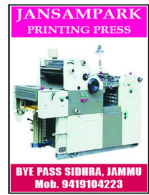




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J&K moves to 2nd position in generating 'Scan and Share OPD' tokens

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J&K achieves 2nd position across country in generating of 'Scan and Share OPD' tokens surpassing Karnataka state by generating more than 7,92,641 tokens in August 2023.

The Scan and Share queue less registration process has taken new heights under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission J&K and is turning out to be a game changer for ease of OPD registration for patients in the health-care institutions of J&K.

This facility was rolled out in April 2023 and extended to 71 health-care institution across J&K. Trained manpower was deployed for facilitating on-ground human resource and hand holding of patients for availing this queue less digital service.

General public approaching the

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Army Commander visits Surankote sector, reviews security situation

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Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi Friday visited Surankote sector to review operational preparedness, security situation as well as to oversee augmentation of operational capability.

Army said that Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army Commander Northern Command, visited forward areas of Surankote sector where he reviewed the overall security situation in the sub division.

"The Army Commander was briefed on operational preparedness, security situation and augmentation of operational capability," Army said.

He exhorted troops to maintain highest state of readiness to meet all contingencies.

Police busts fake marriage racket in Baramulla

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Baramulla Police have busted an inter district fraud marriage racket in Kurzer area of the district by arresting four individuals involved in the nexus.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that according to the complaint, the accused individuals were operating as middlemen during marriage functions.

The statement reads that they allegedly used WhatsApp to send photos of various young women, falsely claiming they were ready for marriage. "These individuals convinced the victims on the other side to agree to marriage proposals, fix the Mehar money

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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha attends 25th anniversary commemoration event of Harishchandra Tyagi Public Library

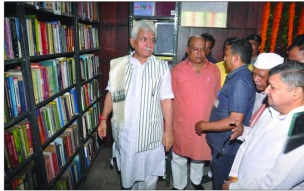
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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the 25th anniversary celebration of Harishchandra Tyagi Public Library, Ghaziabad, on Friday.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the people associated with the Harishchandra Tyagi Public Library on the occasion. He said the Library has been a source of education and intellectual inspiration for the local community, serving all age groups, especially youth.

Speaking on the emergence of digital technology and Artificial Intelligence, the Lt Governor said the libraries will always remain a great source of knowledge.

"Public libraries will



stay relevant and continue to grow in digital age because it is not only repository of knowledge, research, new ideas and perspectives but also fosters a sense of community and promotes inclusiveness," the Lt Governor said.

At the ceremony, the Lt Governor also shared the efforts of the J&K Administration to provide the people of J&K access to libraries.

We have made dedicated efforts to establish libraries in Districts like Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian and small towns of the UT and develop our libraries as e-learning and counseling centres. Today, 3.5 crore e-books have been made available to our youth through these centres, he added.

Bandipora's Aragam Village has been transformed

into first book village in the country. Recently, a cultural center with a museum and a library was also dedicated to the Dard-Shin tribal community living along the LoC in Gurez, the Lt Governor said.

He said the digitization of rare Manuscripts is connecting the young generation with the history and cultural heritage of J&K and the country.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated a Book Bank established in Harishchandra Tyagi Public Library. It will provide free of cost books on various subjects to students throughout the session.

A Souvenir publication depicting the 25-year journey of the Library was also released.

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Sarore Toll Plaza Row: Transporters observe chakka jam in Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 1

Calling for suspension of toll collection at Sarore Toll plaza, Jammu and Kashmir Transport Welfare Association is observing a chakka jam strike in Jammu with wide impact being seen on roads.

The call for strike was given by transport association days after Jammu observed bandh on the call of Yuva Rajput Sabha. People are demanding suspension of toll collection at Sarore Toll plaza due to poor condition of the highway from Jammu to Kathua Lakhanpur.

"We are on peaceful protest and observing a chakka jam."

Earlier a small meeting was called at Bhagwati Nagar but a large number of transporters with their vehicles reached the venue and to ensure smooth conduct of protest we have taken out a



protest rally on roads in Jammu and this is complete peaceful and under law," Ajit Singh, president of Transport Union told the news agency.

He said that the protest is on Sarore toll plaza row. "We were going to extend support during recent strike by Yuva Rajput

Sabha also but the decision was deferred because in view of festivals including Raksha Bandhan as well as Amarnath Yatra."

He added that the decision to hold chakka jam today was taken by Transport Union in consultation with all other allied unions.

JKP, JKB sign MoU; Bank to provide preferential banking services and benefits to J&K Police personnel

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The Jammu and Kashmir Police and Jammu and Kashmir Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) wherein the bank will provide enhanced preferential banking services and benefits to the J&K Police personnel and NOK, wards of J&K Police martyrs.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh and MD & CEO J&K Bank Shri Baldev Prakash here at Police Headquarters today in presence of top officers and Executives of J&K Police and J&K Bank.

While addressing the gathering, the DGP thanked MD & CEO J&K Bank Shri Baldev Prakash for extending enhanced services to the JK Police Parivar. He also appreciated ADGP Headquarters and his team for its efforts in making this MoU possible. He said

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10 officers recently placed in Non functional grade call on DGP J&K Shri Dilbag Singh

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A group of ten Gazetted Police officers who were recently placed in Non Functional Grade called on the Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh at Police Headquarters and expressed their gratitude to the UT government and DGP.

DGP while congratulating the officers wished them good luck for the future. He hoped that they will continue to work with commitment to contribute in strengthening peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed thanks and gratitude to the UT government for solving the JK Police issues on priority time and again which has been solving the issues for J&K Police on priority.

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Police file chargesheet against 8 top LeT, HM terrorists in Doda

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Jammu and Kashmir Police in Doda produced charge sheet under UAPA Act against eight top rank terrorists who are presently operating from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and running terror module to keep the militancy alive in the district and other parts of the Jammu province.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that a case FIR No. 07/2021 under UAPA Act was registered at Police Station Thathri against LeT top rank terrorist Mohd Amin @ Khubaib son of

Dawood Batt of Kathwa Tehsil Phagsoo presently operating from PoK.

The statement reads that FIR No. 09/2021 under UAPA Act was registered at Police Station Baderwah against a top rank HM terrorist Mohd Hussain Khateeb son of Abdul Hai Khateeb resident of Masjid Mohalla Baderwah and HM terrorist Zakir Hussain son of Abdul Rashid resident of Draina Bhalla. "FIR No. 14/2021 under UAPA Act was registered at PS Doda against a LeT terrorist Abdul Hai @ Tahir Bilal son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Sazan Doda and top rank HM terrorist Irshad Ahmed Ito

@ Idress son of Ghulam Ahmed Itoo resident of Dharnal Arnora. FIR No. 06/2021 under UAPA Act was registered against HM terrorist Atta Mohd @ Adil Mubashir son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Tanta Gandoh, HM terrorist Mohd Shafi @ Nadeem son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Trankal and HM terrorist Majid Hussain @ Abu Jihad resident of Manioe Gandoh at PS Gandoh." It reads that the cases were registered against these terrorists for running terror module in Doda to keep the militancy alive in the region on the behest of their Pakistan based

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Court convicts terrorist associate from Bijbehara: Police

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A court has convicted a terrorist associate from Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and awarded a fine to the tune of Rs 1 lakh.

"On 31-08-2023, the Hon'ble designate Court after completion of trial in case FIR No. 33/2019 under section 18, 20, 38, 39 UAPA Act of Police Station Srigufwara convicted a terrorist associate and awarded a fine to the tune of Rs 01 lakh," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

The terrorist associate identified as Shahid Fayaz Tarray son of Fayaz Ahmad Tarray resident of Shalagam Bijbehara has been convicted under Section 39 of UAPA Act, the statement said.

"It is pertinent to mention here that on 23/07/2019 an information was received by Police Station Srigufwara that some unknown hard core terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfit JeM are facilitating the terrorists to carry out terrorist acts, motivating youth to join terror ranks and are organising terror module to pay every possible help to strengthen the terror web within the jurisdiction of Police Station Srigufwara etc. On receiving this information, a case FIR

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Will review entire Higher Education system in J&K: Parliamentary Panel

JNEWS SERVICE
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The Standing Committee of Parliament on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports who are on a two day visit to Kashmir Friday said that it will review the entire higher education system of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the news agency, one of the members of the standing committee and a Member of Rajya Sabha Vivek Thakur said, "We will review the entire higher education system of Jammu and Kashmir including the central university

and state universities." Thakur said, "During our visit, we also had a detailed discussion on development of sports infrastructure here."

The MP told reporters, "I must tell you one thing with confidence about the beautiful work that is happening in Kashmir, especially in the education and sports sector."

"It is one if the best in the country and I can say that with the assurance that the kind of infrastructure that has been created in the remotest areas of Kashmir was not imaginable a few years back," Thakur said.

He said that on Friday the standing committee completed a meeting in Srinagar and tomorrow another meeting was scheduled in Gulmarg.

"The members of parliament are here to appreciate the handcraft artisans and we have gave a small token of appreciation to the workers because we are happy to see the skilled craftsmen of Kashmir," Thakur said.

He said, "We want the artisans to feel encouraged and carry on the legacy I have visited two years back too. I feel the people of Jammu and Kashmir are very happy."

After giving free access to HMVs, 11616 trucks traverse NH-44 during past 3 days

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPT 1

What else can be more trying than waiting and waiting for hours together doing nothing. It is no assumption or imagination but was the plight of truckers only a week back on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The goods carriers were halted



by the traffic authorities both during their up

or down movement for hours or sometimes days

together as a measure to manage the traffic better on this mountainous road. Then what could be termed as a greatest relief measure for all the truckers traversing the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on routine basis than to allow them ply freely with no more halts in-between the two capitals.

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Amazon bolsters India commitment: New initiatives for Digital Economy and Exports

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: We are excited about the growth and the long-term potential in the Indian market and the opportunity to serve millions of consumers and sellers in India. We had recently announced an incremental investment of \$15 billion in India across all our businesses by 2030 and will continue to be a partner in India's growth in the 21st century", said Amit Agarwal, SVP India & Emerging Markets, Amazon while sharing Amazon's future outlook in India at the fourth edition of Amazon Smbhav Summit in New Delhi today. Amazon Smbhav is the annual thought leadership Summit hosted by Amazon that brings together policy makers, eminent industry leaders, startups and Amazon leadership for invigorating discussions on best ways to unlock the infinite possibilities for a Digital India.

At the event, Amazon announced a series of new initiatives to boost India's digital economy and exports, in line with its India Pledges. Deepening its longstanding association with India Post and Indian Railways - backbone of India's logistics and supply chain infrastructure - the company signed an MoU with India Post for an



integrated cross border logistics solution that will expand the e-commerce exports opportunity to lakhs of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country. Additionally, Amazon is engaging with Indian Railways' Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCC) to enable its sellers deliver faster to their customers across India. This makes Amazon the first e-commerce company in India to leverage the DFC for shipping customer packages through freight railway routes in India. Amazon also announced that it will introduce a first of its kind generative AI based personal digital assistant for sellers called 'Amazon ??-AI' and opened its logistics and supply chain capabilities to direct-to-consumer (D2C) brands across India through multi-channel fulfillment capabilities. This will unlock the potential for small businesses, and D2C brands to manage all their inventory and order fulfillment for all their Amazon and off-Amazon businesses in one place. India Post and Amazon unveiled a commemorative postal stamp at Smbhav'23. The stamp celebrates the decade-long partnership between Amazon and India Post in reaching out to customers in 100% serviceable pin codes in India. It showcases different transportation modes that Amazon uses to ship products from sellers on its marketplace to its customers across India. "I congratulate Amazon on Smbhav

2023. I am delighted to know about Amazon's commitment to digitizing 10 million MSMEs, enabling 2 million jobs, and driving \$20 billion in e-commerce exports from India by 2025. For lakhs of small businesses across India, digitization can offer economic growth, broader customer reach, reduced marketing & distribution expenses, and access to foreign markets" said Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (I/C), MoS in the Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Government of India.

Manish Tiwary, Country Manager India Consumer Business, Amazon India, "As we get closer to delivering on our India Pledges to digitize 10 million MSMEs, enable \$20 billion in cumulative exports and create 2 million direct and indirect jobs in India, we remain excited about the long-term opportunity in India. We are focused on investing long-term in physical and digital infrastructure and building cutting edge technology solutions to serve customers and enable Indian businesses to scale and grow in India and globally, thus contributing to India's rising digital economy."

Inter-School Zonal Level Competition Thrills BHSS Thannamandi



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 01: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Rajouri, Zone Thannamandi, brought a burst of energy to Government Higher Secondary School Thana Mandi today with the thrilling inter-school zonal level tournament. The competition featured a wide range of disciplines, including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess, Carrom, and Badminton, all under the age group of under 19 for girls. Under the watchful eye of the Director of Youth Services and Sports UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Sunil Singh Sambyal, who

PET, REK, NYC, and the dynamic leadership of Mr. Jawaid Ahmed Raina, Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Thana Mandi, added to the vibrancy of the tournament. The competition will continue to enthrall audiences until the 4th of September 2023, promising more exciting moments and fierce competitions.

In the grand finale of the event, the following teams emerged victorious in their respective categories: Volleyball: Govt Higher Secondary School Planghar; Kabaddi: Govt Higher Secondary School Planghar; Badminton: Govt Higher Secondary School Planghar; Carrom: High School Shadara Sharief; Kho-Kho: Girls Higher Secondary School Thana Mandi. The event not only showcased exceptional talent but also promoted a healthy spirit of competition among the young girls. Congratulations to all the participants and winners for their outstanding achievements in sports. The future of sports in Thannamandi looks brighter than ever.

Tibetan MP-in-Exile delegation meets MP Khatana, lists demands



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: A delegation of 17th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, the democratically elected leaders in exile and the representatives of over six million Tibetans today met BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana here and presented a memorandum listing systematic violations of their fundamental human rights and threat to their distinct cultural and national identity

since the People's Republic of China (PRC) invaded Tibet in 1949. The Tibetan delegation comprising of MPs Dawa Tsering, Mrs. Yeshi Dolma and Van. Lama Tenna Yarphal told that because of the brutality of the policies imposed by the PRC government in Tibet over the years, a total of 157 known cases of Tibetans from all walks of life have committed self-immolations in protest since

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Tibetans as a minority, referring to Tibet's occupation as an internal issue of Beijing, and proclaiming Tibet as a part of China thereby, aiding China's colonization of Tibet and the subjugation of Tibetans while denying us Tibetans the space and scope to negotiate for more meaningful freedom for Tibetans. Call on the People's Republic of China to re-engage in substantive dialogue with the representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama without preconditions. Call upon the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to launch scientific research studies on the PRC government policies of exploitation of Tibet's natural resources and its negative impact on global climate change. MP Gulam Ali paid a patient hearing to the Tibetan delegation and the Tibetan asserted to raise their demands at the appropriate forum.

Div Com unveils Masala Craft Live Kitchen & Outdoor Active Video Wall at Jammu Club



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Vice President of Jammu Club, inaugurated the Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall in the Club premises here today in presence of Gaurav Gupta, Club's Secretary and Managing Committee members. The Divisional Commissioner praised the efforts of the present team of Jammu Club headed by its Secretary for their dedication and hard work in bringing this initiative to fruition. He expressed his hope for the continued success of the

Club's endeavors in the near future.

Club's Secretary Gaurav Gupta, in his address, extended his heartfelt gratitude to Sh. Ramesh Kumar for taking the time to grace the inauguration ceremony.

Gupta highlighted some of the earlier initiatives undertaken by the present team under the visionary leadership of the Club's Vice President which include the recently inaugurated Family Lounge, rooftop restaurant Akash, Dinner restaurant and the renovation of the bar and committee room.

He further mentioned that the upcoming project's Renovation of

the health club, newly constructed yoga & zumba studio and the Main Kitchen of the Club is currently in progress.

He said that the Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall marks another significant addition to the amenities offered by the Jammu Club. This new facility is expected to enhance the dining experience of the members and provide a unique entertainment option through the outdoor video wall.

Gupta also acknowledged the contributions of Vikram Sharma, Chairman IT Committee of the Club and Ashwani Gupta, Chairman Catering Committee of the Club for the completion of Masala Craft Live Kitchen and Outdoor Active Video Wall.

He assured the Club members that this positive momentum will continue in the future, with the cooperation of the esteemed members of this prestigious club.

He also informed that the Club is also screening the much-awaited India-Cricket Pakistan Live Match on Saturday for the cricket lovers in the Club

India has become the fastest-growing large economy in world: NSE CEO

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: In a recent statement, Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, the Managing Director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has shed light on India's remarkable economic ascent, solidifying its position as the fastest-growing large economy in the world. With an impressive Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 7.8 percent, India is not only setting an extraordinary pace but also emerging as a pivotal player on the global economic stage.



Chauhan's assessment provides a comparative perspective on India's

text, India's robust and rapid economic expansion is gaining recognition as a crucial driver of global economic growth.

One of the standout aspects of India's growth story, as emphasized by Chauhan, is the stellar performance of the services sector. In the first quarter, this sector demonstrated an impressive growth rate exceeding 10 percent. This consistent growth has positioned the services sector as a significant contributor to India's overall economic progress.

Additionally, Chauhan highlighted that India has witnessed a substantial surge of 35 percent in overall investments. This

surge in investments is an encouraging sign of economic vibrancy and demonstrates the confidence of both domestic and international investors in India's growth potential.

Chauhan's statement underscores India's commitment to building a strong foundation for future growth. The nation's growth engine is firing on all cylinders, supported by various sectors, including services and increased investments. India's trajectory as the world's fastest-growing large economy not only benefits the nation but also has broader implications for the global economy.

"Har Ghar Dhyam" Campaign Marks a Momentous Meditation Event at Central University of Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: The Office of the Dean Students Welfare at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized a transformative event as part of the "Har Ghar Dhyam" campaign. "Har Ghar Dhyam" is a nationwide campaign initiated by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation. The program aims to

promote the practice of meditation as a means to enhance mental and emotional well-being, aligning with the ideals of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event organized at CUJ aimed to promote mindfulness and meditation as integral components of a balanced and harmonious life. The event featured distinguished meditation coaches from the Art of Living Foundation, Mr. Ritvik Mahajan and Mr. Sunny Sharma, as resource persons. They conducted an interactive

session that shed light on the significance of living in the present moment and incorporating meditation into daily life. The "Har Ghar Dhyam" event drew an enthusiastic audience comprising students, scholars, and faculty members from the university. Attendees were deeply engaged and appreciative of the event's informative and transformative content. The event aimed to inspire the CUJ fraternity to incorporate meditation into their daily lives, fostering inner peace, and

enhancing overall well-being. The success of this event at the Central University of Jammu underscores the growing importance of mindfulness and meditation in today's fast-paced world. It serves as a reminder that taking time for inner reflection and calm can lead to a more harmonious and fulfilled life. Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students Welfare of Central University of Jammu, warmly welcomed the participants and set the tone for the event. Dr. Bharti Gupta, the Meditation Ambassador of the Central University of Jammu, played a pivotal role in coordinating the event and provided valuable insights into the significance of the event. Dr. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Dean Students Welfare expressed gratitude and offered a heartfelt vote of thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the event. The event was efficiently conducted by Mr. Sachiv Mahajan, ensuring the smooth flow of proceedings throughout.

Jammu aspirations will never be compromised: Rana



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: Reiterating that there will be no compromise on Jammu's distinct aspirations, Senior BJP leader Mr Deverend Singh Rana today said the UT of J&K is witnessing a discernible transformation on socio-economic and development fronts with the people feeling hugely empowered.

Interacting with the various delegations and individuals from across the region during the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here along with Mrs Veenu Khanna, BJP State Secretary, Mr Rana referred to the sense of empowerment being felt post political developments of August 5, 2019 by the people of Jammu region, irrespective of religion and caste, who had suffered a long spell of ignominy and discrimination due to mis-governance of the elite

political class.

The Jammu interest, like other parts of the Union Territory, will always remain equally sacrosanct, Mr Rana said, adding that there is no question of undermining the interests of Jammu as the BJP is committed to fulfill the urges and aspirations of the people of this region. He dwelt in detail about the developmental initiatives across the region and said that Jammu is all set to become the most developed city of northern India in next five years. He also referred to the coming up of infrastructure, especially the IIT, IIM and AIIMS on a fast track basis.

Mr Rana referred to the new dawn of peace and normalcy in Kashmir and said this has hovered darkness of wilderness over the political enterprise of the PDP, Congress and the National Conference that

did no good to people of Jammu and Kashmir during the past over seven decades except inflicting miseries upon them. They always played the politics of obstruction and benefitted from the cult of violence. Now that the dream of the people across the Union Territory stands realized in terms of huge transformation, large scale development, politico-economic empowerment and end of stone throwing and hartal culture, these elite political outfits find themselves irrelevant in the J&K politics, he added.

Mr Deverend Rana said the people of Jammu and Kashmir wanted a change in the stereotype political management which had thus far remained the exclusive domain of the selected few and benefitted the elite political class alone. This is happening now. This is happening now. This is the essence of democracy and the

people here too want devolution of power to enable them to shape their socio-economic destiny. He reiterated the BJP stands guarantee to equitable opportunities of progress and development, as also equal role in decision making, to all the regions and the sub-regions, which is discernible now in immense measure.

"This has become possible post repeal of Article 370", he said and referred to the rights bestowed upon the displaced people of POJK, Valmiki, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe besides other segments of the society. He said the development scenario across the Jammu region is getting huge impetus with focus on various utility services.

Referring to growing stature of India at the global landscape, Mr Rana said all eyes are watching with rapt attention how Prime Minister Narendra Modi is steering the country to unprecedented economic resurgence with glory amid huge global challenges post pandemic era. He also referred to the tireless initiatives being taken to steer out Jammu and Kashmir from the three-decade morass caused due to foreign sponsored and abetted terrorism.

CUJ Organises webinar on NEP-2020

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 01: Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu, organized a webinar focusing on the National Educational Policy NEP-2020. Dr Amrendra Pani, Joint Director and currently the Director (in charge) at Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi was the Keynote Speaker and spoke on "Transforming Research Ecosystem in Higher Education: A perspective of New Education Policy 2020".

Dr Pani, covered the genesis of the NEP 2020 and underscored how it can take the Indian knowledge system forward given a right priority to research. Underlining the evolution of university education globally, he referred to how Indian Universities are undergoing changes to achieve the much needed objectives, and the support that is being provided by the AIU.

During his address he pointed out what currently ails Indian research and how NEP-2020 makes an attempt to make research responsible, relevant, and people friendly while being at the forefront of learning. He discussed the regional imbalance that is observed in India and India's con-



tribution to the global pool of research. Dr Amrendra, stressed the importance of allocation of more funds for social science research and dwelt on the National Research Foundation (NRF) that is going to provide new life to research. He was optimistic about the outcome of the NEP 2020 that is intended to make research in Indian universities more proactive and incisive. The webinar is an outcome of consistent initiative by the Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain on research, dissemination and skill enhancement among the students. He appreciated the initiatives taken by the Department of Economics and encouraged the

Department to hold more events of this nature for the students' overall development. Professor Aswini Kumar Nanda, Head, Department of Economics welcomed the Keynote speaker Dr Amrendra Pani, moderator Professor Asit Mantry, participating faculty as well as students.

The webinar was moderated by Professor Asit Mantry, Head, Department of Educational Studies. Dr Shaveta Kohli, outlined the overview of the webinar whereas Ms Ananya, Research Scholar proposed the vote of thanks. The seminar was widely attended by the students and scholars of the Department of Economics and the Department of Education.

Jyoti Vaid along with scores of women join Congress



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEP 1: Congress received shot on the arm today especially in Jammu Urban District when Senior Aam Admi Party Leader Jyoti Vaid along with hundreds of women have joined the Congress party alongwith their supporters here today at PCC HQ Shaheed Chokri Jammu.

They were welcomed in the party by JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani along with Working President Raman Bhalla and other prominent leaders Th. Manmohan Singh, Ved Mahajan, Pranav Shagotra, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Balbir Singh, Anoop Gupta, Hoshiar Singh, Ricky Dalotra, Jatin K. Raina, Rajvir Singh, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Michael Wazir, Gurmit Singh, Chander Shekhar, Arul Sharma, Sushant Gupta, Camres David Babloo, Nassir Masih and others.

Wani said that Congress Party is an instrument of service to the people, which has remained dedicated to the cause of serving the people. He said Congress Party believes in strengthening the people and is committed to equitable development of the UT.

He said Congress Party is duty bound to address the urges and aspirations of the people, for the

downgrading of the historical state. All sections of the society are resenting against the dictatorial policies of the Modi Govt., be they common man, unemployed youth, students, traders, transporters, adhoc, contractual, daily wagers, need based, pensioners, and others but the centre Govt. and the UT administration are insensitive and indifferent to the genuine demands of the different sections.

He said Congress party shall aggressively continue to raise the issues of different sections of people and seek early restoration of statehood.

Raman Bhalla in his address said that the people of Jammu region feel utterly cheated and betrayed for the failure of BJP leaders to represent and agitate their concerns. Bhalla said that people who want to contribute to the political discourse and development of the JK UT must become part of the Congress's growth story. The doors are open for the people who want to contribute in the party's efforts to see the state out of the present mess," he said. "Congress is committed for the people's cause and will always uphold their aspirations and sentiments."

He said that BJP government in J&K miserably failed to live up to the expectations of the people. There was a strong resentment among the people against previous government as it has not fulfilled its promises made at the time of Assembly elections. There was anger among people. The BJP played with the sentiments of the people who voted them to power. People were not happy with their policies and the government proved to be a failure.

Despite people hitting streets against governance deficit, lack of development and failure of the gov-

He claimed that BJP Government pushed back State in all sectors and no progress has been recorded in the core sectors like PHE, PDD, R&B, Health, Education, etc during last more than nine years. He said the BJP has been instrumental in adding to the miseries of people. In an atmosphere of uncertainty and political instability, the people of the UT in general and Jammu region in particular are passing through most difficult times.

He lashed out at the BJP Govt. for crushing the poor and the common man under huge taxes leading to record price rise, property tax, toll tax, smart meters, large scale unemployment and arbitrary

Local Educator from Baramulla District Earns Prestigious Fulbright Teaching Award

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BARAMULLA, SEPT 01: nous achievement, Rizwan Ahmed, a dedicated educator from the picturesque town of Baramulla in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, has been selected as a participant in the highly esteemed Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (FTEA).

Mr. Ahmed, who serves as a government school teacher, has embarked on a global educational journey that promises to be transformative for him and his community. He strongly believes in the power of education, community engagement, and fostering international connections to bring about significant positive changes in the world. His decision to join the Fulbright program is driven by this belief, recognizing it as a unique avenue to make a meaningful impact. An important facet of his journey is the mentorship he received from a former Fulbright scholar, a contribution he acknowledges as indispensable. He expresses deep gratitude to his colleagues,



family, and supportive spouse, emphasizing that their unwavering support made this journey possible. In an inspiring message to the youth, Rizwan Ahmed encourages them to become their own mentors. "Determination knows no boundaries, and your individuality is a powerful asset," he advises. He underscores the wise utilization of time, the significance of the internet in today's interconnected world, and the need to harness its potential for more than just casual scrolling. Mr. Ahmed's message resonates with self-belief and patience, reminding young individuals that they possess the luck and capability to achieve great things.

The Fulbright program offers a 6-week opportunity at a prestigious U.S. University for educators from

around the world. This experience includes seminars, English language training, and cultural support, allowing participants to immerse themselves in American classroom environments and learn innovative teaching methodologies. It also empowers returning teachers to apply for grants that can further their educational initiatives.

Prominent Fulbright scholar from Baramulla, Aisha Malik, expresses her enthusiasm for mentoring her fellow educators, culminating in the remarkable achievement of Rizwan Ahmed receiving the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship. She eagerly welcomes another educator to the esteemed Fulbright Club, emphasizing the transformative power of education and international exchange.

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (FTEA), a part of the Fulbright Program, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, offering this unique opportunity to 168 teachers from 62 countries, each with the potential to make a global impact through education.

BJP District Jammu South Launches "Meri Matti Mera Desh Abhiyan"



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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South launched the 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' on September 1, today under the 'Meri Matti-Mera Desh' campaign in RS Pura, Miran Sahib Mandal, Gazipur Kullian Panchayat in the eastern presence of District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, DDC Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, District General Secretary Ashok Chopra, Mandal President Bikram Sandhu and prominent persons of the area

were accompanied here during the program.

Prof Garu Ram Bhagat said, "this 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' carrying soil in 7500 urns from every corner of the country will reach Delhi, the capital of the country. This journey will also carry with it saplings from different parts of the country. 'Amrit Vatika' will be built near the National War Memorial by fusing the soil and saplings that would arrive in 7500 urns. This 'Amrit Vatika' will also become a grand symbol of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.'" he added.

Ayodhya Gupta exhorted that the campaign will feature programs like the establishment of Shilphalakkams dedicated to freedom fighters and security forces, as well as initiatives like Panch Pran Pledge, Vasudha Vandan, Veeron Ka Vandan which venerates the gallant sacrifices of our Bravehearts. Shilphalakkam or Memorial plaques saluting the spirit of sacrifice of local bravehearts from the village, panchayat, block, town, city, municipality, etc. are to be erected across urban and rural areas.

While interacting with the local inhabitants, Rekha Mahajan said the drive was announced by PM Modi, to commemorate the "achievements of the nation and its brave hearts," to honor our martyred braveheart men and women," she apprised that "under this, many programs will be organized across the District Jammu South in the memory of our immortal martyrs.

Shiv Sena (H) Youth Wing continues protest demanding abolition of Sarore Toll Plaza

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Shiv Sena Hindustan Youth Wing J&K President Ganesh Choudhary today to extend support to Transporters and ongoing YRS chain hunger strike held strong protest demanding immediate abolition of Sarore Toll Plaza. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh said the demand for the removal of the toll plaza from Sarore is "well-founded and reflects the concerns of the people". He emphasized that the citizens' peaceful demonstration of getting justice is a democratic right and should be met with understanding and cooperation.

Ganesh criticized the silence of the J&K BJP leadership in the face of this serious issue, noting that the lack of acknowledgment or action from the ruling party's representatives is contributing to the turmoil. He expressed his concern over the "boiling sentiment" in the entire Jammu region due to what

he termed the BJP government's "indifference" to the concerns of the citizens. He demanded that the toll plaza at Sarore should be abolished with immediate effect in view of the just and genuine demand of the people of the Jammu region.

Ganesh said that we are living in a democratic state where the people have the right to oppose the anti-people policies and convince the government of the time in a peaceful manner about their resentment against the decision which is not in favour of the general masses," he said. He said that the work on Jammu Pathankot is in progress, and several portions of highway from Samba to Kathua are bumpy and the commuters face hardship to travel on the highway. Ganesh termed it unfair with the people and the people who travel on the Jammu-Samba-Kathua highway in a most uncomfortable situation with hours of jam and congestion. However, they are forced to pay the toll at Sarore

despite the deterioration of the highway," he said. He demanded an end to the collection of toll tax till the highway is completed.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include State Chairman Shashi Pal Singh Salathia, Jammu District President Rai Kumar Gupta, Samba District President Nek Ram, Badi Brahmana Block President Sanjeev Kumar, Bishnah Block Vice President Sankar Singh, Arnia Block Vice President Bharat Bhusan, Bishnah Chairman Vikas Kumar, Bishnah Block Vice President Pritam Singh, Bistra Chak President Mohan Lal, Parmandal Morh President Pawan Kumar, Karan Singh, Bhusnah Kumar, Kamal Kumar, Punjab Singh, Jhankar Singh, Mohd Ashraf, Girish Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Madhu Bala, Sunita Devi, Sonia Choudhary, Reena Devi, Veena Devi, Sheela Devi, Pinky Devi, Sunita Devi, Santosh Devi, Suman Devi besides others.

Priya urges Social Media Dept to combat opposition's misinformation campaign against BJP Govt



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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, Prabhari Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Social Media Department, Jammu and Kashmir and former Minister has emphasized upon the significant role of Social Media in every sector including the polls in today's modern era. She expressed this in her address while conducting a series of meeting of Party's Social Media Department of Jammu border, Reasi, Sunderbani, Nowshera and Akhnoor constituency.

In the meeting, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Ankit

Gupta, Nitish Mahajan, Sunil Sharma District President Jammu border and Rajeev Sharma District President Akhnoor were present. Asserting that social media is going to play a highly crucial role in upcoming 2024 Parliamentary elections polls, the senior BJP leader asked the members of the Social Media Department to gear up for the said elections and prepare multi-pronged strategy to be adopted by the Cell in ensuring unprecedented success to the party. She emphasized upon the party cadre especially those in the Social Media Cell to become proactive

and work relentlessly in a mission mode so that the people get BJP Govt installed at the Centre for the third consecutive term.

Priya Sethi while highlighting the role of social media said that in the present day, it has the highest outreach and allows the users in a robust democracy to exchanging their ideas, thoughts and opinions through multiple platforms.

As such any information transmitted through social media channels reaches a significant percentage of the voters that influences the electorate. Moreover, it acts as an

echo-chamber for like-minded voters thus becoming an important platform connecting people with similar ideas, opinions, and interests, she added.

Ankit Gupta said that social media can be used both positively as well as negatively and in view of the anti-India brigade along with the tacit support of some opposition leaders relentlessly indulging in maligning the BJP Govt at the Centre through their false narrative, therefore the responsibility and role of BJP's Social Media Department has assumed greater significance.

She asked the Social Media Dept members to work intensely under a meticulously planned strategy to neutralize the propaganda disseminated by the aforesaid elements by creating false narratives based totally on surmises and conjectures.

She said though the people are wise enough not to be misled by these narratives, yet there is a dire need to strongly counter the misinformation campaign launched by the opposition parties on social media.

'Conflict of interests' will decide fate of I.N.D.I.A.'s 'new-love' ahead of LS polls: Kavinder

No entity can surmount BJP as party has turned indomitable

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta said that clash of interests among the constituent parties of opposition alliance I.N.D.I.A. will decide its fate ahead of Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating development work in Ward No. 52. He said that BJP under stewardship of PM Narendra Modi has become an indomitable force which couldn't be surmounted by any entity whatsoever.

He said that the opposition has lately been trying to carry out all kinds of calculations and through such experimentation wanted to decimate BJP in polls but deep inside every single member of



I.N.D.I.A. knows well that the task is next to impossible as the saffron party has become a force to reckon with because anyone can contest polls with its candidates but no one can win against the present status of the party and its leadership's stoutness. Kavinder said that it is always good to prepare for the upcoming challenges but the record of opposition parties becoming part of I.N.D.I.A. Alliance

is not 'clean' because these do change stance on petty issues and therefore 'disintegration' and 'disorientation' are central to these parties as being their intrinsic characteristics making the future of this partnership bleak and shaky.

"The biggest challenge before the newly formed merger is to remain united and keep this unity above the individual interests as many times before also such partner-

ships have appeared but the time taken to disappear was not more than the time an eye takes for blinking", he said, adding that internal rifts among alliance partners will make the road and journey of BJP to parliament smooth and pleasant respectively.

Earlier, Kavinder Gupta also interacted with people of Ward no 52 and listened to their issues with regard to civic amenities. He assured them that their issues will be resolved at the earliest by taking up the same with the authorities concerned.

Others present include Ajay Gupta Corporator, Nitin Thappa, Ajay Baddan, Hans Raj, Bodhray, Vishal Gupta, Shruti Gupta, Varinder Gupta, Prem Kumar and Vicky Gupta.

Urgent Call for Action: Heewudur Middle School in Budgam Faces Dire Infrastructure Crisis

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BUDGAM, SEPT 01: Sept 01: Heewudur Middle School in Budgam is grappling with a severe infrastructure crisis, raising alarming concerns for the safety and education of its students.

Local residents and parents have sounded the alarm on the deplorable state of the school building, emphasizing the urgent need for intervention.

"The safety and education of our children are at stake here. We send them to school with the

expectation that they will have a conducive learning environment, but the reality is far from it," expressed the concerned Sarpanch of Heewudur village. Students attending the school described the grim situation, revealing that they often have to study outdoors due to the absence of proper classrooms, sanitation facilities, and even a playground. "Our constant fear is that the building might collapse while we're inside," shared a student. Parents of the school's students have been vocal about the hardships their children face. They

explained that the dilapidated conditions of the classrooms are particularly worrisome, with rainwater seeping in during bad weather. Moreover, the school only has one washroom for all students, further exacerbating the challenges they encounter. Despite their efforts to bring the issue to the attention of relevant authorities, there has been no visible action taken to address these pressing concerns. Immediate action is needed to safeguard the well-being and education of the students at Heewudur Middle School.

'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' Campaign ignites Patriotic fervor in J&K: Sat Sharma



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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Former Minister Sat Sharma CA along with BJP Talab Tillo Mandal President Keshav Chopra launched 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' Campaign at Talab Tillo Mandal, Municipal Councillors Jeet Angral, Neelam Nagotra, Sardar Sucha Singh and District Vice President Manav Mahajan also accompanied the leaders during the launch. BJP leaders visited the residence of Shaheed Naik Kishore Sharma, a resident of Ward 31 Talab Tillo who was martyred at Siachen glacier in 2007. BJP leaders honoured the Parents of Martyr and collected Soil

in Kumbh from their residence. Pertinent to mention, this Soil will be sent to Delhi and it will be used to Construct Amrit Vatika commemorating Martyrs.

Speaking on the occasion Sat Sharma said that 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' Campaign is dedicated to honouring the Sacrifices of our Security forces Jawans who laid down their lives for the Nation. He said this initiative has been aimed to infuse a sense of Patriotism and Nationalistic fervor within the hearts of the people, he further added.

Keshav Chopra stressed that we must always remember our martyrs and 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' is

a campaign to remind & pay tribute to those bravehearts who sacrificed their life for the country and we are indebted for the sacrifices made by our warriors. We are going to launch this campaign at every booth of Talab Tillo Mandal keshav further added. Jeet, Neelam and Sucha said that J&K is the land of martyrs and this campaign has been launched in remembrance of all of them, we have collected soil from this land and it will go to Delhi which is a proud moment for everyone. Mandal General Secretary Paramjeet conducted proceedings of the programme and Mandal Vice President Sardar Gurcharan Singh presented vote of thanks Chairman Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Talab Tillo Pura Chand Atri, President Krishan Sangral, District Jammu Employees Education & Teacher Cell Convener K.L Sharma, BJP JKUT Executive member Rajesh Gupta, Pratibha Sharma, Jatin Sethi, Deepak Sharma, Deepak Kumar, Parveen Ghai, Ramesh Kumar, Omkar Verma, Pinki Bhat, Sharad Rana, Rakesh Sharma, Jatinder Khajuria, Sanjeev Gupta, Ritesh Pher, Vikas Kumar, Dr Sanchit Sharma, Samardeep Singh, Kaka, Ashok Kumar and others were also present

Expedite welfare schemes for differently-abled persons: Tony appeals LG

Hands over scooter to differently abled person

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Taranjit Singh Tony, a Congress leader and DDC Member of Suchetgarh, today handed over a two-wheeler scooter to a differently abled person at Village Boli Chak in Suchetgarh. The heart-warming gesture took place under the auspices of the Social Welfare Department's support program, with the presence of S Rashpal Singh Gill, Sarpanch Akshay Choudhary, Sarpanch Sham Lal Bhagat, Panch Bawa Choudhary, Vicky Choudhary, Ch Tirlok Singh and Omkar Choudhary. Tony emphasized the importance of inclusivity in society, stating, "It is our moral duty to extend a helping hand to those in need, as they too are an integral part of our society. Providing a



two-wheeler to our beneficiary enables them to enjoy the freedom of mobility without depending on others." Tony commended the commendable efforts of the Social Welfare Department in offering relief and support to disabled individuals through various schemes. He called upon the government to adopt a more generous approach towards sponsoring scooters for beneficiaries. He

highlighted that the border region has witnessed a higher incidence of handicapped individuals due to bomb blasts and road accidents, making it imperative for the government to step up its support. Tony expressed concern that a single scooter might not suffice to address the needs of the broader community of disabled persons in the region. He urged the intervention of the Lt Governor

to direct the relevant department to expedite the implementation of government schemes aimed at providing scooters to physically handicapped individuals. Tony reaffirmed his commitment to championing the rights and well-being of the disabled community and called for a more extensive and comprehensive approach to ensure justice and inclusivity for all.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches ICICI Pru GIFT Pro

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched an innovative income plan, ICICI Pru GIFT Pro, which provides customers the option to receive either a year-on-year increasing income or a constant regular income. In addition, the life cover component of this non-participating savings product ensures the family has financial security. ICICI Pru GIFT Pro allows customers to customise the product to their unique needs by providing a choice of income benefits and premium payment terms, among other flexibilities. Along with assured long-term income, ICICI Pru GIFT Pro offers customers the option to receive a lump sum benefit.

Customers have the flexibility to choose any amount up to 100% of the premiums paid as a lump sum benefit and also select the timing of receiving the benefit. With this feature, customers can plan for life's most cherished milestones, such as

owning a house, leaving a lasting legacy for loved ones, or building a substantial retirement corpus. This feature-rich product also ensures the nominee will continue to receive the income in case of the demise of the policyholder during the income period. ICICI Pru GIFT Pro effectively provides customers with the flexibility to meet both short and long-term income needs. ICICI Pru GIFT Pro provides a range of premium payment terms from 5 to 12 years, letting customers save as per their convenience and goal timeline. Also from the 8th year onwards, they can start receiving income for as long as 30 years. Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said, "We are excited to introduce ICICI Pru GIFT Pro, a long-term savings product with built-in flexibilities that will allow customers to adjust the product to suit their unique needs, thereby enabling them to better prepare for and achieve life goals. Besides, the life cover component in the product provides financial

security to the family. ICICI Pru GIFT Pro has been designed to empower customers to receive income as per their financial needs. Significantly, the product will also enable customers to decide the time and quantum of lump sum funds they want, to ensure the fruition of their financial goals. ICICI Prudential Life has institutionalised a 4D framework with customers at the core, offering 'diversified product propositions' as one of the pillars. Besides regularly engaging with our customers to understand their needs, one of the ongoing initiatives is to reimagine life insurance products well beyond the traditional constraints. Today the customer is exposed to a wide array of products and services which offer the promise of hyper-customisation. Even in financial services, the customer is seeking the assurance that the financial product they are trusting will be tailor-made to their specific requirements and not just be a one-size-fits-all plan.

Manjit Singh demands CBI probe in mysterious murder of Gurmeet Singh in Baramulla

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has demanded CBI probe into the mysterious murder of Superintendent Engineer of the Roads and Buildings Department, Mr Gurmeet Singh.

Mr Gurmeet Singh disappeared from his residence six days before and later his body was retrieved from the premises of Lower Jhelum Hydroelectric Power Project in Gantamulla in Baramulla recently.

"The Govt should order a CBI probe into the mysterious disappearance, and cause of death to apprehend the accused persons who are still at large," he said in a statement issued to the press.



He said that the Govt must unfold the factual situation behind the murder of Gurmeet Singh as it appeared to have aimed to create mistrust among the communities in Jammu and Kashmir. "The Govt should hold an impartial probe into the matter as it was

linked to the peace and internal security of Jammu and Kashmir," he added. He recalled how the Sikh Community people were killed in the past in Kashmir Valley in a bid to spread fear among them.

He referred to the Chittisinghpura killings and killing of other Sikhs in separate incidents that should be re-investigated to punish the killer and expose the motive behind the killing of the minority.

He further said that these incidents create mistrust and minorities lose confidence because of constant risk to the lives of the minorities with these isolated incidents that often dents the image of Kashmir Valley. He said that all the killings of minorities should be investigated by the CBI.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"An eye for and eye will only make the whole world blind." - Mahatma Gandhi

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J&K polls to restore democracy

After the BJP-led Central government told the Supreme Court that Assembly elections can be held in Jammu and Kashmir 'anytime now', there is a lot of optimism and hope among the political parties, especially Kashmir-centric which are desperately asking for conduct of polls in the Union Territory without any delay. The prolonged delay in elections to J&K Assembly has virtually made these politicians irrelevant and insignificant. Jammu and Kashmir, which was granted the status of Union Territory in August 2019, has been without an Assembly since November 2018. The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was brought under Governor's rule as the BJP pulled out of the Mehbooba Mufti-led government in June 2018. Thereafter, the Assembly was unexpectedly dissolved. Now, four years have passed since the Centre abrogated the controversial and discriminatory Article 370 but there is still an uncertainty over the conduct of the Assembly elections, though the authorities have started preparation for the same. The Centre's statement has brought enough hope among the stakeholders that the state-turned-UT would finally witness the restoration of electoral democracy. Asserting that it is ready to conduct the elections, the Central Government has put the onus on the Election Commission of India and the UT election panel to decide which poll will take place first. In the Centre's scheme of things, J&K elections will have three tiers — panchayats, municipal bodies and the legislative Assembly. Since the revision of the voters' list is set to be completed in a month or so, it is expected that at least one election would be held before the year-end — if all goes well. Going by the Centre's contention that terror-related incidents have gone down by 45 per cent since 2018 and instances of infiltration have dropped by 90 per cent, expediting the poll process is the need of the hour. At the same time, the Central Government and the UT administration need to pre-empt attempts to disrupt the electoral exercise. Forces inimical to peace and stability in J&K will inevitably resort to violence and propaganda in the coming months. Security and surveillance must be beefed up in order to instil confidence in the voters. It is expected that the free and fair elections to the Assembly would help in the restoration of statehood ought to be the next logical step. Though the Centre has repeatedly stated that J&K's UT status is a temporary measure, it has stopped short of specifying a time frame for undoing the downgrading that was done four years ago. It has been almost a decade now since J&K last witnessed Assembly elections in 2014. With the situation improving quite fast and the people have been cooperating in restoration of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir, it is like a golden opportunity for the UT administration to ensure that democracy is restored at the earliest. The people are now fed up with bureaucracy that can't be an alternative to democracy. What the Centre needs to ensure is that it should not be frittered away.

About how proud I was last week

Curious as to what 'Madras' cuisine they would be serving, we went with the idea. Last week, a dear friend whom we hadn't met in a while invited us out for lunch. He thought going to a restaurant that was serving a special buffet to celebrate Madras Week would be a good idea. Madras Week has become a thing over the last decade and has been creating an exponential increase in the Pride of Madras. Curious as to what 'Madras' cuisine they would be serving, we went with the idea. Here are some of the items they had at the buffet: Periamet Pizza, Besant Nagar Baclava, Soucarpet Sushi, and, above all, at the counter that had the largest queue, Rajinikanth Rasam. The last item lived up to its promise, I must say. It made me go once but it felt like I had gone a hundred times. I have recovered though, thanks to an Electrical drip, and an archana done in my name by Roja Bai our cook at the Mariamman Kol. Which brings me to the idea of Madras Week. (Or, for that matter, Mysore Month, Fariabad Fortnight or Bangalore Biennial.) And our Pride. And our need to celebrate everything. Mostly by eating. Incessantly. And before I forget, our Pride. Yes, yes, we are all proud of Madras (or Delhi, Bombay or Prayag Raj). And we are all Proud Madrasis. And never mind that some of us currently live in Palo Alto, and our patriotic son has his lawn manicured by a Hispanic guy called Javier, Madras will always be home. And we will celebrate it... Proudly. I, too, am a Proud Madras, mind you. Of the five books with my name on them, three are all about Madras. One has the word 'Madras' in the freaking title. So where is my award, dammit? Can't you guys see the selfless service I've done for Madras? And doesn't this obvious Pride entitle me to a garish zari shawl from some officious tool which I will gratefully accept at a felicitation ceremony where other Proud Madras Mamas and Mamis have a fight unto death over the bondas being served? Here's the thing, I wrote about Madras not because Madras Mata appeared in my dreams and told me "Son, I appoint you my chronicler because no one is more qualified than you. Go forth and sing my praises and give yourself in glory", but because I'd lived here all my life and the city organically became the setting for my stories. I stayed back in the city of Madras and it became my permanent home not because I refused Cameron Diaz's marriage proposal in the late '90s because that would mean moving to LA, nor did I turn down the post of UN secretary-general because that would mean doing without my weekly visit to Mount Road to stand outside where Saffron Theatre used to be, and sob uncontrollably as I looked at the uncleared rubble. I stayed because I didn't really attempt to leave. I stayed because fabulous non-Madras opportunities didn't present themselves to me. I stayed because I wasn't adventurous enough to leave. I stayed because I was a tiny bit of a coward. Most people who've remained where they are, whether it's Madras, Pune or Bobbaranka, do so for roughly the same reasons. Especially the ones who claim to be Proud Madrasis, Nellorites or Gurugrammis of investigation. What Pride are you talking about when your sole effort was remaining immobile? Let's take the other lot: the ones who scoot at the first given opportunity, not that there is a thing wrong with that. And come back at specific times to their 'beloved city' like they are doing it a massive favour — purely to buy sarees and jewellery, take part in some tired old festival, or to send off vestigial parents from assisted-living facilities — claiming Madras will always be home. And how Proud they are of it. How the heck is it your home? You left, remember? And, to my knowledge, no one made you leave. For both types of Proud Madrasis,

Insulate cops, CAPF men from communal bias

BY MP NATHANIEL

In a fit of rage after not being allowed by his superior to detain at a railway station, Constable Chetan Singh Chaudhary of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) shot dead Assistant Sub-Inspector Tikaram Meena on the Jaipur-Mumbai Superfast Express on July 31. Thereafter, he went on a killing spree, picking out Muslims, whom he identified from their beards. Three Muslims were shot dead from point-blank range, after which Chaudhary reportedly told a burqa-clad woman to chant 'Jai Mata Di' while pointing his gun at her. Fortunately, other passengers came to her rescue and shouted at him, forcing him to retreat. Investigations by senior officers of the RPF have revealed that Chaudhary had a bad track record. He is known to have brought a Muslim auto-rickshaw driver, Wahid Khan, to the RPF post in Ujjain in February 2017 for apparently no reason and harassed him. He was taken to task after Wahid lodged a complaint with Chaudhary's superiors. On another occasion, he allegedly withdrew Rs 25,000 from a colleague's account using the latter's ATM card. He is even alleged to have assaulted another colleague when posted in Bhavnagar. Assaulting a colleague is considered a serious offence in the police and paramilitary forces. Yet, he continued to be on the rolls of the RPF. According to latest reports, he has been dismissed from service after being taken into judicial custody on various charges, including murder. Chaudhary's wife Renu Singh, who joined the investigation, told the Government Railway Police that he had a fall some years ago, following which he suffered from a neurological disorder and was under treatment in Mathura. That he had been radicalised was evident not just from the killing of Muslim passengers but also from his utterances before he detained. Standing next to one of the persons he killed, he said in a video, "Pakistan se operate hue hain ye aur media yehi coverage dikha rahi hai, unko sab pata chahi raha hai yeh kya kar rahen hain... agar vote dena hai, agar Hindustan mein rehna hai to main karte hoon, Modi aur Yogi, yeh do hain..." Senior officers of the RPF are now seeking the help of psychiatrists to screen the personnel and counsel those who need psychiatric treatment. Efforts are being made to improve their living conditions, as also working hours, and to identify stress factors that drive the personnel to take such extreme steps. Three Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel deployed in Manipur were suspended for setting a meat shop afire in the New Check area of Imphal East district on May 27. The shop belonged to a Kabui Naga, a Christian. The Kabui Nagas inhabit Tamenglong district of Manipur. The three, including an inspector, were not from any northeastern state. The RAF, which is a specialised wing of the Central Reserve

Police Force tasked to handle communal disturbances, promptly suspended them. Manipur Police personnel have been accused of playing a partisan role by joining the Meiteis when they went berserk, attacking Kukis in the valley. The fact that policemen handed over two men and three women to the agitated Meiteis in early May, which led to the women being paraded naked and one of them being raped, is a blot on the state police. That they were conspirators to the whole incident has been well established. Even an iota of concern for the victims who looked up to them for protection would have goaded them to inform the police control room immediately or they could have rushed to the nearest police station and come back with reinforcements to rescue the victims. The role of Manipur Police officers has also come under scrutiny. When women were publicly paraded and then raped, how is it that they were not aware of it until the video went viral two months later? What happened to the intelligence machinery in the state? These are matters of investigation. Confrontations between the Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force raised in 1835, and the Manipur Police have led to ugly situations, largely because the former stood firm that it would not allow the latter to enter the area inhabited by the Kukis. It was tasked to dominate the buffer zone to avoid clashes between the warring tribals and non-tribals. Suspecting that Manipur Police

commandos are supporting the Meitei attackers, the Kukis have been demanding the retention of the Assam Rifles in the hills, while the Meiteis have called for their ouster from the state. The Kukis have gone to the extent of stating that the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) should be reimposed in the state. And this, despite the fact that until the withdrawal of the AFSPA from areas under the jurisdiction of 15 police stations in April last year and another four police stations in March this year, there was vehement opposition to AFSPA in the state. The need to insulate policemen and personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) from communal bias calls for serious and immediate attention of senior police officers. It is the sacred duty of every policeman to protect every citizen, even at grave risk to one's life, irrespective of race, caste or religion. Senior supervisory officers need to maintain a constant watch on such personnel who have the proclivity to be influenced by radical ideas. As part of the annual medical check-up, they need to be put through psychiatric assessment. There is a dearth of psychiatrists in the CAPFs and police forces. A good number of psychiatrists need to be enlisted and associated with the recruitment process so that those who do not make it to the CAPFs or the state police forces. Their activities on social media will have to be monitored as these play a very crucial role in radicalising the personnel.

Fabian socialism is past its expiry date

BY PRAFULL GORADIA

Issues like bankruptcy and solvency would seldom form an integral part of any thesis on national economics and the course of economies. It appears to be presumed by most economists, at least of the conventional kind, that bankruptcy is mainly confined to individuals and companies, and not countries. This may perhaps have been because of the existence of an institution like the International Monetary Fund. The IMF has over the years been ready to come to the aid of countries in financial difficulties; albeit on its terms. Speaking of bankruptcy and insolvency, we may turn our attention to our neighbours. Pakistan is not our only neighbour to be on the edge of insolvency. Nepal and Myanmar (Burma) are not far away; Sri Lanka has just passed through a crisis and has been brought back to its feet thanks to India; one hopes Bangladesh's exports revive soon enough. Today's generation might find it hard to believe it, but India also had its brief brush with insolvency; this occurred way back in 1990-91. But it dealt with it with courage and boldness. Instead of vacillating, the country's then government did not hesitate to pledge a mass of 50 tonnes of gold to get over

the hump, following it up with a dramatic about-turn in economic policy. The turnaround was decisively guided by the then Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao. It required outstanding courage to demolish a pillar of Nehruvianism, namely, the socialistic pattern of economy, so affectionately constructed by Jawaharlal Nehru on the outskirts of Chennai (then Madras) in the year 1955. While it might have been conceived of as a benign piece of Fabian socialism, the resolution, popularly called the Avadi Resolution came to earn only notoriety in later years. Avadi is a suburb of Madras, where Nehru's Socialist Manifesto was passed by the Congress. In many ways, the occasion was paired with a sanctity of sorts on account of laying the foundation of one of the two shlobothes of the Nehruvian ideology; the other being 'dynamic neutralism', later to re-christened as "Non-Alignment". Rather similarly, this socialism was given the moniker "commanding heights of the economy". Karl Marx might have defined socialism as "From each according to his ability to each according to his opportunity". But in the Nehruvian system, no individual citizen was allotted any share. Thereafter, Nehru's daughter Indira nationalized one industry

after another, justifying her actions as 'socialism'. Again, no shares went to the public; in actuality, this was nothing short of state capitalism. Under it, instead of any citizen of the country owning shares, it was the President of India who owned them. Jawaharlal Nehru long ago, had rather brusquely told the industrialist JRD Tata "Never speak to me again of profit. It is a dirty word". On another occasion, he declared that profiteers would be hanged "from the nearest lamp-posts and trees". Thus, the foundation of a non-profit making public sector was laid. Indira Gandhi and her minions neither understood nor bothered about industrial functioning nor the need to generate financial surplus. On the other hand, Mrs. Gandhi once even justified the growing corruption under her regime by dubbing it a "global phenomenon", which meant that her minions helped themselves to money regardless of whether their mistress made any or not. Thankfully, the end of the 1990-91 crisis saw a new beginning. The break with the past saw a new dawn. India's rating by then had slipped to the bottom of the investment grade. Former RBI governor C. Rangarajan in his recent book Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond describes how

in August 1990, R.N. Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India had suggested keeping 15 per cent of gold reserves. The initiative to pledge gold was taken by the RBI. It needed the permission of the government, led by Chandra Shekhar, and the government did show great wisdom and courage. When gold reserves were moved from the vault of the Bombay office to the airport, the movement along the road was closely monitored. It so happened in the case of one large consignment, the bullion van had to stop because of a suspected tyre burst in one of the cars in the convoy, which later resumed its journey. The shipment of gold to London under industrial duress brought out loud and clear the extremely critical situation in which India was then placed. It also brought home to everyone the enormity of the crisis. In a sense, it paved the way for the reforms that were to come. There is more than moral beyond this unfortunate episode in our history. The first one is that state ownership of business and industry does not lead to prosperity, starkly demonstrated by the disintegration of the Soviet Union. The second, and more important lesson is that governing a country is like managing a society on a large scale.

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District Administration conducts Training Workshop on e-Office at Bandipora

Ensure cent percent implementation of e-offices: Dr Owais to Officers

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 01: As part of the ongoing Digital Week celebrations, the District Administration Bandipora Friday organized a training workshop on e-Office, to enhance administrative efficiency and promote digital governance practices within the district.

The workshop was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad.

Apart from others, the workshop was attended by government officials, including district and sectoral officers, staff members, and other concerned. ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ADC Bandipora, Umair Shafi Pandit besides other concerned were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the DC stressed the significance of transitioning towards a paperless and efficient administrative system. He emphasized the importance of e-Office in reducing paperwork, streamlining processes, and ensuring transparency in government operations.

Dr Owais directed all the district and sectoral officers for cent percent implementation of e-Office in the district, stating that it would revolutionize administrative procedures and enhance service delivery



to the public. The DC directed the departments to link their e-Offices with NIC and asked them to ensure departmental e-mails with NIC domain. The training sessions were conducted by DIO NIC Bandipora who provided insights into the various features and benefits of e-Office. During the workshop, participants received the training in using the e-Office platform, which is designed to digitize routine office tasks such as file tracking, file noting, marking, leave management and document storage.

Different topics were covered during the workshop, including Introduction to e-Office and its

benefits, Navigation and basic functionalities of the e-Office platform, Digital file creation, movement, and tracking, e-Leave management and approval processes were also demonstrated through online mode.

Interactive sessions were also held where participants asked questions and sought clarifications on using the e-Office platform effectively to understand the system and its effective usage in daily administrative assignments.

Various informative pamphlets containing information regarding digital initiatives were also distributed among the participants.

Digital Week celebration: DC B'la flags-off Awareness Rally at Kralhar

Digital Services best antidote to the evil of corruption: Dr Sehrish

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 01: As part of Digital J&K Week Celebration being observed across the district, an awareness rally of students and other concerned stakeholders was flagged-off by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar at Kralhar, Baramulla.

The awareness rally that was organized by District Administration Baramulla in collaboration with Youth Services and Sports Baramulla and Education Department started from Kralhar and later culminated at Government Degree College Boys Baramulla.

During the rally, the students were carrying placards and banners showcasing various digital initia-



tives aimed at making people aware about the online services being provided to the masses for their convenience.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Sehrish said that the malaise of 'corruption' could be largely addressed through 'online services' and digital services are the best antidote to the evil of corruption.

She further asserted that the digital services are not only accessible and transparent but also non-discriminatory and more efficient, besides being less costly and cumbersome.

On the occasion, the DC advised people to seek their rights and avoid visiting offices physically by applying for services from the comforts of their homes.

Mega Camp on Digital Services Awareness held at Subdivision Zainapora

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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 01: In connection with ongoing Digital Week celebrations, a Mega Camp on revolutionary Digital Services awareness was today held at SDM Office, Zainapora.

District Development Council (DDC) Member, Aijaz Ahmed Mir and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmed Lone inaugurated the Camp which housed dozens of Stalls set up by the district and sub divisional offices.

District Informatics Officer, Shopian, Tehsildar Zainapora and other officers and officials were

also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC member said that Digital Week celebration is aimed to sensitise masses regarding online services of the government and provide benefits of these to the people.

SDM stated that the Government is committed to provide transparent, free, fair and good governance to the people and celebrating digital week is a step towards penetrating and maximising the reach of online services among the people.

Officers and Officials attending stalls set up by different departments were busy in sensitizing

people on online services and providing the same on spot.

Meanwhile, DDC Member along with other dignitaries inspected the stalls and enquired about the online services offered by the departments.

The camp witnessed immense public response, who thronged the venue and inquired about Digi Locker, RAS, Awam Ki Awaz, e-Unnat and Mobile Dost Application services.

On the occasion departments had prepared banners and distributed pamphlets showcasing the online services of each department among the people visiting the venue.

J&K moves to 2nd position across country in generating 'Scan and Share OPD' tokens

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: J&K achieves 2nd position across country in generating of 'Scan and Share OPD' tokens surpassing Karnataka state by generating more than 7,92,641 tokens in August 2023.

The Scan and Share queue less registration process has taken new heights under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission J&K and is turning out to be a game changer for ease of OPD registration for patients in the healthcare institutions of J&K.

This facility was rolled out in April 2023 and extended to 71 healthcare institution across J&K. Trained manpower was deployed for facilitating on-ground human resource and hand holding of patients for availing this queue less digital service.

General public approaching the hospitals have hugely appreciated this initiative of the government which has resulted in penetration of around 70-90% conversion from physical to digital mode.

This initiative has not only saved the time of patients and their

attendants at the long queues at the hospital but also marginalized the demographic errors of the patients during their registration.

A paperless record of health shall be maintained for all the citizens which shall be accessible to stake holders at the consent of patient. In J&K the healthcare institutions have generated 7,92,641 tokens in a short span of 4 months' time.

Scan and Share is changing the game, making patient registration more convenient and patient-focused.

Digital Week: Inauguration of Ayushman bhava, awareness programs, e- governance initiatives mark Day 2 at Gbl

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 01: On the second consecutive day of celebration of Digital Mela, a large number of people visited the stalls established by various departments in the lawns of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal and applied for online services.

During the mela, various persons were imparted training regarding use of online services, revenue extracts were issued on spot through online mode besides several departments issued sanction letters to the beneficiaries under various schemes.

The resource persons highlighted the e-governance initiatives launched by the government to promote transparency, accountability and responsive working culture in departments.

Meanwhile, Ayushman bhava Nationwide Campaign was kick started by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADD) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-u-din Shah; ACR, Chief Planning Officer and CMO Ganderbal during the Digital Mela.



The ADDC said that the campaign covers a wide range of healthcare services, from maternal and child health to non-communicable disease screening and community engagement. The district administration is committed to ensuring that every individual in Ganderbal has access to quality healthcare services, regardless of their economic background, he added.

Regarding the Digital Week celebration, the ADC said that the event aims at making the public aware of the digital initiatives launched by the government to provide them the

best possible relief and enumerated numerous measures taken by the Government to make the services easily accessible to the general public.

Meanwhile, the CEO organized awareness programs regarding different e-services being provided by the Government of J&K in different educational institutions as part of Digital Week activities. Different lectures, school level quiz competitions and painting competitions were held in various schools of the district.

7 Days training programme on scientific Beekeeping under (NBHM) concludes at Lalmandi Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: The seven days divisional level training programme on scientific beekeeping under (NBHM) concluded at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi Srinagar.

The concluding session was presided over by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal and was attended by Joint Director Extension, Joint Director Inputs, Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, Assistant Entomologist Kashmir, students and a large number of beekeepers.

Addressing the session, Director Agriculture highlighted the impor-

tance of small scale Agri- Cottage industries including beekeeping, Mushroom cultivation and other allied activities in the overall development of agriculture sector.

He said the main aim of organising such training programmes is to promote entrepreneurial culture among the farmers and educated youth of the region and such programmes will be continued in coming days.

Iqbal said the agriculture diversification is the key to reduce risk in farming activities and hence beekeeping has emerged as one of the important tools which not only enhances agricultural income of the farming community but also

secures it against changes in climate and soil resources.

Director Agriculture expressed satisfaction and said many people, mostly educated youth are able to earn their livelihood, because of honey bee colonies. With time, more and more young men and women are turning towards beekeeping.

Director said that beekeeping as an off-farm activity and has a potential of employment generation due to wide agro-climatic diversity enabling round the year bee flora availability.

Later, certificates of appreciation were given to the participants with good performance during the training programme.

Director Agriculture visits Saffron growing areas of Pamporez

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PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 01: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited saffron growing areas of Pampore including Munpora, Wuyyan, Androosa and interacted with the saffron farmers of the area. He took stock of various interventions by the department in the area. Speaking on the occasion, Director

Agriculture said that the department is committed to the development of the saffron sector. A number of initiatives have already been taken by the department and a number of other steps are in progress, he further said.

Chowdhury Iqbal said that for the economic development of saffron farmers the department has endeavoured to ensure that our GI Tagged saffron reaches national and international markets. He assured the concerned farmers of every possible support from the department for making saffron crop cultivation a successful venture.

Director Agriculture held detailed interactions with the saffron farmers of concerned areas and took feedback regarding the role played by the department. He assured farmers of technical guidance by the department during different Agriculture activities in the field.

Authorities seize 2 JCBs & Tractors involved in illegal mining at Awantipora

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PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 01: In continuation to its efforts to curb illegal mining, Tehsildar Awantipora along with officials from Geology and Mining Department carried out a series of raids against illegal mining in twin places of Awantipora and Malangpora of Pulwama district.

Following strict orders from Deputy Commissioner Pulwama,

the team conducted raids on several locations. Several vehicles engaged in illegal transportation of minor minerals were confiscated.

Earlier upon receiving inputs of soil excavation going on at Malangpora, the team reached on spot. During the raid, a JCB was caught on spot and handed over to officials of the Geology and Mining Department for seizure.

Meanwhile, raids were carried out at Barsoo, Awantipora as well

wherein JCB along with Tractor was caught on spot followed with action by officials from the Mining Department.

It is worth mentioning here to mention that the District Administration Pulwama has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of minerals and people involved in the illegal trade are being dealt with sternly under relevant provision of law.

Tariq Zargar visits Kupwara, reviews progress on implementation of various RDD schemes

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KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 01: Secretary in Rural Development Department (RDD), Tariq Ahmad Zargar today visited Kupwara district and convened a meeting to review the progress on implementation of different RDD schemes and programmes in the district.

During the meeting, Zargar reviewed progress of MGNREGA, CD-Panchayats, Mission Amritsarovar, SBM-G phase- 2 and other schemes.

While reviewing MGNREGA, he directed concerned officers for ensuring completion of all the ongoing works before the end of fiscal



year. The Secretary also visited Hiri Qadirabad block and inspected cleanliness and other SBM-G initiatives at Hiri- A Panchayat. He also inspected other panchayats of the district which have been

declared as ODF Plus and shortlisted for SSG 2023 Award. He later visited Sogam Block and inspected Amrit Sarovar at Lalpora. He also interacted with PRI representatives and locals there.

District Programme Officer drives Poshan Maah initiative to nurture future generation



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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 01: In an impactful move to prioritize the health and well-being of the youngest members of the community, the District Programme Officer, Subhash Chander Dogra along with dedicated field staff, conducted a comprehensive inspection of Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) here today.

The visit encompassed AWCs in the Panchayat Incha of Poshan Block Ramnagar and Panchayat Joffer of Poshan Project Dudu Basanagarh. The focal point of this initiative was the vibrant gathering at Parla Joffer, where 27 children, 5 expectant mothers, and 6 lactating mothers convened. During this gathering, the audience received invaluable insights from Supervisor and DPO, shedding light on the significance of Poshan Maah and various essential

aspects of the scheme. Furthermore, the health and nutrition of the children were meticulously assessed through height and weight measurements, aimed at identifying any signs of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) or Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).

With unwavering determination, AWCs helpers were entrusted with the vital task of executing the Poshan scheme diligently and fostering close collaboration with other stakeholders in the community. DPO emphasized the pivotal role of punctuality within AWCs and underlined the imperative of providing nutrition to beneficiaries in accordance with established guidelines.

Subhash Chander Dogra's visit and the subsequent engagement with the community not only underscored the commitment to the health of the future generation but also inspired a renewed dedication to the cause. The Poshan Maah initiative continues to be a beacon of hope and health for the region's children and mothers, ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve.

GDC Ramgarh organises Slogan writing competition on awareness of ill effects of Drug Abuse



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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 01: Fine Arts Club, Government Degree College Ramgarh today organized a slogan writing competition on the 'ill effects of Drug Abuse' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the aim to strengthen action and cooperation towards a drug free world.

The event was organized under able guidance and supervision of the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

Students participated with great zeal, fervor and enthusiasm. Total

of 13 students participated in the event. They put forward their thoughts the slogans which carried a message of hope and reasons why drug abusers should stay away from drugs. Such slogans can have a huge impact on changing people's attitudes. These slogans will also become the inspiration, motivation and encouragement for getting back on track.

Kirandeep Kour, Sem III secured first position; Chahat Sapolia, Sem III bagged second prize; Arpana, Sem III clinched third position.

Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener, Fine Arts Club and organizing sec-

retary of the event said that this event aims to prevent youth involvement in violence drugs and crime through sport, art and psychosocial support. There is a need for everyone to raise their voice to create awareness about drug abuse. A slogan for drug prevention is a good place to start. These slogans can be passed down by word of mouth from person to person.

In continuation to this, Dr. Sandeep Kumar added that such events are helpful in creating wide scale awareness among masses, especially among the youth and children of the society against the ill effects of drug abuse by involvement of the youth themselves in showing their creativity on the theme. The event was organized by Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener, Fine Arts Club. The faculty members who were present include Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Shamsher Lal, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Dr. Ekta Rani.

DC flags off farmers' tour for capacity building under HADP at Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai today flagged off a group of 50 farmers for a Capacity Building Programme under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The objective of this tour is to familiarize farmers with the latest

horticultural techniques and skills aimed at improving fruit crop production and productivity, aligning with the Prime Minister's goal of doubling farmers' income.

During her interaction with the farmers, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the significance of such initiatives, emphasizing the role of new technologies in addressing challenges in the horticulture

sector and enhancing economic prosperity, especially in rural areas.

Rajinder Kumar, Chief Horticulture Officer Udhampur, shared further insights with the farmers, explaining that programs like this under HADP aim to raise awareness about various aspects, including nursery development, orchard management, mother bank and rootstock bank establishment, hi-tech cultivation, and micro-irrigation techniques.

He encouraged farmers to embrace scientific technologies over traditional methods to boost the horticulture sector in Udhampur District.

The event also featured the presence of Horticulture Development Officer Chenani, Rajesh Gupta, Horticulture Development Officer Udhampur, Ravinder Kumar, and other department officials.

RTO Kashmir visits Shopian; takes stock of Transport services

Says, transfer of land for modern driving test Centre in



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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 01: The Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari who is on visit to District Shopian since yesterday today visited Shopian town to review the working of the department and take stock of the

transport services and traffic management in the district. The RTO conducted the district with a view to take first hand appraisal of the services and issues of the department and resolve the same in consultation with the District Administration.

The RTO early morning visited Shopian town and

took a review of the traffic management.

Later, he discussed issues of land availability for establishment of modern Transport and Driving Test Centre with the Deputy Commissioner, Shopian. The RTO Kashmir thanked the District Administration for promptly identifying the

land for the Centre aimed to provide better services to the people of the district.

It is to be mentioned here that yesterday Deputy Commissioner, Faz ul Haseeb, RTO Kashmir inaugurated a Pollution Checking Centre at Shopian and dedicated the same for the service of the people. ACR Shopian, DIO, STO, ARTO and other officers accompanied RTO during the visit.

Digital Week celebrations 2023: Mega campaigns held at several places in Kupwara

Chairman, Vice Chairman DDC inaugurate digital campaign



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KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 01: The Mega Digital Week campaigns were held today at different venues across Kupwara district featuring informative stalls, Digi Vans, Mega Rallies and live demonstrations of e-governance platforms aimed at enhancing digital literacy among the people.

On the occasion, stalls set up by various departments to showcase their achievements in the digital world were visited by the people to get familiar with various online services offered by the government.

Digi Vans started by ARTO Kupwara in collaboration with District Information Centre Kupwara, playing awareness jingles on the occasion passed through different markets of Kupwara which proved very helpful in spreading awareness on digital services.

At Handwara, the Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori today inaugurated Digital Week Campaign at Environmental Hall Handwara amid a vast gathering of public, students and PRIs. He also inspect-

ed the stalls, set up by various departments.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman said that the Digital Week campaign is aimed at showcasing citizen centric online initiatives and services of the government. He said now the people of the district can access various services at the click of the button.

On the occasion, ADC Handwara Nazir Ahmad Mir said that online platforms have brought about accountability and transparency in public service delivery.

At Sogam, within the premises of GDC Sogam, Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir inaugurated the Digital Week Campaign.

SDM Lolab Ijaz Ahmad Bhat, Principal GDC Sogam, BMO Sogam, BDO Sogam and other Sectoral officers were present in the event.

The Vice Chairman inspected the stalls set by different departments and said that Digital Week celebration is the government's commitment towards advancement in technological progress and transparency. At Kupwara, the Additional District Development

Commissioner Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan inspected the stalls set up by various departments at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Kupwara.

A Marathon rally of students of different Schools of Kupwara was organised which was flagged-off by Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Abdul Hamid Fani.

Rally started from the DC office Complex Kupwara, which marched through Kupwara Bypass and different markets of Kupwara town finally culminating at Fountain Chowk Kupwara.

At Tangdhar, in the premises of Govt. Degree College Tangdhar, Chairperson BDC, Khawaja Rezaiz inaugurated a spectacular Digital Week Campaign in which hundreds of local residents, PRIs, Students participated.

SDM Karnah Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather, Principal GDC Tangdhar, Haroon Ahmad Bokad, staff of College were present in the event.

At Kralpora, in the premises of Govt. Degree College Kralpora, Adv. Masrat Farooq DDC Member Kralpora inaugurated the Digital Week Campaign. A large gathering of people, PRIs and Students participated in the event.

At Langate, Digital Week Campaign was inaugurated by Chairman Municipality Langate, Adv. Shah Nawaz. A large gathering of people, Students visited different stalls set up at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School Langate to get familiar with online services available.

Meanwhile various events were held as part of Digital Week celebrations in all the Panchayats of district Kupwara.

The week-long celebrations of digital advancement in the entire country will foster digital literacy and will encourage the citizens towards utilization of e-services offered by the government.

Chairperson DDC Ramban kick starts work on NABARD Road project; participates in Digital J&K Week program at Sangaldan



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RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 01: Chairperson District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan today participated in Digital J&K Week 2023 program at block headquarter Sangaldan amid huge public participation where different departments imparted awareness

visitors about the online services. BDC Sangaldan, Naveeda Begum; Tehsildar Gou, Rakesh Kumar Sharma; Naib Tehsildar Sangaldan, Kashu Singh and PRIs attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson said that the objective of celebrating Digital J&K Week is to provide transparent and

hasse-free online services of different sectors to people besides promoting the e-Services, made available by the Government for the general masses under the good-governance initiative.

Appreciating the Digital J&K Week initiative, the chairperson asked the officers and officials of different departments, especially providing basic and important services for extending handholding to people for availing the benefits from various government services through online mode.

Later, the Chairperson along with PRIs and concerned officers kick started construction work on 3-KM Surinda to Gamera road being constructed by PWD (R&E), Division Ramban at an estimated cost of Rs 6.53 cr under NABARD.

Meanwhile, the DDC Chairperson directed officers of the executing agency to ensure timely completion of the road project and ensure the quality of work. She also advised the PRIs to monitor the developmental works in their respective areas in larger public interest.

Comm Secy SDD reviews functioning of JKBOTE

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Commissioner Secretary Skill Development Department (SDD), Saurabh Bhagat today chaired a meeting and reviewed the functioning of J&K Board of Technical Education (JKBOTE) at Civil Secretariat here.

Director, SDD, Secretary Board of Technical Education (BOTE) and other senior officers of the SDD also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, threadbare discussions and deliberations were held on working of JKBOTE and other related matters associated with the Board.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary impressed upon the officers that students should be allied with the Higher Education Department so that they can use their Academic Bank of Credit



(ACB) for acquiring higher education as per the New Education Policy. He added that provision of multiple entry and multiple exit for the students in Polytechnic colleges should also be implemented.

Saurabh Bhagat further asked the officers that the syllabus for all the semesters of polytechnics should be revised as per the demand of industry and should

also be job oriented. He also delved on them that necessary steps should be initiated for 100% intake in Polytechnic colleges.

The meeting was informed that as on date there is 85% admission in all Polytechnics as well as ITIs. It was also informed that for easy access to student community, JKBOTE is providing 11 online services for facilitating students.

Rajouri: People avail array of e-services on Day 2 of Digital Week Mela

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 01: To celebrate the remarkable digital strides achieved under the Digital India campaign and promote a digitally empowered society, the district administration Rajouri hosted a mega Digital Week Mela here in the Dak Bungalow.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from numerous government departments, each setting up their respective stalls to showcase their contributions to the Digital India campaign.

The Visitors were treated to an array of on-the-spot e-services, ranging from Aadhar enrollment to Golden Cards, services by the Revenue Department, Holistic Agriculture Development Schemes, RDD Schemes, and an assortment of other online services available to the public.

A standout feature of the event was the various department stalls where attendees received valu-



able insights into different initiatives. The event extended technical support to applicants for online registration and service access, further promoting digital literacy.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal urged the public to take full advantage of these initiatives, emphasizing how they have streamlined the process of accessing various government services.

The District Administration Rajouri proudly inaugurated the Digital J&K Week-2023 at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri, with a spirited rally flagged off by

Deputy Commissioner. The rally witnessed wholehearted participation from people of all walks of life. The event commenced with a live telecast of the inauguration of the Digital J&K Week by Chief Secretary J&K, Aamir Kumar Mehta, virtually. The proceedings were attended by district administration officials virtually, with a significant turnout of attendees present at Dak Bungalow.

A total of 37 stalls were erected by various government departments, agencies, banks, and more, all with the aim of

creating public awareness about the 1000+ online services launched by the government.

This week-long extravaganza will spotlight citizen-centric IT initiatives that have enhanced transparency in governance and improved the quality of life for citizens. Moreover, it will generate widespread awareness about digital solutions and emerging technologies. Distinguished officers present at the occasion included PO ICDS, Shoket Mahmood, ACR Imran Kataria, ACP Sheraz Chouhan, and other officials representing different departments.

The Digital India campaign is a transformative initiative launched by the Government of India to harness the power of technology and digital infrastructure to empower citizens and enhance service delivery. It encompasses various projects and initiatives aimed at creating a digitally inclusive society.

Sarmad Hafeez kick starts 52nd Senior National Men's Handball Championship at Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez today kick started 52nd Senior National Men's Handball championship, organised by J&K Handball Association in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) at Bhakshi stadium here.

Secretary, JKSC, Secretary General, South Asian handball federation, Executive Director Handball association of India, officers of YSS department and JKSC, office bearers of Handball association of India and other concerned

were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez said that LG administration has always been at the forefront in providing platform to youth and guide them to follow their goals by organizing different events across J&K. He appreciated the participating teams and wished them luck for the tournament.

Sarmad Hafeez expressed his happiness at the overwhelming participation of 32 teams from all over the country in the championship. He remarked that sports play critical role in personality development besides shaping one's career as well if pursued seriously. He enjoined the players to play in the spirit of

the game. Secretary YSS assured that every effort shall be made to ensure that the players, as well as support staff, are comfortable during their stay in the valley.

"Such events provide the best opportunity for the youth from across the country to interact with each other and know about varied cultures," Sarmad said.

Secretary JKSC, while interacting with the participants assured them of all the support from the Sports Council and informed them that the monitoring cell for the event has been set up, headed by the Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir and other officials from the council.

He also highlighted the transformation taking place in the field of sports in J&K. Sports has been among the top priorities of the administration and the union territory has now become the powerhouse of sporting talent, she added.

Organising Secretary and Executive Member Handball Association of India, while speaking on the occasion, thanked the participating teams for encouraging the youth towards sports activities.

Srinagar Admin holds Awareness Programme on Prevention of Drugs Abuse

Speakers highlight Role of Parents to curb the drug menace

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SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 01:- On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad an awareness programme on Drug Abuse and prevention was held here at Tyndale Biscoe School to generate awareness among the parents of the younger generation who are the future responsible citizens of the society.

The awareness programme was conducted by Social Welfare Department Srinagar under the initiative of District Administration Srinagar to reach out to the parents of the students enrolled in different schools of the District.

During the awareness



programme Experts/Resource Persons spoke about the harmful effects of Substance Abuse among youth. They also discussed measures required to curb the burning societal issue. The

Role of Parents in handling Substance Abuse was also highlighted in detail. On the occasion, SP Headquarters, Arif Shah, Ex. Director J&K Rehabilitation Council Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad, District Social Welfare Officer, Srinagar, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, Secretary DLSA Srinagar Mr Jahangir Ahmad Bakshshi, Consultant Psychiatry from IMHANS Dr Fazal, Psychologist from Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre, Iram Wani and other experts shared their expertise and professional knowledge and proceeded on early identification and signs of drug abuse, impact of substance use disorders of families and children.

Digital Week Celebrations 2023: Series of Activities held across Srinagar District

Digital Technology pivotal for utilization of e-services and promotion of transparency in Governance: DC Srinagar



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SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 01:- In the efforts towards digital empowerment, Series of Activities including Digital Melas, Awareness Programme were held across Srinagar District to mark the celebration of Digital Week-2023.

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a number of awareness programmes were

held in different Government Offices as a part of Digital Week Celebrations aimed at enhancing digital literacy among all the Stakeholders. The programme were organized by various Departments viz Regional Transport Office, Horticulture Department, District Employment & Counselling Center, Chief Education Office, Assistant Labour Commissioner, District Industries Center, Rural Development,

Handicraft, FCS&CA, Health, Banks etc to foster digital literacy, encourage the utilization of e-governance services and promote transparency in Governance. During the programmes, participants were sensitized about the initiative of the Digital Week-2023 and to objectives.

Speaking about the weeklong "Digital Week-2023", the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad said that the initiative has been launched to provide easy access to Government schemes and services to the people of District, and enhancing digital literacy among the people, besides adapt technological interventions to ensure citizens centric services on efficient, prompt and effective manner.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the Departments to continue programmes under ongoing Digital Week in order to educate stakeholders and provide opportunities to develop the better understanding of using digital technology in various sectors.

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DC Ramban reviews preparedness for rollout of 'Ayushman Bhava' program

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RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today reviewed the preparedness for implementation of 'Ayushman Bhava' programme in the district. The Campaign aims to provide quality health-care facilities to the patients in all Government hospitals across the district.

CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal; CEO, Devadand; DSWO, Rahul Gupat; Dr. Rafi and other concerned officers from health and other departments attended the meeting, while BMZOs attended the meeting through virtual mode.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the strategy for roll out of the Ayushman Bhava programme scheduled from September 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The programme is aimed



to achieve 100 percent in coverage of all health schemes in mission mode and ensure optimum delivery of all health schemes to every intended beneficiary in the District.

During the meeting, the DC took first hand appraisal from all the line departments about the implementation of Ayushman Bhava and a detailed discussion was held on formulation of action plan, strategies

and planning to achieve the set targets.

The meeting also held a threadbare discussion about identification of catchment areas, formulation of schedule for conducting the awareness campaign in schools, colleges, health centers and anganwadi centers across the district.

The DC stressed the line departments to provide all requisite support for successful implemen-

tion of the scheme in Ramban district. He asked the officers of concerned departments to share schedules of events to be conducted for the implementation of the 'Ayushman Bhava' programme in the district.

The DC also advised officers to ensure close coordination with the subordinate staff in order to ensure successful execution of the programme and achieving targets within set timelines.

GDC Baramulla commences vibrant celebration of Digital India Week-2023

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 01: The celebration of Digital India Week-2023 is in full swing as Government Degree College (Autonomous), Baramulla, has commenced a series of successful events.

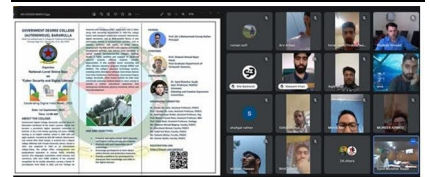
The events include a National-Level Online Quiz on "Cyber Security and Digital Literacy", engaging webinars on AI tools, office efficiency, and public service, as well as the inauguration of Digi Mela-2023. These events have brought together participants from diverse backgrounds, all eager to enhance their digital knowledge and skills.

The celebration, which began on August 31st, will continue for a week and coincides with the launch of the Digital J&K Week celebration, aimed at enhancing online service delivery mechanisms and expanding internet accessibility among citizens.

The program commenced with a warm welcome by the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Farooq Rather, who emphasized the critical importance of cyber security and digital literacy in today's digitalized world.

Prof. Shakeel Ahmad Najar, Head of the Post-Graduate Department of Computer Sciences, provided valuable insights into the aim and objec-

National-Level Quiz, Webinars & Digi Mela held



tives of the program, highlighting the significance of enhancing awareness about cyber security and promoting safe and responsible use of technology.

The National-Level Online Quiz featured a set of interactive sessions designed to challenge participants' understanding of topics related to cyber security and digital literacy. With a strict time duration of 30 minutes, the quiz ensured that participants' responses were timely and accurate.

The college administration and the Post-Graduate Department of Computer Sciences organized these events with a clear mission: to promote safe and responsible use of technology among participants. In today's digitally connected world, such knowledge is invaluable, and these events served as excellent

platforms for individuals to enhance their expertise.

Participants who demonstrated a strong grasp of the subject matter and scored above 60% in the quiz will be awarded e-Certificates, acknowledging their proficiency in cyber security and digital literacy.

Furthermore, these events coincided with the launch of the Digital J&K Week celebration, aimed at enhancing online service delivery mechanisms and expanding internet accessibility among citizens. The celebration commenced with the hosting of Digi Mela-2023, inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Shershah Asgar, in the presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, and other concerned officers.

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 01: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba, under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu, organized Farmers Scientist Interaction at village Nichla, today.

The event was held under the leadership of Professor. Bhupinder Nath Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and the direct supervision of Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu. The programme was conducted to interact with the farmers of Village Nichla regarding various field problems and their solutions. The programme was attended by more than 40 farmers.

The programme was started with the welcome address by Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Samba, he welcomed all the farmers and farm women. He highlighted the mandate of Krishi Vigyan Kendra. He also discussed the various activities undertaken by

KVK Samba for the benefit and upliftment of farmers in Samba district and the multi-dimensional role of farmers for maintaining sustainability and prosperity in agriculture. He also briefed about the various ongoing activities/programmes of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba and how the farming community may avail the benefits of KVK by providing the various technical support to them. He further stressed upon strengthening the efforts to improve the entrepreneurial ecosystem among Farmer, Farm women of the district. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neeraj Sharma Senior Scientist Horticulture stressed upon crop diversification by cultivating High Density fruit plants and also aware them about all centrally sponsored schemes for the benefit of the common masses. She shared his experience about various dimensions of Horticulture with regard to use of fertilizers, pruning, soil health, marketing and other related aspects. Dr. Abhay Kumar Sinha, Scientist (Ag. Engineering) explained the importance of soil and water con-

servation. He told the farmers that Soil and water are two important natural resources and the basic needs for agricultural production and Soil conservation is a key to environmental sustainability.

Dr. Saurav Gupta Scientist (Entomology) highlighted the role of the farmers in the economic development of the nation and suggested that farmers can contribute in a better way if they do mushroom farming and beekeeping. He told the farmers about the importance of Beekeeping in increasing the productivity of crops through pollination. He explained how the Beekeeping can play an important role in doubling the farm income by adopting different means like value addition, marketing and grading of Honey.

Dr. Shalini Khajuria Programme Assistant, KVK Samba emphasized the importance of soil in agricultural productivity. She stressed upon that farmers should use organic farming techniques to promote soil health. Dr. amit Mahajan also briefed in detail about the judicious use of fertilizers.

Kewal Krishan progressive farmer of village Nichla appreciated the efforts of KVK Samba led by Prof. Sanjay Khajuria and his team for conducting such a Mega event for the farmer's community of the district. He urged upon the farming community to remain in touch with the KVK Samba for any technical help in order to boost their economy. Others who actively assisted to make the event successful included Bharat Bhushan, Tejinder Singh and Pawandeep Singh of the KVK Samba.

Ayushman Bhava Campaign launched in District Samba

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 01: A significant milestone was reached today with the official launch of the Ayushman Bhava Campaign in District Samba.

Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, various stakeholder departments came together to mark the beginning of this transformative initiative.

The meeting brought together representatives from key departments, including the Department of School Education, Rural Development, Social Welfare and Panchayat Raj. Chief Medical Officer Samba, Dr. Vidhi Bhatial,

delivered an informative presentation highlighting the campaign's objectives and strategies.

The campaign's core focus is to achieve comprehensive and wide-spread implementation of vital health schemes across the district. It adopts a mission-oriented approach with unwavering dedication to extend its coverage to every deserving beneficiary, ensuring they seamlessly access the intended benefits.

Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to work collaboratively and with utmost zeal during the campaign period, which will run from September 1st, 2023, to December 31st, 2023. Emphasizing the importance of departmental

coordination, ADDC Samba Rajinder Singh encouraged health and other departments to unite their efforts to make the campaign a resounding success.

The meeting witnessed the participation of several esteemed officials, including ACD Samba, CEO Samba, PO ICDS Samba, DSWO Samba, Dy CMO Samba, DHO Samba, DIO Samba, DNO Samba, DPMU Samba, and all BMOs.

The Ayushman Bhava Campaign in District Samba is poised to bring positive changes to the lives of the community it serves. It signifies a commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and delivering the promised benefits to those who need them the most.

Motor Vehicle Department kick starts e-Auction of Fancy /Vanity Numbers

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: The Motor Vehicle Department of Jammu & Kashmir has launched e-auction of Fancy numbers from current series in all RTO and A.R.T offices along with re-auction of left-over fancy/special registration numbers of the previous series from 01-September 2023.

The vehicle owner can register themselves on the national transport website: <https://vaahan.parivahan.gov.in/fancy> (user manual available at portal) and the link of the same is also available on the UT

administration transport department website www.jktrams.gov.in to obtain the unique acknowledgement number (UAN) for login and participation in Bidding process after submission of registration and reserve money.

The owner of the vehicle who has purchased the vehicle will be allowed to participate in the e-auction of Fancy Number. The fancy numbers are the most sought registration number by the vehicle owners.

Earlier, the vehicle owners had to visit the concerned RTOs /ARTOS and quote a price apart from the

prescribed fees and deposit a demand draft of that price at concerned Offices and the vehicle owner who bids the highest price was allotted the Fancy number, but now onwards they can avail this services from comfort of their homes by simply clicking on official website of the department. The open series from different RTO /ARTOS is as under: RTO/ARTO J&K Current Number Series for Jammu is JK02DF; Samba, JK12J; Reasi, JK20C; Ramban, JK19A; Poonch, JK12C; Kishtwar, JK17A; Doda, JK06B; Udhampur, JK14J and Rajouri, JK11G.

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 01: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad alongwith Director Rural Development Department (RDD), Shabir Ahmad today undertook a comprehensive review of the ongoing developmental projects in the district under RDD Sector.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Ashraf Hakeel, Executive Engineer REW, ACP, BDOs besides other concerned officers from district administration.

The review examined the status of infrastructure projects to ensure that they are progressing

as planned. The officers also took stock of various rural employment schemes implemented in the district, such as MGN-REGA with a focus on providing livelihood opportunities to the rural population.

On the occasion, ACD Bandipora informed the meeting that 754 works have been taken up during the final year 2023-2024, among which 690

and 936 beneficiaries were identified respectively.

He further said that 144 Amrit Sarovar sites were identified for which 106 sites stand completed so far.

DC on the occasion, informed that several projects and works under RDD have been taken up in the district. He said that work on different projects has already been completed. He directed the concerned authorities to complete the leftover projects in a time bound manner.

The Director RDD said that the department is committed to resolving any bottlenecks hindering the progress of development projects in the district.

He reiterated the dedication of the government to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Bandipora and creating an enabling environment for holistic development.

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to District Doda and Kishtwar will remain affected on September 03 from 6 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial area Bari Brahmana and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 03 from 7 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Seora, Kunjwani, Bandurakh, Shanker Colony, EktaVihar, Dental Colony, Bakshi Colony and adjoining areas will remain affected on

September 03 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Shakti Nagar, Patel Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Canal Road, Rajpura, PHE, AG Office, Polytech College, Bakshi Nagar, Shiv Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 05 from 6 am to 10 am.

Meanwhile, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Baba Chambiyal and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 02 and 04 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to BSF and adjoining areas will remain

affected on September 04 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Jerda and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 02 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Dyalachack, Pathwal, Dhali, Jandi, Sanyal, Changanal, Gurah, Srakari and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 02 and 04 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Chakar Ludan, GMC, Chack Sajjan, Kharte Morh and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 02 from 8 am to 9 am.

DIC team encourages Panchayat Lower Balli women for skilling, startups

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 01: To encourage women towards self-employment and skilling, a team of District Industries Centre Udhampur today visited Panchayat Lower Balli in Block Narsoo to engage with local women and encourage them for skill upgrading and start ups.

Functional Manager, Deepika Sharma and her team from the District Industries Centre (DIC) con-

ducted the insightful visit, fostering a meaningful connection with the women residing there.

During the visit, the Functional Manager announced the exciting initiative of the establishment of a Knitting Training Center with a comprehensive 6-month course program tailored specifically for the women of the Panchayat.

The objective of this initiative is to equip the local women with valuable knitting skills, ultimately boosting their self-reliance and

empowerment.

Furthermore, the Functional Manager took the opportunity to enlighten the women about the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), encouraging them to explore and embrace opportunities for self-employment. This visit not only strengthened the bond between DIC Udhampur and the community but also paved the way for women's empowerment and skill development in Panchayat Lower Balli.

DC B'la inaugurates Ayushman Bhava campaign at Delina

Dr Sehriash calls for mass awareness to achieve 100% coverage of Health scheme



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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 01: To achieve 100 percent saturation in coverage of all health schemes in mission mode and ensure optimum delivery of all health schemes to every intended beneficiary in the district, Ayushman Bhava campaign was today launched across all the sub divisions of Baramulla district.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehriash Asgar in presence of

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDCC) Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf and other concerned functionaries of Health Department inaugurated Ayushman Bhava campaign at Panchayat Ghar Delina, here.

It is worth mentioning here that Ayushman Bhava campaign has been launched for conducting the awareness campaign in Schools, Colleges, Health Centers and Anganwadi Centers across the district with an aim to ensure that the benefits of all health schemes of the

central and UT government reach the intended beneficiaries.

After inaugurating the campaign, the DC laid special focus on generating awareness with regard to the programme. She informed that during this ambitious programme of four months, initiatives will be taken to ensure that all the government sponsored health benefits are provided to all beneficiaries of the district. The DC further said that the campaign will also help in making people aware about the importance of utilizing screening services for non-communicable diseases (NCD) and other diseases through health and wellness centers and also about communicable diseases such as elimination of tuberculosis, among others.

These will also be used for routine immunisation, mental healthcare, elderly care services, DC added.

Meanwhile, various health cards including Golden and Abha were distributed among the eligible beneficiaries besides registrations were also carried out for the intending stakeholders.

NHP-1: DC B'la issues deadline for Cutting Down of Tress, shifting of utilities

Directs Executing Agencies to expedite the Progress of Works on NH

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 01: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehriash Asgar today issued directions to all the executing agencies concerned for the construction of the National Highway Project-1 for cutting down of remaining trees besides shifting of utilities within a week, besides sorting out all impediments in a time-bound manner.

The DC passed these directions during a meeting held at her office chamber to discuss various issues related to construction of the National Highway from Narbal to Baramulla and Baramulla to Uri.

During the meeting, a three-hour discussion was held on the subject wherein it was informed that the acquired state land has been handed over to BEACON authorities for construction work. It was also given out that the acquired property land for which the disbursement process has



already been completed be handed over to the concerned authorities for carrying out other process.

While reviewing the progress of the Srinagar - Baramulla - Uri National Highway project, the DC asserted that the project is of strategic importance and stressed for its timely completion.

On the occasion, Dr Sehriash directed the concerned executing agencies to expedite the work on the project and complete it within

the stipulated time frame.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad, Sub Divisional Magistrate Pattan Syed Faheem, Superintending Engineer R&B Reyaz Ahmad Parry, Superintending Engineer JKPDCL Mumtaz Ahmad, BEACON Authorities and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Shiv Sena (UBT) announces formation of State core Committee in J&K



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JAMMU, SEPT 01: In anticipation of the upcoming municipal and panchayat polls in Jammu

and Kashmir, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit today officially announced the formation of State Committee.

President J&K unit. The 9-member State Core Committee comprised of Meenakshi Chhibber, Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh, Balwant Singh, Vikas Bakshi, Raju Handa, Mamta Devi, and Sukhvinder Kaur.

Sahni explained that this decision was taken under the guidance of the party's National Secretary and Member of Parliament, Anil Desai. Additionally, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, and Sanjeev Kohli have been appointed as Coordinators for the upcoming 41st Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Holy Pilgrimage.

Security in place for G20 Summit CAPF NSG assisting in arrangements: Delhi Police

NEW DELHI, SEP 1: The Delhi Police is fully geared up for the G20 Summit and has put in place a comprehensive security arrangement focussing on various dimensions ranging from airport security to deployment at venues and anti-terror measures.

At a press conference here, Special Commissioner of Police (Protective) Security Division) Madhuv Kumar Tiwari said the Delhi Police is being assisted by some Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and the National Security Guard (NSG) in the arrangements.

"There are various dimensions to security – airport security, carcade management, event venues, anti-terror measures, maintenance of general alert. We have drawn up a comprehensive security plan focussing on these measures," he said.

Tiwari, however, asserted that these measures "have been taken keeping in mind that common people face minimum inconvenience.

As far as venue security arrange-

ments are concerned, a special commissioner of police-rank officers will serve as the commander with deputy commissioner of police-rank officers serving as zonal commanders, he said.

"They will be assisted by joint commissioner-rank officers and additional DCPs. DCP-rank officers will serve as camp commanders of hotels where the delegates will be staying. Special commissioner of police ranked officers will be having groups of hotels under their command," Tiwari added.

The senior police officer shared that arrangements have been made so that no infiltration, terrorist act or sabotage takes place during the summit.

Noting that the existing manpower of the Delhi Police would not have been sufficient for this, Tiwari said the force is being aided by the NSG for anti-terror measures and some CAPFs, who have assisted by providing vehicles and equipment. "For specialised measures, we

also have the Indian armed forces assisting us. The staff has been provided role-based micro-functional training and made aware of their duties. This has been done through carcade rehearsals, point-wise briefing. The rest of Delhi will be on high alert," he said.

More than half of Delhi Police will be deployed for the mega event, he added.

Asked if there will be any special uniform for those deployed for the summit, he said, "In order to ensure that there is a uniform look of all the jawans deployed for the summit, there will be a special civilian dress designed for them. We will also be having jawans from districts and police stations."

He, however, ruled out any specific input of threat.

On a question on foreign security agencies and their concerns, the official said, "The responsibility of maintaining or providing security during such events lies with the host country.

NMDC achieves record breaking performance in August 2023

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Hyderabad, 1 September: 2023: NMDC, a Navratna Miner under the Ministry of Steel produced 3.41 million tonnes and sold 3.54 million tonnes of iron ore in the month of August 2023. With these volumes, the company recorded its best ever August month production and sales with a growth of 38% and 25% over CPLY respectively.



These figures took NMDC's production tally to 16.56 million tonnes and sales total to 17.43

million tonnes in FY24 thus far.

The cumulative production climbed up by 23% and sales increased by 30% over CPLY.

"These are our best-ever August and cumulative results, a testament to our relentless pursuit of 50 Mnt production this fiscal," commented Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge).

Congratulating his team for this record

breaking performance, the CMD said, "NMDC plays a pivotal role in fostering self-reliance in the country by supplying high volumes and high-grade iron ore consistently.

This performance speaks of our aspirations to transform into a global, sustainable, technology-driven company with enhanced production capacity, committed to set new benchmarks in the industry."

People of panchayat Halqa Mangalnar upper held a strong protest against Tehsildar Manjakote

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MANJAKOTE: People of panchayat Halqa Mangalnar upper held a strong protest against Tehsildar Manjakote under chairmanship of Social activist Mustafa Kamal, many social and prominent personalities of village participated in protest, the speaker while speaking on occasion strongly criticized the rude and unacceptable behaviour of Tehsildar Manjakote with general public of the area, they alleged that the Tehsildar Manjakote is a high headed officer and instead of making out a way to solve the public problem threatening them to implicate



them in a criminal cases. The officer is misusing his official position and is not behaving like a public servant and has been completely failed to serve the public of border area's who are having high hopes from Dist

administration. The people of the area urged the ut administration to take strict action against the officer in order to avoid suffering of public of border area's. Those who spoke on the occasion includes, Naib

Sarpanch Tasdat Hussain, youth leader and social activist mohd Shafiq Khan, Mustafa Kamal, mohd dad, mohd Rashid, Mohd Sarwar, mohd Shabir, mohd Nazir, mohd tufail and many others.

ADDC kick starts Ayushman Bhava campaign at Kulgam

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 01: Ayushman Bhava campaign was today kick-started in district Kulgam by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather.

On day one, ADDC led a sanitation drive at District Hospital Kulgam. CMO, BMO, EO and sanitation workers from Municipalities participated in this sanitation drive along with other officials. Speaking on occasion,

Leads Sanitation drive at DH Kulgam

the ADDC said that Ayushman Bhava campaign has been launched to ensure saturation in coverage of healthcare schemes on mission mode, and is an umbrella of various health care initiatives.

He added that the campaign will continue for four months and during the campaign Ayushman Sabhas, Ayushman Melas, Screening camps and other programmes will be conducted across the district.

One nation one election: Himanta hails panel Oppn questions 'motive'

GUWAHATI, SEP 1: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday hailed the Centre for constituting a committee to explore the feasibility of 'one nation, one election', while the opposition parties questioned the 'hurried' way in which the panel was formed and termed it an attempt to "break the country's federal structure".

"Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a landmark decision by appointing the commission. I am glad that a person of the stature of Ram Nath Kovind ji has accepted the offer of the PM," Sarma told reporters on sidelines of a programme in Nagoon.

The central government has constituted a committee headed by former president Kovind to explore the feasibility of 'one nation, one election', opening the possibility of Lok Sabha polls being advanced so that they could be held with a string of state assembly contests.

This comes a day after the Centre decided to call a special session of Parliament between September 18 and 22, the agenda for which is

under wraps. Sarma maintained that multiple elections leads to more expenditure and development also suffers.

"Prime Minister Modi ji has correctly realised it and is advocating a system which will take India to a different level. Expenditure (election-related) will be reduced, development will take place throughout five years and our country will become 'vishwaguru' if we can proceed with it," he said.

The BJP leader termed the commission as a "gift to the nation by the PM in this Anruti Kaal" and hoped that according to the recommendations of the panel, the prime minister and Parliament will take "appropriate decision".

Congress leader Debabrata Saikia, questioning the intention of the government, said "there was no need to form it so hurriedly". "There seems to be some ulterior motive. A special session of Parliament has been called. If it (Bill for simultaneous elections) is introduced, it will definitely show that there is political motivation," he said.

The leader of the opposition in state Assembly added that the "BJP was using government machinery for furthering party agenda" and advocated any decision on such a major issue could be taken only after wide consultations and with the rules framed under the Constitution. Vice-president of Rajgor Dal Kasel Hussain alleged that the concept of 'one nation, one election' under current circumstances is an attempt to make the Hindi belt of north-central India as the deciding factor and break the federal structure of the country.

He expressed apprehension that once nationwide delimitation of constituencies is undertaken, the number of Lok Sabha seats in north and central parts, which forms the Hindi belt, will increase.

"As a result, issues of the Hindi belt will dominate the political discourse. But in reality, issues of one state are different from that of another. And it will lead to overshadowing of problems of regions and states with lesser representation," Hussain claimed.

BJP fails to address genuine issues of people from Jammu region: Rajesh

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JAMMU, SEPT 01: The Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chief Rajesh Gupta on Friday pledged to eradicate discrimination in the Jammu region. "BJP has failed to address the genuine issues of people from Jammu region in the absence of elected Government," the JWF leader claimed.



"The development inertia, crashing economy, inflation, soaring unemployment, resentment among farmers and border dwellers, etc. has made the situation in J&K from bad to worse.

The BJP-led central government, saying their "hollow policies" have resulted in increasing the sufferings of the people. He criticised the BJP

for hoodwinking public opinion by raking up residuary and emotive issues to divert attention from its failures on all fronts.

JWF leader asked the J&K government to re-analyze its decision to install smart meters. He said that the government should take senior departmental officials, elected public representatives, and heads of various social and political organizations on board to find an amicable way to meet aspirants of electricity consumers.

"Jammu has witnessed huge setbacks due to the revocation of Statehood but the BJP government

is suppressing political and civil rights," he continued. Gupta claimed that with each passing day, it's becoming clear that BJP leaders from the Jammu region have not been able to give proper feedback to the policymakers in New Delhi and claimed that J&K BJP has no say in Raj Bhawan.

"Disillusionment of people with BJP is growing as the governance is at the lowest ebb and development has taken nose dive in past over nine years," he said in a handout adding that BJP leaders seem to be unaware of ground realities.

JKRTC management condoles sad demise of General Manager's mother

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: The management of Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) condoled the sad demise

of mother of General Manager, JKRTC, Showkat Ahmed, who passed away after brief illness in his condolence message. Managing Director, JKRTC expressed his heartfelt

sympathies and solidarity with the bereaved family. The employees of JKRTC, General Managers, Unit officers, Chairman of Workers Union and other employees also expressed their

condolences on the demise of Showkat Ahmed's mother. The officers and employees prayed for peace for the departed soul and forbearance for the family to bear this irreparable loss.

Moon conquered ISRO all set for Sun mission with Aditya launch on Sep 2

SRIRAHARIKOTA (AP), SEP 1: Days after landing on the Moon, India will aim for the Sun on Saturday with its maiden solar expedition, as ISRO's trusted PSLV will carry the Aditya L1 mission on a 125-day voyage to the Sun.

The 23:10 hour countdown for the launch of Aditya L1 onboard PSLV C37 commenced here on Friday, ISRO said.

The Sun observatory mission will be fired from the second launch pad at this spacecraft at 11:50 am on Saturday, and comes close on the heels of India's successful moon expedition last month, Chandrayaan-3.

ISRO Chairman S Somanath said the Sun mission will take 125 days to reach the exact radius.

Aditya L1 is designed for providing remote observations of the solar corona and conduct in-situ observations of the solar wind at L1 (Sun-Earth Lagrangian point), which is about 1.5 million kilometres from the Earth.

According to ISRO, there are five Lagrangian points between the Sun and the Earth, and the L1

point in the Halo orbit would provide a greater advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occurrence of eclipse.

"This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities continuously," ISRO said.

On embarking on such a complex mission, the Bengaluru headquartered space agency said the Sun is the nearest star and therefore can be studied in much more detail as compared to the others.

By studying the Sun much more about could be learnt about stars in the Milky Way as well as in various other galaxies, ISRO said.

The Sun shows several eruptive phenomena and releases immense amounts of energy in the solar system.

If such explosive solar phenomena are directed towards the earth, it could cause various types of disturbances in the near-earth space environment.

important for taking corrective measures beforehand, ISRO added.

ISRO scientists have used 'XL', the more powerful variant of the polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) that would carry the spacecraft on Saturday along with the seven payloads. Similar PSLV-XL variants were used in the Chandrayaan-1 mission in 2008 and the Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) in 2013.

Of the total seven payloads, four onboard the spacecraft would directly view the Sun while the remaining three would undertake in-situ studies of particles and fields at the L1 point.

Initially, the Aditya-L1 spacecraft would be placed in a low earth orbit. It would be made more elliptical and later

the spacecraft will be launched towards the Lagrange point L1 by using on-board propulsion systems.

As the spacecraft travels towards L1, it will exit the Earth's gravitational Sphere of Influence. After exit, the cruise phase will start and subsequently, the spacecraft will be injected into a large halo orbit around L1. It would take nearly four months to reach the intended L1 point.

The Aditya-L1 payload are expected to provide the most crucial information to understand the problems of coronal heating, Coronal mass ejection (CME), pre-flare, and flare activities, and their characteristics, dynamics, and space weather.

NOTICE

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Div Com reviews implementation of Social Welfare Schemes in districts

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of welfare measures for under privileged, vulnerable, down trodden and weaker sections of society and process of extension of benefits of various Government schemes by the Social Welfare Department like old age pensions, scholarships etc.

The Div Com reviewed in detail about the pending pension cases under various schemes of the social welfare department like Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) and National Social Assistance



Program (NSAP). The concerned Deputy Commissioners apprised the Div Com about the total number of applications received and reasons of pendency. Div Com issued instructions to DCs and District Social Welfare Officers to hold special camps at village and Block Level to clear all pending cases in one week.

The Div Com also reviewed the status of different scholarship schemes and directed the DCs and Chief Education Officers to complete the verification process and ensure the HOs clear the pendency at the earliest. The Div Com also reviewed the arrangements for

celebration of Teachers' day in the districts. The Director School Education Jammu apprised the Div Com about the arrangements. It was informed that the main function would be held at Jammu from 3PM to 4:30 PM, while similar functions would be organized at district level. The Div Com stressed on organising different activities like competitions, cultural events to mark the celebrations. The Div Com also directed the DCs and CEOs to organise activities in the morning sessions so that Districts could be connected with the main function virtually at 3 PM.

The Div Com also directed DCs and CEOs to formulate a

plan to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti in the districts. The Meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director General Social Welfare Department Jammu, Vivek Sharma; Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Sharma; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; Chief Education Officer Jammu; District Social Welfare Officer Jammu, Mamta Rajput and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioners along with District Social Welfare Officers and Chief Education Officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Slogan Writing competition held at GDC Reasi to promote Nasha mukt Bharat Campaign



J1 NEWS SERVICE

REASI, SEPTEMBER 01: Department of Psychology, Government Degree College, Reasi, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Civil Secretariat, UT of J&K and NCORD committee organized a slogan writing competition, on the theme ill effects and consequences of drug abuse. The event held under the guidance of the College Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kour, aimed to create awareness about and communicate the detrimental effects and severe consequences of drug abuse. As many as 30 students from different departments of the college participated enthusiastically in the event and soon came up with a large number of original and interesting slogans presented creatively.

The top three Slogans were selected among the entries. Amit Sharma of Sem-Vth stood first, Sunil Kumar of Sem-V bagged second position and third position was bagged by Pallavi Sharma of Sem-V.

The event was organized by Dr. Prohobit Kour (Head) and Dr. Rajinder Kour (Asst. Prof) of the Department of Psychology GDC Reasi.

Principal of the college applauded the efforts of the students and said that such competitions can bring a radical change in society.

DC Srinagar appreciates contributions of retiree officer in public services

SRINAGAR ADMIN ACCORDS WARM SEND OFF TO SYED ALTAF AHMAD, SADR-E-MUHASIB ON HIS SUPERANNUATION

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 01: The District Administration Srinagar on Thursday organized an impressive function at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here to honour and bid warm send off to former Sadr-e-Muhasib, Syed Altaf Ahmad on the superannuation from the Government services.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad presided over the superannuation farewell function. Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria, Tehsildar South, Moean Azahar Kakroo,

Tehsildar Headquarter, Imtiaz Amin Naik, Accounts Officer of DC Office, Tariq Ahmad, besides other senior Officers and Official of District Administration were also present in the farewell function. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar lauded the contribu-

tion and commitment of the retiree Officer in public services. The Deputy Commissioner wished the Officer a happy, healthy and prosperous post retirement life and hoped that the experience and expertise of the Officer shall remain guiding the Revenue Departments in its better

functioning. Additional Deputy Commissioners, other Officers and Officials present on the occasion, also appreciated the retiring official for his dedicated service career in the Government services and congratulated him on superannuation.

Digital J&K Week celebrations in full swing across Ramban

DC inspires students, PRIs to promote benefits of online services

J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 01: Digital education is a basic skill for the people including children and elders for availing benefits of people oriented services and schemes without visiting the Government offices and other services providers, said Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam while addressing a gathering on 2nd day of Digital J&K Week 2023 at Ramban.

A series of activities under Digital J&K Week 2023 were also organized at Sub-divisional, Tehsil, Block and institution level which witnessed a huge public participation.

President MC Ramban, Sunita Sumbria, ADC, Harbans Lal Sharma, ARC, Giasul Haq, CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal, GM DIC, Ravinder Anand, ACD, Ashok Katoch, CEO, DSWO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, CAO, DSEO, LDM, Executive Engineers, DIO, NC, Bankers, PRIs and other officers attended the function.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner along with other senior officers inspected stalls setup by the different departments to sensitize the people about their online services besides providing handholding to them.

Inspiring the students to promote advantages of online services across the society, the Deputy Commissioner said that "Digital J&K week will showcase citizen-centric IT initiatives that have helped in bringing about greater transparency in governance and ease of living for citizens. Digi-Mela in the district will generate awareness about digital solutions and new technologies, he added.

The DC said that the objective of celebrating Digital J&K Week is to popularize and promote the e-Services made available by the Government for the general masses.

He said that more than 600 district, block and tehsil level online services are available to provide hassle free and corruption free services to the people.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that a 3-day mega awareness event is being organized at district headquarter Ramban and similar mega events will be organized in all subdivisions including Banihal, Ramsoo and Gool on September 4th, 5th and 6th respectively.

DDC Chairperson conducts extensive tour of Panchayat Gandala in Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 01: Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Lal Chand, today conducted an extensive tour of Panchayat Gandala and inspected the old and new buildings of G.H.S Gandala.

He was accompanied by Chief Education Officer, Geetu Bangotra, AD planning, Sarpanches of Gandala and Tirshi, Kuldeep Kumar and Pawan Kumar, along with other PRI members and locals.

The old school building was found to be in a dilapidated condition, Chairperson DDC directed the CEO to relocate middle and high school classes to the new building by Monday. The new structure boasts six classrooms, two CSC units and a 150 x 200 square feet playing area. The relocation is intended to improve the learning environment.

PRI members, Sarpanch, Naib Sarpanch and locals expressed gratitude to Chairperson for his visit and guidance.

Education Department officials were urged to prioritize rural education quality and encouraged PRI members to continue developmental efforts in the area.

Chairperson also inaugurated the construction of a drain on Jib-Thathi Road toward Katra, with PWD Udhampur overseeing the project. This initiative is expected to benefit thousands of residents and commuters in the region.

Ayushman Bhava Campaign

DDC Jammu calls for extra efforts, coordination for its success

DCS ASKED TO CLEAR ALL PENDING PENSION CASES IN ONE WEEK BY ORGANISING SPECIAL CAMPS

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 01: District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today chaired a meeting to discuss the preparations for the roll out of Ayushman Bhava campaign. This special initiative is dedicated to delivering a wide range of healthcare services to the public and is scheduled to run from September to December 31.

Among others, the objective of the campaign is distribution of Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards to eligible beneficiaries throughout its duration. To ensure efficient and widespread distribution, special events will be conducted across all developmental blocks within the district.

A key highlight of the campaign is the organisation of Ayushman Melas at Community Health Centres, where expert doctors, including psychiatrists, gynaecologists, nephrologists, paediatricians, ENT specialists and more, will provide health check-ups and specialised screening for different diseases. This will include thorough health screenings of children aged 0-18 to



facilitate early detection and timely treatment of diseases and disorders. During the meeting, the DDC directed the Assistant Commissioner Development to collaborate closely with the Chief Medical Officer to guarantee the successful execution of the campaign. He emphasised the importance of seamless coordination between Block Development Officers and Block Medical Officers to ensure the campaign's effectiveness. Furthermore, the role of Zonal Panchayat Officers and ASHA workers in the campaign was also

underscored by him. Recognising the significance of involving key stakeholders, the DDC asked for the involvement of District Development Chairpersons, Block Development Chairpersons, Sarpanches and other representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions to reach the masses effectively.

Prominent attendees at the meeting included Additional Deputy Commissioner (Law & Order), Harvinder Singh; Chief Medical Officer, Chief Planning Officer and Assistant Commissioner Development.

Digi Mela continues on day-2 at Kulgam

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 01: The digital week celebrations continued today here with a function held at the mini-secretariat, Kulgam.

On the occasion, PRI members, students and locals participated in the programme

and got acquainted with various online services available. They also visited the stalls set up by different departments to generate awareness regarding online services offered by them to the public and facilitate spot delivery of such services.

Experts and resource persons were seen imparting awareness among people about

the available online services at their respective stalls during the digi mela.

Theme based cultural programmes were also presented by students from schools and local artists during the function held at mini-secretariat which proved very helpful in spreading awareness on digital services.

DIGITAL WEEK 2023

ADBHUT Doda initiative realizing local aspirations digitally

J1 NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 01: To bring digital services closer to the public, and meet aspirations of the people, the district administration Doda launched district-level IT initiatives under the banner of ADBHUT Doda online services, last year.

As part of the broader Jammu and Kashmir UT government's Digital J&K Week 2023, a three-day celebration is going on at the Community Hall in Doda from August 31st to September 2nd, 2023. The goal is to raise awareness about the significance and benefits of digital services across various government



departments. The stall of ADBHUT Doda at the Digi-Mela 2023 has seen tremendous footfall of the people, especially youth for the past two days of three-day mela.

ADBHUT Doda initiative brought revolutionary and significant changes in the public

services delivery mechanism in the district. The ADBHUT Doda Attendance system ensured real-time watch on the presence of the government employee in his/her workplace, thus enhancing the punctuality and improvement in the service delivery.

Permanent 'DOST Centre' at DC office complex Doda under ADBHUT Doda is catering to the needs of people in understanding and taking benefits of the government online services. To create a viable environment for gainful employment opportunities and innovations, District Administration Doda, under the aegis of indigenous Adbhut Doda initiative, is providing a free workplace to promote young entrepreneurs and innovators, under the name DODA HUB.

DC online, under the ADBHUT Doda initiative, made the district administration more accessible and accountable. Innovation Challenge, E-

Library/ Study Material, Online Classes, Prabhari Officer for Schools, APKA TEHSILDAR APKEY GAON MAL, Youtthon 2023, Swachh Gaon Sundar Gaon, Tourism/ Cultural promotion activities and other like initiative under the umbrella of ADBHUT Doda have been thoroughly appreciated by the people of the district and from outside the district also. The objective of the ADBHUT Doda is to create an environment where every individual of the district feels empowered, could get his aspirations fulfilled and takes his responsibility in making District Doda really Adbhut and an example of inclusive development.

Digi-week mela takes off at Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 01: The three-day Digi-Week Mela commenced in Udhampur District, and on the second day today, Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai visited the venue to engage with the participants.

During her address to the participants, DC Saloni Rai shed light on various digital services introduced by the Government of India and the UT Administration, emphasizing their significance for the general public. She urged attendees to take full advantage of these digital services and expressed her satisfaction with the initiative to organize such a digital event, bringing essential services to the people's doorsteps. Saloni Rai underscored the importance of the 'Digital India' campaign, launched by the Indian government, which aims to promote technology usage and transparency in official operations. She reiterated the campaign's objective, which is to make government services easily accessible to all citizens through IT-enabled interfaces, expanding the digital infrastructure across the country.