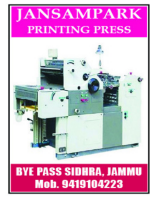




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## Terrorist killed, Soldier, Cop injured in encounter at Reasi

### Ops on; family members evacuated safely: Officials

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, SEP 04

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



"Security Forces received information that suspicious movement was noticed in a tough mountainous area of Upper Tulli referred to as Tullu falling under Chassana police station,"

tough in terms of topography, 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 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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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.

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today felicitated officers of Civil Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and the service providers for the successful conduct of 62-day long Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023.



At a felicitation ceremony held at Raj Bhawan Auditorium, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to all the officers and the service providers for making the holy pilgrimage memorable for the devotees.

"Shri Amarnath Ji yatras the symbol of our ancient cultural-spiritual

heritage. Over the years this annual pilgrimage has influenced the socio-economic life of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said, adding that the diversity, integrity and greatness of the eternal tradition of our cultural values," the Lt Governor said.

The officials of Civil Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, BRO, SDRF, Medical Staff, sanitation workers have worked with diligence, going beyond their call of duty. Various stakeholders including ponywalahs, pithuwallahs, health care professionals, social

organisations, volunteers, workforce and the media fraternity had made commendable contributions in the smooth conduct of the Yatra, he said.

I am extremely grateful to Team Jammu Kashmir 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 successful conduct of Yatra signifies pursuit of excellence and extraordinary accomplishments by team J&K, 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, ponywalahs, pithuwallahs, health care professionals, social

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## DGP visits PTTI Vijaypur



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

Police Headquarters in its continuous endeavours has focused on establishing moot courses 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.

This was stated by Director General of Police, J&K, Shri Dilbag

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

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, SEP 4

There should not be an "emotive majoritarian interpretation" of the Indian Constitution by those supporting abrogation 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 sovereignty of India was never under challenge.

The constitution bench was hearing the pleas challenging the nullification of

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 majoritarian interpretation of the Constitution. If we look at history, Jammu and Kashmir is not completely linked to India. The erstwhile state had a separate detailed Constitution, administrative and executive structure.

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEP 4

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

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mehta observed that UT of J&K has made remarkable progress in ensuring transparency



and 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.

Implementation of measures like BEAMS, e-tendering, seeking of Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction have resulted in establishing financial discipline which has resulted in phenomenal increase in the number of projects being completed, from merely

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



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

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

apprised of the Board's 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 leadership of due consideration of the issues and suggestions to preserve the clean environment

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

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 Manoj 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. Vishwamuri Shastrri and Smt Manju Garg attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions for augmentation of facilities for the devotees. The Lt Governor



expressed gratitude to the board members for their continuous guidance and support to improve the facilities for pilgrims and successful conduct of the annual yatra.

The Board discussed various ongoing and upcoming projects including creation of new infrastructure and maintenance and restoration of

the existing ones. The meeting also discussed additional measures to further improve the overall spiritual experience for the devotees.

Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, Sh Rahul Singh, Additional CEO SASB and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEPT 4

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande conducted a visit to forward areas on Monday to assess the operational preparedness on the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kashmir 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

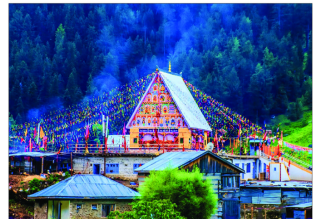
condition on the LoC in Kashmir.

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

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHITWAR, SEPT 4

Reflecting rising reverence and esteem of the Temple shrine among the devotees, the Annual Shree 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 devotees seeking the blessings of Shree Chandni Mata with every passing year.



The annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra has experienced a remarkable surge in attendance this year, with a staggering increase

from around 58,000 arrivals in 2022 to 1.94 Lakh this year.

This meteoric rise can 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 devotees, drawing them in increasing numbers. The Kapat/Door opening

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEP 04

Dengue cases are on the rise in Jammu & Kashmir 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 post-monsoon and advised people to take "preemptive" measures to combat the painful

mosquito-borne disease in the absence of any vaccine.

Dengue caused by viruses carried by infected mosquitoes has always been a health concern and people need to take precautions to protect themselves from falling prey to the virus, he added.

Meanwhile, the doctors have advised people to use mosquito repellents and wear full-sleeved shirts to save themselves from mosquito bites which they said choose to breed in stagnant

water accumulated by water-logging mainly during monsoon.

"The best way to prevent dengue fever is to eliminate pockets of stagnant water that serve as mosquito breeding sites at home, at schools, workplace 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 nets if sleeping during the day and spray

the nets with insect repellents," they said.

The most common symptoms, as per doctors, are fever and headache, eye pain (typically behind the eyes), muscle, joint or bone pain, rash, nausea and vomiting.

Anyone having stomach-ache or belly pain, tenderness, 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 irritable, must consult a doctor, the

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# Digital Week: Chairman DDC Kathua presides 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 Singh presided over the function which witnessed huge participation of people from all walks of life.

The Chairman DDC inspected various stalls of the departments including ICDS, Revenue, IIT, CSC, Bank, JIM, Animal Husbandry, Education, Horticulture, Treasury, 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 different 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 participants especially students, the Chairman DDC asked them to get proper awareness of the online applications required for availing different Government

schemes adding that the students are the responsible citizens of tomorrow.

He also asked the students to become ambassadors and spread digital awareness among the people.

Earlier school students expressed their views on means and ways to root out the corrupt practices from society.

ADC Basohli Ajeet Singh, FRI members besides, officers from line departments attended the camp.

# Bhrashtachar Mukht 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 number of activities as it observed the commencement of "Bhrashtachar Mukht 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.

The "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week" was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday and is slated 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 sensitizing the people about the importance of eradicating corruption.

Various departments, including the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Revenue

DD, 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, several events by different departments were held, including awareness workshops by the revenue department in every block of the district. These workshops will provide valuable insights into reporting corrupt practices and will encourage a culture of integrity and a corruption free atmosphere.

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

On the occasion, Tehsildar Gurez informed that the 'Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week' will feature a series of awareness programs, workshops and interactive sessions to educate gov-

ernment officials and citizens about the detrimental effects of corruption and ways to combat it.

Meanwhile, ACR Bandipora Shabir Ahmad presided over the pledge ceremony 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 system.

Public awareness campaigns were also launched across Bandipora, utilizing both traditional and digital media. Billboards, posters and social media platforms are set to be 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.

This initiative is designed to inspire young minds to become ambassadors 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 corruption-free society is our collective responsibility, and Bandipora has set an inspiring example by coming together to fight against this menace.

# Delegation from Bani meets SDM Bani to promote communal harmony

JI NEWS SERVICE

**BANI, SEPT 04:** A delegation comprising members from the Hindu and Muslim communities in Bani, under the leadership of SDM Bani, convened to address recent tensions and maintain the longstanding tradition 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 Muslim communities.



The issue stemmed from an incident where a student was reportedly reprimanded by a Muslim teacher for writing 'Jai Sri Ram' on the blackboard.

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, representatives from both the Hindu

and Muslim communities met with SDM Bani, Satish Sharma, to address the issue. The delegation included Maulana of Masjid Mod, Altaf; Dr. Rameshwar Singh; Sarpanch Lowhanf Tohid Malik; Sarpanch Panchay Gatti, Sushil Kumar; Member Sillo Ram; Retired Headmaster Thakar Dass; Retired Range Officer Ajab Singh; Nawib Sarpanch Panch Bani, Jaswant Singh; and Retired Teacher Laquit Ji. During the meeting, all members of the delegation earnestly requested and provided valuable suggestions 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 harmony in the region. He also called upon the public to support and cooperate with the administration whenever their assistance is required to maintain peace and harmony within the community.

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

### Wiping out Corruption prerequisite for Accountable, Effective Governance: Dr Shrish

JI NEWS SERVICE

**BARAMULLA, SEPT 04:** In its endeavour to eliminate corruption and promote transparent governance, a "Bhrashtachar Mukht 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 (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Shrish Asgar convened a meeting of all concerned officers at Dak Bunglow here to discuss various strategies for its observance in Government offices.

During the meeting, a three-hour discussion was held on the subject wherein special focus was laid on the concerned departments

to mark its observance. It was stressed upon various departments including PDD, PHE, Revenue, Police, and Social Welfare to adopt a coordinated approach to make the campaign a grand success in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC exhorted upon all the concerned officers to carry out special awareness programmes throughout the campaign. She directed the heads of departments to saturate all the deliverables in 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 with organizing a marathon to promote a corruption-free environment.

Moreover, Dr Shrish instructed all departments to conduct social audits within their offices to enhance transparency in their operations. She also mandated all the departments to submit daily reports detailing the number of grievances addressed to ensure real time accountability and transparency.

Earlier, the DC kick-started the Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K week from DC Office Baramulla by administering a pledge to government officers and officials emphasizing on the eradication of corruption and the promotion of transparent and accountable governance.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE



**JAMMU, SEPT 04:** Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, emphasized the obligation of every citizen to pay homage to the supreme sacrifice of martyrs. He asserted that the most fitting 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-

ing the 2001 Amarnath Yatra, Gupta reiterated the importance of this patriotic initiative.

As part of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' program, 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 collected soil from the premises, which will be sent to the National Capital.

In his address, Kavinder Gupta stated, "We salute

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 highlighted that under the 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 & 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 Vandana,' aim to celebrate 77 years of Indian Independence. He noted that Kalash Yatras, transporting 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), Narinder Koki, Puspinder Singh, Parmod Chib, Kapil Khurana, and Nayan Gupta.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

**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 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 Credit Plan.

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

such as Deposits, Advances, and Priority Sector Advances.

The meeting also assessed credit disbursements under Government Sponsored Schemes (GSS), the issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs), the Special Credit Facility for Street Vendors (PM-SVANIDHI), financial support to Joint Liability Farming Groups of Bhoomi Heen Kissan, the Financial Inclusion Plan (FIP) for the district, the seeding of Aadhar for EBI/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 organize financial literacy awareness camps in collaboration

with other departments at the Panchayat level, emphasizing the need to maximize benefits at the grassroots level. She also encouraged bankers to consult the relevant departments before rejecting sponsored loan cases, highlighting the role these departments could play as a bridge between beneficiaries and banks.

Furthermore, she called upon bankers to engage with stakeholders to expedite the delivery of banking benefits to the disadvantaged sections of society, thereby contributing to the upliftment of their socio-economic 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 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:** The fervor of sportsmanship 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 & Sports Officers Kharati Lal Sharma.

The District Youth Services & Sports Officers encouraged the players to give their best and compete in a well-disciplined spirit.

He asked them to focus on teamwork and follow the game rules which are crucial for attaining victory.

The participating teams have been selected after

intense competition at the Inter School Zonal Level Tournament held across all districts of the Kishtwar District.

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

**Construction of Sawalkote HEP**

# DC Ramban discusses key issues with stakeholders

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPT 04: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam today chaired a meeting to discuss the key issues related to the construction of 1856 MW Sawalkote Hydroelectric Project on the River Chenab.

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.

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 following due procedures, including the approval from the Gram Sabha of 30 villages located in Districts of Ramban, Reasi, and Udhampur. Additionally, the Senior Manager,



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

The Assistant Commissioner (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.

Officers representing Forest Division Ramban and Batote briefed the meeting and stated that total for-

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

Following extensive deliberations, the Deputy Commissioner issued 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 to ensure that the security component for District Ramban remains uncompromised, he added.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: JKPCCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani today said 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 youth.

Addressing a large gathering alongwith working president Raman Bhalla and other senior party leaders here today to welcome a number of BJP leaders, including over the dozen Sarpanchs & 100 Panchs led 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 prominent BJP leaders, Sarpanchs & Panchs along with their support, joined the congress party amidst host of senior cong leaders including



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

Welcoming the new entrants, Shri Vikar Rasool Wani 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

see their defeat imminent, especially after coming together of all major opposition parties under INDIA alliance.

He said that BJP led NDA had secured 37% percent votes while parties under the INDIA alliance collectively secured around 63% votes in 2019 elections, which indicate the coming results in the next elections.

He said that the resentment against BJP is writ large among people and its grasp has gone down to a great extent, at present, 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 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 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 polarizations for winning elections. People will throw BJP out of power both at Centre and in J&K as and when elections are held.

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



JI NEWS SERVICE

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

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 commitment of the party and its leaders to solve the issues faced by the masses.

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 other 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 as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

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# Chugh applauds Khellani Tunnel upgradation for regional development

JI NEWS SERVICE

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, recognizing its potential to bring about new dimensions of development and progress to the region. This initiative is set to open doors to a brighter future for the local population, creating employment opportunities and bolstering the tourism sector.

Chugh expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi



and Union Minister for Roads & Highways, Nitin Gadkari, for their announcement regarding the Khellani tunnel's transformation into a 2-lane structure. Located in Doda district, this tunnel is a pivotal part of the Sudh Mahadev-Gohachhellani-Chatroo-

Khanabal route, poised to serve as an alternative highway to Batote-Kishtwar. Notably, this upgrade is expected to significantly reduce the distance between Doda and Kishtwar by approximately 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. Remarkably, the ambitious endeavor is set to be completed within the current year, reflecting the government's commitment to expedite transformative infrastructure projects.

Chugh took the opportunity to express his deep appreciation to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, emphasizing that "Post the abrogation of Article 370, the entire J&K has witnessed a dawn of peace, prosperity, and development." He further underscored the unwavering commitment of the BJP-led government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to usher in remarkable changes in J&K. The government is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to uplift the local economy and ensure a brighter future for the region.

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



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UDHAMPUR, SEPT 04: In anticipation to the upcoming 3-day historic Sankri Devta Mela scheduled to commence on September 15, 2023 at village Meer in Block Panchari, a meeting of district officials from different departments was convened today to discuss the arrangements for the historical event.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, took place in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

Extensive deliberations were held regarding multiple aspects of event logistics, including security,

sanitation, healthcare, transport, traffic management, drinking water, power supply, and the monitoring of essential commodity prices.

The DC emphasized the importance of seamless collaboration among all district officers to finalize necessary arrangements well in advance of the commencement of the Mela. She urged local mela committee members to actively participate in ensuring the event's grand success, recognizing the significance of public involvement in bolstering tourism and the local economy.

Key directives included ensuring a steady supply of drinking water by the

Executive Engineer PHE and uninterrupted power supply by the Executive Engineer PFD during the mela.

The Executive Engineer PMGSY was tasked with road maintenance and pothole repairs. In terms of healthcare provision, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to deploy a team of doctors and an ambulance at the mela site to offer first aid facilities. The Information Department was assigned the responsibility of providing a Public Address System (PAS) for comprehensive event coverage. The District Youth Services and Sports Officer was instructed to organize various sports and activities 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 departmental stalls will be set up to raise awareness about government schemes.

Tehsildar Panchari has been appointed as the Mela Officer, and the Legal Metrology Department will oversee the inspection of rates and the quality of consumables in coordination with relevant departments.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, DDC Councillor Panchari Jasvir Singh, BDC Chairman Jeevan Sharma, Additional SP Anwar-Ul-Haq, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, and other district officers from various departments.

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

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BARAMULLA, SEPT 04: The Baramulla district is buzzing with excitement as the Inter-Zonal/ Inter-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 place at the HS Ground Khawaja

Bagh, while the Boys' Football, Hockey, and Handball competitions are hosted at the Showkat Ali Stadium 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 department.

This sporting trio competition has

drawn enthusiastic participation from all 18 educational zones within 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 7th, 2023.

# 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 Yuvak Mandal, is going to organize a grand Rath Yatra on September 6, 2023, to commemorate the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

Addressing media persons at Trust's Central Office in Jammu, Brig.R.S Langleh (Retd), President of J&K Dharmarth Trust informed that this much-awaited event will witness devotees and enthusiasts from all corners of Jammu region coming together to pay homage to

Lord Krishna, the eighth incarnation of 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 devotees.

He said that the Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations will commence with a captivating Rathayatra, a religious procession wherein the beautifully adorned chariot carrying the idols of Shri Krishna and Radha will be towed through the streets of Temple City.

The procession will be accompanied by enthusi-

astic participants, both young and old, singing devotional songs and chants, spreading the message of love, compassion, and harmony.

Trust's President informed that the 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 Raghunathi Temple, Jammu. Following this, at 4:00 PM, the Rath Poojan and Dhwayarohan ceremony will commence, with distinguished Trustees M.K Ajatshatru Singh and Ranvijay Singh presiding. The Rath Yatra will be flagged off after these

auspicious rituals.

Brig Langleh requested the people of the Jammu region to join the celebrations in large numbers and make it a grand success. He emphasized the significance of these auspicious 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, starting from the historical Shri Raghunathi Temple. The procession will pass through various markets, including Residency Road, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Chowk Chabutra, Panjirthi, Mubarak Mandi, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazaar, Raj Tilak Road, Old Hospital Road, and Raghunath Bazaar, before finally culminating at Shri Raghunath Ji Temple.



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



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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.

Around 15 students from eight colleges of Srinagar including GDC Hyderabad, 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 Ayoub and Aqsa Shafi (IASE

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

Dr. Basharat Saleem, Assistant Professor, English conducted the proceedings. Prof. Jehan Ara, Assistant Professor, Functional English, Prof. Arshad Hussain Bhat, Assistant Professor, Computer Applications and Prof. Farveez Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor, Zoology were the jury members. Dr. Gurdeep Singh Sodi, Head, Department of Computer Applications coordinated the event with support from Prof. Arshad Yattoo, Prof. Ovais Shafi

Zargar, and Faisal Maqbool, Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Applications, A.S. College Srinagar. The event started with a Welcome Address by Dr. Gurdeep 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 latest developments in technology and urged students to exchange ideas, challenges, 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), 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.

Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Principal, A.S. College Srinagar congratulated the students on their presentations. 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 technology recalibrates jobs rather than replace them. He urged students to learn the use of AI tools to enhance their skill set to become more productive and ready for the AI-dominated job market. The vote of thanks was given by Prof. Arshad Ahmad Yattoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications.

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 presentation about the need to embrace the wonders of technology. Saqib Mushatq 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 different developments in technology.

The winners were awarded with merit certificates and mementos. Other participants were awarded participation certificates.

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# 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 respective departments were set up to raise awareness among participants, with expert teams on hand to provide information.

A two-hour presentation featured each department head highlighting the features of the digitalized services currently available.

The event was inaugurated by Col. Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, and saw the participation of over 600 attendees. Distinguished guests included Ajeet 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 personnel, 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

Kumar, BMO Basohli, and others attended the event.

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 JIM, PMAY, and MGNREGA to ensure sustainable development in Kathua District, focusing on project quality. The DDC Chairman also praised the practice of good governance through outreach programs like Block Diwas, Back to Village, and regular monthly Gram Sabhas 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 challenge it. He urged everyone present to follow the PM's five principles 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, Principal MC Basohli, also addressed the gathering.

# 'Bhrastachar Mukht Week' commences at Kulgam

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

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 week-long programme is to eradicate corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance. He said that there are more than 1000 services available online in UT and all services of the revenue department 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 cost effective for the people, he added. The online mode of services has also ensured time-bound issuance of certificates, documents and other services to the

# DC kick-starts week-long campaign by inaugurating Special camp of Revenue department at Kulgam

applicants/people and has infused a 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 revolutionary step.

ACR Kulgam during the programme briefed the participants about the online services of the revenue department. He said that all 23 services of the department are available online. Giving a brief ACR added that the revenue department has issued more than 1.25 lac certificates through online mode and the online services have made the system 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 Bhrastachar Mukht programme with the aim to eradicate corruption, promote transparent and accountable governance and to provide hassle free service delivery to the general public.

During these camps, awareness about the online services offered by

the Revenue department will be shared, complaints/ Grievances will be considered and disposed-off on land related matters, pending applications, particularly nearing PSGA timeline and Focus on attestation of all pending mutations, issuance of certificates, revenue extracts and demarcations etc will be priority during 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 promotion of transparent and accountable governance.

Special Gram Sabhas and meetings with key stakeholders, including Self-Help Groups (SHGs), MGNREGA workers, farmers, students, and citizens, have been devised to spread mass awareness about the significance of corruption free governance. These meetings will also serve as platforms to discuss and combat corruption at the grassroots level.

Under the Bhrastachar Mukht Week, camps were also held at Sub Division D.H.Pora, Tehsils and Nayabats and other departments also organised programmes to observe Bhrastachar Mukht Week.

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

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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 Sher-i-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 interests.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu 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 September 8, 2023.

The senior National Conference leader in his address reminded those present in the meeting about the slogan 'Hindu Muslim Sikh Itihad' coined by the NC's top stature leader Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and said that this slogan is the basic tenet of the party's philosophy that makes it the only secular party in this region. He said that in the existing scenario across the nation especially in J&K, there



is a dire need to implement Sheikh Abdullah's slogan of communal harmony in letter and spirit to do away with the communal division and hatred being created by the Bhrastachar Party for its petty vote bank interests.

Rattan Lal Gupta asked the party workers and activists to conduct grand programmes on the day of Sheikh Abdullah's death anniversary 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 people and promoting hatred.

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

Dansal, Suriya Begum DDC Bari Brahmana, Ragbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Pural D, Ch. Rehmat Ali BDC Chairperson, Ashok Kumar Attri, Disha Malik, Rakesh Singh Raka, Harshvardhan Singh President NCU Sarda Gurnam Singh, S. Balvinder Singh, Sat Paul, Jinger Kumar, Pinky Khalsa, Charanjeet Kumar, Madan Lal, Devi Dayal Jogi, Dev Raj, S. Aya Singh, Swarn Singh, Suriya Begum Sarpanch, Moan Lal, Ch. Shabir Sambyal, Sandeep Singh Wazir, Nitish Gowsami, Raj Kour, Paranjeet Kour, Mohd Farooq Mughal, Sewak Singh, Jaseem Malik, Gurdeep Singh, Mangat Ram, Kuldeep Verma, S. Pritpal Singh, Darshan Singh, Som Raj Taroch, Dr. Amina, Ashok Koul, Ayaz Malik, Ch. Madan Lal, Massrat Ahmed, S. Nirmal Singh, Jagu Ram, Dr. Varinder Kumar, Lakhotra, Hai Amir Ud Din Kusan, Kamal and others.

# Hindustan Shiv Sena takes on Govt over high electricity bills

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JAMMU, SEPT 04: On the instructions 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 Hindustan Shiv Sena, a vigorous demonstration was held against Smart Meter , Property tax, Sarar Toll plaza in Bhagwati nagar Jammu today. The protest was led by City President Apparaj Gupta and Vice President Rohan Malwal, while Women's Wing President Diksha Malwal and Vice President Vishali Gupta also participated in the protest along with their supporters in large numbers.

During this, while addressing the protesters, these leaders said that the people were assured by the 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 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



this problem of the people. That's 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 central government and the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor's administration. They also asked the BJP leaders why they are keeping silence in this matter. They alleged that the BJP government is completely against the people of Jammu and Kashmir. They said that ever since the BJP government came to power at the Centre, the common people of Jammu and Kashmir are in a bad condition. People are also deprived of Basic facilities like electricity 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.

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. They said that today people are worried about the electricity bills coming from smart meters. They alleged that no state in the country has such smart meters, but the BJP government at the Centre has started its trial from Jammu and 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

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4: Sri Pratap College Srinagar has the distinction 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 NAAC.

The admission process for various UG 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://kadmision.samarth.ac.in/>. Furthermore eligible PG candidates are being admitted through <https://www.cusrinagar.edu.in/NEP/>.

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 Dr. Shazia Mushatq (9596400344)/Convener admissions Dr. Gowhar Hamid Dar (Mobile:700682223). Email:dgowharhamid@gmail.com. The college has also opened a facilitation/registration centre headed by Prof. Magray Ajaz Ahmad (9596441959) for the benefit of the candidates who are desirous to seek admission in UG/PG programs. The Students can visit the college on all working days during office hours for any help.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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Sports activities gain 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 Council, 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 including two 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 sports persons 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 sports persons 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 and Youth Services and Sports 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 comprise Chief Executive Councillors of Kargil and Leh Councils, Member of Parliament, Ladakh, three outstanding sports persons having experience in sports at 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 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-recognition any association for misconduct, poor organization or defection, helping formation 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 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 functions, 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, will preside over the meetings of the Council, direct the Secretary to convene meetings of the Council as and when necessary. Have a casting vote in case of tie in a meeting of the Council, have supervisory control over the work and activities of the Council, have the power to convene special 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 SANIYA BARU

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 cover the annual summit of the Group of Twenty (G-20) nations. New Delhi has been spruced up. The municipal authorities have done what they do best: painted the pavements, tarred the roads, placed potted plants along footpaths, and suchlike. If one were to just drive from the airport 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 at least New Delhi, is a great place to be living in. The capital has a bridal look. 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 tourism, has outperformed himself. In Mumbai city alone, over a thousand crores 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 hosted meetings and events. A chosen set of sarkari intellectuals 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 "Vishwa Guru" and that we believe in our G-20 motto - "One Earth, One 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 New Delhi summit, Indian universities, think tanks, and other such outfits have organised more seminars, 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 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 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 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

Kunjaral" 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, 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. 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 getting stronger, 64 per cent are 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 getting weaker. The data from even closer home would not be any more flattering. It appears from the Pew 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

Games people play in Pakistan

BY BHOPINDER SINGH

The cricketing term Genteman's Game is not just a tad bit sexist, but even inappropriate considering the sheer number of scams attached to the same. Only some like the disgraced Kiwi 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'ing". He had been banned and admitted guilt stating, "I abused the game I 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 defunctive denials, contextualisation, or mealy-mouthed inanities. While it is a systemic cure that afflicts all cricketing 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

endemic corruption within the country, team management, and even in the Pakistani Cricket Board (which can 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-economic backgrounds and short shelf-life, as players. All is true, but the same conditions apply to other subcontinental 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 phenomenon that is peculiar to the tainted Pakistani players i.e., the rediscovery and taking to puritanical religiosity. The last couple of decades have seen the Pakistani dressing room mirror the revisionist winds that sweep the 'land of the pure' with the unprecedented list of long-bearded players like Inzamam-ul-Haq, Saadee Anwar, Misbah-ul-Haq, Saqlain Mushtaq or even the converted, Mohammad Yousof. Murmurs of Tablighi Jamaat (Party of Preachers) influencing the walk, talk and conduct of the Pakistani Team, is an old hat. Ahmed Shehzad typified the tainted Pakistani player template when he was caught and banned for doping (the ban got extended after he was found guilty of breaching the rules of suspension). However, Ahmed Shehzad is even more infamous for 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". Saadee Anwar was probably amongst the first to take to ultra-religiosity and the once flamboyant team as the likes of Inran Khan, Zabeer Abbas, Wassam Raja, and Akram etc., suddenly started looking rather pious and conservative. But religiosity, if not tempered with pragmatism and evolutionary necessities, can regress into the dark alleys of politics and societal tensions, which can then become a slippery slope of guaranteed backsliding. 'Born-again' believers can 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-fixing scandal - where Khalid was found guilty of convincing other players to partake fixing and using certain bat grips to convey messages to bookies that spot-fixing terms were agreed, is a classic case of rebounding with religion, as a means of redeeming them-

selves, in the public and their own eyes. In 2018, well after Khalid Latif had been shunned out of cricketing possibilities, he hit the headlines for offering a 'hit' on the controversial and provocative, Dutch anti-immigrant politician, Geert Wilders, for attempting to hold a cartooning competition for caricaturing the Holy Prophet. While the event was thankfully cancelled for being unnecessarily provocative, the Dutch politician has since remained defiant, even as Khalid had offered \$50,000 for killing Geert 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 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 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

RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

THE term labharthis, which translates 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 identity in what certain commentators claimed was a perfect electoral 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 campaign 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 targeted 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 campaign. Are the labharthis 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-propelled 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 volatility in their lives triggered by inflation and unemployment. Welfare sops are intended to counter the negative fallout of price rise and the lack of jobs in the BJP-ruled states, while each time a Congress government announces a scheme for women or students, it can justifiably sniff at the BJP's boast, regardless of whether it brings in electoral dividends. The BJP's sole benefaction to the current dissatisfaction over price rise and job losses is enshrining labharthis in precept and practice, wherever necessary. Rajasthan is among the poll-bound states which adopted the labharthis idea in its entirety to buck the negatives created by factionalism 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 labharthis festivals where in video 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 distribute generic drugs free of cost among the poor, flopped and denied him a second term in the 2015 elections. There was a perception that his government did not adequately publicise the merits of the scheme. Therefore, this time, Gehlot did what the BJP expertly does - publicise the bag of goodies unrolling every now and then. On the face of it, the rationale of his latest smartphone scheme for women makes abundant sense. It could potentially afford better access to online educational resources to chil-

dren and make women less dependent on the family's male members to use phones. The bonanza of smartphones was preceded by other programmes such as free medical insurance, cattle insurance, accident insurance, 200 units of free 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 employment guarantee scheme. In the Congress-BJP head-to-head in poll-bound states bearing Telangana, where the stage seems set for a triangular contest, the prelude suggests that populism and welfarism might become the dominant 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 pro-poor programmes, considering that LPG is the primary cooking fuel for nearly 50 per cent rural and 90 per cent urban families.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

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.

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 Ganderbal which saw the active participation of Judicial Officers, legal professionals, Advocates, Law Students from School of Legal Studies, Department of Law, Central University of Kashmir, litigants, 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 of legal disputes.

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 resolution (ADR) mechanisms. He highlighted how ADR can contribute to



fast resolution of disputes, lower costs, and reduced stress for the parties involved.

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

Earlier, the awareness programme 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 achieving swift and fair resolutions, promoting amicable settlements, and reducing the backlog of cases in the courts and stressing the advantages of ADR processes. She also highlighted the potential to achieve timely res-

olutions, cost effectiveness, and 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 awareness and promoting Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement, acknowledging its potential in deframing 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 DLSA Ganderbal, Mainaaz Qadir, Munsiff/Civil Judge, and Mohd. Waseem Mirza, JMIC/ Munsiff.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

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 within the district of Rajouri. This milestone decision was made at a pivotal meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kunda. The meeting, attended by Additional Superintendent of Police, Vivek Shekhar and Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Pawan Sharma, delved into extensive discussions regarding the safety and well-being of commuters within the district.

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

out 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 stringent measures to regulate road safety effectively.

Expressing grave concern over the alarming rate of road accidents within the district, the DDC asked both the ARTO and the Traffic Department to initiate special drives and enforce strict penalties against traffic violators. The emphasis was laid on creating a safer environment for all commuters in Rajouri. In line with the commitment 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

overloading concerns and provide more convenient transportation 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 overloading, overcharging, and irregular vehicular movement. This proactive approach demonstrates the district's dedication to prioritizing commuter safety above all else.

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

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



JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, SEPT 04: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom on Monday inaugurated week-long Bhrashtachar Mukat J&K Week at Town Hall Pulwama. Addressing the occasion, the DC stressed on highlighting all the inter-

ventions made by the Administration for a seamless and transparent system.

He said and for this dissemination of the same will be carried out vigorously throughout the entire week throughout the District starting from 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 Bhrashtachar Mukat Week have a harmonious relationship and Digital Governance is synonymous with Corruption Free

Stressing upon the officers that 'Zero Tolerance Against Corruption' is not only ensured in offices but the contact details of all the officers shall be shared so that there is complete eradication of corruption and a Bhrashtachar Mukat Pulwama is achieved.

During this week-long programme, events will be held all across the district. DC on having a look at the initiatives taken by the Revenue Department directed all the officials to ensure that not only service delivery shall be online but flagging-off pending applications shall be done at the appropriate level.

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

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JAMMU, SEPT 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 camps 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-employment, skilling and up-skilling, added GL Raina. Thousands of displaced youth visited these camps and registered themselves under different schemes for self-employment, skilling and up-skilling.

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

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 directive was to organize such special

governance camps to ensure saturation of social security schemes, self-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. Giridhari Lal Raina expressed pain and anguish over lack of seriousness in the administration 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

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: Shikshita Bharat Committee of the Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shreshtha 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 appreciated the efforts of the committee members for organizing the competitions which are helpful in inculcating the values and teachings of

Gandhi Ji in students' life. He said students should lead their life as per the path shown by Gandhiji 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 of non-violence, Satyagraha, Sarvodaya, etc.

Prof. Deepshikha Sharma also said that Gandhiji 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 a 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 Meena, and Dr. Deepak Pathania.

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 on the occasion were Prof. Barbara Koul, Dr. Monika Malhotra, Dr. Nazia Rasool and Malik Aijaz. The whole programme was coordinated and managed by Prof. Deepshikha Sharma and Prof. Rajni Bala.

### Brashtachar Mukat J&K Week

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

Also interacts with business community, mining operators, other stakeholders

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPT 04: Commissioner State Taxes department (STD), Dr. Rashmi Singh today visited district Bandipora, wherein she chaired a meeting to assess the overall functioning of the State Taxes and Mining departments. 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, 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 occasion 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 taxation processes thereby ensuring sustainable mining practices that align with environmental regulations. Additional Commissioner Administration and Enforcement on the occasion spoke about the importance of technology in modernizing tax collection and mining 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 regarding functioning of the department across the district. He briefed that Sales Taxes unit in district Bandipora regularly visits business

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 representatives from these sectors to gather valuable feedback, address concerns and explore opportunities for collaboration to streamline tax collection and mining operations in the region.

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

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: In a collective effort to enhance the green cover and promote environmental sustainability, Indian Army and Forest Department undertook a Plantation Drive at Chhatro, 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 and volunteers.



The event aims to raise awareness about the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance, conserving natural resources and

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

This drive was highly appreciated by the Awaam which was evident from the overwhelming response.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPT 04: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, today chaired a joint meeting 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, Tehsilidar Hqr, Tehsilidar Ramban, and other concerned officers. SDM

Ramsuo 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 coordination among the officers 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 meeting was highly productive, with both NHAI and traffic police collaborating to find solutions to the issues related to traffic management during landslides and other climatic issues.

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



J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4: The Vice Chancellor (V.C) SKUAST-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 of Divisions /Research Stations, University Scientists attended the inaugural function. About 200 delegates from across the country are participating in the three-day National Conference.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir in his address, emphasized the critical role of agriculture in shaping India's

future, highlighting the need for sustainable practices, technological advancements, and innovation to address the challenges of food security, climate change and rural development.

He said with a commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, the conference promises to be a catalyst for transformative change in the agricultural sector, aligning with India's vision for a prosperous and sustainable future.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir also expressed heartfelt appreciation for Dr. Baseerat Afroza, Organizing Secretary and head division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K and her dedicated team for their exceptional 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,

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 to formulate concrete strategies and solutions that will shape the future of our agricultural sector. 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 pivotal role that Vegetos Journal has played in disseminating cutting-edge research papers and fostering innovation within the agricultural community. Over the years, this esteemed publication has been instrumental in shaping the future of agriculture science, serving as inspiration for scholars 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 fields of agriculture.

On this occasion, one book and one 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

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: The President of 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 faced by the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community 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.

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 Kashmiri Pandit community had collectively devised this rehabilitation roadmap over three decades ago. They have consistently submitted these proposals to various governments and political parties, yet there has been little progress on this front.

Kundan Kashmiri also drew attention to the tragic loss of more than a thousand innocent members

of the Kashmiri Pandit community who were brutally martyred, massacred, and subjected to property destruction, looting, land and orchard encroachments, and forced occupation. Despite repeated 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 Pandit community, similar to the recognition granted to other communities in India, such as the indigenous Assamese Muslims by the Assam Government.

In addition to indigenous status, Kundan Kashmiri called for the formal 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 has been assigned to the community during the tenure of the previous Congress administration.

Kundan Kashmiri proposed that the current government at the center establish an institutional, inter-

ministerial mechanism to facilitate coordination between Kashmiri Pandit representatives and the government. This would aid in the effective implementation of the aforementioned demands and address other critical issues faced by the community, including unemployment among youth, the status of FM package employees, increased monthly rent, 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 Kashmir, 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 memorandum encapsulated the community's concerns and aspirations, seeking prompt and proactive measures to address the longstanding issues faced by the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community.

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

J I NEWS SERVICE

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

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

Key Highlights of the Action Plan stressed on a comprehensive approach to disseminate awareness among all.

During the meeting the Ground-Level Engagement was stressed upon as from Day 1 to Day 6. The stakeholder 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 representatives will ensure the effective execution of programs.

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



evening, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar will hold a press conference to discuss the outcomes.

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 IVRS number 8470809000. These complaints will be also recorded both online and offline through a dedicated control room.

On September 8, an awareness conference will be hosted by SSP Kishtwar, focusing on penalties under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Prabharhi officers will convene gram sabhas in their respective panchayats, 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 importance of ethics and integrity.

All corruption-related complaints, including anonymous will be referred to the police for investigation and necessary action. Complaint counters will be established at district headquarters, tehsil, and block 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 align with the anti-corruption campaign, showcasing the role of online services in combating corruption. Measures will be taken against individuals filing frivolous complaints to send a clear message against misuse of anti-corruption measures.

Google Form links will be disseminated through

social media and other platforms to encourage public feedback. A massive publicity campaign involving citizens, youth clubs, PRI's, and media will ensure door-to-door information dissemination on the anti-corruption drive.

The PanchSamitis will join panchayat-level gram sabhas to inspect Jal Jeevan 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 awareness in collaboration with GHSS Boys and Girls. This dedicated effort aims to foster a corruption-free environment and uphold the principles of good governance in District Kishtwar.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar encouraged active participation from all residents, together to make a difference.

## Samadhaan Foundation highlights commitment to democracy, environment, community empowerment

J I NEWS SERVICE

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 strengthening of democracy, the preservation of the environment, and the betterment and empowerment of society.

Pawan Sharma, the Patron-in-Chief and founder of Samadhaan Foundation, presided over the meeting, which saw enthusiastic participation from Samadhaan Leaders representing various districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

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 vision of the Samadhaan Foundation.

Ajeet Katerwal, Coordinator & core team member, presented a comprehensive report detailing the foundation's activities and accomplishments over the past five years in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pawan Sharma, while congrat-



ulating all the Samadhaan Leaders on the foundation's successful five-year journey in public service, emphasized that Samadhaan's primary vision and mission are to unite people, organize them, and educate them to achieve common goals.

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, including Milap Singh, Aneeta Mohan Sharma, Ajeet Singh, Lok Bandhu, Gurdeep Singh, Usha Sharma, Neeraj Kotwal, Naresh Raina, Akshay Bharti, Aman Sharma, Vikas Sambhal, Gaurav Sharma, Balbir Singh, Deepak Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Sahil Bishnotra, Vicky Sharma, Amit Dogra, Suresh Sharma, Sunny Dubay, Munish Singh, and Pushpinder Singh.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Aneeta Mohan Sharma and the recitation of the National Anthem.

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



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: Extending full support to the Taxi operators working from Jammu Railway Station, Taranjit Singh Tony, Congress leader and DDC Member Suchetgarh on Monday slammed the government

for its move to privatize the parking claiming that the same would ruin the taxi business in the region. During a visit to taxi drivers at Railway Station Jammu, Tony said that the government has no right to take such arbitrary decisions without

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 private contractor for a few extra bucks. He said that the government cannot

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 overnight", he said adding that the government should revisit its decision, which in actuality is arbitrary and dictatorial.

## Hundreds of students, employees & locals participated in the event

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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 '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 Police Budgam, Al-Tahir Gilani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Nasir, CEO Budgam, Romana Qazi and District Informatics Officer and other 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 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 being made in the digital landscape of Jammu and Kashmir and showcased 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.





## JKEDI starts celebrations of 'Brashtachar Mukh J&K' Week with IPR Awareness Program

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PULWAMA , SEPT 04: To raise understanding and 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 awareness program.

This initiative marks the commencement of the 'Brashtachar Mukh - J&K' week, designed to combat corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance within the region.

The program witnessed active participation from students and individuals eager to delve into the intricate world of Intellectual Property Rights. This awareness program aligns seamlessly with the broader goal of promoting ethical 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 importance of this initiative. He emphasized the pivotal role that awareness pro-



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

The 'Brashtachar Mukh - J&K' week, initiated with this IPR awareness program by JKEDI, aims to pave the way for a broader movement towards eradicating corruption and promoting ethical governance practices. By empowering individuals with knowledge about IPRs, this endeavor not only nurtures innovation but also

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

The experts from JKEDI 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 intricacies of IPR and its relevance 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 Rights.

The program was attended by the faculty members of the college, experts from 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 (8825014846).

strengthens the foundations of a more transparent and accountable society, said Director JKEDI. "Various aspects of IPR, including design, GI registration, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and others, are integral to this effort. Startups, innovators, 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 more accountability," said Bhat. He further emphasized

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

J I NEWS SERVICE

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

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Musarrat Islam, a number of awareness programmes 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, Zabeer Abbas Bhat. On the occasion, senior officers of different departments sensitized the people about On-Line services being provided by their respective departments as they gave demonstrations and hands-on training. The participants 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 and enhance digital literacy among the people, besides adapting technological interventions to ensure citizens 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 online schemes to the people and enrolled the beneficiaries.

## Week-long 'Bharshachar Mukh J&K' campaign takes-off in Kupwara

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KUPWARA, SEPT 04: The 'Bharshachar Mukh J&K' campaign was today kick-started with a pledge ceremony which was attended by all the officers and officials of District Administration at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex 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 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 offices for Coordination with the control room, set up for all 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.

similar pledge taking ceremonies were also held in District Offices. Sectoral offices and different institutions across Kupwara 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 creation of a corruption free environment.

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 stakeholders.

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



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 04: Emphasizing teachers be facilitators and role models for their students, BJP District President Jammu South 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 Rekha Mahajan while interacting with teachers along with staff members of the school in the esteem

presence of District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, DDC Prof Gharu 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 former vice president and other prominent persons were present in the program. Rekha Mahajan along with other dignitaries felicitated teacher Naresh Kanth and famous Punjabi Bhagti Geet Singer on teachers day.

Rekha Mahajan said that the role

of the teacher in a society is significant and valuable having a far-reaching influence on people so it becomes his prime responsibility to 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 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 honoring 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 quality education to the youth besides enthusing high ethics among them so that they could grow as a responsible citizen. A colorful cultural programme was presented by the students on the occasion and later the dignitaries felicitated the teachers for their contribution.

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

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RAMBAN, SEPT 04: District Development Commissioner, Ramban Musarrat Islam, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) here in his office Chamber 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 JKTIPO Jammu, and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a

power point presentation of the draft Export promotion plan presented by the official of JKTIPO, 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 pomegranate).

The meeting was informed that two Common Facilitation Centers for Honey have already been sanctioned for the district. The chair directed to include quince fruit products in the export plan.

He asked the stakeholder departments to organize workshops and awareness programmes to encourage

the farmers and fruit growers to establish the processing units for Anardana, Honey and Walnut in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed appraisal about the measures 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 discussed.

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

## Indian Army organizes Medical and Veterinary camp at Alni Dharunder, Bhaderwah

J I NEWS SERVICE

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 Alni Dharin Area of Responsibility. This event is just 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 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 veterinary doctor to deliver much-needed medical assistance. Their focus was on attending to the healthcare needs of women, children, elderly individuals, and domestic animals within the region.

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, 568 patients received medical attention, 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 agricultural 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 awareness among the general populace. This holistic approach demonstrates the Indian Army's commitment to the well-being of the local community and its efforts to enhance healthcare access, particularly in remote and underserved areas.

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 regions it serves.

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

J I NEWS SERVICE

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, railways, 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 overcoming obstacles on India's path to progress.

Chandel emphasized the unity and collaborative efforts of the people 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 highlighted the contributions of Dr. Ashok Kaul, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, in Kashmir. Dr. Kaul's dedication and commitment have played a pivotal role in uniting diverse sections of society in Jammu and Kashmir under a common goal.

Chandel expressed his confidence that the upcoming legislative elections would see the BJP emerge vic-

torious and secure a significant number of seats, effectively representing the region. He attributed this impending success to the dedication and hard work of the party workers who have tirelessly striven for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

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 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.

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

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK ALWAYS ENCOURAGES US TO DO BETTER: BALDEV PRAKASH
JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 04: As a responsible financial institution playing key role in the economic development 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 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-meets were organized to listen, understand and resolve the issues faced by its clientele across its operational geographies.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash further 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 feedback always encourages us to do better."

"Today, your presence has made these interactions lively and will have long lasting impact on how we 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 application - is a step in that direction", he added.

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 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 further with the customers across the country.

Meanwhile, welcoming the participants at their respective places, the Bank's General Managers, Divisional Heads, Zonal Heads and Cluster Heads apprised the participants about the Bank's historic performance 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 continuity in Bank-customer communication. The Bank's management emphasized upon the importance of feedback for achieving excellence and bringing improvements and innovations in the Bank's functioning leading ultimately to the greater good of customers and the institution.

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 see the Bank's progress in recent times. It gives us real happiness to see our bank clock historic profits and bolster its digital infrastructure. Such meets should become a regular feature", he said.

Summing up his experience about the Bank, Rook Krishen Kokroo - a pensioner from Jammu - praised a lot about the bank's services. "Being among the earliest of Bank's customers, I have always found J&K Bank's products and services well up to mark with other competitors. I feel happy to be here 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 Bengaluru. Pertinently, the meetings started with power-point presentation providing 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 for addressing customer grievances while ensuring zero waiting time for their registration.

SC slams Telangana for using detention act "at the drop of a hat" says cops curbing people's liberty

NEW DELHI, SEP 4: The Supreme Court on Monday criticised the Telangana police for using preventive detention law at the drop of a hat and said while the nation celebrates 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of Independence, some police officers are curbing the liberty and freedom 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 detainee. "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 commemorate 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 equally responsible for protecting the rights of citizens as well, seem to be oblivious of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by 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 India's Constitution, has been rendered 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 preventive detention, it is important that the safeguards enshrined in our Constitution, particularly under the 'golden triangle' formed by Articles 14, 19 and 21, are diligently enforced," the bench said.

While Article 14 relates to equality before law, Article 19 pertains to freedom of speech and expression, and Article 21 provides India's citizens right to life and personal liberty. All these are fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution to the citizens of the country.

The apex court said while deciding 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.

Referring to the instant case, the top court said the authority concerned had failed to differentiate between offences that create a "law and order" situation and those that tend to prejudicially affect "public order". It said "Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Dacoits, Drug-Offenders, Goondas, Landmark Traffic Offenders, Lam Grabbers, Spurious Seed Offenders, Insecticide Offenders, Fertiliser Offenders, Food Adulteration Offenders, Fake Document Offenders, Scheduled Commodities Offenders, Forest Offenders, Gaming Offenders, Sexual Offenders, Explosive Substances Offenders, Arms Offenders, Cyber Crime Offenders and White Collar or Financial Offenders Act 1986 is an extraordinary statute.

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 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 that unless paid by the Centre, the Delhi government won't work. So, a table 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 crore was spent by different agencies of the Centre and the Delhi government for G20 Summit preparations. 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 government did not receive any funds from the Centre for medical care preparations for the G20 Summit.

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

NEW DELHI, SEP 4: Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi on Monday claimed the AAP government did nothing for Delhi's development in its nine-year rule and it was the Centre that bore almost all the expenses for G20 Summit preparations 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 arrogance." The BJP 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 NHAI that were associated with the preparations, said Lekhi, who along with L-G V K Saxena inaugurated sculptures at an NDMC park in

Chanakya-pur. "The minister has made a statement that Rs 927 crore was demanded from the Centre by the Delhi government. I want to ask 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 reporters.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN CHENANI

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

The applications forms on prescribed format are invited from the eligible female candidates of the below mentioned wards of the Panchayats/Municipality for engagement as Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan (CDPOC Project, Chhenani, purely on honorarium basis (Sanginis @5100/- per month and Sahayikas @2550/- per month) in pursuance to the Govt. Order No : 222 JK(GWD) of 2022 ; 30, 11, 2022 & 103 JK(GWD) of 2023, dated : 28.04.2023. As per the norms, the unit of selection of Sanginis/Sahayikas shall be the electoral ward of the concerned Panchayat/Municipality.

Table with 5 columns: S.No, Name of the Panchayat/Municipality, Ward No. of Panchayat/Municipality, Name of the AWC, No. of post of Sanginis, Remarks. Includes entries for Kullasari and Sattara A.

Table with 5 columns: S.No, Name of the Panchayat/Municipality, Ward No. of Panchayat/Municipality, Name of the AWC, No. of Post of Sahayika, Remarks. Includes entries for MC-Chenani and Kossar.

- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS)
1. Women candidate must be in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post.
2. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K...

- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)
1. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post.
2. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K...

HOW TO APPLY:
The application forms complete in all respects as per the Performa given in Annexure "A" of this notice should be submitted in the Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Chhenani (W.No.3, Near Chanotra, Shuttering Store, Chhenani) by personal delivery or through registered post during working hours against the proper receipt. The incomplete forms shall be rejected without any clarification/notice and the candidates shall have no right to claim for candidature.

Date of commencement for submission of Application Forms : 08.09.2023
Last date for submission of Application Forms : 22.09.2023
No application forms shall be accepted after the last date i.e. 22.09.2023

DOCUMENT VERIFICATION:
The shortlisted meritorious candidates shall be required to appear before the Document Verification Committee along with all the original documents which copies have been attached with the application form within a week after the last date of receipt of application forms.

NO. CDPOC/86/2023 SD/
DATED: 02-09-2023 Child Dev. Project Officer (Poshan) Chhenani
DIP/J-7804/23 (Member Secretary Selection Committee)

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPER)
1. Name of the District : Udhampur
2. Name of the Project : Poshan Project Chhenani
3. Name of Panchayat/Municipality :
4. Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which applying:
5. Name of Candidate (in Block Letter) : email id :
6. Contact No :
7. Father's Name (in Block Letter) :
8. Marital Status: (Married/Unmarried)
9. Husband's name (if married):
10. Whether belonging to BPL category: (Yes/No)
11. Whether Widow/divorcee:-
12. Date of Birth:
13. Age as on 01.01.2023 (in years and months):-
14. Place of Permanent Residence (with Ward Number, House Number, Mohalla/Locality, Panchayat etc):-
15. Address for correspondence:-
16. Academic Qualification:-
Signature of Applicant

- Documents to be Attached:- (Self Attested)
a. Copy of Domicile certificate.
b. Academic qualification certificates (8<sup>th</sup>/Matric).
c. Copy of Aadhar Card.
d. Copy of Voter Card.
e. Copy of Ration Card. (As proof of BPL Category)
f. Copy of Date of Birth Certificate.
g. Unmarried Certificate by the concern Tehsildar (In case of unmarried candidate)
h. Copy of Death Certificate of Husband. (In case of widow)
i. Copy of Divorce Certificate. (In case of divorce)
j. Certified copy of the latest voter list as proof of residence. (Certified by the BDO/CEO Municipality concerned)
k. Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.
l. Self addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/- affixed

ANNEXURE A APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SANGINI (ANGANWADI WORKER)

1. Name of the District : Udhampur
2. Name of the Project : Poshan Project Chhenani
3. Name of Panchayat/Municipality :
4. Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which applying:
5. Name of Candidate (in Block Letter) : email id :
6. Contact No :
7. Father's Name (in Block Letter) :
8. Marital Status: (Married/Unmarried)
9. Husband's name (if married):
10. Whether belonging to the family of retired AWW/AWE: (Yes/No)
11. Date of Birth:
12. Age as on 01.01.2023 (in years and months):-
13. Place of Permanent Residence (with Ward Number, House Number, Mohalla/Locality, Panchayat etc):-
14. Address for correspondence:-
15. Academic Qualification:-
Signature of Applicant

- Documents to be Attached:- (Self Attested)
a. Copy of Domicile certificate.
b. Academic qualification certificates (Matric/12<sup>th</sup>/Graduation).
c. Copy of Aadhar Card.
d. Copy of Voter Card.
e. Copy of Ration Card.
f. Copy of Date of Birth Certificate.
g. Certified copy of the latest voter list as proof of residence. (Certified by the BDO/CEO Municipality concerned)
h. Unmarried Certificate by the concern Tehsildar (In case of unmarried candidate)
i. Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.
j. Self addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/- affixed

Affidavit
I/We, do hereby solemnly affirm as under:
1. That I belong to the Ward no. Panchayat for which application of Sangini/Sahayika is invited.
2. That no forged/fake documents have been enclosed with the application form.
3. That if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of qualification higher than the prescribed qualification, my engagement shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.
4. That the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
5. In case, above statement is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject the application form without any notice, and further in case under any circumstances I change my residence (physical) outside the Panchayat/Municipal Ward (whichever applicable) the department shall have the right to terminate my services.
Signature of Applicant

