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Firing by Pak rangers along IB continued for around seven hrs, two injured: BSF

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JAMMU, OCT 27

The BSF on Friday said the unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers along the International Border in Jammu targeting Indian posts and civilian areas continued for close to seven hours.

In an official statement, the Border Security Force (BSF) said the Pakistan Rangers fired mortars and used heavy machine guns, leading to two non-fatal casualties.

BSF Constable Basva Raj suffered minor splinter injuries in both hands due to shelling.

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India Mobile Congress 2023 2014 is not a date, but a change: PM

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 27

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, October 27, 2023, launched a fresh broadside against Congress as he termed 2014 as not just a date but a 'badlav' (change) when people rejected outdated phones with frozen screens to choose a government that has transformed the landscape.

Speaking at the India Mobile Congress here, Mr. Modi reeled out statistics to show how India has turned into an exporter of mobile phones from being an importer and how big tech companies – from Apple to Google – are

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Cross-Border firing stops along IB in Jammu, Border dwellers start returning home



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JAMMU, OCT 27

The intermittent exchange of fire between Pakistani Rangers and BSF personnel along the International Border in Arnia and RS Pura sectors of Jammu district ended early Friday, officials said.

Scores of families that had fled the border hamlets overnight after the unprovoked firing by Pakistani Rangers have now started returning to their homes.

A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan and a civilian were injured in the cross-border firing targeting five Indian posts along the

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Lt Governor inaugurates 4th Annual Conference of Indian Economics & Allied Sciences Association at Kashmir University



J1 NEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 4th Annual Conference of Indian Economics & Allied Sciences Association at University of Kashmir, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor appreciated the endeavour of the Indian Economics & Allied Sciences Association for deliberation on India's development strategy of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, Development issues of J&K, Ladakh

and Tribal population in India and comprehensive analysis of policy measures towards the achievement of Viksit Bharat by 2047, during the three-day conference.

Speaking on India's emergence as a strong economic power, the Lt Governor said, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the government policies and programmes for holistic development have put the economy on a sustainable path of high-growth and shaping economic trajectory

of India.

"Today, India is the most favourite destination for trade and investment and we continue to be fastest-growing economy in the world. With the vision of inclusive, progressive and sustainable growth, it is being ensured that fruits of our development percolate to the grassroots," he said.

He called for collective efforts to unlock the potential of growth-oriented sectors and put a special focus on job creation, infrastructure

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Pak firing disrupts weddings in villages along IB, locals flee for safety

J1 NEWS SERVICES
ARNIA, OCT 27

Unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers has marred dozens of weddings in villages along the International Border in Jammu with many forced to make last-minute changes to some rituals as well.

In the case of Ishant Saini and Sangeeta's wedding, a majority of the guests left the feast amid heavy shelling by Pakistan in the R S Pura sector.

The cross-border shelling and firing by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, started

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Wanted Criminal Held In Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

A wanted criminal involved in several cases in Jammu and Kashmir was arrested from Kishtwar district on Friday, police said. Parvaiz Ahmed, of Kishtwar's Dewara area, was evading arrest since 2021, they said. The police teams conducted raids at various locations in the district and arrested the absconder, they said.

Ahmed was involved in several criminal cases registered at several police stations, including Reasi, Udhampur, R S Pura, Bisnah and Kishtwar, they said.

New bills replacing IPC, CrPC, evidence act will be passed soon: Amit Shah

AGENCIES
HYDERABAD, OCT 27

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the three new Bills replacing IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act will be passed in Parliament soon, even as he asserted that the country under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi has adopted a zero tolerance policy against terrorism.

Speaking at the Passing Out parade of IPS probationers at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy here, Shah said there is now a need to move ahead from zero tolerance policy against terror towards zero tolerance strategy and zero tolerance action.

He said India is dispensing with the laws made during the British rule and is entering a new era with new confidence and new hopes.

"The three laws made around 1850 during the British era which are the driving force of our criminal justice system, CrPC, IPC and Evidence Act, the government has made radical changes in the three laws and placed three new laws before the country's parliament," he said.

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Modi took several path breaking decisions for Martyrs' welfare: Dr Jitendra Singh



J1 NEWS SERVICES
SAMBHA, OCT 27

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several path breaking decisions for martyrs' welfare over the last nine years

and unlike the earlier governments, the government headed by him is deeply sensitive and concerned about the welfare of Armed Forces and their martyrs.

No other Government has come out with so many benefits and welfare measures

to take care of the families of martyrs as initiated in the last more than nine years, he said.

"Though the loss of a precious life is irreparable to the family and the nation, the Government is very sensitive to the welfare of the

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Constant endeavour from across LoC to disturb peace, vitiate security environment in J&K: Senior Army Officer

J1 NEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR, OCT 27

There is a constant endeavour from across the Line of Control (LoC) to disturb peace and vitiate the security environment in Jammu and Kashmir as normalcy has not gone down well with the inimical elements, a senior army officer said on Friday.

Addressing a press conference on Operation Shikanja launched along the LoC in Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara, where five militants were killed while trying to infiltrate, General Officer Commanding (Vajr Division) Major General Girish Kalia said the security forces are committed to defeat any attempt of



the enemy to disrupt the security situation in the Union territory.

"Normalcy and prosperity in Kashmir have not gone down well with the inimical elements. That is why there

is a constant endeavour from across the LoC to disturb peace and vitiate the security environment in J-K," Maj Gen Kalia told reporters at Kupwara.

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UT Foundation Day Celebration: Cultural Unit Kashmir DIPR organizes Nukkad Natak at Jhelum River Front

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

In continuation to the celebrations to mark the UT Foundation Day on 31st October, the Cultural Unit Kashmir of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organized a Nukkad Natak and Ladishah (traditional storytelling) at the Jhelum River Front Rajbagh Srinagar.

The theme of the Nukkad Natak was 'Badalta Khilta Jammu Kashmir' (Changing and Blooming Jammu Kashmir). The performance highlighted the various developmental initiatives taken by the government in Jammu and Kashmir since the reorganisation of J&K as a UT, especially the record-making digitization of government services, schemes including JK Rural Emp. Generation Program, PMEGP, National Livelihood Mission, MUDRA Loans, Stand UP India - MSME Loans, PMFME Scheme etc.

Artists from Angel's Cultural Academy performed at the event witnessed by a large gathering.

The highlight of the evening was the Ladishah



performance by Rayees Wathori.

It is worth mentioning here that the Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR will organize a series of Nukkad Natak, Ladishahs, photo exhibitions, and other

activities across Kashmir in the coming days to generate awareness about the developmental activities taking place in Jammu and Kashmir. Through these activities, DIPR aims to showcase the transforma-

tions witnessed in development and other social sectors in J&K over the past few years.

Officers and officials of the Cultural Unit Kashmir were also present on the occasion.

MSME Sponsored Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes organized by DARS, Rangreth



JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

Dryland Agriculture Research Station, SKUAST-Kashmir organized a series of Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes titled 'Production and Commercialization of Trichoderma based bio-formulations' in different districts of Kashmir Valley.

The training programmes were sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. One training programme was organized at Geriend, Budgam, in collaboration with KVK, Budgam.

About sixty participants comprising rural unemployed youth from Geriend and surrounding

villages participated in the event. Dr. Vaseem Yousuf, Associate Professor, KVK, Budgam apprised the youth about the importance of self-employment and employment generation with particular emphasis on the use of Trichoderma in organic farming.

Dr. Efath Shahnaz, Associate Professor, DARS, Rangreth, SKUAST-Kashmir gave a comprehensive account of the uses, isolation and production of Trichoderma based bio-formulation. She explained the role of University and MSME in the development of enterprises based on local needs and resources.

A comprehensive account of development of Trichoderma based bio-formulations at farm-

ers level was also given. The rural youth were provided with ample hands-on information on the development of bio-formulations starting from small scale level at home up to large scale production with minimal inputs.

Another training programme was organized at DARS, Rangreth, SKUAST-Kashmir. Students from diverse backgrounds from different degree colleges of Srinagar district participated in the programme.

The Associate Director Research, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Dar gave an overview of the Research Station with special emphasis on the mandates of the Dryland Agriculture Research Station.

Dr. Ajaz A. Lone, Professor, Genetics & Plant Breeding apprised the stu-

dents about the different research activities being carried out at the station.

Dr. N. S. Khurroo, Professor, Genetics & Plant Breeding gave a comprehensive account of different forage crops being bred at the station along with their utility and efficacy.

Dr. Efath Shahnaz, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology and course coordinator delivered the keynote lecture. She gave an exhaustive lecture on the role of Trichoderma in agriculture with special emphasis on the production and commercialization of Trichoderma based bio-formulations at small scale level at home and at commercial scale.

The programme concluded with the field visit of the students.

Sports event organized for Children with Special Needs

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

Sports event for specially-abled children was organized today in Government High School, Jammu Cantt. The event was held under the guidance of Project Director Samagra Shiksha J&K, Deep Raj.

SDM South, Atul Dutt Sharma inaugurated the tournament in the

presence of Chief Education Officer, Suraj Singh Rathore, DEPO, TS Billowria and State Coordinator Inclusive Education, Vijay Singh.

More than 100 special children from different zones competed in the games including Chess, Tug of War, Badminton, Foot Race, Carrom Board. The program organized by CEO Office aimed at

providing equity, equal access, and equal opportunity to Children with Special Needs in the field of education and other spheres. In his address, the SDM South called for hosting such programs for specially-abled children on regular intervals so that a feeling of self-confidence is developed among them.

The CEO reiterated that these specially-abled children are no way less than normal children and they can excel in every field if provided such opportunities.

He thanked the parents of the specially-abled children for sparing their valuable time in making this program a great success. All the children were given appreciation certificates for taking part in the events.

DC reviews preparation for JK UT Foundation Day Celebration in Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 27

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today reviewed preparation for the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JK UT) Foundation Day celebration here at a meeting of District and Sectoral Officers.

The meeting, held in VC Room of DC Office, which was attended by ACR, Varunjeet Charak; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; PO ICDS/CEO KDA, Dr. Rishi Sharma; DySP DAR Sajjad Khan; Tehsildar, CEO, CMO, DIO, CHO, CAO, BDO HQ, and Officers from CRPF, among others.

The deliberations primarily centered on the

arrangements and the varied activities slated for the UT Foundation Day celebrations.

The Chief Education Officer was entrusted with the responsibility of organising different events involving the students. It was informed that schools would host plantation drives and painting, essay writing and debate competitions.

CMO and PO ICDS Kishtwar were directed to jointly host a "Health cum Poshan Mela" at all Anganwadi Centers and Health and Wellness Centers.

The SSP Kishtwar was asked to organise a Marathon, March Past, and Pledge on the Day.

The Rural Development Department was directed to involve PRI

in holding Panchayat level events. The designated venues for these celebrations will be Health and Wellness Centers (HWC) or Panchayat Ghars.

Additionally, the meeting decided that Char Chinar Kishtwar will be the main venue for the District Level event.

The event would feature a mega cultural programme in collaboration with the JK Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages.

NRLM and other relevant departments were instructed to set up stalls at the District-level function. DSWO Kishtwar and AD Employment Kishtwar will ensure the distribution of scooters and vehicles under the Mumkin scheme.

UT Foundation Day: Ramban Admin intensifies celebration activities

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RAMBAN, OCTOBER 27

District Administration Ramban, under the aegis of the Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, intensified activities being organized by the different departments to celebrate foundation day of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas from 25th October to 31st of October 2023 in the District. Today, the Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with Special Cell for Women, organised an awareness camp at Ramban Public High School under the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer, Rahul Gupta.

The event was one among the series of activities being conducted under the theme UT Foundation Diwas. The children were made aware about their rights, the role and responsibilities of the One



Stop Centre as well as the District Hub for Empowerment of Women. The children were also sensitized about the perils of drug abuse besides administering them a pledge against the drug abuse.

The Education Department also conducted plantation and sanitation drives in the schools besides organizing other informative and attractive

events across the district.

The District Information Centre is carrying out an IEC campaign on social media to highlight achievements recorded under various sectors.

Similarly other departments also organized a variety of activities emphasizing the importance of this day in fostering national unity and integrity.

Dir Agri visits Saffron Fields of Pampore



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited Saffron fields of Pampore and took stock of the saffron harvesting

activities and interventions by the department.

The Director impressed upon the field officers to work in close coordination with the saffron farmers and ensure that proper guidance is provided to the farmers

during the pre and post harvesting (flower picking) operations.

He said that department is working to bring more newer areas under saffron cultivation and added that GI tag has opened new window to Kashmir saffron at national and international levels.

Iqbal impressed upon the saffron growers to take benefit from the latest facilities and technological interventions available at India International Kashmir Saffron Trade Centre (IIKSTC).

Later, the Director held an interactive meeting with a central team on saffron crop. The meeting discussed the overall scenario of saffron crop in Kashmir division and an exchange of ideas took place among the participants of meeting.

Joint Director agriculture Extension GM Dhobi, Dy Director National Horticulture Board, representatives of central team on saffron crop, were also present in the meeting.

Rs.40k fine imposed on various FBOs for violations under FS&SA in Handwara

JINNEWS SERVICE
HANDWARA, OCTOBER 27

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir who is also Adjudicating Officer today imposed a fine of Rs.40000 on various Food Business Operators (FBOs) for violating different provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FS&SA).

The fine was imposed on the erring traders (for miss branded and sub standard food) during the proceeding of cases of various blocks of Sub Division Handwara related to the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006 which were listed before the Adjudicating Officer. The Adjudicating Officer warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and rules there under by the food business operators will be dealt with more strictly in coming time.

Run for Unity held to commemorate UT Foundation Day/Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023 at Bandipora

JINNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 26

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad along with SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, Friday flagged-off 'Run for Unity' from NHPC Bandipora to S.K Stadium Bandipora.

The event was organised by the Police Department, Bandipora. As many as 700 participants from all age groups participated in the run. Among others, ASP Bandipora Sandeep Bhat, DySP DAR Bandipora, officers of CRPF besides a large number of soldiers, local youth and others participated in the event.

In his address to the participants, DC appreciated the enthusiasm shown by every participant, who were part of the Run for Unity, and in displaying their commitment, spirit to complete the run showcasing love and respect towards the Nation.

SSP Bandipora, while addressing the participants, said that 'Run for Unity' marks patriotism living in the hearts of people of Bandipora.

DM bans transportation of bovine animals from Jammu District

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

District Magistrate (DM) Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, in exercise of the powers vested under Section 144 of the CrPC, has imposed a ban on transportation of bovine animals from the district.

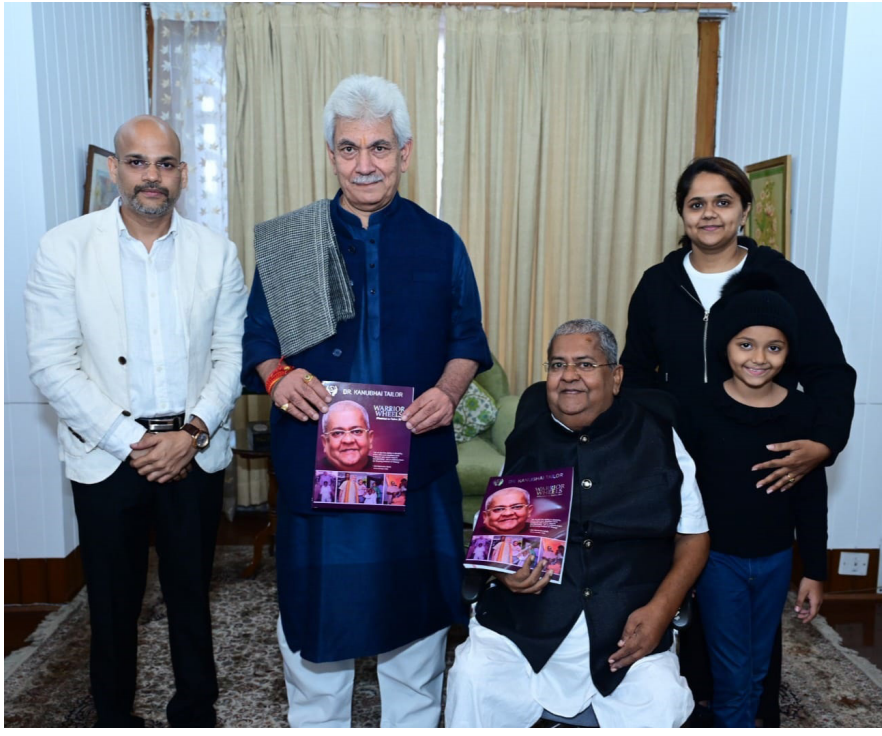
According to an order issued today, bovine animals such as Cow, Buffalo, Oxen, Bulls, Calves etc cannot be transported from Jammu to other districts except with permission from the District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate, Jammu. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of two months from the date of its issuance till the same is rescinded, whichever is earlier.

Lt Governor releases "Warrior on Wheels - Wheelchair to Padma Shri", a book on the life journey of Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha released a book titled "Warrior on Wheels - Wheelchair to Padma Shri" at Raj Bhawan. The book presents the illustrious life journey of the President of Disable Welfare Trust of India Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor, who was also present on the occasion. The Lt Governor lauded Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor and his selfless pursuits for the welfare of Divyangjan.

He said the life of Dr Kanubhai and his vision will serve as a great source of inspiration for others to selflessly work for welfare of the society.



DDC Chairperson Ramban kick starts blacktopping work on Dhaman Kund to Sanabatti Road

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, OCTOBER 27

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamsad Shan today kick-started black-topping work on Dhaman Kund to Sanabatti road in Sub-Division, Gool under City & Town scheme.

The construction work on the 900 meters stretch will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 40 lakh.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairperson said that with the completion of the project, a long pending demand of the area will be fulfilled which will go a long way in easing the life of locals. The Chairperson directed the officers of concerned executive departments and line departments to ensure quality and timely completion of construction work which will benefit hundreds of souls of the area.

Lt Governor felicitates the recipients of Social Bravery Award

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today presented the Social Bravery Award to Dr Beena Budki, Sh Faisal Shah, Sh Muheet Butt, Dr. Sarasvati and Sh V. Shankar at Raj Bhawan.

The Lt Governor congratulated the recipients of the award for their contribution in promoting the culture of Jammu Kashmir.

Dr Beena Budki, President Hindi Kashmiri Sangam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the support in the successful conduct of Yagnopaveet organised at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, Ganderbal from October 24 to 26, 2023 in which devotees of Kanchi Mutt from Tamil Nadu had also participated.



CS reviews performance of Revenue Department

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today held a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Revenue Department here.

At the outset, Chief Secretary was briefed by Secretary, Revenue Department, Dr Piyush Singla about the status of online services of Revenue Department, steps taken for demystification of Revenue records, progress on developing the module for online Girdawari, various key parameters under DILRMP, digitisation and geo-referencing of Cadastral Maps, AGRISTACK, SVAMITVA, ULPIN, utilisation of land for public projects/ purpose among other things.

During the meeting, Chief Secretary stressed on full implementation of Auto Appeal System for all the online services of the Department to ensure timely delivery of services to common masses. He said that the data regarding pendency under Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011, in delivery of services should be analysed to identify the officers with highest pendency beyond stipulated timelines under the act and taking of strict



disciplinary action against them during the vigilance week.

Chief Secretary said that under no circumstances will Patwaris summon / solicit unnecessary physical presence of applicants for online services and in exceptional circumstances, formal notices outlining the cause for which their physical presence is required should be issued.

The Patwaris have also been directed to maintain a separate register in their offices to record on daily basis the details of persons visiting their offices physically and to outline the purpose of the visit. He further stressed on geo-referencing of cadastral maps of all pending villages and completion of process of pending pass book distributive fields. Chief Secretary emphasized that pendency in delivery of

online services should be cleared in mission mode. He said that regular feedback of services must be solicited from field functionaries and the applicants to ensure smooth service delivery to the citizens.

Dr. Mehta also took review of several measures taken to streamline the working of the department and to make the crucial revenue records readily available to public. He took note of the progress made in developing of online Girdawari module. The module is going to enable field functionaries to record seasonal crop details instantly besides ensuring that the Girdawari is done in the field recoding geo-coordinates of the respective fields. Chief Secretary also reviewed progress made in demystification

of revenue records so that it is understandable to general public in easy to understand language. He enquired about the GoI sponsored programs like AGRISTACK, SVAMITVA, ULPIN, etc. He made out that the progress in the implementation of these programs should be further fast tracked for the benefit of public at the earliest.

During this meeting, Chief Secretary was informed that under land records modernization programme millions of land records documents have been digitized and legacy records scanned successfully till date. It was further given out that the working of the department has been fully made online with minimal interface of applicants with the functionaries of the department.

Chairman DDC Budgam calls on Lt Governor

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

Sh Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today. Haji

Farooq Mir, Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara met the Lt Governor and apprised him on various issues of public importance. Later, a delegation of J&K Gujjar Bakerwal Students Alliance also called on the Lt Governor.



Ram Kripal Yadav, Member of Parliament met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan



Dr Darakshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan

Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA chairs Public Darbar at Ganderbal

JINNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 27

Commissioner Secretary Food Civil Services and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Zubair Ahmad, today visited Ganderbal and chaired a Public Darbar at Mini Secretariat to take stock of issues and concerns of common masses.

Public Darbar, which was part of government's ongoing efforts towards connecting with the people at the grassroots level and ensure efficient delivery of public services, witnessed an overwhelming participation of DDC members, Councillors, PRI representatives besides prominent citizens.

DDC vice Chairperson Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir, ADDC Ganderbal, President Municipal Council Ganderbal, ADC besides heads of various government departments including Revenue, Power, Health, Education, Public Works, FCS&CA, Agriculture and allied departments, were present to address the concerns specific to their respective sectors.

On the occasion, PRI representatives raised sev-

eral concerns and development issues pertaining to their areas including CT scan facility at District Hospital, widening of Pandach Beehama road,



bridges, unscheduled power cuts, Lari Preng water supply scheme, additional ration stores in several areas, road widening and proper disposal of Waste at Tulamulla, beautification of town, removal of encroachments and other issues.

Addressing on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary underscored the significance of public outreach camps saying that these gatherings provide a platform for citizens to voice their grievances and for the government to expedite their resolution through the appropriate channels.

Reaffirming government's commitment towards development and welfare of the people, Zubair Ahmad assured

the participants that their concerns would be thoroughly examined and redressed in a time bound manner. He impressed upon the government offi-

per entitlement. On the occasion, PRIs highlighted progress achieved under various beneficiary oriented schemes and flagship programs besides elaborating developmental activities registered since the last 4 years in the district.

Regarding ST Can facility at District Hospital, CMO Ganderbal informed that 2 CT scans have been sanctioned for DH and SDH Kangan which will be procured soon.

Similarly, the Executive Engineer JKPDCL informed that sufficient number of buffer transformers are already available in the district. Replying to unscheduled power cuts in the district, Zubair Ahmad appealed the general masses to make judicious use of electricity during winters so that such unscheduled curtailments are avoided and transformers are saved from overloading which is main cause of unscheduled power cuts.

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CS flags off 400 person J&K contingent of Amrit Kalash Yatra for New Delhi

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today flagged off Amrit Kalash Yatra under "Meri Mati Mera Desh" (Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ko Vandan) to New Delhi at Conventional Centre Jammu here.

Those who were present included Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, R K Goel; Commissioner Secretary GAD, Sanjeev Verma; Secretary Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, other Administrative Secretaries, IGP Jammu, Div Com Jammu, DC Jammu and senior officers of civil and police administration besides a large number of members of PRIs across the UT.

The program was started with the lighting of traditional lamp by the Chief guest and other dignitaries.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary also administered a Pledge on PanchPran (Pratigya) with the participants including developed country by 1947.

Chief Secretary and other dignitaries also kept some Mitti in the Kalash (pot) under 'muthibhar-mitti' during the program. He called it a symbolic step to show the solidarity with other countrymen of our great nation.

Addressing the gather-



ing, Chief Secretary said that 83 lakh people from Jammu and Kashmir participated in Meri Maati Mera Desh that is highest participation on the basis of population ratio of the States/UTs of the country. He called this achievement remarkable and appreciated all who took make this a reality.

Dr Mehta also appreciated the concerned departments for making this a grand success in the UT. He said a large number of events were conducted at panchayat and block levels. During the program, Mitti (soil) was collected from every household and was mixed to celebrate the rich cultural, linguistic and social diversity of the country.

Chief Secretary maintained that the UT has attained top most status in various fields by virtue of the commitment of both

people and administration together. He made out that each household of J&K should feel proud of this brisk pace of development which the UT has made during the past couple of years.

Dr Mehta observed that the UT has now made it an attribute to figure among top most performers in the country in almost all of the programs carried out at national level.

Earlier, Secretary Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah also highlighted the activities carried out during the first phase of this event at panchayat and block level. He also addressed the representatives who are scheduled to participate in the final program at New Delhi on 31st of this month.

Earlier, the Chief secretary also kickstarted a plantation drive as part

of 'Vasudha Vandhan' by planting a tree in the campus. He also unveiled a Shilapalankam in the same premises to celebrate the creation of highest number of these structures in the UT.

It is to be mentioned here that this Amrit Kalash yatra contains mitti from each household and collected at block level and is to be taken to New Delhi by a volunteer for creation of a national monument to be called AmritVatika.

The Chief Secretary complimented all stakeholders for successful culmination of this year long program. The J&K contingent comprises of nearly 400 volunteers from each block and ULB of the UT. The teams shall be led by officers from culture and District level nodal officers for smooth movement of this yatra to the National Capital.

DGP along with Chairperson PWVA visits Police Hospital Jammu

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SRINAGAR, OCT 27

The Director General of Police, J&K, Shri Dilbag Singh accompanied by Chairperson Police Wives Welfare Association (PWVA) Dr. Rubinder Kaur today visited Police Hospital Jammu where he inaugurated various more facilities for the hospital. IGP Jammu Zone Shri Anand Jain, IGP Armed Jammu Shri M N Tiwari, DisG Shri Shreedhar Patil, Ms Sarah Rizvi, Ms Nisha Nathyal, SSP PCR Jammu Ms Sargun Shukla, CO IR 18th Bn Shri Kulbir Singh, SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar, CO 1st Women Bn. Ms Rashmi Wazir, CO IR 14th Bn Ms Anita Sharma,

SSP Security Jammu Shri Shemsher Hussain, SSP Traffic Jammu, Doctors & Staff of Police Hospital Jammu & other jurisdictional Police officers were present on the occasion. The DGP was received by IGP, Jammu Zone, Shri Shri Anand Jain and other senior officers and was presented guard of honour on his arrival. He then inaugurated Labour Room, Prostho Lab (Dental), FNAC section and fully Automated Biochemistry Analyzer of Pathology, additional facilities for the hospital. The DGP complimented the Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal and her team

for providing excellent Medicare facilities to the Police personnel and their families. He said that the Police Headquarter has been keen and concerned in making the Police hospitals as state-of-the-art healthcare where the members of the Police Pariwar have access to the specialist Medicare facilities. He said that the Police Hospital has achieved a good reputation in providing all the facilities to the patients. He advised the doctors to work with more dedication in providing best possible health care services to policemen and their families. He directed the doctors to put in best possible efforts in serving the members of the J&K



Police Pariwar.

The Chairperson PWVA, Dr. Rubinder Kaur appreciated the efforts put in by the Medical Superintendent of Police Hospital Jammu in providing better health care facilities to the Police personnel. She hoped that they would continue to work with the same dedication to serve members of the Police Pariwar. The Medical Superintendent of Police Hospi-

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tal Jammu Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal thanked DGP J&K and other guests for gracing the occasion. She also briefed about the functioning and facilities available in the hospital through power point presentation.

She assured that police hospitals would continue in providing better health services to police personnel and their families. She apprised about various initiatives taken by the hospital. Earlier, the DGP J&K visited Delta Force Headquarters at Dharmund in Ramban district where he discussed present security scenario of DKR range & UR range with the Army & Police Officers. On his arrival he was received by GOC, Delta Force, Maj Gen Upkar Chander, DIG DKR range Dr Sunil Gupta, DIG Udhampur Reasi Range Shri Mohammad Sulman Choudhary, Col GS Vikram, SP Ramban

Ms. Mohita Sharma, SSP Udhampur Shri Joginder Singh and SSP Doda Shri Ab. Qayoom. During the DGPs visit a threadbare discussion was held regarding the present security scenario and existing challenges. The officers also discussed highway security measures. The DGP emphasized for enhancing synergy between the forces and for putting in joint efforts in eliminating the remaining terrorists in J&K. Counter measures for narco trade were also discussed. The officers briefed the DGP regarding the measures taken by the counter terrorism grid in DKR range and UR range areas.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Firing by Pak rangers...

A local, Rajni Devi of Arnja, suffered minor injuries, it said. The force said the Pakistani firing continued for close to seven hours, starting around 8 pm on Thursday and extending up to 2:45 am on Friday. "BSF continues to monitor the developments closely while assessing the situation and remains alert to respond as necessary to ensure the safety and security of the border and its residents," the force said. It said following the start of unprovoked firing, BSF troops retaliated and subsequently Pak Rangers extended their firing to target its border posts adjacent to Arnja prompting retaliation from its forward defence posts in these areas. At approximately 9:15 pm on Thursday, Pakistan Rangers started mortar firing targeting border outposts and civilian areas, the BSF said, adding some of the shells landed in Arnja town, resulting in minor injuries to a civilian. "Around 10:40 pm on Thursday, Pakistan Rangers used heavy machine gun fire and targeted our posts. Around 1 am the Rangers again fired and targeted BSF posts, leading to an exchange of fire," the statement said. Firing continued till 2:45 am, it said. The BSF said the condition of the injured jawan was stable while material damage was being ascertained. The intermittent exchange of fire between Pakistani Rangers and BSF personnel along the International Border in Arnja and RS Pura sectors of Jammu district ended early Friday. Scores of families that had fled the border hamlets overnight after the unprovoked firing by Pakistani Rangers have now started returning to their homes.

2014 is not a date...

lining up to become manufacturers in the country. "2014 is not just a date, it is 'badlav' (change)," the Prime Minister said. Mr. Modi took swipes at Congress-led UPA, saying just like outdated phones whose frozen screens wont work no matter how many swipes were done or buttons pressed, the previous government too was in such a frozen state. 'Made in India phones' "A restart, or charging the battery or even changing the battery did not work," PM Modi said. "in 2014, people left such outdated phones and gave us an opportunity to serve the country." After rolling out the fastest 5G mobile telephony network, India is making strides towards establishing itself as frontrunner in the realm of 6G, Mr. Modi said. The world, the Prime Minister said, is using 'made in India' phones. India has reached 43rd position in mobile broadband speed from previous rank of 118, he said, adding four lakh 5G base stations have been set up within one year of 5G roll-out. The Prime Minister said giving citizens access of capital, access of resources and access of technology is priority for the government. (Agencies)

Cross-Border firing...

International Border (IB) on Thursday night. The BSF had effectively retaliated to the firing. "The firing has stopped (from across the border). There is calm now", a senior BSF officer said. He said the intermittent exchange of fire between the two sides continued till 3 am. The official said two BSF personnel and a woman were injured on Thursday night and have been hospitalised. One jawan has been shifted to the GMC Hospital in Jammu. They have been identified as Basavraj SR, who hails from Karnataka, and Sher Singh. The woman has been identified as Rajni Bala of Arnja. Pakistan Rangers had fired 82 and 120 mm mortar shells and used heavy machines guns, triggering fear among the border dwellers. Several people in Arnja, Treva, Suchetgarh and Jabawal, particularly migrant labourers, had left the border hamlets on Thursday night when the unprovoked firing started. Several families had taken shelter in bunkers, temples and other safe areas in the border area. People of border villages said they witnessed such intense firing and shelling after many years. "We were eating food when the firing began. We left the food and ran along with our families," Joginder Kumar, a labourer from Bihar, said. Kumar, who along with 51 others, including women and children, had taken shelter in a temple in Arnja after leaving a forward village due to shelling, said they were terrified. "We had heard about it (firing). Now we have seen

it", he said. In a forward hamlet where a mortar shell hit a house, Ekta Devi said, "By God's grace, we were saved. There was a lot of firing till this morning. All glass windows broke". Another villager Rakesh Kumar, who along with several villagers had taken shelter in a bunker in forward village, said they are now returning to their village. "There was intense firing and shelling after many years. There was peace for the past two years. Pakistan cannot be trusted", he said. Many videos went viral on social media which showed people fleeing their dwellings when the firing started. In Arnja, many guests fled from a wedding ceremony when the firing started. We continued with the marriage. Most of the people left after the firing started, Kuldeep, a relative of the bridegroom said. This is the second ceasefire violation in October. On October 19, two BSF jawans were injured in firing by Pakistan Rangers at the Vikram post along the IB in Arnja sector. India and Pakistan had signed a ceasefire agreement on February 25, 2021, in which both nations agreed to strictly observe all agreements on ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir and other sectors. (Agencies)

Pak firing disrupts weddings...

around 8 pm Thursday in the Arnja area and lasted for around seven hours. It revived memories of frequent and intense cross-border firing prior to the renewed ceasefire between India and Pakistan on February 25, 2021. According to the Border Security Force (BSF), the unprovoked firing by Pakistan continued till 3 am on Friday and was "befittingly responded". A BSF jawan and a woman were injured in the Pakistani firing, while several houses were damaged by the shelling, officials said. Ishant Saini's brother Deepak said, "We are feeling sorry for the guests who left in panic without enjoying the feast after being informed about Pakistani shelling in our village." He said that they had to make last-minute changes to some of the marriage rituals as well. "As per our tradition, the 'phere' was supposed to be performed at the bride's house. But since it is located near the zero line, we decided to perform this important ritual at this venue as well," Deepak said at the marriage hall. "This is the time for harvesting paddy. But the Pakistani firing forced the labourers to flee. It is after a gap of four to five years that our village came under (mortar) shelling from Pakistan," said Deepak Choudhary a local of Nai Basti village. He said that at least half a dozen shells landed in the village, leaving her relative Rajni Bala injured. She is now undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu. On October 17, two BSF personnel were injured when Pakistani rangers opened fire on their post in Arnja but the exchange of fire between the two sides was brief and restricted to small-arms firing only. The BSF subsequently lodged a strong protest with Pakistan in the larger interest of peace along the borders. The house of Pawan Kumar of Buley Chek village near the zero line also suffered damage due to the explosion of a mortar shell. "We had forgotten about the cross-border shelling... Now we are in panic as the underground bunkers are not in proper condition," he said. Vijay Kumar, a soldier who had come to his village on leave said, "We had to leave our village as we cannot take shelter in underground bunkers which have not been used for a long time. How long will we tolerate shelling from Pakistan?" He said since this is the season of weddings, people initially took the sound of firing as bursting of firecrackers but as the intensity grew, they fled for safety. Highlighting the need for upkeep of the underground bunkers, Vijay Kumar said these have turned into dens of snakes and poisonous insects. These shelters must be cleaned immediately and must have an electricity supply, he said. Rupali Devi, who along with her husband also left their village, said all the people residing in the border areas do not have access to underground bunkers. "We have not thought of a situation where we have to leave our homes again. While I am outside the village, many of my family members are there. Thankfully they are safe," another local Sohan said. (AGENCIES)

Lt Governor inaugurates...

and investment, women empowerment, MSMEs,

skill development, health and nutrition, which are the important pillars of India 2.0. India is full of optimism, boundless energy and ambition and expected to contribute 15% of global growth in the current Financial Year. We are moving closer to our goal of making this truly the India's century and our economic resurgence will be the key driver of global growth, the Lt Governor said. At the inaugural session, the Lt Governor shared the socio-economic reforms introduced in various sectors over the past few years to bring J&K UT at par with other developed regions in the country. We have prepared a blueprint for Governance @ 2047 and executing comprehensive strategies to meet the future goals in key sectors like education, health, human resource, industry, infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, agriculture & allied sectors, he said. He also commended the important contribution of Indian Economics and Allied Sciences Association in improving the understanding of development process and economic policies of the country. Prof Sudhakar Panda, President Indian Economics & Allied Sciences Association (IEASA) and Dr Alok Kumar Secretary IEASA also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the key features of the annual conference. The Lt Governor also released the Conference Souvenir on the occasion. Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Prof Pulin B Nayak, President Conference IEASA; Prof Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary ICSSR; Prof G M Bhat, Chief Coordinator of Conference; Educationists, Economists, Experts, HoDs, Scholars, Researchers and Students were present. Modi took several... families of the martyrs and bears this responsibility with extreme care and concern," said Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space. D Jitendra Singh was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Shaheed Gate (Gate in memory of Martyr) named after Colonel Narayan Singh (OBE) at Samba district of J&K. The Union Minister said the Govt. provides an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 25 to 45 Lakh to the next of kin of the martyred soldiers. In addition to this, Rs. 8,00,000 is provided in the form of ex-gratia by the Army Central Welfare Fund. State governments also provide an ex-gratia amount as per their provisions. This is in addition to the Liberalised Family Pension and regular service benefits. In case of the death of Agniveer in the line of duty, the next of kin will receive over Rs. 1 crore, he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, welfare measures include reservation in jobs and financial support and scholarships to their families for various education needs of the dependent children. The Minister said, reservation of seats has been ensured in Medical/Dental Colleges for the wards of defence personnel as Government of India nominees. A total of 42 MBBS seats and 3 seats in BDS courses are allotted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. For this, priority is given to wards of personnel killed in action. Reservation of jobs has also been provided in CPSEs and public sector banks. SAFAL outlets are provided to widows/ dependents of service personnel who passed away in service/ ex-servicemen in Delhi and NCR region. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has reserved 8% quota for allotment of LPG distributorship and petrol/diesel retail outlets for defence personnel which also include widows, dependents of members of Armed Forces who died in war. Rail travel concession identity cards are also issued to war widows," he said. Complimenting the organisers, 'Ek Eint Shaheed ke Naam' institution, Dr Jitendra Singh, who represents Udhampur constituency of J&K in the Lok Sabha, said we owe our secure borders to the supreme sacrifice of our Armed Forces soldiers. "We all, the citizens of the country, are able to carry on with their daily life in peace thanks to the gallant soldiers who valiantly guard our frontiers throughout the year, 24x7," he said. Dr Jitendra Singh said there is a sharp decline in the cross-border firing incidents along the LoC and International Border and violence is also down in the Union Territory of J&K during the last nine years, especially in the four years since Article 370 was revoked in August 2019. But the sporadic firing incidents in the recent days and continuing infiltration bids across the LoC prove that we cannot lower the guard against mischief from Pakistan and territories under its illegal occupation. "India's attitude changed since PM Modi took over charge in 2014, first the surgical strikes by Indian Army in September 2016 and later the Balakote airstrikes

by IAF in February 2019 sent a clear signal across the border that terrorist attacks sponsored from across the border will be sternly dealt with, said the Minister.

Constant endeavour from...

"In the last eight months, we have had 10 such attempts in our divisional area of responsibility, which have resulted in the elimination of 27 terrorists, and recovery of a large quantity of war-like stores," he said. The GoC said the security forces have also recovered a huge quantity of narcotics which establishes a deep nexus between defence establishments in Pakistan and terrorist groups. They are all determined to create disturbance in the valley and impact the future generations in Jammu and Kashmir, he added. Maj Gen Kalita said the security forces are working in complete synergy and are committed to defeat any attempt of the enemy to disrupt the security situation in the Kashmir valley with firm resoluteness and steadfast commitment. Colonel Rajat Birman, commanding officer of the 56 Rashtriya Rifles unit which is involved in the anti-infiltration operation, gave details about the operation. He said based on specific intelligence input regarding an infiltration attempt by a group of foreign terrorists, a joint operation was launched in the Machil sector along the LoC on the night of October 25/26. "Multiple ambushes were laid by security forces ahead of the anti-infiltration fence along the LoC. The area is thickly forested with dense foliage. Taking advantage of difficult terrain and dense vegetation, a group of five terrorists infiltrated from across the LoC," he said. On October 26, around 1010 hours, the infiltrating terrorists were intercepted by alert troops. The terrorist opened fire and attempted to flee. In the intense firefight that ensued and continued through the day, the troops employed modern surveillance devices and quadcopters to locate the terrorists in the difficult terrain, he said. The commanding officer said the conduct of deliberate tactical operations finally led to the elimination of five terrorists. Large quantities of war-like stores including five AK series rifles were recovered from the terrorists, he said. Meanwhile, in Jammu, Rastriya Bajrang Dal (RBD) held protests against Pakistan for unprovoked and heavy firing and shelling targeting villages along International Border (IB) last night in which two BSF jawans and a woman were injured. Pakistan rangers restored to heavy firing and mortar shelling for nearly seven hours on different forward areas along IB in Arnja and R S Pura sectors of Jammu district since Thursday night. Led by state RBD chief Rakesh Kumar, scores of activists held protests in the city and raised anti-Pakistan slogans. They also set afire Pakistan flag amid protests. (Agencies)

New bills replacing...

The parliamentary committee of the Home Ministry is studying them and very soon, these laws will be passed, he added. The new criminal justice system will begin on the basis of these laws, he said. While the aim of the old laws was to protect the (British) administration, the aim of the new laws is to protect the rights of people and to defeat all the forces that prevent people's rights being taken to the people, Shah said. The Union Minister said he feels that the batch passing out today is a lucky one as it begins the task of managing the country's internal security with the new laws. The first responsibility of implementing the new laws at the ground level lies with the probationers passing out today, he added. The new provisions include new interpretation on terrorism, organised crime and many new provisions have been made to end international gangs, he said. Though there has been success in considerable measure during the last 10 years in bringing under control terrorism, left wing extremism and naxal violence due to the efforts of courageous police personnel, the challenges remain, the Union Home Minister said. Several new challenges, including organised crime, cyber crime, inter-state and international financial crime, are before us, he added. The Centre had proposed the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 to replace the IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act respectively. A total of 175 officer trainees, including 155 IPS officer trainees and 20 foreign officer trainees took part in the Dikshant Parade. SVPNPA Director Amit Garg also spoke. (Agencies)

UT Foundation Day Celebration, 2023 Polytechnic Ramban organises Painting and Essay writing competition



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RAMBAN, OCTOBER 27

The Government Polytechnic Ramban organized Painting and Essay writing competitions as part of UT Foundation Day celebration. The students from different departments took active part in the competition.

In the Painting Competition, Ritika Devi from 1st

semester Electronics and Communication Engineering grabbed 1st position, while Sunil Kumar from 1st semester Electrical Engineering bagged 2nd position and Kajal Nag from 1st Electronics and Communication Engineering won 3rd position.

In the Essay writing Competition, Ravinder Singh from Electrical 1st semester stood 1st position,

Ayush Raj from Electrical 1st semester won 2nd and Ashfaq Ahmed from Electrical 1st semester won 3rd position.

All the activities were coordinated by Shashi Kiran and Rahila Bano under the supervision of Er. Aabid Hussain Dem. Electrical Engineering under overall supervision of the Principal of the institution, Er. Vivek Mahajan.

GDC Ramgarh celebrates JK UT Foundation Day

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 27

Government Degree College Ramgarh organized a series of activities to mark the celebration of J&K UT Foundation day. The activities were organized by the College Advisory Committee under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

A large number of students participated in the activities with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, principal of the college, said that the day marks an era of progress, unity, and development since the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was reorganized into two separate Union Territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, through several far reaching reforms and welfare measures implemented by the administration. She added that several changes have taken place in the social,



economic, infrastructure and other sectors which have boosted the development of J&K ensuring transparent, responsive and accountable governance. The advisory committee of the college organized Essay writing, Painting, Photography and Videography Competitions on the theme of 'Badalta Jammu Kashmir, Badhta Jammu Kashmir: Aman aur Taraqqi ki Nayi Tasveer'

In photography Competition, first position was secured by Akshay Singh Bagal, Sem V while second and third positions were bagged by Jagmeet kour, Sem III and Tanu Sharma, Sem III respectively.

In Videography Competition, First position was

bagged by Mohit Singh, sem III, second position by Ritika Manhas, Sem V and third position was clicked by Varsha Salaria, Sem V.

In Painting Competition, First and second position was secured by Alisha Menia, Sem III and Jagmeet Kour, Sem III and Tanu Sharma, Sem III

In Essay writing Competition, First and second prize was bagged by Chaht Tidyal, Sem 1st and Jagmeet Kour, Sem III while third position was clicked by Anjali Bavouria, Sem 1st.

The organizing committee of the activities included Dr. Sandeep Kumari, Dr. Shamsher Lal, Dr. Sandeep Kumar and Prof. Risha Kumari.

DC Jammu reviews functioning of Govt Ayurvedic Hospital



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Friday presided over Rogi Kalyan Samiti meeting of the Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu to review its working. Representing the RKS was Dr. Vandana Dogra, the Member Secretary and Medical Superintendent of the Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to

assess the work carried out by the Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu. Several crucial agenda points were submitted for approval by the Governing Body of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti. These included revising rates for various OPD procedures, providing free or subsidised procedures and diagnostics for Below Poverty Line individuals and senior citizens and approving the annual maintenance of equipment, gadgets and necessary minor repair works.

DC Shopian reviews arrangements for Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023, UT Foundation Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 27

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today convened a meeting at DC office Complex here to review preparations for the upcoming Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2023 and UT Foundation Day celebrations on 31st October, in the district.

The DC emphasized that all departments in close coordination shall incorporate multiple activities such as cleanliness drives, debates, painting competition, Run for Unity, Corruption free, plantation drive, selfies with developed projects, Pledge, besides showcasing the positive transformations that have taken place in the district from the last



four years.

Officers from different departments were asked to prepare and execute their activities as per their respective roles to ensure the successful realization of the celebration's objectives. It was decided that participation from all sections of society, including youth and senior citizens,

would be encouraged to infuse the events with enthusiasm and zeal.

The DC on the occasion directed concerned to ensure uploading of selfies by students and staff on the portal and sites.

He also emphasized the importance of timely and thorough preparations to ensure a smooth

and enthusiastic celebration of UT Foundation Day.

Education department revealed that Painting Competitions, Quiz Sessions, lectures besides cultural parades and programme shall be organized during the event.

While addressing the meeting, DC emphasized concerned to upload the selfies of PRI representatives with the developmental works completed during the last four years. Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shopian; Dr Zakir Hussain Faaz besides district and sectoral officers and officials.

Badalta Jammu Kashmir Govt GZSM Degree College Reasi celebrates UT Foundation Day



JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, OCTOBER 27

Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi organized a bunch of activities to celebrate the upcoming UT Foundation Day, on the theme 'Badalta Jammu Kashmir, Badhta Jammu Kashmir, Aman or Taraqqi ki Nayi Tasveer.'

On this occasion, four different competitions were conducted including an Essay writing competition, a Painting competition, a Photography Competition, Videography competition.

The competition was conducted in two phases i.e. Intra College and District Level Inter-college. The first phase of the competition was conducted on the 25th of October, 2023 in GDC, Reasi. In the 1st phase (intra-college competition) four students participated in each category. Suhani Sangam, Sajjid Ali, Pallavi Sharma and Vanshika Chandan participated in Essay writing Competition. Sajjid Ali, Atul Kumar, Pallavi Sharma and Kajal Thapa participated in the Videography and photography competition. Sunil Kumar, Aarushi Kumari, Pallavi Thapa, Kajal Thapa and Atul Kumar were the

participants of the Painting competition.

The winners of these competitions in different categories were Suhani Sangam (Essay writing), Sajjid Ali (Painting Competition), Atul Sharma (Videography competition), Sunil Kumar (Painting Competition).

Dr. Reena Rani, Prof. Ajay Kumar, and Prof. Gourav Gupta acted as jury for all four categories of competitions.

In the 2nd Phase, a District level Inter-college competition in 4 categories was conducted today with the same theme to mark the celebration of UT Foundation Day. The participants were from the five different colleges of District Reasi which includes GDC Reasi, GDC Pouni, GDC Katra, GDC Dharmari and GDC Sarh Bagga (Mahore). Each college participated in the entire four categories.

In Essay Writing Competition: Suhani Sangam, Kaneeza Banoo, Zaheeda Parveen, Tanvi Sharma and Sakshi.

In the Videography competition: Kajal Sharma, Atul Sharma, Raja Keshav Dev Singh, Gul Afroz.

In the Painting competition: Sunil Kumar, Aisha, Ritu Verma and Sapna

Devi.

In the Photography competition: Rashpal Singh, Kiran Sharma and Sajjid Ali were the participants from GDC Reasi, GDC Dharmari, GDC Katra, GDC Mahore and GDC Pouni. Sunil Kumar of GDC Reasi was declared the winner in painting whereas Sajjid Ali of GDC Reasi remained the winner in Photography. Raja Keshav Dev and Tanvi Sharma from GDC Katra and GDC Pouni won the titles in Videography and Essay writing competitions. The event was organized by the college cultural committee including Dr. Prabjot Kour, Prof. Surita Sharma, Prof. Ajay Kumar and Prof. Norin Akhtar. Dr. Reena Rani, Dr. Prem Singh, Prof. Darshan Sharma, Prof. Gourav Gupta, Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Shashi Sharma, Prof. Mukesh Kumar, Prof. Ajay Kumar and Dr. Prabjot Kour judged the different events. The activities were organized under the supreme guidance of the college Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour.

All the winners of the event will participate in the Divisional Level function to be organized by Women College Parade, Jammu on 30th October 2023.

Nutrition Support Programme launched for students of Schools & Orphanages

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 27

Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, today launched Nutrition Support program for students of Schools and Orphanages sponsored by a local NGO Social Reforms & Charitable Organisation Kishtwar (SRCO) in partnership with Dabur India Ltd. The Nutrition support programme aims at benefiting the students of Government schools, orphanages, and Palash community.

The initiative was inaugurated in presence of the management team of the Organisation by distribution of nutritious juice packets among the inmates of Ashiana, Batul-Hilal, Alfala, Govt. Palash, and students of Kidzee, among others.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar commended Dabur India Ltd. for their dedication in partnering with SRCO to launch this meaningful program in the Kishtwar District.

Following the formal commencement, the distribution of these beneficial juice packets continued in the Education Cluster Nagseni, under the supervision of cluster head Dr. Riaz-ul-Haq.

Sanjeev Parihar, President of SRCO Kishtwar, provided insight into the program, stating that the distribution will be ongoing for the next seven days, with an estimated reach of approximately 20,000 individuals, including youths and students. He expressed his gratitude to Dabur India Ltd. for their support and expressed the organization's desire to sustain and expand this noble initiative in the future.

This partnership between SRCO Kishtwar and Dabur India Ltd. underscores the commitment to the welfare and health of the local community, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing critical health and nutrition needs.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to MES Basholi, RTIC Basantpur, Dhanna, Thein and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 29 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to All industry feeders emanating from R/Stns Ghatti-II, Ghatti-III, Ghatti-IV & Ghatti-V, Jathana Feeder from Ghatti-III, M/s Varun Beverages, Ind area Bari Brahmana, Narbada, Palli, Changran, Nagri, Jarmal, Airwan, Jakhbar and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 29 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 28 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Hatli, Bijjat, Khanyara, Jagatpur, Maroli, Tridwan and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 30 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Battal Ballian and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 29 from 8 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Banihal, Khari, Ramsoo, Ukhral, Neel and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 29 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Income Tax department sensitises officers about taxation, financial matters



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

Income Tax Department and the office of the Deputy Commissioner on Friday organised an outreach and sensitisation program to promote awareness and understanding of taxation and financial matters.

During the program, Deputy Commissioner Income Tax Jammu, Dr. Mohnish Digra, along with Income Tax Officer Jammu, Rajneesh Gupta, led an interactive session with the Drawing and Disbursing Officers and Assistant Accounts Officers representing different departments.

Dr. Mohnish Digra, emphasised the importance of financial literacy and underscored India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047. He highlighted the consistent increase in net Direct Tax collections and

the number of income tax return filed over the years.

Furthermore, Dr. Mohnish Digra, addressed the audience regarding a concerning trend of claiming wrongful deductions to secure fraudulent refunds, leading to losses for the government. DDOs were sensitised about their role in verifying the legitimacy of such deductions by employees, with a reminder that the Income Tax Department closely monitors such cases.

Rajneesh Gupta, stressed the serious consequences of claiming fraudulent refunds, including scrutiny of cases, tax recovery and the imposition of penalties under section 270A, amounting to 200% of the evaded tax. He noted that such actions can lead to prosecution under section 276C of the Income Tax Act, potentially resulting in rigorous imprisonment of up to seven years.

Gupta also informed the audience about the available remedies for rectifying errors, such as filing updated returns under section 139(8A) of the IT Act for Assessment Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, with the payment of 50% and 25% penalties, respectively, in addition to the tax. Revision of ITR for Assessment Year 2023-24 can be done without any penalty.

Throughout the program, interactions took place, addressing various issues related to the accurate filing of ITRs, the utilisation of the Income Tax chatbot, different deductions available under the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the benefits of tax calculation under both the old and new tax regimes.

In addition to the district officers, attendees included PO POSHAN, Renu Bhasin and Assistant Commissioner General, Manisha among others.

GDC Kunjwani organises workshop on "Khadi for Nation khadi for Fashion"

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

NSS Unit of Government Degree College Kunjwani, in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries Commission J&K, on Friday organized a workshop on the theme "Khadi for Nation khadi for Fashion" under the aegis of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The aim of the workshop was to bolster the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan which focuses on making India self-reliant, Khadi as a symbol of traditional Indian craftsman-

ship and self-sufficiency.

The event was held in the College premises under the patronage of the principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. He emphasized that the purpose of the Khadi Mahotsav is to raise awareness among students and youth about the significance of local products such as Khadi and handlooms. These products play a vital role in our economy, ecology and women's empowerment and encourage students to promote and adopt Khadi. The workshop included a series of activities such as quiz competi-

tion, slogan writing, essay writing, jingle contest, short films, e-pledge, khadi yatra, exhibition of khadi products.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission J&K team visited the college campus in order to synergize the students about the PMEGP scheme for the start of micro small, and medium enterprises for self reliance. The students also took a pledge to promote Khadi in their day to day life.

The programme was coordinated by NSS P.O Prof. Bushra Nizami.

EDITORIAL

Imminent water crisis in Ladakh

Ladakh is seemingly staring at a major water crisis. Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Union Territory Brig (Dr) B.D Mishra (ret'd) had also expressed concern over the growing water crisis in the arid region which is also known as the land of high passes. The veteran retired army officer shared his concern, saying the biggest worry of the UT administration is to ensure that the next generation should get drinking water. 'Our biggest worry is that in the coming days, the next generation should get drinking and potable water. Because we live on hills, water (is available) down below... I want to make sure that Ladakh never faces water problems'. Temperature is rising and glaciers are melting. This is really a matter of cause for us,' was his response after he was asked to spell out his priorities. It has given an impression to the people to understand whether Ladakh is seriously staring at the water scarcity. The government appears to have no concrete policy to preserve fast receding glaciers and the possibility of a prolonged water crisis has started casting its shadow on Ladakh's present and future. The situation seems to be alarming and it is quite evident from the statements coming from the top level in the UT administration. About 15 major Himalayan glaciers in the Union Territory of Ladakh have retreated significantly due to climate change during the last five decades. A new study by scientists of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology had observed that three glacial lakes are likely to form around Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh due to rapid ice melt. The glacial melt is worrying as it not only increases chances of glacial lake outbursts but can also lead to paucity of water, glaciers being the region's primary source of water. The rising global temperatures have threatened Himalayan glaciers which are shrinking more quickly than any on earth. Less water is reaching Ladakh's farms and villages, and when it does, the volume of water from the faster-melting glaciers can break the banks of streams, causing floods. The Magsaysay Award recipient and engineer-turned-educational reformer, Sonam Wangchuk has quite frequently raised concerns over water crisis in the arid region and it was growing concern of water crisis that gave him ingenious idea to build artificial glaciers at lower altitudes using pipes, gravity and night temperatures to solve water crisis faced by the residents in Ladakh. The official statistics reveal that Ladakh has, although, managed to ensure coverage of 84 percent of households with tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) launched by the Government of India but the villages still face water crisis. The total number of identified households in Ladakh was 42,405 out of which authorities have covered 35,631 households with tap water connections under JJM since the launch of the Mission. As many as 112 villages out of the total 250 have 100 percent households with tap water connections while water supply work is in progress in the remaining 138 villages. The UT administration of Ladakh should initiate some significant and harsh measures to address the problem of water crisis in the region. Besides, all possible measures should be put in place to bring down the pace of the fast retreating glaciers.

SINDHIYA GUPTA

Pakistan has gained the international reputation of being the world's foremost exporter of Jihadism. Ignoring of this fact by the international community, despite of enormous proofs available, is beyond understanding. Numerous observers find that there are clear indicators that the Pakistani government is involved in sponsoring terrorism. In the case of Pakistan, state-sponsored terrorism is not only caused by a severe defect in the country's political & administrative system or by unhealthy civil-military relations, but also due to the known fact that 'Kashmir' on the name of religious bonhomie remains the sole uniting factor for the nation. Whenever ethnic or economic fault lines of the country starts emerging, anti-India campaign is launched by the power centres of Pak to divert attention of its populace from these internal disturbances.

Since the 9/11 attacks on the USA, Pakistan has come to be perceived as the world's epicentre of jihadist activities. Virtually every terrorist incident since the attack on the twin towers in New York has some connection with Pakistan. Either the terrorist is a Pakistani citizen, of Pakistani origin, or has supporters and contacts in Pakistan.

Sponsored Terrorism

The most suited example of state sponsored terrorism in the world is the terrorist initiated incidents (TII) in Kashmir where India is fighting a battle to counter terrorism from past four decades and had reduced now with abrogation of Art 370. The latest terrorist incidents in Kashmir have revealed only blood bath with major examples of terrorist incidents are 2016 attack at Uri, Pathankot and Nagrota Army Base, 2017 at Amarnath Yatra, 2018 at Sunjawan Army Base, 2019

at Pulwama and Awantipura. These attacks have openly attracted criticism for Pakistan sponsored terrorism. Though attempts by Pak sponsored terrorists have not stopped till now, proactive operations by Indian armed forces and overwhelming support of the locals to security forces post abrogation of Article 370 has resulted in failure of such terror attempts. In a recent infiltration bid across LoC, one of the captured terrorist (whose handler is Colonel Yonus Chaudhary of Pakistan Army and working for ISI) had revealed that now ISI is training youth to become suicide bombers. Moreover, terrorist putting Headcams and carrying out terrorist assault on security Forces is the new tactic being adopted by militants gp. Former President Asif Zardari had publicly admitted that the country deliberately created and nurtured terrorist groups, such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), as a policy to achieve short-term tactical objectives.

Pakistan has not only exploited instrument of Kashmir against India to mobilise national sentiments in the country but also to keep its own populace, party and military busy which is confirmed in one of the report of US Congressman as cited below.

"For Islamabad, the liberation of Kashmir is a sacred mission, the only task unfulfilled since Muhammad Ali Jinnah's days. Moreover, a crisis in Kashmir constitutes an excellent outlet for the frustration at home, an instrument for the mobilisation of the masses, as well as gaining the support of the Islamist parties and primarily their loyalists in the military and the ISI" - Yossef Bodansky (Director of the US Congress Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare).

Terrorism as State Policy

In Pakistan, Islam has been blatantly misused as



an 'instrument of policy implementation', not only by influential non-state actors but also by government agencies to achieve certain societal and political goals. Furthermore, the government and military remain convinced that terror groups can be useful assets against India. With response to anti-terrorist action Pakistan approach is dubious. The discrepancy lies between the claims and true ambition of the government as it assesses Pakistan's recent counterterrorism activities. Pakistan has only acted against militant groups that developed an anti-Pakistan agenda and are considered a threat to the regime or to save its face in International forums to evade 'Black Listing' by FATF. Terrorist organizations on Pakistani soil that mostly operate abroad, especially in Afghanistan and/or India, are not clearly targeted by the country's antiterrorism campaigns.

Dis Information Campaign

ISI had also sponsored the longest disinformation campaign in Kashmir. Kashmir has most closely witnessed both instruments of warfare against India and, in the most brutal fashion, cross border armed insurgency and persistent information warfare. Unlike other fault lines, the role of masterminds behind the Kashmir conflict is more explicit and defined. However, all the competing narratives

about Kashmir ignore the fact that Kashmir has been systematically turned into a conflict industry which is run as a family business by a select few under the patronage of Pakistan's establishment in Jamate-E-Islami supported by ISI. Another major aim is to internationalise the Kashmir issue, contrary to the spirit of the 1972 Shimla Agreement, by raising the bogey of the denial of the Kashmiri people's right of self-determination. As per latest data available on open source, the new generation of so called educated separatist operating from western part of the globe had taken the reins of disinformation campaign against India and continuously using umbrella organisation and institution like OMFI (Organisation for Minorities in India) IAMC (Indian American Medical Council), JFA (Justice for All), HFHR (Hindus for Human Rights) to keep raising the issue of fake human right violations on international platforms.

Security Challenges

The abrogation of the special status of J&K on August 5, 2019 led many to speculate that there would be a substantial increase in terrorism-induced violence in the region following the decision. However, the security scenario has continued to improve from the preceding years to the extent that Doda was declared a terrorist-free district which had

happened for the first time in the history of Kashmir. The improvement in security situation can majorly be contributed to local populace of Kashmir who have welcomed abrogation of article 370 with full zeal & spirit. With G20 Tourism summit being conducted in Srinagar had put Kashmir on a Global centre stage. The surge in tourist footfall had proved the return of normalcy in the heaven. However, eradicating militancy remains a major challenge to the development, thanks to Pakistan's unrelenting sole agenda for keeping its populace united.

International Body Action

Pakistan has been on the FATF grey list continuously since June 2018, working to comply with the requirements of the watchdog to combat money laundering and terror financing. Pakistan first entered the list in 2008, left it, and then was on it from 2012 to 2015 and now since 2018, which explains its spurious track record with terrorism. UN-designated terror groups, including Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed, and famous OBL (now killed) have safehouses in Pakistan, still FATF had not moved Pakistan from Grey to Black list. The question is why and till when?

With recent natural calamity and struggling economy of Pakistan, IMF

had bailed out Pakistan with \$ 1.1 billion package but there is no guarantee that this money will not be pumped to fuel to the terrorist camps. Both India and the west have been victims of terrorism perpetrated by individuals trained and equipped in the same schools of crime near India's borders. The international community has so far been reluctant to list Pakistan as a sponsor of international terrorism "because of warnings by Pakistani Prime Ministers that such action would unravel the country's fledgling democracy and drive the nuclear arsenal into the hands of the virulently anti-American extremists." The world needs to be convinced that turning a blind eye to Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism neither augurs well for peace and stability in the Southern Asian region, nor is it in the US' own long-term interest.

The fear of nuclear arsenal falling into hands of religious extremists & terrorist groups may be driving west to prevent Pakistan from failing miserably by bailing it out time & again, but if terror menace is not taken seriously, days are not far when this terror factory start exporting its products to the west. Helping Pakistan economically & continuing to provide aids & bailout package may be serving political agenda of the west, but it is also providing an opportunity for the terror industry to grow rapidly. Pakistan has always been neck deep in inciting cross-border terrorism, international community must take a serious view of terror mess that Pakistan has entangled itself in and take actions accordingly for larger good & world peace. As such, it is strongly argued that Pakistan must be identified as a "state sponsor of terrorism".

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Moral anchoring for a global climate policy is a must

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Alan Shepherd, the American astronaut famously said, "If somebody had said before the flight 'Are you going to get carried away looking at the earth from the moon?' I would have said, no; no way. But yet when I first looked back at the earth standing on the Moon, I cried." This profound expression reminds us of the bond we share with our planet as the tapestry of life unfolds itself with every breath we take, the every step we tread on its soil doubt, we have all the responsibility to preserve and nourish its magnificence for the generations to come and thrive on it. So when climate change poses existential jeopardy transcending geographies, it makes one question, if the moral construct of the nation-state order in the contemporary world, the philosophical rootings of its political systems, the ideas of rights, liberties and justice which form the cornerstone of world's constitutions, the principles of economic theory adopted for modern policy-making; is robust and persuasive enough to generate a unified response from humanity.

A political thought for a



warmer planet: The foundations of modern political thought, forged during the Enlightenment and afterwards, were shaped by influential figures such as Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Rousseau, Adam Smith, John Stuart Mill, John Rawls and others. The ideas of rights, liberty and justice which aspired to nurture human lives were premised upon the assumption that by and large ethical conduct; which avoids harming others essentially forms the bedrock of our social

systems. The utilitarian perspective which emphasised maximising the greatest good for all as an end goal; underwent a refinement with the acknowledgement of fairness of means as well. While these ideas have contributed immensely to shaping modern political theory; they are primarily human-centric and struggle to account for the well-being or interests of non-human entities, furthermore are also found lacking in elaborating humanity's relationship

with its environment. The political philosophy for a global system grappling with climate change must have a framework where utility is defined in a broader sense, inclusive of impacts on both animate and inanimate human surroundings. The right to life which is a key instrument in the majority of the world's constitutions, requires to be recalibrated to include the threats due to emissions and a global legal framework is the need of the hour to ensure equity and justice

for all affected by climate change.

Are emissions an externality?: Externality is a concept in economics that refers to the unintended side effects or consequences of an activity that affect third parties who did not choose to be involved in that activity. Also, an externality does not get reflected in the cost of the goods or services involved. The climate impact of consumption of goods and services must be accounted for climate change mitigation. A robust system for pricing carbon is necessary and till such time such a mechanism matures, initiation of the emissions labelling of items would send the right signals.

The invisible hand needs a nudge: Free markets are lauded for their ability to self-regulate, which Adam Smith referred to as the invisible hand, where, the individuals, in the pursuit of maximising their self-interest bring about the overall well-being of the society as well. Smith's proposition however is dependent on the moral foundations of individuals involved in the market play. The subprime crisis was rather a recent demonstration that beyond the invisible hand, government intervention

is necessary at times. Also, the timing of the action is crucial. The world is chasing time-bound targets to a net zero. Governments need to intervene to create market mechanisms conducive to climate action as if left to their own, markets may take time to respond, which an already hotter world can not afford. We must act before it's too late, as John Maynard Keynes famously said "in the long run, we all are dead" he advocated for government spending in the times of the great depression, rather than merely relying upon markets to course correct.

Post the Industrial Revolution, the world has been in a relentless pursuit of creating wealth and prosperity. No doubt, our lives are better in so many ways. But with the planet facing the climate crisis, it's time we re-evaluate our motivations towards development and the world's institutional mechanisms entrusted with addressing the climate crisis are guided by humanity's innate moral intuitions.

(The writer is Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, North Western Railway, views are personal)

Shiv Sena demands befitting reply to Pak for unprovoked firing on IB



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Shiv Sena (UBT), Jammu and Kashmir unit, strongly condemned the violation of ceasefire by Pakistan in the Arnia sector of Jammu.

The unprovoked firing and mortar attacks in the residential areas have caught the attention of the party, which now demands swift action from the Modi government against Pakistan. Shiv Sena called for an immediate suspension of all political, diplomatic, and trade relations with Pakistan.

Speaking to the media at the regional party office, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena, J&K, expressed grave concern about Pakistan's nefarious actions. He stressed that it is high time that terrorism-supporting and weakened Pakistan is completely wiped off the map. He emphasized that Pakistan continues to violate the ceasefire, posing a threat to the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the past few days, Pakistan has twice breached the International Border with cross-border skirmishes. Additionally, on October 17, BSF soldiers were injured in a firing incident by Pakistani Rangers. On the night of October 26, there was another exchange of gunfire in the Arnia and RS Pura border areas, which resulted in injuries to a BSF soldier and four civilians. Mortar shells hit residential areas, causing significant damage to homes.

Sahni pointed questions at the central government led by Prime Minister Modi, asking how long Pakistan's malicious actions will be tolerated and why Pakistan has suddenly escalated ceasefire violations. He also questioned the utility of the bunkers built at great expense, which BJP leaders used to proudly inaugurate after each attack.

Among those who were present include Meenakshi Chibber, Vikas Bakshi, Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh.

Contractual system of appointments in Edu Deptt marred Career of thousands of educated youths: AAP

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JAMMU, OCT 27

Strongly assailing the contractual system of appointment in Higher Secondary Schools in Education Department during the year 2019 when thousands of highly educated youths opted for adjustments getting frustrated & dejected remaining unemployed & feeling themselves as a burden on the parents, the AAP Senior leaders, Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan & Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao in a press release issued here have termed it as a clear bankruptcy of mind of those at the helm of affairs responsible for framing contractual policy of employment of Hr. Secondary School Lecturers as also in Colleges as contractual Assistant Professors & worst of it the policy was abandoned when thousands of them attained upper age of limit prescribed by the government. The AAP leaders further expressed great surprise & dismay that has now again revived the policy remaining mum over those who attained upper age limit in the previous spell to the annoyance thousands of affected families across J&K, thanks to the non-seriousness of the policy makers. They further observed that if the contractual policy is being revived keeping an eye on elections in



2024, then ruling dispensation is badly mistaken because first bleeding the wounds of thousands of needy & deserving families who have been rendered hopeless attaining upper age of limit terming the attempt as putting the cart a head of horse. The AAP leaders further said that the promise of providing 2 crore jobs annually to the youths of the country in 2014 and 50,000 jobs to the youths of J&K after abrogation of Art. 370 still haunts the minds of young people here, which never saw the light of the day. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on contractual basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need based arrangements in all departments be it Home guard, Education, PDD, PHE, Health, Food

& civil supplies & so on so forth has compounded the miseries of frustrated youths with every passing day as scores of them are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope of ACHHE DIN, the AAP leaders maintained and said that previous leaders of successive state governments are squarely responsible for the present mess who, without any planning & application of mind, adjusted the youths simply to create vote banks & appease their kith & kins, has put thousands of youths in great dilemma & worst confusion, they claimed & maintained that Educational Institutions were opened with political considerations without proper infrastructure in place, Health Institutions sanctioned without availability of staff & Buildings.

Geetanjali Salon opens 2nd salon in Jammu

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JAMMU, 27 OCTOBER 2023:

India's leading high-street brand, Geetanjali Salon, a chain of 160 salons pan-India, launched its Second salon in Jammu in Gandhi Nagar with exquisite interiors. It will be a one stop destination for all your hair and beauty needs. Sumit Israni, Managing Director and celebrity hairstylist, is praised for his vehemence for the brand with sophisticated establishments at all prime locations tailored to meet diversified customers and loved by celebrities. Geetanjali Salon has always been a pioneer in the professional hair care & beauty space over the past 3 decades. We are continuing to make our mark as India's best high street salon providing exceptional services.

"We believe in customi-



satation & personalisation for our clients, and offer them the best-in-class services and products," said Sumit Israni. Recently won the Best Hair color trophy at Indian Hairdressing Award by Loreal Professional. Recognised in North India as the best salon chain, best salon interior design and hair color.

Geetanjali has been a pioneer in the industry since 1989, with the aim of providing world-class experience for hair, skin,

body spa, hands & feet, barbering, Nails services and makeup services. With over 3 Decades in the industry, Geetanjali has today, become the fastest growing and most stable salon empire in India having over 160 outlets in 40 cities with over 4000 Creative Artists and professionals.

Hosted by Sumit Israni, the opening influencers, entrepreneurs and socialites from Jammu from across industries.

3 days craft demonstration cum Awareness Programme concluded at Samba

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JAMMU, OCT 27

3 days craft demonstration cum Awareness Programme which was being organised w.e.f 25-10-2023 to 27-10-2023 concluded today at Bhargava Degree College Samba wherein 5 resource persons namely Smt. Sanjogita Dogra (Painting), Sh. Dheeraj Kapoor (Basohli Painting), Sh. Rajenderku-

mar (Bamboo Craft), Sh. Waseem Wani (Chikriwood Craft) and Ms Khushi Gupta (Embroidery & Crochet) demonstrated their craft and made the students aware about the rich cultural heritage of Indian Handicrafts. Around 150 students participated in the craft demonstration cum Awareness Programme and took keen interest in the making of the craft and participated

actively in the programme. Earlier the programme was inaugurated on 25.10.2023 in presence of the Principal and Vice principal of the college. Assistant Directors of Handicrafts Service centre, Jammu namely Smt. Ambika Sambyal, Sh. Pawan Raina, Sh. AnirudhKapil and Naveen pathak (CTO) and Smt. Anjali Koul (HPO) were also present on the occasion.

Bharat will not tolerate any violation on its territory: Kavinder

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JAMMU, OCT 27

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, has vehemently condemned Pakistan for its unprovoked firing and shelling along the border. He emphasized that despite various agreements and assurances, our neighboring country persists in engaging in such aggressive actions periodically, a situation that is deeply regrettable.

Kavinder expressed the BJP's unwavering support for the people facing this crisis due to unprovoked shelling on borders and lauded the robust response of the Indian security personnel, who are steadfastly protecting the nation's borders.

He asserted that the armed forces have been granted the authority to respond firmly to Pakistan's aggression, sending a clear message on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that enough is



enough. Bharat will not tolerate any violation of its territory, any harm to its citizens, or any form of aggression.

While acknowledging that the Modi Government is taking significant steps to alleviate the problems faced by the border population and to respond fittingly to Pakistan's provocations, he expressed concern about certain leaders who are engaging in political maneuvering and attempting to tarnish the image of Prime Minister Modi through irresponsible statements.

The senior BJP leader called for unity and support for the government's efforts to protect the nation and its people, stressing the importance of standing together as a country in the face of external threats.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas appointed as Secretary of ACM Chapter J and K

JI NEWS SERVICE
BHADERWAH, OCT 27

The ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) has appointed Dr. Jatinder Manhas Head Computer Science and IT Bhaderwah Campus University of Jammu as the Secretary of the ACM Chapter Jammu and Kashmir. This significant appointment reflects Dr. Jatinder Manhas's dedication to advancing computing research and fostering scientific collaboration within the region.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas is a distinguished figure in the field of computing, known for his significant contributions to the industry and academia. With a strong background in computer science and a passion for



advancing technology, Dr. Manhas has built a reputation as a leader, educator, and innovator. His career and achievements reflect his commitment to pushing the boundaries of computing and fostering scientific excellence.

ACM, founded in 1947, is the largest and oldest international scientific and industrial computer society, dedicated to promoting and facilitating

research and communication across a broad spectrum of computing disciplines.

Appointment of Dr. Jatinder Manhas: Dr. Jatinder Manhas, an esteemed figure in the field of computing, has been appointed as the Secretary of the ACM Chapter Jammu and Kashmir. His extensive experience and dedication to the field make him a valuable addition to the ACM leadership.

Dr. Manhas's expertise and vision to create a thriving environment for computing enthusiasts, researchers, and professionals. This appointment is a significant step towards strengthening the region's ties to the global computing community

and fostering innovative research and collaboration.

Recently Dr Jatinder Manhas sanctioned with project worth Rs 1 crore and was instrumental in the establishment of High computing lab on cyber physical systems in the campus. He has collaborations with IITs and Few university abroad at Rutgers University USA and LTU Sweden. Dr Manhas is currently guided and guiding research scholars in the field of Artificial intelligence, Human Emotional Intelligence and cognitive science. He has more than 90 SCI and Scopus publications in international journal published by Springer, IEEE, Elsevier etc.

Manjit Singh tours Pak shelling hit IB village in Arnia

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ARNIA

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh along with other leaders of the Party today toured the Pakistani shelling hit villages and interacted with the affected families.

Following the tour of the villages along International Border especially Bulle Chak village and other villages of Arnia, the Former Minister expressed serious concern over the plight of the border residents who fear threat to their lives, houses and cattles following last night's unprovoked shelling and heavy machine gun fire by the Pakistani Rangers.

He appreciated the Border Security Forces for their prompt response and rescue operation. However, he apprehended that the attempt to disturb peace on the International



Border was aimed to target the civilian population especially farmers.

"Fortunately, there was no loss of life. But the damage to the houses where I have visited were in bad shape. The administration should immediately release adequate compensation in favour of the firing / shelling hit families," he said.

He said that the authorities should initiate a process to see how many bunkers are in working condition and need for

more such bunkers in the villages so that the border residents can take shelters.

"We were informed by the villagers that the bunkers are inadequate in numbers and more bunkers need to be constructed with toilet facilities and separate rooms for the women," he said.

He said that the International Border mostly remained peaceful for the last several years. However, the intention of Pakistan is always to disturb

the peace that should be dealt with iron hands by the BSF and Indian Army.

He extended his gratitude to the defence forces and BSF who defend the first line of defence for helping the border families in the need of hour.

He said that the Apni Party stands with the border residents all along the International Border and demand that the Govt should hold a survey and work out where more bunkers should be constructed for the civilian population to avoid any migration of the population to the towns.

The Former Minister was accompanied by District President Rural - B, Advocate Harpreet Singh, Provincial President, Jammu, Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Bachan Choudhary and others.

MoIB's Economic Advisor concludes Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0 Tour in Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 27

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, the Additional Economic Advisor of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MOIB) concluded his two-day visit of Srinagar today as part of the Government of India's Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0. During his visit, Dr. Kumar toured various key media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Accompanied by Heads of respective media units, Dr. Kumar conducted a comprehensive review of the office complexes, including those of PIB Srinagar, Doordarshan, All India Radio, and the Central Bureau of Communication, to assess the initiatives undertaken to enhance cleanliness and functionality in and around these premises. While inspecting these locations, Dr. Kumar highlighted the core objective of Government's Special Campaign 3.0, which aims to eliminate waste, obsolete materials, non-functional items, and scrap materials as well as

improve functionality in all ministry offices, with the ultimate goal of promoting cleanliness and efficiency. He noted that although the official campaign period spans from October 2nd to October 31st, 2023, the spirit of cleanliness will continue to inspire us beyond these dates. Dr. Kumar emphasized that the campaign will remain an ongoing effort throughout the year, with the Ministry's primary focus being the removal of scrap materials and the maintenance of cleanliness in and around outside areas. He expressed his satisfaction with the dedication and hard work displayed by the various media units in Srinagar under the MOIB (Cleanliness is Service) initiative in both word and deed. He commended the effective coordination among these units and encouraged them to further enhance their performance by organizing special campaigns centered around the theme of cleanliness.

GCW Udhampur organizes Symposium and Documentary Display

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UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 27

Department of Geography of Govt. College for Women, Udhampur organized Symposium and Documentary on Effects of Solid Waste on Water quality and The earth - Our planet, Our home respectively.

The Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Mahajan was the chief guest. She motivated students with inspirational words

to come forward to participate in such activities. She also emphasized on organizing more such programmes for the benefit of the students and achieving the aim of the education.

A total number of 6 students of 1st semester participated in the competition. Vanshika Sharma secured first position, Kajal Devi bagged 2nd and 3rd position bagged by Anshu Devi.

Govt. Degree College Vijaypur celebrates JK-UT Foundation Day

JNEWS SERVICE
SAMBHA, OCTOBER 27

Government Degree College Vijaypur celebrated 'Union Territory Foundation Day' by highlighting the positive changes that have taken place since the creation of Jammu and Kashmir as a Union Territory four years ago. The Cultural Committee of the College in collaboration with NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) organized a series of intra college activities to display development post formation of JK as a UT. Students of the college actively participated in the array of activities enthusiastically with great zeal.

The programme was presided over by SDM Vijaypur, Rajesh Kumar Attri. He congratulated everyone on the creation of JK as a UT and highlighted different projects and developments that have taken place in J&K in these four years. He also threw light on the menace of drug abuse and how to overcome it. He motivated the students to enroll as voters and do their part of duty by electing their government democratically.

Earlier, the welcome address was presented by Principal of the College, Dr. (Prof.) Vandana Gupta followed by memento to the Chief Guest.

The Event witnessed videography, photography, essay writing and painting competitions in which more than 50 college students participated.

Kavya Charak of sem.V emerged winner in the painting competition, while Rupaank Aryan of sem.III won essay writing competition and Haroon Malik Sem-V stood first in videography competition. Keshav Mehra of sem.V was the winner of the photography competition. The competition was judged by senior faculty members of the college comprising Prof. Ritu Bhagat, HOD Education, Prof. Anil Bhagat, HOD Commerce and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, HOD English. Certificates and mementoes were presented to winners of all the competitions.

DC Pulwama reviews preparation for celebration of UT Foundation Day/ Ekta Diwas

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PULWAMA, OCTOBER 27

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today conducted a comprehensive review of the preparations for the upcoming celebration of UT Foundation Day and ongoing Ekta week culminating on 31st October as Ekta Divas.

The review encompassed an assessment of activities that have been conducted by various departments from October 25th onwards, leading up to the grand celebration.

The forthcoming activities are set to unveil the remarkable transformation of Pulwama district through an array of engaging events, compendium on infrastructure Audio-visuals including art exhibitions, Rashtriya Ekta Divas Pledges, paintings, debates, and the 'Run for

Deputy Commissioner reviews restoration of Heritage sites in Rajouri



JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 27

In a significant stride towards preserving the rich cultural heritage of Rajouri, District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal today convened a crucial meeting with concerned officers to deliberate on the restoration of heritage sites.

This meeting marked a pivotal moment in the efforts to revitalize and conserve the historical and architectural gems that dot the picturesque landscape of the district. The meeting discussed the restoration of several iconic tourism sites, including Dhanidhar Fort, the historic Chingus Fort, Qila Darhal fort, and the sacred Panj Nara Temple



Unity'. Participants will have the opportunity to capture the essence of development by taking selfies with various completed projects and heritage sites. The event will also highlight the significant achievements of individuals and departments within the district.

In a bid to engage the

entire community, the DC directed that these competitions will be conducted at multiple levels, including the District level, Subdivision level, Block level, and right down to the Panchayat level. This inclusive approach aims to encourage maximum participation and community involvement.

Furthermore, the DC

emphasized the importance of converging Swachhta (cleanliness) activities with Ekta Diwas (Unity Day) events throughout the week-long celebration that commenced from October 25th and concluded on October 31st. This convergence will ensure that the celebration not only fosters unity and patriotism but also underscores the significance of cleanliness and community well-being in the District.

The week-long festivities will culminate in a grand event that celebrates unity, achievement, and the enduring spirit of Pulwama district.

The meeting was attended by SSP Pulwama, SP Awantipora, ADDC Pulwama, ADC Awantipora, ACR Pulwama, ACD Pulwama, ACP Pulwama and other District and Sectoral officers.

AHD organises orientation Training for A-Help-Pashu Sakhi-Krishi Sakhis at Kishtwar

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 27

The Animal Husbandry Department Kishtwar today organised a mega event to provide vital logistics for Artificial Insemination and Milk Recording Kits and imparted training to A-Help/Pashu Sakhi/Krishi Sakhis.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Devansh Yadav was the chief guest at the event attended by Mohd. Iqbal Zargar, Joint Director Planning and Dr. Ajaz Hussain Patigaroo, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer; Amjad Malik, Chief Agriculture Officer; Sajid Mustafa, Chief Horticulture Officer; Bilal Ahmed, District Programme Officer JKRLM and officers from the Animal Husbandry Department.

On the occasion, 29 newly trained Multipurpose Artificial Insemination Technicians for Rural India (MAITRIs) were equipped with AI Kits, Cryocans and other essential resources.

The primary goal of equipping multipurpose workers is to ensure the provision of round-the-clock Artificial Insemination, Vaccination, and Veterinary First Aid services to the farmers of Kishtwar District. The MAITRI



scheme has a clear and noble objective to train educated, unemployed local youth to offer comprehensive veterinary services to rural areas. This includes Artificial Insemination, Vaccination, Deworming, and more, ultimately providing them with a source of livelihood.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav, engaged with the Pashu Sakhis and MAITRIs, emphasizing the importance of acquainting them with the HADP Programme. This knowledge will empower them to ensure that a maximum number of farmers, especially Self-Help Groups (SHGs), benefit from these schemes.

Dr. Ajaz Hussain Patigaroo, Chief Animal Hus-

bandy Officer, gave a comprehensive briefing to the MAITRIs about the services and schemes offered by the department. This included Artificial Insemination, Sex Sorted Semen technique (SSS), HADP, vaccination, Deworming, Castration, IDDS, IPDP, and more. Dr. Patigaroo also directed the newly appointed MAITRIs to work diligently in the field under the supervision of concerned Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

Their role will encompass providing AI services to farmers in remote areas and educating them about the department's schemes, ensuring that a maximum number of farmers can benefit from the Animal Husbandry Department's initiatives.

Meri Maati Mera Desh

Amrit Kalash Yatra flagged off from Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 27

In a remarkable display of unity and reverence, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, in presence of Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Manoj Kumar flagged off the "Amrit Kalash Yatra" here from Mini Secretariat DC Office Complex to New Delhi as part of the prestigious Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign launched to celebrate the spirit of India.

BDO Mughalmaidan, Dheeraj Bahadur; DySP DAR Kishtwar Sajjad Khan, staff of RDD Kisht-

war; NYC/ Youth Club Volunteers from all Blocks and police band remained present on the occasion.

The Amrit Kalash, symbolizing the essence of the nation, was received and flagged off with deep respect and admiration, signifying the unity and strength of the community. The event further fortified the connection between the administration and the people of Kishtwar, demonstrating their shared commitment to the principles and values of our great nation.

This Yatra holds immense significance, as the sacred soil of the district will become an inte-

gral part of Amrit Vatika, signifying the harmonious amalgamation of regional and national elements.

The Mini Secretariat DC Office Complex in Kishtwar was adorned with an impressive program, graced by the melodious tunes of a band from the Police Kishtwar, besides the participants carrying Amrit Kalash from All Blocks, Municipal Council Kishtwar, District Police were garlanded by the dignitaries.

This heartwarming event showcased the cultural richness and unity of the region, making it a memorable day for all participants.

Kishtwar gears up for implementation of AVSAR Scheme

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KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 27

The District level Task Force for implementation of AVSAR Scheme today discussed the action plan for the promotion of the program here at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Devansh Yadav.

ADDC, Sham Lal; AD Employment/ALC, Idrees Lone, DSWO, Zubair Ahmed; Accounts Office, Imran Ahmed Kitchloo; Chief Education Officer, Prahlad Bhagat; Principal ITI, Anoop Sharma, Young Professional Vijay Yadav, along with officials from ITI and Polytechnic College Kishtwar attended the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC asked the stakeholders to focus on achieving tangible employment-oriented outcomes through the AVSAR program. It was decided that surveys will be conducted to assess

their career orientations and interests among youth thereby aiding in the design of courses tailored to their needs.

Dr. Yadav further urged the stakeholders to consider a wide array of career options, including CLAT (Law), CAT (Management), CUET (Common University Entrance Test), NDA (Defense), Chartered Accountant (CA), Nursing, in addition to Civil Services, NEET, and JEE. He emphasized the importance of providing resources and guidance to empower the youth to pursue these diverse career paths.

The DC stressed the need for comprehensive updates to the youth database and the submission of a robust action plan to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the AVSAR program in the district.

It is pertinent to mention here that, The AVSAR program, pur-

posefully designed, serves as a critical bridge connecting the region's youth with market-oriented skills and employability. It plays a vital role in linking the local talent pool with corporate, national, and multinational enterprises. The overarching objective is to bridge the gap between industry requirements and the skilled youth in the area, thereby driving economic growth and socio-economic empowerment.

AVSAR encompasses a comprehensive set of initiatives, including Skill Development, Soft Skills training, Career Guidance, Job Melas, Industry-Academia collaboration, and the establishment of a professional exam study center. Through these services, the program seeks to equip young individuals with the necessary tools and knowledge to thrive in the job market.

Rajouri Admin, District Police organise Grand Unity Run to Commemorate JK UT Foundation Day

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 27

In a remarkable display of unity and harmony, the District Administration Rajouri, in collaboration with the District Police, hosted a spectacular Unity Run as part of the ongoing Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Foundation Day celebrations.

The momentous event led participants on a spirited journey from Salani Bus Stand to the Sports Stadium in Kheora, echoing the themes of brotherhood, mutual fraternity, and unity.

The event, which drew enthusiastic participation from diverse segments of society, was led by the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal.

Among others who joined the Deputy Commissioner were the ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; AD Tourism, Arief Lone; as well as officers from



the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF), and the dedicated staff and students from Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), showcased the broad-based support for the ideals of unity and inclusivity.

This momentous Unity Run was not merely an event but a symbol of a transformation of the region over the past four years since the establishment of Jammu and Kashmir as a Union Territory. The Jammu and Kashmir administration's decision to mark October 31 as the 'Union Territory Foundation Day' underscores their

commitment to highlighting the positive changes that have occurred during this period.

During the event, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal addressed the enthusiastic crowd, emphasizing the significance of unity, peace, and inclusivity in the region. He highlighted the progress and development that have taken place since the formation of the Union Territory and encouraged all sections of society to continue working together for the betterment of the region.

The Unity Run witnessed a vibrant display of unity and diversity,

with people from various backgrounds coming together to celebrate the Foundation Day. It served as a powerful reminder of the collective strength and resolve of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to build a brighter and more prosperous future. The event was a resounding success and will be remembered as a pivotal moment in the ongoing journey towards progress and unity in Jammu and Kashmir.

This grand Unity Run is a testament to the spirit of togetherness and solidarity that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have embraced. It sends a pow-

erful message that the region is moving forward in a positive direction, focusing on development, harmony, and inclusivity.

This event not only marks a significant milestone in commemorating the Union Territory Foundation Day but also sets the tone for ongoing initiatives aimed at fostering goodwill and understanding among the different communities. The success of the Unity Run serves as a source of inspiration for the residents of the region to continue working together towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

It symbolizes the aspirations of the people to build a stronger, more united Jammu and Kashmir, where peace, progress, and inclusivity are at the forefront of their collective journey. This event will undoubtedly be remembered as a pivotal moment in the ongoing transformation and growth of the region.

Reunion of PoJK with India is inevitable: Vibodh

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing a meeting of the party activists of Jammu North District, strongly condemned the unprovoked firing by Pakistan in Arnia and Suchetgarh sectors along the International Border (IB). He said that the neighbouring country is in deep frustration and trying to provoke the peace loving India.

Vibodh Gupta said that not only Indians but people in PoJK too celebrated the historic Accession Day with full enthusiasm, which sent a very clear message that people on both sides of borders are looking forward to see the reunion of PoJK with the Indian Union.

"Pakistan got frustrated after seeing the morale of the people high on the issue of PoJK's reunion



with India and indulged in unprovoked firing. The Accession Day is being celebrated with utmost zeal and enthusiasm for the last few years after Narendra Modi took over as the Prime Minister of India in 2014. The PM has repeatedly declared on different occasions that PoJK will be retrieved from the illegal occupation of Pakistan and that Jammu and Kashmir is incomplete without this area", Vibodh added.

Vibodh Gupta said that during all these years of Modi government, many bold and path-breaking

decisions have been taken with the motive of restoring peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. He strongly asserted that the security forces got free hand to deal with the Pakistan sponsored terrorists and large numbers of terrorists have been eliminated, thus achieving success in bringing peace and normal life on track. He maintained that the killings of militants, busting their hideouts, identifying the anti national elements and booking them for seditious activities, turned Pakistan insane as a result of which

it has been attempting to infiltrate trained terrorists and send weapons and ammunition from areas along the International Border.

The BJP leader said that the Indian army and para military forces will continue to thwart every attempt of Pakistan to revive the dying militancy in the UT and the day is not far when India will succeed in getting PoJK retrieved from Pakistan.

Jammu North district president Omi Khajuria said that Pakistan has failed to fulfil its desire of snatching Kashmir from India during all these years of proxy war from 1989 onward and that our citizens and brave forces are strong enough to defeat the nefarious designs of Pakistan. India has displayed its military strength in all the wars with Pakistan after independence and this country is digging its own grave by making failed attempts to infiltrate.

Mental Health is a Public Health Concern: Symposium at CU Jammu

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Under the esteemed patronage of the Central University of Jammu, Department of Social Work organized an insightful panel discussion "Mind Meet" to foster open dialogue, collaboration, and innovation within the academic and scientific communities on the theme "Transitioning of mental discourse from individual concern to public health concern".

The session was formally conducted by Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of Department of Social Work & Dr. Aswini Kumar Nanda, Dean, Social Science and Humanities stressed the importance of open dialogue on the subject without associating stigma and taboo. Dr. Ankita Choudhary, a prominent Psychologist from the Department of Paediatrics, GMC,



Doda, delivered a comprehensive talk on "Overview of mental health from a global context with a focus on human rights." Her presentation shed light on the critical intersection of mental health and human rights. Miss Sonakshi Rajput, student, discussed challenges in a global and Indian context Mr. Joji Abraham, a research scholar from the department of social work, shared an enlightening presentation on "Mental health as a public

health concern: scope and initiatives emphasizing the emerging needs, demands and issues revolving around the mental health services in the globe and India and the session also through light into the scope and initiatives of mental health as a public health domain. Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Dr Ranvir Singh, Mr Fatehlal Bheel and Ms Nidhi Singhal, faculty, also participated in the thoughtful discussion. The students, scholars and faculty immensely benefited from the discussion.

Gurdarshan Singh bereaved

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has deeply condoled the sad demise of Sardar Jaswant Kour Wife of S. Gurdarshan Singh, KS(Rtd.) Senior Congress Leader.

President JKPC Shri Vikar Rasool Wani and all Senior leaders of the party have condoled the sad demise of Sardar Jaswant Kour and conveyed their condolences to Sardar Gurdarshan Singh Ji and other family members. He described Jaswant Kour a pious and kind hearted lady who remained socially active throughout her life. PCC Chief conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the rank and file of the party.

All other senior leaders of the party included Shri Raman Bhalla (Working President PCC), Sh. Mula Ram, Th. Balwan Singh, Ravinder Sharma, Rajnish Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, T.S. Bajwa, Ved Mahajan, Smt. Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Vinod Sharma, Hari Singh Chib, Th. Singh, Sanjeev Sharma, Kapil Singh, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Sajeew Panda, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Vijay Sharma, S. Amolak Singh, H.S. Mehta, Suresh Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Bhushan Dogra, Rajinder Singh Nathu, Ricky Dalotra, Com. Gurmeet Singh, Michael Wazir, Camres David Babloo, Vijay Singh Chib, Varinder Singh Manhas and others have expressed deep shock and conveyed

Indian Army Karate Association of Kupwara organize 7th District Level Karate Championship



J I NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA

Indian Army in coordination with Karate association of Kupwara conducted Karate championships for different age groups in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kupwara wherein more than 250 children participated in event with zeal and enthusiasm.

The events started on 26 October wherein

children participated in different categories. ADC Kupwara, Town Commander, 41 RR alongwith staff from Karate Association were present for the programme. On 27 October finals under various age categories were organised and events culminated with showcase of talent. Children from various categories were felicitated with medals and memento's by chief guest on the occasion.

Rohit Bhardwaj declared Qualified for Award of Ph.D Degree

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Rohit Bhardwaj has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). He has worked on the topic: "Role of Network Bricolage in Social Purpose Organizations - A Knowledge-based Dynamic Capability Perspective" under the supervision of Dr. Saurabh Srivastava and Dr. Rashi Taggar in the School of Business. Rohit Bhardwaj presented his research work at many conferences and has published 10 research papers in ABCD listed journals comprising



two first authored papers in A ranked journals. Rohit Bhardwaj is now working as a Post-doctoral Fellow at Birla Institute of Management Technology (Noida). Prior to joining academia and research, he has worked as a professional rapper, DJ, and a hip-hop artist.

Platinum Jubilee Commemoration of Pir Panjal Brigade's Historic Landing in Srinagar, 1947-48 Operations & Infantry Day Celebration

J I NEWS SERVICE
BONIYAR, OCT 27

In a momentous ceremony, the Nation paid homage to the gallant soldiers of the Indian Army (Pir Panjal Brigade, later part of Dagger Division, Baramulla) who's landing in Srinagar on 27 Oct 1947 marked a turning point in the future of the fate of the erstwhile princely state of J & K and of the independent India. The Platinum Jubilee Commemoration, combined with the solemn celebration of Infantry Day, was a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Indian Army and its unwavering commitment to safeguarding India's sovereignty.

An array of poignant and patriotic activities took place at the Headquarters of Pir Panjal Brigade and Brig Rajinder Singh Memorial in Boniyar, which has now become a symbol of

valour and sacrifice. The event was a fitting tribute to the valiant all ranks of Pir Panjal Brigade, Dagger Division and Chinar Corps.

Wreath Laying Ceremony : The solemn event began with the Chief Guest of the event General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Baramulla's Dagger Division, Maj Gen Rajesh Sethi, SM, VSM and Commander of Pir Panjal Brigade, Brig PMS Dhillon paying their respects by laying wreaths at the Brig Rajinder Singh Memorial & the Pir Panjal Brigade War Memorial. This heartfelt gesture was a reminder of the ultimate sacrifices made by the Brig (Late) Rajinder Singh, MVC & Indian Army soldiers during the 1947-48 Operations.

Patriotic Songs by Children of the Brig Rajinder Singh Army Goodwill



School : The atmosphere was filled with patriotic fervour as the school children of the Brig Rajinder Singh Army Goodwill School, Boniyar sang moving patriotic songs in memory of the brave soldiers who have sacrificed their lives to secure India's borders.

Interaction with 1947-48 Operation Units' Representatives : The Chief Guest of the event had an opportunity to interact with the representatives of the units that participated in the 1947-48 Operations.

The first-hand account of the actions of their respective units provided invaluable insights into the challenges and triumphs of that period.

Inauguration of Brigade Archives : A significant moment in the celebration was the inauguration of the Pir Panjal Brigade Archives, which will serve as a repository of historical records, photographs, and documents related to the Pir Panjal Brigade's participation in 1947-48, 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars and OP RAKSHAK.

This Archives will help preserve the legacy of these brave soldiers for future generations.

Screening of a Short Film on the 1947-48 Operations : A captivating short film documenting the heroic actions and sacrifices of the Pir Panjal Brigade during the 1947-48 Operations was screened at the Archives. The audience was moved by the bravery and determination displayed by these soldiers in the face of adversity.

Unveiling of 'Hajipir Capture' Mural : GOC Dagger Division also unveiled the mural of the "Capture of Hajipir Pass." This mural serves as a visual tribute to the exceptional achievements of the Pir Panjal Brigade during the Indo-Pak war of 1947-48 & 1965.

Slathia pays tributes to Brig Rajinder Singh MVC on his 77th Shaheedi Diwas



J I NEWS SERVICE
VIAJAPUR, OCT 27

Senior BJP leader and former minister Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today paid rich tributes to Brigadier Rajinder Singh, the dedicated and highly decorated Dogra soldier of the Maharaja Hari Singh's army, saying that his strong resistance to Pakistani raiders to save Kashmir and subsequent supreme sacrifice this day in 1947 will always inspire those loving their beloved motherland.

"Mahavir Chakra recipient warrior made the nation in general and the Duggarland in particular proud by his supreme sacrifice and left an indelible mark of heroism that remains the golden chapter of our military history", Mr Slathia said while speaking at a homage giving function on the

77th Shaheedi Diwas of Brigadier Rajinder Singh at Village Rajinder Singh Pura (Bagoona)

Slathia said the sacrifice of Brigadier Rajinder Singh and his men in defending the integrity and sovereignty of the nation in Kashmir during most testing times has been a guiding force for the compatriots to remain at the forefront and foil the machinations of the enemy. The indebted nation has all along been bowing its head with respect and deep esteem for the Saviour of Kashmir, he said, adding that his martyrdom will continue to inspire generations for serving the nation in whatever capacity they can.

Slathia said this is also an occasion to remember the martyrdom of bravehearts, who continue to sacrifice their lives for the nation. The biggest tribute

to great heroes is to create a strong and stable nation wherein people live in peace and harmony. He lauded the patriotic spirit of the people in remembering the great son of soil, saying this reflects their love and esteem for the warrior.

"In fact, it is in consonance with the great heritage and legacy of the Duggarland that has always stood like a rock behind heroes of the nation", Mr Slathia observed.

"We salute the martyrdom of Brig Rajinder Singh and bow before the courage of Maharaja Hari Singhji valiant forces under his command during the horrendous days of 1947, when they laid their lives to save the paradise on earth", Mr Slathia said and led the people of the area in paying floral tributes to the Dogra warrior.

The various other leaders also paid tributes to Brig Rajinder Singh and hailed his supreme sacrifice in saving the people and the Valley of Kashmir. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Sudershan Singh, Sarpanch; Brijpal Singh, Jatinder Singh, Daljeet Singh, Baldev Kumar, Panch, Udhm Singh, Sabar Singh, Vice President BJP Samba, Vijay Singh and others.

Modi Govt given incredible boost to rural infrastructure: Bharat Bhushan



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

The Chairman of District Development Council (DDC) Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, today kick-started the black-topping of road from Mandlik Maira Chowk to Village Gangwan, Marh Constituency, in presence of DDC Balbir Kumar, BDC Surinder Kumar, Sarpanch and Panches. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 20 lakhs.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi commended the Modi Government for focusing on rural areas and facilitating huge development in these

regions. He said that the policies of Modi government have given a tremendous boost to rural infrastructure. He said that the planned road improvements are a significant boost for the area, improving transport links for local residents and helping to facilitate wider economic growth. The development of rural areas, such as this, is a key aspect of the government's agenda and represents a major step forward in ensuring sustainable economic growth for the entire region, he added. "The Government at the Centre has made efforts to provide basic amenities, such as electricity, water,

and sanitation to rural areas, which has resulted in overall development. The Modi government has initiated various schemes for the benefit of farmers, including PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, which provides financial assistance to small and marginal farmers," Bharat Bhushan said. The DDC Chairman stated that several other significant development projects in the pipeline, which will be implemented in a phased manner. He emphasized that the government's focus on rural development will continue, with more schemes and initiatives in the offing.

Councillor Rahul initiates blacktopping of road at Ward 20

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Councillor Rahul Kumar today kick-started blacktopping of road on the back side of 106 A/D Gandhi Nagar Ward No 20 here today.

The development work was started in presence of party workers and prominent residents of the area including Rikki Gupta State Executive Member, District Secretary Robin Chandan, District Publicity Secretary Sandeep Gupta, Ward President Satbir Singh, Vijay Verma senior leader, Sunil Jain, Rampal Gupta & others.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Kumar said that Ward No 20 of Gandhi Nagar Constituency has witnessed massive development with the profile of the area changing drastically as cemented lanes, blacktopping of roads, renovation



of parks, open gyms have become a new norm here and no nook and corner is devoid of these amenities.

Rahul Kumar promised to make this Ward a model one and providing basic amenities to the public is the step towards the achievement of the model constituency. He said that several developmental projects are still in pipeline

which would be carried out in future in a phased manner for the welfare of Ward residents.

The Councillor appealed to the residents of the area that if they find anything mischievous in the execution of the works under process in the constituency, they can directly come and register a complaint with him.

Manisha, Preeti Sharma, Seema Parihar pay obseciance at Tirupati Temple, participated in Abhishek Ceremony

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 26

Manisha ACG, Preeti Sharma ACD And Seema Parihar SDM paid obseciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tirupati. she prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of abhishek of Lord Venkateshwar is performed.

ACG Manisha expressed happiness over the temple said that it is a feeling of pleasure and proud that the Tirupati Balaji temple is established here for the people of Jammu. With this temple we are able to witness the culture of south India and this feeling is heavenly. She appealed people to visit the temple and pay obseciance here.

She said that is ready for any kind of help to the



temple and devotees. she said the temple is beautifully made in the Majeen area. she said the dedication of Lord

Venkateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism and a major fillip to the economic development and employment opportunities in the Union Territory.

On this occasion Subramanyam the Superintendent of temple also appealed transport com-

missioner to start the bus service for the temple so that devotees can come easily to the temple. He also emphasize to start the Bharat darshan bus service here so that tourists also came to know about the temple.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Sai Krishna, Temple Inspector Subramanyam, Superintendent Raviteja, Pradhana Pandit Amit Shukla, Veda Pandit

N S Bhou, others bow before Mata Baglamukhi



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

On Friday, many veterans of the city including All India Bhau fraternity head Narinder Singh Bhau visited the temple of Mata Baglamukhi present in Khadamdana of Purmandal. The glory of this temple extends from the entire Purmandal to the Samba district and it is believed that who so ever comes here never leaves empty-handed. In such a situation, Narinder Singh Bhau and DDC Mendhar Wajid Bashir Khan, District General Secretary Ajay Singh Manhas who came from Akhnoor, Vice Chairman of Bhau fraternity Shyam Singh,

young journalist Shubham Kotwal and Arun from Samba came to visit this temple of Baglamukhi. The accompanying journalist Shubham Kotwal said that the road to reach this temple was quite strenuous, but after visiting there, they all acquired clear conscious. In this temple, he met Mahant Shri Rakeshanand Ji received his blessings and found himself redeemed. Narinder Singh Bhau said, "Just as bathing is necessary for the absolution of the body, similarly the darshan of God is necessary for the sanctity of the soul. I urge the people of Jammu to come to this temple and get the darshan of the Mother."

PTTI Vijaypur organizes Lecture on "Cyber Security Awareness"



J I NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYPUR, OCT 26

Principal Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur Shri Shiv Kumar IPS organized a Lecture on "Cyber Security Awareness" at PTTI Vijaypur for the awareness of trainees of various training courses undergoing in the Institute. Inspector Vivek Kalsotra of PTTI Vijaypur delivered the lecture and threw light on various prevailing cyber security threats and aware the Police personnel with regard to Do's and Don'ts while handling electronic gadgets. He highlighted

the importance of proper understanding of various forms of Cyber threats and shared essential security tips and tricks to prevent these threats. He briefly explained the modalities being adopted by Cyber scammers and laid stress upon for not sharing any sensitive information viz OTP, Bank Details & passwords etc. on mobile.

Besides this, Principal PTTI Vijaypur also appreciated Police trainees who donated Blood during Blood Donation Camp organized by Emergency Hospital Vijaypur on 25.10.2023 and praised them for their noble act.

The donors were provided with certificates of appreciation. Principal encouraged staff and trainees to donate blood regularly as a single drop of your blood could be a drop of life for someone else.

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

Information Sharing Session on ITEP aligned with NEP-2020 organized at CUJ

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

One-day 'Information Sharing Session for sensitization on ITEP aligned with NEP-2020' was organised by Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi, on 27th October, 2023 at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium, CUJ.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Con-venor of the event, welcomed the Chief Guest and explained the significance of the event to be organised in Jammu region. The stakeholders of the program were Principals of Government colleges, members of SCERT, Teacher Educators and Research Scholars. The whole event was organized under two sessions. The experts of the program delivered the talk in various aspects of ITEP and its implementation under session-I. In the II-session the experts had interacted with the delegates by addressing their queries.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor CUJ has inaugurated the event in presence of Mrs. Kesang Y Sherpa, Member Secretary, NCTE, Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor of Central University, South Bihar, Prof. P.C. Agarwal, Member, ITEP Curriculum Framework Committee, Sh. Ravinder Singh, Undersecretary, NCTE, Prof. J. N. Baliya, Member, NRC, NCTE, Abhimanyu Yadav, co-convenor, ITEP, B. K. Chaturvedi, Nodal Officer NCTE & Faculty members from allied higher educational institutions of Jammu region.

Earlier the event was inaugurated with the lighting of lamp. Prof. Sanjeev Jain appreciated the NCTE efforts for organising this event at CUJ. He expressed that all the teacher educators and institutions have to come forward to implement ITEP in a constructive way. Prof. Jain, during his address highlighted the vision of NEP-2020 for transforming teacher education through ITEP and reiterated the need for effective implementation of ITEP so as to fulfil the transformative vision of NEP 2020.

Prof. J.N Baliya, member NCTE briefed for implementing ITEP in a successful way. He said that it is



pride to say that CUJ has taken initiative to conduct this event which helps the whole Jammu region. He further said that ITEP is the flagship program of the central government for which CUJ is always supporting and completing the tasks assigned. He also emphasised that the success of the ITEP will depend on the coordination and sharing of the resources among the educational institutions and universities.

Mrs. Kesang Y Sherpa, Member Secretary, NCTE made a detailed presentation on the implementation of the ITEP as a flagship programme of the Government of India aligned with NEP-2020 on pilot mode for the first phase for which 42 institutions were selected. She talked about the need for an updated Teacher Education system so as to produce empowered, well trained, passionate and motivated teachers in order to make India 'Vishwaguru' in the field of education. She also talked about National Professional Standards for Teacher Education, Art and Sports Integrated Education. She concluded her talk that quality teachers can be developed with the help of ITEP who will serve in schools by 2030.

The event was also addressed by Prof. H C S Rathore, Chairman, ITEP Curriculum Framework. He emphasised that teachers should be prepared on the basis of their choice therefore their aptitude and dedication assist to excel in nation building. He further said that the job of the teacher is to uncover the content and purpose of the syllabus. While talking about the ITEP the institutions need to be shifted to ITEP by 2026. He further urged

that all the teacher education institutions have to comply with the norms of the NCTE for running teacher education programmes, mainly ITEP.

In his speech, Prof. P C Aggrawal, Member, Curriculum Framework Committee, emphasised that the teachers have to uncover the note to cover the content. He ensured that the placement of the teachers is very high after pursuing the ITEP program. For preparing a quality teacher, he urged that the 21st century skills must be developed among students for which ITEP has concerned. He also delivered his talk on vari-

ous curricular aspects of ITEP in the session.

At the end of the event, the open session for question-answers and observations was conducted. Many questions related to the issues, concerns and challenges in the implementation of ITEP were addressed by the expert members along with the Member Secretary, NCTE.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks given by Dr. Kiran. Faculty members of the Department Dr. Aman, Dr. Ravi Vanguri, Dr. Yadram, Dr. Mohan took an active role in organising the event to make it successful.

HC J&K and Ladakh dismisses PIL on Sarore Toll Plaza

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court dismissed a Public Interest Litigation that sought declaration of Sarore Toll Plaza as illegal. The order was given by the Division Bench headed by Hon'ble Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh along with Hon'ble Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi. One Sanjeev Kumar Sareen had filed a PIL (Public Interest Litigation) bearing number WP (C) PIL No. 7/2022 seeking declaration of Sarore Toll Plaza as illegal on the ground that the same was established in violation of provisions of the law. Advocate Karan Sharma represented the Union of India through Secretary Road Transport and Highways (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways) and Chairman National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) who were Respondents Number 1 and 2 in the PIL. Whereas, respondent number 3, Deputy Commissioner Samba was represented by Sr. Additional Advocate General S.S Nanda.

"Law and Justice" - A Grand Celebration of Prof. K L Bhatia's Illustrious Career

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

The Department of Law at the University of Jammu, Jammu, came alive on October 27, 2023, to celebrate the exceptional legacy of Prof. K.L Bhatia with a grand book release ceremony. The event, held in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Environmental Sciences, marked the release of the highly anticipated book, "Law and Justice: A Festschrift in the Honour of Prof. K.L Bhatia."

This remarkable book was meticulously edited by a trio of eminent scholars, Prof. Sanjay Gupta, Dr. Komilla Aggarwal Bhatia, and Dr. Raj K. Sandhu. "Law and Justice" in honour of Prof. K.L Bhatia's remarkable contributions to the field of law and academia.

Prof. Satinder Kumar, Head and Dean of the Faculty of Law, set the tone for the event with a warm and welcoming address.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the distinguished Justice Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, Judge of the High Court of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, who attended as the Chief Guest. Justice Shukla, in his address to the gathering, appreciated the efforts of



Prof. Bhatia's invaluable contributions to the legal world and his unwavering commitment to justice. His Lordship stressed on more interaction between the law department and judiciary. His lodrships motivated the students for sincere efforts in the field of law.

The function was presided over by Prof. Umesh Rai, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jammu. "Law and Justice: A Festschrift in the Honour of Prof. K.L Bhatia" serves as a testament to Prof. Bhatia's remarkable journey in the world of law, and the book release ceremony was a poignant reminder of the profound impact he has had on the academic and legal community.

Dr. Navdeep kour Sasan delivered a brief but illuminating introduction of Prof. K.L Bhatia, providing insight into the professor's remarkable career and its far-reaching impact on the world of law.

Prof. Bhatia himself

shared his life experiences and insights, leaving the audience captivated by his wisdom and passion.

Prof. Sanjay Gupta, one of the esteemed editors of the book, concluded the event with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude on behalf of the academic community to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai and Prof. Bhatia's dedication and profound influence.

The ceremony witnessed an impressive turnout, with students from the Department of Law, esteemed faculty members of the law department and The Law School, Advocates, and other prominent members of civil society, all coming together to celebrate the enduring legacy of Prof. K.L Bhatia.

The program was conducted by Dr. Raj K. Sandhu, one of the editor of the book, ensuring a smooth and memorable event.

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Modi Govt should take steps to stop Pak's unprovoked firing: Rattan Lal 'Five Marla plots for shelter in saffer areas to border dwellers still a distant dream'

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Jammu, of J&K National Conference on Friday strongly condemned the unprovoked shelling by Pakistani Rangers on the International Border in Arnia Sector of Jammu District, violating the ceasefire agreement signed between India and Pakistan authorities on Friday 25, 2021.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior NC leader said that second incident of truce pact violation in one week from Pakistani side is a matter of great concern as they are hampering life of the poor border dwellers on both sides of the border. He said that life of the people was disturbed as they were caught unaware by the pounding of mortar shells last night by the Pakistani Rangers. He also raised the issue of defunct bunkers as people had to



migrate and take refuge in temples and other places because the so-called bunkers made by the Modi Government have proven useless during the need of hour. LG Govt. is totally failed to give shelters and necessary arrangements to the poor people of the border who have been migrated from the border due to heavy shelling by the Pakistani Rangers.

The Provincial President also raised the issue of 5 Marla plots as promised by the Modi Government for border dwellers in saffer areas for shelter during the heavy firing. He said that the money spent on bunkers seems to have gone down the drain

as during the time of exigency these structures are proving futile as the same are not habitable due to neglect and therefore the same could be termed as sheer wastage of resources and public exchequer.

He, however, asserted that war is not the solution. He appealed to the Govts of both the countries to shun the violation of ceasefire so that the poor people of both the counties live with peace, prosperity and happiness.

Reportedly, heavy firing took place at border villages in Arnia Sector leading to injuries to one civilian and two BSF men. It is pertinent to mention that NC party has always batted for dialogue between India and Pakistan to normalize the ties between them. Mr Gupta further stressed to both the countries to respect and regard ceasefire agreement executed between the authorities of both the countries dated 25th February, 2021.

Army organised free medical camp at GHSS Baja Bain

JI NEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, OCT 27

Today a free medical camp was organized by the Indian Army today at government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Baja Bain under Tehsil Beripaten. The objective of this camp was to provide free health related facilities to the people of the place. In this context, along with a free medical camp, veterinary camp and dental camp was also organized by the Indian Army at the Higher Secondary School of Baja Bain. The camp was formally launched around 10:30. On this occasion, hundreds of



local people reached this camp and received medical treatment for various types of diseases and free medicines from the Indian Army camp. Speaking on this occasion, Indian Army doctors cautioned the people that the weather is changing, therefore, at this time, try to protect yourself, especially children and the elderly,

from cold, wear warm clothes from inside and take care of your health in any way. Don't do it. But during winters, especially take care of your heart health and consume more fried, roasted, spicy, dry, sour and tea only as per doctor's advice. On this occasion, a large number of local people also got their teeth treated and

received free dental services. Giving information in this context, local residents Arun Kumar, Sandeep Sharma, Mandeep Kumar etc. said that many types of harmony-inspired programs are organized by the Indian Army every day in the border areas of Sunderbani. Today's program is also a program in the series of programs organized under Sadbhavna. During this, hundreds of local people have benefited from this health testing camp. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army which organizes such camps regularly for the convenience of the people here.

Congress President accepts request of Dr Karan Singh ji

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge has accepted the request of Veteran Leader Dr Karan Singh ji, with regard to relieving him from the executive Committee of the JKPC. In a communication to Dr Karan Singh ji, the AICC General Secretary (Organisation) Shri KC Venugopal has conveyed the decision of the Congress President to Dr Karan Singh ji, in this regard, in response to a letter from Dr Singh, requesting congress President to relieve him of the executive of the JK PCC, said a party handout here today.

Ch Manmohan visits shelling-affected villages on IB, takes stock of people's issues

JI NEWS SERVICE
RS PURA, OCT 27

The members of All India Jat Maha Sabha, Jammu & Kashmir, led by its President, Ch Manmohan Singh (former Mayor), today visited shelling-affected villages including Bulechak, Treva, Sae, Changiyana, and Arnea, to assess the damages caused by unprovoked shelling from across the border.

During the visit, Ch Manmohan Singh personally interacted with the local residents, empathetically listening to their concerns and the damages they have endured due to the unrelenting shelling incidents. It was evident that the people residing in the border villages are living in constant fear and dire circumstances, and immediate action is needed to address their grievances. Sarpanch Sai Mola Ch. Dev Raj, Sarpanch Sai Khurd Sd. Sarbjeet Singh, Sarpanch Treva Mdm. Balbir Kour, youth leader Surinder Chohan, Ch. Surjeet, Capt. Munshi Ram and many others accompanies the Jat Maha Sabha leader.

Expressing deep concern for the safety and well-being of the border communities, Ch Manmohan Singh called upon the Government, specifically urging the Modi Government to respond firmly to Pakistan's violations of



the ceasefire agreement. He emphasized the need for the Government to take concrete steps to alleviate the suffering of the people and fulfill its commitment of providing 5 Marla plots to the affected families.

Ch Manmohan Singh also highlighted the deplorable condition of existing bunkers constructed by the Government and urged the authorities to build new, sturdier bunkers in every street of border villages to ensure the safety of the residents. He further stressed the urgency of providing financial relief to the families affected by shelling, without any unnecessary delay.

In addition to these concerns, Ch Manmohan Singh expressed solidarity with the farmers who are facing severe difficulties. Due to the unpredictable shelling, laborers have left the border villages for safer areas, leaving the farmers unable to harvest their crops. He requested that the district administration to assess the losses

faced by both border dwellers and the farming community, and prioritize compensation for their losses. Ch Manmohan Singh also called on the government to provide life insurance for the residents of border areas to ensure their security and well-being. He asserted that the Jat Maha Sabha is committed to the welfare of the border communities and will continue to advocate for their rights and protection. Ch Manmohan Singh said "God forbid, if any person residing in border areas face any adversity or an unfavorable situation, he/she should approach the Jat Maha Sabha. In such dire times, you don't need to go anywhere else as the Jat Maha Sabha has made necessary arrangements for border dwellers in Jammu. He said the Jat Maha Sabha will make every effort to ensure that border dwellers will not face any trouble. He asked people of border areas to contact the Jat Maha Sabha during any crisis at the border.

Indian army organizes Kho-Kho Championship



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCT 27

As part of "Khelo India" initiative by the Govt of India to promote sports for all, Vilgam Army Camp organised Kho-Kho Championship for the Girls of the Battalion Area. Vilgam Kho-Kho field today, on the occasion of the final match of Vilgam Girls Kho-Kho Championship, was bustling with great enthusiasm and team spirit displayed by the teams and the spectators witnessing the final match between BHS Chak Sarmarg & BHS Trathpora.

The match provided significant impetus to the resurgence of traditional sports like Kho Kho, especially for young girls who played a pivotal role in

challenging traditional gender stereotypes by making Kho Kho more accessible to girls. Team from Govt High School Trathpora & Govt High School Chak Sarmarg demonstrated their skills and passion towards the game.

A total of 23 teams from Kupwara, Rahmall, Trathpora, Magam & Rajwar Block participated in the Championship which started on 19 Oct 23 at COB level and finally culminated today with finals at Vilgam. The energy displayed by players of both the teams was remarkable and very motivating. Govt High School Chak, Sarmarg won the exciting contest with a final score of 40-23. Winners, Runners up and 2nd Runner up were presented with

trophies, certificates, medals and a cash award of Rs 5500, Rs 3500, Rs 2500 respectively. Earlier in COB level Competition winner and runners up teams in all COBs were also felicitated with cash prizes of Rs 1200 and Rs 800 respectively. Best raider of the tournament was awarded with Rs 500 cash prize.

Sport events organised by Army Camps under 'Khelo India' Campaign have not only revived the age-old sport of Kho Kho but has also empowered girls to break boundaries, shatter stereotypes and reach new heights in the field of sports. It stands as a testament to India's commitment to gender equality, sports development and the nurturing of young talent.

Khatana urges LG Sinha to expedite selection for Govt jobs

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha, (Nominated) Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, has urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to expedite the selection process for aspirants of various government posts within the Union Territory especially Sub Inspectors, JEs, Compilers in Finance dept. and waited list candidates of Junior Statistical Assistants who are waiting since last two years.

Addressing a delegation of job aspirants, MP Khatana said that the transformative work done by LG Manoj Sinha in restoring normalcy in the region and fast tracking the developmental works in the short span of time. He said the selection process for Sub Inspectors,

Junior Engineers, Compilers in the Finance Department, and Junior Statistical Assistants has been lingering on for last more than 2 years and these positions are critical to the functioning of the government and the well-being of the Union Territory's residents. By expediting the selection process, the LG's administration will further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the government's operations, he added.

MP Khatana commended the relentless efforts of the Lieutenant Governor in bringing normalcy to Jammu and Kashmir. The initiatives taken by LG Sinha, including development projects, outreach programs, and the creation of a conducive environment for businesses, have played

a significant role in improving the lives of the people in the region.

He said that creating new job opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir is essential for the long-term prosperity of the Union Territory. By accelerating the selection process for various government posts, the administration can empower the youth and provide them with opportunities for personal growth and development, which will contribute to the overall progress of the region.

MP Khatana said that during the recent meeting LG Manoj Sinha has assured to expedite the selection process and hoped to see swift progress in the selection process for the mentioned government positions.

RMPS, GS Sports Club organize Inter-School Sports meet to celebrate Int'l Girl Child Day



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

On the eve of International Girl Child Day G.S Sports Club today organized an Inter-School Competition at R.M Public School Chowdi. The theme of the program was to empower "Nari Shakti". SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat (JKPS) Staff Officer to ADGP Railways was the Chief Guest, Dr. Sunniya Wani (JKPS) DySP Headquarters was the Guest of honour.

DySP Sunniya Wani appreciated the role of GS Sports Club for empowering girls and organising such events which gives them the platform to showcase their hidden

talent. She encouraged the girl students to come forward to lead our society to take our developing nation towards new heights.

Chief Guest Mohan Lal Bhagat while speaking on the occasion congratulated Management and the staff of R.M Public School and team of G.S Sports Club and its team for organizing such inspiring sports meet for various schools. He encouraged the girls to participate in making Bharat the World Power. He said females today comprise around 50% of our population and without empowering them it is impossible to make our nation Atam

Nirbhar and a World Power therefore everybody in the society needs to uplift the Nari Shakti. He apprised the girls that our female players have contributed a major share in the medals tally of Asian Games. He said that today females are leading in every field. He said the upcoming era in the world is of Bharat and it's the females who will make their maximum contribution for that Chairman R.M Public School Sh. Rameshwar Mengi, who also presided over the function, urged the students to stay physically fit, work hard to pursue their aims and play an important role in nation building.

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Social Activist and PDP District Jammu Media Coordinator Narinder Sharma today congratulated Mehbooba Mufti on being re-elected as president of the party for a fourth consecutive term. In a statement he said that it was one of the happiest moments not only for him but for all PDP workers and leaders and the oppressed people of Kashmir. He expressed hope that she would keep representing J&K.

"It was late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Sahab who first gave a healing touch to the people J&K," Sharma said. "Now people of Kashmir have pinned hopes on our party president Mehbooba Mufti." He said come what may, the party workers and leaders would support every move of the party president. "Mehbooba Mufti emerged from the shadow of her illustrious father Mufti Muhammad Sayeed," Sharma said. "We will tirelessly work shoulder-to-shoulder to fulfill our shared vision of development, inclusiveness and reconciliation in J&K," he added. With no other candidate in fray against her,



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Bharat will not tolerate any violation on its territory: Kavinder

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 27

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, has vehemently condemned Pakistan for its unprovoked firing and shelling along the border. He emphasized that despite various agreements and assurances, our neighboring country persists in engaging in such aggressive actions periodically, a situation that is deeply regrettable.

Kavinder expressed the BJP's unwavering support for the people facing this crisis due to unprovoked shelling on borders and lauded the robust response of the Indian security personnel, who are steadfastly protecting the nation's borders.

He asserted that the armed forces have been granted the authority to respond firmly to Pakistan's aggression, sending a clear message on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that enough is enough. Bharat will not tolerate any violation of



its territory, any harm to its citizens, or any form of aggression.

While acknowledging that the Modi Government is taking significant steps to alleviate the problems faced by the border population and to respond fittingly to Pakistan's provocations, he expressed concern about certain leaders who are engaging in political maneuvering and attempting to tarnish the image of Prime Minister Modi through irresponsible statements.

The senior BJP leader called for unity and support for the government's efforts to protect the nation and its people, stressing the importance of standing together as a country in the face of external threats.

Narinder congratulates Mehbooba Mufti on being re-elected President for 4th consecutive term

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Shaleen Kabra presides over Public Darbar at Kathua

JINNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 27

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, today presided over a Public Darbar here and took stock of grievances and demands of people of the district.

Chairman District Development Council Kathua, Col (Retd) Mahan Singh; Vice Chairman, DDC Raghunandan Singh; Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas; SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jammwal; President Municipal Council Kathua, Rajinder Singh and ADDC, Ankur Mahajan among representatives of various delegations were present on the occasion.

The Public Darbar witnessed overwhelming response from all sections of the society where people apprised Shaleen Kabra of issues being faced by the locals seeking intervention in redressing the same.

Regarding the suitability of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes instead of GI pipes, the ACS said that use of HDPE pipes is in line with the directive of GOI and are being used across the country after conducting thorough research and technical assessment.

ACS informed that JJM is being implemented through a transparent e-tendering system. He said that as the infrastruc-



ture is being built to meet the requirements for next 30 years and a huge quantum of work is involved including laying of a vast pipe distribution network. The requirement of pipe material is equally large for which timely availability was to be ensured to avoid delay in implementation of the mission without compromising on the fairness, accountability and transparency of the procurement process as envisaged in the GFR 2017 and Manual for Procurement of Goods 2017, he added.

Shaleen Kabra emphasized the critical role of Paani Samitis at village level as they are the owners of water resources for its upkeep and quality.

Earlier, DDC Chairman submitted a Memorandum of demands including requirement of manpower in Rural Engineering Wing, utilization of left

over funds from Capex for meeting out the contingencies caused by calamities and disasters etc. He also highlighted other issues chiefly related to allocation of funds for provision of auditorium complex in the district, filling of vacant posts of BDOs, Doctors and Teachers.

The DDC and BDC members also put forth the issues concerning their respective areas like resumption of online services for registration of Ayushman Bharat Cards, compensation for damaged crops, road connectivity in Border Villages, devising of robust mechanism for flood prone and affected areas, land for landless families, filling of vacant posts, road connectivity in Dhar Mahanpur, demands of ultrasound machine in Trauma hospital Mahanpur, early completion of Juthana bridge and Hatli Mahnu road etc.

President MC Kathua raised the issues like fund allocation for city sewerage plan, provision of funds for constructing parks, gyms etc,

Shaleen Kabra also lent a patient ear to the grievances of industrialists led by President Ajit Bawa who projected issues like speedy disposal of requisite permissions required for setting up industrial units, NOCs, early release of turnover incentive, allocation of lands to small industrialists etc.

The deputation representing Beopar Mandal projected issues of adequate parking slots in main bazaars besides requesting for avoiding erratic power cuts during festival seasons.

While responding to the issue of sale of land allotted to DPs of POJK, the ACS assured early redressal in the matter.

Shaleen Kabra, while interacting with line departments, called for adopting a public friendly approach in resolving the issues of public importance by making optimum utilization of resources. He said public darbar is a platform to obtain first hand appraisal from the gross root level besides reducing the communication gap between the public and the administration.

Later, ACS also handed over motorised tricycles to the specially abled beneficiaries.

Justice Tashi Rabstan visits District Jail, Palash, Parisha, OSC for women in distress, Home for aged at Kathua

JINNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 27

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee accompanied by Rajni Rabstan and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, who is also holding the charge of Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee, today visited District Jail Kathua, Palash (Home for Boys), Parisha (Home for Girls), One Stop Center/ Shelter Home for women in distress and Home for the aged and infirm run by an NGO to take stock of the facilities being provided to the inmates there.

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Superintendent, District Jail Kathua, Deputy Superintendent of Police Headquarters and Secretary, DLSA Kathua besides others were present on the occasion.

Justice Tashi was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour. He inspected various facilities available in the District Jail like Legal Aid Clinic, e-Mulakat center, VC facility, STD facility, Kitchen and dining area, 05 bedded dispensary and a dental Centre.

Justice Tashi also inspected the only female barrack and five male barracks and had an interaction with the inmates. He also enquired about their



well being and progress of their cases.

During interaction, inmates requested for providing them Legal Aid Counsel as the privately engaged counsels by them were not delivering as per their expectations. Considering their requests, Justice Tashi issued on the spot instructions to the Deputy Chief LADC Kathua to appear on behalf of Under trial whose Advocates fail to appear and conduct cases in the respective courts.

The inmates in the jail appreciated the jail staff for extending them quality services including proper diet and are being represented in their respective cases by the lawyers either engaged by them or provided by Legal Services Authority.

Regarding availability of

Medical facilities, Justice Tashi expressed satisfaction especially on learning that a medical officer is posted in the jail on full time basis.

Justice Tashi also interacted with Principal District Judge as well as Additional District Judge Samba through VC facility available in the jail.

Later, Justice Tashi visited Palash (Home for Boys) and Parisha (Home for Girls) at Kathua where he was briefed by District Social Welfare Officer Kathua and Superintendents of both the homes about the services being extended to the beneficiaries there.

Justice Tashi also interacted with the children staying there to understand problems being faced by them. He appreciated the availability of

infrastructure facilities like AC dormitories, Recreation Hall with big LED, Computer Lab, well maintained kitchen and dining hall, facility for indoor games, open gym etc., He also lauded efforts of Social Welfare Department in maintaining required standards of living and hoped that similar kind of facilities shall be provided in all the CCIs.

On the occasion, a Cultural programme was presented jointly by the inmates of Palash and Parisha.

Lastly, certificates of participation were also distributed among the performers for their encouragement.

Afterwards, Justice Tashi visited One Stop Centre/Shelter Home for Women in Distress and Home for the aged and infirm being run by an NGO, since 1995. The said Home is having a capacity of 100 person, whereas, presently 30 old aged persons from all over India were putting up there.

Justice Tashi also interacted with the persons residing in the old age home and enquired about the facilities being provided to them. He appreciated the efforts of civil society Kathua in extending helping hand to the Home. He urged upon the gathering present over there to come forward and help such type of Homes in taking up social service works.

Badalta Khilta Jammu Kashmir

DIPR organizes exhibition, highlights UTs' success stories of past 4 years

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 27

The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) organized a mega exhibition at Bahu Plaza railhead to commemorate celebration of upcoming Jammu and Kashmir UT Foundation Day.

The event served as a platform to spotlight the commendable achievements of JK Government recorded over the past four years besides emphasizing the rich cultural tapestry of the Union Territory. The inauguration of the exhibition was presided over by Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Naresh Kumar, in presence of Deputy Director Central, Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director (AV), Dharam Paul and other officers and officials.

During the inaugural ceremony, Joint Director highlighted the proactive efforts of the administration under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha towards steering the UT to new highs of peace, progress and pros-



perity. The administration focused on providing equitable access to education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities for all segments besides rural development, a linchpin in overall progress, is being given special emphasis. He added that Jammu occupies a significant place among cities in India for having premier institutions like IIT, IIM, and AIIMS.

Joint Director further emphasized that completion of numerous developmental projects has not only elevated living standards of people here

but also injected vitality into the local economy. A substantial surge in job creation across diverse sectors has been witnessed, thereby bolstering economic stability, he maintained.

The exhibition's primary goal was to disseminate information regarding various policies of J&K government. In addition, a vibrant cultural program was presented by the cultural wing showcasing a medley of folk and special composite songs encapsulating the essence of "Badalta Khilta Jammu Kashmir."

Principal Secretary Forest visits Budgam

JINNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, OCTOBER 27

Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, today visited Budgam and presided over a Public Darbar here to take stock of public grievances and development activities in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo; SSP, Al-Tahir Gilani; ADDC, Dr. Akhramullah Tak; ADC Budgam, Dr. Nasir; CMO, CEO, ACD, SDMs, Executive Engineers of different wings, CHO, CAO, other district officers, BDOs, Vice Chairman Municipal Committee Budgam, PRIs besides social activists and locals attended the Public Darbar.

During the event, an open discussion was held wherein general public presented their demands and grievances for speedy disposal.

Addressing on the occasion, Dheeraj Gupta said that Budgam district is speedily progressing in terms of growth and development. He stressed on public service delivery with accountability and transparency in a time bound manner while asking officers and PRIs to contribute towards society's growth and development.

Sheetal Nanda chairs Public Darbar at Samba

Asks officers to ensure prompt redressal of public issued

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 27

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, today presided over a Public Darbar at DC office complex here to comprehensively address the diverse issues and concerns faced by the local populace.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from the community, with representatives from various segments of society including DDC and BDC members, PRIs, Beopar Mandal, members of different associations, civil society and other prominent citizens.

The participants raised several grievances and demands concerning their respective areas and sought an early redressal of the same.

Chairperson District Development Council (DDC), Keshav Dutt Sharma, Vice Chairperson DDC Balwan Singh and BDC members along with other PRI representatives highlighted several issues including accelerating pace of



development under JJM, infrastructural development, focused attention on border area residents affected by cross-border firing, preservation of historical forts, bolstering tourism and other key developmental priorities specific to their constituencies.

Taking swift action, Sheetal Nanda, proactively addressed numerous concerns on the spot and directed the officials to strictly adhere to stipulated norms and timelines

for effective follow-up and redressal of public grievances. Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, SSP Benam Tosh, along with district officers were present on the occasion.

Commissioner Secretary, in her address, expressed gratitude to all participants for their active engagement. She emphasized her commitment towards addressing the raised issues in alignment with the existing protocols and regula-

tions. DDC Chairperson lauded the government's strategic approach of engaging administrative secretaries through the Public Darbar and other senior officers in the 'Back To Village' program, demonstrating a proactive stance in understanding and addressing the evolving needs and demands of the citizens. He also applauded the government's initiatives in empowering PRIs for effective grassroots governance.

ECI orders Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls in J&K

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls in all the Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituencies in the UT of J&K with 1st of January 2024 as qualifying date.

In this regard a notice has been issued by Chief

Electoral Officer, J&K. As per the notice, the timeline for publication of integrated draft electoral roll is 27-10-2023 (Friday) while as the timeline period for filing claims and objections is 27-10-2023 (Friday) to 09-12-2023 (Saturday).

Similarly, the notice reads that Special campaign dates are 04-11-2023 (Saturday), 05-11-2023 (Sunday), 18-11-2023 (Saturday) and

19-11-2023 (Sunday). The notice further reads that the timeline for disposal of claims and objections is 26-12-2023 (Tuesday) while as timeline for final publication of electoral roll is 05-01-2024 (Friday).

"The Draft Photo Electoral Rolls-2024 will be available at District Headquarters/Tehsil Offices/ Offices of Srinagar and Jammu Municipal Corpora-

tions/ Booth Level Officers at Polling Station level and on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K (ceojk.nic.in.) for the information of all concerned", notice reads. "Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (Migrant) in Delhi, Jammu & Udhampur shall receive the claims and objections from the Kashmiri Migrants living within their jurisdiction as per the schedule mentioned

above", it adds.

The notice further reads that all individuals who are 18 years of age or above as on 01-01-2024 can get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls by filing Form No. 6 used for registration of new electors. It adds that Form-7 can be used for objections to proposed inclusion/for deletion of name in existing electoral roll, Form-8 can be used

for multiple purposes like correction of any particulars in the roll, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC, and marking of person with disability and Form 6B can be used for capturing Aadhaar number of the existing electors.

The notice also reads that in addition to above, all those who shall be attaining the age of eligibility on the

remaining three qualifying dates, i.e 1st April, 1st July and 1st October, 2024 can also submit their advance claims and the Forms & Draft Electoral Roll can be downloaded at www.ceojk.nic.in.

Further, the notice reads that the claims and objections can be filled in both online as well as offline mode. For online filing of claims/objections, one can

log on to Voter's Service Portal (voterseci.gov.in) or download voter helpline app (VHA) and for offline mode, the concerned BLO/AERO/ERO can be contacted, it adds.

The notice also reads that all stakeholders are requested to participate in revision exercise in order to ensure that maximum number of eligible voters are enrolled in the Electoral Rolls.