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Lt Governor interacts with people, addresses their grievances during 'LG's Mulaqaat' programme

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today interacted with the people and heard their grievances during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat today.

While resolving the grievances of citizens, follow the values of integrity, impartiality in dealing with each case and in delivering services, the Lt Governor directed the officials.

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Migrant labourer shot dead in Pulwama

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

A migrant labourer was shot dead on Monday afternoon by the terrorists in Nowpora Parigam village in Newa area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district.

An official told the news agency that a labourer identified as Mukesh Kumar from Uttar Pradesh was shot at by militants in Nowpora Parigam Pulwama.

He said that the labourer was rushed to the hospital for treatment where doctors declared him brought dead. Meanwhile, police said that the area has been cordoned off.

"Terrorists fired upon one labourer identified as Mukesh of U.P in Tumchi Nowpora area of #Pulwama, who later on succumbed to his injuries.

Area #cordoned off. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Zone Police said in a post on 'X'.

Mukesh was working in a brick kiln and was on way to the bank to send some money to his home, his colleagues said. Mukesh is father of four, they said.

Meanwhile, a police spokesman said that at about 12:10 PM today, Police received information about a terror crime incident at Tumchi Nowpora area of Pulwama where terrorists had fired upon an outside labourer.

Senior police officers reached at the terror crime spot. Officers attending the terror crime spot learnt that an outside labourer identified as Mukesh Kumar son of Ganga Prasad resident of Bhatpora, Samadha Uttar

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Can't take things lightly, have to be cautious as threats remain: DGP Dilbagh Singh on Sgr attack



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Monday said that police can't take things lightly and have to remain cautious

as threats continue to remain still.

He was referring to the attack on a police official at Eidgah area of Srinagar on Sunday. "One of our officers was playing with other

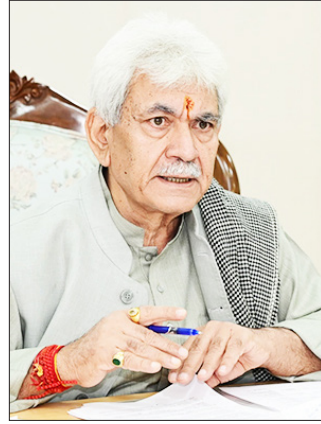
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Vigilance Awareness Week

Corruption free J&K is our mission: LG Sinha

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

An 'Integrity Pledge' was given to the officers, SSF Personnel and staff of Raj Bhavan, and Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners (through virtual mode) at Civil Secretariat on the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week. The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha read out the Integrity Pledge and administered the oath to officers and



staff. The Lt Governor said that we need an integrated and collective approach to deal with corruption, which impedes the growth and undermines the moral fibre of the society.

"In order to eliminate the cancer of corruption, all the stakeholders have an important role to play. Corruption free J&K is our vision as well as the mission," the Lt Governor added. He also highlighted the steps taken to improve

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Vigilance Awareness Week 2023

DIPR Jammu staff pledges to promote fight against corruption

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

The observance of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2023' by Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu started off today with the taking of integrity pledge by officers and staff

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Devp process successful only when both Govt, public work in unison: Shailendra Kumar

J I NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 30

In a commendable effort to directly address public issues, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Shailendra Kumar, conducted Public Darbar here today.

During the public darbar, the Principal Secretary conveyed commitment to addressing the pressing issues brought forward by the local community. He emphasized that the top priority of the Government is to ensure that basic facilities and services are delivered to the general public in an efficient and timely manner. He reassured the attendees that their voices had been heard, and their concerns would not go unnoticed.

Shailendra Kumar also underscored the significance of collaboration between the government and the public. He recognized that the develop-



ment process can only be successful when both Government and public work in unison. He encouraged the community to actively participate in the journey towards a better quality of life for everyone. He stated that the role of the Government is to facilitate progress, but true development requires the active engagement and support of the people it serves.

Principal Secretary reiterated his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the citizens of Rajouri. He affirmed that the government would

take concrete actions to address the issues and work towards fulfilling the demands of the community.

During the public darbar, the public raised plethora of critical issues before the Principal Secretary like road macadamization, bolstering health infrastructure, addressing staffing shortages, resolving water scarcity, initiating works on Government Degree Colleges in Doongi, budhal and Darhal, sanctioning of Women's College for Rajouri, addressing the deteriorating condition

of roads, blacktopping road in different areas of Rajouri, constructing new roads in Harichuma and Treru Upper-B, and many more.

Furthermore, the public also raised concerns about the need for additional bunkers, pending bunker payments, forest clearances for development projects, the establishment of a Munsiff court in Darhal, the establishment of a sub-district hospital and trauma center in Thanamandi.

The locals also demanded upgradation of the HSS Chowdhury Nar to the HSS

level, repair hand pumps, construct a mini secretariat building for Rajouri, complete the Badala Mang Bridge project, address the shortage of doctors and teachers in schools, expedite pending payments under MGNREGA, undertake the double lanning of the Kalakote to Siot road, construct chowks, sanction an agriculture college, and complete work on the ANS Canal project. This Public Darbar in Rajouri stands as a testament to the dedication of the Government to directly engaging with the public, understanding their needs, and

Div Com Kashmir administers Integrity Pledge to Officers



J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

To observe Vigilance Awareness Week, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today administered Integrity Pledge to the officers and officials to foster a culture of honesty and ethical practices in the office business.

The officers and officials of Div Com Office pledged to promote ethical business practices and foster a culture of honesty and integrity; commit to good governance based on transparency, accountability and fairness.

Further participants pledged to adhere to the relevant laws, rules and compliance mechanisms in the conduct of business besides adopting a code of ethics for all our employees.

The officers also pledged that they shall sensitize employees of laws, regulations, etc. relevant to their work for honest discharge of their duties. Besides, they shall provide grievance redressal and Whistle Blower mechanism for reporting grievances and fraudulent activities.

They also pledged to protect the rights and interests of stakeholders and the society at large.

DC Doda chairs Narco Coordination Committee meeting held

>> Reviews enforcement of Drug Control measures

J I NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 30

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today reviewed the enforcement of Drug Control measures in the 16th Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting held here in the DC office.

The meeting evaluated the progress made in addressing drug-related issues and charted out the future course of action to curb drug abuse in the district.

Vishesh Mahajan, the District Magistrate Doda, virtually chaired this significant meeting, engaging with Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Tehsildars from across the district.

SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom, who acts as the Committee's convenor, presented the latest developments and strat-

egies employed in the district to control drug addiction and trafficking. He emphasized the considerable efforts made in conducting mass awareness camps across the district, particularly through Operation Parhaar. Additionally, 42 cases have been registered against 49 drug peddlers under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. These suspects are under close surveillance by district police, and disciplinary actions are imminent. He also informed that 3 important cases of heroin in the district, are under the supervision of police department. He said that 40 persons across the district have been put behind the bars for drug related activities.

The DM Doda acknowl-



edged the Drug Control Officer Doda's prompt action in suspending licenses of four medical stores allegedly involved in drug trafficking. He advocated the use of specific drug test kits to confirm drug use by suspects and directed enforcement agencies to maintain vigilant surveillance on them. Furthermore, Tehsildars and police officers were tasked with monitoring suspects and medical

stores within their jurisdictions closely.

The meeting also resolved that individuals involved in the cultivation of Cannabis, Opium, drug peddling, or drug addiction would be disqualified from receiving government scheme benefits, in addition to legal action against them. To further monitor drug abuse, the installation of CCTV cameras in sensitive areas was emphasized, with the

health department tasked to curb the illegal marketing of psychoactive drugs. The DC also directed the CAO Doda to install CCTV cameras in schools and various sensitive locations and urged Tehsildars to ensure the implementation of these measures.

SSP stressed the effectiveness of "Operation Third Eye" in controlling drug abuse, highlighting the number of PSAs and FIRs filed against drug peddlers and abusers. He reported that 65 more panchayats have been declared drug-free, achieving a remarkable 100% success rate. The SSP also mentioned that drugs test kits have been instrumental in the ongoing efforts against drug abuse.

Mandeep Kour chairs Public Darbar at Baramulla



J I NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 30

Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Mandeep Kour, today visited Baramulla and convened a day long Public Darbar at Dak Bungalow here to take stock of public grievances besides reviewing development activities in the district.

Chairperson, District Development Council Baramulla, Safeena Beigh, Deputy Commissioner, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Director RDD, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Senior Superintendent of Police, Amod Ashok Nagpure, Additional District Development Commissioner, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, DDC members, BDC Chairpersons, ACD, ACR, SDMs, PRI representatives besides social activists and locals attended the Public Darbar.

It's apt to mention that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has deployed the Administrative Secretaries to conduct Public Darbars in the assigned districts to hear and redress the issues and concerns of the general public.

During the Public Darbar, an open discussion was held wherein PRIs and general public presented their demands and grievances while seek-

ing speedy disposal. The main demands and grievances put forth by them pertained to Jal Shakti, R&B, PDD, Education, Health, Social Welfare and other concerned departments. They sought intervention of Commissioner Secretary in ensuring early redressal of their grievances.

While taking cognizance of grievances raised by the general public, Commissioner Secretary reiterated that these will be taken up with the concerned quarters for timely and early action.

Highlighting significance and motive of holding Public outreach programme, Mandeep Kour said that main aim behind this initiative is to have a convergent bridge between the administration and the people. The theme of Public Darbar is administration at door step, she added.

Commissioner Secretary said that Baramulla district is speedily progressing in terms of growth and development and stressed on public service delivery with accountability and transparency in a time-bound manner.

Safeena Beigh also highlighted the significance of Public grievance redressal camp and assured completion of developmental projects in a time bound

manner. She said all the directions and suggestions have already been passed to all the concerned officers with regard to early completion of projects.

Meanwhile, Chairperson DDC Baramulla, Commissioner Secretary and DC Baramulla inspected stalls installed by various departments during the Public Darbar at the venue.

Integrity pledge was also administered to all concerned stakeholders to make transparent and corruption free nation, with an idea to practice commitment to this year's theme, 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation'.

Later, in a separate officers meeting regarding the issues raised during Public Darbar, Commissioner Secretary took a detailed overview of all the developmental works being executed in Baramulla.

After taking sector wise progress, Commissioner Secretary issued on spot directions to all the concerned officers to complete all the pending projects in a time bound manner. She also asked for redressal of all the issues of the general public. She asked DC to take a follow up status from all the departments regarding the directions issued during the meeting.

Vigilance Awareness Week

DC Jammu stresses on improving public connect, efficient grievances redressal



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

On the inaugural day of Vigilance Week, Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya administered the integrity pledge to district officers and other government officials here in the DC Office.

On this occasion, a signature campaign was also started through which the officials pledged their support towards integrity and transparency in government services.

offices to work cohesively towards these goals.

He urged everyone present to champion transparency in their work and promote government schemes that benefit the citizens. Timely completion of projects and the saturation of public welfare schemes were highlighted as key objectives.

Punctuality emerged as another crucial aspect of the discussion. The District Magistrate called for a dedicated time for public dealings in government offices, ensuring efficiency and accountability.

In addressing the concerns of Block Divas issues, he emphasised their priority, assigning

responsibility to Sub-Divisional Magistrates for the maintenance of law and order in their respective jurisdictions.

Furthermore, the District Magistrate underscored the significance of providing sincere delivery of government services to the people. He commended the police department, led by SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar and assured that the SDPOs and other officers are always prepared for cooperation.

Concluding his address, the District Magistrate called for special attention to be given to improving social and societal benchmarks, challenging officers to strive for excellence in grievance redressal.

07 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by Jammu Police

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of PS Akhnoor, PS Jhajar Kotli, PP Chinore and PP Sidhra acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 07 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under:

One Tipper bearing Registration No. JK02CL 2723, by PS Akhnoor

02 tippers without Registration Nos, by PS Jhajar Kotli

03 vehicles i.e 02 dumpers bearing Registration Nos. JK02DE 7911 and JK02CN 4883 and a JCB bearing Registration No. JK11 A 8086, by PP Chinore

One Tractor trolley bearing chassis no. MBNGAALF2PRK01572, by PP Sidhra
The recoveries were made by SHO PS Akhnoor Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq, SHO PS Jhajar Kotli Inspr Azad Ahmed, I/C PP Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar and I/C PP Sidhra SI Lalit Sharma in their respective jurisdictions.

DMO Jammu was also intimidated about the same.

The mining was done in violation of order of Hon'ble High Court of J&k. In order to strictly implement the drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators of the law Jammu Police has initiated strict action.

Vigilance Awareness Week begins on high note across Jammu Division

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 31

The Vigilance Awareness Week started on a high note across Jammu Division as the district administrations, Government Departments and Educational Institutions hosted pledge taking ceremonies to commit their support and determination to fight against the menace of Corruption.

AT DODA: The District Administration Doda marked the commencement of Vigilance Awareness Week with a pledge-taking ceremony held at the DC office and various government offices throughout the district. In a simple gathering at the DC office, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, administered the pledge to the officers and officials. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of corruption on society.

Similar pledge ceremonies resonated with enthusiasm and zeal across all government offices in the district.

At Rajouri: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, commenced the Vigilance Awareness Week with a commitment to integrity by taking the pledge against corruption.

The week will witness a plethora of activities to be organised to reinforce the message of "zero tolerance towards corruption." These activities include



displaying posters and placards conveying the importance of eradicating corruption in every office throughout the district, conducting signature campaigns, and hosting awareness workshops, among others.

Among the others present were ADC, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; AC Defence, Saleem Quershi besides other officers, officials attended the event.

At Ramban: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam administered the pledge to the officers and officials of various departments functioning in the District Administrative Complex to observe "Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023" from October 30, 2023.

ADDC Rajinder Sharma; ADC Harbans Lal, ACR, Gias-ul-Haq, CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal, CMO, Dr. Kamal Zadu and other senior officers, officials were present on the occasion.

Similar pledge taking ceremonies were also organized at Sub-Division and Tehsil level besides in other offices and institutions of the all departments across the district.

At Kishtwar: The official launch of Vigilance Awareness Week in District Kishtwar took place as Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav administered the integrity pledge to officers and officials at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

ADDC Kishtwar, Sham Lal; ADC Kishtwar, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak; PO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; ACP, ACD, DPO, Tehsildar HQ, and several other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

Integrity pledges were also administered at GDC Kishtwar, where students were sensitized about the detrimental effects of corruption. Similar events were held in other government offices and institutions, demonstrating a collective commitment to maintain the highest standards of integrity and ethics.

At Udhampur: The District Administration Udhampur conducted a pledge-taking ceremony under the guidance of

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh administered the pledge to the officers and officials. They vowed to uphold principles of integrity, transparency, accountability, and fairness in their work. Furthermore, they committed to promoting good governance and ethical business practices.

In attendance during the event were Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Kotwal, DIO NIC, Anish Sharma and several other Officers and Officials.

Youth Services & Sports: In connection with the observance of vigilance Awareness Week 2023 Joint Director Youth Services & Sports, Suram Chand Sharma administered integrity pledge to the employees of Youth Services & Sports Department at Joint Directorate Office Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Joint Director Youth Services & Sports highlighted the importance of celebration of this week with the theme "Say no to corruption commit to

the Nation". He urged the employees of the department to uphold integrity in public governance and to support the fight against corruption.

Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu: In view of "Vigilance Awareness Week" with the theme "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation," the Director Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu Dr Naseem Javid Chowdhary highlighted the purpose of celebrating "Vigilance Awareness Week" and said that various community based awareness programme are being held in the subordinate offices of Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu to educate Government Officers/Officials and citizens about the detrimental effects of corruption and ways to combat it.

All the Officers/Officials of Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu took pledge to stand against corruption.

Directorate of Health Services Jammu: Vigilance Awareness week with the theme "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation", commenced with a pledge taking ceremony at Directorate of Health Services Jammu, here today.

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma along with Dy. Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dy. Director Planning Deepa Sharma, Chief Accounts Officer, Deepshikha

Sharma, Assistant Director Schemes Dr. Sanjay Turki and all officers and officials of the Directorate took part in the Integrity pledge.

JKSPDC: The JKSPDC took an organisational pledge to eradicate corruption. In widely attended integrity pledge taking events all over the UT, employees of JKSPDC right from power houses in remote areas like Karnah to the Corporate office joined the nation in observing Vigilance Awareness Week.

During the week-long activities, the organization plans to organise public outreach programs at all levels of the organization with stakeholders to generate awareness against the corruption and its ill effects for the organization, individual and society at large.

JKSPDC also plans to finalise its Vigilance Manual by the close of the Vigilance Awareness Week.

GDC Vijaypur: Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GDC Vijaypur inaugurated Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 by taking the Integrity Pledge on the theme "Say no to corruption; commit to Nation".

Principal of the College along with all the faculty members participated in the pledge taking ceremony which was administered by Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal, Lecturer, Department of Education.

DIPR presents Govts' achievements, cultural heritage at Gandhinagar College Exhibition



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

In a vibrant celebration of Jammu and Kashmir's progress and cultural richness, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) launched a two day exhibition at Gandhinagar College.

The event provided a captivating glimpse into the commendable achievements of J&K Government across various sectors, while also paying tribute to the diverse cultural tapestry of the region.

The exhibition, meticulously curated by DIPR, offered a visual chronicle of the government's initiatives and accomplishments, spanning from infrastructural developments to socio-economic advancements. Attendees had the opportunity to explore transformative journey undertaken by the government, leaving them informed and inspired.

Beyond the government milestones, the exhibition served as a

window into the rich and varied cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The visitors were immersed in a colorful world of traditions, art forms and customs that have thrived in the region for centuries. This unique blend of historical significance and contemporary relevance left a lasting impression on all who attended.

One of the highlights of the event was enthusiastic participation of students, who turned out in large numbers to engage with the informative displays. Their curiosity and interest in the exhibits demonstrated a keen desire to learn about the state's progress and cultural legacy.

The Department of Information and Public Relations extended its heartfelt thanks to Gandhinagar College for their generous support in hosting this exhibition. The event's success owes much to the active participation of students and public, whose curiosity and enthusiasm fueled the exhibition's impact.

GCW Udhampur hosts 5-day Theatre workshop to celebrate Accession Day

JNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 30

A five day theatre workshop commenced today in Government College for Women, Udhampur to extend the benefits of professional training/orientation to the students of colleges affiliated with University of Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Special Guest, Under Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Dr. Tanvi Gupta in presence of Principal of the host College Prof. Anjali Mahajan and Drama Instructor/Incharge Training Outreach Programme, Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Sumeet Sharma.

The Workshop has been organized by the Department of Music and Students Welfare Committee, Government College for Women Udhampur in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare University of Jammu under Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), GCW Udhampur.

The workshop was conducted under able guidance of Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Prof. Prakash Antahal and Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, Prof. Monika Chadda.

As many as 55 students from different colleges of district Udhampur affiliated with University of Jammu are participating in the workshop. The students who participated in the workshop from different colleges were GDC Udhampur, GDC Ramnagar, GDC Chenani, Bhim Singh College of Education along with



GCW Udhampur.

Dr. Tanvi Gupta congratulated the host college for organizing such a wonderful workshop and cultural programme that will go a long way in developing internal skills, stage confidence, personality development in students. She also congratulated Principal, GCW Udhampur for hosting the first ever workshop of this programme which is extending benefit to the students of around different colleges.

Incharge Training Outreach Programme, Sumeet Sharma informed that the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu keeps on organizing several training camps/workshops of music, dance, theatre, fine arts etc. for the benefit of students of university and affiliated colleges.

In her address, Principal GCW Udhampur Prof. Anjali Mahajan said that the main objective of this workshop is not to make the students actress but to make them aware about the techniques of theater and provide them ample

opportunity to reveal and develop their personality.

Prof. Anjali Mahajan appreciated the music department for organizing such a wonderful event, which gives opportunity to the participants. She informed that this workshop will provide a common platform to the students and enable them to highlight their talents which will help in building confidence in them. She urged the department to organize more such programs in the near future also.

Meanwhile, a theme based scintillating cultural programme and Nukkad Natak was also presented by students of GCW Udhampur to celebrate Accession Day which was highly applauded by the audience. A plantation drive and a wall painting contest were also organized on the occasion.

Earlier, Convenor IQAC Dr. Anita Sharma presented a formal welcome address and highlighted the aims and objectives of the workshop. She said that host college would be designated to become

the nodal college which would coordinate with its nearby colleges and invite those students who are interested in availing the benefit of training.

The workshop was coordinated by Drama Instructor Students Welfare University of Jammu, Sumeet Sharma, Assistant Professor Department of Music Yash Kumar and Assistant Professor of Botany Dr. Kewal Kumar from GCW Udhampur, Convenor Students Welfare Committee GCW Udhampur Dr. Meena Gupta presented vote of thanks while the programme was anchored by the students of GCW Udhampur Anisha Bhat student of Sem 5th.

Among others, HOD Music, Dr. Seema Sharma, HOD Chemistry, Prof. Kewal Kumar, HOD Botany, Prof. Ashni Devi, Convenor Students Welfare, Dr. Meena Gupta, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Prof. Yash Paul, Prof. Suneel Singh, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Senior faculty members and a large number of students from different colleges were present on the occasion.

DDC Ganderbal presides over Awareness program on Handloom Reservation Act, 1985

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 30

An awareness program on Handloom reservation Act, 1985 was today organized at Town hall, Ganderbal by Weavers Service Centre Srinagar sponsored by Development Commissioner Handlooms, Ministry Of Textiles, Govt. of India.

The awareness programme was presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir along with Assistant Director Handloom & Handicrafts Ganderbal, District Officer of KVIB Ganderbal and Assistant Director Weavers Service Centre Srinagar.

The awareness program witnessed active participation of weavers and artisans of the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that the awareness program has been held under Atmanirbar Ganderbal with the purpose to reach out to the artisans and weavers to raise awareness regarding the schemes of the government. He appealed to the weavers to be in touch with the department to



get the benefits of different schemes run by the UT and Centre Handloom Department.

The DDC maintained that various handmade products of Kashmir valley like Pashmina shawls, Kani shawls, Willow Wicker craft, etc. have high demand in the market and urged them to understand their responsibilities and all need to work together to make authentic products. He appealed to all to participate in the main function of UT Foundation Day to be held at Qamaria ground on October 31 to showcase their products.

During the program, Assistant Director Handloom & Handicrafts department Ganderbal, Zahid Rashid deliberated about different Handloom schemes. He said that the primary objective of the event was to make local artisans and weavers aware about the government schemes and initiatives related to Handicraft and Handlooms.

Senior officer NHDC, Balendra Singh provided awareness to the weavers about supply of yarn under RMSS (Raw Material Supply Scheme) and e-Dagha Scheme.

District Officer KVIB Ganderbal also provided awareness about different beneficial schemes available for the weavers and artisans.

Assistant Director Weavers Service Centre Srinagar, Tahir Ahmad Hakim said that concerted efforts are being made to make principal stakeholders aware about handloom reservation Act 1985 and other central schemes along with marketing benefits. He also appealed to the interested, uncovered weavers to register with the department to avail the benefits of schemes.

Power shutdown

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Chakroli, Pindi, Hansa, Satriayan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, Ward No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 (RS Pura), Paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 31 and November 02 from 8 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plan-

garh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 31 from 9 am to 5 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Chowki, Jhanger, QiladarhalDabbar, Gagrote, Nowshera town and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 31 from 7 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Kharotemorh, Kalibari, Housing Colony, Changran, Palli, Nagri and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 31 from 8 am to 8.30 am. Likewise, the power supply to Nandpur, Baba Chamillyal, BSF, Ablad, Pindi, Jhereda and its adjoining areas will remain

affected on November 01 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Uttarbehani, Purmandal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 02 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Ghambir, PWD and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 02 from 9 am to 5 pm. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Koulpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected from October 31 and November 02 from 7 am to 11 am.

BSP appoints Rajesh Gupta as JK UT Gen Secy



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JAMMU, OCT 30

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K here today nominated Rajesh Gupta as Party's General Secretary J&K.

The appointment was made by BSP president, JK UT S R Majotra.

Gupta has also included in Party's executive committee given the charge of media. Gupta will also look after District Jammu, District Reasi, District Rajouri and District Poonch.

Rajesh Gupta thanks to party Supremo Ms Mayawati and assured that he will give his 100% for the

betterment of the people of J&K and for Bahujan Samaj Party. He further added that BSP is an alternative for BJP, Cong and other regional parties those are lost their faith among the people in J&K UT.

Gupta listed absolute unselfishness, simplicity, avoiding run after ostentation and to be a person of judgement as qualities of a leader and stressed on love for the poor.

BSP General secretary said J&K needs true leaders. He said BJP leaders have no concern about genuine issues and problems of Jammu.

Officers in J&K dodge LG's Grievance Cell: Dr Shazad

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Expressing serious concern over the ready-made and mechanical replies served by the officers in online grievance portal which is directly supervised by the office of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, the Border Area Development Area Conference (JK-BADC) a registered organization of border dwellers has asked the Chief Secretary to take strict action against the officers who dodges the directive issued through online grievance cell.

The organization in a press statement has said that "The LG's online grievance portal which was started with a positive approach by the J &

K government has been reduced to a mockery by the officers, as either these officer do not attend the grievances of the citizens within prescribed time limit of 15 days or they serve ready-made and mechanical replies and dispose of the grievance, leaving no option for the aggrieved citizens". Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former VC while commenting upon the role of officers in making this online Grievance portal (www.jkgrievance.in) redundant, he informed that various submissions and grievances submitted by the Volunteers of BADC through Online Grievance Cell has been disposed of without any satisfactory reply by the officers.

Annual Sports Meet 2023 COMBATICA commences at CUJ

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Directorate of Physical Education, Central University of Jammu, in its pursuit of holistic education and fostering a spirit of athleticism, announced the commencement of the highly-anticipated three day event 'Annual Sports Meet COMBATICA-2023.'

Marking its inauguration, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain flagged off the opening marathon event, a fitting start to a series of sports extravaganza that will unfold over the next three days. He emphasized the significance of sports in the holistic development of students. He also applauded the unwavering dedication of Director and Assistant Directors (Sports) in organizing this sport meet, which promises to be one of the most exciting and engaging sporting event of the year.

COMBATICA exemplifies the University's commitment to excellence, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. It promises to be a grand spectacle that unites athletes from various backgrounds and promotes the spirit of healthy competition. Following the marathon's completion, the day unfolded with an array of sporting events. Athletes displayed their prowess in cricket, chess, carrom, volleyball, badminton, shot-put, long jump, high jump,



and table tennis. Each competition reflected the dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship of all participating individuals. As Combatica 2023 progresses, the 31st of October promises another action-packed day with events like cricket, chess, carrom, volleyball, football, badminton, various racing events, table tennis, discus throw, javelin throw, and the traditional game of kho kho.

The grand finale on the 1st of November will see the culmination of Combatica 2023, where participants will battle it out in the finals of basketball,

cricket, volleyball, badminton, and the crowd-favourite tug of war. The event not only champions athleticism but also fosters a sense of community and companionship among participants and spectators. Combatica 2023 is a multi-sport event that brings together athletes from various disciplines to compete, collaborate, and celebrate the spirit of sports. Organized annually, the event aims to provide a platform for emerging talent, foster community spirit, and champion the values of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork.

Lotus will bloom in Rajasthan with record mandate: Kavinder

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Bandi Kuin (Rajasthan), Oct 30: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta asserted that BJP will get a record mandate in Rajasthan because it is only the saffron party which is fully capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people without any compromise.

The BJP stalwart leader said this while addressing a workers meeting here on Monday. It is pertinent

to mention that Kavinder Gupta is in Rajasthan as Prabhari, and he will be campaigning in five constituencies including Bandikui, Mahoba, Sikrai, Dausa and Lalsot in days to come. Kavinder asked the party cadre to remain active at the grassroots level and disseminate the information about the achievements of Modi Government, and about its plans and policies to ensure public welfare. He made it clear that party activists are the backbone

of the party and they have the potential to change the course of polls. He said that time is crucial and therefore all the workers of the party should remain exuberant and optimistic while interacting with the electorate because their job is not only to garner support for the party to win election but they have a bigger responsibility to convince people to join party and work for strengthening it as no other party has worth and quality like the BJP.

GCET Jammu organizes various events to commemorate 'UT Foundation Day'



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Govt. College of Engineering and Technology today kick started various events to commemorate J&K UT foundation Day. GCET Jammu, an institution committed to academic excellence and regional growth, is proud to celebrate this occasion and showcase its dedication to the growth and development of the region.

Prof. Sameru Sharma, Principal GCET Jammu, expressed her enthusiasm for the event saying, "The Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Foundation Day is a momentous occasion, and we are proud to be part of the celebration. GCET Jammu remains

dedicated to the welfare of the Union Territory and is committed to contributing to the development of the region through education and cultural enrichment." While interacting with the students and staff, she said the foundation day events are a testament to the institutions commitment to nurturing and promoting local culture, history and unity within the region. In today's event a painting competition on the theme "Corruption Free and Poverty Free India" was organised in which students from all the disciplines of engineering took part with great enthusiasm. They expressed their ideas to remove corruption and reduce poverty through

their posters. Meanwhile the students and staff also took the integrity pledge to commemorate vigilance awareness week on the theme "Say No to Corruption: Commit to the Nation".

The events were successfully organised by student volunteers Rakshant Balotra, Sunidhi Sharma, Divyansh Verma, Ishmeet, Sanjeev and Arnab with the support of coordinators of different clubs. The staff members who were present during the event included Prof. Sanjeev Gupta (HOD Civil), Dr. Shammi Kumar, Dr. Heera Saini, Prof. Altaf Ahmad and Er. Atit Sharma. The winners of the event will be awarded with the certificates of appreciation.

NIT Srinagar conducts pledge ceremony in observance of Vigilance Awareness Week

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, on Monday, conducted a pledge ceremony in observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023. This vital event took place simultaneously across all departments and centers within the institution.

This year, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 30th October to 5th November 2023 on the theme "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation".

The primary objective of the ceremony was to reaffirm their commitment to eradicating corruption by fostering a culture of accountability and responsibility. The participants pledged to uphold the highest standards of

integrity and adhere to established frameworks for a code of conduct to combat corruption at all levels.

In a solemn gathering at the Committee room, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, administered the integrity pledge to the office's staff.

"Today, as we gather to mark Vigilance Awareness Week, we pledge to stand united in our commitment to eradicate corruption from the roots. The essence of integrity and accountability must resonate throughout our institution," he said.

Prof. Yedla said the fight against corruption is not a one-time effort, but a continuous journey. We must hold ourselves to the highest standards, not just in words but in our actions and decisions, he

added. Furthermore, the administrative officer's pledge was conducted by Chief Vigilance Officer NIT Srinagar Prof. (HAG), GA Harmain. The event was graced by the presence of Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, Deputy Registrar, ARS, and other ministerial staff, who joined in the commitment to promote ethics and prevent corruption within the institution.

To commemorate Vigilance Awareness Week, NIT Srinagar has scheduled a series of events that will continue until November 5th. The lineup comprises expert talks, symposiums, workshops, skits, and awareness campaigns, all designed to promote integrity and ethical values.

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Lt Governor interacts...

He said the platform of 'LG's Mulaqaat' also gives an opportunity to officers to strengthen the bond with the community.

"Citizens expect quality and speedy services from administration and we must be prepared for seamless service delivery while maintaining highest standard of transparency and accountability," the Lt Governor said.

Responding to the complaint of Sh Guroo Muzamil, a resident of Kulgam regarding the issue of the unauthorized increase in school fees and annual charges by a private school, the Lt Governor directed the Principal Secretary School Education to take strict action against such schools and keep a check on the hike in school fees.

On the complaint of Sh Sajad Ahmad Wani pertaining to availability of Ultrasound Scan facility during night hours at District Hospital Ganderbal, the Lt Governor directed the Director Health Kashmir to constitute a monitoring team to ensure the healthcare facilities in the Hospitals are available to patients round the clock.

He also passed strict directions to the Health Department for rationalization of health manpower across the UT and to ensure that no unnecessary referrals are being made from District Hospitals. Effective measures should be made for improvement in key nutrition parameters, he added.

Responding to the grievance of Ms Jyoti Devi from Udhampur regarding grant of Inspection certificate for release of Subsidy amount against a loan under PMEGP, the Lt Governor directed the concerned department to ensure that such cases are resolved at the earliest.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu was directed to personally look into matter for appropriate redressal of the grievance of Sh Gourav Sharma regarding functioning of Solar Lights in his village Kot Morha, Jammu.

On the sidelines of the programme, the Lt Governor directed the District Commissioners to prepare a comprehensive plan to increase literacy rate and monitoring of school dropout ratio in the districts.

He further called for replicating the best practices of Anantnag District Administration for monitoring of

quality of grievance redressal. He directed the DCs, SSPs and other officers to become Ni-kshay Mitras and adopt a TB patient.

Ms Rehana Batul, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present, in person and through virtual mode.

Corruption free J&K...

public service delivery in all the organizations and thereby, paving way towards good governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We must take this opportunity to renew our commitment to achieve the goals of promoting efficiency, accountability and probity in public life for a better future," the Lt Governor said.

The J&K UT Government is observing 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 30th October to 5th November. The theme of the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' this year is "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation".

Migrant labourer shot...

Pradesh was found in an injured condition in the orchard area of Tumchi Nowpora, a police spokesman said.

"He was immediately shifted to hospital for treatment where doctors declared him brought dead. Preliminary investigation revealed that the said labourer was engaged at B7 Brick Klin at Tumchi Nowpora and had gone to market for purchasing culinary items. While on his way back, he was targeted by the terrorists, injuring him critically," police said.

Meanwhile, Police has registered a case under FIR number 293/2023 under sections 7/27 IA Act, 16, 18, 20, 23, 39 UAP Act in this regard at PS Pulwama.

"Investigation is in progress and officers continue to

work to establish the full circumstances of this terror crime. Area has been cordoned and search in the area is going on. The area where this terror crime incident has occurred is close to the boundary of District Pulwama & Budgam," police said.

Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha condoned the killing of a labourer in Pulwama attack.

The Lt Governor said the killing of innocent civilian Mukesh Kumar, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, will not go unpunished.

"I strongly condemn the despicable and cowardly militant attack in Pulwama. Heartfelt condolences to the family of Mukesh Kumar," he said. "We are firmly resolved to eliminate the militant menace that continues to receive encouragement and reinforcement from across the border," the Lt Governor said. KNO

Can't take things lightly...

officials in a cricket field yesterday and he was attacked. He is being treated and he is recovering," DGP Singh told reporters at Zewan after launching 160 state-of-the-art vehicles for 43 police stations under Operation Capacity Building (Op CAP), as per news agency.

The DGP said that police can't take things lightly. "We have to remain cautious as threats remain," he said. Asked with what message he is leaving the police force, the out-going DGP said: "I am not leaving the force. A policeman is always a policeman. I have been with the force for 30 years and I will continue to remain with the force." DGP Singh is retiring on October 31 and special DG CID RR Swain will replace him as the DGP of J&K.

About the new vehicles, he said today, 160 modern vehicles have been launched and will be deployed in the 43 police stations under OP CAP with a motive of "Zero terror in the area falling under police station."

On recent infiltration bids, the DGP said that the border grid is strong but the neighbouring country continues to push in terrorists. "Recently, five terrorists were killed in Machil Sector while one terrorist was killed in today's encounter in Kupwara district where operation is on," he said.

To a query about ceasefire violation in Arnia sector in Jammu, he said things are being verified as to what led to the firing incident. "Ceasefire has brought a lot of respite for the border residents and I am hopeful it continues to stay," he said. Replying to the query as there was a possibility of more infiltration bids as the neighbouring country was going to polls, he said: "Police and security agencies will keep a close watch on the developments and take measures to deal with any additional challenges." He said, elections or no elections, the neighbouring country continues to push terrorists into this side. "Security Forces are always ready to deal with any eventuality," the DGP said.

Meanwhile, talking to reporters at Mattan, Anantnag, the DGP said that police have got vital clues about the killers who attacked Inspector Masroor at Eidgah grounds in Srinagar on Sunday and "very soon attackers will be tracked down."

On the labourers killing at Pulwama, the DGP said that ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar will monitor the probe to be conducted by DIG South Kashmir. "The anti-peace elements and the neighbouring country is not happy with the prevailing peace. A labourer was working hard to earn his living. What was his fault?," the DGP asked, adding that his killers will be identified and brought to justice soon. KNO

DIPR Jammu staff...

administered by Joint Director Information, Atul Gupta at 11:00 AM.

The "Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 is being observed across Jammu and Kashmir UT from 30th October to 5th November 2023 with the theme "Say No to corruption, commit to the Nation",

The officers and staff solemnly vowed to abstain from corruption and commit to the highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and to support the fight against corruption.

DC discusses Action Plan for implementation of PM Vishwakarma Yojana in District Kathua



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 29

The maiden meeting of District Implementation Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas wherein modalities were discussed for smooth implementation of PM Vishwakarma scheme in the district.

At the outset, a virtual lecture by a resource person from MSME Assistant Director DAVendra Tyagi was held who gave a brief overview of the scheme and also informed the committee members about the objectives of the scheme. Besides elaborating the Scope of the PM Vishwakarma scheme, which primarily capacitates artisans and craft people engaged in 18 different trades to improve their socio-economic conditions. While speaking on the occasion, the DC said that this initiative is set to empower and provide invaluable support to the artisans and craftspeople, commonly known as Vishwakarma, who form a vital part of the informal or unorganised sector of the economy.

The DC further underscored the importance of conducting sensitisation and awareness camps to ensure that every eligible artisan and craftsman reaps the benefits of this transformative scheme.

The DC Directed DPO Kathua to facilitate enrolment of eligible artisans through Common Service Centre's (CSCs) verification of which will be done by stakeholder agencies. AD Handloom was also directed to sensitise all craftsman communities to avail maximum benefits of the scheme, which is launched with the aim to give proper handholdings to the artisans.

GM DIC Prem Singh, AD Handloom and Handicraft, Principal Govt. Polytechnic College Kathua, DPO Kathua, EO MC Billawar, EO MC Parole, Superintendent ITI Kathua, and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Celebrating JKUT Foundation Day DIPR Cultural Unit artists enthrall students at Govt SRML-MHSS



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

A Cultural program was today organised by the Cultural Unit of Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu here in Government SRML Model Higher Secondary School Parade on the theme 'Badlta Jammu Kashmir'. Artists of the Cultural Wing, students and teachers of the school presented a colorful Cultural program featuring Dogri, Kashmiri and Gojri songs. While speaking on the occasion, Principal of

the school, Anjali Gupta shared her views on the topic and also appreciated the Cultural Unit of Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful Cultural program to aware the future of the nation.

Among others officials of the Information Department, staff members of the school and a large number of audience witnessed the program.

The program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

Theft case solved, stolen mobile phone recovered

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Accomplishment was logged at PS Gandhi Nagar by one person namely Shashi Kumar S/O Dheeraj Kumar R/O 94/A 2nd Extn Gandhi Nagar stating that some unknown person stole mobile phone alongwith 15000/- cash from the room of the complainant.

In this regard, case FIR No. 254/2023 U/S 454/380 IPC was registered at PS Gandhi Nagar and investigation started.

Badalta Khilta JK: DC Kupwara hands-over keys of 45 subsidized CVs to beneficiaries under 'MUMKIN' scheme

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 30

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Monday handed-over the keys of the 45 subsidized commercial vehicles (CVs) to the unemployed youth of the district under the 'Mumkin'- a livelihood generation scheme in transport sector, in a function held at DC Office Complex, here.

The DC, who is also the Chairperson of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC), while complimenting the beneficiaries, emphasised upon them to work with passion and dedication to earn a decent livelihood with dignity. She said that such government schemes are aimed to empower the unemployed youth by providing them assistance and opportunity to create a niche in the society.

She further said that efforts are afoot to provide more opportunities and proper facilities to enable



the youth to realize their dreams and aspirations.

The DC also asked the beneficiaries to educate other unemployed youths to avail the benefits of the Government sponsored schemes. She directed the concerned officers to bring more unemployed youth under the ambit of the employment generation schemes.

She urged unemployed youth to come forward and avail benefits under

different livelihood generation schemes of the government.

Among others, District Information Officer Kupwara, Account Officer to DC Kupwara, AD Employment DE&CC Kupwara, Career Counselling Officer DE&CC Kupwara, Employment Officer DE&CC Kupwara, and representatives from different automobile companies and beneficiaries were present on the occasion.

DC Ganderbal chairs 1st working committee meet of VIKALP

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 30

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the first working committee meeting of Venture Incubation and Knowledge Application Launch Pad (VIKALP) at V.C room, here.

VIKALP is a flagship initiative of district administration Ganderbal to provide a platform to the potential entrepreneurs which aims to present skill education and entrepreneurship as an option to the youth of the district.

The VIKALP center placed in Government Degree College, Ganderbal aims to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with a conducive environment for idea incubation, business development, innovation, offer mentorship, guidance, and access to resources for startup ventures. It also aims to facilitate and collaborate



between students, mentors, industry experts, and investors. Organize workshops, seminars, and networking events that promote entrepreneurial skills and knowledge.

During the meeting, DC stressed the importance of startup culture and providing incubation facilities to the aspiring entrepreneurs of the district. He also instructed the concerned officials to start the weeklong entrepreneurship workshop for final year and pass out students of the district.

The DC directed Entrepreneurship Develop-

ment cells, Atal Tinkering Labs and VIKALP to work in close coordination in order to create the synergy for innovation and entrepreneurship culture across the district.

The meeting was attended by District Nodal Officer JKEDI, Chief Education officer, Principal Degree College, Ganderbal, Chief Agriculture officer, Assistant Director Handicraft & Handlooms, District Sheep Husbandry Husbandry, Executive officer Municipal Council Ganderbal, Assistant Director Employment and other district officers.

DDC Kupwara reviews progress under JJM



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 30

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress under JalJeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

District Superintending Engineer, Mohammad Saleem Malik apprised the chair about work wise progress achieved under JJM in the district.

On the occasion, the DDC said that JJM is a flagship scheme and stressed upon the officers of line departments to cooperate with the PHE department while execution of different schemes by it.

The DDC asked engineers of the PHE department to flag the issues in proper time with proper quarters and prioritize the payments of restoration of other department's works.

On the occasion, SE

stressed upon the engineers of PHE department to ensure minimum damage to the infrastructure of other departments while laying the pipelines for different schemes

Among others, JD Planning, Executive Engineers of PHE, Executive Engineers R&B, Executive Engineer PMGSY, OC Beacon, Range Officers, Kehmil, Kamraj and Langate forest Divisions, AEEs and other concerned were present in the meeting.

Vigilance Awareness Week Regional Director JKPCC Kashmir administers Integrity Pledge to Employees



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

The Regional Director JKPCC Kashmir, Rafi Ahmad Bhat today administered the Integrity Pledge to the employees of Regional office as well as Central office of JKPCC Srinagar in the Conference hall of JKPCC Srinagar to mark the beginning of observance of Vigilance Awareness Week-2023.

The theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week this year is 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation'.

The Integrity Pledge disseminated that Corruption is one of the major obstacles to economic and social development of our nation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Regional Director stressed that all stakeholders such as Govt, citizens

and private sectors need to work together to eradicate Corruption to make the nation self-reliant.

Every citizen should be vigilant and commit to the highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against the menace of corruption, he stated.

All the employees of the Regional office as well as the Central office attended the pledge ceremony.

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes 3-day Crafts Demonstration Awareness Program

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 30

Government Degree College Neeli Nallah Udhampur, in collaboration with Handicraft Service Centre, today organised a three Day Crafts Demonstration Awareness Programme here under District Level Gandhi Crafts and weaves Mahaotsav.

The programme was organized under the guidance of Prof. Hans Raj, principal of the College. The programme started with a keynote address by Surinder Pal, Sr. Assistant Director, HSC Udhampur. In his address, he briefed about the importance of awareness programme. Further, Prof. Hans Raj, Principal, in his welcome address emphasizes that Handicraft goods help to create more job opportunities in the society. Handicrafts are hugely important to societies especially to those situated in rural areas. Handicraft business provides employment opportunities even with low capital investment. There is a huge demand for handicraft items both locally and internationally. On the first day,



Deepa Soni, S.S. Balaria, Ramneek Kour, Shepali Sharma educated the students about artistic Designing, Basholi Painting, Handlooms and Chamba Embroidery respectively. On day 2, a practical demonstration was given on the same. The students took keen interest in the demonstration of various arts-Basholi painting, clay art, Chamba embroidery etc. with great enthusiasm.

On the third day, programme was concluded with a competition to evaluate the students on

how much they learnt through this workshop. In the Basholi painting competition, Manik secured 1st position, Mahida Mir secured 2nd position and Priti Bharti secured third position. In the clay art competition, Shruti Dogra and Rushi Dogra secured first position, Parul Verma and Sheriya Sharma secured second position and Varun and Rashu Devi secured third position. The winners were also awarded with prizes. All the staff members were also present in this program.

Badalta Khilta JK 4524 cases sanctioned under PMAY-G in Bandipora over past 04 years

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 30

By enhancing the housing circumstances of numerous rural families and promoting the overall development of rural areas, PMAY-G has acted as a catalyst for rural development in Bandipora.

The Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Bandipora, M Ashraf Hakak informed that in Bandipora 4524 Cases have been sanctioned over the past 04 years which has made a significant difference in the lives of eligible beneficiaries.

He said contributing to the overall development and progress of rural communities in Bandipora under PMAY-G, 4158 beneficiaries received first installment amounting to Rs.21 crore while as 1868 beneficiaries received 2nd installment amounting to Rs. 10 crore, besides 972 families received 3rd



installment to the tune of Rs. 04 crore.

Hakak said extensive awareness campaigns were conducted to inform eligible beneficiaries about the scheme and the application process, and said that efforts are on to complete all the cases till December this year.

He informed that a total of 1.31lac in three installments has been provided for construction of a house to the beneficiary besides an additional 20 thousands are provided from MGNREGA as labour charges.

Several touching success stories that demonstrated how PMAY-G improved the lives of rural households surfaced in Bandipora.

Sharing details Ab. Majeed Khan, a local beneficiary of PMAY-G said that he was homeless for 15 years but Government came to his rescue and now he owns a house constructed with the help of PMAY-G. Thanks to Government for providing home to homeless, he added

PMAY-G is a prime example of how a well-run government initiative can significantly improve the lives of rural residents by promoting development, raising standards of living, and guaranteeing a more promising future.

EDITORIAL

Yet again, MHA opens channels of dialogue

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has yet again opened the channel of dialogue with the leaders from Ladakh, who want discussions on all issues including separate statehood and sixth schedule status to the region, as and when talks are held. The invitation extended to the leaders of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) has been accepted and these leaders have now geared up for another round of talks to be held in New Delhi soon. The Leh Apex Body (LAB) has also finalized a list of seven members for holding another round of talks, along with Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), with the MHA over the contentious issues including grant of statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh. The names were finalized during a meeting of the LAB in Leh on Sunday which was held under the chairmanship of Thupstan Chhewang to discuss ongoing movement, including delegation to meet MHA, resume awareness tours and intensify movement. Besides 14 members from LAB and KDA, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) BD Mishra, BJP Lok Sabha Member from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and both Chairpersons-cum-CECs of Hill Development Councils, Leh and Kargil have also been called to the meeting which is expected to take place in first half of November. A detailed discussion was held on the composition of the delegation to meet the MHA for talks regarding the four-point demand for Ladakh including the Sixth Schedule. It has been decided to resume the awareness or interactive tour to different regions of Ladakh to sensitize people at the grassroots level besides intensifying the movement in the coming days. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all participants to continue the movement for the betterment of Ladakh. The LAB and the KDA activities have virtually put on a halt for almost four months in view of the recent visit of His Holiness Dalai Lama to Ladakh and the elections to Kargil Hill Council. The election process has concluded and the KDA representatives can now freely take part in the dialogue process. The KDA members would be invited to Leh this time where yjru will devise a detailed strategy before holding talks with the MHA. Union MoS Home Nityanand Rai had chaired a high-level meeting of Ladakh leaders in North Block, New Delhi on June 19 wherein the KDA and the LAB leaders stressed for inclusion of their agenda whenever the HPC constituted by the Union Home Ministry to discuss issues of Ladakh, meets. Apart from grant of Statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh, the leaders have been asking for the constitution of the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Ladakh and if it can't be constituted, Ladakh should be included in the PSC of Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. They have also been asking for making Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) mandatory for all kinds of recruitments in the region. The LAB and KDA had reservations over the HPC which, headed by Nityanand Rai, was constituted by the MHA on January 4 this year. They had objected to the inclusion of some leaders and wanted that representatives of LAB and KDA in the HPC should be finalized with their consent. Ladakh leaders have made it clear that nothing short of constitutional safeguards to Ladakhis would be acceptable to them. The Government of India should cautiously tread on the path of dialogue and engage the stakeholders to break the deadlock.

Unleashing India's Food Processing Potential: World Food India 2023 and Beyond

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India's journey in the 21st century has been one worth celebrating. Our growth story as a nation, is adorned with sustained progression, technology, commitment to sustainability, resilient enterprises, and our global outlook. This exemplary growth has been importantly fuelled by our industries and its many constituent sectors, that transform India every day. One of the most promising, dynamic and underhighlighted of these is the Indian food processing sector.

Food processing industry in India has had a remarkable growth trajectory in recent years and has the enormous potential for consistent growth ahead. The value addition through processing makes food processing sector one of the key sectors that can transform India's agricultural landscape and contribute to the push for doubling farmers' income. In the light of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) of ensuring sustainable

consumption and production patterns, food waste reduction has been given emphasis. Through innovation in processing techniques, sustainable sourcing, reprocessing and efficient utilisation of agricultural produce, the food processing industry can be the catalyst in food waste reduction, contributing to realisation of multiple SDGs.

Given its consistent high growth rate in recent years and impressive future projections, food processing industry will be one of the critical drivers of India's economic growth. Government of India has undertaken numerous policy initiatives to augment this sector's growth.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) is a scheme launched by the union government with the objective of creation of modern infrastructure in the food processing sector. The scheme is expected to leverage substantial investment of around Rs 11,000 crores, creating 5.44 lakh jobs and providing a strong impetus for the food processing industry. The PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME)

is another centrally sponsored scheme with the objective of helping micro food processing enterprises' inclusion in the formal sector. With an outlay of 10,000 crores, it undertakes to provide capital linked subsidy to 2,00,000 micro units. Under PMFME, MoUs have been signed with 15 lending banks and project implementation plans for 25 states have been approved. The Union Government also aims to provide financial support to Indian food brands through the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI), a Rs 10,900 crores scheme. The scheme is expected to help expand output in food processing sector by Rs 33,000 crores and create 2.5 lakh jobs.

An important initiative highlighting the vision of the Government of India has been 'World Food India', a global event with domestic and international participation. The mega event is focused on showcasing India's potential in the food processing domain to investors, leaders and partners across the globe. The first edition of World Food India (WFI) in 2017 was a remarkable

success and welcomed leaders, delegates, and participants from 61 countries and 27 states. World Food India, 2017 also turned out to be an unprecedented success in facilitating investments which will induce transformative growth in this industry.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is set to organize the second edition of World Food India (WFI) in 2023 as a truly global event enabling convergence of Indian and global food processing industries. India's food processing industry has significant export potential. Connecting with global industry players, Indian business can tap into these lucrative export markets for processed foods.

The food processing industry is built upon the primary sector as processing starts with agricultural inputs. With the second largest agricultural output in the world, India is in the most comfortable position to sustain very high growth in the food processing sector for years. Also, food processing levels in India hover around 10% which represents massive untapped potential.

Global demand for processed

foods is rising at a steady 4% due to increased urbanization, higher incomes, and convenience food preferences. With its large population, increasing income levels, and strong economic growth, India is a promising investment destination, with its food processing industry shining as one of the most reliable sectors.

As India marches towards becoming a \$5 trillion economy, the food processing industry is poised to play a pivotal role. With the right mix of innovation, investment, and policy support, it can significantly contribute to this ambitious goal. With World Food India 2023, India's potential is going to attract unmatched global attention. It is just the right time for domestic and foreign investors and the global food processing industry to tap into Indian food processing potential, forging ahead a better global future with India's growth story. World Food India 2023 is set to be a landmark event and the gateway to the Indian food processing industry, addressing global challenges with India's potential.

When 'Development' Became a Mass Movement: The Essence of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY
MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

"This country has been built on such foundation of ancient cultural heritage, where we were told of only one mantra during Vedic period...which we have learnt, we have memorized - "sanghachchhdhvamsavadhvamsam wo manansi jaanataam" - we walk together, we move together, we think together, we resolve together and together we take this country forward - Shri Narendra Modi"

In 2014, from the ramparts of Red Fort, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, eloquently put forth his vision for a Bharat, where development is not just an agenda but a goal shared by every Indian. He hinted at a future where Jan Bhagidaari will emerge as our strongest weapon and

our claim to the throne of being a Vishwa Guru.

That very year, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, etched a momentous date on the calendar - October 31st as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', a tribute to the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the "Iron Man" of India. However, it signified more than just a date; it embodied a solemn commitment to rekindle the very essence of unity and integration that Sardar Patel had envisioned. It was a promise, a pledge to follow in his footsteps, progressing in the timeless values of cohesion and collective endeavours.

A decade later, as we celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, it is the perfect time to recapitulate the remarkable voyage India has undertaken on a path illuminated by the enduring principles of unity and the mighty force of collaboration.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ethos of public-centric governance, India has transformed into a global leader, soaring from the "fragile five" to the world's top five economies. With a GDP of \$3.75 trillion in

2023, our nation shines brightly, recovering from the "lost decade" of 2004-2014.

It is interesting to note that under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Annual Financial Budget has metamorphosed from a mere financial blueprint to a dynamic policy document, anchored in the aspirations of the people. The "people's budget" empowers citizens to hold the government accountable for its fiscal decisions, enabling active participation in monitoring budget progress and ensuring efficient resource utilization.

Our remarkable growth has ignited national pride, renewed dignity, and shared ownership. People have spearheaded comprehensive development through groundbreaking initiatives: 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,' which built nearly 12 crore toilets, eradicating open defecation; 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao,' championing daughters' rights; and the 'Give it up' movement, with over a crore families voluntarily forfeiting LPG subsidies to support the less privileged, are but a

few of the shining examples of 'Jan Bhagidari' and 'Rashtriya Ekta'.

'Make in India' and 'Vocal for local' revived our Bhartiya, sparking a nationwide popular participation-oriented movement. We championed our MSMEs, inspiring youth entrepreneurship, and leveraging India's unique skills and abundant resources. This philosophy reshaped India from a net importer to a major global mobile phone producer, with a 300% surge in electronic manufacturing since 2014. India is now also the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, with a patent boom and record goods exports at \$448 billion in FY 2022-23.

The digital revolution, represented by 'Digital India' and the drive towards a 'cashless' economy, underscores the government's collaborative partnership with the common citizen, promoting widespread acceptance of digital payments. India stands today as one of the world's largest digital markets, with a Fintech adoption rate of 87%, far surpassing the world average of 64%.

Since 2014, the anti-corruption crusade has surged as a nationwide movement, recouping over Rs 2.73 lakh crore from 2015 to 2022 through JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and mobile phones), exposing counterfeit beneficiaries and sealing delivery system leakages that were rampant before 2014.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, India's solidarity and Jan Bhagidaari shone once again. Prime Minister Modi's foresight led the nation to swiftly implement preventive measures. COVID warriors emerged, hand in hand with the Government, stabilizing the ship. Subsequently, rapid vaccine production showcased an empowered India, capable of self-defence and simultaneously offering global support.

India's G20 Presidency, supported by over a crore of its citizens, showcased "Rashtriya Ekta" in action. The summit affirmed India's global stature and "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" as the compass for reshaping global governance, ensuring inclusivity and people-centric leadership

in the "People's G20."

"Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" is not just a commemoration; it's a profound philosophy empowering people, and breaking free from outdated practices. It's democracy in action, akin to Sardar Patel's vision of grand unification of Maa Bharti's vast geo-cultural-political landscape. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to integrate every voice into governance mirrors this spirit. It's about national pride, uniting a diverse nation, echoing Sardar Patel's dream of a united Bharat, that is India! Each citizen's participation shapes our destiny, nurturing inclusivity, diversity, and collective strength. On this Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, under the leadership of Pradhan Mantri Shri Narendra Modi ji, let us rededicate ourselves to the philosophy of empowerment, transcending entitlement, which has become the bedrock of a truly realized and fulfilled democracy, guiding us into the promising era of Amrit Kaal.

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India's West Asia quandary

DEEPAK SINHA

As things stand, the West Asia is poised on the brink of a conflagration that will leave no corner of this world unscorched. Especially if nuclear-armed Israel makes good its threats and targets Iran, if Syrian and Lebanese militias supported by it, like Hezbollah, join together to attack Israel. The Western Powers are only adding fuel to the fire with their unequivocal support, and total disregard, for Israel's barbaric and utterly disproportionate response to the Hamas attack of 7th October, which clearly borders on genocide and ethnic cleansing. The move of the US Carrier Groups into the theatre and its missile attacks against Pro-Iranian Syrian militias is a clear indication of this.

The hypocrisy of Western Governments is mind-boggling. Mr Karim Khan of the United Kingdom, the Chief Prosecutor of the Interna-

tional Criminal Court acted with speed to issue arrest warrants against President Putin for Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Yet, investigations against Israel for human rights abuses in Gaza and the West Bank that commenced as far back as 2014 remain stalled for one reason or the other, including, ironically enough, objections from Israel and the United States, both of whom are not signatories to the Rome Statute.

While the attack launched by Hamas was undoubtedly brutal in its execution, it did not come in a vacuum, as the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr António Guterres, made clear. The colonial occupation of Gaza and the West Bank by Israel since 1967, and its systematic and brutal dehumanising of Palestinians is what has led to the actions undertaken by Hamas, which may see as an act of resistance, "a revolt of the slaves..... a modern-day Spartacus".

For that matter, even if we were to accept the formation of the Israeli state as legitimate, despite what Israeli Professor Avi Shlaim, of St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford, calls an "invalid claim in the modern era, as a claim that goes back two millennia is legally untenable," the roots of the present conflict, lie squarely in Israel's refusal to accept a viable Palestinian State as a neighbour. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud Party's actions in negating the Oslo Accord and initiating the grabbing of Palestinian lands on the West Bank, as well as allegedly inciting the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the architect of the accord, cannot escape scrutiny. Nor, for that matter, can the average Israeli citizen who allowed them to get away with it!

What, however, is truly intriguing is the Indian position on the conflict. Clearly, our national interests lie in supporting the Palestinians

and their Arab and Iranian allies, since trade, oil, jobs and foreign remittances are at stake. Despite this, we have taken up a position that is broadly supportive of Israel. This can be seen from, Mr. Modi's tweets on Hamas, though, subsequent attempts to be more even-handed were made with the MEA stating that we had taken a 'nuanced approach of differentiating between innocent Palestinian civilians and Hamas terrorists'. However, the fact that our media, which routinely genuflects to reflect the government's views, has continued with its Hamas bashing tells us which way the government is tilting.

It has actively promoted the Western view that the actions of Hamas on 7th October must be seen as a barbaric act of terrorism because it involved the killing and kidnapping of Israeli "civilians" and children.

True, though given that it is mandatory for all Israelis

to serve in the IDF and subsequently as reservists till the age of forty, one would like to know how many of the 1400 killed or captured were genuine "civilians"? Even if this view is seen as untenable, then how are the barbaric and indiscriminate attacks against civilian targets in Gaza, that have resulted in the deaths of over 7000 people, including over 2500 children, any different? If Hamas are to be treated as terrorists, so must the Israeli Government and the IDF. Surely what's good for the goose, is also good for the gander! One of the immediate consequences of our tilt towards Israel, in all probability, appears to be the actions taken by pro-Palestinian Qatar to sentence eight former Indian Navy officers, working there on a contract, to death on charges of espionage. The fact of the matter is that we really have no influence in the region and given our vulnerabilities would have been best off minding our own business

and waiting for tensions to cool. In the circumstances, one cannot help but ask what was the government's reasoning for acting as it has. Indeed a case of fools jumping in where angels fear to tread!

Having been at the receiving end of colonisation and all its consequences for over 200 years, and having to still deal with the debilitating impact of Partition, we should clearly have understood, and sympathised with the Palestinians, for the manner in which Israel and the West have been conspiring to destroy their identity as a people. Instead, we have joined the likes of Britain's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and the other Uncle Tom's. Whatever happened to our self-proclaimed championship of the Global South?

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UT divas is adding insult to injury: Vikar Rasool Wani Cong to hold protes for restoration of statehood tomorrow

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Congress to hold peaceful protest dharna for early restoration of statehood ,tomorrow, on the day of fourth year celebrations of the downgrading of the dogra state into UT is being done by government.

In a meeting at party Hq here today, PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani took stock of the preparations for the commemoration of 39th Martyrdom day of former Prime Minister Smt Indira Gandhi ji, tomorrow, followed by holding of a peaceful protest dharna for restoration of statehood and early election to the state assembly as well as ULBs & Panchayats.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani, had announced on Oct 25th at a rally at Rajouri that Congress shall oppose the move to celebrate UT divas ,by the BJP, on the day our state was downgraded to UT & shall seek restoration of statehood with early assembly elections.

Shri Wani asked senior party leaders in the meeting today that party shall convey a strong message of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, who want early restoration of statehood

and assembly elections without further delay. The people of J&K feel betrayed by the downgrading of historical state & more particularly, non fulfilment of the promise on the floor of the parliament regarding early restoration of statehood.

He said the BJP government's move to celebrate UT divas on completion of fourth year of UT, is adding insult to the injury.

Working President Raman Bhalla, Senior Vice Presidents Th Balwan Singh & Shri Ravinder Sharma, Vice presidents Vinod Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Yash pal kundal, Rajnish Sharma, General Secretaries Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina, Gurmeet Singh, Narinder Sharma, Narinder Gupta, T S Tony, Amrit Bali, Thomas Khokhar, Santosh Majotra, Mahila President Shameema Raina, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Karan Bhagat, Vijay Sharma, DCC Presidents Manmohan Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Vinod Khajuria & Parvez Ahmed Wani, Rajveer Singh, Vijay Shastri ,Pawan Bhagat, Shamsher, Parshotam Mehra, Camres David, Kuldeep Kumar BDC, Charanjeet Bhagat, Parveen bibi, com Gurmeet Singh & several others attended.

Purnima accuses Pak of fomenting violence in Kashmir; Condemns selective killing in Pulwama

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JAMMU, OCT 30

Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor today strongly condemned the ghastly terror attack in Pulwama accusing Pakistan of designing this despicable act of violence.

Pertinent to mention that the terrorists fired upon one labourer identified as Mukesh of UP in Tumchi Nowpora area of Pulwama, who later succumbed to injuries.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that whoever has carried out this horrendous act will have to pay a big price as the government will track them down and ensure that they get a befitting punishment under law of the land.

Purnima said that the terrorists after facing the heat of enhanced security grid in the Kashmir valley and this selective killing is the evidence of this fact. She said that the Modi Government will not allow their mechanizations to disrupt peace in Jammu



and Kashmir as the security forces are already on job to identify and eliminate the terror mongers who have carried out this barbaric attack on innocent people.

The BJP Spokesperson hit out at the valley based political parties for being soft towards Pakistan on various occasions. She said that PM Modi's stand against Pakistan is vindicated because the rogue nation always abet and supports terrorism in India. She said that NC and PDP have been exposed badly as they never utter a word criticizing Pakistan despite the fact that the neighbouring country is neck deep involved in promoting terrorism in J&K.

Vigilance awareness week celebrated at Govt Women Polytechnic College, Jammu

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JAMMU, OCT 30

Following the instructions of Administrative department and the district administration regarding celebration of vigilance awareness week at Government Polytechnic for Women Jammu administered Integrity Pledge to the students and staff of the Institution under the dynamic leadership of



Er. Suket Gupta Principal of the Institute. The students and staff also signed the signature wall on this occasion.

Former HP CM Jairam pays obeisance at Shri Raghunathji Temple



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JAMMU, OCT 30

Jairam Thakur, former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh along with his wife Dr. Sadhana Thakur today paid obeisance at historical Shri Raghunathji Temple, Jammu.

Mayor Rajinder Sharma, senior BJP leaders Yudhvair Sethi, Priya Sethi, Dharamvir Singh Jamwal and others accompanied the former Chief Minister.

On the occasion, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust accorded a warm welcome to the former Chief Minister.

The former Chief Minister along with his wife performed Aarti at the historical Raghunath ji Temple. They also performed Pooja at Karaneshwar (Natraj) Temple situated in premises of Shri Raghunathji Temple.

The Secretary briefed

him about the history of the historical temple, which was established by Maharaja Gulab Singh.

The former Chief Minister took a round of the temple premises and appreciated the efforts of Dharmarth Trust for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in premises. He also appreciated the arrangements made by temple management for providing all possible facilities to visiting pilgrims.

Priti Khajuria inaugurates 5 vertical umbrella lights in domail Chowk, Udhampur

JINNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR OCTOBER 30

Councilor Priti Khajuria inaugurated 5 newly constructed vertical umbrella lights in domail Chowk udhampur of her ward and dedicated them to the city and a message of cleanliness has also been given on each light, which is also the need of



the hour. Preeti Khajuria told that Domail Chowk is the main square of the city but got recognized by the councilors and today the Chowk has become a center of attraction. The councilor said that first of all a fountain was built in the square, after that at the end of the year, seven statues depicting the Dandi March were installed and now vertical umbrella lights were installed, due to which this area was beautified and the city also got an identity. The councilor said that it is the duty of a public representative to work for public as well as for devel-

opment of area they represents Khajuria told that he got these works done in the second phase of "My Town My Pride " program by the J&K UT government because her city is hers pride for which he got the opportunity and got these works done away from the streets and drains and got them completed within time. This is a square through which every leader, district administration officer, tourists as well as common people pass, to make this area special from ordinary she took this initiative to give identification to her city which was her dream also and

moreover this work has been done only in selected cities of the country . Khajuria believes that to make dreams come true, both opportunity and hard work are needed and when it comes to village, city, society or country, something should be done so that the area can be proud their representatives who gives importance to the people's work and development of the area and not the one who misuses the power as soon as he gets power.

On this occasion, distinguished citizens and shopkeepers of the area were present.

District Police Reasi observes Pledge Ceremony on occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week

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JAMMU, OCT 30

To curb the menace of corruption, today a pledge ceremony was observed on the occasion of "Vigilance Awareness week" in all Police establishments of District Reasi.

On the directions of SSP Reasi Sh. Amit Gupta-JKPS, the main pledge ceremony was held at DPL Reasi in where SSP Reasi alongwith Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi Sh. Neeraj Padyar-JKPS, SHO P/S Reasi Sh. Vijay Sharma administered the oath to jawans to work together to eradicate corruption and oppose all forms of corruption. Further, the Officers & jawans took oath to work with zeal in maintaining highest standards of integrity, transparency and good governance & not to offer or accept bribes and foster a culture of honesty.

It is pertinent to mention that the Integrity pledge on vigilance awareness week is a commitment for highest standards of honesty & integrity in all situations and to support the fight against corruption. On the said occasion, officers & jawans of District Police Reasi took oath to



fight against corruption & dedicate themselves to honesty. SSP Reasi further said that "we believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country". He also stated that all stakeholders such as Governments, citizens

and private sectors need to work together to eradicate corruption.

At Sub-divisions, Police Stations and Police Posts; SDPO'S, SHO's and Police Post Officers organized the pledge ceremony and administered Pledge to the jawans on the occasion.

Indian Army, Kupwara Terriers organizes free eye testing camp at remote village of Kupwara



JINNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCT 30

In an endeavour to mitigate the problem of health care and medicines, a free testing camp was organised by Indian Army' Kupwara Terriers with assistance from Vision Spring Foundation Noida NCR (Delhi) at Hirri and Warsun in Kupwara on 27 Oct 23 to 30 Oct 23.

A joint team six doctors and from the Army were made available under one roof to check-up be done by the optometrist

and medical team. In the camp, people were examined for common eye problems, near and far vision and free spectacles were provided. Around 750 people were screened.

Indian Army continues to remain committed towards ensuring wellbeing of locals of Kupwara by conducting such camps with an aim to reduce hardships of the people living in the far-flung areas in Kupwara such as Awoora where access to health care has always

been a challenge. The free testing camp witnessed a large turnout of approx 750 patients, including men, women and children, who received much needed medical consultation and free eye glasses from the doctors.

The response from the locals was overwhelming and appealed to the Army to organize more such camps in future. Such initiatives by the Army go a long way to promote peace, progress, wellbeing among the masses

IIT Jammu: Dr Kolleboyina and Team Gears Up for Scientific Collaboration with Japan

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

In a significant development, Dr Jayaramulu Kolleboyina's application to the prestigious Japan Science and Technology - Sakura Science Program (JST-SSP) under the esteemed "Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science" has received approval. This collaboration, in partnership with Prof Hemanth Noothalapati from the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences at Shimane University, marks a momentous achievement for our team at IIT Jammu.

As Asia witnesses a period of remarkable progress, the promotion of science and technology stands as the driving force for realising a brighter future for the continent. Guided by this vision, the "Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science" seeks to foster closer collaboration between industry, academia, and



government. It does so by facilitating short-term visits by talented Asian youths to Japan, fostering exchanges that enhance their understanding of leading Japanese science and technologies. These exchanges occur at Japanese universities, research institutions, and private companies.

The central focus of this visit by Dr Kolleboyina is to engage in cutting-edge collaborative research activities at Shimane University, with a specific emphasis on 2D materials for biological applications.

This research includes pioneering spectroscopic studies with the potential to push the boundaries of scientific knowledge.

The institute envisions that this exchange will not only facilitate the sharing of invaluable knowledge but also lay the groundwork for enduring partnerships between IIT Jammu and prestigious Japanese universities. This collaborative effort is set to pave the way for innovative discoveries and advancements in the field of science.

BVP Greater Kailash Branch organizes "Bharat ko Jano" programme at Kunjwani

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria was chief guest, whereas Anil Kumar Corporator ward 10 Anil Masoom, Corporator Ward 68 Anil Kumar Jt Gen Secy Org North Region-1, Gopal Sharma Sanskar Pramukh North Reg-1, Bharat Bhushan Sharma President, BVP JK Prant as a Special Guest & Special Invitees: Sh Shiv Ram Sharma Gen. Secy BVP JK prant, Sunita Gupta Treasurer, BVP JK Prant Preeti Sharma, Director, Cybernetic School.

This programme is an Inter-school Quiz Competition among seven schools namely: 1. Cybernetic Sec School, Bandhu RakhKunjwani 2. Jammu Sanskriti Public School, Sehora Dental College. 3. JK Public School, Kunjwani 4. R S Public School, Krishana Nagar, Jammu 5. Jammu Public school Sainik Colony, Jammu 6. Bal Shishu Shiksha kendra kaloochak and 7. Govt. High School Greater Kailash Jammu Two students from 6th 8th standard in Junior Wing and two students from 9th-12th standard in senior wing par-



ticipated in quiz totalling 28 students Junior wing.

In the beginning, Rakesh Sharma President GK Branch welcomed the guests on behalf of Bharat Vikas Parishad Greater Kailash Branch as Host, started the programme by kindling the Deep Jyoti/Sarasvati Vandana Cultural dance/Vande Matram Geet. Thereafter BVP Geet "Desh Hame Deta hai Sab Kuchh" was sung with music by school teacher priyanka and --and members BVP GK Smt Shashi Bala and Pratibha Dutta.

Jyotsana State Convenor BKJ and Sh Gopal Sharma clearly gave detailed rules and regulations of BVP GK quiz it was started and winner schools were as under: Senior Wing 1st R S Public School (Student Simran & Vanshika) 2nd Cybernetic Sec School. Bandhu Rakh Kunjwani (Student Ankit & Rupesh) 3rd Jammu Sanskriti

School Sohra Dental College Road (Student Sanjeevani & Riya) Junior wing 1st Cybernetic Sec School. Bandhu Rakh Kunjwani (Student Sarvegya & shweta) 2nd JK Public School kunjwani (Student Aarav & vineet) 3rd Jammu Public School, Sainik Colony Jammu (Student Prachi & Anuj).

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria lauded the role of the Parishad which works for 'Sanskars' and is running various 'Sewa Projects' selflessly. Deputy Mayor Jammu also had an introduction with the students and had all words of praise for the children. Deputy Mayor Jammu threw light on the working details and other activities of BVP in Branch as well as in state. It appealed to all that joined and supported the BVP.

Chief Secretary presides over mega Public Darbar for Srinagar residents

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, today presided over a mega Public Darbar at Banquet Hall Srinagar and took stock of issues and demands of people of the District.

Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; VC, LCMA; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Commissioner, SMC; Director School Education; Director Handicrafts; Director Health Services; HoDs of various departments, SSP Srinagar, SSP Traffic, Chief Engineers of R&B, PDD, PHE and other senior Officers of District Administration were present on the occasion.

Chairman District Development Council, Srinagar, Malik Aftab Ahmad, Vice Chairman, DDC Bilal Ahmad Bhat, other PRI representatives and various delegations were also part of the mega Public Outreach programme.

The Public Darbar witnessed overwhelming response from the public during which people apprised the Chief Secretary about their developmental issues and demands by seeking his intervention in redressing the same.

The delegations expressed satisfaction over the outreach programme and said this provides them an opportunity to voice their grievances and for the government to expedite the resolution through the appropriate channels.

Chief Secretary issued on spot directions to the concerned officers to look into all the issues projected by the delegations and the individuals and initiate



action for early redressal of the same.

People mainly approached him with civic problems pertaining to some roads, intermittent water supply, better provision of health facilities in villages, and augmentation of infrastructure in public health institutions.

A delegation led by DDC Chairperson Khomoh raised the issue of encroachment, better irrigation facilities, illegal mining, and industrial discharge in their locality.

A delegation of Wanihama raised the issue of intermittent water supply in their area. A delegation from PanthaChowk raised the issue of dewatering station and said that low lying areas have to face problems during rainy season due to the poor drainage system.

Similarly another delegation from Lasjan

impressed upon the upgradation of school infrastructure, drainage network in their area.

A delegation from Harwan raised the issue of upgradation of PHC and playground.

Another delegation of youth clubs also met the Chief Secretary and raised their several issues. CS said that government will ensure that every youth will get an opportunity and that they should pursue their aspirations sincerity and dedication.

Maintaining that all services, schemes, and information are available on mobile which is just a click away, CS said that people don't need to visit offices anymore. He said that no Government official can show any incompetence in working on grievances filed online as the officers may have to pay fines for not responding to online

application for services.

Chief Secretary also directed the concerned HoDs to popularise the initiatives and schemes of the government so that more and more people get benefitted.

Dr Mehta assured all individuals and delegations that the issues and genuine demands projected by them would be redressed on merit basis. He gave on-the-spot directions to the concerned for time-bound redress of public issues raised during the darbar.

Chief Secretary gave directions to the concerned officers to personally visit the places and find solutions to the problems for the benefit of public good. A highlight of interaction was the positivity as many delegations thanked the Government for resolving several issues in recent years.

Dr Shahid Iqbal convenes Public Darbar cum Grievance Redressal Camp at Bandipora

JNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 30

Secretary Tribal Affairs, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Monday presided over a Public Darbar cum Grievance Redressal Camp here at Mini Secretariat and took stock of grievances and demands of people.

The event commenced with the Integrity Pledge ceremony on the eve of commencement of Vigilance Week 2023 against the evil practice of corruption wherein all the participants pledged to follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life to neither take nor offer bribe to perform tasks honestly in the public interest.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr Owais Ahmad, briefed the Secretary regarding overall development scenario of the district.

Chairman District Development Council, Abdul Gani Bhat; Vice Chairperson, DDC Kowsar Shafeeq; SSP, Lakshay Sharma; President Municipal Council Bandipora, Basharat Najar, and Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak 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 Dr Shahid Iqbal of issues being faced by the locals seeking intervention in redressing the same.

DDC Chairman submitted a Memorandum



of demands including requirement of manpower in Rural Engineering Wing/RDD, utilization of left over funds from Capex for meeting out the contingencies caused by calamities and disasters etc.

The DDC delegation also demanded bringing different areas of Bandipora including Ketson, Aragam, Surinder besides other areas on tourism map.

The DDC and BDC members put forth the issues concerning their respective areas like compensation for damaged crops, road connectivity in higher reaches, devising of robust mechanism for flood prone and affected areas near water bodies, land for landless families, filling of vacant posts, demands of Blood Bank in CHC Sumbal and early completion of College building in Hajin.

President MC Bandipora raised demands like construction of bypass road to Bandipora, power augmentation besides upgradation of Srinagar Bandipora road to National Highway.

President MC Hajin also put forth the demands of staff augmentation in CHC Hajin besides bringing Hajin town on tourism map.

Tribal Delegation led by DDC Dr Ghulam Mustafa projected issues like NOCs from forest department for developing infrastructure in the upper reaches of the district. Demands for Tribal school and tribal guest house in the district were also raised on the occasion.

While responding to the issue of tribals regarding NOCs by the forest department, Secretary assured early redressal in the matter. He, on the spot,

announced consideration of Tribal Guest house in the district.

Similarly, delegation of Sarpanchs presented their issues and demands, including augmentation of staff in panchayats, especially VLWs, technical staff besides JEs.

Dr Shahid, while interacting with line departments, called for adopting a time bound redressal/execution mechanism in resolving the issues of public importance by making optimum utilization of resources.

Secretary 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.

Earlier, the Secretary inspected various stalls installed by different departments.

Dr Shahid Iqbal, on the occasion, handed over authority and sanction letters to various beneficiaries pertaining to business and other income units.

Secretary also handed over keys of vehicles to the beneficiaries of Mumkin scheme besides giving away keys of mechanised agricultural machinery to unemployed youth.

Dr Shahid Iqbal, while addressing the gathering, said that their demands shall be brought into the notice of concerned departments and assured them of proper action and timely redressal of their grievances.

'Vigilance Awareness Week-2023' commences across Kashmir

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

As part of observance of Vigilance Awareness Week from October 30 to November 05, Pledge taking ceremonies were today held at Ganderbal, Kulgam and Kupwara districts of Kashmir.

On the occasion, the respective District heads administered an integrity pledge to all officers and officials of the district.

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year is taken up during the last week of October to encourage all stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention of, and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption.

This year the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week is 'Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation'.

At Kulgam, Vigilance Awareness Week kick-started today at Kulgam with the aim to create awareness about various forms of corruption prevalent in the society and suggest measures to thwart the growth of this plague.

Day first of vigilance week marked with pledge taking ceremonies where employees in all offices of the district took integrity pledges.

The employees of the mini-secretariat and other officers also took the Integrity Pledge at the mini-secretariat lawn, which was led by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam.

The DC on the occasion called for fulfilling the responsibility by employees with devotion and integrity and highlighted the initiatives being taken to give good governance to



the people.

At Ganderbal, as part of observance of Vigilance Awareness Week from October 30, Pledge taking ceremony was today held across all the offices of Ganderbal.

The main function was held at Mini Secretariat Ganderbal during which Integrity Pledge was administered by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani to the officers/officials of district administration.

During the Pledge, participants believed that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country and believed that all stakeholders such as the Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

They acknowledged that their responsibility to lead by example and the need to put in place safeguards, integrity frameworks and code of ethics to ensure that they are not part of any corrupt practice and tackle instances of corruption with utmost strictness.

All the participants pledged to work together to eradicate corruption and oppose all forms of corruption and foster a culture of honesty and integrity. They also

pledged to act in public interest and protect rights and interests of stakeholders and the society at large.

At Kupwara, the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Irfan Bahadur administered the integrity pledge to the officers and officials of DC Office Kupwara to fight against corruption and bring transparency in their work.

Similar integrity pledges were administered to all government offices, Govt. Degree Colleges, Bank Branches, Schools and other institutions in Kupwara district.

Several strategies have been adopted by the District Administration Kupwara to fight corruption and to educate the general public about the perils of corruption. Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week remains one of the primary tools of preventive vigilance with the focus on building awareness and re-affirming the commitment of everyone to uphold integrity in public governance.

During the week-long Awareness campaign, different events like Debates, Quiz competitions, special Gram Sabhas, grievance redressal camps in all SDM offices, Tehsil HQs for resolving the grievances, and a one day Workshop at Town Hall Kupwara is being organized.

CUK, NCTE hold 'information sharing Session on ITEP aligned with NEP 2020'

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, OCT 30

School of Education (SoE), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) in collaboration with the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), a Statutory body of the Government of India, organised an "Information Sharing Session on NEP 2020 in the context of Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP), at varsity's Tulmulla campus here Monday.

Head department of Management Studies, and senior most Professor, Prof. Abdul Gani, Presided over the event. NCTE, Member Secretary, Mrs. Kesang Y. Sherpa, Chairman, Northern, Regional Committee (NCTE) Prof. H.C.S Rathore, Under Secretary (Regulations) NCTE, Mr. Ravinder Singh, Nodal Officer, NEP, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Chaturvedi, Head Dept of Educational Studies, Central University Jammu and Member NRC, NCTE, Prof. J N Balia, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, Controller of Examination, Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Shah, Finance Officer, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, Dean School of Education, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Deans of Schools, Heads and Coordinators, of departments of CUK, University of Kashmir, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Cluster University Srinagar, IGNOU, principals and faculties from Degree Colleges of Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Baramulla, Kupwara, Pulwama, Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian were also present.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Intelligent Systems at IUST



JNEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, OCTOBER 30

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today addressed two-day International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Intelligent Systems (ICAIMLIS) at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) here. The conference is jointly organised by IUST's Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Centre for Innovation and entrepreneurship (CIED), and the Watson Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine, in collaboration with the Soft Computing Research Society (SCRS), and supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (DST GOI), J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), and the Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir. In his address, Advi-

sor Bhatnagar said that while it is important to be future ready and future driven but in the use and application of technology it is equally important to be humanistic. He said that the our country is making great strides in technology which is globally recognized and frugal engineering marvels accomplished by the nation are remarkable.

The Advisor highlighted that futuristic mindset holds the key to progress and prosperity of the country. He appreciated the growth of IUST in academics' research and innovation and assured full support from the government.

In his address, Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil Ahmed Romshoo, said that the two-day conference aims to facilitate exchange of ideas and explore the possibilities of harnessing cutting edge technologies of AI/ ML and Intelligent systems for the upliftment and progress of



humankind. He also said that scientists also have to be mindful of the ethical concerns which are associated with such new and disruptive technologies. He said that it is important to translate research into actionable outcomes that have relevance to the societal problems.

He also said that the field of computational intelligence is pursued as a priority area of research at IUST.

Dean research and convenor of the conference, Prof. A. H. Moon highlighted about the Arti-

cial Intelligence-Machine Learning infrastructure at IUST. He expressed gratitude for the support and research grants from the Government. He said that IUST is better placed in the science and technology fields and is working in active collaborations with other institutions.

Dr Asif Assad, Coordinator of Centre for AI welcomed the guest and Dr Muzaffar Rasool from Department of Computer Science presented vote of thanks. The inaugural function was moderated by Dr Monisa Qadri.

Lt Governor inaugurates 32 development projects of Urban Local Bodies in Kashmir Division

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, OCTOBER 30

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated 32 development projects of Urban Local Bodies worth more than Rs 21.84 crore in Kashmir Division, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the people and the representatives of Urban Local Bodies on the occasion.

He said the projects including Community Halls, Shopping Complexes, Development of Bus Terminals, Macadamisation of Roads and Drainage inaugurated today will have a transformational impact on small towns.

"We are strengthening physical and social infrastructure for growing urbanisation. City



means hope, progress and common welfare and to achieve these goals, concerted efforts are being made for recreational facilities, modern planning and city management and participatory administration," the Lt Governor said.

He said the realization of future development goals depends on the effective implementation of plans and policies to make cities and towns more vibrant and sustainable. Smart city and town is not just a slogan but a way of life. The well-planned

infrastructure projects are being developed as a confluence of ease of living and economic progress for sustainable growth so that future generations can fully benefit from it, the Lt Governor said.

At the inaugural event, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of UT Administration to bridge the decades-long developmental gap and create improved and smart facilities for the citizens while encouraging healthy competition amongst the Urban Local Bodies.

Our aim is to develop a more equitable and self-reliant towns, which preserves ancient culture and heritage, supports disadvantaged sections of society and attracts private sector for investment with a focus on economy

and ecology, the Lt Governor said.

In the coming future, Tier-II, Tier-III cities and small towns will also become important centers of economic development. We need to change the regressive mindset and facilitate the private investors to tap the potential of diverse sectors, he added.

On the occasion, Heads and representatives of Urban Local Bodies expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for empowering the ULBs and addressing the development needs of the people.

Sh Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Sh. Sujit Kumar, DIG CKR Srinagar; senior officers, HoDs and representatives of Urban Local Bodies were present.

VC SKUAST Kashmir, experts from Heartfulness Institute call on LG



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 30

Dr Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir and experts from Heartfulness Institute Hyderabad called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

The delegation apprised the Lt Governor on the 5-day program at SKUAST Kashmir on LIFE and SOCIAL SKILLS which is aimed at grooming students for stress management and building resilience in tackling real-life challenges.

The experts from Heart-

fulness Institute including Dr. Nivedita Shreyans, Director - Youth Programs & PR; Sh. Ramesh Krishnan, Director Heartfulness Education Trust, Sh. Adarsh Sharma, Regional Facilitator and Dr. Nikhil Yadav, Trainer Heartfulness Centre were present during the interaction.

Vigilance Week celebrations commence at State Taxes Deptt



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 30

With pledge-taking ceremony by officers and staff of State Taxes Department, the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week (2023) commenced for the department here today.

Every year Vigilance Awareness Week is observed as an outreach measure to create greater awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life. This year, for Vigilance Awareness Week, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has given the theme of 'Say no to corruption; Commit to the Nation'.

At Jammu headquarters Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra administered integrity pledge to officers and staff of the department.

Likewise, in Srinagar, Additional Commissioner, Administration & Enforcement, Shakeel Maqbool administered the pledge to officers.

Similar functions were organised in other districts including Kathua, Samba, Reasi, Udhampur, Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Budgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Kupwara and Baramulla across Jammu and Kashmir UT wherein State Tax Officers and other field officers administered pledge to officials. The attendees read out the pledge in Hindi Urdu and English languages.

Speaking on the occasion, both Additional Commissioners shared their insightful thoughts on the importance of the occasion and elaborated the ways to maintain

integrity in all walks of life. The Commissioners exhorted everyone to follow moral values in all spheres of their life. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year to commemorate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - the first Home Minister of the country.

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week is taken up to encourage all stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention of corruption. The celebrations also encourage stakeholders to fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption. Several activities including debate, slogan, poster competitions are scheduled in the week along with a panel discussion by eminent personalities in diverse fields.

Secy Tribal Affairs administers Integrity Pledge at Bandipora

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 30

On the sidelines of Public Darbar, Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary in presence of Chairperson DDC Abdul Gani Bhat and DC Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad administered Integrity Pledge during the commencement of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 at Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat here.

Besides all the officers and officials of the administration, Vice Chairperson; DDC Kowsar Shafeeq; DDCs, BDCs, President MC Bandipora Basharat Najar and PRIs were also present on the occasion.

ADDC Bandipora Ali Afsar Khan; SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma; Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; besides other senior officers also participated in the event.

The event commenced with the Integrity Pledge, in which all present swore to stand against corruption in all forms and to maintain the highest standards of integrity in their personal and professional lives.

Dr Jitendra Singh lauds role of Brigadier Rajinder Singh for saving Jammu & Kashmir



J1 NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 30

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the partition of India was gravest blunder in the recent history of world and a self-styled plan of a few ambitious individuals who allowed themselves to be played in the hands of a divisive design of the British rulers.

The partition, said Dr Jitendra Singh, was vociferously opposed not only by Mahatma Gandhi but also across the sections of masses including many a Muslim intellectuals who constituted Progressive Writers' Association. In the aftermath, more than a million people lost their lives and manifold more were rendered homeless in a bloody exchange of populations between India and the newly carved out

Pakistan.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the two-nation theory which was given as an argument in support of partition also proved to be misguided as evident from the separation of the then East Pakistan to form Bangladesh.

Addressing a function on the topic "Brigadier Rajinder Singh Memorial Public Lecture" at BRS Auditorium, University of Jammu, Dr Jitendra Singh said, if only the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had allowed his Home Minister to handle Jammu & Kashmir in the same manner as Sardar was handling the other princely States of India, the history of Indian subcontinent would have been different and PoJK would have been a part of India.

One of the Nehruvian blunders, said the Minister, was to declare unilateral ceasefire precisely when the Indian Army was about to retrieve back the areas of J&K captured by

Pakistan which are now part of PoJK.

The Minister said that Pandit Nehru, despite opposition from Gandhi and others, tacitly allowed Mohd Ali Jinnah's demand for partition to succeed.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, while appreciating the role of Department of Strategic and Regional Studies, University of Jammu and Jammu Kashmir Study Centre for organizing such an important function, said that the son of the soil Brigadier Rajinder Singh single handedly fought with the enemy forces and repelled the invaders up to Uri but again the unilateral ceasefire declaration by the then Prime Minister Nehru led to partition of Jammu & Kashmir also. He said that such decisions of the Congress party and its rulers are still costing India for its land and resources.

Dr. Jitendra Singh further clarifying termed the Indus Water Treaty like agreements as under-

implemented leading to under utilization of our own water resources.

The Minister, while elaborating another brunt of the partition, quoted the example of Article 370 which kept Jammu & Kashmir under developed for decades. He said that to oblige Sheikh Abdullah, Congress government led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru not only antagonised Maharaja Hari Singh but also allowed sentiments of separatism to be nourished by the Sheikh.

Maharaja Hari Singh was never at fault, said Dr Jitendra Singh, and argued that the delay in accession happened on account of dilly dallying by Nehru who wanted to impose Sheikh Abdullah on the Maharaja as well on the State.

The function was presided over by Vice-Chancellor SKAUST Jammu Prof. B.N.Tripathi while Brigadier Retired Govardhan Singh Jamwal was the Guest of Honour.

Secretary YSS visits Kulgam, conducts Public darbar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, OCTOBER 30

Secretary Youth Services & Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez today visited Kulgam and chaired a Public Darbar under the ambitious public outreach programme of the government. DDC Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal Parrey; Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather; DDCs, BDCs besides prominent citizens were present during the camp.

During the darbar, PRI members and DDCs from Frisal, Devsar, D.H.Pora, Behibagh, Kund, Qaimoo and other areas and Blocks demanded children park at Kund, augmentation of sports infrastructure, augmentation of staff at district hospital, release of pending liabilities under MGNREGA, additional quota for PMAY-G, construction of bypass from Laisoo Doori bypass, construction of Indoor Stadiums, augmentation of staff at District Hospital and other demands were flagged by PRIs.

A delegation of specially



abled persons demanded enhancement in monthly pension and construction of separate sports stadium besides special tournaments for them.

Delegation from Beopar mandal demanded construction of new fruit mandi and truck terminal and development of Aamnoo Shurat Road.

Delegation from ST community demanded construction of Road to Kounsarnag and also appraised the chair about various issues and demands of the people.

While addressing the gathering, Sarmad Hafeez said that government is committed for holistic

development of the UT and the programme aims to provide doorstep governance to people. He urged youth to avail benefits of various self employment schemes and other welfare services.

He added that the availability of more than 1000 services in online mode has revolutionized the system and induced transparent and prompt mechanism of services delivery.

Sarmad Hafeez apprised the participants that all the demands were noted and will be taken up with concerned quarters for appropriate action. He added that augmentation of sports infrastructure is

a priority and the budget outlay has increased many fold for the purpose and in previous years paly fields and sports structure was developed in large.

He stressed on the importance of assessing the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and urged officers to ensure the benefits reach the targeted sections of society.

Secretary YSS encouraged the public for active participation and maximize the benefits of various schemes, emphasizing on the dedication and sincerity of officers in addressing genuine public grievances within specified time frames.

DDC chairperson on the occasion said that district has witnessed a good progress in development of playfields and urged for further augmentation and facilities in these playfields. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat provided an overview of the district. He added that objective of the programme is to listen the issues of public to record these grievances for redressal.

Delegation of All J&K Government Pharmacists Association calls on LG



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

All Jammu and Kashmir Government Pharma-

cists Association led by its Chairman Sh Sheikh Mehraj Ud Din, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj

Bhawan today. The members of the Association expressed gratitude for 'The Pharmacy (Amendment) Act, 2023'.

Police held 'Pledge taking Ceremonies' throughout the Kashmir valley

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 30

In order to eradicate the corruption and to oppose all forms of corruption, Police on the occasion of 'Vigilance Awareness Week' facilitated pledge taking ceremonies at all the police establishments across the Kashmir Zone.

The pledge functions were held simultaneously at all the District Police headquarters as well as Police establishments. During the functions, pledge was administered to all the officers & officials by the respective District SSSP & concerned supervisory officers.

Kishtwar admin plans array of activities to celebrate 5th UT Foundation Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 30

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today said that the District administration has planned an array of activities to celebrate the 5th UT Jammu and Kashmir Foundation Day and Ekta Diwas 2023, scheduled on October 31, 2023. These significant events, like in other parts of the Union Territory, will be commemorated with great enthusiasm in District Kishtwar, he told media persons here at a press briefing.

The DC gave a detailed account of the celebration activities planned for these important occasions. He emphasized that the festivities will take place at the district headquarters, as well as at panchayat and tehsil headquarters, aligning



with the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of independent India, celebrated as Unity Day (Ekta Diwas).

The main event is slated to be held on October 31 at Char Chinar, Chowgan Ground Kishtwar commencing at 10:30 AM with the theme Badalta Jammu and Kashmir, Khilta Jammu and Kashmir. It will serve as a platform to showcase the remarkable devel-

opmental achievements accomplished in the district & UT as well over the past four years under the theme 'UT Govt Key 4 Saal Bemisaal.'

Dr. Devansh Yadav earnestly appealed to the people of Kishtwar, as well as members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), to actively participate in these celebrations. He emphasized the significance of familiarizing themselves with the government's

milestones and achievements and the initiatives promoting good governance by the UT government. Additionally, he encouraged residents to gain awareness about schemes such as "Mumkin Schemes" and credit-linked schemes for their benefit.

Moreover, DC highlighted that these celebrations will also coincide with the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week activities across the district, aimed at bolstering the government's anti-corruption efforts and enhancing transparency and accountability in the system. He called upon the masses to join hands in the collective endeavor to combat the menace of corruption in society and join the week long campaign at panchayats, tehsil and district headquarters.

Kishtwar Administration launches Vikas-Vishwas Rath to commemorate UT Foundation Day, EKTA Diwas 2023

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 30

As a prelude to the celebration of the Union Territory (UT) Foundation Day and EKTA Diwas, the Kishtwar Administration today unveiled the Vikas/Vishwas Rath vehicle, a cutting-edge mobile exhibition showcasing the remarkable developmental achievements accomplished in the district over the past four years, under the theme 'UT Govt Key 4 Saal Bemisaal'.

The Rath was ceremoniously flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, in the presence of Ex En Jal Shakti, Sunil Sharma and other dignitaries here at the DC Office Complex Kishtwar. This innovative and captivating vehicle, equipped with state-of-the-art LED screens, is set to traverse the entire district, offering residents a comprehensive insight into the unparalleled progress and growth achieved across various sectors.

The primary objective of this unique initiative is to foster awareness among residents about the transformative changes brought about by the government in Kishtwar, while instilling a profound sense of confidence and trust.

The LED screens installed on the Vikas/Vishwas Rath will display



a captivating short film, underscoring the pivotal developmental initiatives undertaken in Kishtwar across a diverse range of sectors, including road infrastructure, healthcare, education, agriculture, tourism, and more.

The film will spotlight the significant milestones

achieved, encompassing the construction of vital road networks, the establishment of cutting-edge healthcare facilities, enhancements in educational institutions, the successful implementation of welfare schemes, and the flourishing promotion of tourism activities.

The Vikas/Vishwas Rath vehicle is not confined to the city limits but will embark on a comprehensive tour of different parts of the district, including remote and hard-to-reach areas, ensuring maximum outreach to every corner of the community.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 observed by PIB, CBC Regional Offices, Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT. 30

The Press Information Bureau (PIB), Jammu and the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India observed the Vigilance Awareness Week in the Media Centre, Jammu today. The week is observed as an outreach measure to create greater awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life. This year, the theme is - 'say no to corruption, commit to the nation.'

All the officers/officials took a pledge that



they shall be vigilant and commit themselves to the highest standards of honesty and integrity always. They also pledged to sup-

port the fight against corruption and promote ethical business practices besides fostering a culture of honesty and integrity.

They shall not offer or accept bribe, and shall protect the right and interests of stakeholders and the society at large.

Prerna Puri holds Public Darbar at Reasi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, OCTOBER 30

Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology and Information Department, Prerna Puri today presided over a Public Darbar at Conference Hall of District Administrative Complex here and took stock of grievances and demands of the people of the District.

The Public Darbar witnessed overwhelming response from all sections of the society.

Chairman, District Development Council, Saraf Singh Nag; District Development Council, Members; BDC Chairpersons; President Municipal Council Reasi; Sarpanchs and delegations comprising of prominent citizens, Self Help Groups, NGOs attended the event and put forth their grievances and submitted memorandum of demands.

During the darbar, the Commissioner Secretary gave patient hearing to the speakers and assured that their genuine issues shall be immediately prioritized by the District Administration and the matters pertaining to the Government shall be projected by her to the concerned departments for redressal.

She exhorted upon the District officers to take necessary steps in delivery of services of their respective department, thereby easing the life of common man, which is an essential parameter of 'Good Governance'.

Prerna Puri advised



the elected representatives to create maximum awareness of Digital initiatives of the Government through which more than 1000 offline services have been made online for their hassle free delivery to the public.

She highlighted that a toll free number 14471 is also made available for facilitating the online services to the citizens besides an Auto Appeal System has been put in place in case the services covered under PSGA are not delivered within the prescribed timeline.

During the darbar, the public raised various issues before the Commissioner Secretary like rationalization of teaching staff in the educational institutions, construction of school buildings across the District, non availability of doctors and paramedical staff in the hospitals, road connectivity, MGNREGA, PMAY Houses, Jal Jeevan Mission, among others.

The public in general appreciated the efforts of the Government and the District Administration in delivery of various services. The deputation

of the prominent citizens of the Reasi town raised demands for making functional Mother & Child Care Hospital Reasi, Up gradation of Sula Park and connecting it with Historic Bhim Garh Fort with Cable Car and Development of ShamsanGhat at the Bank of River Chenab near Baradari Bridge Reasi.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal; SSP, Reasi Amit Gupta; ADDC, ADC, Reasi and all the District officers attended the programme.

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"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for information of the general public of District Reasi that the Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01-01-2024, as the qualifying date. The schedule of the Revision is as under:-

S. No.	Activity	Period
1.	Publication of Integrated draft Electoral Roll.	27.10.2023 (Friday)
2.	Period for filing claims & objections.	27.10.2023 (Friday) to 09.12.2023 (Saturday)
3.	Disposal of Claims and objections.	By 26.12.2023 (Tuesday)
4.	Final publication of Electoral Rolls.	On 05.01.2024 (Friday)

This Revision will also be undertaken in District Reasi and during the Revision, any eligible person who will attain age of 18 years on 01-01-2024, can register himself/herself as a voter by filling Form - 6. Further, from 27-10-2023 to 09-12-2023, citizens/ voters can apply for the below mentioned purposes by filling the relevant Forms through BLOS or online at (voters.eci.gov.in) :-

S. No.	Purposes for which Forms to be filled up	Forms to be filled
1.	For addition of name in the Electoral Roll.	Form 6.
2.	For objection to proposed inclusion/deletion of name in the Electoral Roll.	Form 7.
3.	For shifting of residence /correction of entries in Electoral Roll/replacement of EPIC/markings of PwD.	Form 8.

Special Camps on the following dates will also be held when the Booth Level Officers (BLOS) will remain available in the Polling Stations alongwith copies of the draft Electoral Rolls:-

Special Camp dates
04-11-2023 (Saturday)
05-11-2023 (Sunday)
18-11-2023 (Saturday)
19-11-2023 (Sunday)

Further, all eligible persons who are going to attain the qualifying age of 18 years with reference to any of the subsequent qualifying dates in the year 2024, namely, 1st April 2024, 1st July 2024 and 1st October 2024, can also lodge a claim application in Form 6, in advance starting from the date of notice. However, disposal of such claims shall be done in the respective quarter w.r.t. the 1 April, 1st July & 1st October, as mentioned above.

Copies of the draft Electoral Rolls will be available in the offices of Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Reasi (ERO for 57-Reasi Assembly Constituency), Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mahore (ERO for 56-Gulabgarh (ST) Assembly Constituency) and Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra (ERO for 58-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Assembly Constituency), Tehsildars (AEROs) and in Polling Stations with the Booth Level Officers.

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Sd/-
(Babila Rakwal), JKAS,
District Election Officer,
(Deputy Commissioner)
Reasi

ASCOMS & Hospital organizes Divisinoal Round of 36th IAP Quiz for Undergraduates

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCT 30

Department of Paediatrics, Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu in association with Indian Academy of Paediatrics under the aegis of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatric organized Divisional Round of 36th IAP Quiz today in the College Auditorium on 28th October 2023 in which the students from all the medical colleges of UT of J&K and Himachal Pradesh have participated. Team comprising of Ms. Mahima Bhat & Sonika Manhas from ASCOMS & Hospital emerged as winners and Team comprising of Mihika Gupta and Mudit Sharma from ASCOMS were Runner Up, Ms. Khair Un Nissa & Kushal Kumar Bargath from GMC, Rajouri got 3rd position,



teams from GMC, Jammu Ms. Saima Hymera & Priya Sathu got and Aagosh Bhat & Dipender Bhat got 4th & 5th position. Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal/Dean, Govt. Medical College, Jammu was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr. D.K.Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Ex-Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, SMGS Hospital, who while speaking laid stress on importance of academic activities in UG Curriculum, Dr.

G.S.Saini, Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, SMGS Hospital & State President, IAP, while addressing the gathering lauded the efforts of organizers in organizing such a mega event flawlessly, Dr. Anil K. Gupta, Prof & HOD, Medicine, ASCOMS, Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS, Prof. Sanjeev Digra, Prof. Ashu Jamwal, Director Principal, ASCOMS in his address, highlighted the achievements of Paediatrics department in general and that of organizer in particular who started his journey in Paediatrics and also informed that

as an undergraduate student, Dr. Ravinder Gupta was the first to start Paediatric Quiz organized by IAP way back in 1988 and rose to become National Coordinator for organizing the IAP Quiz for coming two years. Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta Quiz Master and Prof. & Head Paediatrics highlighted the importance of IAP Quiz and described all the rules and regulations of the Quiz to participants. He was assisted by Dr. Sushil Sharma who was a local quiz master. Dr. Vikas Mahajan and Dr. Manoj Sharma were the other quiz masters. Mr. D.K. Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS felicitated Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, the Chief Guest by presenting him a memento and thanked for gracing the occasion. The participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, J&K BJP general secretary and former minister, in a statement, said that India has always been working for cordial and friendly relations with Pakistan but this neighbouring country never displayed sincerity to maintain peace. He said that peace on borders and within its territorial areas has remained a priority for India but unfortunately Pakistan never allowed peace to prevail, which is also against the spirit of good neighbours. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, while appreciating the Indian security forces for successful operations against the infiltration bids and eliminating the intruders, said that killings of their trained ter-

Pak never displayed sincerity for peace with India: Dr. Manyal

JI NEWS SERVICE
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rorists have frustrated Pakistan and it has started firing on Indian posts along the international border and also targeting the civilian areas. Despite agreements on ceasefire between two countries, Pakistan has been indulging in violations time and again. Our former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had publicly acknowledged that 'we can change our enemies but not neighbours' which meant that two neighbour countries must live in friendly atmosphere for progress and prosperity, he said. "History stands witness that Vajpayee extended a hand of friendship with Pakistan and went to Lahore in a bus with the hope that good sense will prevail and our neighbour understands the need and importance of peaceful co-existence of

both nations", Dr. Manyal said and added that unfortunately India had to face Kargil. The former minister said that there had been peace along borders after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister as the government had made it clear that dialogue and bullets can not go together. But suddenly Pakistan started firing and making attempts of infiltration few days ago, maybe Pakistani rulers want to escape the wrath of its citizens who have developed anger and resentment and divert their attention from its failures on various fronts. Dr. Manyal warned Pakistan not to disturb peace in India, failing which it will have to face consequences as the present government under PM Modi is capable enough to teach a lesson.

Dogra Khatri Sadar Sabha organizes Diwali Milan Fouction

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Today Dogri Khatri Sadar Sabha Jammu under the Presidentship of Parmod Kapahi organises Diwali Milan Programme at Kohli Farms, Former Raja Sabha MP Avinash Rai Khanna was Chief Guest, Former Minister Ajay Sadhotra, Former Minister Ajay Nanda, Dr Gautam Mengi, Educationist ID Soni, Former MLC Ashok Khajuria, Dr Rajkumar Suri were guest of Honours.



Speaking on the Occasion Avinash Rai Khanna appreciated the Dogra Khatri Sadar Sabha Jammu and said that its a very good initiative taken by the sabha to strengthen the Dogra Khatri community. Khanna threw light on the contribution of prominent personalities of the community. Speaking on the Occasion Parmod Kapahi thanked the people attending the programme of diwali milan and said we will continue organise

such programmes in future also, He also recalled the work of former presidents and other people who worked to strengthen the Dogra Khatri Sabha. Senior Vice President Vijay Gandotra, General Secretary Sanjay Pandoh, Former President Jugal Gandotra, Executive Members Ashok Nanda, Rajinder Kohli, Ajay Gandotra, Keshav Chopra, Kuldeep Kandhari and others were also present.

Shiv Sena warns terrorists, reminded govt of its promise to restore peace in Kashmir

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The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (UBT) today strongly condemned the killing of Mukesh, a migrant laborer and resident of Uttar Pradesh, by terrorists in Pulwama district of South Kashmir, calling it a nefarious and cowardly act of terrorists. Party's state president Manish Sahni, in a special conversation with journalists today, has warned the terrorists to desist from their nefarious and cowardly activities. Sahni also reminded the Central Government of its promise of peace and tranquility in Kashmir and said that even after more than four years



terday and serious injury to him prove that all the claims of restoring peace in Jammu and Kashmir are hollow at the ground level. Sahni said that terrorism which was limited to Kashmir valley, has today struck in Jammu division. At the same time, Pakistan is violating the ceasefire on the international border and firing targeting Indian soldiers and border civilians. Sahni has appealed to the Modi government at the Center to take time out from the election campaign to teach Pakistan a lesson and maintain peace in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, and to fulfill the promise made to the public to restore peace.

have passed since the abrogation of Article 370, terrorism has not ended in Jammu and Kashmir. Terrorists establish their empire of terror by targeting whoever they want, wherever they want. The killing of a migrant laborer today and the targeting of a police inspector in Srinagar's Eidgah area yes-

My return to J&K politics is aimed to complete unfinished developmental agenda: Azad

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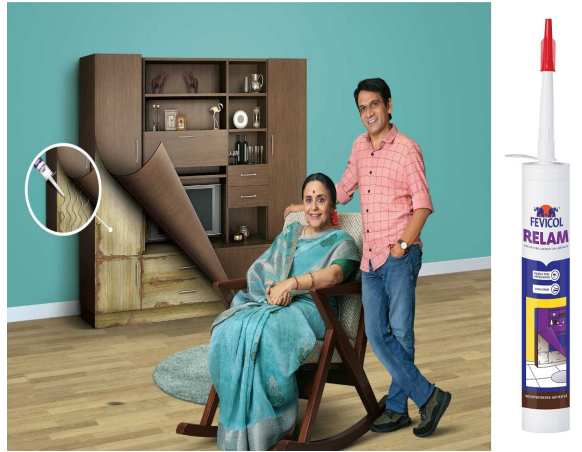
Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday said that his idea to return to regional politics and forming his own political party in Jammu and Kashmir is aimed at full filling the unfinished agenda of development and those projects which were left midway after he left the office of Chief minister. Azad said that had he been power hungry, he would have never quit the national politics where he could have enjoyed more power. "In national politics, you have opportunity to enjoy power and have less stress of work. But in regional politics issues are more and less chances to enjoy the power due to direct dealings on ground," he said while addressing party workers at Bhaderwah town and Sindhra bhalla block. The DPAP chairman said that despite knowing it, he choose to return the regional politics. "I came back to my

people because I want to serve them and do whatever is required for the peace and progress of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. Azad said that during his tenure he sanctioned and executed lots of projects but lot more is required to be done. "I want to convey you that I have lot more to do for my people and I am asking you all to give me and my party a chance," he said. He said the DPAP is meant for the welfare of people and asked his workers to focus on public meetings in their respective areas. Among others who were attended the public meeting were G.M.Sarooori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Asif Gattu Distt President, Prabha Salathia Mahila President, Sunita Arora Spokesperson, Javid Azad VP Zone, Arif Najar Block President, Pritam Kotwal Provincial Secretary, Sheikh Zaffarullah Gen Secretary Zone Chenab, Krishan Singh Manhas, Mohd Ashraf Goni and others.

Unleash Festive Charm: Breathe life into your furniture with hassle-free magic of FevicolRelam

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Why should furniture be left behind when we are painting walls or changing upholstery during the festive season? In most cases furniture revamp gets overlooked during the festive season as it is deemed expensive, cumbersome, and messy.



However, your home's furnishings deserve a fresh look too and without any pesky tod-phod, noise and dust! With FevicolRelam, revamping your furniture in festive season becomes a hassle-free exercise. Using FevicolRelam, you can now paste laminate on laminate and thus simplify the furniture renovation process. FevicolRelam adhesive gives instant holding and processing strength in a couple of hours. It has no smell. It is easy to use and doesn't require vigorous mixing before use. FevicolRelam ensures the laminate adheres smoothly, giving a professional finish without any mess. Using FevicolRelam, one

can directly paste a new laminate over the old laminate and change the look of the old furniture overnight, making them look vibrant and stylish. FevicolRelam, a trusted name in adhesive solutions, offers a range of possibilities for transforming your furniture. Whether you want to give your old kitchen cabinets and cupboards a modern touch or spruce up a tired-looking coffee table, FevicolRelam provides a reliable and easy-to-use solution. Imagine a simple and pocket-friendly technique

can turn a plain side table into a work of art, reflecting the festive spirit of vibrancy and freshness. FevicolRelam ensures a lasting bond that withstands daily use. In conclusion, this festive season, let your furniture shine as brilliantly as your other decorations. It's time to infuse your home with renewed charm and style. With FevicolRelam, your furniture becomes an integral part of your festive celebrations, setting the stage for cherished memories and delightful conversations.

Minorities inspired by policies of PM Modi: Khatana

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RAJASTHAN, OCT 30

Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana has said that minorities have great appreciation for the policies and programmes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for welfare of minority communities. He said that the government is committed to inclusivity and have effectively bridged the digital divide and promoted educational opportunities for minorities.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, the government has taken significant steps to empower minorities, ensuring they are not left behind in the fast-paced growth of the nation. Mr. Khatana noted that the slogan "Ek haath Mein Koran, Ek mein computer" (One hand holds the Quran, the other a computer) has not remained just a catchphrase but has been transformed into reality through various scholarships and schemes.

Prime Minister Modi's government has introduced a range of scholarships and schemes designed to provide equal access to education and technology, further leveling the playing field for minority communities. These initiatives have had a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals, enabling them to



pursue their dreams and contribute to the nation's progress. MP Khatana stated, "The policies and programs put forth by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government have resonated strongly with minorities. Minorities across the country are inspired and impressed by the government's com-

mitment to their welfare and advancement." He urged all citizens to embrace these opportunities and work together to build a stronger, more inclusive India. He emphasized that this progress is a testament to the government's dedication to the welfare of all citizens, regardless of their background.

Karate Kids of Tiny Scholars Kathua brings laurels to school



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KATHUA, OCT 30

The Sports Karate Do Association successfully organized the much-anticipated 4th North India Open Karate-Do Championship on October 22, 2023, at Pathankot. The event witnessed a remarkable turnout of more than 30 enthusiastic schools from Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh.

This championship brought together karate enthusiasts from various regions, providing them with an opportunity to display their skills and compete against top-notch participants. Among the participants were 54 talented students from Tiny Scholars School, who showcased their dedication and passion for

martial arts. The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by the students from Tiny Scholars School were exemplary. Out of the 54 participating students, an astounding 17 earned gold medals, 8 secured silver medals, and 10 proudly emerged with bronze medals. It is a testament to their hard work, commitment, and relentless training under the guidance of their esteemed instructors. Mrs. Manisha Gupta, the Director of Tiny Scholars School, expressed her heartfelt congratulations to the triumphant students, commending them for their outstanding achievements. She emphasized the significance of discipline, determination, and sportsmanship in fostering holistic development.

Efficient Afghanistan add Sri Lankan scalp in memorable campaign

AGENCIES
PUNE, OCT 30

Afghanistan's dream World Cup campaign got even better on Monday (October 30) in Pune as they defeated Sri Lanka comfortably for their third win of the tournament. Having already defeated England which was then followed by a famous win over Pakistan in Chennai, Afghanistan have now mathematically kept themselves in contention for a semifinal spot by defeating a third former champion. Chasing 242, Afghanistan were pegged back very early when Dilshan Madushanka castled Rahmanullah Gurbaz. But post that, they continued to stay ahead in the game throughout the run chase. Rahmat Shah and Ibrahim Zadran got going with a boundary each and the latter even flicked Kasun Rajitha for a six to stamp his authority. Angelo Matthews, who started with the ball in the last game for Sri Lanka, conceded two boundaries in his first over as Afghanistan knocked off 50 runs in the powerplay. Madushanka then returned to break the threatening partnership and that put the brakes on the scoring rate. Afghanistan didn't panic however as Rahmat trudged towards another half-century. On 62, Rahmat failed to make the most of a lifeline offered to him by Sadeera Samarawickrama as he failed to read a slower delivery, only to



miscue it that gave the opposition an opening. Sri Lanka never made use of that opening though as Azmatullah Omarzai and Hashmatullah Shahidi made merry. The two batters kept picking singles to slowly edge closer to the target before Azmatullah broke free with a six over deep midwicket off Theekshana. That was the release shot he needed as he used the ramp shot to good effect in the very next over for another six as Afghanistan slowly took charge of the chase. By the end of the 40 over mark, Afghanistan already had 201 on the board as the two batters then switched gears sensing an opportunity for a big win. Both Shahidi and Azmatullah went on a boundary-hitting spree and in the process brought up their respective fifties as well, eventually scaling

the target with 28 balls to spare. Earlier in the day, Sri Lanka failed to make use of a batting friendly surface as they lost control of their innings at the halfway point to end up with only 241. The decision to bring back Dimuth Karunaratne didn't work as Fazalhaq Farooqi, returning to the playing XI, removed him early. Pathum Nissanka then took charge and hit a boundary each off the next four overs to finally get Sri Lanka going and Kusal Mendis teed off as well after a slow start. Sri Lanka's run rate didn't drop even after Nissanka edged one behind to depart for 46. Mendis and Sadeera Samarawickrama stabilised the innings around the halfway mark to put Sri Lanka in a very good position. That is when Mujeeb took charge and removed both the

set batters off consecutive overs that changed the course of the contest. Dhananjaya de Silva, who looked out of place, was sent back by Rashid Khan with a googly. The onus was now on Angelo Matthews to resurrect the innings but the veteran saw more wickets fall at the other end. It was Theekshana who took charge of the scoring and Matthews some vital runs as well at the end but Farooqi came back to add two more wickets to his tally to finish with a four-fer and keep their opponents to a below par score. Brief scores: Sri Lanka 241 in 49.3 overs (Pathum Nissanka 46; Fazalhaq Farooqi 4/34, Mujeeb Ur Rahman 2/38) lost to Afghanistan 242/3 in 45.2 overs (Azmatullah Omarzai 73*, Rahmat Shah 62; Dilshan Madushanka 2/48) by 7 wickets

Sultan of Johor Cup: Indian juniors storm into semis with stunning 6-2 win over New Zealand

AGENCIES
JOHOR BAHRU (MALAYSIA), OCT 30

Amandeep Lakra scored three goals as the Indian junior men's hockey team stormed into the semifinals with a stunning 6-2 triumph over New Zealand in the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 here on Monday. Amandeep Lakra scored in the 2nd, 7th and 35th minutes while Arun Sahani (12', 53') and Poovanna Chandura Bobby (52') scored goals for India while Luke Aldred (29', 60') scored a brace for New Zealand.



Riding on their success in the previous outing where they beat hosts Malaysia 3-1, Indian Colts made a positive start against New Zealand. Their intent to win was evident when they earned a PC in the opening minute of the match. Amandeep Lakra was on target to capitalise from the early opportunity, flicking the ball powerfully past the New Zealand goalkeeper Luke Elmes, and earning a confidence-inducing 1-0 lead in the 2nd minute. The pressure continued to pile on New Zealand in the following moments with India picking up yet another PC in the 7th minute. Lakra remained the cynosure of India's PC attack, stepping up again to unleash a fierce flick to double India's lead.

The defending champions remained persistent in testing New Zealand's defence as they scored their third goal in the 12th minute - thanks to Arun Sahani's cross from the left wing deflecting off Luke Elmes into the goal. With a formidable 3-0 lead, India similarly started the second quarter with Uttam Singh leading India's charge in the forward line; setting up a skilful one-on-one tackle with the goalie. However, he was unable to put it past Elmes. Later in the quarter New Zealand tried to regain their footing in the game when Sam Lints showcased brilliant stick work in the attacking circle but India's defence proved too strong to breach. New Zealand were finally able to score

that elusive first goal when Luke Aldred converted a fine PC in the 29th minute. Determined to build on their lead, India made an attacking start in the third quarter. Their efforts resulted in a PC and Lakra struck his third to complete a stunning hat-trick. The 35th-minute goal put India in command with a 4-1 lead. Halfway through the quarter, though, New Zealand came close to scoring as Daniel Torr dodged a couple of Indian defenders in the circle, but India's custodian Mohith H.S. remained alert, rushing out to unsettle the forward and force a miss. New Zealand began the last quarter with hope to bounce back in the game but the Indian defence remained resolute.

Meanwhile, Indian attackers continued to showcase disciplined structure as they created crucial chances that would fetch two more goals this quarter. In the 52nd minute, Poovanna Chandura Bobby scored India's fifth goal through a PC while Arun Sahani struck his second goal in the 53rd minute taking India's lead to 6-1. With seconds left in the game, an infringement by India's defence meant New Zealand would get a final go at the goal and Luke Aldred ensured he was on point, putting the ball past Mohith with a well-executed flick. But the goal did little to stop India from marching into the Semi-Final of the Sultan of Johor Cup, to be played on November 3.

National Games 2023: With a shot in the arm, Beach football ready for the next plunge

AGENCIES
COLVA (GOA), OCT 30

October is a time when beach enthusiasts start flocking in the picturesque beaches of Goa to have an ideal holiday. However, this time around, with the state hosting the 37th National Games, the Colva beach in South Goa is also enthralling the tourists with Beach Football action.



Still outside the ambit of mainstream sports in India, Beach Football, however, has grown in the country in leaps and bounds over the years and even states which don't have a coast have sent a team to participate in the National Games. Organisers are of the view that this will not only motivate youngsters to take up Beach Football as a profession but the sport will also be viewed beyond being just a recreational activity as playing football on the beach requires speed, agility, and quickness. The eight teams in action at the National Games include coastal states of Goa, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Odisha along with Delhi, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Punjab. While Goa and Kerala have a long history of Beach Football, the obvious question that comes to mind is how do the states that do not have a beach train for this sport. "As we all know there is no beach in Delhi. One needs to travel to Mumbai or Goa for proper practice sessions, which is also not possible every time. However, that said, the players are extremely professional

and passionate about this sport and we are here to make a difference," said Delhi team manager Mohammed Naeem. But Naeem insists that the popularity of the sport is already growing even in the National Capital. In fact, the AIFF has laid down a proposal to build a beach football facility at the Nehru Stadium in Delhi. The plan is currently in the pipeline and I am hopeful it will be done soon," he added. Jharkhand is another state that has no beaches and hence the team has been training on regular ground. But despite the lack of proper training, the team didn't want to let go of an opportunity to play in the National Games and bank on their natural footballing skills to perform. "It is a huge learning curve for all the team members, including myself. We want to show everyone that a non-coastal state like Jharkhand can also excel in a sport like beach football," said Jharkhand coach Mohammed Farid Khan. Kerala and Lakshadweep, however, are two states that are dotted with innumerable beaches, and hence the passion among

footballers to excel in this format come naturally. "I have been coaching this side since the 1st Beach Football National-1s conducted by the All India Football Federation in Surat last year. We performed well there and have a strong team in Goa this time around," said Kerala coach Sashin Chandran. Talking about the popularity of the 7-a-side beach football in Kerala, Chandran pointed out that 10 out of 14 districts in Kerala are dotted with beaches and there is no dearth of excitement among youngsters to take up this sport and excel. "I think beach football has a bright future in India, given its structure and how it is played. If you look at this Kerala side, we have some talented players like Suhail, Mohsin, Sreejith, and Roy. I am sure this game will grow massively in the next five years if there are proper grassroot program," said Sashin Chandran, who feels anything short of a podium finish would be an underachievement for his team. The Union Territory of Lakshadweep, however, has set a modest target of making it to the semifinals

as they have been practicing together only since the first week of October. "Given the number of beaches we have in our state, we take this sport very seriously. Many footballers take active interest in both the 5-a-side and 7-a-side formats and there is a surge in popularity for sure," Lakshadweep coach Ahmed Rashid said. Both Chandran and Rashid insisted that the time is ripe for the AIFF to actively promote beach football across country. "It is heartening to see that so many non-coastal states like Delhi, Jharkhand, Punjab, and even Uttarakhand have fielded teams and this goes on to show the rising popularity of this sport. This (National Games) is a historic event for all of us," Chandran said. "The goal is to see an Indian team participating in the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup and we can do it, given there are so many talented footballers who know the nitty gritty of this format. The AIFF must take necessary steps to ensure beach football grows in this country and more and more youngsters take active interest in it," Rashid concluded.

Men's ODI WC: Inzamam-ul-Haq quits as Pakistan chief selector over conflict of interest allegations

AGENCIES
LAHORE, OCT 30

Inzamam-ul-Haq has quit as chief selector of the Pakistan men's team over conflict of interest allegations in team selections and his role in a player management company with which most of the players in ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 squad have signed up.



Allegations have been made in Pakistan media circles that former captain Inzamam-ul-Haq along with his brother Intisar-ul-Haq and cricketer Mohd Rizwan has set up a player management company called Yazoo International Ltd in the United Kingdom and has recruited a large number of players. It is alleged that all those players who have signed up with Yazoo International have been selected in the Pakistan World

Cup squad. The reports said that Pakistan skipper Babar Azam is also a major beneficiary of Yazoo International Ltd. The Pakistan team has lost four matches in succession including an embarrassing defeat to arch-rivals India and a humiliating loss, for the first time in an ODI, against neighbours Afghanistan. Former captain Inzamam-ul-Haq became the

first victim of the faltering World Cup campaign as he was accused of a conflict of interest in team selection. The Pakistan team is facing a possible early exit from the World Cup. Pakistan are currently placed sixth in the points table with four points from two wins and four defeats. With India leading the points table with 12 points, South Africa are second with 10 points with New

Zealand (8), Australia (8), Sri Lanka (4), Pakistan (4) and Afghanistan (4) and Netherlands (4) placed in that order. Bangladesh and England bring in the rear with two points each. After the team's disastrous results in the World Cup, Inzamam has been accused of a conflict of interest about the team selection process. Inzamam's nephew Imam-ul-Haq is also part of the World Cup squad. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has set up a five-member fact-finding committee to investigate allegations in respect of conflict of interest reported in the media about the team selection process. The committee will submit its report and any recommendations to the PCB Management in an expeditious manner.

Asian Shooting C'ships: Anish picks up India's 12th Paris Olympic quota with bronze in rapid-fire pistol

AGENCIES
CHANGWON, OCT 30

Anish Bhanwala delivered a bronze and a Paris 2024 Olympics quota place, the Shooting squad's 12th overall, competing in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol discipline at the ongoing Asian Shooting Championship, here on Monday. According to information received here, Anish shot 588 to qualify in third-place for the six-man final and then shot 28, before bowing out in a shoot-off with silver medallist Dai Yoshioka of Japan. Korean Lee Gunhyeok won gold with a score of 34 in the eight five-shot rapid-fire

series decider. India have now picked up 30 medals from the continental event including eight gold. Anish's quota was the fifth India have secured in Changwon. After shooting a 294 in the first precision stage of qualifying on Sunday which had put him among the leaders in the 33-strong field, Anish came back on Monday morning to shoot 294 in the second rapid-fire round as well. That gave him a total of 588, just one behind China's Wang Xinjie who topped the field. Three Chinese made the six-man final as Anish took the third qualifying spot behind world

champion Li Yuehong on countback. It was enough to give him one of the two available Paris spots, given China had exhausted their quotas and Lee and Dai had also secured their quotas in earlier competitions. Vijayveer Sidhu missed out, shooting 581 to finish 10th overall and 8th among contenders. Adarsh Singh was further back in 25th with a score of 570. Olympian Gurpreet Singh, who was playing for ranking points only (RPO), shot 577 to finish 15th overall. The Men's Trap trio also won India a silver in the team competition when Zoravar Singh Sandhu, Kynan Chenai

(111) and Prithviraj Tondaiman (111) shot a total of 341, to finish three behind gold medalists Qatar as Iran took bronze. Zoravar finished sixth after reaching the individual final. In the women's trap, the best Indian performers were the ones who were not in medal contention. Rajeshwari Kumari and Shagun Chowdhary, both playing as RPO shooters, shot 108 and 107 to finish seventh and eighth respectively. Preeti Rajak was next best with 103, giving her 10th spot overall. Manisha Keer (98) and Sabeera Haris (94) were further down the pecking order.