



# Terrorist killed, Soldier, Cop injured in encounter at Reasi

Ops on; family members evacuated safely: Officials

A terrorist was killed while a soldier and a police man sustained injuries in an ongoing encounter that broke out in remote Upper Tuli village of Chassana of Reasis' Mahore subdivision on Monday, officials

Officials told news Officials told news agency, the terrorists, believed to be two in number, were hiding inside a house when they got trapped after which an encounter broke out.



"Security Forces received information that suspicious move-ment was noticed in a

Forces the official said. the official said.
Tulli, the most extreme
village of Reasi district, is
located close to villages
of Rajouri district and
the entire area of villages
of Rajouri and Reasi districts are considered as

tough in terms of topog-raphy, vegetation besides absence of roads in many hamlets.

After receiving information of suspicious movement, Army and Jammu and Kashmir police launched an operation. Entire village was cordoned off following

which forces cordoned a house where terrora house where terrorists were hiding," the officials said, adding that members of a family present inside house, which belongs to a police personnel, were

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## All the stakeholders are source of our strength and pride: Lt Governor

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today felicitated officers of Civil Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, Shri Amar-nathji Shrine Board and the service providers for the successful conduct of 62-day long Shri Amarnath 62-day long Shri Amarnath

Ji Yatra-2023. At a felicitation cere-At a felicitation cere-mony held at Raj Bhawan Auditorium, the Lt Gover-nor expressed gratitude to all the officers and the ser-vice providers for making the holy pilgrimage mem-orable for the devotees. "Shri Amarnath Ji yatra is the symbol of our ancient cultural-spiritual

heritage. Over the years Administration, Jammu

this annual pilgrimage has influenced the socio-eco-nomic life of Jammu Kashand Kashmir Police, Army Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, BRO, SDRF, Medical Staff, nomic life of Jammu Kash-mir. It is also a reflection of sanitation workers have the diversity, integrity and greatness of the eternal tradition of our cultural duty. Various stakehold-values," the Lt Governor said. The officials of Civil care professionals, social nomic life of Jammu Kasn-mir. It is also a reflection of the diversity, integrity and greatness of the eternal tradition of our cultural values," the Lt Governor

workforce and the media

workforce and the media fraternity had made com-mendable contributions in the smooth conduct of the Yatra, he said.

I am extremely grate-ful to Team Jammu Kash-mir and for the love and enthusiasm shown by all sections of society towards the devotees who came from all over the country and abroad. The success-ful conduct of Yatra signiful conduct of Yatra signi fies pursuit of excellence and extraordinary accom plishments by team J&K, the Lt Governor said.

the Lt Governor said.
"In today's felicitation,
we have honoured not
only a set of team leaders,
but also the entire community, group of service
providers, workers,
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#### DGP visits PTTI Vijaypur



JI NEWS SERVICE NAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

Police Headquarters in its endeavours has focused on establishing moot courts as a part

overview of court proceedings to its investiga tion officers that will help in identifying the lacu-nas during the course of vestigation This was

was stated by ral of Police J&K, Shri Dilbag CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

### **Emotive majoritarian interpretation** of constitution should not be made to justify Article 370 abrogation, SC told

There should not be an "emotive majoritar-ian interpretation" of the Indian Constitution by those supporting abro-gation of Article 370, as Jammu and Kashmir was neither completely linked to India nor asked to sign a merger agreement like other princely states, National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone told the Supreme Court on

Monday. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Lone,



told a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the DY Chandrachud that the sovereignty of India was never under challenge.

The constitution bench was hearing the pleas challenging the nullification of CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

provisions of Article 370 for the 15th day.
Sibal said Lone and other petitioners challenging the Centre's decision have always maintained that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.
"We cannot make this case into an emotive

case into an emotive majoritarian interpretation of the Constitution. If we look at history, Jammi and Kashmir is not co pletely linked to India. The erstwhile state had a sepaerstwhile state had a sepa-rate detailed Constitution, administrative and execu-tive structure. CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

#### Over 14000 events planned across UT during 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K' Week

JI NEWS SERVICE

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Monday in presence of Administra-tive Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioner and other officers kick-started the week long 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K' campaign here across all the districts of the UT. Outstation based officers participated officers participated through video conferenc-

ing.
Speaking on the occa-sion, Dr Mehta observed that UT of J&K has made remarkable progress in ensuring transparency



and accountability, and there is a need to insti-tutionalize it so that it becomes intrinsic to the

Dr. Mehta maintained that the initiatives taken during the recent past

have reinforced the trust have reinforced the trust of people in governance. He recalled that unlike the present system, there was earlier a system of giving contracts without going for tendering process or appointing people without going for due recruitment process.

process.
Implementation of measures like BEAMS, e-tendering, seeking of Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction have resulted in establish have resulted in establish-ing financial discipline which has resulted in phe-nomenal increase in the number of projects being completed, from merely CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

### Chairperson Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board calls on LG



Dr A K Jain, Chairperson, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoi Sinha and discussed the plans to bring CNG and piped natural gas to valley's households.

action plan to award the licenses to set up CNG stations and to connect homes. PNGRB is also envisaging a gas pipeline from Jammu to Srinagar.

The Lt Governor assured the PNGRB leadassed the plans to bring arship of due consideration of the issues and as to valley's households.

The Lt Governor was the clean environment

increased use of natural gas and to offer more fuel choices to the people of UT.

It was informed by

It was informed by PNGRB that Jammu area has already been largely covered by natural gas. Sh Gajendra Singh, Member, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board was also present.

#### Lt Governor chairs meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri noi Sinha chaired the 45th Board meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), today at Raj

Bhawan.
Hon'ble members of the Shrine Board - Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri K. N. Rai, Shri K.N. Shrivastava, Shri Pitambar Lal Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Raina, Prof Vish-wamurti Shastri and Smt wamurti Shastri and Smt Manju Garg attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions for augmentation of facilities



expressed gratitude to the board members for their continuous guidance and support to improve the facilities for pilgrims and

various ongoing and upcoming projects includ-ing creation of new infra-structure and mainter the devotees. structure and mainte- senior officers a The Lt Governor nance and restoration of ed the meeting

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Dengue cases are on the

the existing ones

The meeting also dis-cussed additional measures to further improve the overall spiritual expe-

tacutines for pigirms and successful conduct of the annual yatra.

The Board discussed upcoming projects including creation of new infrating creation of new infraCEO SASB and other

#### **Army Chief Manoj Pande** conducts visit to LoC to assess operational preparedness

JI NEWS SERVICE

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande con ducted a visit to forward areas on Monday to assess the operational prepared-ness on the Line of Con-trol (LoC) in the Kashmir valley.

valley.

Defence sources said that General Pande conducted a visit to assess the security situation in the areas on the LoC in the Kashmir valley. General Pande was

briefed by the on-ground commanders regarding operational readiness and the current security



condition on the LoC in

The COAS commended the effective control and operational preparedness along the LoC in the Kash mir valley.

### Machail Yatra witnesses exponential rise in footfall, popularity this year, breaks past records

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, SEPT 4

Reflecting rising reverce and esteem of the ence and esteem of the Temple shrine among the devotees, the Annual Shri Machail Mata Yatra 2023 has witnessed a record-breaking arrival of nearly 2 lakh pilgrims this year. The pilgrimage, rooted in decades-old tradition, has become a magnet for dev-orees seeking the blessings. otees seeking the blessings of Shree Chandi Mata with

every passing year. The annual Shree Mach-



enced a remarkable surge from around 58,000 arriv The annual Shree Machin attendance this year, als in 2022 to 1.94 Lakh Kapat/Door opening ail Mata Yatra has experiwith a staggering increase this year.

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be attributed to a myriad of factors, primarily the foolproof arrangements, augmentation of boarding facilities by the District Administration, coupled with the seamless execution of the events' schedule. The Yatra's newfound popularity and its remarkable growth in turnover underline the enduring spiritual significance it holds for countless devo be attributed to a myriad holds for countless devo tees, drawing them in ncreasing numbers. The

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mosquito-borne disease in the absence of any vaccine.

528 dengue cases reported in J&K this year so far

Dengue caused by viruses carried by infectrise in Jammu & Kashmir viruses carried by infect with 528 cases reported this year so far in the Union Territory.

The State Surveillance Officer, Dr Harjeet Rai told the news agency that this year, 528 cases of dengue have been reported in J&K.

He said dengue cases are projected to surge special to surge projected to surge special to take the surgery of the sur rise in Jammu & Kashmir

"preemptive" measures to bites which they said mosquito nets if sleeping to combat the painful choose to breed in stag- during the day and spray

int water accumulated by water-logging mainly during monsoon

"The best way to prevent dengue fever is to eliminate pockets of stag-nant water that serve as nant water that serve as mosquito breeding sites at home, at schools, workplaces and their vicinity, and to avoid mosquito bites," the doctors advised.

They said the mosquitoes that spread dengue are active during the day. "Cover as much of your body as possible and use mosquito nest if sleeping mosquito nest if sleeping

the nets with insect repel lents," they said.

The most common symptoms, as per doc-tors, are fever and head-

tors, are fever and head-ache, eye pain (typically behind the eyes), muscle, joint or bone pain, rash, nausea and vomiting. Anyone having stom-ach or belly pain, ten-derness, vomiting (at least 3 times in 24 hours), bleeding from the nose or gums, vomiting blood, or blood in the stool and feeling tired, restless, or feeling tired, restless, or irritable, must consult a doctor, the

# over Digital Literacy Camp at GDC Basohli

J&K stands at top in providing online services, a testimony of its resolve to make it free from corruption: Col Mahan Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, , SEPT 04: The Digital Week campaign continued on 5th day across district Kathua featuring informative Stalls, Awareness Camps, Digi Vans, Mega Rallies and live demonstrations of e-governance platforms aimed at enhancing digital literacy among the people. The mega event was held at GDC Basohli where Chairman DDC Kathua Col (Retd) Mahan Sinch informative

(Retd) Mahan Singh presided over the function which witnessed huge par-ticipation of people from all walks of life

Chairman DDC The Chairman DDC inspected various stalls of the departments including ICDS, Revenue, ITI, CSC, Bank, JJM, Animal Husbandry, Education, Horticulture, Treasury, Econd department, and got Food department and got detailed feedback from the officers and representatives about the progress of enrollment of beneficiaries.

Col (Retd) Mahan Singh also presided over an awareness camp in the GDC where a spree of



informative sessions by dif-ferent departments which was aimed to sensitize the audience about the ambit of public oriented government services being offered through online for the convenience of the public.

Addressing the partici-pants especially students, the Chairman DDC asked

schemes adding that the students are the responsible

citizens of tomori He also asked the stu-dents to become ambassadors and spread digital awareness among the peo-

Col( Retd) Mahan Singh Col( Retd) Mahan Singh said that ever since public services through Digital mode have been started by the government the trend of corruption in govern-ment offices has significant-

ly declined. "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K campaign is part of the robust resolve of the present dispensation which has taken a number of steps to bring transparency and accountability in gover-nance in Jammu and Kashmir especially after the abrogation of article 370 has into effect, added Chairman DDC.

The DDC appealed to the people to take maximum benefit of the ongoing

Digital Week.

President MC Basohli
Sumesh Spolia urged the
people to avail benefits of online services of different sectors to avoid frequent visits to the Government visits to the Government offices and other services providers besides high-lighting the importance of Digital Week campaign.
Earlier school students expressed their views on means and ways to root out the corrupt practices from society.

society.

ADC Basohli Ajeet
Singh,PRI members Singh,PRI members besides, officers from line departments attended the

### Digital Week: Chairman DDC Kathua presides Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week: Bandipora remains abuzz with Diverse Activities

Awareness/ Grievance/ Complaint redressal camps organised by various departments



JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, , SEPT 04: The District Bandipora Monday witnessed a num-ber of activities as it observed the commencement of "Brashtachar Mukt J&K Week" (Corruption-Free J&K

Week).

The week-long initiative, organized by District Administration Bandipora in collaboration with various departments, is dedicated to raising awareness about the detrimental impact of corruption and promoting transparent governance.

ent governance.

The "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K
Week" was inaugurated by Deputy
Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr

Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday and is slat-ed to conclude, after a series of week-long activities, on September 10.

Throughout the weeklong period, the district Bandipora shall witness a series of activities aimed at sensitiz-ing the people about the importance of eradicating corruption.

Various departments, including the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Revenue,

RDD, PDD, Agriculture and its allied sectors are contributing in the programme and shall organize workshops aimed at educating citizens, government employees and students about the damaging effects of corruption

On the first day of the week, sever-On the first day of the week, sever-al events by different departments were held, including awareness workshops by the revenue depart-ment in every block of the district. These workshops will provide valu-able insights into reporting corrupt practices and will encourage a culture of integrity and a corruption free atmosphere.

atmosphere.
As part of the ongoing Digital Literacy week celebration and Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K, a meeting under the Chairmanship of ACR Bandipora was held at New Dak Bunglow Dawar.

On the occasion Tehsildar Gurez On the occasion, Tensildar Gurez informed that the 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week' will feature a series of awareness programs, workshops and interactive sessions to educate govrnment officials and citizens about

ernment officials and citizens about the detrimental effects of corruption and ways to combat it. Meanwhile, ACR Bandipora Shabir Ahmad presided over the pledge cer-emony wherein Sectoral Officers from Sub Division Gurez participated to take oath for corruption free practices and make sure of an effective and efficient public services delivery

Public awareness campaigns v also launched across Bandipora, utialso launched across Bandipora, uti-lizing both traditional and digital media. Billboards, posters, and social media platforms are set to he utilized in order to disseminate messages that emphasize the need for a corruption-free society.

To engage the youth during the

weeklong program to fight against corruption, interactive sessions and debates have been scheduled in educational institutions

..... mutative is designed to inspire young minds to become ambassadors of change This initiative is designed to inspire

of change.

During the inaugural ceremony of the week, integrity pledges were administered to the citizens. These pledges symbolize a commitment to uphold ethical values and resist corrupt practices. The DC said that a cor-ruption-free society is our collective responsibility, and Bandipora has set

## Delegation from Bani meets SDM Bani to promote communal harmony

BANI, SEPT 04: A delegation comprising members from the Hindu and Muslim communities in Bani, and Muslim communities in Bani, under the leadership of SDM Bani, convened to address recent tensions and maintain the longstanding tra-dition of communal harmony in Tehsil Bani, District Bani.

Tehsil Bani has been renowned for its brotherhood and communal harmony for many years. However, in recent days, a conflict arose between members of the Hindu and

between members of the Hindu and Muslim communities. The issue stemmed from an inci-dent where a student was reported-ly reprimanded by a Muslim teacher for writing 'Jai Sri Ram' on the

This incident led to disturbances among students and the public, resulting in clashes between the two communities and causing distress among the school-going children. Recognizing the need to quell these tensions and restore harmony, rep-resentatives from both the Hindu of the delegation earnestly request-



and Muslim communities met with SDM Bani, Satish Sharma, to address the issue. The delegation included Maulana of Majid Mod, included Maulana of Majid Mod, Altaf; Dr. Rameshwar Singh; Sarpanch Lowhanf Tohid Malik; Sarpanch Panchyat Gatti, Sushil Kumar; Member Sillo Ram; Retired Headmaster Thakar Dass; Retired Range Officer Ajab Singh; Nawib Sarpanch Panch Bani, Jaswant Sarpanch Panch Bani, Jaswant Singh; and Retired Teacher Laquit

ed and provided valuable sugges-tions to resolve the issue. SDM Bani, Satish Sharma expressed his deep concern about the matter and assured everyone present that all necessary steps would be taken to address the situation and restore communal harmo-ny in the region. He also called upon the public to support and cooperate their assistance is required to maintain peace and harmony within th

## DC administers Pledge as "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K" campaign kick-starts across B'la

Wiping out Corruption prerequisite for Accountable, Effective Governance: Dr Sehrish

BARAMULLA, , SEPT 04: nate corruption and promote transparent gover-nance, a 'Bharshtachar

mote transparent gover-nance, a "Bharshtachar Mukt J&K' campaign was today kick-started across all the sub divisions of Baramulla district. To discuss the action plan with regard to the campaign, the Deputy Commissioner (DCC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Assar convened a meeting Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar convened a meeting of all concerned officers at Dak Bunglow here to dis-cuss various strategies for its observance in Government offices. During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on the subject wherein special focus was laid on



Speaking on the occasion, the DC exhorted upon all the concerned officers to its observance in Government offices.
During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on the subject wherein special focus was laid on the concerned departments to a seamless manner.

The DC also impressed upon the Education department to conduct special seminars, quiz contests, and debates in the schools to raise awareness about ethical and corruption-free practices. Similarly, the Youth Services and Sports department was entrusted department was entrusted with organizing

with organizing a marathon to promote a cor-ruption-free environment. Moreover, Dr Sehrish instructed all departments to conduct social audits within their offices to enhance transparency in

their operations. She also mandated all the depart--- submit daily mandated all the depart-ments to submit daily reports detailing the num-ber of grievances addressed to ensure real time accountability and transparency. Earlier, the DC kick-start

ed the Bhrashtachar Muk I&K week from DC Office Baramulla by administer Baramulla by administer-ing a pledge to government officers and officials emphasizing on the eradi-cation of corruption and the promotion of transparent and accountable gover-

## Kavinder urges nationwide participation in 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign to Honor Martyrs



JI NEWS SERVICE

SEPT 04: Kavinder Gupta, senior Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, empha-sized the obligation of every citizen to pay homage to the supreme sacri-fice of martyrs. He asserted that the most fitting tribute to these heroes is

tribute to these heroes is active participation in the nationwide campaign 'Meri Maati Mera Desh.'
During his visit to the residence of Parveen Kumar DySP, who attained martyrdom dur-

the 2001 Amarnath ing the 2001 Amarnath Yatra, Gupta reiterated the importance of this patriotic initiative. As part of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' pro-

gram, designed to honor gram, designed to honor the martyrs of the world's largest democracy who laid down their lives in defense of the nation, the senior BJP leader, along with others, visited the martyr's residence. They martyr's residence. They collected soil from the premises, which will be sent to the National

Capital.
In his address, Kavinder

the great martyr Parveen Kumar DySP and pay our heartfelt tributes to him for sacrificing his life for the cause of the nation and its people." He high-lighted that under the leadership of Prime leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this campaign involves collecting soil from the homes, surroundings, statues, and memorials of martyrs at various locations across the nation, including Jammu & tions across the nation, including Jammu & Kashmir. This soil will contribute to the creation of 'Amrit Vatika' in front of Rashtrapati Bhawan on Kartavya Path' (formerly

known as Rajpath). Gupta emphasized that these initiatives, conducted under the slogan "Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan," aim to celebrate 77 years of Indian Independence. He noted that Kalash Yatras, trans-porting soil in 7500 urns, including those collected from Jammu and Kashmir, will ultimately reach the nation's capital Delhi, to merge with the soil at 'Amrit Vatika.'

He urged the people of the nation to join the campaign and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifices made by the Military, Para, Police, and other forces in the service of the nation and its people.

Prominent individuals accompanying Kavinder Gupta included Vinay Gupta, Rekha Mahajan, Ajay Gupta (Corporator), Pushpinder Singh, Parmod Chib. Khurana, and Nayan

## Udhampur: DC reviews performance of Banks at DLRC & DCC meeting

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 4: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, today chaired the meeting of the District Level Review

Committee/DCC here in her office The meeting was convened to evaluate the performance of the banks uate the performance of the banks concerning deposits and advances for the quarter ending June 2023, in alignment with the Annual Credit Plan for 2023-24. During the meeting, in-depth discussions took place on pivotal aspects, including bank and sector-wise accomplishments in lending to both the Priority and Non-Priority Sectors under the Annual Priority Sectors under the Annual

Credit Plan. Additionally, the meeting delved into the bank-specific positions regarding deposits and advances as of June 30, 2023, as well as the per-formance of banks in crucial areas

financial support to Joint Liability Farming Groups of Bhoomi Heen Kissan, the Financial Inclusion Plan (FIP) for the district, the seeding of (FIP) for the district, the seeding of Aadhar for EBIT/DBT purposes, the progress and establishment of a new campus for the Rural Self Employment Training Institute, the implementation of the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), the progress in opening new bank branches, and more.

During her address, Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai urged officers to oreanize financial literacy

cers to organize financial awareness camps in collaboration

such as Deposits, Advances, and Priority Sector Advances.

The meeting also assessed credit disbursements under Government Sponsored Schemes (GSS), the Secial Credit Facility for Street Vendors (PM- SVANIDHI), financial support to Joint Liability a financial support to Joint Liability and provided in the provided interest the provided in the provided in the provided in the provid

Furthermore, she bankers to engage with stakeholders to expedite the delivery of banking benefits to the disadvantaged secbeneitis to the disadvantaged sec-tions of society, thereby contributing to the upliftment of their socio-eco-nomic status. Deputy Commissioner Rai stressed the importance of increasing the Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio through a focus on potential areas and emphasized the necessity for improved seculiarities between for improved coordination between banks and government departments to enhance this ratio.

### Inter Zonal District Level U/19 Girls tournament commences in Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, , SEPT 04: KISHTWAR, , SEPT 04: The fervor of sportsman-ship and youthful talent was on full display today as the Inter Zonal District Level multidiscipline sports tournament for U/19 Girls commenced here on the historical

Chowgan Grounds.

The tournament has been organized by the Youth Services & Sports Department Kishtwar, under the Supervision of District Youth Services &

encouraged the players to give their best and com-pete in a well-disciplined spirit. He asked them to focus

on teamwork and follow District Youth Services & Sports Officers

Sharma.

The District Youth Services & Sports Officers

Services & Sports Officers

The participating teams have been selected after

intense competition at the Inter School Zonal Level Tournament held across all zones of the Kishtwar

The 2nd day witnessed a massive congregation of sports enthusiasts, players, and sports officials, all excited to witness the

#### Construction of Sawalkote HEP

### DC Ramban discusses key issues with stakeholders

RAMBAN, , SEPT 04: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussara Islam today chaired a meeting to dis-cuss the key issues related to the con-struction of 1856 MW Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project on the River

The meeting witnessed the partici-The meeting witnessed the participation of Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), Divisional Forest Officers (DFO) from Forest Divisions Ramban and Batote, and Senior Manager, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

During the meeting, Senior Manager NHPC provided a comprehensive update on the project's progress, highlighting the clearances that the NHPC has already secured.

that the NHPC has already secured.
These clearances encompass the
Techno Economic Appraisal by the
Central Electricity Authority (CEA)
and the requisite Forest Rights Act
certificates. It was emphasized that
these approvals were obtained follawing due procedures; including the lowing due procedures, including the approval from the Gram Sabha of 30 villages located in Districts of Ramban, Reasi, and Udhampur.



NHPC, shed light on the outstanding clearances that are yet to be obtained by the NHPC.

(Revenue) Ramban, who is also Collector, Land Acquisition Sawalkote HEP, drew the attention towards the pending land acquisition

cases. He stressed upon the importance of settling these cases so that fair compensation is provided to the affected populations. He proposed conducting a survey to assess the actual quantum of land to be acquired vis-à-vis land acquisition cases for the said project. project. Officers

Officers representing Forest Division Ramban and Batote briefed Additionally, the Senior Manager, the meeting and stated that total for-

est land to be diverted for the Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project in District Ramban amounts to 617.68 ha. Furthermore, they mentioned that the Compensatory Afforestation Plan has already been submitted to the

has already been submitted to the higher authorities for approval.

Following extensive deliberations, the Deputy Commissioner issues several directives including laying of emphasis on the necessity to consolidate all land acquisition cases. Additionally, recognizing that some areas housing defense establishments would be affected by the proposed project, it was mandated to identify new land sites. This step is essential w land sites. This step is essential to ensure that the security component for District Ramban remains uncom-

## Prof. Gharu, Anuradha listens to public grievances at BJP



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMII SEPT 04: Former MLA JAMMU, SEPI 04: FOrmer MLA Prof. Gharu Ram and J&K BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar,

ually as well in the form of deputa-tions, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues raised contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective

sented issues related to the repair of lanes & drains, repair of street-lights, revenue record issue, issues related to the CAPD, installation of electric poles and others issues of public interest.

BJP leaders listened to all the

individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the oth-ers. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues. Prof. Gharu Ram speaking on the

occasion said that the public Darbar at the party office on daily basis provides a platform to the public for direct interaction with the BJP leaders and it is receiving massive response.

Anuradha Charak insisted on the

leaders to solve the issues faced by

## 3-Day Historic Sankri Devta Mela arrangements discussed at Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEM-ER 4: In anticipation to the upcoming 3-day his-toric Sankri Devta Mela scheduled to commence on September 15, 2023 at vil-lage Meer in Block lage Meer in Block Panchari, a meeting of dis-trict officials from different departments was convened today to discuss the arrangements for the his-torical event.

The meeting, chaired by

Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, took place in the Conference Hall, DC Office Extensive deliberations

sanitation. healthcare. traffic manage transport, traffic manage-ment, drinking water, power supply, and the monitoring of essential commodity prices. The DC emphasized the importance of seamless col-laboration among all dis-tict officer to freeling sea-

trict officers to finalize necessary arrangements well in advance of the com-mencement of the Mela. mencement of the Mela. She urged local mela com-mittee members to actively participate in ensuring the event's grand success, rec-ognizing the significance of public involvement in bol-stering, tourism and the stering tourism and the

local economy. Key directives included ensuring a steady supply of drinking water by the Executive Engineer PHE Executive Engineer PHE and uninterrupted power supply by the Executive Engineer PDD during the mela. The Executive Engineer PMGSY was tasked with road maintenance and pothole repairs. In terms of healthcare provision, the Chief

provision, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to deploy a team of doc-tors and an ambulance at tors and an ambulance at the mela site to offer first aid facilities. The Information Department was assigned the responsi-bility of providing a Public Address System (PAS) for comprehensive event cov-erage. The District Youth Services and Sports Officer was instructed to organize various sports and activi-

ties throughout the mela.

To guarantee security, the District Police will deploy an adequate number of personnel during the event, and the ARTO will provide a sufficient fleet of buses from various locations. Additionally various leads to the productionally various locations and the production of t tions. Additionally, various departmental stalls will be set up to raise awarer about governm about government schemes. Tehsidate Panchari has been appointed as the Mela Officer, and the Legal Metrology Department will oversee the inspection of rates and the quality of consumables

vant departments The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy ed by Additional Deputy
Commissioner Joginder
Singh Jasrotia, DDC
Councillor Panchari Jasvir
Singh, BDC Chairman
Jeevan Sharma, Additional
PP Anwar-Ul-Haq,
Assistant Commissioner

in coordination with rele-

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, and other district officers from various depart-ments.

## Inter-Zonal/ Inter-School Hockey, Football & Handball Competition kicks-off at Baramulla

Baramulla district is buzzing with excitement as the Inter-Zonal/ Interexcitement as the Inter-Zonal) School Hockey, Handball, and Football Competition for boys under 14 & 17, as well as girls' football under 14 & 17, began today at two prestigious venues.

The Girls' Football event is taking

agh, while the Boys' Football, lockey, and Handball competitions re hosted at the Showkat Ali tadium Khawaja Bagh. The grand inauguration of this

sports extravaganza was graced by Senior Zonal Physical Education Officer, Ichpal Singh, who was joined by other Zonal Physical Education Officers from the depart-

This sporting trio competition has

drawn enthusiastic participation from all 18 educational zones within

the district.

This sporting expertly o the district.

This sporting spectacle has been expertly organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, District Baramulla, and promises thrilling matches and display of exceptional talent. The event commenced on September 4th, 2023, and is set to conclude on September

### BJP BDC Chairman, Over dozen Sarpanchs, 100 Panchs joined Congress in R.S. Pura

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMII SEPT 04: JKPCC that winds of change are that winds of change are blowing in Jammu and Kashmir as there is large scale resentment against the BJP in Jammu region too, owing to the failures, arrogance of power and unfulfilled promises by the BJP with the people, especially wouth

Addressing a large gathering alongwith working president Raman Bhalla and other senior party leaders here today to wel-come a number of BJP leaders, including over the dozen Sarpanchs & 100 Panchs Ied by BDC Chairman Daleep Kumar into the party, Shri Wani said that more and more people from different parties including BJP strengthens our claim that people want change and look towards congress as a secular democratic alternative at the Centre and in J&K.

A large number of leaders, including over the

A large number of prominent BJP leaders, Sarpanchs & Panchs along with their support-ers joined the congress party amidst host of sen-ior cong leaders including Shri Ravinder Sharma, see their defeat imminent, especially after coming

Yogesh Sawhney, Hari Singh Chib, TS Bajwa, Pawan Raina, Shashi Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T S Tony, Rajinder Singh Nathu, Bhushan Dogra, Amrit Bali, Gurdarshan Singh, Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa, Ch. Hussain Ali Walla, Bhupinder Singh Jamwal, Charanjit Bhagat, Mohan Choudhary, Aijab Motton , Sham Lal Mehra, Gurmit Singh, Jatin K Raina, Sarban Choudhary, Sham Bhagat, Pawan Kumar, Jatinder Bhagat, Michael Wazir, B.S. Wazir & others in an impressive gathering organized by Daleep Kumar coordinat-ed by Rajinder Singh

Welcoming the new entrants, Shri Vikar Rasool Wani took a dig at RASOOI WAIT TOOK A dig at BJP by stating that the coming events cast their shadows before. There is unrest amongst the cadres of BJP now as they especially after coming together of all major oppo-sition parties under INDIA alliance.

He said that BJP led NDA had secured 37%

percent votes while par-ties under the INDIA alliance collectively secured around 63% votes in 2019 elections, which indicate the coming results in the next elec-

He said that the resent-

ment against BJP is writ ment against BJP is writ large amongst people and its graph has gone down to a great extent, at pres-ent, in view of the jumla's and unfulfilled promises, large scale loot of the resources to the near and dear ones at the cost of common tax payers while the common people are burdened with large number of taxes leading to unprecedented price escalation. The people

cries for concession are not being heard by the arrogant Govt. and BJP even on small issues like removing of toll tax at Sarore and smart meters upon which the entire Jammu observed complete Bandh and messive plete Bandh and massive

protests.

Wani said that arrogance of power in the BJP is because of the reason that it believes that it will polarize the situation in the name of religion during elections and manage ing elections and manage power but now the people have realized that instead of delivering on the promises of two crore jobs annually bringing black money controlling price rise and reducing taxes, BJP is harping on divisions and polariza-tions for winning elections. People will throw BJP out of power both at Centre and in J&K as and when elections are held.

## Chugh applauds Khellani Tunnel upgradation for regional development

JAMMU, SEPT 04: BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh, extended a warm welcome to the decision of the Modi government to upgrade the Khellani tunnel, recog-National General nizing its potential to bring about new dimensions of development and progress development and progress to the region. This initia-tive is set to open doors to a brighter future for the local population, creating employment opportunities and bolstering the tourism sector.



Roads & Highways, Nitin Gadkari, for their announcement regarding Khellani tunnel's local population, creating the Khellani tunnel's employment opportunities and bolstering the tourism sector.

Chugh expressed heart-felt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Khanabal route, poised to serve as an alternative highway to Batote-Kishtwar. Notably, this upgrade is expected to significantly reduce the dis tance between Doda and Kishtwar by approximate-ly 30 kilometers, greatly enhancing connectivity and accessibility. Covering a total span of 2.419 kilometers under package 3, the estimated project cost exceeds Rs 431 crore exceeds Rs 431 crore. Remarkably, the ambi-tious endeavor is set to be completed within the cur-rent year, reflecting the government's commitment to expedite transformative infrastructure projects.

Chugh took the oppor-tunity to express his deep appreciation to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, emphasizing that "Post that abrogation of Article 370, the entire J&K has wit the entire J&K has wit-nessed a dawn of peace, prosperity, and develop-ment." He further under-scored the unwavering commitment of the BJPled government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to usher in remark able changes in J&K. The government is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to uplift the local brighter future for the

#### Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations

## **Dharmarth Trust to organise Grand Rath Yatra on Sep 6**



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: The J&K Dharmarth Trust, in collaboration with the Sanatan Dharm Sabha and Dharmik Youvak and Dharmik Youvak Mandal, is going to organ-ize a grand Rath Yatra on September 6, 2023, to commemorate the auspi-cious occasion of Shri Krishna Janamashtami.

together to pay homage to

Addressing media per sons at Trust's Central Office in Jammu, Brig R.S Langeh (Retd), President of J&K Dharmarth Trust informed that this much-awaited event will witness devotees and enthusiasts beautifully adorned chari-ot carrying the idols of Shri Krishna and Radha will be towed through the streets of Temple City. The procession will be accompanied by enthusifrom all corners of Jammu region coming

Lord Krishna, the eighth incarnation Lord Vishnu, on His birth

anniversary.

The Rath Yatra will provide a platform for spiritual enlightenment and cultural enrichment while fostering the spirit of unity among the devo-

He said that the Shri Krishna Janamashtami celebrations will commence with a captivating Rathyatra, a religious procession wherein the beautifully adorned chari-

astic participants, both young and old, si devotional songs and old, singing chants, spreading the message of love, compas-sion, and harmony.

President

Trust's informed that Trustees will preside over the Shobha Murti Poojan ceremony, scheduled to take place at 3:30 PM on September 6, 2023 at the ancient Shri Raghunathji Temple, Following this, at 4:00 PM, the Rath Poojan and Dhwajarohan ceremony will commence, with di will commence, with dis-tinguished Trustees M.A Ajatshatru Singh and Ranvijay Singh presiding. The Rath Yatra will be flagged off after these auspicious rituals.
Brig Langeh requested the people of the Jammu region to join the celebrations in large numbers and make it a grand suc-cess. He emphasized the significance of these auspicious occasions, which picious occasions, which provide an opportunity for individuals to connect with their rich culture and roots. He also expressed gratitude to the District Administration Jammu and Police Department for providing necessary support for the successful conduct of Rath Yatra. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of the Trust, informed that the Shobha Yatra will follow the traditional route, start-ing from the historical Shr Raghunathji Temple. The procession will pass through various markets including Residency Road, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Bazaar, Chowk utra, Panjtirthi, Chabutra, Panjtirthi Mubarak Mandi, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazaar, Raj Tilak Road, Old Hospital Road, and Raghunath Bazaar, before finally culminating at Shri Raghu Nath Ji Temple.

## Chandrayaan sparked global aspirations in Indian students: Dr Jitendra

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 has sparked global aspirations in Indian students. Dr Jitendra Singh said, this is all the more evident

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Minister Narendra Modi in

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Dr Jitendra Singh said,
StartUps are centres of
novel innovations and

them being led by science students, researchers and entrepreneurs

Dr Iitendra Singh was Dr Jitendra Singh was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Sci-ence 20 (S20) Conference under the aegis of G20 on the topic "Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Develop-ment" at Amity University ment", at Amity University

June 2020, the number of essential for the growth of

form India to even stronger economic power and contribute towards adding 1 trillion USD to our GDP

1 trillion USD to our GDP each year. "They generate jobs leading to a stronger and healthier economy. Start-ups encourage a pragmatic approach at the academic establishments, further establishments further leading to large scale employment generation. It motivates students or researchers to put their address and rolled out

Space StartUps sky-rock- the nation and driven by ideas into practice by coleted from merely 04 to the ideas of the Prime Min- laborating with the start- in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory. Indicate the private sector and institutions space and in 2016, there has been a past years moving up the tional capital in infrastructory. Indicate the private sector and institutions programme and adder from 81st position to ture," he said. Dr Jitendra has left a clear message students, researchers and in India will help trans- of economic expansion.

"The Government of the world's fifth-largest scientifically advanced." India now stands 3rd in Similarly, he added that in the Bio-tech sector, from terms of Startup ecosystem with almost 110 Unicorns," with almost 110 Unicorns," he said, encouraging the universities to promote students' tie-ups with the temerging StartUps.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that there were just around 350 StartUps before 2014, but after PM Modi gave the clarion call from the

the Bio-tech sector, from 50 odd Strat-ups in 2014, we now have 6,000 Bio-tech StartUps. Dr Jitendra Singh said, "It is the hard work and determination of scientists, researchers and scholars that India is now ranked amongst ton 3 nations in amongst top 3 nations in terms of publications and ramparts of the Red Fort in his Independence Day 9th in terms of Patents. India's Global Innovation index has also seen signifi-

India has focussed on Public-Private Partner ship (PPP) in research and ship (PPP) in research and innovation to realise the global endeavours of India making the country Aat-manirbhar through Make in India and Make for the World philosophy. The Government is actively vorking towards depend. working towards deepen ing the reach of public-private partnerships to create timebound world-class infrastructure and attract

the world's fifth-largest economy and is counted among the top countries globally in the field of scientific research and even positioning itself among the top five nations in the field of space exploration. "India has recently created history by becoming the first country to land on the south polar region of

nations in the field of Space Science and Technology, he said.

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#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### Terrorist killed, Soldier...

safely evacuated after which the house was cordoned from all sides and forces resorted to speculative as well as challenge fire.

"However, there was no response from inside the house," the officials said. 'In evening hours when forces were further tightening the cordon, terrorists hiding inside the house fired at them which retailated effectively and a mighty bedoor." Source further informed. ly and a gunfight broke out." Sources further informed that during the gunfight, one terrorist was neutralised

The official sources also said that an encounter is still going on with one or maybe two terrorists suspected to be hiding inside the house and an exchange of fire

to be hiding inside ithe house and an exchange of fire is going on.

"In the fire fighting, one police personnel and one army personnel have received injuries but both are stable and out of danger," he said. Additional DG of police in Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said that an encounter is going on. He confirmed that one terrorist has been eliminated so far.

Jammu based defence spokesperson Lt Col Suneel Bartwal also confirmed the killing of one terrorist and injuries to an army soldier; and a police personnel He

injuries to an army soldier and a police personnel. He also said that operation is going on. KNO

#### All the stakeholders are...

who effectively handled every challenge. They are source of our strength and pride," the Lt Governor

added. He said the selfless volunteers from across the country with soaring idealism, rooted in the age-old concept of Seva, were our silent workforce, who ensured the needs of devotees are taken care of.
"The collective and coordinated efforts for successful conduct of Yatra are also the reflection of Aspirational I&K "the Lf Governor said.

J&K," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also expressed gratitude towards
the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and
Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah ji for the continuous support and guidance for the successful conduct of the Yatra.

This was the longest ever pilgrimage of Shri Amar nath ji in which 4.45 lakh devotees performed Puja and darshan at the holy cave. It is also the highest number

darshan at the holy cave. It is also the highest number in the last 10 years.

Team Jammu Kashmir is the driving force of the unprecedented growth. I am witnessing a new work culture, devoted, disciplined and determined. It motivates us to aim higher and work hard to realize the aspirations of the society, the LI Governor said.

The LI Governor suggested for identifying the officers from all the line denartments who are willing to serve

from all the line departments who are willing to serve the devotees of Shri Amarnathji Yatra and that their deployment on the Yatra duty can be ensured. 4.5 lakh devotees will be the ambassadors of Jammu

4.5 lakh devotees will be the ambassadors of Jammu Kashmir who will carry the saga of transformation, tales of peace and prosperity of Jammu Kashmir to their respective states and UTs. It will encourage more tourists to visit Jammu Kashmir and give a fresh impetus to the tourism sector, the LI Governor said. It was informed that impeccable arrangements were put in place by various agencies and Government organisations on both the Yarta Tracks. Yatris were facilitated with E-KYC, RFID and prepaid system for availing the services easily.

More than 50 medical facilities, 440 clinical beds and 26 oxygen booths were created along the yatra route

26 oxygen booths were created along the yatra route and health of devotees was given the top priority. Opti-cal fiber cables were laid on both routes by Telecom

cal fiber cables were laid on both roufes by Telecom providers along with many other facilities. Yatri feedback through Rapid Assessment System (RAS) was put in place and daily real time feedback from pilgrims on both the axis was collected. 95% pilgrims had rated the services as 'Good'. Sh Rajeev Rail Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Sh Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department; Sh Dilbag Singh, DGP; Sh RR Swain, DC ID; Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC, IS Corps; Sh P. Mittal Air Commodore; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and CEO SABS, senior officers of Civil, Police Administration, J&K, CAPFs, Army and Shrine Board attended the Felicitation ceremony.

Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj and other mem bers of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board were also present

#### DCP visits PTTI

Singh after inaugurating the newly established Moot Court for the trainees/Personnel during his visit to e Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur

Police Technical Training Institute (PT11) vijaypur today.
Under the national campaign Meri Matti Meera Desh, the DGP also launched the Amrit Kalash Yatra and plantation drive.
The DGP was received by Principal PTTI Vijaypur Shri

Shiv Kumar Sharma and other senior officers from the Police & Prosecution wing and was presented a Guard

Honour.

Soon after his arrival the DGP J&K kick started the mrit Kalash Yatra and plantation drive under the onThe intervenors had told the apex court on Septem-

the clarion call from the

going national campaign Meri Matti Meera Desh. On the occasion the DGP along with other senior officers planted saplings in the training institute.

The DGP then inaugurated newly established Moot Court for the trainees as well as for the Police personnel. On the occasion, the faculty of PTTI demonstrated a live trial of NDPS case in the Moot Court. Speaking on the occasion the DGP commended the efforts of PTTI Vijavnur and expressed hone that the

efforts of PTTI Vijaypur and expressed hope that the moot court mock trials would surely help trainees, Police personnel to comprehend the court customs better and will also refine their abilities to fix investigabetter and will also refine their abilities to fix investiga-tion gaps if any. He directed to arrange more such Moot Court mock drills in future to improvise the profession-alism, skills of prosecution, witnesses and investigating officers in particular so that cases like NDPS/UAPA could be brought to their logical conclusion in the interest of justice besides other cases. The DGP said that a dedicated effort from everyone is necessary to improve the conviction rate of heinous crimes. He said that good quality Investigation of UAPA NDPS cases is also a weapon to curb militancy and

& NDPS cases is also a weapon to curb militancy and drug menace from the UT. He said that investigation of any case must be worked until the final judgement of the Hon'ble Court. He said that Police Headquarters in its continuous endeavours has focused on establishing moot court rooms as a part of training programme at all Police training institutions in order to give an overview of court proceedings to its investigation officers that will help in identifying the lacunas during the course

of Investigation.

The DGP praised Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma, Principal PTTI Vijaypur and PTTI staff for their efforts and initiatives while serving the institution. Pertinent to mention that J&K Police under its capacity building programmes is focusing on providing Court like environment to the Police officers and personnel by establishing moot courts in Police training centres across LTF.

Earlier Shri Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur

Earlier Shri Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur gave a brief of Moot Court and its importance for trainese especially investigation officers.

The inaugural function was attended by Shri Mohd Suleman Choudhary, DiG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal, DiG Rajouri Poonch Range, Shri Siridhar Patil, DiG Traffel Jammu, Shri Subash Gupta, Retd. Sessions Judge NIA Court, Shri Pawan Gupta, Joint Director Prosecution, JKS Range, Shri Intikhab Hussain, Sr. Advocate Jammu High Court, Ms. Rashmi Wazir, Commandant Women Bn. Jammu, Shri Mubassir Latifi Ameer, Commandant IRP14th Bn., Shri J.S. Johar, AlG Graining/Policy PHO-J&K, Shri Benam Tosh, Sr. Superintendent of Police, Samba, Shri Roop Raj, Principal PTS Kathua, Shri Dushyant Sharma, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur, other gazetted officers staff and trainees of Vijaypur, other gazetted officers staff and trainees of PTTI Viiavpur.

#### Emotive majoritarian...

It was never asked to sign a merger agreement," Sibal

said. He told the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, that when Article 370 says that 'concurrence' of the state government with respect to certain subjects is required, it means the executive can also say 'no'. The CJI told Sibal, advancing rejoinder arguments, that the Indian Constitution does not specify what would happen after the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir comes into force.

Kashmir comes into force.

"You see, there is no express provision. There is a

complete silence as to what would happen after the J-K Constitution comes into force. It was like allowing Article 370 to operate and let the process of integration (of I-K) get over. But, at what time integration will be over

JK) get over. But, at what time integration will be over is not hedged in the Constitution of India, "the CJI said. Sibal reiterated his argument that Article 370 acquired a permanent character once the term of the constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir got over in 1957 after drafting the state's Constitution. "We should interpret the Constitution textually and contextually, but not by looking at what there is in silence." he said.

Sibal said abrogation of Article 370 is a political pro-

cess and it must have a "political solution".

"So, you are saying there is no solution for abrogation of Article 370 within the Constitution and that a political solution has to be found. We have to keep in mind that all solutions have to be within the framework of the

Constitution," CII Chandrachud told Sibal, Sibal's submissions remained inconclusive and will

Sibal's submissions remained inconclusive and will ontinue on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, the top court heard arguments of ounsel for intervenors, who are defending the Centre's tugust 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370 that eccorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kenbruit.

and Kashmir.

Among those who advanced their arguments included KM Nataraj and Vikramjeet Banerjee (both Additional Solicitor General), senior advocate V Giri and others.

The bench made it clear that Tuesday will be the last

ber I that the decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 was not made by the political executive alone and Indian Parliament was taken into confidence.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into two union territories – Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh – were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019. (Agencies)

#### Over 14000 events...

9,000 projects during 2018-19 to 92,000 during 2022-23 with nearly same expenditure. The Chief Secretary remarked that IT interventions have brought about more transparency where all details of projects and services are being put in public domain. Through RTI and Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), citizens who seek their rights, have been empowered, as guaranteed under law. The accessibility of people to project their grievances before senior functionaries and their timely disposals have been greatly facilitated through IGRAMS and JRGRAMS portals.
The Chief Secretary complimented 'Team 18K' for 9,000 projects during 2018-19 to 92,000 during 2022-

and JKJRAMS portias.

The Chief Secretary complimented 'Team J&K' for their untiring efforts for taking J&K to the top performing States/UTs in the Country. While directing all the Prabhari Officers to visit their concerned panchayat atleast once during this week, the Chief Secretary asked the Incharge Secretaries of the districts to intensively moni

Incharge Secretaries of the districts to intensively moni-tor the activities carried out under the Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K in their concerned districts. Dr. Mehta further advised the Deputy Commissioners to fully involve all representatives of Urban and Rural Local Bodies in this intensive campaign against corruption. Earlier, Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma gave an overview of the activities planned during the week as well as about the improvement in the over-all working of the Government which has been made possible through slew of measures taken in the recent past. He informed that the week is going to provide an open platform to the citizens for two way exchange of open platform to the citizens for two way exchange of ideas with the administrative machinery. He revealed that thousands of camps are going to be held across the districts of the UT right from Panchayat, Block, Sub-Division to District level.

Division to District level.

On the occasion, several Administrative Secretaries, Divisional and District administration gave their inputs about making this programme successful. The Deputy Commissioners provided details of the activities planned for the upcoming days of the week. They informed that counters/help deskshave been established for departments like Revenue, Housing, PDD, PWD, Jal Shakti, Social Welfare etc. for receiving the grievances of public and their instant resolution. It was further revealed that activities like debates.

It was further revealed that activities like debates, discussions, painting competitions etc are also planned to create awareness among the College and school chil dren about the menace of corruption and its possible remedies available to public. More than 14000 events are going to be organized across all the districts of the UT with events at Panchayats, Patwar Khanas, Urban Local Bodies, Tehsils and Districts in which general

Local Bodies, Tehsils and Districts in which general public is participating in large numbers.

Later on the Chief Secretary also visited Lalchowk to participate in the function being organized by the Srinagar Smart City on the theme 'Digital J&K, Digital Srinagar'. The daylong festival is part of Digital Week (Ist to 6th September, 2023) focused on digital initiatives of the government in general and SSCL/SMC in particular. Seminars, demos, exhibitions were organized during the day to apprise the public/students from schools and colleges in the city, Stalls have been setup by Smart City. SMC and District Administration to showcase the City, SMC and District Administration to showcase the different digital initiatives.

Those who accompanied him on the occasion included Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Divisional Commis-sioner, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; CEO, Srinagar Smart City Limited and many others. KNO

#### Machail Yatra witnesses...

ceremony of the Temple took place on the auspi-cious Baishakhi festival in April 2023. It involved the ceremonial transfer of the revered Shree Machail Mata's Murti from the local priest's residence to the temple, accompanied by the Pratham Pooja.

Distinguished officials from the Jammu administra-tion and price officers of the Viethurs Pictire! Administra-

tion and senior officers of the Kishtwar District Admin istration graced the occasion.

This marked the beginning of pilgrims flocking to the temple for Darshans. Officially, the Yatra commenced

advisory mentions, adding that the mosquito remains curve mostly at dusk and dawn and people must wear correcteder the Machaid Mark 14rta achieved unprecedented success, largely attributed to Blessing of Machandi, her Holiness and that 24rta achieved unprecedented success, largely attributed to Blessing of Machandi, her Holiness and the comprehensive and tirreless efforts of the administration. The harmonious blend of meticulous planning and spiritual devotion has propelled the Yatra to new heights.

One of the notable accomplishments was the provision of accommodation at Yatri Bhawan in Gulabgarh, capable of hosting 2000 pilgrims simultaneously. The addition of Mushroom Luxury Tents and Sapphire Guest House in Gulabgarh further enhanced the comfort of

Yatries with premier experience during the journey. A tent city surrounding the temple at Machail Bhawan and local stay houses became a significant attraction, beckoning pilgrims with open arms.

The development of the BT Road up to Kundhail and the timely throwing open of the on foot/ trekkable PMJSY road from Mov up to Hamouri village significantly reduced travel time and fatigue for pilgrims. These road and Bridge improvements made the Yatra more accessible and efficient attracting a significant number. accessible and efficient attracting a significant number

accessible and efficient attracting a significant number of Yatries this year.

Leveraging the technology for convenience of Yatries, the District Administration under abled guidance of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav unweiled the official website of Shri Machail Mata Yatra http://www.shrimachailmatayatra.com, which emerged as a valuable resource for pilgrims. Providing real-time updates on facilities and inquiries, it ensured Yatries had the latest information at their fingertips, enhancing their convenience and experience. A notable milestone in this year's Yatra was the installation of a 30 KV Solar Power Plant at the Machail temple. This innovation illuminated the temple and its

temple. This innovation illuminated the temple and its surroundings, significantly enhancing the comfort and convenience of Yatries, especially during evening and night visits besides ensuring operation of telecommu nication facilities.

The introduction of uninterrupted 4G mobile con-The introduction of uninterrupted 46 mobile connectivity at Machail proved to be a game-changer for Yatries. It enabled them to stay connected with their families and stay informed about their well-being during the pilgrimage, adding an extra layer of security and comfort.

Adding to the facilities for pilgrims, the Micro ATM facilities strategically placed en route facilitated easy cash transactions for Yatries, ensuring they had access to financial services as needed during their sacred journey.

to financial services as needed during their sacred journey.

Significantly, the easy and accessible chopper facilities from Gulabgarh to Machail and back added a new dimension of comfort and accessibility for specific Yatries with incompatibility in travelling and trekking by foot. The facility reduced travel time and fatigue, making the pilgrimage more accessible to a wider range of devotees who otherwise were not able to visit and have blessings of Maa Chandi.

The administration's commitment extended beyond mere convenience. Pilgrims enjoyed uninterrupted power and water supply, access to medical facilities at halt points of Yatra besides a well-executed traffic management plan was also executed for avoiding inconvenience to Yatries. Security arrangements were ensured on priority for the safety and peace of mind of all devotees by the administration during the pilgrimage.

The Langar facilities set up by local devotees at various spots along the Yatra route were efficiently facilitated by the administration, ensuring uninterrupted

tated by the administration, ensuring uninterrupted water & electricity supply and other logistics, meanwhile also maintaining proper sanitation through thorough checks

As the Yatra approaches its conclusion on September As the Yatra approaches its conclusion on September 5th, it stands as a testament to the unwavering faith of devotees and the dedication of the administration to make the Yatra a grand success. The record-breaking turnout showcases the profound spiritual significance of Machail Mata Yatra and its position as a pinnacle of pilgrimage management turning it into one of the major pilgrimages in the Jammu Division. In every aspect, from infrastructure to digital connectivity and comfort, the Machail Mata Yatra of 2023 has exemplified what can be achieved when devotion and administration come together in perfect harmony.

and administration come together in perfect harmony, providing pilgrims with an unforgettable and spiritually enriching experience. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav,

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, oversaw efforts, ensuring seamless coordination with local, civil and police administrations besides other departments, army personnel, and BROs. The comprehensive approach catered to Yatries' needs while unlocking the region's tourism potential also. In conclusion, the Machail Yatra of 2023 is poised to become the second-largest pilgrimage in the Jammu Division. It stands as a testament to unwavering devotion and meticulous blanning, creating a safe, com-

tion and meticulous planning, creating a safe, com-fortable, and spiritually enriching environment for all

#### 528 dengue cases...

advisory mentions, adding that the mosquito remains active mostly at dusk and dawn and people must wear clothes that minimise skin exposure to these mosqui-

### Inter College Seminar as part of Digital Week **Celebration held at Amarsingh College**

Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Applications, A. S. College Srinagar. The event started

Srinagar. The event started with a Welcome Address by Dr. Gurdip Singh Sodi, Head Department of Computer Applications. He welcomed the participants and explained the theme of the seminar. He stressed upon the importance of the

upon the importance of the latest developments in tech-

latest developments in tech-nology and urged students to exchange ideas, chal-lenges, assumptions and help spark innovation that can shape our future. Afterwards, the students spoke about various aspects of trends in technology including the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cryotocurrency. Virtual

Cryptocurrency, Virtual Reality, Web 3.0, Internet of

Things, 5G etc. The students

emphasized the need to adopt new technologies

responsibly and understand their capabilities and risks.



SRINAGAR. . SEPT 04: A student seminar was today held by the Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with the Debates and Seminars Committee, Amar Singh College Srinagar in the Bukhari Hall of the college. The seminar was held as part of the week-long Digital India Week Celebrations being held in the college from 01 September to 06 September, 2023. Hyderpora). Dr. Basharat Saleem, Assistant Professor, English

eight colleges of Srinagar including GDC Hyderpora, S. P. College, COE Srinagar, GDC Bemina, VB College, Women's College M.A. Road, Islamia College and A. S. College participated in the seminar. They included Farman Nisar and Soban Rashid Bhat (S.P. College Srinagar), Nadeem Ayoutb and Aqsa Shafi (IASE Yatoo, Prof. Ovais Shafi

Srinagar), Atoofa Zahoor and Burhan Ahmad (GDC Bemina), Shahid Manzooi and Ikhlas Manzoor (V.B. College Srinagar), Tabish Dar and Hadiya Sultan (A.S. College Srinagar), Sadiya Talat (Womer's College M.A. Road), Saqib Mushtaq (Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar) and Aqsa (GDC Hyderovan). and Ikhlas Manzoor (V.B

conducted the proceedings. Prof. Jehan Ara, Assistant Functional Professor, Functional English, Prof. Arshad Hussain Bhat, Assistant Professor, Computer Applications and Professor, Pervaiz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Zoology were the jury members. Dr. Gurdip Singh Sodi. Head, Denartment of Sodi, Head, Department of Computer Applications coordinated the event with

Students also spoke about the role of India as a global superpower in Digital Technologies. The presentations of the students were judged on the basis of Content, Presentation and Body Language. The presentation of Sadiya Talat of Women's College M.A. Road was judged as the best presenta-College M.A. Road was judged as the best presenta-tion about the need to embrace the wonders of technology. Saqih Mushtaq of Islamia College of Science and Commerce won the 2nd prize for his speech about the impact of Generative AI in various fields. Tabish Dar of A. S. College Srinagar came 3rd with his presentation about with his presentation about different developments in technology.

The winners were award-The winners were awarded with merit certificates and mementos. Other participation certificates. Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Principal, A.S. College Srinagar congratulated the students on their presentations. He sooke at len

tions. He spoke at length about the benefits of technology in our lives and stressed that technologies like AI can be a good tool in the right hands and that it has been seen that technolothe right hands and that it has been seen that technology gy recalibrates jobs rather than replace them. He urged students to learn the use of Al tools to enhance their skill set to become more productive and ready more productive and ready for the AI-disrupted job market. The vote of thanks was given by Prof. Arshad Ahmad Yattoo, Assistant Professor, Department of

## 'Bhrastachar Mukt Week' commences at Kulgam

KULGAM, , SEPT 04: To promote transparent governance, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr .Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today kickstarted week-long Bhrastachar Mukt J&K campaign in the district by inau-gurating Special camp organized by Revenue department Kulgam at new conference hall of mini-secretariat,

During the programme, through a powerpoint presentation participants were briefed about various online services of the revenue department.

Addressing the gathering, DC said that the aim to observe this weeklong programme is to eradicate cor-ruption and promote transparent and accountable governance. He said that there are more than 1000 services available online in UT and all servic-es of the revenue depeartment are also available online. This online shift of services has paved the way for transparent, accountable and accessible Government to citizen transactions, where people need not to visit offices physically anymore, and has been long programme is to eradicate cor-

physically anymore, and has been cost effective for the people, he added. The online mode of services ensured time-bound of certificates, documents, ther services to the DC kick-starts week-long campaign by inaugurating Special camp of Revenue department at Kulgam

new vibrancy and accountability in the system, stated Dr Bilal. ADC, Viqar Ahmad Giri while speaking on the occasion said that corruption is multidimensional and we need to eliminate all forms of corruption from the system. He said that digitization of revenue records is a

digitization of revenue records is a revolutionary step.

ACR Kulgam during the pro-parame briefed the participants about the online services of the rev-enue department. He said that all 23 services of the department are avail-able online. Giving a brief ACR added that the revenue department has issued more than 1.25 lac certifi-cates through online mode and the cates through online mode and the online services have made the system prompt, accountable and transparent.

prompt, accountable and transparent. He also added that Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars in the district shall conduct special camps (village wise) in the district under Bhrashtachar Mukt programme with the aim to eradicate corruption, promote transparent and accountable governance and to provide hassle free service delivery to the openeral multiple. delivery to the general public

During these camps, awareness about the online services offered by

icants/people and has infused a vibrancy and accountability in ystem, stated Dr Bial.

DC, Vigar Ahmad Giri while land related matters, pending applications, particularly nearing PSGA uption is multidimensional and the deliversional foremed of the control of th all pending mutations, issuance of certificates, revenue extracts and demarcations etc will be priority dur-ing these camps added ACR.

On the occasion ACD briefed that

the week-long campaign will witness a series of awareness events across the district with a focus on the pro-motion of transparent and account-

able governance. Special Gram Sabhas and meetings with key stakeholders, including Selfwith key stakeholders, including Self-Help Groups (SHCs), MORIBEGA workers, farmers, students, and citi-zens, have been devised to spread mass awareness about the signifi-cance of corruption free governance. These meetings will also serve as platforms to discuss and combat cor-truption at the grassroots level. Under the Bhrashtachar Muk Week, camps were also held at Sub Division D.H.Pora, Tehsils and Nayabats and other departments also

Navabats and other departments also organised programmes to observe Bhrashtachar Mukt Week.

#### NC to observe Sheikh's 42nd death anniversary as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity & Brotherhood' on Sept 8: Rattan

JAMMU. SEPT 04: Jammu and JAMMU, SEPT 04: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference will observe 42nd death anniversary of Sheikh Abdullah as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity and Brotherhood'. The Party stands committed to fulfill the vision of great NC leader Sheri-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah by defeating the divisive forces who are hell bent to create communal disharmony in Jammu and Kashmir for their petty vested inter-

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu while addressing a meeting of party functionaries of Jammu and Samba districts at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here today. The meeting chaired by Rattan Lal Gupta was organized to finalize the arrangements for observing death anniversary of Sheikh Mohd Abdullah on

Sheikh Mohd Abdullah on September 8, 2023. The senior National Conference leader in his address reminded those present in the meeting about the slogan 'Hindu Muslim Sikh Ittihad coined by the NC's top stature leader Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and said that this slogan is the basic tenet of the party's phi-losophy that makes it the only sec-ular party in this region. He said that in the existing scenario acrossthat in the existing scenario across the nation especially in J&K, there



Abdullah's slogan of communal har-Abdullah's slogan of communal har-mony in letter and spirit to do away with the communal division and hatred being created by the Bharatiya Janata Party for its petty vote bank interests. Rattan Lal Gupta asked the party workers and activists to conduct workers and activists to conduct

grand programmes on the day of Sheikh Abdullah's death anniver-Sheikh Abdullah's death anniver-sary in order to pay rich tributes to the great leader.

He also asked them to take a pledge on this day being observed as 'Day of Unity, Solidarity and Brotherhood' to intensify its fight

against the forces dividing the peo-

against the forces dividing the peo-ple and promoting hatred.

Among those who were present include Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Vijay Lakhshmi Datta, Shamim Begum DDC

Brahmana, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, Ch. Rehmat Ali BDC Chairman, Ashok Kumar Attri, Dilshad Malik, Rakesh Singh Raka, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU Sardar Gurnam Singh, S. Balvinder Singh, Sat Paul, Joginder Bakvinder Singh, Sat Paul, Joginder Kumar, Pinley Khalsa, Charanjeet Singh, Madan Lal, Devi Dayal Jogi, Dev Raj, S. Aya Singh, Swaran Singh, Suriya Begum Sarpanch, Mohan Lal, Ch. Shabir Sambyal, Sandeep Singh Wazir, Nitish Gowsami, Raj Kour, Paramjeet Kour, Mohd Farooq Mughal, Sewak Singh, Jaseem Malik Guyden, Singh, Mannat Mughal, Sewak Singh, Jaseem Malik, Gurdeep Singh, Mangat Ram, Kuldeep Verma, S. Prithpal Singh, Darshan Singh, Som Raj Taroch,Dr Amina, Ashok Koul, Ayaz Malik, Ch. Madan Lal, Massrat Ahmed Malik, S. Nirmal Singh, Jaga Ram, Dr. Varinder Kumar Lakhotra, Hai Amir Ud Din Kasana,

## Corruption erodes citizens' faith in democracy: Col Mahan



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KATHUA, SEPT 04: A significant event took place as part of the Digital J&K Week and Anti-Corruption week, organized by the Sub-District Administration of Basohli. This event was held in the complex of GDC Basohli, with participation from 29 government departments. Stalls showcasing online services provided by respec-tive departments were set up to raise awareness among partici-pants, with expert teams on hand to provide information.

A two-hour presentation featured each department head highlighting ures of the digitalized service

The event was inaugurated by Col. Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, and saw the participation of over 600 attendees ticipation of over 000 attendees.

Distinguished guests included djeet Singh, ADC Basohli; Sushma Jamwal, BDC Chairperson Basohli; Sumesh Spolia, MC President Basohli; and numerous Sarpanches, Panches, and Corporators. Prominent citizens

such as Jagdev Singh and Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, as well as media pe Singh Jamwal, as well as media per-sonnel, were also present. Officials like CEO BBDA DesvRaj Bhagat, District Sheep Reading Officer, Executive Engineer PWD Basohli Bharat Gupta, Principal GDC Basohli Dr. Nidhi Kotwal, AEE PDD Vikas Gupta, AEE PHE Arun

attended the event.

During his address, Col. Mahan During his address, Col. Mahan commended the initiative of the Jammu and Kashmir UT Administration for providing time-bound online services that save residents' precious time and reduce hassles in government offices. He emphasized the need for effective implementation of schemes like JJM, PMAY, and MGNREGA to resure sustainable development in sustainable development in ensure sustainable development in Kathua District, focusing on project quality. The DDC Chairman also praised the practice of good gover-nance through outreach programs like Block Diwas, Back to Village, and regular monthly Gram Sabhas at the Panchayat level.

at the Panchayat level.
Col. Mahan expressed his gratitude to PM Narendra Modi and LG
Manoj Sinha for their continuous
efforts to make J&K UT a corruption-free and developed state. He reiterated that corruption is a cancer that erodes faith in democracy and called upon the youth to chal lenge it. He urged everyone present make India self-reliant and aspire to make India self-reliant and aspire to see India as a "Vishav Guru" by 2047, when the country completes

100 years of independence.

Ajeet Singh, ADC Basohli, and Sumesh Spolia, President MC Basohli, also addressed the gather-

### Hindustan Shiv Sena takes on Govt over high electricity bills

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JAMMU, SEPT 04: On the instruc-JAMMU, SEPT 04: On the instruc-tions of Hindustan Shiv Sena State President Vikrant Kapoor, Shiv Sena workers have opened a front against the government for huge electricity bills after installation of smart meters. In this series, on behalf of the Jammu city unit of behalf of the Jammu city unit of Hindustan Shiv Sena, a vigorous demonstration was held against Smart Meter, Property tax, Saror Toll plaza in Bhagwati nagar Jammu today. The protest was led by City Desident Ampura Gurd by City President Appurav Gupta and Vice President Rohan Malwal, while Women's Wing President Diksha Malwal and Vice President Dissin Malwai and vice resident Vishali Gupta also participated in the protest along with their support-ers in large numbers. During this, while addressing the

protesters, these leaders said that the people were assured by the Electricity Department that there Electricity Department that there would be no difference in the electricity bills after the installation of smart meters. But the way huge electricity bills are being handed over to the people, there is a lot of second the contract the people the second the contract that there is a lot of resentment among the people. They said that on the instructions of its State President Vikrant Kapoor, Hindustan Shiv Sena has decided to open a front against the government by coming on the streets to solve



why protests are being held today so that the eyes of the government can be opened. They expressed anger by raising slogans against the Electricity Department, BJP's cen-tral government and the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor's administration. They also asked the administration. They also asked the BJP leaders why they are keeping silence in this matter. They alleged that the BJP government is com-pletely against the people of Jammu and Kashmir. They said that ever and Kashmir. They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the common people of Janmun and Kashmir are in a bad condition. People are also deprived of Basic facilities like elec-tricity and water. They said that such a government has no right to remain in power. People want them to oust the BJP from power in the coming Lok Sabha elections

coming Lok Sabha elections.

They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the BJP has made Jammu and Kashmir a laboratory. Before starting any scheme in the country, it is trialled in Jammu and Kashmir it is trialled in Jammu and Kashmir. They said that today people are wor-ried about the electricity bills com-ing from smart meters. They alleged that no state in the country has such smart meters, but the BJP government at the Center has startits trial from Jammu and Kashmir. They said that due to the Kashmir. They said that due to the wrong decision of the government, now the electricity bills have troubled the poor people. The one who used to get a bill of five hundred rupees earlier, is now getting a bill of five thousand rupees.

## Admissions are under process at SP College Srinagar

Eligible candidates asked to get themselves admitted in various UG/PG courses against available seats

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4: Sri Pratap College Srinagar has the dis-tinction of being one of the oldest institutions of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The college has recently been accredited with grade A+ by the

The admission process for various PG and UG (NEP-2020) programs under CUET and NON-CUET quota is under process at the Sri Pratap

College Sri Pratap College.
In this connection, the eligible candidates can get themselves admitted in various UG/PG courses against available seats. The left out students have a unique opportunity through spot admission to participate in the admission process. The desirous UG candidates can

participate in the spot round from 05th September 2023 through https://jkadmission.samarth.ac.in/ .Furthermore eligible PG candidates are being admitted through are being admitted through https://www.cusrinagar.edu.in/NE

P/.

The candidates are advised to go through the eligibility conditions of the courses available on Cluster University Srinagar website https://www.cusrinagar.edu.in/ and check admission notifications.

The admission to both the pro-

grams will be strictly as per Cluster University Srinagar Guidelines. For any query the candidates can contact the Advisor Admission Committee Shazia (9596400344)/Convener admission Dr. Gowhar Hamid Dar (Mobile:7006082223); Email:dar-gowharhamid@gmail.com).The college has also opened a facilitation/registration centre headed by Prof. Magray Ajaz Ahmad (9596411959) for the benefit of the candidates who are desirous to seek admission in UG/PC programs. The Students can visit the college on all Gowhar Hamid Students can visit the college on all working days during office hours for

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

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#### Sports activities gain momentum in Ladakh

momentum in Ladakh

Significant changes on ground are visible in Ladakh Union Territory which was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. And if one talk of sports activities, it has gained momentum. Recently, the UT administration unveiled the draft of rules and regulations for the constitution of Ladakh Sports Council, also referred as Ladakh Sports Society', for the promotion of sports and games in the land of high passes. The Council, to be headed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh as Chairman or president, will have nine official members and 14 non-official members and 14 non-official members and 14 non-official wow women. It will have a tenure of three years while the power to dispense with the individual membership of Council would vest with the 'President Sports Council.' The UT administration headed by Lieutenant Governor will have the powers to dissolve the UT Ladakh Sports Council, staff/posts of the Apex Sports' Governing Body and may post a senior IAS or IPS officer to head both Youth Services and Sports Department and UT Ladakh Sports Council till it is not re-constituted. In the recent few years, sports activities in the region have attained global attention with sportspersons from the UT excelling in different fields at national and international level. The constitution of Ladakh Sports Council and framing of its rules and regulations will help the UT administration to explore the talent among budding sportspersons of Ladakh, and encourage them to perform at their best. According to the draft of rules and regulations that has been put in public domain for comments from stakeholders and general public, the Sports Council will comprise Advisor as vice-president and administrative secretaries of Finance department, Planning and development department, School and Higher Education, RDD and Panchayati Raj, Head Ladakh Police, Secretary UT Ladakh Sports Council as official members. The non-official members will non-official members amongst eminent players of the UT at National level, national and international level, three members amongst eminent players of the UT at National level, two members from recognized UT Sports Associations and one representative each from Indian Army and ITBP (Not below the rank of Colonel/ Commandant). The Council shall remain in office for the period of three years. However, the Administration shall have powers to dissolve the Council at any time it deems appropriate and reconstitute fresh Council within such period not exceeding six months as may be period not exceeding six months as may be specified in the order. The major functions and powers of the Council will comprise advising the UT Administration in all the matters concerning sports and games, granting recognition to the Associations or de-recognize any association for misconduct, poor organization or defection, helping formation of new associations or organizations for the of new associations or organizations for the promotion of that sport/game, advising the Associations and the sports organizations and to act as liaison between them and the UT Administration, setting up sub-committees and to delegate such powers as it may deem fit, organize and promote sports as it in deceded the deem fit, organize and promote sports activities at all levels in the UT, receiving grants from the UT Administration and Central Government and raising donation from any other source and to utilize the funds at its discretion. In addition to these function, the Council, inter-alia, will acquire land for sports nursees constitute the District other source and to utilize the funds at its discretion. In addition to these function, the Council, inter-alia, will acquire land for sports purposes, constitute the District Sports Councils or any other organizational set up for the promotion of sports and games, honour the outstanding sports persons in the UT and to award scholarships, stipends and financial assistance to deserving sports persons, assist the Government of India and SAI in implementation of their programme in the UT Ladakh, regulate the use of grounds, buildings, equipments, add, alter or mend the rules for the smooth conduct of its business and assist in every possible Sports activities in Educational Institutions through the District Sports Councils and Sports Associations/laying emphasis on the propagation and development of Sports in rural areas besides resolving the differences in the Sports Associations by arbitration. The Lieutenant Governor, being the chairman of the Council, dilrect the Secretary to convenementings of the Council as and when necessary, have a casting vote in case of tie in meeting of the Council as and when necessary, have a casting vote in case of tie in meeting of the Council. The decision is expected to overhaul sports activities in the region.

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# How we view ourselves and how the world views India

By the end of this week the world's attention will be focused on India. Hundreds of journalists from across the world will be in New Delhi to across the world will be in New Delhi to cover the annual summit of the Group of Twenty (G-20) nations. New Delhi has been spruced up. The municipal author-ities have done what they do best: paint-ed the pavements, tarred the roads, placed potted plants along footpaths, and suchlike.

If one were to just drive from the air-If one were to just drive from the air-port to one of the major hotels hosting the delegates, officials and the media and then on to the venue, Bharata Mandapam, at central Delhi's Pragati Maidan, then one would imagine India, or there have been to a gent hear the or at least New Delhi, is a great place to be living in. The capital has a bridal

Over the past several months, the Union government has hosted dozens of events around the country with fanfare. Band, baaja, tamasha... Amitabh Kant, the Prime Minister's G-20 "sherpa" and one of the architects of the Incredible India campaign, who is known for his professional skills in marketing Indian professional skills in marketing Indian tourism, has outperformed himself. In Mumbai city alone, over a thousand cores of rupees have reportedly been spent to "beautify" the city, spruce up the venues for ministerial and official meetings and so on. Many state capitals have beeted execute. have hosted meetings and events.

A chosen set of sarkari intellectuals A chosen set of sarkari interlectuals were grouped into what was called the T-20, for Think Tank Twenty, and they have travelled around India and the world lecturing, holding seminars and selling the idea that Bharat is the

our G-20 motto - "One Earth, One Family, One Future". "Vasudhaiva Family, One Future". "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". So what if some people in Manipur and Muzaffarnagar are not so convinced about this "One Family" bit. It has been reported that in the run-up to the Neaw Delhi summit, Indian universities, think tanks, and other such outfits have organised more semi-nars, generated more papers, hosted more lectures than any other G-20 country ever managed to do over the past 15 years.

To make sure they are also part of the

circus, business organisations led by the Confederation of Indian Industry hosted "B20", a G-20 business summit. No Indian business leader mentioned the fact that all the other G-20 countries do fact that all the other G-20 countries do more business with China than with India. But they did not forget to mention that everyone looking for a "China-plus" must look at India, even though most Indian firms are still fighting shy of investing in new greenfield ventures, encouraging the government to continue with public investment and production linked incentives.

Given all the hype and hoopla, it is not surprising that a whopping 68 per cent of Indians surveyed by the American opinion polling agency Pew Research Centre said that India was "getting stronger". After all, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been reminding us Narendra Modi has been reminding us that we will soon be the world's third largest economy, so what if we are at rank 139 in a list of 189 countries as far as per capita national income is concerned. Trumpet the good news, whisper the bad news. The advice is from the Mahabharata -- "Aswathama Hatha

So, yes, 68 per cent of Indians polled So, yes, 68 per cent of Indians polled by Pew think that India is getting stronger. Hang on. How does the world look at India? The most favourable view is out of Australia, our newly-found partner. Down under 36 per cent of Australians think that India is getting stronger, but 54 per cent feel we are where we were, and 10 per cent think that we are actually weaker today. Most Europeans and East Asians, Jap Europeans and East Asians, Japanese and South Koreans especially, more or less share the Australian perception. Only about a third polled in the United Kingdom think that India is getting stronger. Fifty per cent think nothing much has changed.

Perceptions get worse among friends. Perceptions get worse among iriends. Israeli data reports only 29 per cent feeling India is getting stronger and 50 per cent not convinced, with 11 per cent thinking we are getting weaker.

What of our good friend the United States? A mere 23 per cent think that India is next the tensor that the convention of the second of the convention of the second of the secon

India is getting stronger. 64 per cent are not convinced and 11 per cent feel we not convinced and 11 per cent feel we are getting weaker. Opinion nearer home is even worse. In Singapore and Malaysia only 23 per cent and 19 per cent, respectively, think India is getting stronger, while 28 per cent (Singapore) and 27 per cent (Malaysia) think India is setting tracker. The date from ten along the per cent of the stronger was the property of the control of the stronger of the date of the stronger of the date of the stronger getting weaker. The data from even closer home would not be any more flatter

It appears from the Pew data that the in appears into the rew data that the image of the country is tied to that of the Prime Minister. While an overwhelming 79 per cent of Indian respondents had a "favourable view" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, internationally only 37 per cent had such a positive view of Mr me of what the late Pranab Mukherjee once told me, and I have quoted him once told me, and I have quoted him before. The image of the county and the government, Mukherjee told me over a cup of tea in his room in the Parliament building sometime in 2011, is linked to the image of the Prime Minister. So, if Pew is reporting a not so favourable view of India outside the

country, that too in friendly countries, country, that too in friendly countries, then it is at least in part associated with the less than favourable view people out-side India have of the Prime Minister. So, while we may be patting ourselves on our backs because we think our country has "arrived", being a G-20 summit venue, others may have a less than sanguine view.

What is, however, working for India What is, however, working for India and will continue to boost the country's image is the hard work of our scientists and engineers in the few islands of dedication and excellence that have been assiduously build by successive governments over three quarters of a century The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has done more for Research India's global image than all the pompous talk and colourful paint that has been invested in the hosting of the

The Chandrayaan-3 mission cost the exchequer a mere Rs 615 crores. The budget for the G-20 summit in New Delhi was officially stated to be around Delhi was officially stated to be around Rs 1,000 cross. This excludes what has been spent by various state governments and non-governmental organisations. In terms of bang for the buck, Chandrayaan-3 has done more for India's global standing than the entire Can signer.

## Games people play in Pakistan

♦he cricketing term Gentleman's fame is not just a tad bit sex-ist, but even inappropriate con-sidering the sheer number of scams attached to the same. Only some like the disgraced Kiwi player, Lou Vincent, the disgraced Kwn player, Lou Vincent, triggered a counterintuitive hope with unfiltered confessions like, "My name is Lou Vincent and I am a cheat. I have abused my position as a professional sportsman on several occasions by choosing to accept money through fix-ting". He had been banned and admit-ted suit stripe. I church the smile. ted guilt stating, "I abused the game I love. I had to put things right. Speaking love. I had to put things right. Speaking out. Exposing the truth. Laying bare the things I have done wrong is the only way I can find to begin to put things right." It was unusual and redemptive honesty, as others caught would typically resort to deflective deside contractions of the put of the denials, contexualisation, or mealy mouthed inanities. While it is a systemic curse that afflicts all crick nations, Pakistan leads the roll of infamy, by miles. Some of the most naturally talented Pakistani Cricketers have fallen at the

altar of amorality, substance abuse and greed like Mohammad Amir, Salman Butt or the surreally gifted, Mohammad Asif. Many explanations have been made to explain the Pakistani players' indiscretions like

deny opportunities to the deserving), lack of adequate earning opportunities like endorsements, sudden exposure to hedonistic lifestyle or even the players maximizing their opportunities (even illegally) given their humble socio-eco-nomic backgrounds and short shelf-life, as players. All is true, but the same conditions apply to other subcontinen-tal teams like Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, and they certainly do not have the same scale of muck.

But there seems to be yet another But there seems to be yet another phenomenon that is peculiar to the tainted Pakistani players i.e., the redis-covery and taking to puritanical reli-giousity. The last couple of decades have seen the Pakistani dressing room mirror the revisionist winds that sweep the 'land of the pure' with the unprec the land of the pure with the unprece-dented list of long-bearded players like Inzamam-ul-Haq, Saeed Anwar, Misbah-ul-Haq, Saqlain Mushtaq or even the converted, Mohammad Yousaf, Murmurs of Tableeghi Jamaat (Party of Preachers) influencing the walk, talk and conduct of the Pakistan Team, is an old hat. Ahmed Shehzad typified the tainted Pakistani typined the tainted Pakistani player template when he was caught and banned for doping (the ban got extend-ed after he was found guilty of breachfor attempting to proselytize Sri Lankan player, Tillakaratne Dilshan (who had converted from Islam to Buddhism of his own volition) by getting caught on camera provoking, "If you are a non-Muslim and you turn Muslim, no matter whatever you do in your life, (you will go) straight to heaven". Saeed Anwar was probably amongst the first to take to ultra-religiousity and the once flamboyant team of the likes of Imran Khan, Zaheer Abbas, Waseem Raja, Wasim Akram etc., suddenly started looking rather pious and conservative

But religiosity, if not tempered with pragmatism and evolutionary necessi-ties, can regress into the dark alleys of politics and societal tensions, can then become a slippery slope of guaranteed backsliding, 'Born-again' believers can then be amongst the most hardline in terms of thinking and

action.

The short-lived cricket career of Pakistani cricketer Khalid Latif, who too was convicted in the shame of 2017 Pakistan Super-League (PSL) spot-fix ing scandal - where Khalid was found guilty of convincing other players to gamy of convincing other players to partake fixing and using certain bat grips to convey messages to bookies that spot-booking terms were agreed, is a classic case of rebounding with reliselves, in the public and their own eyes. In 2018, well after Khalif Latif had been shunted out of cricketing possibil-ities, he hit the headlines for offering a 'hit' on the controversial and provoca tive, Dutch anti-immigrant politician,

tive, Dutch anti-immigrant politician, Geert Wilders, for attempting to hold a cartooning competition for caricaturing the Holy Prophet.

While the event was thankfully can-celled for being unnecessarily provoca-tive, the Dutch politician has since remained defiant, even as Khalid had offered \$23,000 for killing Geert Wilders and others. Now, Khalid has been called intergration, in the Dutch Wilders and others. Now, Khalid has been called into question in the Dutch courts for promoting violence, and the verdict is eerily due on September 11th! Expectedly, many in Pakistan had lionized the almost-forgotten Khalid Latif after his death threats, and Khaid Latti after his death threats, and equally many had slammed Khalid's call for bloodlust – now the case is back in the news, even as Pakistan has got caught even further in the spiralling vortex of intolerance and religious-inspired violence, since 2018.As far as the far-right politics of politician Gert. the far-right politics of politician Geert Wilders are concerned, he has been convicted of hate speech and insulting certain communities in the past and is therefore expected to muddy the waters even further, to enhance his racist and populist appeal with the latest case, with more grandstanding.

## Competitive welfarism to the fore in run-up to elections

HE term labharthis, which translates as beneficiaries of conlates as beneficiaries of statutory ■ welfare schemes, gained currency after the BJP won a second term in Uttar Pradesh by blending a package of doles with the Hindu 'dentity' in what certain commentators claimed was a perfect elec-toral formula. The debate over whether welfarism took precedence over bigotry is inconclusive, though one dare say that while the monthly rations handed out for gratis to underprivileged people might have helped the labharthis tide over the Covid challenges to an extent, Hindutva was the bedrock of the BJP's poll cam-paign in UP. The two elements were not complementary. Indeed, the success in the elections induced a degree of complacency in the UP Government to pursue welfare economics, even as symbols of power such as the bulldozers that targetpower such as the bulldozers that target-ed Muslims and silenced the community played themselves out to the point that social polarisation has been complete. However, politics never stagnates. A certain winning template might work in circumstances that need not necessarily be replicated in other conditions. In UP, the Opposition was fragmented and largely defensive while answering the BJP's rhet-

oric. The BJP tried to communalise Karnataka, but it only gave a huge fillip to the Congress's welfare-centred can naign. Are the labharthis back in fashion pagn. Are the abnaruns back in fashion ahead of five significant state elections spanning north/central India (Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh), North-East (Mizoram) and the south (Telangana)? Madhya Pradesh has nothing in common with Mizoram. Mizoram where the ruling dispensation is backed by the BJP, is in the throes of a social churn caused by ethnic and religion-pro-pelled violence in next-door Manipur. The only thread that can potentially bind the voters of each state is the scepticism and doubts over the notion of the BJP's 'double-engine sarkar' that was halted in its tracks in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka

Voters sometimes react similarly to the voletis sometimes react similarly to the volatility in their lives triggered by infla-tion and unemployment. Welfare sops are intended to counter the negative fallout of price rise and the lack of jobs in the BJPruled states, while each time a Congress government announces a scheme for omen or students, it can justifiably sniff women or students, it can justilably sniff at the BJP's boast, regardless of whether it brings in electoral dividends. The BJP's sole benefaction to the current dissatis-faction over price rise and job losses is

enshrining labharthi in precept and practice, wherever necessary. Rajasthan is among the poll-bound states which adopted the labharthi idea in its entirety adopted the adonardin idea in its entirety to buck the negatives created by faction-alism within the Congress, the threat to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot by his rival, Sachin Pilot, the possibility of a revolt among certain major castes and the history of a dispensation change because in each election voters pitilessly throw out the incumbent. Gehlot hosted back-to-back labharthi festivals where in video conferences he asked women voters if his conferences he asked women voters if his welfare programmes reached them or not. The CM is apparently cognisant of the fact that his flagship Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana, which sought to Nushuik Dava rojana, winch sought to distribute generic drugs free of cost among the poor, flopped and denied him a second term in the 2013 elections. There was a perception that his government did not adequately publicise the merits of the scheme.

Therefore, this time, Gehlot did what the DID generation does not be supported to the comparison of the scheme.

the BJP expertly does — publicise the bag of goodies unrolling every now and then. On the face of it, the rationale of his lat-

on the face of it, the rationale of his lat-est smartphone scheme for women makes abundant sense. It could potentially afford better access to online educational resources to children and make women less dependent on the family's male members to use

The bonanza of smartphones was pre ceded by other programmes such as free medical insurance, cattle insurance, accident insurance, 200 units of free power to farmers and 100 units of power to farmers and 100 units of domestic power free of charge. Gehlot also implemented a programme that topped the erstwhile United Progressive Alliance government's agenda but never reached fruition — the urban employ-ment guarantee scheme. In the Congress-BJP head-to-head in poll-bound states barring Telangana, where the stage seems set for a triangular con-test the preduce suggests that promitism test, the prelude suggests that populism and welfarism might become the domiand welfansm might become the domi-nant themes. Why else would the Centre respond by scaling down the price of cooking gas cylinders by Rs 200 per cylinder after the Congress incessantly called out the Modi government for increasing the cost of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) consumed by households? The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was touted as one of the Centre's stellar proeu as one of the Centre's stellar pro-poor programmes, considering that LPG is the primary cooking fuel for nearly 50 per cent rural and 90 per cent urban fami-lies.

### **DLSA Ganderbal organizes Legal Awareness programme** on 'Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement'

GANDERBAL, , SEPT 04: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today organized Legal Awareness programme on the topic ;Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement, and Benefits of Settlement of cases through ADR' at Conference Hall of District Court Ganderbal.

Hall of District Court Ganderbal.

The programme was held under
the supervision of Chairman DLSA
Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and
under the guidance of Secretary
DLSA Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak.
The event took place at the conference
hall of the District Court
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Ganderbal which saw the active par ticipation of Judicial Officers, legal

ticipation of Judicial Officers, legal professionals, Advocates, Law Students from School of Legal Studies, Department of Law, Central University of Kashmir, Ititigants, PLVs and General Public.

The purpose of this event was to create awareness and provide an opportunity for the amicable settlement of pending cases prior to the Lok-Adalat, with a dedicated focus on the efficient and timely resolution on the efficient and timely resolution

Chief Judicial Magistrate, Favaz Chief Judicial Magistrate, Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi who was the guest speaker on the occasion captivated the audience with an eloquent speech centered on the importance of embracing alternative dispute resolu-tion (ADR) mechanisms. He high-lighted how ADR can contribute to



He expressed gratitude towards the DLSA for spearheading this cru-cial initiative and highlighted the remarkable achievements made in promoting ADR.

Earlier, the awareness programme began with a welcome address and began with a welcome address and brief deliberation on the subject by Secretary DLSA, Ganderbal, who addressed the attendees, reiterating the significance of settling cases through ADR methods. She also emphasized the role of pre-institution mediation in achiev-ing swift and fair resolutions, pro-moting amicable settlements, and reducing the backlog of cases in the

reducing the backlog of cases in the courts and stressing the advantages of ADR processes. She also highlight-ed the potential to achieve timely res-

olutions preservation of relationships through amicable settlements. By organizing such programmes, the District Legal Services Authority aims to foster a culture of amicable resolution in the community, reducing the burden on the courts while ensuring access to justice for all. Participants applauded the efforts of the authority in creating the efforts of the authority in creating awareness and promotining Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement, acknowledging its potential in trans-forming the local judicial landscape. Among the esteemed dignitaries in attendance were Ritesh kumar Dubey, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nusrat Ali Hakak, Sub-Judge/ Secretary DISA Ganderbal, Mainaaz Qadir, Ganderbal. Mainaaz z Qadir, and Mohd. Ganderbal, Mainaaz Q Munsiff/Civil Judge, and M Waseem Mirza, JMIC/ Munsiff.

### What happened to Special Camps for Kashmiri Migrants, asks GLR

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JAMMU, SEPT 04: What happened JAMMU, SEJT 04: What happened to Special Camps for Kashmiri Migrants, asks GLR. Over six months have elapsed since LG Manoj Sinha inaugurated special governance camp for Kashmiri Migrants at Jagti Colony in February 2023, yet there is no movement forward in this regard alleges former MLC and BJP spokesperson GL Raina. 12-day long camp at 6 locations.

spokesperson Gl. Raina.

12-day long camp at 6 locations aimed to ensure 100% saturation of Social security schemes for Kashmiri migrants were held in February with a lot of fanfare and publicity, he recalled. Various departments put up their stalls at

the camp including the facilities for enrolment of youth for self-employ-ment, skilling and up-skilling, added Gl. Raina. Thousands of displaced youth visited these camps and regis-tered themselves under different schemes, for, self-employment. schemes for self-employment,

schemes for self-employment, skilling and up-skilling.

There were a large number of other particularly differently-abled individuals who submitted for exten-sion of social security/welfare schemes to them for which they are eligible, Raina stressed.

Former MLC further added that Former MLC further added that even a substantial number of youth sought benefits of sports promotion schemes, which are not extended to them. It was claimed that the direc-tive was to organize such special

tion of social security schem employment and skilling. However, unfortunately no action seems to have been taken after the conclusion of these camps. Situation even after six months is where it was before these camps were organized, GL Raina asserted. Girdhari Lal Raina Raina asserted. Girdhari Lal Raina expressed pain and anguish over lack of seriousness in the adminis-tration to address issues pertaining to the Displaced Community. Former MLC demanded a detailed response from the concerned authorities on the outcome of these camps held six months earlier and asked administration to be more sensitive and spontaneous in handling the concerns of people.

## Govt SPMR College of Commerce organises Essay Writing Competition

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IAMMU., SEPT 04: Shikshit Bharat JAMMU, SEPT 04: Shikshit Bharat Committee of the Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, on Monday organized an Essay writing competition on the theme "Implication of Gandhian Thoughts in Today's World".

About 25 students participated in the activity and expressed their views on the topic

Principal. Dr. Surinder Kumar eciated the efforts of the commitappreciated the efforts of the commu-tee members for organizing the com-petitions which are helpful in incul-cating the values and teachings of

Gandhi Ji in students' life. He said students should lead their life as per the path shown by Gandhi Ji and in a world that is moving through the phases of war marred by violence and terrorism. There is a significant requirement of Gandhian Philosophy violence, Satyagraha,

of non-violence, Satyagraha, Sarvodaya, etc.
Prof. Deepshikha Sharma also said that Gandhi Ji had a set of principles and values to which he adhered to. These include his believing in the power of truth and he also promoted positive reform in the education system, decentralization of democracy and women empowerment. She emphasized on making rational,

intelligent and practical choice of fighting for peace in non-violent

ways.
The competition of essay writing was adjudged by Prof. Reeta Meenia, and Dr. Deepak Pathania. Adil Nazir Qureshi of sem. 3rd

Adil Nazir Qureshi of sem. 3rd bagged first prize. while Suhani Gupta of sem. 3rd and Pranav Verma of sem. 3rd won 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

The other faculty members present

The other faculty members present on the occasion were Prof. Barbara Koul, Dr. Monika Malhotra, Dr.Nazia Rasool and Malik Aijaz. The whole programme was coordinated naged by Prof. Deepshikha

#### Brashtachar Mukt J&K Week

### Commissioner STD visits Bandipora; reviews functioning of department

Also interacts with business community, mining operators, other stakeholders

JI NEWS SERVICE

SEPT 04: Commissioner State Taxes depart-ment (STD), Dr. Rashmi Singh today visited district Bandipora, wherein she chaired a meeting to wherein she chaired a meeting to assess the overall functioning of the State Taxes and Mining depart-ments. During the meeting, Dr Rashmi undertook a detailed review of the administrative setup of the State Taxes and Mining Department.

Additional Commissioner Administration and Enforcement Administration and Enforcement, Kashmir, Shakeel Maqbool; Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ADC Bandipora besides a large gathering of other stakeholders including trade union, contractors association, druggist and chemists association were present in the meeting.

The Commissioner on the occa-

sion received first hand appraisal

from the officers about the functioning of the department in the district and address any challenges faced

by the people.

During the meeting, Dr Rashmi said that the government is committed to transparent and efficient tax ation processes thereby ensuring sustainable mining practices that align with environmental regula-tions. Additional Commissioner Administration and Enforcement on the occasion spoke about the importance of technology in mod-ernizing tax collection and mining procedures, assuring that the State

procedures, assuring that the State Taxes and Mining Department would continue to leverage digital solutions to enhance efficiency. State Tax officer Bandipora, Mehraj Wani on the occasion informed the Commissioner regard-ing functioning of the department across the district. He briefed that Sales Tayes unit in district Taxes unit in district Bandipora regularly visits business

units and creates awareness units and creates awareness regarding GST and other necessary procedures. On the occasion, the Commissioner also interacted with stakeholders from the business community, mining operators, and other relevant sectors. She held a series of meetings with representaseries of meetings with representa tives from these sectors to gather valuable feedback, address cerns and explore opportunities for collaboration to streamline tax collection and mining operations in the

Earlier, Dr Rashmi flagged off an awareness rally from the premises of Mini Secretariat Bandipora com-prising students of different of Mini Secretariat Bandipora com-prising students of different schools. The rally passed through the different markets of Bandipora to create awareness regarding taxa-tion and its procedures. A painting competition was also held on the occasion during which students were felicitated with certificates and

## RTA approves 133 route permits in Raiouri to enhance commuter Safety

RAJOURI, , SEPT 04: In a significant move aimed at enhancing commuter safety and improving transportation services, the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) today issued 133 route permits for various areas with-in the district of Rajouri. This milein the district of Rajouri. This mile-stone decision was made at a pivotal meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. The meeting, attended by Additional Superintendent of Police, Vivek Shekhar and Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Pawan Sharma delwed into extensive discus-Sharma, delved into extensive discus-sions regarding the safety and wellbeing of commuters within the dis-

In a proactive move to curb overloading and reduce the occurrence of road accidents, the RTA reviewed and approved a total of 133 permits

statistic underscores the need for stringent measures to regulate road safety effectively.

Expressing grave concern over the alarming rate of road accidents within the district, the DDC asked both in the district, the DDC asked both the ARTO and the Traffic Department to initiate special drives and enforce strict penalties against traffic viola-tors. The emphasis was laid on creat-ing a safer environment for all com-muters in Rajouri. In line to the com-mitment to enhance road safety the mitment to enhance road safety, the Regional Transport Authority resolved to introduce additional vehicles in the district in the future. This strategic decision aims to alleviate

ut of 177 proposals. These permits will be allocated to selected applicants with the overarching goal of improving road safety conditions.

The ARTO shared that an impressive 50,000 vehicles have been registered with the department so far. This statistic underscores the need for strictives and maintain a violation. options to residents and visitors alike.

To ensure the swift implementation
of the approved route permits, the
DDC called upon the regulating
authority to expedite the launch of
services and maintain a vigilant
watch against issues such as overleading overpharing and irregular loading, overcharging, and irregular vehicular movement. This proactive approach demonstrates the district's dedication to prioritizing commuter

dedication to prioritizing commuter safety above all else.

The approval of these 133 route permits marks a significant step for-ward in addressing transportation challenges and improving road safety within Rajouri. The RTA along with the support of the district administra-tion and law enforcement, remains committed to ensurine that residents committed to ensuring that residents and travelers can commute safely and conveniently throughout the region

#### Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week kickstarts in District Pulwama



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PULWAMA, , SEPT 04: The Commis-sioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr.Basharat Qayoom on Monday inaugurated week-long Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week at Town Hall Pulwama. Addressing the occasion, the DC stressed on highlighting all the interventions made by the Administration for a seam-less and transparent system. He said and for this dissem-ination of the same will be carried out vigorously this entire weak throughout the entire week throughout the District starting from the District level to the District level to the Panchayat level. Dr Basharat laid emphasis on adoption of confidence

building measures and conveyed that public feedback is an important factor and all the departments shall ensure that the grievances are disposed-off in a proper manner. Digital week and heard the property of the property o Bhrashtachar Mukt Week have a harmonious relationship and Digital Governance is synonymous with Corruption Free services should be delivered within the PSGA timeline, DC added.

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Bhrashtachar Mukt Pulwama is achieved. During this week-long programme, events will be held all across the district. Meanwhile on the first day, DC on having a look at the initiatives taken by the Revenue Department Revenue Department directed all the officials to ensure that not only service delivery shall be online but flagging-off pending appli-cations shall be done at the

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#### Indian Army alongwith Forest Department **Organised Tree Plantation Drive**

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JAMMU, SEPT 04: In a collective effort to enhance the green cover and promote environmental sustainability, Indian Army and Forest Department undertook a Plantation Department undertook a Plantation Drive at Chhatroo, Kishtwar. The initiative is aimed at addressing ecological concerns and fostering a greener future for the populace. The Tree Plantation Drive organised by Indian Army and Forest Department will witness the enthusiastic participation of 38 villagers

The event aims to raise awareness bout the importance of trees in



mitigating the effects of climate change. Total 22 saplings of Deodars were planted during drive.

This drive was highly appreciated

### DC Ramban discusses requisition of land for Traffic Police on National Highway

Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, today chaired a joint meeting of Revenue, NHAI and Traffic Police

of Revenue, NHAI and Traffic Police to address different issues related to land requisition for the traffic police along the national highway. The meeting was attended by the SSP, Traffic, Rohit Baksotra; ACR, Giasul Haq; representatives of NHAI, Tehsildar Hqr, Tehsildar Ramban, and other concerned officers. SDM

Ramsoo and SDM Banihal joined through virtual mode. The meeting was held to ensure coordination between the Traffic Police and revenue department and to resolve minor issues. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of coordinations was the officerated and the coordination of th tance of coordination among the offi-cers to achieve maximum results.

The joint verification of land by Revenue, NHAI and traffic police authorities was also discussed, emphasizing the need for accurate and transparent processes. The meet-

ing also discussed the need of land for traffic police for establishment of booths for helpline desks to reach out the public during emergencies on National Highway and holding areas for traffic machinery. Regarding allotment of land, the revenue officers and NHAI were directed to complete the process at the earliest. The meet ing was highly productive, with both NHAI and traffic police collaborating to find solutions to the issues related to traffic management during land-slides and other climatic issues.

### V.C SKUAST-K inaugurates 03 day National Conference on 'Future of Agriculture & Agriculture for Future Indian Perspective'

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address the challenges of food securi-

ty, climate change and rural develop-

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Secretary and head division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K and

tional efforts in orchestrating a highly successful National Conference to

explore into the pressing theme of the conference, which is the need of the hour. Earlier, Director Research,

her dedicated team for their



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4: The Vice Chancellor (V.C) SKUAST-Kashmir Chancellor (V.C) SKUASI-Kashmir, Professor Nazir Ahmed Ganaie today inaugurated a three-day National Conference on Future of Agriculture and Agriculture for Future Indian Perspective here. The Conference has been organised

by Division of Vegetable Science, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-Kashmir in collaboration with Society for Plant Research (VEGETOS)

Directors, Deans Heads ivisions /Research Stat Stations University Scienti-sts attended the inaugural function. About 200 delegates from across the country are participating in the three-day National

onterence. Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir in his address, emphasized the critical role of agriculture in shaping India's SKUAST-Kashmir Dr. Tariq Hussain Masoodi presented a formal welcome address and emphasized on collective efforts towards envisioning the future of agriculture in India. He stressed that we should not

merely discuss abstract concepts but merely discuss abstract concepts but to formulate concrete strategies and solutions that will shape the future of our agricultural sextor. In our discussions over the coming days, we should explore the complicated web of challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, he added.

Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar, Founder Chairman of Society for Plant Research (VEGETOS) highlighted the privotal role that Vegetos Journal has

pivotal role that Vegetos Journal has played in disseminating cutting-edge research papers and fostering innova-tion within the agricultural communi-ty. Over the years, this esteemed pub-lication has been instrumental in shaping the future of agriculture sci-ence, serving as inspiration for schol-ars and researchers dedicated to the betterment of agriculture practices. The Society for Plant Research (VEGETOS) conferred awards upon eminent scientists who have made exceptional contributions in various played in disseminating cutting-edge

exceptional contributions in various

fields of agriculture.
On this occasion, one book and one abstract book authored by division of

abstract book authored by division of vegetable science was released Organizing Secretary and head division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K presented the vote of thanks.

### KPC advocates rehabilitation and justice in meeting with MP Parvesh Verma

JAMMU, SEPT 04: The President of the Kashmiri Pandit Conference the Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC), Kundan Kashmiri, along with his team, recently held a significant meeting with Honorable Member of Parliament, Shri Parvesh Verma, in New Delhi. The purpose of this meeting was to address pressing issues and challenges fored by the issues and challenges faced by the displaced Kashmiri Pandit commu

displaced Kashmiri Pandit commu-nity living in exile.

During the meeting, President Kundan Kashmiri highlighted the pressing need for constitutional arrangements to facilitate the return and rehabilitation of the estimated four to five lakh displaced Kashmiri Pandits to a single, concentrated location.

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This proposed area, referred to as
the land of Kashyap in the Kashmir
valley, would benefit from Indian
Constitutional and institutional
guarantees, as well as associated laws and provisions.

He emphasized that the displaced Kashmir Pandit community had collectively devised this rehabilita-tion roadmap over three decades ago. They have consistently submitago. They have consistency ---ted these proposals to various governments and political parties, yet there has been little progress on this front.

Kundan Kashmiri also drew Kundan Kasıılılı aloo .... attention to the tragic loss of more

JAMMU, SEPT 04: The Annual Meeting of Samadhaan Foundation held at the Spiritual Growth Centre Mata Vaishno Devi. Katra, concluded with a strong commitment to contribute towards the strengthen-ing of democracy, the preservation of the environment, and the better-

ment and empowerment of society.

Pawan Sharma, the Patron-in-Chief and founder of Samadhaan

Chief and founder of Samadhaan Foundation, presided over the meet-ing, which saw enthusiastic partici-pation from Samadhaan Leaders representing various districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Samadhaan Foundation, on a

of the Kashmiri Pandit community who were brutally martyred, massa-cred, and subjected to property destruction, looting, land orchard encroachments, and forced occupation. Despite repeated appeals, justice has remained elu-

appeals, justice has remained elusive, and no commission of inquiry has been initiated to address these grave injustices.

Furthermore, Kundan Kashmiri emphasized the deep-rooted connections that Kashmiri Pandits have with the land, natural resources, traditions, and languages of Kashmir. He urged Member of Parliament Shri Parvesh Verma to advocate for granting indigenous status to the Kashmiri to the Pandit community, similar to the Pandit community, similar to the recognition granted to other communities in India, such as the indigenous Assamese Muslims by

indigenous Assamese Muslims by the Assam Government. In addition to indigenous status, Kundan Kashmiri called for the for-mal declaration of the Kashmiri Pandit community as internally displaced people, acknowledging their status as victims of forced exile, genocide, and ethnic cleansing. He stressed the importance of removing the migrant label that had been assigned to the community during the tenure of the previous Congress administration. administration.

Kundan Kashmiri proposed that Samadhaan Foundation highlights commitment to

democracy, environment, community empowerment

ministerial mechanism to facilitate coordination between Kashmiri Pandit representatives and the gov-ernment. This would aid in the effective implementation of the aforementioned demands address other critical issues faced address other critical issues faced by the community, including unem-ployment among youth, the status of PM package employees, increased monthly relief, the passage of shrine and temple bills, and the enactment of a genocide and Kashmiri Pandit rehabilitation bill in Parliament

The KPC Chief also called for the recognition of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community as legitimate stakeholders in Kashmiri. inviting their participation in think tanks and development initiatives for Jammu and Kashmir and the nation as a whole. He stressed the urgency of implementing measures to safeguard the rich social, cultural, and religious legacy of Kashmiri Pandits, which faces a looming threat from radicalized ideologies. The meeting concluded with the

submission of a memorandum to Honorable Member of Parliament Shri Parvesh Verma, intended for the Prime Minister and Home Minister of India. This memoran-dum encapsulated the community's concerns and aspirations, seeking prompt and proactive measures to address the longstanding issues the current government at the cen-ter establish an institutional, inter-Pandit community.

#### Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week activities take off in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, , SEPT 04: KISHTWAR, , SEPT 04: District Administration Kishtwar has devised a vibrant action plan to observe Bharatachar Mukat J&K Week starting from today.

comprehensive action plan was devised at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav and Devansh Yadav and attended by all key stake-

attended by an key our holders. Key Highlights of the Action Plan stressed on a comprehensive approach to disseminate awareness among all.

During the meeting the Ground-Level Engagement Ground-Level Engagement was stressed upon as from Day 1 to Day 6. The stake-holder departments, including Revenue, Jal Shakti, RDD, and PDD, will be actively present at the grassroots level to address grievances and raise awareness among villagers and panchayats based on a predetermined schedule. Nodal officers and departmental repreand departmental representatives will ensure the effective execution of pro-

grams.

On Day 6, appointed nodal officers will gather feedback from the public, assessing the awareness levels and grievance.



Under the Digital Initiative - Hello Kishtwar, the online platform shall remain open for one hour daily from 11 AM to 12 Noon during the entire week for citizens to report grievances and complaints related to corruption on related to corruption on IVRS number 8470800900. These complaints will be also recorded both online and offline through a dedi-cated control room. On September 8, an

awareness conference will be hosted by SSP Kishtwar, focusing on penalties under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Prabhari officers will Prabhari officers will convene gram sabhas in their respective panchay-ats, with representatives from key departments. On September 5, 2023, during the occasion of Teachers Day Celebration, the schools across District Kishtwar will conduct anti-

corruption programs, emphasizing the impor-tance of ethics and integriwill hold a press confer-ence to discuss the out-

All corruption-related All corruption-related complaints, including anonymous will be referred to the police for investigation and neces-sary action. Complaint counters will be established at district headquar-ters, tehsil, and block offices.

offices.

The Auto-escalation cases under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) will be promptly addressed, and penalties will be imposed on officers/officials violating PSGA timelines.

The digital week will allow with the articorum.

align with the anti-corruption campaign, showcasing the role of online services combating rruption.Measures will

corruption.Measures will be taken against individu-als filing frivolous com-plaints to send a clear message against misuse of anticorruption measures.

Google Form links will be disseminated through social media and other platforms to encourage public feedback. A massi public feedback. A massive publicity campaign involv-ing citizens, youth clubs, PRI's, and media will ensure door-to-door infor-mation dissemination on

the anti-corruption drive. The Pani Samitis will join panchayat-level gram sab-has to inspect Jal Jeevan Mission schemes and

Samadhaan Foundation, on a mission to inspire, empower, and connect people to effect positive change in their communities, has successfully completed five years of dedicated public service.

In his welcoming address, Milap Singh, Founder member & Coordinator of Samadhaan, elucidated the foundational ideas and Mission schemes and address public grievances related to implementation. The Executive Officer of MC Kishtwar will organize a six-day public grievance redressal program and establish complaint counters. Additionally, public rallies in municipal areas will raise awaroness in col. dated the foundational ideas and the Samadhaan Foundation. will raise awareness in col-laboration with GHSS Boys Ajeet Katerwal, Coordinator & core team member, presented a comprehensive report detailing the foundation's activities and accomand Girls. This dedicated effort aims to foster a cor effort aims to foster a cor-ruption-free environment and uphold the principles of good governance in District Kishtwar. Deputy commissioner Kishtwar encouraged active partici-pation from all plishments over the past five years in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pawan Sharma, while congratu-



on the foundation's successful five year journey in public service, emphasized that Samadhaan's pri-mary vision and mission are to unite people, organize them, and educate them to achieve common

The meeting featured in-depth

The meeting featured in-depth discussions on various contemporary issues, the current societal landscape, and the challenges facing society.

During the meeting, all Samadhaan Leaders unanimously resolved to work towards the strengthening of democracy, the preservation of the environment, and the betterment and empowerment of society through the implementation of various programs and initiatives in the days ahead.

In addition to these initiatives,

Samadhaan Foundation remains committed to working for the empowerment of the impoverished, marginalized, and weaker sections

of society.

The annual meeting was attended by prominent Samadhaan Leaders by prominent Samadhaan Leaders, including Milap Singh, Aneeta Mohan Sharma, Ajeet Singh, Lok Bandhu, Gurdep Singh, Usha Sharma, Neeraj Kotwal, Naresh Raina, Akshay Bharti, Aman Sharma, Vikas Sambyal, Gaurav Sharma, Balbir Singh, Depash Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Sahil Bishnotra, Vicky Sharma, Amit Dogra, Suresh Sharma, Sunny Dubay, Munish Singh, and Pushpinder Singh.

Dubay, Munish Singh, and Pushpinder Singh. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Aneeta Mohan Sharma and the recitation of

## **Privatization of Railway Station Parking** will devastate taxi business: Tony



JI NEWS SERVICE

Extending full support to the Taxi operators work-ing from Jammu Railway Station, Taranjit Singh Tony, Congress leader and DDC Member Suchetgarh on Monday for its move to privatize the parking claiming that the same would ruin the taxi business in the

region.

During a visit to taxi During a visit to taxi drivers at Railway Station Jammu, Tony said that the government has no right to take such arbi-trary decisions without

taking into confidence the taking into confidence the stakeholders because taxi operators working from Jammu Railway Station cannot bear such a big setback on account of snatching away their base just to please some pri-vate contractor for a few extra bucks. He said that the government cannot rendering hundreds taxi operators helpless.

He asked the head of the UT, LG Manoj Sinha to intervene in the matter and save the future of the aforesaid taxi operators which are backbone of tourism sector in J&K, as they provide reliable services to devotees of Mata vaishno Devi and Baba Barfani during all seasons with impeccable profes-

with impeccable profes-sional ethics.

"The move of privatizing the aforesaid parking is nothing but harassment to taxi operators, who have become vulnerable by the wrong decision taken by the helmsmen ernight", he said adding at the government ould revisit its decision,

## Digital Services Awareness rally flagged-off by Police and Civil Administration at Budgam

Hundreds of students, employees & locals participated in the event

JI NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, , SEPT 04: In a remarkable display of commitment to digital empowerment, an awareness rally was today organized by District Administration Budgam in collaboration with School Education department Budgam.
The event, centered on the theme of

The event, centered on the theme of Digital Jammu and Kashmir', was aimed at promoting digital literacy and highlighting the numerous benefits of online services.

The rally, a vibrant showcase of enthusiasm and dedication, was flagged-off by Senior Superintendent of Dolico Busquan, Al. Tabic Glani.

of Police Budgam, Al- Tahir Gilani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Nasir; CEO Budgam, Romana Qazi and District Informatics Officer and other officers

Informatics Officer and other officers and officials of the district. Their presence underscored the importance of digital initiatives in fostering progress and inclusivity.

Commencing from the SSP Office in Budgam, the rally witnessed participation from students of various objective in the control of th educational institutions coming together early in the morning. Their spirit and fervor for the cause were



truly infectious, inspiring to everyone who witnessed the event.

As the rally progressed through the

streets of Budgam, participants carried banners, placards, and shared informative pamphlets, spreading awareness about the transformative potential of digital technologies in the

region.

The vibrant procession drew the attention of locals and passersby, amplifying the message of digital inclusion.

The grand culmination of this remarkable rally took place at the Sports Stadium Budgam, where the

participants were greeted with applause and encouragement. Speakers at the event reiterated the

importance of embracing the digital age, not only for educational and economic growth but also for fostering a more connected and empowered community

The event highlighted the strides The event highlighted the strides being made in the digital landscape of Jammu and Kashmir and show-cased the potential for further growth. It also served as a call to action, encouraging individuals and organizations to actively participate in the ongoing digital revolution.

## DC B'la chairs NCORD meeting at Dak Bungalow

BARAMULLA, , SEPT 04: In order to discuss the comprehensive strategy to counter the menace of drug abuse in the district besides taking apprais-al of the action taken by the conal of the action taken by the con-cerned departments with regard to control measures, a 10th meeting of the District Level Committee of Narcotics Coordination (NCORD) was today held at Dak Bungalow Baramulla under the chairmaship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Deputy Commissioner (D Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar.

The meeting evaluated the actions performed by the respective departments in terms of drug control measures in the district.

ures in the district.

It also comprehensively discussed the incidences of drug addiction, areas of concern, age group of addicts, hot spots of drug abuse and status of drug rehabilitation centres in Baramulla district.

During the meeting, Dr. Solvich

During the meeting, Dr Sehrish called for zero tolerance against per-petrators of drug abuse in the district and took a detailed appraisal of implementation of ban on the sale of tobacco within 200 meters radius of all educational institutions across the

The DC further said that collective

Dr Sehrish emphasises on developing Intelligence Network to Identify Drug-trafficking Hotspots



have to work in tandem to enhance the rehabilitation of persons involved

in drug abuse.

Dr Sehrish also exhorted upon the Youth Services and Sports Department to ensure the involve-ment and engagement of youth clubs in various activities meant to help in

in various activities meant to help in eradication of the drug menace. Furthermore, the DC stressed the importance of holding large-scale awareness campaigns in schools and universities to educate the youth about the dangers and negative consequences of drug use.

Meanwhile, the chair was also

informed that various medical shop

have been sealed in the district violat ing the guidelines of the government besides 170 Kanal poppy cultivation have already been destroyed. FIRs also stand lodged against the culprits

also stand lodged against the culprits during the last drug De-addiction drives, the meeting informed. Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Sub Divisional Magistrate Pathan and Uri besides other concerned func-tionaries of all denartments, were tionaries of all departments were

## DC Bandipora inaugurates 'Brashtachar Mukt J&K' Week; administers Anti-Corruption Pledge

All departments geared up for conduct of Week-long multifarious activities

BANDIPORA, , SEPT 04: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Monday inaugurated the 'Brashtachar Mukt Jammu and Kashmir Week' in an inaugural cere-mony held at Mini Secretariat Bandipora. Bandipora.

function was attended by ADDC, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer ADDC, Ali Alsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ADC, Umar Shafi; ACP, JD Planning besides all the district and sectoral heads of the district. It was given out that the week-long program aims to combat corruption

and promote transparency in the administration, thereby ensuring a corruption-free Bandipora.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. wais said that the District Administration is committed to erad-

Administration is committed to eraciate corruption at all levels.
He said that online services and eoffices play an important role in
achieving the goal of corruption free
work culture in the administration,
streamlining government processes,
and reducing opportunities for corrunt practices

The DC informed that to make govent services hassle free: there already 200 plus e-services available in the district

in the district.

He said that to make Bandipora corruption-free, the importance of modern technology and digital solutions are recognisable. He said that online services and e-offices not only enhance efficiency but also minimize the chances of corruption.

the chances of corruption.

The DC directed all the depart-The DC directed all the departments, especially executive departments, to timely identify and resolve all the pendencies in their respective departments. He said pendencies lead to time delays, and ultimately, corruption has a scope in such cases. He therefore stressed the timely resolution of pending works.

It was informed that the Brashtachar Mukt J&K Week will feature a series of awareness professor and the series of awareness professor.

feature a series of awareness pro-grams, workshops and interactive sessions to educate government officials and citizens about the detrimental effects of corruption and ways to combat it

It was given that the week will also highlight the success stories of indi-viduals and departments that have

effectively adopted digital solutio operations

It was further informed that a series of programs are scheduled to be held across all the blocks of the

be held across all the blocks of the district and in all the panchayats dur-ing the weeklong program. The events include workshops on e-governance and digitalization, public awareness campaigns on reporting corruption, showcasing successful case studies of corruption-free departments, interactive sessions departments, interactive sessions with citizens on the benefits of online services and their role in reducing

services and their role in reducing corruption.

The DC called upon all government officials, residents, and organizations in Bandipora to actively participate in the week-long event, stating that the collective efforts are crucial in building a transparent and accountable. ing a transparent and accountable

Meanwhile, Dr Owais presided over the pledge ceremony wherein officers from district administration besides volunteers participated to take oath for corruption free practices and ensure an effective and efficient

## Director Agriculture holds interaction with Saffron Farmers at Chandhara Pampore



JI NEWS SERVICE

PAMPORE, , SEPT 04: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today visited saf-fron growing areas of Pampore and held interactions with the saffron s of Chandhara. He also took

Speaking on the occasion, Director

markets. He assured the concerned farmers of every possible technical support from the department for making saffron crop cultivation a successful venture. Director Agriculture held detailed

interactions with the saffron farmers of Chandhara area and took feedback of Chandhara area and took feedback regarding the role played by the department. Chief Agriculture officer Pulwama, Mohammad Iqbal Khan; District Agriculture Officer Extension, District Agriculture Officer Inputs, Agriculture Extension Officer Pampore were present on the occasion

occasion.

Later, Pledge against corruption under 'Brashtachar Mukt J&K week' was administered by Director Agriculture in presence of Joint Director Agriculture inputs Tahassum Naz to the Officers, officials of Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir

## People suffering increase manifold in absence of popular Govt in J&K: Javed Rana



JI NEWS SERVICE

MENDHAR SEPT 04-Javed Ahmed Rana, President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Pir Panjal Zone and former Panjal Zone and former legislator, has strongly criticized the present dis-pensation for its failure to provide essential services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

While engaging with a delegation from Dharana Malakpur in Mendhar today, the senior NC leader expressed his disappointment with the government's inability

ernment's inability to meet the expectations of the general public. The delegation mem-bers brought to his atten-tion the deplorable condition of roads in the Pir Panjal region, particularly in Mendhar.

Javed Rana noted that Javed Rana noted that the suffering of the people has increased significant-ly in the absence of a pop-ularly elected government in Jammu and Kashmir. He took serious note of

dismal condition of roads, including the Dharana Malakpur Dolak road and Malakpur Dolak road and Kasab Behra road, and despite raising the matter with authorities con-cerned several times no one seems to be taking the pressing issues concerning the general public seriously.

He further emphasized that the Mendhar Surankote road, Madan Kalai road, and Kalaban Pathana Pir Gursai Road, falling under the Pradhan Mantri Gram

Yojana (PMGSY), are also in a state of disrepair. in a state of disrepair.

According to norms, contractors responsible for PMGSY roads are mandated to maintain them for a period of five years, but regrettably, the people continue to suffer, he added.

Javed Rana asserted Javed Rana asserted that authorities sitting at the helm of affairs are turning a deaf ear to the issues faced by the peo-ple. He noted that developmental activities have come to a standstill in the entire Pir Panjal zone, and entire Pir Panjal zone, and residents are struggling for basic amenities including regular water and power supplies. The senior NC leader issued a stern warning to

issued a stern warning to the government, urging them to cease from harassing the general public. He emphasized that if the government does not address these critical issues promptly, the public may have no

### District Rajouri launches "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week" to combat Corruption, Foster Transparent Governance

steps are in progress, he further said.

development of saffron farmers, the

department has endeavoured to ensure that our GI Tagged saffron reaches national and international

Igbal said that for the economic

RAIOURI. SEPT 04: To RAJOURI, , SEPT 04: To root out corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance, the "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week" is being observed with great enthusiasm across District Rajouri from September 4th to September 10th, 2023.

to September 10th, 2023.

The week-long campaign, spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, kicked off with a pledge-taking ceremony held at the DC Office complex, to be followed by a series of activities during the period the period. The initiative, taken in

consonance with the UT wide campaign, aims to rally the community rally the community against corruption and raise awareness about the empowerment opportunities offered through the Janbhagidari portal. It will focus on engaging all sections of society, particularly the rural populace, through the organization of

through the organization of special Gram Sabha meet-ngs across all Panchayats



These meetings will concentrate on cultivating a corruption-free environ in Jammu and

Kashmir.

Notably, the Deputy Commissioner has outlined key areas of focus, including crucial government departments like Revenue, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD), Public Works Department (PWD), and Power Development Department Department Department of the Commission of Development Department (PDD). The campaign an emphasis addressing grievances related to the Revenue Department, such as land Department, such as land records, mutations, and demarcations, ensuring that these issues are promptly and effectively resolved at the appropriate levels.

Furthermore Deputy

evels.
Furthermore, Deputy
Vikas Commissioner Vikas Kundal passed directions to all public officers to priori-

tize matters of public importance and take action to address them. Particular attention will be Particular attention will be given to achieving full household tap connections and resolving electricity-related issues, resolution of land revenue matters etc.All complaints received during this period shall be addressed on overriding priority within the week. As part of this initiative, a

As part of this initiative, a As part of this initiative, a series of engaging events will be organized on Teachers' Day, including quizzes, debates, skits, paintings, rangoli and poster making competitions to encourage students for an active participation in the fight against corruption.

tion.
In a bid to facilitate the reporting and resolution of corruption-related griev-ances, special counters have been established at the tehsil, block, and district levels.

The "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week" is not just a campaign; it's a col-lective commitment to build a corruption-free and

### Apni Party deputation highlights drinking water issue in Raipur, Satwari to DC Jammu

JAMMU, SEPT 04: In a proactive effort to address a pressing concern, a delegation from the Apni Party convened a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kuman Vaishva in Jammu. The delegation Vaishya in Jammu. The delegation, led by Pavneet Kour, the Provincial President of the Apni Party's Jammu Women's Wing, comprised several prominent members, including Tirath Singh, Apni Party Provincial President for Jammu, Devinder Singh Gill, Vice President of the Transport Union, Ritu Pandita, District President of the Women's Wing, and Sheetal

The primary issue brought to the forefront during this meeting was the acute shortage of clean drinking water plaguing the residents of Raipur, Satwari. Raipur, a locality situated in Satwari, has been grapsituated in Satwari, has been grap-pling with this problem, with its res-idents facing immense challenges in accessing safe and potable water.



The members of the delegation shed light on the dire circum-stances faced by the people of Raipur. Due to the unavailability of tap water in their vicinity, the residents have been compelled to dents nave been compelled to undertake arduous journeys to fetch drinking water from distant sources. Furthermore, some have had to resort to hiring private water tankers, incurring additional costs for this essential resource.

\*\*Peccompision the gravity of the sit.\*\* Recognizing the gravity of the sit-

uation and the critical need for intervention, the delegation fervently appealed to Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar

Vaishya to address and expedite the resolution of this matter. They stressed that access to clean drinking water is a fundamental right and an essential requirement for a dignified life. Deputy Commissioner Vaishya, demonstrating his commitment to the welfare of the pe assured the delegation that he would personally oversee an inquiry into the issue. His pledge to investigate and seek prompt solutions pro-vided a ray of hope for the residents endured the hardship caused by the and accessible drinking water.

#### Pre Lok-Adalat Session held at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL.. SEPT 04: In conne GANDERBAL, SEPT 04: In connec-tion with the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled on 9th of September 2023, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today conducted Pre Lok-Adalat session for Pre-Litigation cases in District Court Ganderbal.

During the Pre Lok-Adalat Session, hundreds of Pre-Litigation cases were taken up for settlement in which almost 50 cases were resolved by



Secretary DLSA, Ganderbal, Nusrat

Ali Hakak During the Pre-Lok Adalat Session, Secretary DLSA, Ganderbal said that the prime objective of the Lok Adalats is to settle the disputes amicably through compromise so as to save the time and money of the parties and to reduce personal enmity between them.

between them.
Victim Compensation Cheques
were also distributed among the victims by Chairman DLSA, Ganderbal,
reflecting its commitment to providing support and justice to the affects
individuals and families. DLSA has
tirelessly worked towards ensuring
justice and support to victims who
have suffered losses due to unforturate incidents and circumstances. nate incidents and circums

#### Pledge Ceremony under Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K celebrations held at Budgam

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BUDGAM, , SEPT 04: A pledge cere mony under week-long Bhrastachar Mukt J&K celebrations was held

today at Conference Hall Budgam.
The ceremony was attended by
Additional District Development
Commissioner Budgam, Dr Commissioner Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak; Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr Nasir Ahmad and other senior officers and officials of the DC Office Budgam.

During the pledge ceremony, the employees vowed to eliminate cor-

employees vowed to eliminate cor-ruption and promote transparent governance across the district. The week-long Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K campaign will culminate on

September 10.

To join this campaign against corruption, the District Administration

Budgam will conduct a series of awareness events across the district with a focus on the promotion of transparent and accountable gover-

On the occasion, ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak stressed upon employees to ensure speedy redressal of public issues besides prompt serv-ice delivery through transparent and

## **IKEDI starts celebrations of 'Brashtachar Mukt -J&K'** Week with IPR Awareness Program

PULWAMA, , SEPT 04: To raise understanding and awareness about awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), in collaboration with Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Pulwama, today organised a comprehensive

wareness program. This initiative marks the commencement of the 'Brashtachar Mukt - J&K' week, designed to combat corruption and promote transparent and account-able governance within the

The program witnessed active participation from students and individuals eager to deleve into the intricate world of Intellectual Property Rights. This awareness program aligns seamlessly with the broadgram and of promoting ethier goal of promoting ethi-cal practices and integrity within the administrative and entrepreneurial domains of Jammu and

Kashmir.

As part of the inaugural session, Director, JKEDI,
Ajaz Ahmad Bhat delivered insightful remarks highlighting the impor-tance of this initiative. He emphasized the pivotal role that awareness pro-





grams such as these play in nurturing a culture of transparency and account-ability. He underscored that an informed under-standing of Intellectual Property Rights is not only with fee inconvation but vital for innovation but also for establishing a robust, corruption-free ecosystem in J&K.

The 'Brashtachar Mukt week, initiated with J&K' week, initiated with this IPR awareness pro-gram by JKEDI, aims to pave the way for a broader movement towards eradi-cating corruption and pro-moting ethical governance practices. By appropriate practices. By empowering individuals with knowl-edge about IPRs, this endeavor not only nurtures

strengthens the founda-tions of a more transparent and accountable society, said Director JKEDI. "Various aspects of IPR, including design, GI regis-tration, patents, trade-marks, trade secrets, and

others, are integral to this effort. Startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs must be and entrepreneurs must be vigilant and report any obstacles they face in this regard. They should not hesitate to identify individuals hindering progress so that appropriate action can be taken within the framework of the law. They should use the digital services of the Government for ices of the Government for more accountability", said

He further emphasized

the pivotal role of students in shaping the future of society and the nation. He underscored the impor-tance of addressing corrup-tion and promoting good governance, as these factors are essential for a brighter and more prosperous future.

The experts from JKEDI in detail discussed the in detail discussed the process of filing for IPR, the need to file IPR as well as the measures to report for IPR violation. The program also featured an illuminating presentation by Yasmeen Farooq Khan, Principal, Government Women College, Pulwama, who delved into the intri-

who delved into the intricacies of IPR and its rele vance in today's dynamic warde in today's dynamic world. Participants were privy to discussions on patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, each contributing to a holistic understanding of Intellectual Property. Intellectual Property Rights.

The program was attended by the faculty members of the college, experts from JKEDI and hundreds of JKEDI and hundreds of students. People interested in availing benefits under startup policy of the Government can contact Vishal Ray (In Charge CIIBM, JKEDI-9419216208) or Imtiyaz Ahad, Associate Project Manager

### Digital Week celebration 2023: Mega awareness camp held at Sub Division Banihal

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN,, SEPT 04: Series of activities including Digital Melas, Awareness programme were held across Ramban district to mark the celebration of Digital Week-2023.

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, a unwher of Augments of Targanage Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, a comber of Augments of Commissioner of the Commissioner of Commissioner of Commissioner of the Commissioner of Commissioner

number of awareness programmes were held in different areas of the were held in different areas of the district as a part of Digital Week Celebrations aimed at enhancing digital literacy among the Stakeholders. Mega Digital Week celebration programmes were held at Sub Division Banihal under the supervision of SDM, Zaheer Abass Bhat.

On the occasion, senior officers of different departments sensitized the repople about On-Line services being

people about On-Line services being provided by their respective depart-ments as they gave demonstrations and hands-on training. The depart-ments provided on spot e-services



being offered by them, including Aadhar enrollment, Golden Cards, services of Revenue department, Horticulture, Agriculture, Holistic Agriculture Development Schemes, RDD schemes besides other services that can be availed online by the public. Speaking about the weeklong
"Digital Week-2023", the SDM
Banihal said that the initiative has been launched to provide easy access

to Government schemes and services to Government schemes and services and enhance digital literacy among the people, besides adapting techno-logical interventions to ensure citi-zens centric services in an efficient, prompt and effective manner. The Digital week camps were also held in other parts of the district where the line departments showcased their enrolled the beneficiarie

### Week-long 'Bharshtachar Mukt J&K' campaign takes-off in Kupwara

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KUPWARA.. SEPT 04: The KUPWARA,, SEPT 04: The Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K' campaign was today kick-started with a pledge cere-mony which was attended by all the officers and offi-District Administration at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex Kupwara. On the occasion, Kupwara. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan stressed upon the Officers/ Officials to be responsive in public service delivery and grievances redressal.

It is our duty to listen to the people patiently and

the people patiently and dispose-off all genuine grievances in a time bound manner, said the DC She urged upon all the



officers to create a Nodal Point of Contact in their respective Coordination with the control room, set up for the purpose in the DC Office.

purpose in the DC Office.

The DC asked officers to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations and contribute to the establishment of a corruption free environment in all offices.

the officers to achieve daily targets set forth by her office for the griev ances registered on JK-IGRAM, strictly.

IGRAM, strictly.

She exhorted all officers and officials to make themselves aware of all kinds of corruption and ensure that no one should fall prey to corruption. Meanwhile,

similar pledge taking cere-monies were also held in District Offices, Sectoral offices and different insti-tutions across Kupwara district wherein the

district wherein the Officer/officials took pledge to make Kupwara district corruption free. Special sessions were held in all government offices and institutions with regard to sensitization of employees about creeof employees about cre ation of a corruption free

Special Gramsabhas were held across all Panchayats and Municipal councils of the district by involving PRIs, Councilors, Prabhari Officers, MGN-REGA workers, SHGs, Pani Samitis, and other stake-holders. Special Gramsabhas

### Role of the teacher in society is significant and valuable: Rekha Mahaian



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JAMMU, SEPT 04: Emphasizing teachers be facilitators and role models for their students, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan while celebrating Rekha Mahajan while celebrating "Teachers Day" here at Gurunanak High School, Kullian in Jammu South. She said that "a promising and visionary educator can play a prominent role in shaping the future of a student. This was stated by Belka Mahajan while intersecting. by Rekha Mahajan while interacting with teachers along with staff mem-bers of the school in the esteem

of District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, DDC Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat, District General Ayodnya Gupta, District General Ram Bhagat, District General Secretary Akash Chopra, Mandal President Bikram Sandhu, Chairman of Gurunanak high school Darshan lal, Vice President of SC Morcha, Bahadur lal Ex Sarpanch, Ashok Choudhary for Sarpanch, Ashok Choudhary for-mer vice president and other promi-nent persons were present in the program. Rekha Mahajan along with other dignitaries felecitated teacher Naresh Kanth and famous Punishi. Plactif. Cect. Signer, on Punjabi Bhagti Geet Singer on

teachers day. Rekha Mahajan said that the role

of the teacher in a society is signifi-cant and valuable having a far-reaching influence on people so it becomes his prime responsibility to aphold the sanctity of his profes uphold the sanctity of his profession by being competent, morally upright, and knowledgeable. Highlighting the vital role played by teachers in shaping the future of upcoming generations, she said that teachers are a very important element of society and deserve high respect for their contribution to

respect for their contribution to transformation of the society.

Prof.Gharu Ram and Ayodhya Gupta said that Teacher's Day is a very special occasion for recognizing and paying tribute to the important role played by teachers and honor-ies them for their contribution to ing them for their contribution to ing them for their contribution to varied fields of learning and research. They called upon the entire teaching fraternity of Gurunanak High School to put in their best efforts for imparting qualenthusing high ethos among them so that they could grow as a respon-sible citizen. A colorful cultural programme was presented by the stu-dents on the occasion and later the dignitaries felicitated the teachers for their contribution.

## DDC Ramban chairs meeting of District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC)

RAMBAN, , SEPT 04: DISTRICT Development Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) here in his office Chamber to discuss the finalization of the

to discuss the finalization of the District Export Promotion Plan.
CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal; GM, DIC, Ravinder Anand; Chief Agriculture Officer, Ram Gopal; Chief Horticulture Officer, Anil Gorkha; representative of JKTPO Jammu, and other conceptual officer users present other concerned officers were present

power point presentation of the draft Export promotion plan presented by the official of JKTPO, Jammu. The meeting discussed the action plan to increase the production and quality of the export oriented products in the District like Honey, Walnut and Anardana (Dry pome-granate) granate). ranate). The meeting was informed that two

Common Facilitation Centers for Honey have already been sanctioned for the district. The chair directed to for the district. The chair directed to include quince fruit products in the export plan. He asked the stakeholder depart-ments to organize workshops and awareness programmes to encourage

Indian Army organizes Medical and Veterinary

establish the processing units for Anardana, Honey and Walnut in the The Deputy Commissioner took a

detailed appraisal about the meas-ures taken to boost the exports of different products being produced in the District. A comprehensive discussion on the subject was held wherein various issues pertaining to the finalization of the District Export Action Plan were

this cussed.

The DC also took a thorough assessment of the export activities being carried out under different sectors in the District.

## **Chandel declares Ravinder Raina as** the true 'Bahubali' of J&K

JAMMU, SEPT 04: Raju Chandel, a prominent leader of the Hindu nationalist BJP, addressed the media in Jammu today, highlighting the significant development underway in Jammu and Kashmir. During his address, he commended the rapid progress taking place in the region, which includes the construction of new bridges, roads, railstruction of new bridges, roads, rail-ways, and tunnels. He attributed this impressive development to the visionary leadership of Amit Shah, drawing a parallel between him and the legendary Chanakya. Chandel also lauded the consistent efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in prescopning, obstacles on India's overcoming obstacles on India's

path to progress. Chandel emphasized the unity Chandel emphasized the unity and collaborative efforts of the peo-ple of Jammu and Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of Ravinder Raina, President of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu and Kashmir. Raina's instrumental role in addressing and resolving various challenges faced by the region was praised by Chandel, who likened



him to a modern-day Chanakya, tirelessly working for the betterment of the people. Furthermore, Chandel highlight-

ed the contributions of Dr. Ashok ed the contributions of Dr. Ashok Kaul, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, in Kashmir. Dr. Kaul's dedication and commit-ment have played a pivotal role in uniting diverse sections of society in Jammu and Kashmir under a com-

Chandel expressed his confidence that the upcoming legislative elec-tions would see the BJP emerge victorious and secure a significant number of seats, effectively repre-senting the region. He attributed this impending success to the dedi-cation and hard work of the party workers who have tirelessly striven for the betterment of Jammu and

He further added that the BJP's victory in the upcoming elections would mark the end of the alliance of deceit that has plagued Jammu and Kashmir's politics for years. The Bharatiya Janata Party is expected to surpass other political parties, including the Aam Aadmi Party, the Congress Party, the National Conference, and the Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party in this election.

Chandel emphasized the BJP's provided the BJP's p

unwavering commitment to development and unity, which he believes will establish it as the dominant political force in Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed confidence that the days of unemployment and terrorism in the region are numbered, and soon Jammu and Kashmir will witness unprecedented growth and prosperity

# camp at Alni Dharunder, Bhaderwah JAMMU, SEPT 04: As part of its

JAMMU, SEPT 04: As part of its ongoing outreach and unwavering commitment to assisting the local population, the Indian Army stationed in Bhaderwah has undertaken a significant initiative by organizing a Medical and Veterinary Camp in the Abi. Dhesir Area of in the Alni Dharin Area of Responsibility. This event is just one facet of a broader effort, with one facet of a broader effort, with two Medical Camps scheduled to be held at different locations, including Alni Dhar and Kansar. The inauguration of the camp was marked by the Indian Army, which

reaffirmed its dedication to providing unconditional and enduring support to the local residents. The medical team, a collaborative effort medical team, a collaborative effort comprising one Medical Officer, two Nursing Assistants, and one Battle Field Nursing Assistant from the Indian Army, joined forces with three civilian doctors and one vetthree civilian doctors and one vet-erinary doctor to deliver much-needed medical assistance. Their focus was on attending to the healthcare needs of women, chil-dren, elderly individuals, and domestic animals within the region. A substantial number of natients

A substantial number of patients from neighboring villages availed themselves of the medical check-up services provided during the camp



The organizers ensured that the camp was well-equipped with various types of medicines, medical equipment, and facilities to conduct thorough examinations. Extensive efforts were made to publicize the event, aiming to maximize the participation of local residents. In total. ticipation of local residents. In total, 568 patients received medical atten-tion, including 227 women, 295 men, and 46 children. Additionally, the veterinary camp extended its services to treat a total

of 82 domestic animals, addressing a crucial aspect of the local agricul a crucial aspect of the local agricul-tural and economic landscape. The local population expressed their gratitude to the Indian Army for its dedicated efforts and support in delivering essential medical aid

right at their doorstep.
Furthermore, the Indian Army took the opportunity to provide comprehensive information about health, nutrition, and child care, thereby promoting medical aware thereby promoting medical aware-ness among the general populace. This holistic approach demon-strates the Indian Army's commit-ment to the well-being of the local community and its efforts to enhance healthcare access, particu-lents in remote and undersexued larly in remote and underserved

This initiative not only underscores the Indian Army's dedication but also its role as a responsible and caring institution that actively contributes to the betterment of the

### J&K Bank organizes 3rd bank-wide customer-meets

#### CUSTOMER FEEDBACK ALWAYS ENCOURAGES US TO DO BETTER: BALDEV PRAKASH

SRINAGAR, , SEPT 04: As a respon sible financial institution playing key role in the economic developkey role in the economic develop-ment of its operational geographies especially in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, I believe, we owe our existence as well as our success to the unflinching trust and emotional equity of our valuable customers across the country. MD & CEO J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash made these remarks today.

Prakash made these remarks today while chairing the main function of while chairing the main function of Bank's 3rd country-wide customer-outreach program at corporate headquarters here in presence of General Manager Peer Masood Ahmad, DGM, Cluster Head Srinagar and other officers amid a gathering of valuable customers. These country-wide customer-These country-wide customer-meets were organized to listen, understand and resolve the issues faced by its clientele across its oper-ational geographies.

MD & CFO Baldev Prakash fur-

ther said, "Since we recognize that our Bank's success is intertwined with the success of our customers therefore customer-delight remains at the heart of our plans and achievements. And customer feed-back always encourages us to do

"Today, your presence has made eractions lively and will have long lasting impact on how we move ahead about our customer move ahead about our customer service, digital infrastructure and customer-friendly innovations. However, we continue to invest in enhancing customer experience, streamlining processes, and offering solutions to meet the evolving needs of our clients; our latest Mpay Delight Plus - mobile banking appli-cation - is a step in that direction",

NEW DELHI, SEP 4: The Supreme

NEW DELHI, SEP 4: The Supreme Court on Monday criticised the Telangana police for using preven-tive detention law at the drop of a hat and said while the nation cele-brates 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of

commemorate 75 years of Independence, some police officers

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of people.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Dipankar Datta made the observation while quashing a detention order passed against the husband of a detained.

"We are persuaded to remind the

authorities in the state of Telangana

that the drastic provisions of the Act are not to be invoked at the drop of a hat.
"While the Nation celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemo-rate 75 years of independence from foreign rule, some police officers of the said state who are enjoined with

the duty to prevent crimes and are

of people.

The Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta presided over one such customer-meet at Zonal Office Jammu Cluster -2. "Banks have become the most vital institutions for every healthy and progressing society not only for financial intermediation but also for realizing its mediation but also for realizing its economic potential. And this kind of candid interaction between the customers and bankers is critical for health of banks, businesses and the society at large", he said adding that the Bank will continue the process in future to strengthen its bond fur. in future to strengthen its bond further with the customers across the

ther with the customers across the country.

Meanwhile, welcoming the participants at their respective places, the Bank's General Managers, Divisional Heads, Zonal Heads and Chester Heads appropriate the protein. Cluster Heads apprised the partici-pants about the Bank's historic performance in annual results of FY formance in annual results of FY 2022-23, consistent progress in Q1 of current financial year, persistent upswing in the Bank's share price, and highlighted the need for conti-nuity in Bank-customer communi-cation. The Bank's progressions cation. The Bank's management emphasized upon the importance of emphasized upon the importance of feedback for achieving excellence and bringing improvements and innovations in the Bank's function-ing leading ultimately to the greater good of customers and the institu-tion.

Lauding the Bank for its 3rd Bank-wide customer-outreach, the participants welcomed the move participants welcomed the move aimed at making Bank's services for addressing customer grievances better. They urged the Bank to carry forward its conversations with the customers for better mutual connect and understanding.

Present in the meet at CHQ, MD Hattrick Babar Choudhary termed such customer-meets a welcome

SC slams Telangana for using detention act "at the

drop of a hat" says cops curbing people's liberty

Rights guaranteed by the Constitution and are curbing the

Constitution and are curbing the liberty and freedom of the people. The sooner this trend is put to an end, the better," the bench said.

The top court said preventive detention, conceived as an extraordinary measure by the framers of ledics Constitution, he have now the constitution of the constitution o

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India's Constitution, has been ren-dered ordinary with its reckless invocation over the years as if it were available for use even in the ordinary course of proceedings. To unchain the shackles of pre-rective detection, it is invocated.

ventive detention, it is important that the safeguards enshrined in

that the safeguards enshrined in our Constitution, particularly under the 'golden triangle' formed by Articles 14, 19 and 21, are diligent-ly enforced, 'the bench said. While Article 14 relates to equal-ity before law, Article 19 pertains to freedom of speech and expression, and Article 21 provides India's citi-cus right to tife and personal liber-ress right to tife and personal liber-

zens right to life and personal liber-

All these are fundamental rights

step. "These customer meets are a welcome step. It has bridged the gap between the customers and management and provided a platform for us customers to put forth their feedback and suggestions in front of bank management. We are happy to bank management. We are happy to see the Banks progress in recent times. It gives us real happiness to see our bank clock historic profits and bolster its digital infrastruc-ture. Such meets should become a regular feature," he said. Summing up his experience about the Bank, Roop Krishen Kokroo – a pensioner from Jammu – raised a lot about the bank's serv.

Kokroo – a pensioner from Jammu – praised a lot about the bank's serv-ices. "Being among the earliest of Bank's customers, I have always found J&K Bank's products and services well upto mark with other competitors. I feel happy to be here as a hank's satisfied customer." as a bank's satisfied customer.

as a bank's satisfied customer."
"The Bank's performance is
improving and so are its products
and services. Occasions like these
provide the much needed platform
for exchange of views and an opportunity to listen and empathize with
each other's perception', said a
client attending one such meet in
Bengalbur. Bengaluru.

Pertinently, the meetings started with power-point presentation pro-viding an overview of the Bank, its business share in UTs of J&K, Ladakh and Rest of the country, its distinctions, its performance, recent customer-friendly initiatives, its grievance redressal structure and remedial measures that Bank takes remedial measures that Bank takes for addressing customer grievances while ensuring zero waiting time for their registration. Around 3000 valuable customers attended 28 such meetings that were also conducted simultaneous-

The apex court said while decid-

The apex court said while decid-ing on the legality of preventive detention orders, the courts are required to ensure the order is based on the requisite satisfaction of the detaining authority.

top court said the authority con-

cerned had failed to differentiate between offences that create a "law

tend to prejudicially affect "public order". It said Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers

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Offenders, Explosive Substances

Crime Offenders and White Collar or Financial Offenders Act 1986 is an extraordinary statute.

Arms Offenders, Cyber

Offenders

Referring to the instant case, the

#### OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT **PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN CHENANI**

**NOTIFICATION NO. 6-CDPOC OF 2023** DATED: 02-09-2023

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#### FOR SELECTION OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)

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## AAP did nothing for Delhi Centre bore expenses for G20 preparations: Lekhi

NEW DELHI, SEP 4: Union Minister
Meenakashi Lekhi on Monday
claimed the AAP government did
nothing for Delhi's development in
demanded from the Centre by the its nine-year rule and it was the Centre that bore almost all the expenses for G20 Summit prepara-

expenses for G20 Summit prepara-tions in the city.

Delhi PWD Minister Atishi, in an interview with PTI on Saturday, alleged that the Centre did not give a penny for G20 preparations although Rs 927 crore was sought.

She said, 'We didn't make it an

issue thinking it would reflect poorly on our country. The BJP and the L-G are saying they have done everything. This shows their arro-

The BJP and the AAP have been

The BOF and the AAP have been sparring over funding for the city's G20 makeover even as less than a week is left for the summit meeting.

An estimated expenditure of over Rs 4,000 crore was divided among different agencies, including the Delhi Police, PWD, MCD, DDA, and MHAI that were associated with the NHAI that were associated with the preparations, said Lekhi, who along with L-G V K Saxena inaugurated sculptures at an NDMC park in

the duty to prevent crimes and all cy.

All these are fundamental rights the rights of citizens as well, seem to be oblivious of the Fundamental to the citizens of the country.

Delhi government. I want to ask why did they need to demand Rs

why did they need to demand Rs 927 crore given that PWD alone has a budget of Rs 10,000 crore to Rs 20,000 crore.

"Couldn't they have spent Rs 927 crore for developing Delhi?" the Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture posed.

Saxena said efforts are being made to beautify Delhi which was "neglected" for long. "Winds of development are sweeping Delhi. Works are underway everywhere as part of efforts to make Delhi shine. The results are visible now," he told

In a social media post, Lekhi said, in a social media post, Lekhi said,
"If the AAP had really asked for Rs
927 crore from the Central government, then one is left wondering
what would have been their contribution in G20 or towards nationbuilding?" These are all lies. The
AAP, with their history of scams, never had the intent for the develop-ment of the national capital."

She claimed it was the Central government that allocated Rs 700 crore for the construction, repair, maintenance and beautification of roads in the national capital.

"These central funds were used by "These central funds were used by PWD and MCD for the makeover. The work done by these agencies that they are quoting today was undertaken through the funds of the Central government. So it's evident these whose neight with Contract dent that unless paid by the Centre dent that unless paid by the Centre, the Delhi government won't work. So, work is paid for and done by the Centre. A table is attached for all to see, "Lekhi said. She also shared a document that showed that over Rs 4,000 crows was spent by different agencies of the Centre and the Delhi govern-ment for (20 Summit preparations.

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Lekhi said those who do nothing
compete for credit. In the last nine
years, they had the opportunity to
improve Delhi. But they did nothing
and now they are lying."
Delhi Health Minister Saurabh
Bharadwaj claimed that his governcent did yet precise any medio from

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## Advisor Bhatnagar reviews performance, functioning of SUDA

SRINAGAR. Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today chaired a meeting to review the functioning and performance of State Urban Development

State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development department, Prashant Goyal; Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir, Director Urban Local Bodies Radies Director Urban Local Bodies Jammu, Director Finance and other concern officers both in person and through video conferencing. During the meeting, the Advisor took detailed



progress of implementation of Deendaval Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) scheme and its vari-ous components like Self Employment Programme (SEP), Shelter for Urban Homeless, Social Mobilisation Development - SHG°

(ESTP). Addressing the meeting. Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the officers effective for effective communication and cooperation with all rele-vant departments and agen-cies to achieve the goals of SUDA efficiently. He delved on them to engage with different stakeholders for meeting out the desired objectives of the agency. While reviewing

SEP, Social of Mobilisation and Institutional Development - SHGs and ESTP components. ESTP components, the Advisor called upon the officers for adequate funding of beneficiaries so that they can establish their enterprises and become self sufficient. He asked them for proper handholding of the beneficiaries so that they are made well versed with the emerging

laborate with other departments or institutions for

ments or institutions for imparting training to benefi-ciaries so that their skills can be upgraded. While reviewing the Shelter for Urban Homeless compo-nent of the DAY-NULM, Advisor, Pheneuge, published

nent of the DAY-NULM, Advisor Bhatnagar empha-sized upon the officers to utilise the assets created for shelter of urban homeless effectively. He enjoined upon them for immediate function-ing of all the newly construct-ed shelter homes.

The Advisor further asked the officers to create aware n take advantage

ness among the target group about shelter homes so that

Portal."
This portal plays a pivotal role in establishing a transparent system of governance.
Simultaneously, the "Digital Week" will be celebrated, highlighting the significance of digital initiatives in government

#### 3 Vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by Police, G&M Deptt team

POONCH, , SEPT 04: In a successful joint operation con-ducted by the Police and Mining Department, three vehi-cles engaged in the illegal transportation and extraction of miror minerals were seized in Poonch District.

The operation was carried out under the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary and in the presence of DMO, Javed Iqbal. The move came in continuation to a massive drive launched to curb the illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals, which poses a threat to the environment and results in revenue loss to the

threat to the environment and results in revenue loss to the public exchequer.

The raiding team seized two tractors at Jhullass and one JCB at Sanai. The coordinated efforts of the twin agencies ensured the effective enforcement of the law and sent a strong message against illegal activities related to minor mineral transportation and extraction.

#### **DDC Chairperson inaugurates Mushaira at Gool**

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, , SEPT 04: Chairperson District Development Council Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan inaugurated a

Council Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan inaugurated a Mushaira to Isogan Top, Gool.

The Mushaira was organised in Gojri, Pahari, Kashmiri languages and witnessed huge public participation.

Several renowned poets participated in the Mushaira and recited their poetry which enthralled the audience. Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson appreciated the participating poets and said that such programs are important for promotion of literature as these provide a platform for creative activities and help in the nourishment of literaty persons. She thanked all the participating poets and audiences for making the program a success. The participating poets also hailed the organizing team for organticipating poets also hailed the organizing team for organizing the events to promote literary activities

## DC Ramban launches week long Bhrashtachar Mukat J&K campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, , SEPT 04: To elimi nate corruption and promote transparent governance, the District Administration Ramban today launched the Week Long Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K campaign across the district

Deputy Commissioner

Ramban, Mussarat Islam, visited Maitra Panchayat to preside over the awareness programme under Bhrashtachar Mukat J&K

General Manager DIC, Ravinder Anand, ACR, Gias ul Haq, ACD, Ashok Singh, Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed and other officers, besides PRIs

and general public attended the program Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner urged the people to support the campaign against corruption. He said the district administration Ramban has formulated a vibrant activity plan for the week-long Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K cam-

paign. He directed the concerned officers to organise activities at the panchayat levels to spread mass awareness about the significance of corruption free gover-nance. He also directed to raise awareness about IT-related initiatives, such as the "Empowerment-Janbhagidari

processes.
The DC informed that the

## One day Workshop on "Promotion of Basmati Rice for Export"



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: A one day Workshop on "Promotion of Basmati Rice for Export" was today organized by Department of Agriculture Production Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu in collaboration with Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF) here in Baba Jitto Kisan Ghar, Talab

Speaking on the occa-Director Agriculture Production Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu, Dr. K.K. Sharma said that GI tagged Jammu Basmati is world famous for its aroma and has special liking throughout the aroma and has special liking throughout the world. This programme is primarily conducted to educate both the growers and the traders for effective cultivation and trading for Export class

Dr. Ritesh Sharma, Principal Scientist, Basmati Export develop-ment Foundation (BEDF) detailed the good practhe cultivation of Export

Class basmati. Guest Faculty from SKIIAST Jammu Co. ordinator and Professor, department of Bio-Technology, Dr. Romesh Kumar Salgotra made the participants aware the cultivation practices of improved varieties of Basmati.

varieties of Basmati.

DGM, Sarveshwar

Organic Foods Ltd, Dr.

Gayatri Tandon stressed for minimum and timely use of pesticides by observing post harvest intervals to avoid rejec-tion in the international

market.

Kisan Board members
viz. Kulbushan Khajuria
and Tejinder Singh projected different challenges being faced by lenges being faced by farmers which were addressed by the experts invited. A large number of growers and traders including FPOs also participated. MD Agro Industries, Arun Manhas was present as special guest along with Joint Director (Inputs) Jammu Dr. A.S Reen.

#### DC Ramban discusses allotment of 5 marla land to landless PMAY-G beneficiaries

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, SEPT 04: Deputy ner, Ramban Mussarat Islam RAMBAN. today chaired a meeting to discuss allot-ment of 5 marla land to the landless bene-ficiaries for construction of houses under PMAY-G.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Gias-Ul-Haq, SDMs, Tehsildars and other con-

cerned officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the ACD informed that a total 181 cases are on the waiting list which include 94 in Ramban block and 87 in Batote block

and 8' in Batole block.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy
Commissioner directed for thorough verification of credentials of the beneficiaries
as per the guidelines issued by the government, including possession of domicile
certificates.

It was further informed that as per the

guidelines, five Marlas of state land will be allotted to landless PMAY (G) beneficiaries under the waiting list prepared by the Rural Development Department.

#### Public alerted over charging of Bedian to Diani Line

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JAMMU. SEPT 04: "New 66 kV Power JAMMU, , SEPT O4: "New 66 kV Power line from 132/66 KV, 2x50 MVA Grid Sub Station Samba-I (Bedian) to Diani (near Kristu Jyoti Hospital) is being charged on 06-09-2023 at 10 AM to shift load of Ghagwal, Rajpura, Nichla and Sherpur receiving stations from existing 66 KV Samba line.

General Public is being informed for general awareness regarding energization of this line and not to fiddle with new electrical network for the safety of new electricai ii life & property.'

## Mayor Jammu kicks off "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K" campaign

SEPT 04: Mayor Jammu Rajinder Sharma, today kicked off "Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K" campaign from the conference hall of JMC

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All the JMC officers and officials participated with great enthusiasm. The
Mayor, Jammu along with all the participants took Integrity pledge to make the
system corruption free. The Mayor said
that the main motive behind this camraim is to presend awareness about a paign is to spread awareness about a corruption-free society, "Everyone knows that corruption affects every area of socithat corruption anects every area of soci-ety. The purpose behind this kind of campaign is to make people aware of the repercussions of indulging in corruption and motivate them to follow a righteous

path," he said. The Mayor said each and every individ-The Mayor said each and every individ-ual and even organizations for that mat-ter, pledge not to be a part of any kind of corruption. "While combating corruption can be hard, it isn't impossible if every-one decides to back out and refuse to participate; in computing, Any act of participate in corruption. Any act bribery or misuse of public positions that lead to the fulfillment of selfish motive is

wrong. By saying no to corruption, can help create more employment opportunities, achieve gender equality secure wider access to essential services ve all, we can make a system fair for

He said "We aim to take Jammu to the frontline city of India. Corruption is not just a matter of a few rupees. On the one hand, corruption hurts the development of the country and at the same time cor of the country and at the same time cor-ruption disrupts the social balance. And most importantly, corruption plagues the trust that one places on the system of the country and the sense of belong-ingness. And hence, combating corrup-tion is not just the responsibility of an agency or an institution but is a collec tive responsibility. The onus of responsibility to change this situation is on all of us. He emphasis to raise awareness on us. ne emphasis to faise awareness on the importance of getting rid of corrup-tion. Corruption affects every area in our society and preventing corruption unlocks progress towards sustainable development goals

Mayor said that in order to curb corruption online mode of service delivery is ruption online mode of service delivery is the game changer and stressed upon to encourage digital mode of services only. He said only the technology can bring transparency and accountability in the working of the government functionaries.

# Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K week commences at Ganderbal

#### DC CALLS FOR EXTENSIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO SPREAD AWARENESS AMONG GENERAL PUBLIC

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GANDERBAL, , SEPT 04: To create awareness, educate the public and to eliminate corruption and promote transparent gov-ernance, a Brashtachaar Mukt J&K week started today with the active participation of officers and other stakeholders in the district Ganderbal

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a meeting which was attended by Additional District Development

Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah and other district officers and emphasized on active participation of all the concerned officers along with PRIs and public during the week-long campaign.

He stressed for reforming and further

improving grievances redressal System and directed for adopting modern method-ology tools for better accountability and efficient mechanism of managing griev-ances of the general public during the

week. While stressing upon the trans-parency and accountability, the DC direct-ed all the officers to ensure that the matters of public importance pertaining to their departments are flagged and appropriately addressed during the week getting PRIs or board regarding resolving their local

were conducted in which Officers high-lighted the adverse impact of corruption on society and the collective responsibility to eradicate it.

## JMC Commissioner reviews implementation of Animal Birth Control, ARV Programme



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SEPT IMC Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav today reviewed the current status of ongoing Animal Birth Control (ABC)/(Anti Rabies Vaccination (ARV) programme within JMC limits here at a meeting of ABC/ARV Monitorine committee.

Monitoring committee. For the effective management of street dog population and to curb the spread of rabies both in humans as well as animals, ABC/ARV programme is being carried out by the Jammu Municipal Corporation within JMC limits.

The meeting was attended by all the members of ABC Monitoring committee viz. Dr. Zahid Saleem, Chief Animal

Husbandry Officer, Jammu (Member secretary SPCA, Jammu); Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, MVO, JMC; Dr. Divya Sharma, VAS, JMC; Namrata Hakhoo, Founder/ Chair-per-son, Hakhoo Street Animals Foundation Trust (Regd.); Devinder Kour Madan, Chairperson, SAVE (NCO) and Minnessh Sharma, Animal Right Chairperson, SAVE (NGO) and Muneesh Sharma, Animal Right Activist/ Volunteer. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the various aspects and progress of the ongoing ABC/ARV program being implemented by IMC in collaboand progress of the ongoing ABC/ARV program being implemented by JMC in collabo-ration with Friendicoes-SECA (Delhi based Animal Welfare Organization) at Municipal Animal Care Centre, Roop

Nagar, Jammu. Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma,



17822 stray dogs have been ster-litized /irmunized with ward wise /complaint basis catching and all sterilized dogs have been relocated in the same area from where they were caught as per the ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2023 promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

MVO, JMC further appraised that so far a total 36256 no. of stray dogs have been sterilized/ vaccinated within IMC limits in an estimated street dog population of 43540 by taking into account of previous ABC/ ARV done by the JMC.

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In the meeting it was decided that for the effective implementation of ABC programme within JMC limits, ward wise/ zone wise coordination committees comprising of representatives of Resident Welfare Associa-tions

and Animal activists/ volun-teers shall be constituted. For the regulation of pet dog population within JMC limits, committee decided that JMC

committee decided that JMC shall intensify the awareness campaigns as well as enforcement drives for pet dog registration with mandatory spaying of female pet dog in accordance to Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 & Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

The Commissioner expressed satisfaction about the imple-

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mentation of the ABC pro-gramme within JMC limits and further advised to lay more emphasis on those areas where the unsterilized dog population still exist, and dog litter (pups) are born. He directed MVO, JMC to intensify the IEC activi-

ties to educate the general pubties to educate the general pub-lic by involving schools, col-leges, universities & Resident Welfare organizations about the effectiveness of ABC/ARV pro-gramme in helping to reduce street dog population as well as eradicating rabies.

#### Power shutdown

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IAMMU., SEPT 04: Chief Engineer (Distribution) IPDCL, Jamms

JAMMU, SEPT 04: Chief Engineer (Distribution) PPCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 08 from 7 am to 1pm. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jakhbar, Padyari, Badala, Jarai, Bhagthali, Taraf Sanji, Chambe-Da-Bagh, Sallan, Mela, Bhaiya, Patyari, Packka Kootha, Parngoli, Kadather, Chack Manga, Gujran and adjoining areas will remain affected on Settember 05 from 6 am to 10 am affected on September 05 from 6 am to 10 am

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