pressure options. diet doesn't mean making drastic changes overnight. Instead, wheat flour, millet, brown rice, etables. begin by making small changes oats, quinoa, and barley. that are manageable to you. For example, lowering your salt nut oil, coconut oil, mustard oil, intake. Your taste buds will even-sesame oil, flax oil (Especially tually adjust to the low-salt diet. cold pressed and in moderation) In addition, you'll likely lose weight on most high-blood pres- varieties are allowed as long as sure diets, provided you follow you consume them in moderathe rules and design your plan tion. with a calorie deficit.

Recommendations for a High Blood Pressure Diet

Plant-based foods should make

blood pressure. For instance, are one of the many people managing high blood pressure. Ultra-processed foods might be ries, oranges, peaches, papaya, protein and fewer added sugars. increased physical activity helps the shining stars for your taste fight this condition. This article buds, but the added sugars and provides guidance and resourc- salt are unavoidable red flags. es for a practical approach to While no single food can lower your blood pressure, a healthy Foods to Avoid eating plan that incorporates all of the necessary food groups can help. You can start your jour-

change you wish for.

Dairy products: You can include ise of the DASH eating plan. It low-fat, skimmed, greek yoghurt, emphasises foods high in blood unsweetened dairy products pressure-deflating nutrients like and double-toned milk. Smooth- inevitably impacts your blood ies without sugar made out of fibre. A high blood pressure these are also acceptable. Indidiet discourages foods high in viduals with lactose intolerance saturated fat, including sugar- can opt for unsweetened soy/ almond milk, yoghurt, etc.

personal coaches to bring the

Pulses: Masoor dal, pinto fatty meats. Most of us, includ- beans, kidney beans, garbanzo blood pressure:

> Vegetables: All fresh vegetaach, broccoli, asparagus, toma- cow's or buffalo's milk, and toes, mushroom, cucumber, products made from them. okra, eggplant, and non-starchy

Cereals and grains: Whole

Oil and fats: Olive oil, ground-

Nuts and seeds: All types and

Non-veg: Salmon, sardines, herring, mackerel, chicken (unprocessed and opt for High Blood pressure Diet: healthy ways of cooking).

Egg: White portion only in the up the bulk of your plate if you case of severe blood pressure.

kiwi, watermelon, pomegranate, guava, pears, prunes, and for a high-blood-pressure diet: sweet lime.

Too many calories and exceeding your recommended daily calorie intake are bad for your blood pressure. Highly processed and fried foods containing saturated fats and salt dramatically increase calorie intake, causing your blood pressure to go berserk. It happens because too many calories cause weight gain, and excess weight pressure levels. Foods high in salt but low in potassium and other needed minerals are a for blood pressure diets.

These foods may raise your and steamed broccoli.

Dairy products: Exclude ice and dal. creams, chocolate milk, sweet-

Pulses: Fried daal products, Bhujias, and fried besan items. Vegetables: Avoid canned veg-plain yoghurt.

Cereals and grains: Avoid all

processed maida products. Oils and fats: Salted butter,

lard, margarine, mayonnaise. Nuts: Avoid salted, fried nuts.

Non-veg: Fish roe, shellfish, crab, dried fish, tinned fish, shark, swordfish, prawn, hilsa, red meat, organ meat, processed meat products.

Sample Meal Plan Options

The main focus of every meal

Fruits: Green apples, apricot, to keep the sodium level to a avocadoes, blackberries, cherminimum, including more lean Here are some meal options

> Breakfast Options Vegetable oats porridge with

> low-fat milk/curd. Vegetable sprouts semolina

upma with walnuts. Omelette (2 egg whites), plantbased milk, and 4-5 almonds.

Roasted oats upma with a glass of toned milk. **Mid-morning Options**

Sprouts salad. Whole fruit (medium size pear, orange, kiwi, apple,

Boiled green gram sprouts vith lemon.

Lunch Options

Baked chicken and cucumber particularly bad combination lettuce wraps and plain yoghurt. Lentil soup, avocado toast

2-3 roti with bitter gourd sabzi

1 cup brown rice with grilled/ ened yoghurts, cheese, full-fat stewed fish or rajma curry and cucumber carrot salad,

Snacks Options

Unsalted nuts. Banana/apple walnut with

Unsalted popcorn.

Dinner Options

Tofu salad and beetroot soup. Baked chicken with grilled vegetables.

Three multigrain roti with cabbage/spinach sabzi and dal. Vegetable salad with two roti (methi/onion/carrot/lauki), and dal/curd.

Tips to Note

In addition to a high blood in a high blood pressure diet is pressure diet, there are other

strategies to help decrease your blood pressure. Regular exercise, at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity workout per week, is one of the best things you can do to lower blood pressure. You can start with a daily walk and gradually build up on

Other tips you can follow are:

Studies have shown limiting alcohol to less than one drink per day can lower blood pressure. Quitting alcohol altogether helps to improve blood pressure, heart, liver and overall health.

Smoking increases blood pressure. Hence, stopping it will reduce your blood pressure and improve your overall health.

Fasting can be beneficial in lowering high blood pressure. You can try intermittent fasting with an 8-hour eating window while fasting for 16 hours. One can start with a 10-12 hours fast-

Stress is an important candidate that contributes to high blood pressure. Therefore, make time to relax, avoid stress triggers and focus on how you can control and solve your issues.

Being overweight or obese Sweet potato salad and green contributes to high blood pressure. A healthy lifestyle and modifications can help with weight loss which could then help with lowering blood pressure. In addition, physical activities such as cycling, swimming, and jogging help maintain a healthy weight.

> Consult a doctor about possible food-drug interactions before changing your diet.

> > Source: Healthifyme

Ways to Become Metabolically Flexible

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You may need to change what and when you consume to promote flexibility in your body's fat and glucose metabolism. However, you don't need to make radical changes overnight. As with any dietary adjustment, get the advice of a physician or nutritionist first. Be careful to include family members who have had diabetes, heart disease, or obesity (or pre-diabetic diagnosis). And remember that no single approach to health and well-being fits all people. Everybody's body composition, body mass, weight, metabolic rate, and other physical characteristics vary. However, some of the

Adopt a Ketogenic Diet

According to research, a low-carb, high-fat diet such as the ketogenic diet is one strategy to enhance metabolic flexibility and health. Your body begins to create ketones and burn fat when it enters a state of ketosis. As a result, your metabolism more easily burns food and body fat accumulated when you're in this keto-

The keto flu, which can make you feel exhausted, angry, hungry, or even have full-blown flulike symptoms like headaches or body pains, might make keto challenging initially. However, keto will help you switch to using fat for fuel.

Because you alternate between days with reduced carbs and days with greater carbs, cyclical keto is an excellent approach to experiment with metabolic flexibility. Consuming more carbohydrates once a week is necessary for cyclical ketosis for two reasons: first, to preserve your capacity to digest them, and second, because your body requires them for some vital activities. Therefore, once in cyclical ketosis, you will experience a higher carb day (above 100g of carbohydrates) once weekly.

Intermittent Fasting For Metabolic Flexibility

Intermittent fasting, which involves restricting eating for a time each day (typically 12-16 hours), is a helpful strategy for managing insulin resistance. Extended fasting is a common technique to develop metabolic flexibility. You can release an acceptable amount of toxins while burning enough fat as energy during intermittent fasting.

One of the quickest strategies to promote metabolic flexibility is intermittent fasting combined with cyclical ketosis. As a result, your body becomes accustomed to using the fuel that is accessible and won't panic if one of the fuel options (glucose, glycogen, or fat) isn't available.

One of the main factors causing metabolic rigidity is physical inactivity. Since it helps manage glucose levels, exercise is essential to prevent it. Exercise enhances insulin sensitivity, glycemic balance, and mitochondrial content. Increasing your body's insulin sensitivity aids in maintaining normal glucose levels. Including various programs in your fitness regimen can also help your body develop more metabolic flexibility.

Cyclical Ketosis

Cyclical ketosis can be an ideal substitute if you're already considering switching or starting a new diet. A cyclical ketosis diet includes consuming the standard keto diet for most of the week and balancing it with intervals of carb consumption. A low-carb, high-fat diet is the base of the keto diet. Our body enters and exits the state of ketosis by adding some carbohydrates to the regular keto diet. Our body can use glucose and fat as fuel for energy which also increases your metabolism's adaptability.

Metabolic Flexibility: Everything You Must Know

your body's metabolism. A flexible metabolism using carbs or fat for energy as to use one or the other. The capacity to use various fuel sources for energy is metabolic flexibility. It can enhance your overall health and wellness diabetes are only a few factors that primarily disturb metabolic flexibility and may even

There are a lot of connecbolic flexibility, and metabolic health. High glucose levels can occur without having diabetes, and they can also lead to metabolic dysfunction.

blood glucose levels to gain a clear picture of your metabolic eing flexible also boosts flexibility. Unless you actively monitor your blood sugar levels, it can be challenging to may easily switch between understand what is happening with them. You cannot physiopposed to merely being able cally see the type of foods that cause an increase in your blood glucose and stress on the cells. One can analyse their blood glucose levels during the active and restive periods with due to several reasons. Unforthe aid of technology-enabled tunately, a contemporary diet wearables like the BIOS from and metabolic diseases like HealthifyPro. It is a preveninsulin resistance or type 2 tative approach that enables you to develop an empirical, between food and blood glucose levels.

It lets you see how your tions between glucose, meta- lifestyle choices and dietary your body. intake affect your blood sugar levels. With this information, one can make easy yet impactful adjustments to optimise Anabolism metabolic health. You can also Having metabolic inflex- try different foods to develop ibility raises glucose levels a nutrition strategy tailored and prevents the body from to the particular body's reac-

style changes affect your body. **Understanding Metabolism**

All the chemical reactions in your body to convert food and information-driven association liquids into energy are called metabolism. Your metabolism includes every chemical process that takes place within You can divide these chemi-

cal reactions into two groups:

Building and storage occur during anabolism. An example of anabolism is when your

mation that clarifies how life- used in anabolism to create bigger molecules, such as carbohydrates, lipids, or proteins. Your body uses these bigger molecules to preserve bodily tissues, produce new cells, or store energy. Energy is also required for these anabolic activities to take place.

Catabolism

The reverse, catabolism, involves the destruction of tissues and energy reserves. Cataor carbohydrate cells to provide energy

Every minute of every day, Metabolic Health body utilises the food you your body processes food. It changing its fuel source. You tions. Monitoring your blood eat to grow organs, bones, or is vital to your body's capacity metabolic health in any way. your body's ability to utilise appropriate quantity of fuel. need to keep an eye on your sugar provides statistical infor- muscles. Small molecules are for survival. However, it might It is typically the lack of meta-

body merely uses calories at rest to survive, and the process is known as your basal metabolic rate (BMR). Various variables can influence BMR, such as gender, age, hormones, genetics, body size

and weight, body composition (ratio of fat to muscle), diet, hydration, physical activity, and medication. Your metabolism's effectiveness has an impact on your flexibility and general wellness. Healthy lifestyle decisions aid effective metabolic processes in diet, sleep hygiene, stress reduction, and physical activity. You must work to become metabolically fit, just as you must work to become physically fit. Making the appropriate decisions helps the body become more metabolically flexible bolic processes break down fat and increases metabolism effi-

not be operating as well as it bolic syndrome. However, an whether fuel stored in your should. That is because your increasing number of adults globally have metabolic syndrome.

Five conditions cause metabolic syndrome:

Elevated blood pressure Elevated blood sugar Stomach obesity Excessive cholesterol

High levels of triglycerides

You have metabolic syndrome if you experience the presence of three or more of these risk factors. However, the likelihood of having heart disease, diabetes, and stroke significantly increases if all five are present. Therefore, physical inactivity, being overweight, becoming older, and genetics are the key risk factors for metabolic syndrome (having an abnormal metabo-

Metabolic Flexibility: An Overview

Metabolic flexibility, as any available fuel for energy,

body or fuel obtained through meals. For example, if you recently had a meal or a snack, your body will digest the food and use it to create energy. However, if it has been some time since your last meal, your metabolism may switch to burning the stored sugar and fat in your body. Scientists refer to these fuel-burning procedures as "fat oxidation" and "glucose oxidation."

Before the industrial revolution, humans were metabolically adaptable when no restaurants or food shops existed. On some days, there was more than enough food for everyone, but on others, there wasn't. As a result, people with flexible metabolisms might go days without eating and yet feel great. In specific ways, this is also true in today's world, such as when we exercise vigorously or consume a lot of calories during the day. In these circumstances, our You cannot standardise the name indicates, refers to bodies must adjust and use the

heights in J&K: Dr. Manyal

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It is for the first time that a government at the centre has created history by doing splendid and marvelous work for the Jammu & Kashmir thus taking development to its new heights and welfare of the people, who had been

other with the sole motive



rights under the previous meeting of BJP Jammu and and Ward levels to educate governments of Congress Jammu South districts on them about the splendid Government under yaan', which was attended and welfare under Prime Prime Minister Narendra by BJP District Presidents, Minister Narendra Modi Modi has the credit of Prabharis, seh-prabha- and this campaign will be and spirit in the entire being the first dispensa- ris, mandal Presidents, commencing on October tion at the centre which mandal General Secretar- 24 this month. took one decision after the ies, Vistaraks and others.

deprived of many basic ter was addressing a joint the people at Panchayat 'Booth Jan Samwad Abhi- works of development

Dr. Manyal asked the Dr. Devinder Kumar party cadre from both Rajeev Charak, District of delivering justice and Manyal said that in view of the districts to meticu- Jammu South Prabhari treating all equal in all the 2024 general elections, lously plan for effective Ayodhya Gupta, Parliamatters and at all levels, the party has decided to strategy to conduct about mentary Constituency Vissaid Dr. Devinder Kumar undertake a three month 270 programmes in both tarak Inderjeet Sharma, 'Booth Jan Samwad Abhi- the districts. He said that Vistarak Ashok Kumar and Dr. Devinder Kumar yaan' across the UT. He every activist of BJP per-others were amongst the Manyal, J&K BJP General said that the selected activ-sonifies the commitment prominent party leaders Secretary & former Minisists of the party will reach and service to the nation present.

and the society and this commitment should be reflected in these outreach programmes. BJP District Jammu President Parmod Kapahi briefed about the preparations for the scheduled campaign and said that the entire team is making all the efforts for successful conduct of this three month exercise.

BJP District Jammu South President Rekha Mahajan said that whatever has been decided and directed by the party, will be implemented in letter length and breadth of the district.

District Jammu Prabhari

Basis.

Modi Govt has touched new developmental Red Wings Handwara lifts Lolab Premier League Trophy at Lolab Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, OCT 19

The Indian Army has always been at the forefront in nurturing local talent in various fields including games and sports. Cricket is a game which is very passionately played in the heartland of Lolab and is very close to the heart of each and every Lolabian.

The first ever Lolab Premier League T-10 Girls' Cricket tournament was organised by the Indian Army as a precursor event to the Lolab Mela 2023. The matches started on 11 October 2023 and were played on a Knock Out

The final match of the tournament was played on 19 October 2023 at Chandigam Sports complex between Wonder Girls Sogam and Red Wings Handwara and had



supporters thronging the sight to behold. The final venue in huge masses to match was won by Red and one could not be cheer and support their Wings Handwara. Trorespective favourite team. phies and exciting cash the future of Kashmir is The fervour at the crick- prizes for the winners safe in the hands of the eting extravaganza was a and runners up were also youth.

awarded to the teams. Chief Guest for the final match was Mr Aijaz, SDM Lolab who graced the occasion and appreciated the initiative and efforts of the Indian Army and local populace. Event was also streamed live on Facebook handle of Cricket Talk Show, a sports handle of locals of Lolab. This tournament was a platform for the budding talents of Lolab to showcase their talent and skills. The overwhelming crowd is a testimony to the motto of "Badalta Kashmir" (changing Kashmir). The sight of each player holding the hand of a child usherer with a Tricolour in his / her hand showcased the prevalent normalcy in the region more satisfied to realise

Thursday Mind Meet held at Central University of Jammu

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Department of Econom- of NEP 2020. The correics in collaboration with lation between education School of Languages, Cen- and the financial fabric of tral University of Jammu, the nation was highlighted organized a Thursday by him. He broadened the Mind Meet panel dis- horizons of interventions cussion focusing on the by demonstrating the RBI's National Educational commitment not just to Policy (NEP) 2020.

Regional Director, Reserve tional framework, which is sities more proactive and tion between students and Bank of India, Jammu the bedrock of our nation's & Kashmir and Ladakh future. region was the Chief Guest and shared his thoughts how Indian Universities transformative changes in on "New Education Policy are undergoing changes our educational country. for a New India". Mr. to achieve the muchcovered the genesis of pointed out what currently the National Educational ails Indian research and edge system forward. He and people friendly while holistic development. not only shed light on being at the forefront of

emphasised on 3 E's viz. Education, Ecology and Economy as foundation monetary and fiscal mat-



Sh. Kamal P. Patnaik, ters, but also to the educa-research in Indian univer-tering the deeper connecinclusive. He emphasised that a proper policy frame-Sh. Patnaik referred to work can bring in desired

Ms. Ananya Khajuria, Patnaik in his address needed objectives. He also Research Scholar of the Department focussed on taking inclusive approach Policy 2020 and under- how NEP 2020 makes an by encouraging collaborascored the mechanism of attempt to make research tive research and student taking the Indian knowl- responsible, relevant, exchange programmes for

Ms. Janhavi Chohan, the intricate nuances of learning. He discussed PG student of the Departthe policy but also gave the regional imbalance ment appreciated the Sanjeev Jain on research, us a broader perspective that is currently observed Government's initiative dissemination and skill widely attended by the on how it aligns with the in India. Sh. Patnaik was to integrate traditional economic and financial optimistic about the out- knowledge and values students. He appreciated the various Departments landscape of India. He come of the NEP 2020 into the modern educathe initiatives taken by the of CUJ.

that is intended to make tion system thereby fostheir cultural roots. Ms. Kritika, UG student of the Department, showed concern about the education the inclusion of Indian regional languages has on the students as well as

> on the teachers. The Thursday Mind initiative by the Honourenhancement among the

Department of Economics and School of Languages and encouraged the Department to hold more events of this nature for the students' overall development.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Central University of Jammu appreciated the initiatives taken by the Department of Economics and encouraged the Department to conduct more of these kinds of

Professor Aswini Kumar Nanda, Head, Department structure system wherein of Economics welcomed the august gathering. Prof. Vandana Sharma, Conveshown a positive impact ner of Thursday Mind Meet Programme moderated the event. Dr Shaveta Kohli, Associate Professor, Meet programme is an Department of Economics outcome of consistent outlined the overview of the Panel discussion and able Vice Chancellor, Prof. proposed the formal vote of thanks. The event was students and scholars of

Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse Awareness organized at GGHS School, Satwari by J&K Police

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A Drug Awareness Programme was organised under Civic Action Programme at Govt. Girls High Secondary School, Satwari and a debate competition was also conducted to spread awareness on drug abuse.

Shaheen Wahid, SP South Jammu was the chief guest of the event. Other than that various other staff members of the schools were also present in the event.

SP South Jammu Shaheen Wahid in her speech draw the attention of the people, also it is the duty of ity in the area. She further



lies and surrounding suspect any illegal activ-dents.

participants and made every citizen of this coun- added that students had them aware about the try to contribute towards to strongly come forward effects of Drug addiction, drug-free society and help to make the area free government policies to Police to curb smuggling/ from the menace of drug curb it, laws and police menace of drugs from abuse. She also spoke on actions against the sup- the country. She further the various matters like pliers, also enlightened added that police is com- Eve teasing, excess usage the participants on drug mitted towards public wel- of mobile phones, impormence and motivated fare and we urge the stu-tance of eductaion, sports them to aware their famidents to inform us if they and exercise for all the stu-

Under "OHOR" campaign, health Dept organizes awareness camp at Kastigarh, Thathri

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DODA, OCTOBER 19:

As a part of its new initiative under, "Our Health-Our Responsibility" Campaign, the health department in coordination with different inter-sectoral departments organized mega awareness programmes at Kastigarh and Panchayat Barshalla in District Doda.

The awareness programmes were held on the directions of worthy Administrative Secretary, guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda and CMO Doda besides under the supervision of BMO Ghat and BMO Thathri and coordinated by IDSP Unit of CMO Office Doda.

Dev, Sarpanch Kastigarh deapartment in coordinathe programme. Smt Shaheen Begum, rep-tion with different interof GHSS Kastigarh.



In Kastigarh, the aware- issues of programmes, the Natnoo while BMO Thathri ness programme was held programme started with Dr Shafqat Javeed, Sarat GHSS Kastigarh, which the welcome address by panch Barshalla Smt Pooja was graced by Honble BMO Ghat Dr Ab Gafoor Sharma, Sh Jonson Chan-DDC Kastigarh Smt San- Ahmed, BMO Thathri Dr dail (State ASHA Coordinatosha Devi as Chief Guest Shafqat Javed and Epide- tor), BMEO NHM Sh Mashand attended by Principal miologist Sh Umar Anayat, hood Latief besides RBSK/ GDC Kastigarh Prof Koshal who briefed the partici- NCD Team, Local PRIs, Kumar, Principal GHSS pants about this new initia- ASHAs and prominent Kastigarh Sh Rehmatullah tive started by the health locals of the area attended

On the occasion, other resentatives from Jal Shakti sectoral departments and than health department, Deptt, Animal Husbandry gave detail information representatives from dif-Deptt, Food & Safety Deptt about different activities ferent departments includand Wild Life Department to be conducted under ing Sh Jugal Kishore from besides the staff of PHC this campaign. In Thathri, the Wild Life Department, Kastigarh, ASHAs, RBSK the awareness programme Dr Yasir Arfat & Dr Irfan an array of different activi-Teams, Malaria Team, was held at Panchayat Bar-from Animal Husbandry, ties under Our Health Our Local NGOs and students shalla which was attend- Sh Mohd Amin from Food Responsibility Campaign, ed by Honble Chairman & Safety Deptt, Sh Touseef which proved to be a great Elaborating the key BDC Gundna Sh Sarshad Ahmed & Sh Rawal Hus- success.

sain from Jal Shakti Deptt, also generated awareness among participants and sensitized them about the food fortification & enrichment process of adding micro nutrients to the food for good health, awareness about various zoonotic diseases and it's prevention, safe drinking water, wild life knowledge and precautions to be taken from wild animals and general health awareness was also imparted among the participants.

Meanwhile, spraying by the Malaria Staff, Testing of Food Items & Water testing from different sources like events were also held in Kastigarh and Barshallah Thathri in a joint venture of different departments and in addition to it, NCD screening, HB testing under Anemia Mukt Bharat & ABHA Ids were also generates during the campaign.

The Honble DDC Kastigarh, Honble Chairman BDC Gundna, PRI members and locals of the area while speaking on the occasion expressed their gratitude to the health department for starting this first of its campaign in the District wherein they lauded their efforts to start

Tirantar appeals to take steps to improve deteriorating condition of Roundomail-Ramnagar road

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR,OCTOBER 19

The tall claims of develop-

ment being made by the Central Government in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are proving to be false and hollow at the ground level.

The Roundomail-Ramnagar road, which connects Ramnagar and Basantgarh tehsils to Udhampur district headquarters of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has fallen into disrepair due to non-repair for ten years.

Dhar Road: The condition of this road, which is only 27 kilometers long from Roundomail to Ramnagar, has become very bad with deep potholes at many places and broken roads at many places. But the adminis-



repair work, the road ficulties in driving on the road accidents. Demand difficulties in driving.

to fix the deteriorating condition of Roundomail-Ramnagar road. Panthers leader Tirantar Singh, social worker Varinder-Singh, Advocate Anoop Singh, and many others expressed concern over the dilapidated condition of the road and held the BJP central government responsible. Panthers leader Tirantar Singh, who held the central government responsible for not paying any attention to the road repair work, said that the road was in a bad condition for more than ten years and asked District Development Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to fix the bad condition of the Roundomail-Ramnagar road. It has been demanded to take appropriate steps so that the passentration is taking steps to has become dilapidated. roadways and deep pot- gers and drivers traveling maintain the road. Due to Motorists and two-wheel- holes in the middle of the on Rondoumel-Ramnagar lack of attention towards er drivers are facing dif-road are always inviting road do not have to face

04 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by J&K Police

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Nagrota and PP Phallian Mandal same. The recoveries were made acted stringently on the specific by SHO PS Nagrota Inspr Vishav inputs and raided at a location in Partap Singh and I/C PP Phallian their respective area and seized Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal in 04 vehicles involved in illegal their respective jurisdiction. The mining. Details of the vehicle mining was done in violation of seized are as under: 03 Tractor order of Hon'ble High Court of Trollies without Registration, by J&k. In order to strictly implement In a quest to stern the menace of PS Nagrota. One Tipper bearing the drive against illegal mining and illegal mining, a multi-pronged Registration No JK02DB-7440, by to tighten noose against the violastrategy was devised by Jammu PP Phallian Mandal. DMO Jammu tors of the law Jammu Police has Police in which police teams of PS was also intimated about the initiated strict action.

Airtel in partnership with Ericsson successfully tests India's first RedCap technology on its 5G network

Bharti Airtel (Airtel), India's premier communi- AR/VR devices. cations solutions provider

Ericsson RedCap is a new radio access network testing, Randeep Sekhon, "With our customers (RAN) software solution CTO, Bharti Airtel says, "At like Airtel continuously that creates new 5G use Airtel we are constantly investing in network cases and enables more pushing the boundaries capabilities to seize the scale down the complex-networks.

5G connections from on technological inno- opportunities offered by ity, size and capabilities of

dation of RedCap in India. network slicing.

and Ericsson (NASDAQ: lution of 5G technology to will enable futuristic IoT ERIC) today announced cater for the use cases that broadband adoption for the successful testing of are not yet best served by devices including wear-Ericsson's pre-commer- current new radio (NR) ables and industrial sencial Reduced Capability specifications. Compared sors in a way that is both (RedCap) software on the to LTE device category cost and energy efficient. Airtel 5G network. Car- 4, RedCap offers similar RedCap's broader appliwith Qualcomm Tech- latency, device energy innovation agenda to nologies, Inc. using its 5G efficiency and spectrum bring out newer applitesting on 5G TDD net- the potential to support industries and enterpriswork represents the first 5G NR features such as es." Sandeep Hingorani, implementation and vali- enhanced positioning and Head of Network Solu-

efficiency."

broadening the ecosystem both the consumer and industrial spaces.

devices such as smart- vations to find ways to 5G, the commercializa- device platforms to offer watches, other wearables, enhance customer expetion of RedCap capabilicost-efficient integration and industrial sensors and rience. The successful ties will enable them to into devices such as smarttesting of RedCap tech- grow their consumer watches and industrial RedCap is the next evo- nology on our network business and enable new sensors. This approach industry applications, all facilitates diverse use while improving network cases that may not always performance and energy require the high-performance capabilities of Ericsson RedCap will current 5G technology. open up a new world of Some consumer applicapossibilities for commutions that can benefit from ried out in collaboration data rates with improved cability, will further our nications service pro- RedCap are wearables viders, allowing for the and augmented reality/ introduction of services virtual reality. Industrial RedCap test module, the efficiency. There is also cations for consumers, beyond enhanced mobile applications include video broadband (eMBB) on 5G monitoring and inventory standalone architecture, management.For Bharti Airtel, RedCap can also tions for Customer Unit and offering new moneti- improve operational effi-Commenting on the Bharti at Ericsson states, zation opportunities in ciencies with optimized cost structures accelerating the industry 4.0 trans-RedCap can effectively formation with 5G private

DLL organizes career counselling programme at KV Sunjuwan



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12th in its premises.

leen Kour, Sr. Assistant usefulness of psychomet-programme.

Professor, Department ric tests. The programme of Commerce, JU was provided knowledge the resource person. Dr. about the career pros-Employment Information Rewa Khajuria, Counsel- pects in these streams. Cum Advisory Bureau lor, EIAB, DLL organised About 44 students of the (EIAB), Department of the programme. Dr. school while giving feed-Lifelong Learning (DLL) Harleen Kour informed back appreciated the proin collaboration with Ken- the students about the gramme. They were very driya Vidyalaya Sunjuwan career prospects and fur- much interested in knowtoday organised a career ther study options after ing the options available counselling programme completing schooling in for them as board exams for the students of class Science and Commerce are approaching and they streams. Dr. Rewa Kha- are in dire need of such The programme was juria apprised the stu-programmes. The teachheld under the guid- dents about importance ers of the school namely ance of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, of career counselling. Manju Sharma and Sonika Director, DLL. Dr. Har- She also explained the were also present in the

Police arrested 05 drug peddlers

in Budgam JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, OCT 19

their possession.

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested 05 drug peddlers in Budgam and recovered contraband substances from

A police party of Police Station Budgam during naka checking at Gudsathoo near petrol pump Budgam intercepted two suspicious persons who tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully by the alert police party. During search, 9.3Kgs of Poppy Straw concealed in a bag was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Amar Chand son of Murti Ram resident of Arnahali Rohan Nawan Shahr Punjab and Rohit Kumar son of Parasholam Lal resident of Mahal Gailan Shaheed Bagat Singh Nagar Punjab.

Similarly, during naka checking at Zabgul, a police party of Police Station Beerwah intercepted a vehicle (Maruti 800) bearing Registration No JKO1H-0343 with three persons on board who tried to flee from the spot however police party chased and apprehended them tactfully. During search, 10Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Ganie son of Ghulam Mohd Ganie and Tanvir Ahmad Ganie son of Ghulam Mohd Ganie, both residents of Rakhwachoo and Bashir Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Ahad Dar resident of Sholipora.

All the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. The vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and further investigation has been

We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

Col Mahan stresses for promoting religious tourism in J&K

KATHUA, OCT 19

Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) in Kathua, visited Shri Narsingh Mandir in Ghagwal and prayed for peace and prosperity of the Union Territory.

During his visit, the DDC Chairman highlighted the enormous potential of religious tourism of India." in the Union Territory. He called upon all stakeholdgious tourism on a large referred to as the "Crown country.



Furthermore, the DDC ers to collaborate syner- holders to explore the who accompanied him gistically to promote relipossibility of creating to the historic Mandir. At him about certain issues scale. He pointed out that Jammu region to fully har- Puja and inspected the around the Jandi Fort to occasions such as Navra-ness the Union Territory's arrangements. tras offer opportunities tourism potential. He to attract a significant noted that religious tour- Mahan Singh visited Shri number of tourists, and ism could not only boost Shakti Maa Kali Mandir well, lighting arrangeby enhancing facilities tourism but also foster in Jandhi, Hiranagar. He ments, landscaping, and and ensuring the well- harmony in a region was received by Sudesh being of visitors, these characterized by diverse Sharma, BJP Mandal Pradmoments can be used to cultures and versatile han, Rajinder Bakshi, showcase the hospitality opportunities, along with Karan Kumar (DDC of the people of Jammu enchanting landscapes Member from Marheen), and Kashmir, often that are unique across the and others.

warmly received by BJP

The DDC Chairman early redressal.

Earlier, Col Mahan was also interacted with Mahant Krishna Giri and Chairman urged stake- leader Rashpal Verma, members of the Mandir Committee. They briefed various pilgrim circuits in the temple, he performed and conducted a site tour suggest improvements, Subsequently, Colonel including the development of a historic dug other enhancements.

The DDC Chairman assured to resolve their issues on priority basis by taking the same with authorities concerned for

IIT Jammu hosts SMVDU Students on 75th Anniversary of Transistor

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JAMMU, OCT 19

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu hosted a group of students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) on the occasion of the "75th Anniversary of Transistor," organized by the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society"



MP chapter). The stu- ance on pursuing higher event.

opportunity for students (CASS) and briefed about ful to the Head of the to delve into the world of the membership benefits Department of Electroncutting-edge research and of the scientific societies ics and Communication, innovation. The eminent and the cutting-edge 5-nm Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj speakers during the event technology designing in for arranging this wonderincluded Mr. Preet Yadav IIT Kanpur labs through ful visit and to Dr. Vikram (Manager Chair, IEEE CASS videos and presentations. Singh (Assistant Profes-Delhi chapter), Dr. Yogesh The visit concluded with sor) for accompanying the Singh Chauhan (Prof. IIT an engaging Q&A session, students on the trip. Dr. Kanpur and IEEE EDS UP during which the SMVDU Neeraj Tripathi (AP) for chapter), and Dr. Santosh students had the oppor- encouraging the B. Tech Kumar Vishvakarma (Prof. tunity to interact with the (ECE) 1st semester stu-IIT Indore and IEEE CASS speakers and seek guid- dents to participate in this

students were organised

J&K Women carrying heaviest burden of CBC's multimedia exhibition in Katra lingering undemocratic rule: Shameema

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference women's wing said that the women of Jammu and Kashmir Carry the heaviest burden of the lingering Dansal, Rajni Devi BDC economic backwardness undemocratic rule.

Women's Wing State Presiconvention at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu.

Bimla Luthra State Vice



Chairperson and District of women in Jammu and This was said by the President Samba Women Kashmir, Ladakh. Wing, Vijay Lakhshmi dent Shameema Firdous Datta, Rita Gupta, Dilshad while addressing mam- Malik, Rashida Begum, moth one-day women's Pinky Khalsa District been marked by widen-President Jammu Urban The convention was Sharma, District Presi- ployment, development she said. organized by Satwant dent Jammu Rural B, Dogra, Provincial Presi- Kousar Parveen District uncertainty has affected Sadhotra former minis- Bhagat District President women are the worst sufter and Additional Gen- Reasi, V. D Sharista Diseral Secretary, Rattan Lal trict President Udhampur Jammu Province and Babu itri Devi District President effect on the dignity and Rampal former minister Udhampur Urban, Mehmwho were present include Devi, Neelam and others. by providing administra-

Chairperson Ramban, the party in ameliorating er can restore the lost dig-Shamim Begum DDC the socio-political and nity of our mothers and women," she added.

In her address, Shameema Firdous said, deficit and deepening ferers of them. Prevailing lives of women," she said, The functionaries who tive comfort and cushion

sisters in the manner as was envisioned by Madre Maharban." "It was Sher e Kashmir

who brought women of Jammu and Kashmir into the political discourse. It was NC that took upon itself to change the fate of women of J&K under its revolutionary Nava Kashmir manifesto. In the later decades also, whenever "Post 2015 situation has NC was in power, it left no stone unturned to transing gender disparity in form its vision of empow-Women Wing, Daljeet the region. Rising unem- ering women into reality,"

"As contemporary women of Jammu and dent JKNC Jammu. Ajay President Kathua, Anju everyone in the region but Kashmir are suffering from more predictable issues as a result of conflict, housepolitical or social issues hold violence, dowry, Gupta Provincial President Rural Women Wing, Sav- have had a devastating destitution, poverty and unemployment there has been no headway towards and Central Zone Presi- ooda Lone District Presi- adding, "We in NC deem it bolstering the socio, ecodent also attended the dent Rajouri Urban Asha incumbent on our part to nomic and political prosconvention. Among those Mehra, Priyanaka, Soma reduce these inequalities pects of women. The successive governments since 2015 claimed much as an President Women Wing, addressed the gathering to our mothers and sisters. act of tokenism but on Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC highlighted the role of I am hopeful we all togeth- ground nothing was done

continues to pull crowds on 4th day

JI NEWS SERVICE KATRA, OCTO 19

The ongoing eight day

long multimedia exhibition on 9 Years of Seva, Sushashan aur Garib Kalyan organised by the Central Bureau of Communication in Katra saw an appreciable peak in footfall as it entered its fourth day on Thursday.

The exhibition, which organised by CBC's Field ernment Higher Second-

cultural programs.



welfare.

In his address Sh. in collaboration with Govis aimed at the mass Ghulam Abass, Joint ernment Higher Secondawareness of various Director, CBC, J&K and ary School, Katra which public welfare schemes Ladakh region said that included a devotional of the government and awareness is the first step dance competition and the progress made in dif- in the successful imple- tug of war for the girls. ferent sectors during the mentation of public wel- Students from different last nine years, is being fare schemes and CBC schools of the Katra sub works to ensure that the division enthusiastically Office, Udhampur at Gov- masses have the right participated in the events. type of information to get An open quiz on the Cenary School, Katra from the benefits. He said the tral Sector Schemes and October 16 to October 23. multimedia exhibition Centrally Sponsored Information about the at Katra is designed to Schemes was also organwelfare schemes is dis-provide the information ised by CBC earlier in the seminated to the public through a direct interac- day. Prizes and commenin an integrated manner tion between the stake- dation certificates were through photo exhibits, holders and in an easy as awarded to the winners in informative standees, well as entertaining way. each category of the comexpert lectures, IEC mate- Sh. Rahul Kushan, Branch petition at the conclusion rial as well as by medium Head, State Bank of of the program. of performing arts and India(SBI), Katra also addressed the audience integrated communica-District Development and apprised them about tion strategy, empanelled Council(DDC) member, various schemes aimed cultural troupes from dif-Katra, Ms. Nirmala Devi at financial inclusion, self ferent parts of the counpresided over the pro- employment, farmer wel- try continued to enthral ceedings on the fourth fare, social security and the audience with their day. Speaking on the occa- upliftment of the poor performances aimed to sion she appreciated the and the marginalised. He provide information goodwork CBC is doing made a special mention of through entertainment.

As part of the CBC's

for public awareness at Atal Pension Yojana(APY), Apart from the activities the grassroots level. She Pradhan Mantri Surakh- based on the theme of 9 said that the exhibition sha Bima Yojana(PMSBY), Years of Seva, Sushasan is an opportunity for the Kisan Credit Card(KCC), aur Garib Kalyan, the local residents and devo- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan performances also have tees alike to know about a Yojana(PMJDY), National an appeal for national

10.40 grams of heroin recovered by Police Station Janipur Jammu

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area under the jurisdiction sion. of PS Janipur.

upper Roop Nagar Janipur recovered from his posses- Bantalab.

In this regard a case FIR A police team of PS No.114/2023 U/S 8/21/22 Continuing it's drive against Janipur led by SDPO West NDPS Act got registered drug trafficking and sub- Vikram Singh assisted in PS Janipur and accused stance abuse, Jammu Police by SHO PS Janipur Inspr. was arrested. The accused achieved major success by Sikander Singh while on arrested was later identified recovering 10.40 grams patrolling duty rounded as: Deepak Khajuria S/o Lt. of heroin from an accused up one suspect. On search, Som Raj Khajuria R/o Upper during patrolling duty at 10.40 grams of heroin was Krishna Nagar Jammu A/P

Further investigation of sible step to make people the cases is going on.

especially youth aware to Jammu police is working eradicate drug menace. We intensively to uproot the request people of the area chains of drug supply in the to come forward and share region and thorough ques- information about drug tioning of the accused is peddling or consumption going on to know the origin on 9086100100 or 100 with of the drugs supply chain. Police for the cause. Your Jammu Police is striving identity will be kept confihard and taking every pos- dential.

spectrum of schemes and Livelihoods Mission(NLM) integration, communal programmes being run by and PM MUDRA yojana. harmony under Ek Bharat Various activities for Shreshtha Bharat. the government for public

Dr Karan Singh, Vikramaditya assess damage caused to Ranbireshwar Temple, vow to restore temple building to its original shape



JAMMU, OCTOBER 19

Chairman Trustee of J&K

due to heavy rainfall and from outside the UT. lightning which struck the temple on Tuesday.

Singh reached the historilater, the building will be on scientific audit of the this natural catastrophe

performed Pooja. Dr Karan giving a green signal to the Dharmarth Trust, and Singh expressed deep former Member of Parlia- concern over the damage normal course of offering ment, Dr. Karan Singh and caused to the temple after prayers. Speaking with Vikramaditya Singh, Trust- the lightning struck the media persons, Vikramadee of Trust and former ancient building holding a MLC on Thursday assessed lot of significance among from Srinagar directly to damaged caused to Shri the devotees of Lord Shiva the temple, said that it was Ranbireshwar Temple hailing from J&K and even the grace of the Almighty

In a press briefing, the Dharmarth Trust is comoccurred two days back. former Member Parlia- mitted to restore the pris-The Chairman Trustee also ment also assured that tine glory of the temple but Pooja in the temple premvisited inside the temple the concerned govern- it is not in favour of com- ises.



premises, took stock of ment agencies shall be the whole temple com- approached for the safety plex, paid obeisance and audit of the building before devotees to resume the itya Singh, who has came that no loss of life or injury After a thorough assess- was reported despite colment of the damaged por- lapse of the building due Moved by the unfortu-tion, Dr Karan Singh has to incessant rain and lightnate incident, Dr Karan assured that sooner than ning. He also laid stress cal temple directly after restored to its original entire building for its strucarriving at Jammu Airport shape as already the restotural viability and safety as he was in Delhi when ration work is in progress. concerns. He said that

promising on the matter of safety and therefore every possible step will be taken prior to its reconstruction to ensure safety of the building.

"The J&K Dharmarth Trust remains resolute in its commitment to preserve this revered place of worship and ensure the safety of all those who visit Shri Ranbireshwar Temple. The restoration process will proceed with the utmost care and diligence, underscoring the trust's dedication to upholding the spiritual heritage of the region", he added. Later, the former MLC has also paid obeisance and performed

Amit Shah engaged in a dialogue with 200 tribal youths from country

JAMMU: OCT 19

Union Home Minister and

Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, engaged with 200 tribal youth on Oct 18 under the Tribal Youth Exchange Program (TYEP) in New Delhi. The initiative, led by the Ministry of Home Affairs for 15 years, aims to bridge the gap between tribal youth from Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected areas and the nation. Shri Shah emphasized the pivotal role tribal youth can play in eradicating the idea of Left Wing Extremism from the country. He highlighted that LWE ideology hinders the country's progress and urged for integration of tribal youth into mainstream society for a brighter future. He also announced the construction of 10 tribal museums to honour freedom fight-

During the interaction, Shri Shah emphasized the multitude of opportunities available to the tribal community in contemporary India. He took pride in highlighting that Smt. Droupadi Murmu, a tribal

Additionally, the Home employment opportuni-Minister announced a sig-ties and advocated for the nificant endeavour - the integration of tribal youth construction of 10 tribal museums across the nation, at an estimated honour the sacrifices made independence. Addressing the issue of

Left Wing Extremism, Shri background. He emphanewfound knowledge and Shah underlined the det- sized that one's birthplace experiences, fostering a rimental impact of such is inconsequential; it is sense of empowerment ideologies on the country's progress. He emphasized that those opposing the establishment of essential infrastructure like mobile towers and roads in affect-nessed the participation tribal youth, equipping ed regions were obstruct- of 25,880 youngsters from them with the tools and ing the path to a prosper-tribal communities, with knowledge needed to ous future for the youth. a remarkable surge in shape a brighter future woman, currently serves Shri Shah stressed that engagement over recent for themselves and their

into mainstream society.

The Home Minister urged the tribal youth to cost of Rs 200 crore, to be ambassadors of progress, sharing the message by tribal freedom fighters that India is advancing in tion. during India's struggle for all sectors, with abundant for individuals from tribal the effort and contribu- and unity within their tions made in life that truly

as the President of India. violence cannot generate years. In the last nine communities.

years alone, 20,700 youth have participated, marking a substantial increase from previous figures. In the current year, a recordbreaking 5000 young men and women are partaking in TYEP, a significant augmentation from the 2000 participants in previous years.

TYEP offers an array of enriching experiences, including interactions with constitutional authorities, exposure trips to industries, skill development, and cultural programs. Participants also have the opportunity to engage with accomplished individuals in various fields, providing them with valuable insights and inspira-

As the TYEP particiopportunities available pants return to their native areas, they will share their communities. This program stands as a testa-Since its inception ment to the government's in 2006, TYEP has wit- commitment to uplifting

SMVDU Alumni played a Key Role in Chandrayaan-3, LVM 3 Rocket

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 19

Jeetendra Kumar, Alumni of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir; has made an important contribution to India's Chandrayaan 3 mission to the Moon and the LVM As the aerospace sector alumni.



3 rocket that carried it. continues to evolve, He is serving as Scientist SMVDU's legacy of proin ISRO and working in ducing skilled profession-Cryogenic Engine of LVM als remains an essential 3 Launch Vehicle. He cornerstone. Commendwas the integral member able efforts exemplify the of the prestigious Chan- quality of education and drayaan-3 Space Mission, skills imparted by SMVD showcasing the institu- University, positioning its tion's commitment to alumni as pioneers in cutproducing exceptional ting-edge fields. Faculty engineering talent. The and staff members of the Chandrayaan-3 Space Department of Mechani-Mission, a testament to cal Engineering, Prof. India's technological prog- E. Muthuswamy, Head ress, serves as a reminder Department of Mechaniof the valuable contribu- cal Engineering and Prof. tions made by institutions Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chansuch as SMVD University cellor of SMVD University, in shaping the nation's expressed immense pride human resource capital. in the achievements of the

Devotional Song Competition entered



Builders Ashram Complex with leges including P.G.M.A.M active support of District College Jammu. Administration and the local host Community enthralled the audience entered in its 3rd day with his powerful voice today, was inaugurated at Yog Ashram Complex dancing on his tunes and in the evening by light- like wise Former winner ing of a traditional lamp of All India Devotional by small Kanyas(girls) whereas Joint Director Tourism Sunaiyana Sharma who was Chief on the occasion, Addl. SP Katra Vipin Chandra, Dy. SP Katra S S Billowria ,celebrity Singer Balraj,Former winner of All India Devotional Sharma, Swami Yoganand ji Maharaj,Chairman All Committee & President Rakesh Wazir and others occassion.

On the third night, Stenzin from Ladakh took 1st position,whereas 2nd position was shared by Aarav Wazir from Katra which would comprise of and Rajeev Yogi from 1st positions holders of Jammu & 3rd position was bagged by Vanshika winners of quarter Final Dogra from Udhampur and Quarter Final would and Aayati Sharma from be held on 21st Oct. and Jammu among the 9 audi- Semi Final on 22nd Oct. tioned participants and respectively. The live telewere provided with the cast of the event is availcash prizes of 10,000/- able on Mh1 from 9 PM , 5,000/- (jointly) and onwards daily.

3,000/- (jointly), by the

Devotional Usha Bhagati Ex.HOD

Celebrity singer Balraj and people were seen Song Competition Anshu Sharma too graced the occasion with his stunning performances.

their entry into Semi Final preliminary rounds and

Maa Chandi Welfare Trust's journey from devotion to transformation



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The Chandi Mata Mandir at Doulha in Tehsil Bani, District Kathua, is renowned for its spiritual significance, attracting regions of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as outsiders. For the past 15 years, Trust has been tirelessly serving these devotees, providing a range of essential services and service. support, all at no cost to the beneficiaries.

The Maa Chandi Welfare Trust has been instrumental in ensuring that the pilgrims' jourhassle-free. The Trust has been providing arrangements for food, lodging, and accommodation to devotees, allowing them to focus on their religious the community, embodycern for logistical chal-

One of the remarkable life. The Trust is also gear- devotees.

ing up for its 10th eye surgery camp, continuing its commitment to addressing eve health concerns

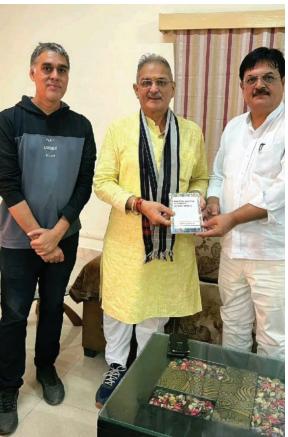
services, the Maa Chandi Welfare Trust extends devotees from various its support to those in need, such as victims of accidents and underprivileged girls seeking marthe Maa Chandi Welfare riage. The Trust's dedication to social welfare exemplifies its holistic approach to community

The Maa Chandi Welfare Trust operates with the dedicated efforts of approximately 400 members who work tirelessly to make these initiatives ney to the shrine is not possible. Their selfless only spiritually fulfilling commitment has posibut also comfortable and tively impacted the lives of countless individuals over the years.

journey without any con- ing the spirit of selflessness and compassion. The continued support and contributions from volunteers, donors, and well-wishers have been Trust is the organization instrumental in sustaining the Trust's noble endeavors. As the Maa Chandi Welfare Trust marks its the Trust has successfully 15th year of service, it conducted several eye reaffirms its commitment surgery camps over the to providing a helping years. This initiative has hand to those in need and greatly benefited indi- making the pilgrimage to viduals with eye-related Chandi Mata Mandir an health issues, improving enriching and memotheir vision and quality of rable experience for all

benefit of Modi Govt's policies: Kavinder

Youth should take



JI NEWS SERVICE RAJASTHAN, OCT 19

Rajasthan today, a subfessor Anurag Sharma, ment.

During the meeting, Kavinder Gupta emphasized the youth-oriented empowering and engagpolicies introduced by ing the youth, who reprethe Modi government in sent the future of India.

India. numerous initiatives and

the key initiatives taken said.

by the Modi government which include Skill India, Start-up India, Digital In the vibrant capital of India, Make in India, etc. He acknowledged the edustantive discussion took cational reforms aimed at place between Kavinder providing quality educa-Gupta, senior BIP leader tion, modernizing curand former Deputy Chief ricula, and promoting Minister, J&K UT, and Pro-research and innovation.

The senior BJP leader Director of the Center for also stressed that these Entrepreneurship and initiatives have collective-Skill Development at Raj- ly created an environment asthan University, in pres- in which young Indians ence of Ashutosh Joshi, are encouraged to dream National Coordinator of big, innovate, and contribthe Indian Youth Parlia- ute to the country's development.

The meeting underscored the importance of

Gupta expressed his The BJP leader high- optimism about the translighted the government's formative power of these unwavering commitment youth-centric policies, to empowering the youth which, he believes, will of the nation. He spoke pave the way for a prospassionately about the perous and vibrant India.

The meeting provided policies implemented a platform for a robust under Prime Minister exchange of ideas and Narendra Modi's leader- perspectives, reaffirming ship, which are designed the BJP's commitment to to harness the potential of empowering the youth the country's young popu- and ensuring their active participation in India's Kavinder threw light on development journey, he

SP Katra Flags Off Navratra Prabhat Pheri

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 19

Today an impressive prab- Vipin Chandran superintenhat pheri was taken out dant of police katra flagged on the 5th day of Navratra off the prabhat pheri in Festival Katra from bus presence of BMO katra Dr stand katra on the eve of Gopal Dutt , Sh. Shiv Kumar fifth navratra of Maa Skan- Sharma president senior

from katra and outside state the red ribbon and breaking joined the prabhat pheri the green coconut. .The devotees were singing bhajans & dancing on the under the leadership of Sh. tunes of drums enroute the Shivaji Shelke and Narayan prabhat pheri . The local Shinde participated in people in their areas wel- the prabhat pheri. Groups comed & greeted the par- of central bureau of comticipants of the procession munication comprising of

via banganga road was wel- ship of Sh.Durga Parshad. comed by crpf assistant commandant Sh. Arvind sion chief guest impressed Kumar and SI Bhanwar upon the participants to Singh under the overall dedicate ourselves to the supervision of Sh. Y R service & welfare of the Bunkar commandant crpf needy people & perform 6th battalion along with our duties without thinking their team at crpf gate about rewards, good results darshani deodi where their will definitely follow after crpf personnels greeted the right actions.

participants and offered the

by showering flower petals j&k,,rajasthan,orrisa and Today the prabhat pheri devotees participated in after passing through shiv large numbers in the parbmandir, chintamani mandir hat pheri under the leader-

refreshment. Earlier chief guest Sh. citizen welfare forum katra Hundreds of devotees and R S Manhas by cutting

Maharashtrian devotees

Speaking on the occa-

into its 3rd day

JI NEWS SERVICE distinguished guests. KATRA, OCT.19.23 All India Devotional Song Competition was Song Competition as adjudged by the panels of a part of Navratra Fes- experts in music includtival 2023 being orga- ing Dr. Surinder Sharma nized by SMVD Shrine Head of the department Board, Deptt. of J&K Govt. Degree College San-Tourism, Mh1 in associa- joli Himachal Pradesh, Dr. tion with J&K Bank, Nice CL Verma, Ex Chairman, Gems, DIVINITI, Nidheesh Post Graduate University Jammu of Himachal Pradesh,& Pvt.Ltd.,Pure Roots, Vishwayatan Yog Music many degree col-

were also present on the

The proceeding of Competition was conducted by Sh.Rakesh Wazir who is also the Chairman of the said Competition, who while Song Competition Anshu speaking on the occasion said that The Grand finale of the All India Devotional India Devotional Song Song Competition will be held on 23rd Oct. whereas Hotel Association Katra Semi Final would be held on 22nd Oct.and Quarter Final on 21st Oct.and as per procedure 2nd & 3rd position holders of preliminary rounds will compete on quarter for

initiatives undertaken by the Maa Chandi Welfare of free eye surgery camps. With the invaluable support of Dr. Satish Gupta,

in the region. In addition to medical

The Trust remains steadfast in its mission to serve the devotees and

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Chander Mohan listens to public grievances



JAMMU, OCT 19

J&K BJP Vice-President & for long. former Mayor accompanied by party secretary individuals from Kachi Vikas Choudhary and Chawni, Bohri Talab Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Tillo, RS Pura, Chowki Incharge Dil Bahadur Choiura, Gangal, Doda, Singh Jamwal, listened to Bamyal, Marh Darbi, the grievances of people Nagrota, Preet Nagar, during weekly Public Patoli, Chor Panjian, Darbar at party head- Baba Kailakh, Raipur, quarter, Jammu.

nor Swachh Bharat Abhi-drains, restoration of yaan was also present on water supply, new pipe the occasion.

Chander to a deputation of daily in school etc. wagers, said that the BJP is sincerely working for that the BJP leaders took the quick disposal of their up every issue of the visitissues. He said that this ing deputations with the long pending issue has concerned department caused much suffering to officials for early disposthe hard working employ- als. While many of their ees as well as their fami- issues were resolved on lies, who provide their the spot, for others, writservices on ground in ten and oral communicavarious essential servic- tions were made with the es departments. He said concerned. that BJP stands with them

higher levels. employees. However, and policies.

the BJP Government has always thought of their welfare and would not Chander Mohan Gupta, let their issue linger on

Deputations and Nowshera presented TK Sharma, Co-conveissues related to lanes, line, establishment of Mohan Library, sanction of SRTC Gupta, while speaking Bus Route, teaching staff

Vikas Choudhary said

Dil Bahadur Singh in their just demands and Jamwal said that the is pursuing the issue at all administration should ensure necessary pro-Gupta said that already vision to provide minithere is much delay and mum genuine monthly hence injustice with allowances to maintain these hard working livelihood of their famiemployees, who were lies. He said that in lack exploited by the earlier of adequate recruitment governments. He said in the departments, the that all these self-centric sufficient arrangements parties ignored the genu- must be ensured under ine issues faced by these admissible provisions

Ch Manmohan urges Govt to compensate hailstorm-hit farmers for crop damages

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 19

Ch. Manmohan Singh, least Rs 5000 per kanal President of the All India to help farmers recover Jat Maha Sabha, Jammu from their losses. This and Kashmir, and former assistance is seen as Mayor Jammu, has raised essential for their surserious concern over the vival, especially in the extensive damage to the face of the current era of standing crops of farm- high inflation, he added. ers due to recent rains and hailstorms in Jammu President expressed his region.

here today, Ch. Man- the Minimum Support mohan Singh has urged Price (MSP) of wheat by both the State and Cen- Rs 150 per quintal which tral Governments to take seems to be a comimmediate action in com- mendable step towards pensating the affected supporting the farmfarmers for their losses. ing community. He also He asked government acknowledged the proto immediately direct active efforts of the BJP the officials of Revenue, Government in working Agriculture and Horti- for the welfare of the culture Departments to farming sector. assess the losses being derstorm.

sowing their crops. In border fence.

light of this, he urged the government to provide a compensation of at

The Jat Maha Sabha gratitude to the Prime In a statement issued Minister for increasing

He asserted that the faced by farmers due to Central Government recent rains and thun- headed by PM Modi has launched several He stated that during schemes for the welfare the previous instance of of the farming commucrop damage, the prom- nity. He asked what the ised compensation was point of such schemes not delivered, resulting was if farmers were not in considerable distress compensated at the time among the farming com- of need. Ch. Manmohan munity. With their liveli- Singh also raised conhoods hinging solely on cern over the plights of agriculture, the lack of farmers whose land has compensation has exac- come under the border erbated their challenges. fence due to which they Ch. Manmohan Singh are unable to cultivate emphasized the bumper their fields nor they have crop yield this season, compensated till date. which has been marred He urged the Defence by the unrelenting rains Minister and Modi govand hailstorms. He men- ernment to look into the tioned that a farmer matter and release adehas spent a minimum quate compensation to amount of Rs 3000 such farmers who land to 4000 per kanal for has come under the

Shah's assertion on library carry significance: Prof. Mohtra



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion that libraries should be built to connect with history, Nanaji Deshmukh library and E-library Incharge and BJP senior leader logue Nanaji Deshmukh. Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, said that the views of the former National President BJP Headquarters, Trikuta speak about the importance of libraries.

said that in the present party leaders and activage of fast life with young ists, many students, scholgeneration more busy with social media need to be encouraged to get read books of their need. themselves acquainted There are many such stuwith the history and the most authentic material for reading is available in libraries only.

The Union Home Minister is totally right when he expressed hope that more says that libraries should and more people will get be built to connect the benefited from the library. youngsters with the hislibraries have been servone roof for long times.

said that the BJP under- & E-library by Amit Shah, stands the need and the then National Presiimportance of setting dent of the Party.

up of libraries and Amit Shah's assertions strengthen the party's belief about a library.

He said that like other states, Jammu and Kashmir BJP too has set up a library dedicated to one of the most popular ideo-

He said that this library situated in the premises of Nagar, Jammu, has a large collection of books on Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra varied subjects. Besides ars, books reading lovers visit the library daily and dents who are preparing for competitive exams and spent time in this library for reading.

Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra

He also recalled the old tory, language and culture days of the times when of the country, said Prof. J&K BJP set up library and Mohtra, adding that the also shared the photograph of the moments of ing many purposes under the auspicious occasion of the inauguration of Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra Nana ji Deshmukh library

IIT Jammu's 4th Convocation set to Award Degrees to 268 **Graduating Students**

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The Indian Institute of Kumar Saraf, Chairman Technology (IIT Jammu) of the Board of Goveris gearing up for its nors at IIT Jammu, will much-anticipated 4th also grace the convoca-Convocation, sched- tion with his esteemed uled to take place on presence. October 22, 2023. This their remarkable achieve-tions.

and luminaries from the vocation will witness the world of academia and unveiling of the "Desire industry will grace the Wings," a sculpture occasion. The convoca- dedicated to the outgotion ceremony is set to ing batch of 2023. This be enriched by the pres-stunning creation is the ence of Prof A Sivathanu work of renowned artist Pillai, a Padma Bhushan Sumedh Rajendran from & Padma Shri Awardee, New Delhi. The sculpture Former Chief Control- symbolises the extraorler of R&D at DRDO, and dinary power of human Founder CEO and MD imagination to transcend of BrahMos Aerospace. borders and boundaries, Prof Pillai's remarkable bridging gaps between contributions to the field of defence and aerospace geographical areas. will undoubtedly inspire the graduates. The commencement speaker for this auspicious event is Prof Noam Shpancer from Otterbein University, USA. In his inspirational message, Prof Shpancer encourages the graduating students to be fearless and emphasises the importance of the three Cs: Courage, Curiosity, and Caring. He urges them to embrace courage, nurture their curiosity, and prioritise caring for others, quot-

ing the famous psycholo-

gist Sigmund Freud, who

once said, "How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved." Dr. Sharad

Dr. Saraf extends his prestigious event will warm congratulations bestow degrees upon to all the graduating stu-268 exceptional graduat- dents, emphasising that ing students, including they are not just gradu-179 BTech Students, 73 ates but ambassadors of MTech Students, and 16 the esteemed institution. PhD students. Notably, He has full confidence 11 outstanding scholars that they will continue will be honoured with the legacy of excellence medals in recognition of and humanistic inven-

As part of the institu-Distinguished guests tion's tradition, the conpeople living in different

Notice

My Mother's name have been wrongly written as Sonu Devi instead of Sonu Sharma in 8th Class Marks Card under Roll No 8600942 Session 2022-23. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days.

> Saneha Sharma D/o Madal Lal

Rekha inaugurates "Karva Chauth Ustav" expresses India on path of Devp led by women

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A women's weekend com-

menced today as per the

Dogra ceremonies. Jammu women geared up to commemorate "Karwa Chauth Utsav" in style in Zone by the park in Jammu. The event exemplifies the enlightening of the traditional lamp in the esteem presence of BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Sanjita Dogra BJP Mahila Morcha President, Anita Gandotra, Geetanjali Mahajan, Neeru Anand, Poonam Gupta, Pumi Choudhary, Mahila



assembled to celebrate the dresses, Jewellery and Karwa Chauth Utsav in an handmade Bangles, Wedextravagant slam style. ding Trousseau packing, The Karwa Chauth Utsav Handbags and clutches, in collaboration with many and many more attrac-Morcha District Presi- sponsors highlights the tive items. Hundreds of in the name of women. dent Divya Jain and other carnival event in the shape women and young girls prominent women of the of a grand mela to create a were seen shopping in this have been given to women society. The program is sparkle in the festival spirit blended and organized of thousands of strong attires. by a young enterprising women and girls who will woman Divya Abrol. On fast for their husbands on speaking after inaugurat- in developing the confithe extravaganza occa- Karwa Chauth which is on sion, Rekha Mahajan 1 November. Special fea- occasion of Karwa Chauth. all women in I&K under along with Sanjita Dogra tures in this grand mela She asserted that the grand the visionary supervision flanked by many women are a wide range of festive and outstanding function of PM Modi.

grand event in their festive

shows how we are connected with our traditional rituals. She stated Women are the reflection of ethics, loyalty, decisiveness, and leadership in all formats. Rekha said our Vedas and tradition have given a call that women should be able and capable of giving a new dimension to the nation under the clairvoyant leadership of PM Modi. Rekha underscored that the Modi-led government is committed to women to encourage and giving new wings under many government schemes, more than 80 percent of the loans under 'Standup India' are About 70 percent of loans under Mudra Yojana. She counted that local vocal is Rekha Mahajan, while also playing a crucial role ing a celebration on the dence and upliftment of

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. JSPHEMK/180 OF 2023-24 Dated: 17-10-2023

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

Particulars of the Work Estimated Tender fee Earnest money Bid Time of Validity Cost (in Rs) Deposit Completion of (Lacs) work (days) Providing, installation, testing and Rs. 67.44 1000/-50000/-150days (pledged to Non-Refundable) days commissioning of pumping machinery Executive In the shape of Engineer, Ja Treasury and electro-mechanical works along Shakti PHE Challan/e-Challan with allied jobs to be executed at Mechanical or through RTGS Division water supply scheme Tarafbala of in favour of the Kathua) Executive Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Sub Division Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Kathua of Kathua District of UT of Mechanical J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Division Kathua

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Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

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

Critical Dates:	

i	Publish Date	17-10-2023
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	17-10-2023
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	21-10-2023 (02:00 PM)
iv	Bid submission start date	18-10-2023
v	Bid submission end date	09-11-2023 (04:00 PM)
vi	Date and time of Bid opening	10-11-2023 (01:00 PM onward)

Bid downloaded from the documents

www.jktenders.gov.in

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

No: JSPHEMK/4349-61 Dated 17-10-2023

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

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JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCTOBER 19

DIC Kulgam organizes Awareness programme at ITI Kund Kulgam

The District Industries

Centre (DIC) Kulgam

today organized an

awareness programme at

Industrial Training Insti-

tute (ITI) Kund Kulgam. During the programme, resource per-

sons delivered lectures

on, New Central Sector

Scheme for industrial

development of J&K

2021, MSME, PMEGP and

other schemes and pro-

India brush aside Bangladesh Art Exhibition to be held to stay unbeaten



AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, OCT 19

Bangladesh in Pune on Rohit tried to keep a ball Wednesday (October 19) down but ended up findto stay unbeaten in the ing the fielder stationed 2023 ODI World Cup. After at the deep to fall for 48. restricting Bangladesh to However, in the same a par score of 256/8, India over, Bangladesh failed to with ease after significant man as Kohli was handed contributions from their two free-hits to get going. top order. While Shub- With India flying, Banglaman Gill hit a fifty, Rohit desh badly needed wick-ODI century.

scintillating form in the Iyer ensured there were and Litton Das opened. A last two games, teed off no hiccups. early yet again. After finding the boundary twice in on top of the chase even the next five to put up 63 the very first over, Rohit after Iyer's dismissal as on the board in the powtook on Shoriful Islam KL Rahul joined forces erplay. again in his next over for with Kohli for the finisha four and a six over deep ing act. The last few overs out Hardik Pandya, who midwicket to race to 21 were all about Kohli get- had to leave the field in to guide his side past 250. off just 13 balls. Gill, who ting to his century. At one the powerplay for scans made a watchful start ini- point when Rahul was on his left ankle. The two tially, broke free with two batting on 33, Kohli was batters continued to milk (Litton Das 66, Tanzid sixes off Nasum Ahmed as on 73 with India needing the bowling attack before India got off to an excel- only 28 for the win. When Kuldeep Yadav and Ravinlent start in the chase.

deployed the short-ball opportunity to get to a ton opening stand by trapping Mehidy Hasan 2/47) by 7 strategy against Rohit and and Rahul duly obliged at Tanzid leg-before-wicket wickets

hit for a four and a six by the India captain. Eventu-

struck to it despite being the other end. He got to and Jadeja ensured the inthe landmark and finished form Najmul Shanto, who the game with a six with was also leading in Shakib India brushed aside ally, the ploy paid off as Rahul staying unbeaten on 34.

Earlier in the day, Bangladesh squandered a very good opportunity to post a strong total on the board after the middle chased down the target build pressure on the new order failed to capitalise on the start provided by their openers. India's new ball bowlers posed questions early on as Banglascored a brisk 48 before ets to storm back into the desh scored just 10 runs Kohli provided the finish- game. Even though they in the first five overs. ing touch with his 48th managed to pack off Gill However, things changed immediately after he got to dramatically in the next Rohit, who has been in his fifty, Kohli and Shreyas five as both Tanzid Hasan flurry of boundaries saw India continued to stay Bangladesh score 53 off

> India were also with-India's No.3 smashed a six dra Jadeja came to India's in 41.3 overs (Virat Kohli Mahmud off Hasan, he sensed an rescue. Kuldeep broke the 103*, Shubman Gill 53;

Al Hasan's absence, didn't make an impact. Wickets then continued to tumble for Bangladesh as they went from 93/0 to 137/4.

With the scoring rate also dropping, India were in total control in the middle phase of the innings. The onus was now on the experienced duo of Mushfigur Rahim and Mahmudullah to guide Bangladesh to a fighting total. While Rahim did keep the scorecard ticking, India struck again just before he could tee off at the death with a little over seven overs left in the innings. Thankfully for Bangladesh, Mahmudullah managed to fetch boundaries off India's pace trio in the final five overs

Brief scores: Bangladesh 256/8 in 50 overs Hasan 51; Ravindra Jadeja 2/38) lost to India 261/3

Inter-district Provincial level Basketball competition/

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 19

YS&S J&K kick-started a spectacular Inter-district Provincial level (KP) Basketball competition/Selection trials for Boys and girls.

The event took place at the picturesque courts of GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal. On the first Day, the competitions for Boys AAG were conducted in which 156 enthusiastic student players from various districts of Kashmir Division participated.

DYSSO Ganderbal, Sheikh Shafqat Iqbal felicitated the meritorious Teams with their welldeserved trophies and also congratulated them all for their success.

He also insisted the student players to keep working very hard in their respective sports/games.

Sports events like these play a crucial role in nurturing talent and promoting physical activity, he



OSC conducts Awareness camp on Sakhi Club at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 19

Ganderbal, the One Stop members. Centre (OSC) team orga-

nized a camp here to was held at two Aanraise awareness about the ganwadi centres located The awareness camp

Sakhi Club and encourage in Sheikh Mohalla and On the direction of voluntary participation Manzpora, within the helpers, and mothers of Deputy Commissioner among the community Block Wakura of Ganderbal district.

The primary aim of this the Sakhi Club.

event was to introduce the community members, including the workers, the Aanganwadi beneficiaries, to the concept of

at SKICC on October 20

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

An Art Exhibition of Jha Choudhary Titled "SANGAM" is being held at SKICC tomorrow from 1200 hours.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The gala event will showcase confluence of Basholi miniature painting and Madhubani paintings. school of pahari paint- its antiquity to ancient 01:00 pm to 05:30 pm.

form is being character- of origin. ised by bold and vibrant folk art associated with Hindu mythology and

Mougal technique. Similarly, Madhubani 1990's. paintings (also known as Mithila paintings) and general public are Basholi miniature paint- originated in the Mithila welcome to visit and witing, considered as first region of Bihar and trace ness the exhibition from

ITeS students of GHS Onagam

ings originated in Jammu times. Both the art forms region, is known for its have been instrumental in vivid, evocative colours, preserving and promoting bold lines and deep-set the rich cultural heritage paintings by Dr. Archana facial patterns. The art of their respective regions

The two different art use of colours, intricate forms reflect the life jourpatterns and geometric ney of the artist, acquirdesigns. It combines the ing Madhubani painting as her heritage and learning Basholi painting on her move to J&K since early

The art lovers, students

grammes of the govern-General Manager DIC, Bashir Ahmad spoke about industrialization and its importance and also sensitized the par-DC Bandipora interacts with ticipants about the dif-

> Department and recently launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme. He also sensitized the participants about prevailing drug addiction and urged them to stay away from such activities

ferent schemes of Industries and Commerce

their goals. He also held a special session regarding career counseling during the programme.

and be focused to achieve

The programme was followed by a question answer session and witnessed a threadbare discussion between the participants and speakers of DIC regarding the hiccups which are being faced by the entrepreneurs while applying/ availing benefits under various schemes of DIC.

Principal ITI Kund, Er. Ishfaq Ahmad Wani delivered a lecture on Skill Development and also informed the trainees about new skill development courses to be introduced in ITI Kund.

attend the meeting while and Information Technolsitting in office which has ogy (MeitY) is the technol-**HKM GDC Bandipora**

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 19

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Thursday interacted with the IT/ITes Students of Government High School Onagam at Video Conferencing Room, Mini-Secretariat Bandipora.

dents visited Rural Business Process Outsourcing tions. (BPO) and National Informatics Centre (NIC).

The DC interacted with the students and urged course they have taken up so that they are motivated to master their skill in the future.

After attending a video conference along with several officers of the valley, Dr Owais told students that earlier he had to personally travel to Srinagar or Jammu to attend the meetings that would consume a lot of time and effort and people would suffer owing to absence of

eral public.

edge besides preparing of NIC in that. students for a competi-

such visits bridge the gap between practical and theory knowledge them to gain practical as it helps students to and got apprised about knowledge about the apply the knowledge they their working. Rural BPO receive in classes to the world outside the school. "It gets them ready to earn their bread and butter along with their studies,"

he added. workings of NIC network ference room, and BPO provide digital infrastrucinsights of the IT related activities.

services enabled him to Ministry of Electronics hometowns.

saved time, and hence, ogy partner of the Governcan give time to the gen- ment of India providing technology-driven solu-Dr. Owais said the aim tions to Central and State of such industrial tours is Governments. They also to equip the students with informed students about practical skills and knowl- the e-Governance and role

Later, the students vis-The students were on an tive job market by exposited Rural BPO, wherein industrial tour to the Mini ing them to real world the students were given Secretariat Bandipora as experience and hands on hands-on training about part of their National Edu-learning opportunities as the working of the BPO. cation Policy (NEP) cur- part of the National Cur- They were informed that riculum wherein the stu-riculum Framework-2005 the Rural BPO was the first (NCF-2005) recommenda- of its kind in Kashmir and was inaugurated by the He told students that Prime Minister of India.

The students interacted with the youth who are working in the rural BPO has so far provided jobs to hundreds of youths of the district.

Experts told the students that the center is equipped with modern During the visit, stu- infrastructure and has dents witnessed the inner been instrumental in the government's Digital India infrastructure, Video con- campaign, which aims to center, gaining practical ture to every citizen of the country. They said the Bandipora BPO center has Experts at NIC said that been a game-changer for officers from their offices. the National Informatics the local youth, enabling He said the IT and ITeS Center (NIC) under the them to work from their

Sri Pratap College organizes **Audition of students for Talent Hunt**

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19

Sri Pratap College, Srinagar organized first of its kind, an audition of students for academics and assured the nator of the event, speaking talent hunt on its campus student gathering on facili- on the occasion emphasized today.

The event was partnered on the campus. by Big FM in different categories of singing, dancing, poetry and stand-up

Principal of the College, explore more such options dents in view of NEP-2020.

Dr. Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi, of career advancement. speaking on the occasion A good number of stuhighlighted the need of overdents participated and showall personality development cased their talent on the day.

of the students besides the Dr. Javaid Hassan, coorditating such similar avenues the importance of signing MOUs with FM, Radio RJ Amir deliberated on Kashmir, Doordarshan and the importance of such other such organizations to events at the college level enhance the quality of expeand inspired the students to riential learning of the stu-

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 19 One Day Multi-Lingual Seerat Conference was Thursday organised by the Literary Club of Hassan Khoyihami Memorial (HKM) Govern-

organises Seerat

Conference

dipora under the theme of 'Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as the Benevolent of Humanity'. Principal GDC Bandipora, Dr Masood Ahmad Malik, faculty members besides a galaxy of the

ment Degree College Ban-

students participated in the programme. Former Professor G. A. Lone was the guest of

honour on the occasion.

The conference commenced with the introductory speech by Dr Masood Ahmad Malik, who elaborated the theme in light of the grace and mercy of the Prophet on humanity.

Besides the speeches by faculty members, the students participated in the speech and Naat competitions. The jury comprising Dr Ashiq Hussain Zargar, Prof Qazi Mohammad Shaheen and Dr Khursheed Ahmad Dar adjudged Tasaduq Parsa, Safia Zameer and Mehnan, and Liagat Hussain, Shameema Nisar and Mehrun Nissa as first, second and third position holders in Speech and Naat Competitions respectively.

Later, the Principal of the college distributed certificates and mementos among the participants.

On the occasion, Dr Masood said that co curricular activities are as important as academics. He congratulated the participants and wished them best of luck for the future.

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