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## LG felicitates outstanding Teachers for their admirable initiatives in school education



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JAMMU, SEPT 5

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha led the celebration of Teachers' Day in the UT of J&K. After Srinagar, the Lt Governor joined the celebration at Jammu and felicitated the outstanding teachers for their admirable initiatives in school education.

Paying tributes to former President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, the Lt Governor said the occasion provides us an opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of teachers to the society and the nation. "Teachers create a system that is appropriate to the needs of the time and requirement of the society. They are the creators of real strength of the nation and pave the

way for rapid social and economic progress of the future," the Lt Governor said.

In his address, the Lt Governor called upon the teaching community to develop curiosity and inquisitiveness among the students and nurture their unique creativity and talent.

All the experiments and inventions, which brought a new revolution in the world, were started with curiosity and that is why teachers should create such an environment in the schools where students are encouraged to ask questions, he said.

"Society can discover new solutions when students develop curiosity, collaborate, become more creative and learn the values of teamwork. For lifelong learning, CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## LG Sinha felicitates 11 teachers in Srinagar on Teachers' Day

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, SEPT 5

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday felicitated 11 teachers from various schools of the union territory on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Five teachers were awarded silver medals and a cash prize of Rs 50,000 each for their outstanding services in the field of education while six others, including a specially-abled teacher, were given certificates of appreciation.



Addressing the gathering, Sinha said a teacher is the biggest revolutionary and courageous person in this world. "A teacher breaks the barriers, old methods and gives a new

shape, a new direction to the children, a new resolve and sparks new thinking in the minds of the children. The goal of education is not to CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## LG Sinha hands over appointment letters to NoKs of three civilians killed in Shopian

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday handed over appointment letters for government jobs to family members of three persons killed in a staged encounter by an army captain in south Kashmir's Shopian district in 2020.

The three were killed



at Amshipura, a remote hill village in Shopian on July 18, 2020 by Captain

Bhoopendra Singh, who labelled them as CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Search operation extended to neutralise Terrorist in Reasi

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

Security forces today extended the search operation to track down a terrorist who managed to escape from a remote village in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said.

While one terrorist was killed and two security personnel injured in the initial gunfight at Gali Sohab village in Tuli area today, the second terrorist slipped out from the cordoned house located on a slope, taking advantage of rough terrain, the officials said.

They said the security forces stormed the house early this morning amid intense firing but there was no trace of the second terrorist who was believed hiding inside.



However, the search parties comprising police, Army and CRPF retrieved the body of the slain terrorist and also recovered an AK assault rifle, two magazines, a rucksack, a pocket diary and some medicines and eatables.

The officials said reinforcements were rushed to the area and nearly half-a-dozen adjoining villages in the forested area were sealed and a search operation is underway to neutralize the fleeing terrorist. Jammu-based defence

PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said the Army along with police has been continuing relentless operations in the forest areas of Reasi district to scuttle nefarious designs of the terrorists.

"A joint operation was launched based on specific information about the presence of two armed terrorists. The dynamic counter terrorist grid was established with extensive deployment in the area of responsibility," he said in a statement here. CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Hideout of longest surviving Hizbul Terrorist unearthed in Kishtwar



**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

Security forces on Tuesday unearthed a hideout being used by the longest surviving terrorist of banned Hizbul Mujahideen, Jehangir Saroori, in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, a police officer said.

The hideout was dismantled by police in collaboration with the troops of Rashtriya Rifles and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in a meticu-

lously planned operation in Paribag area of Bhadar Saroori, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said. Saroori joined militancy in the early 1990s and is believed to be hiding in the higher reaches of Kishtwar district. Saroori's brother Abdul Karim Butt was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act for being a terrorist associate on August 3.

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## SC reserves its verdict on batch of pleas challenging abrogation of Article 370

**AGENCIES**  
NEW DELHI, SEPT 5

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud reserved the verdict after a marathon 16-day hearing.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, heard the rejoinder arguments of senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramaniam, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah, Dushyant Dave and others on the concluding day of the hearing. The top court said if



any lawyer appearing for the petitioners or respondents wishes to file a written submission can do so in the next three days. The submission should not extend beyond two pages, it said.

In the course of the hearing over the past 16 days, the top court heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the inter-

venors defending the abrogation of Article 370. The lawyers dwell on various issues including the constitutional validity of the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate the provision, the validity of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, which split the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, challenges to imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20, 2018 and imposition of President's

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## Rajnath Singh to inaugurate 90 BRO projects on Sep 12

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will on September 12 inaugurate 90 infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) including four airstrips and helpads built along the northern and western borders, a spokesperson of the ministry on Tues-



day said. The projects include 21 roads, 64 bridges, one tunnel, two air strips, and two helpads, he said.

Singh will visit Samba district and inaugurate Devak bridge on CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Congress to mark BJY anniversary across J&K districts on September 7

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) will commemorate the first anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in a big way across the 20 districts of the union territory on September 7, the party said on Tuesday.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had led the Bharat Jodo Yatra and covered some 4,000 kilometres on foot from Kanvakumari to Kashmir in 145 days. The ambitious yatra began on September 7, 2022 and concluded on January 30.

"The Congress shall commemorate the first



anniversary of the Bharat Jodo Yatra on September 7 in a big way at both capital headquarters Srinagar and Jammu besides all districts to revive and reiterate the message of the yatra from Kanvakumari to Kashmir last year." JKPPC chief Vikar Rasool Wani said here.

A mega event shall be held in Jammu and Sri-

nagar each on the lines of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, he said.

Wani, who chaired a preparatory meeting of all senior leaders, district presidents, frontal and other prominent leaders here, said AICC incharge of Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Patil will lead the yatra in Jammu along CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

## Local body polls

### CEO J&K unveils draft reservation proposal for 77 municipalities

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

In a significant move, Jammu & Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer on Tuesday unveiled draft reservation proposal of 77 urban local bodies in the Union Territory. As per a notification, CEO J&K unveiled the proposal for reservation of wards for women, schedule castes and schedule tribes in the ULBs.

As per the notification, objections and

suggestions over the proposal can be filed in next seven days in the office of CEO.

The CEO has proposed to reserve 25 wards for women in Srinagar Municipal Corporation and 25 wards for women, 10 for Schedule Castes and two for Scheduled Tribes in Jammu Municipal Corporation.

The municipal polls in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be held in October–November this year. **END**

## Dr Jitendra addresses AFMC platinum jubilee medical conference, launches api chapter

**AGENCIES**  
PUNE, SEPT 5

As part of the year-long platinum jubilee celebrations of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a known Diabetologist and Professor of Medicine, today launched the Association of Physicians of India (API) Chapter of AFMC, Pune and also inaugurated as



well as addressed the first annual conference of API-AFMC Continuing Medical Education (CME) on "Emerging trends in the practice of Medicine". Describing AFMC, Pune as the first Central Government institute of Medical

Education established in 1948 much before the AIIMS, Delhi came into being, Dr Jitendra Singh said the idea of a separate AFMC came from none other than Dr BC Roy, who is also credited with nurturing the API.

"As a common legacy, the coming together of API and AFMC also has a historical value and marks a befitting tribute to the first-generation physician, Dr BC Roy," he said.

In his inaugural address at the Conference, Dr Jitendra Singh said the age of working in silos is over and during the nine years of governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, conscious efforts have been made to integrate different organs of the Government including Ministries and departments with various

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## Man arrested for duping Woman of Rs 20,000 in Udhampur

**AGENCIES**  
JAMMU, SEPT 5

A man was arrested for allegedly duping a woman of Rs 20,000 on the pretext of helping her while she was trying to withdraw money from an ATM in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said.

The accused was identified as Intiaz Ahmed of Ramban district, they said.

Babli Devi lodged a complaint at Ramban police station alleging that while she was trying to withdraw cash from an ATM, a man came there and offered to help her

with the transaction, police said.

The man tricked her into handing over her debit card to him and in turn gave her a fake identical card. Later, he withdrew Rs 20,000 from Devi's bank account using the original card.

Based on the woman's complaint, a case was registered and an investigation was launched. A police team was constituted to probe the case, they added.

During investigation, police said, several suspects were picked up on the basis of human **CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4**

# National Teachers Day celebrated at Anantnag

JJ NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG SEPTEMBER 05: The National Teachers Day was today celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour across Anantnag. On the occasion, the role played by the teachers in transforming the students and society as a whole was highlighted in detail.

The main function was held at Govt Higher Secondary School Ranibagh which was presided over by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, SF Hamid as chief guest. Chief Education Officer, District Education Planning Officer, Principal HSS Ranibagh, Cultural Coordinator Education Department besides other officials and students also attended the function.

The DDC paid rich tributes to his teachers and remembered their contribution in shaping up his career. He said that soon the Back to School programme will be launched in the district to bring school dropouts/leavers to classrooms.

He stressed upon the teachers to be the role models for their students and pay due attention to the students who are weak in learning. He called for strengthening the student teacher relation especially in light of evolving

## Teacher is the builder of Nation: SF Hamid



trends in the teaching profession.

He said that smooth adoption and implementation of New Education Policy and new ideas in teaching methodology are vital for transforming the education sector.

DDC said that district administration would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all the teachers who have played an essential role in shaping the future of Anantnag District. Your dedication and commitment to educating the youth are commendable and deeply valued.

During the event various schools

organized cultural programs, showcasing the talents of their students. These performances included dances, skits, and musical presentations that entertained and enthralled the audience. Educational workshops and seminars were also conducted for teachers to enhance their teaching skills and keep them updated with the latest teaching methodologies and technology.

Teachers from various schools of the district were felicitated by the DDC with awards for their commendable work.

# DC Rajouri resolves bottlenecks hampering execution of developmental works

Reviews progress of Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote Road project

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 05: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today addressed critical issues hampering the progress of various developmental projects across the district here at a meeting of stakeholder departments. He also conducted a comprehensive review of progress of work on Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project in a separate meeting.

The meeting emphasized the importance of overcoming obstacles related to forest clearance, land compensation, and other bottlenecks affecting these vital initiatives.

In his opening remarks, DC Vikas Kundal underlined the paramount significance of adhering to environmentally responsible development practices, especially concerning forest clearance.

He stressed the need for collabora-

tive efforts among stakeholders to ensure minimal ecological impact during the execution of these projects. The meeting witnessed the active participation of officers, including DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; ADC Korerana, Surinder Mohan Sharma; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar; ADC Nowshera Kartar Singh; ADC Kalakote Krishan Lal; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACP Sheraz Chowhan; SE PWD Rajouri vicram Singh; Xen PWD(R&B) Rajouri Sardar Khan, Xen PMGYSY Rajouri, Shahid Chowdhary.

Meanwhile, the District Development Commissioner reviewed the progress of construction work on the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project. The assessment took place during a pivotal meeting held with key stakeholders including DDC Member Thanamandi Qayoom Mir; DDC

Member Sain, Abdul Rasheed; OBC BKO 58 RCC, Major Manju Nath; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; AC Defence, Saleem Qureshi; SDM Thanamandi shaifiq mir; DMO Naseeb choudary and Tehsilardars, demonstrating a concerted effort towards the project's success.

The 33 kilometer Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project is being upgraded, with 18 kilometers already blacktopped and the wet mix macadamization phase successfully completed on 25 kilometers.

The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, underscored the paramount importance of adhering to prescribed construction specifications to ensure the longevity and utility of the road. He further issued a directive to the pertinent departments to expedite the ongoing construction work while upholding the highest quality standards.

# Doda celebrates Teachers' Day themed Shiksha ki Badalti Tasveer; participants take Bhrashtachar Mukht pledge

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: Teachers' Day 2023 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour in the Community Hall Doda, today.

The event was organized on the theme "Shiksha ki Badalti Tasveer" (The Changing Face of Education) and also coincided with the ongoing Bhrashtachar Mukht campaign. The Chief Education Officer Doda took the lead in planning and executing the event, ensuring a memorable and meaningful celebration.

The theme aimed to highlight the transformation and advancements in the field of education, emphasizing the need for continuous adaptation to meet the evolving needs of students.

The event began with a warm welcome extended to all the teachers who had gathered to commemorate this special day. The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda Abdul Qayoom, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Doda Pran Singh, ADC Doda Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti, CEO Doda Parshotam, ZEOs, Principals, and students from various institutions



participated in the programme at the Community Hall. The SSP, in his speech, expressed gratitude towards the teachers for their tireless efforts in shaping the future of the nation. He acknowledged that teachers play a crucial role in imparting knowledge, values and skills to students. He emphasized the need for teachers to be role models and mentors for their students, guiding them towards a brighter future. He urged everyone present to take the Bhrashtachar Mukht pledge seriously and actively contribute towards creating a corruption-free society. The ADC Doda also addressed the gathering, com-

mending the efforts of teachers in providing quality education to students. He emphasized the need for continuous improvement and adaptation in the field of education to keep up with the changing times. He encouraged teachers to embrace new teaching methodologies, incorporate technology into classrooms, and promote inclusive education.

To entertain and engage the audience, a scintillating cultural program featuring dance, music and skits was presented by students from different schools. Teachers with exceptional contribution towards education were felicitated with awards.

# GDC Ramgarh celebrates Teachers' Day 2023

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 05: Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated Teachers' Day under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and G20, to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The event was organized by the department of Punjabi and held under the able guidance and Coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

Prof. Rishi Kumari, Convener of the event briefed the students about the day and said that Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was one of India's

most distinguished scholars of the twentieth century and has made significant contributions to a variety of subjects starting from theoretical, theological, moral, instructive, communal, and enlightening subjects. She added that Teachers' Day is a reminder of the role that teachers play in nation-building by guiding and educating the brightest minds of our country. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Deptt. of Statistics said that the bond between a teacher and a student is indeed special. The teacher not only educates but also motivates, instills confidence and cultivates a love for learning in their stu-

dents. Their patience, compassion and commitment towards their profession make them the guiding light in molding the future of our nation.

A cultural Bonanza was presented by the students of the college. They celebrated Teachers' Day by performing songs, poem, Dance acknowledging the contribution of their teachers. Students also show their affection to their favourite teachers in the form of cards, speeches and chocolates. By dedicating this special day to the teachers students thank their teachers in many ways. All the teaching and non teaching faculty members of the college attended the event.

## DIGITAL, BHRASHTACHAR MUKHT CAMPAIGN

# Awareness, IEC activities in full swing across Doda district

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: As part of Digital Week and Bhrashtachar Mukht Jammu and Kashmir campaign, awareness activities are being held in every administrative unit of the district to empower the general public by extending Good Governance.

In an initiative led by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir UT, the "Bhrashtachar Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Week" is being observed from 4th of September to 10th of September, 2023. The week-long campaign aims to promote transparency and accountability in governance across the country. Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh



Mahajan, the district administration organized a program in the Conference Hall of the DC office today. The objective was to raise awareness about the menace of corruption and the way it is hurting human society. Moreover, ADDC, Pran Singh and SSP, Abdul Qayoom, convened a meeting in the conference hall of the DC office complex to sensitise the officers and officials about the campaigns. In his address, SSP

emphasized that corruption often begins at lower levels with small-scale and brings mortification to the whole department and the administration. He stressed the importance of tackling corruption collectively.

The ADDC spoke about the menace of corruption and encouraged officers and officials to actively participate in raising public awareness during the week. Marking a significant moment, SSP Doda led

a pledge, joined by district officers and officials, committing to combat corruption in all forms. The pledge reinforced the government's commitment to eradicating corruption from the system.

Similar pledge ceremonies were organised in all the government offices and educational institutions across the district. Special Gram Sabhas were also organised to spread the message of the Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K.

Meanwhile, Government institutions and schools across the region are actively participating in the "Bhrashtachar Mukht Jammu and Kashmir" celebrations. Corruption is likened to a cancer that erodes the faith of common people in democracy.

# DLSA Samba remembers Int'l day of Charity with inmates of PARISHA Home for Girls

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Cake cutting was also organized Versha Anthal, Assistant Legal Aid

SAMBA, AUGUST 05: To promote and strengthen the social responsibility by increasing the support of District Legal Services Authority Samba for charitable causes and to commemorate the death anniversary of great Missionary Mother Teresa, District Legal Services Authority Samba under the guidance of Yesh Pal Kotwal, Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Samba) today organized a special program on the observance of International day of Charity, 2023 in the Child Care Institution - PARISHA Home for Girls Samba.

In this special programme, the inmates of the Home presented their talents through fun games, mimicry, speech, songs, dance and poem etc.



by District Legal Services Authority Samba for all the inmates of PARISHA Home for Girls Samba. Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, District legal Services Authority Samba, Isha Manhas, Superintendent, Parisha Home for Girls Samba,

Defense Counsel, Staff and inmates of Parisha Home for Girls Samba, Staff and PLVs of District Legal Services Authority Samba were present in the program.

Light refreshment was also served to all the inmates of the Home.

# Enthusiastic Celebration of Teachers' Day witness in Reasi District

JJ NEWS SERVICE

REASI, SEPTEMBER 5: The Teachers' Day was joyously celebrated today in the auditorium of the DC Office Complex. District Development Commissioner, Babla Rakwal, graced the occasion as the chief guest, and the event was thoughtfully organized by the Department of Education. Teachers' Day is an annual commemoration held on the birth anniversary of India's second President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a distinguished educator who dedicated his life to the

noble cause of teaching. In her address to a gathering of teachers and students, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the profound significance of this day, a day to pay homage to the architects of our nation.

The DC underscored that a teacher's role extends beyond the classroom; they shape students not just academically but also morally, preparing them for future challenges. In recognition of outstanding contributions to education, seventeen teachers from the School Education sector were honored during the event. Sunita Bali, Chief

Education Officer Reasi, extended her congratulations to both teachers and students for orchestrating a grand celebration.

A medley of cultural events, illuminating the vital role of teachers and their enduring impact on society, was skillfully organized by educational institutions. The event saw the presence of prominent figures including ADDC Jyoti Sathia, ADC Abdul Star, CEO Reasi Sunita Bali, ZEO Reasi, Dy. SP Hugs Neeraj Padwar, school principals, and a large contingent of teachers and students.

# DC Kupwara reviews arrangements for Mega Bangus Adventure Festival

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Tuesday convened a meeting of officers in the Meeting Hall of DC Office here to review the preparations for upcoming Bangus Adventure Festival-2023 scheduled to be held on 10th September.

The meeting held threadbare discussion regarding various components of preparations including recreational and adventure activities, transportation and parking plan; sanitation and drinking water etc to be provided during the festival.

The DC stressed that the event should showcase the rich eco-tourism and adventure tourism of the area; besides, there should be proper promotion of the festival and other facilities to achieve the ultimate objective of making Bangus Valley a prominent tourist destination.

Ayushi directed all the concerned Officers to work in close coordination and ensure fool-proof arrangements well in advance for the smooth and successful conduct of the Bangus festival.

This time, the Bangus festival is being organised on a bigger scale and we are expecting a huge tourist footfall on the Bangus festival day and all



departments have to contribute positively, said the DC.

In the meeting it was decided that the Bangus festival will be showcasing activities including Paragliding, Horse racing, Hot air balloon, ATVs, Zorbing, Mini-golf, Tug of war, Cultural event, live painting, Volleyball, martial arts.

It was also decided in the meeting that local Dhocks will be beautified and hoardings for tourism promotion will be put up at different locations in the district.

CMO Kupwara, Chief Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry officers were directed to conduct two different Medical camps in Bangus on

the day of the event.

R&B department, RDD, Municipal committees, Kupwara, Handwara and Langate have been directed to conduct sanitation drives in Bangus in advance to ensure the cleanliness of the Bangus Valley. CEO, LBDDA and Tehsilardar Kralpora have been nominated as Nodal Officers for the Bangus festival.

Among others the meeting was attended by SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas, ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC Kupwara, Gh. Nabi Bhat; CEO LBDDA, Gh. Jeelani Zargar; Joint Director Planning, Abdul Mojied, Exen R&B, Exen PHE and Tehsilardar Kralpora.

## Digital transformation awareness programme held at GCW Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 05: The Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur proudly celebrated a momentous Digital Awareness Program in collaboration with J&K Science Technology & Innovation Council, Udhampur shedding light on the importance of digital transformation and awareness in today's fast-paced world.

The event, held in the college premises, brought together distinguished guests, faculty members, students, and experts in the field of technology and digital services.

The highlight of the event was the gracious presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. Anjali Mahajan, the college Principal. Prof. Mahajan is a renowned academician and an inspiring figure in the educational arena.

The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Rajinder Kumar Digra, Shruti Khanna, Dr. Sanjeet Kour, Prof. Kewal Kumar, and Prof. Binny Kumar participated in unison, symbolizing the enlightenment that digital awareness brings to our lives.

The program then burst into cultural celebrations with the melodious "Saraswati Bandana" by the talented students of the Music Department. Shruti Khanna, District Coordinator from the Department of Science and Technology, delivered a warm and welcoming address, setting the tone



for the informative sessions ahead.

The audience was treated to an enlightening lecture on the "Role of National Informatics Centre in Digital Transformation" by the knowledgeable resource person, Anish Sharma, District Informatics Officer, NIC Udhampur.

Sanjeev Kumar Magotra, Branch Head of JK Bank Gole Market, Udhampur, then took the stage, delivering an insightful lecture on "General Banking Services" in the digital age.

The program continued with a captivating theme-based Nukkad Natak presented by the spirited students of GCW Udhampur.

Arun Gupta, Chief Librarian at GCW Udhampur, elucidated on "Digital Services provided by Higher Education Institutions", shedding light on the advancements in education technology.

The cultural extravaganza contin-

ued with a mesmerizing Dogri Folk Dance performance by the talented students, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Sourabh Kumar Sharma, coordinator CSC Udhampur interacted with the students and faculty members of GCW Udhampur and provided insight into the services offered by the CSC and how you can avail the benefit of these services.

The program wrapped up with a heartfelt "Vote of Thanks" by Dr. Sumit Sharma, Member of the Institution Innovation Council.

Among others present on the occasion were Sanjeev Upadhyay (Assistant Professor in Sanskrit), Rekha Sharma (Assistant Professor in Dogri), Pooja Bharti (Assistant Professor in Geography), Dr. Sanjay Kumar (Assistant Professor in Music), Yash Kumar (Assistant Professor in Music) and a large number of students.

## Gusto abounds as District Kathua schools celebrate Teachers' Day

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 05: Teachers' Day was celebrated with zest and zeal across Schools, colleges, and educational institutions of district Kathua today.

A Multitude of events highlighting the significance of a teacher and their invaluable contributions towards society were organized in the institutions of the district.

The day at the schools commenced with special assemblies paying homage to the illustrious Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India's first Vice-President and the second President who was not only a scholar and philosopher but also a distinguished teacher. Teacher's day is celebrated every year on his birth anniversary as a heartfelt tribute to his legacy.

The faculty and students across schools of Kathua shed light on the life and teachings of Dr. Radhakrishnan through speeches. Later in the day, the students performed role play with their respective teachers.

The students also participated in activities such as poster making, writing poems, and drawing inspired by their teachers and the life of Dr. Radhakrishnan.

An array of activities such as Integrity pledges, impactful rallies to uphold honesty and reaffirming the commitment to combat corruption were also organised as part of ongoing BhrashtacharMukt J&K Abhiyan. Besides, speeches, debates, essay



writing competitions, cultural programs, games, singing, and dancing competitions along with felicitation of teachers were organised.

In the heartwarming addition to the celebrations, ADC Kathua Ranjeet Singh addressed the students at the District Level Teachers' Day function organised at Govt. Boys HSS Kathua. His words resonated with the importance of teachers as torch bearers of knowledge and values, shaping the destinies of young minds. He acknowledged the pivotal role of teachers in molding the career of students through the light of education.

Addressing the students, CEO Kathua P.L. Thapa, congratulated the teaching community on the occasion and thanked them for their contribution to building a civilized society. He said that from imparting invaluable knowledge and making learning fun

to guiding one towards the right path, a teacher's contribution to one's life is unmatched. The officer said that Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 to honor educators and recognize the effort that they put into shaping young minds. The day serves as an opportunity to show gratitude to the teachers and educators who play an important role in shaping the future of their students. Besides providing knowledge and values, teachers guide us through challenges and strengthen our foundation. Teachers shape our future and act as an inspiration for many of us.

Many students presented their teachers with heartfelt notes, handmade cards, and other gifts. The day was also marked by remembering all the great teachers that have left a mark and inspired generations with their work.

## Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week: Awareness cum Grievance/ Complaint Redressal programs held across Bandipora



JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: In continuation to ongoing 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week' to combat corruption and promote transparency, various departments across the district organised different activities including awareness camps, oath ceremonies, door to campaigns besides on spot redressal of problems.

On the second day of the week, various departments, including PDD, RDD, Jal Shakti, Revenue department organized awareness programs, workshops, grievance redressal camps, interactive sessions to educate the public about the detrimental effects of corruption and the importance of reporting corrupt practices.

These events were held at multiple locations across the district, including Block Aalosa, Arin, Baktoor,

Bandipora, Bonakoot, Ganastan, Curez, Hajin, Naidkhali, Nowgam, Sumbal and Tulai, ensuring accessibility for all residents.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais while emphasizing the importance of the campaign, said that the Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week is a vital step towards eliminating corruption from the roots. We encourage every citizen to participate actively in these programs, help identify corruption hotspots and be part of the solution, he added.

The DC urged people to participate in the ongoing campaign against corruption by attending the various events and utilizing the Grievance and Complaint Redressal Camps. He further said that together, we can make Bandipora a model of transparency, accountability and integrity. PDD Department Bandipora estab-

lished Grievance and Complaint Redressal Camp at Ajar Electric Sub Division. During the camp, a large number of people visited the camp and recorded their grievances and issues faced. Executive Engineer PDD on the occasion said that under the Amnesty Scheme, a number of cases were resolved on the spot across different camps organised by the department.

The Department of Jal Shakti conducted special Pani Samiti meetings in different panchayats of the district. During the Samitis, people raised different issues related to drinking water. People were also informed regarding various online services available to discourage the chances of corruption.

Rural Development Department Bandipora also held different awareness camps across the district.

Grievance Redressal camps across different panchayats of the district were also held by the Revenue Department. During which issues related to land, documentation besides domicile certificates were solved on spot.

Bhrashtachar Mukt Awareness programmes were also conducted by MC Bandipora, MC Hajin and MC Sumbal in different wards. Pamphlets to educate people regarding the menace of corruption were also distributed on the occasion.

Awareness regarding e-Unnat portal was also imparted by various departments. People were informed that they need not to physically visit government offices. Instead, with the help of Unnat Web Portal, they can access all the schemes available within the government departments.

## Teacher's Day celebrations held across Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: Teachers' Day celebrations were today observed across all educational institutions of the district with great respect and enthusiasm.

More than 50,000 students and teachers participated in at least 350 functions held across the district.

Students celebrated the day with great reverence in their respective schools and colleges by conducting debates, seminars, and skits to highlight the role of teachers.

Speaking on the occasion, teachers thanked their beloved students by conducting the celebrations in a unique way.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Umar Shafi presided over the main function held at GHSS Bandipora.

A mega function was also held at Conference Hall Sumbal, wherein speakers highlighted the role of the teachers to shape the nation in the right way.

Chief Education Officer Bandipora, Mohammed Amin Beigh congratulated



teachers on this auspicious day.

He highlighted the contribution of all teachers in general and the teachers of District Bandipora in particular.

He said that people are aware of the daunting challenges that teachers have to face while shaping and moulding the society and carving out a bright and prosperous future for our students.

Many teachers were felicitated on the occasion by presenting them with mementos and trophies.

Hundreds of teachers and students participated in the event.

Meanwhile two teachers from District Bandipora namely Dr. Khurshed Ahmad, Principal HSS Nowgam and Muner Ahmad Rather, teacher and Zonal Cultural

Coordinator were also felicitated at divisional level by State Awards during a felicitation ceremony organised by Directorate of School Education by Hon'ble LG of J&K, Manoj Sinha at SKICC Srinagar. DC Bandipora Dr. Owais

congratulated the said teachers for getting recognition at UT Level. He said that teachers are nation builders, and their hard work defines the future of a nation.

Celebrations were also held across all the Government Degree Colleges of District Bandipora.

During the celebrations, debates, discussions, and painting competitions were held in order to signify the role and importance of a teacher in the lives of students.

## Secretary J&K Board for PSP visits Pahari Boys and Girls Hostels Kupwara



JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 05: Secretary, J&K Board for Pahadi Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal

Tuesday paid a visit to Govt. Boys and Girls Pahari hostels at Kupwara. During the visit, the Secretary reviewed the status of facilities being

extended to the students in these hostels besides interacting with the students and staff there. She also took stock of the quality of education being

provided to the students at both the hostels. She received feedback from parents and PRLs to improve the facilities to be provided to the boarding students.

The Secretary issued on the spot directions to the Hostel Administrations to provide essential basic facilities to the students residing in both the hostels and further asked them to improve the educational standards.

Secretary was accompanied by Chairperson BDC, Fareed Ahmad Khan; Warden, Firdous Ahmad Khan; Sarpanch, Mohd Khurshid Mir; Abdul Hamid Wani, Statistical Officer and parents.

## GDC Ramgarh organises Digital Logo-Making Session

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 05: Government Degree College Ramgarh today organized a Digital Logo-Making Session for the students of the College as a part of the series of the activities to be organized by the College during the 'J&K Digital Week-2023'.

The activities are organized by the NSS unit 'Prabha' and Department of Computer Application under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Gostaniali Andotra, Principal of the College.

The organizing committee of the events to be held during the J&K Digital Week-2023 includes Dr. Shamsher Lal, Dr. Rahul Kundal, and Mr. Sunil Kumar. On the occasion, Dr. Shamsher Lal, NSS Program Officer and Coordinator, said that since we live in the 21st century,



it is important to possess skills of the current times. At present, having knowledge about something is not enough. Students should have the capability of practically putting that knowledge into practice and be able to bring something fruitful to the table. Students must learn digital skills. He added that the 'Digital Logo-Making Session' has enabled the students to learn such skills.

Sunil Kumar, faculty in the Department of Computer Application, conducted the session in which he taught the students about how to make

digital logos using simple computer software and tools. He said that while reading and mathematics have remained steadily at the core of education, the digital literacy curriculum is being accepted as a necessity in today's educational systems. This critical life skill is important not only for career readiness, but also for education and socialization. The importance of digital literacy skills for students is becoming more and more apparent as technology continues to envelop the daily lives of both children and adults. From social interactions to entertain-

ment, education to professional life, the ability to use technology effectively is now considered essential for modern advancement and success. He added that one of the first reasons digital literacy skills are important is because of the increased use of technology in education. The use of technology as a learning tool has grown in the past 15 years, with technology platforms such as computers, tablets and the internet becoming increasingly prominent in K-12 schools and universities.

The faculty members who were present included Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shamsher Lal, Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Ms. Priya Sharma, and Dr. Paramjeet Kour.

## Pradhan launches the Malaviya Mission - Teachers Training Programme by University Grants Commission

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NEW DELHI, SEPT 5

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Malaviya Mission - Teachers Training Programme by the University Grants Commission at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. He also inaugurated the Portal of the Programme and released its information brochure. Organised by the University Grants Commission, in association with the Ministry of Education, the Malaviya Mission - Teachers Training Programme aims to provide tailored training programmes for teachers. This programme will work for the capacity building of faculty members in higher educational institutions.

Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry for Education, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Chairman of UGC, Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chairman, UGC, Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava; Secretary, UGC, Prof. Manish Joshi; officials of the Ministry of Education and UGC, and Vice Chancellors of several universities also graced the event. Educators and dignitaries from the nation joined through vir-



Virtual mode.

While launching the training programme for teachers, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan emphasised improving the quality of education at all levels by infusing quality and excellence in teachers and teaching methods. He also announced the renaming of Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs) as Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training Centre. He mentioned that this programme will ensure continuous professional development and help in building capacities of 15 lakh teachers of HEIs through III Malaviya Mission centres across India in a time-bound manner.

He stated that the Programme is an endeavour to make our educators future-ready with a deeper understanding of Indian values. It aims to improve the quality of teachers' training, build leadership skills in teachers and help realise the goals of NEP, he added.

Pradhan also informed that the capacity-building under the Malaviya Mis-

sion will be mapped to that will help in empowering the educators of the country.

The Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar emphasised on the role teachers play in the holistic development of the learners. He expressed that the teachers' training programme shall help develop innovative teaching methods and high-level institutional facilities in all the constituent areas of higher education.

The two-week online programme shall focus on various themes identified for course curriculum/content for capacity building of faculty members at higher educational institutions. The 8 themes include Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Academic Leadership, Governance and Management, Higher Education and Society, Research and Development, Skill Development, Student Diversity and Inclusive Education and Information and Communication Technology. To facilitate this transformative journey, the UGC has also established a dedicated portal for faculty members to register for the capacity-building programmes thoughtfully

Emphasising the importance of lifelong learning, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan reiterated the need for teachers to be lifelong learners which will directly contribute to the holistic development of their students.

K. Sanjay Murthy mentioned the three main themes that were discussed during India's G20 Presidency: Deployment of technology in the use of education, achieving sustainable development goals and women-led development, are also to be incorporated in the Teachers Training Programmes. He commended UGC for planning the programmes thoughtfully

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"DPIs, for the first time ever, reached a global consensus and what ought to be their definition, framework,

praised all the educators who inspire dreams, shape futures and ignite curiosity, on Teachers' Day today.

## Under India's G20 Leadership, Historic Global Consensus Achieved on DPI Definition, Framework, Principles: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, SEPT 5

Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar interacted with the media today, where he discussed the significant outcomes of the Digital Economy Ministers' Meeting that was held in August. He highlighted how in a historic move, under India's Presidency, G20 Digital Economy Ministers reached a groundbreaking consensus on how to effectively shape digital public infrastructure (DPI) of the future.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that the consensus between nations focused broadly in three key areas - Digital Public Infrastructure, Cybersecurity and Digital Skills. "DPIs, for the first time ever, reached a global consensus and what ought to be their definition, framework,



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care" into focus in the country for the first time, Dr Jitendra Singh said, in a country with 70% population below the age of 40 and the youth of today are going to be the prime citizens of India@2047.

"Preventive healthcare and widespread mass screening will help India attain the status of a Developed Economy. The whole world recognised India's leadership role during COVID-19, as it achieved the rare feat of delivering over 220 crore vaccinations through a fully digital platform - CoWIN and the process continues. Under the leadership of PM Modi, in just a span of two years, India could produce two DNA vaccines and one nasal vaccine," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said there has been a transition over the entire disease spectrum as well as the evolution of therapeutic and the preventive modalities available to us over the last half a century or so.

"After the Eighties, there was globalization or the so-called 'democratization' of diseases, so we also started having the lifestyle diseases, coronary diseases, etc. and coupled with that also the change in life expectancy," he said, pointing out that the life expectancy has gone up close to 70 years of age.

With the same objective, said Dr Jitendra Singh, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology today signed an MoU with Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS), Ministry of Defence. The MoU envisages to build research collaborations in Biomedical sciences and also promote scientific cooperation through faculty exchange programmes.

The MoU was signed during a brief ceremony at the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune by Dr. Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary, DBT & Lt Gen Daljit Singh, DGAFMS in the presence of Dr Jitendra Singh.

"The MoU will help in pioneering new research in areas like Genomics, which have a bearing on Lifestyle Diseases and emerging diseases like Malignant Cancer," he said.

Congratulating DBT and AFMS for coming together for signing this MoU on Inter-Ministerial Cooperation for Collaborative Research and Training, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Biotech applications are diverse and critical to ensuring the health, safety and performance of Military personnel.

"DBT has made significant contributions in the Biomedical sector especially in the development of advanced diagnostics, therapeutics and Vaccines and is engaged in cutting edge research to support our health systems."

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the MoU is yet another step towards the "Whole of Government" vision as laid down by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi through integration of schemes and ideas, breaking silos between Ministries and Departments.

"Biotechnology will be a key to Amrit Kaal economy and also for making India a frontline nation in the world. Biotechnology Sector has seen massive progress in 9 years from 50 to 6000 Biotech StartUps and Bioeconomy from 10 to 80 Billion USD, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary, DBT said that the big data pertaining to microbiome and genome can be leveraged towards precision health and precision nutrition for our forces.

is an important issue for all countries in the world because the digital economy is becoming an increasingly larger component of economic progress and the global economy."

The third point of consensus was digital skills. The Minister said that in a post-COVID digital world, it is necessary for nations to ensure that digital skills are taught and nurtured among the youth.

"Digital skills are increasingly needed in this post-COVID digital world. India's talents are focused on creating digital skills for our youth. This is something that has resonated during this discussion. Many countries are interested in partnering with each other and with India to create digital-ready, future-ready skill talent to deal with the ongoing challenges in the coming decade," Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar further added.

Some more highlights from the interaction with teachers yesterday.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG felicitates outstanding...

both teachers and students should have thirst for knowledge and intense curiosity that is not confined to the classroom," the Lt Governor said.

"We need to stop comparison, burden of tests and curriculum on students. Every child is unique. We need to remind children to be yourself. If we want to secure the future of this nation and create new possibilities, then we must provide an opportunity to their uniqueness to blossom, he added.

At the function, the Lt Governor highlighted the importance of developing schools as a very foundation for shaping the future of the younger generation.

"Today, it is important that we create an ecosystem of education. Schools should become part of the ecosystem of a city or a village, connected to the local community, local businesses and other institutions so that the students are aware about local problems and possibilities, he said.

"Schools should prepare for future proofing of education so that they are empowered, anticipate change, develop a system for adjustment and students are encouraged for lifelong learning skills, combination of basic knowledge and applied skills," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor inaugurated 790 civil works under Samagra Shiksha and laid the foundation of 376 Astrophysics Labs and 10 Virtual Reality Labs across IJK.

He also initiated the process for engagement of 15017 Aaya/Helpers for schools with pre-primary section.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwa Murti Shastri; Padma Dr SP Varma; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, senior officers, teachers and students were present.

### LG Sinha felicitates...

create a competitive mind but to create a creative and curious mind. We need a fine balance between competition and creativity," he said.

"Tests should not be based on competition but instead on originality, experiment, creative and scientific activity," he said.

The LG said the teachers' role is to also bring creativity inside the classroom. "They should be courageous enough to break the stereotypes and let young minds develop their own creative, innovative ideas and critical thinking".

Director of School Education Kashmir, Fassaqu Mir said the Teachers' Day was being celebrated to encourage the teaching fraternity to serve better.

"We are celebrating this day to boost the morale of the teachers and recognise the services they render to the nation," Mir said. He said in the last two years, nearly two lakh students have been enrolled in government schools under the 'Talaash' scheme. "It is our effort to make sure that no child remains out of school".

AbRAR AbRAR from SP Higher Secondary School said, "Today we are celebrating Teachers' Day but we also pay our tribute to Shree Krishna. The message that should go out is that respect is the foundation of the bond between a teacher and a student. In the absence of respect for the teacher, the students cannot absorb the information that is being given to them." Every religion imbues respect for teachers. "Your status comes just after the parents. Whatever I am saying here is a gift from my teachers," he added.

Hadiya, AbRAR's co-host for the event, said, "I cannot bear to see what is happening to our teachers today. Bullying. Disrespect. So we have to create awareness among students how we have to respect our teachers." (Agencies)

### LG Sinha hands...

"terrorists". The letters were handed over on compassionate ground by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at a ceremony here to Shaheen Akhter, wife of Mohammad Abrar (a resident of Tarkassi, Kotranika); Mohammad Arif, brother of Mohammad Imtiaz, (resident of Dhar Sakeri, Kotranika); and Farayaz Ahmed, brother of Mohammad Abrar of Kotranika, an official spokesman said.

Doubts were raised over the killings and the Army constituted a Court of Inquiry. The Court of Inquiry and Summary of Evidence found that the troops had "exceeded" powers vested under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

General court-martial proceedings, which were completed earlier this year, recommended life imprisonment for Sinha.

The life sentence is subject to confirmation by higher army authorities, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police had also constituted a Special Investigation Team which filed a charge sheet against three persons, including Singh, for "staging a fake encounter".

LG Sinha had visited the families in 2020 and conveyed to them Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message that the government stood with the aggrieved families besides assuring them complete support.

The identity of the three youths was subsequently confirmed through a DNA test. The bodies were handed over to their families in Baramulla in October 2020 and buried in their native village in Rajouri.

The LG also handed over an appointment letter to Neeta Devi, widow of Chager Kumar of Dhandal of Rannagar (Udhampur) who was killed in an IED blast in Udhampur in 2022, the spokesman said.

Sinha interacted with the family members of the deceased civilians and assured all possible assistance by the administration in the future.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh and Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar were also present at the event. (Agencies)

### Search operation...

The defence PRO said the terrorists trapped inside the cordoned house opened fire on the security personnel deployed outside and in the ensuing heavy gunfire, one terrorist was neutralized.

"A detailed search of the house and the surrounding areas after the encounter resulted in the recovery of one terrorist's body along with other warlike stores. Search operation is in progress," Lt Col Bortal said.

He said the Army successfully demolished an improvised explosive device (IED) in the same region on September 3.

"A major incident has been averted in the region by these two consecutive actions by security forces. The presence of these heavily armed terrorists in the hinterland indicates sustained attempts by inimical forces to destabilize the South of Pir Panjal Region," the defence PRO said.

The officials said the encounter in the village broke out around 2 pm today when the joint troops zeroed in on the house where the terrorists had taken shelter at gunpoint during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday.

After getting information about the presence of the terrorists, security forces after trekking for over four hours reached the village and cornered the terrorists who opened indiscriminate firing in a vain bid to escape the security dragnet, the officials said.

The officials said the main terrorist is believed to be a part of banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) model operating in Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts. Two members

of the same group were eliminated in Khawas area of Rajouri on August 5.

While the body of one terrorist was recovered from the scene of the encounter the same day, another body of a terrorist who had jumped into a river was retrieved from a village in Reasi district on August 18.

The border district of Poonch along with nearby Rajouri has witnessed several encounters this year, resulting in the killing of around 20 terrorists and 10 security personnel.

Most of the terrorists were killed while attempting to sneak into this side from across the border, the officials said. (Agencies)

### Rajnath Singh to...

Bishnah-Kaulphul road, he said. The bridge is a part of the 90 infrastructure projects of the BRO.

The Union minister will also likely take part in the northern tech event at IIT Jammu during his visit, he said. (Agencies)

### Hideout of longest...

"significant breakthrough" in anti-terrorist operations, he said Suroori was suspected to have been using the hideout and planning subversive activities.

During the search operation, the police recovered two blankets, some edibles and personal use items from the hideout, indicating the presence of the terrorist, the officer said, adding the recovery of these items underscores the importance of this operation in disrupting unlawful activities in the region.

The SSP said the entire area has been cordoned and searches are being conducted.

"Our mission is to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and today's operation is a resounding success in our ongoing efforts to eradicate terrorism from this region," he said.

The officer urged the citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or come forward with information that could aid in maintaining peace and thwarting the designs of anti-social elements. (Agencies)

### SC reserves its...

rule in the erstwhile state on December 19, 2018 and its extension on July 3, 2019.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 that divided the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

### Congress to mark BJJ...

with him.

During the meeting, Wani took stock of the preparations for the event in Jammu and in other districts of the region. He asked all party leaders and cadres to join the movement in their respective districts or at assigned places.

The main event in Jammu is proposed to be held on the Miransahib Jammu route. (Agencies)

### Dr Jitendra addresses...

associations, institutes of higher and specialized learning and the industry, particularly in the Healthcare sector.

Dr Jitendra Singh said new tools of diagnosis and therapeutic medicine require holistic and "Whole of Society" approach for desired optimum results.

Thanking PM Modi for bringing "Preventive Health-

### Man arrested for...

and technical intelligence.

Later, Ahmed was zeroed in on and arrested. On sustained questioning, he confessed to the crime, they said. (Agencies)

## JKEDI observes 'Teachers Day' with a pledge to combat corruption, promote transparency & accountability



J I NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, September 05: To commemorate 'Teachers Day' and an unwavering commitment to the ongoing 'Bhrashchhar Mukh - J&K' campaign, the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today felicitated its faculty members, here.

As part of this special occasion, JKEDI also dedicated itself to a solemn pledge, vowing to champion transparency and accountability in

public service delivery. The event was held at the JKEDI Pammore campus and brought together faculty members and officials of the institute to pay tribute to the unsung heroes of education. The ceremony began with heartfelt expressions of gratitude for the tireless dedication of the faculty members of JKEDI in nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit within the region.

Highlighting the significance of the day, Director, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat conveyed deep appreciation for

Teachers. "Our teachers are the guiding lights, the architects of the future. They inspire, empower, and mould the minds of our future leaders. Today, we celebrate them and their profound impact on our society", said Bhat.

The Director said that JKEDI plays a pivotal role in both nurturing entrepreneurship and ensuring the responsible and ethical use of the state's resources. "We remain dedicated to creating an environment free from corruption, fostering entrepreneurship, and inspiring the next generation of leaders who will lead J&K toward greater prosperity," he said.

This year, JKEDI took a unique approach to honor its faculty members, acknowledging their pivotal role in nurturing the talents and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

JKEDI remains committed to its mission of nurturing entrepreneurship and upholding the highest standards of ethics and transparency in public service delivery. This special 'Teachers Day' event highlighted the institute's dedication to these ideals, reinforcing its role as a beacon of positive change in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Two day National Workshop on IPR culminate at GDC for Women Pulwama

J I NEWS SERVICE

Pulwama, September 05: The two-day National Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) that began on 4th of September at Government Degree College (GDC) for Women, Pulwama culminated today.

The workshop provided a platform for scholars and students to delve into the intricacies of safeguarding intellectual creations, attracted participants from various Departments and fields of expertise, reflecting the widespread interest in IPR.

The workshop was organized by Institute's Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with IQAC of the college with an aim to raise awareness about the significance of intellectual property rights in the contemporary world and equip attendees with valuable knowledge in this domain.

Throughout the two-day workshop, participants engaged in enlightening discussions and interactive sessions led by distinguished experts in the field of intellectual property. The workshop encompassed a broad range of topics, including copyright, patents, trademarks, and trade

secrets, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of IPR's multifaceted aspects.

Inaugurating the event, Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Farooq Khan, Principal of the college, emphasized the importance of intellectual property rights in fostering innovation, creativity, and economic growth. She encouraged participants to harness their creativity and knowledge and raise their awareness of the legal frameworks in place to protect their intellectual assets.

Director, JKEDI, Pammore, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat was the chief guest of the event. He in his speech highlighted the importance of IPR, besides he stressed on the various innovative products/startups especially the bio fortified dairy products, organic agriculture.

Associate Project Manager, JKEDI, Imtiaz Ahmad highlighted the significance of IPR, criteria for granting patents and case studies of bio piracy. Besides, he also highlighted the important organizations involved in patents viz., TRIPS, WIPO, CGPID and many more.

In the afternoon session, Executive manager, EDI, Ansarullah highlight-

ed the basic concepts of IPR and its various components like, copyright, trademark, patent, etc.

Later, Senior Patent Analyst, New-Delhi, Haneet Papraja gave a comprehensive lecture on how to file a patent. Prof. Rayees Ahmad Dar Coordinator also spoke on the occasion.

On the second day on 5th of September, 2023, the proceedings were presided over by Prof. Shafiq Ahmad Andrabi HoD Chemistry.

Dr. Tanvir Bilal speaking on the occasion briefly highlighted the innovations concepts- and forming its prototype etc. Masood Ahmad, Advocate, District Court Pulwama, gave a brief description on the IPR and its significance. Later Waseem Ahmad Shah, Advocate, District Court Pulwama, highlighted the various legal aspects related with IPR.

The workshop facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas, enabling attendees to explore case studies, best practices, and emerging trends in IPR.

More than two hundred students participated in the programmes besides faculty members for science, arts and social science background.

## 'Teachers Day' celebrations held across Kulgam

**DC presides over function at GHSS Kulgam; Teachers felicitated, honoured**

J I NEWS SERVICE

Kulgam, September 05: 'Teachers Day' was on Tuesday celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm at Kulgam, during which colourful functions were organised in all educational institutions in the district.

On the occasion, a mega function was held at LNK Nazir Ahmad Wani Model Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Chawalgam to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, President of India.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat was the chief guest on the occasion. The function was also attended by ACR, CEO, teachers and students in large.

During the function, teachers were honored and felicitated for their extraordinary contribution in enriching the field of education.

Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted the historical background



of the day and extended greetings to the teachers and said that Teachers are the true nation builders and the day provides an opportunity to thank them and recognize their contribution.

He also highlighted measures and steps taken to augment the facilities

in educational institutions across the district. On the occasion other speakers also expressed their views about the role of teachers in their lives.

Meanwhile, Teachers Day celebrations were also held in schools, colleges and other educational institutions across the district.

## Activities under 'Ayushman Bhava' gains momentum in Doda district



J I NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bhatti, today convened a meeting of the stakeholders to review the activities under the ongoing 'Ayushman Bhava' programme in the district.

The Campaign started on the 1st of September and shall continue till 31st of December and aims to provide quality healthcare facilities to the patients in all Government hospitals across the district.

The programme is aimed to

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

During the meeting, the ADC took first hand appraisal from all the line departments about the implementation of Ayushman Bhava. A detailed discussion was held on formulation of action plan, strategies and planning to achieve the set targets.

Principal GMC Doda and CMO Doda were asked to direct their doctors and field staff to motivate the patients and general public to register

for PM-JAY SEHAT scheme and avail free health care facilities upto Rs 5 lakh.

Similarly ACD, CPO, DSWO, Tribal Department, Education Department and Zilla Sainik Welfare Board Doda were asked to coordinate with the concerned health and CSC officials and ensure 100% saturation of the beneficiaries under PMJAY SEHAT and other health care schemes.

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

The ADC stressed the line departments to provide all requisite support for successful implementation of the scheme in the district. He asked the officers of concerned departments to share schedules of events with all the stakeholders and to be conducted for the implementation of the 'Ayushman Bhava' programme in the district for better synchronisation and desired results.

## S. P. College organizes series of events to commemorate 'Teacher's Day'

J I NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, September 05: The Dean Students Welfare, S. P. College today organized a series of events in connection with Teacher's Day.

The day is celebrated in honour of Dr S. Rhadhakrishnan, President of India, a great visionary and an educationist. The program started with a screening of a documentary on Dr. S. Rhadhakrishnan prepared by the students. The program was inaugurated by the Principal of the College, Prof (Dr.) Gh Geelani Quarshi who highlighted the significance of the day.

Principal welcomed the guest of honour for the day Musheer-ul-Islam former PII of the college. Speaking on the occasion, the guest of honour signified the importance of a teacher through his experience as a faculty member in the Higher Education Department. Principal and guest of honour joined the audience for a



spectrum of programs which were performed by the students that included singing, cultural and fun activities. The program also included an awareness program about eye care

organised by DSW in collaboration with Sharp Sight Srinagar. Dr. Shazia Shafi, Consultant of the hospital delivered a talk and had interaction with the students and the faculty.

## One day Psycho-social awareness program held at Women's College M.A Road Srinagar

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Srinagar, September 05: As part of month-long psycho-social awareness program on mental health and drug de-addiction by Mission Youth, a pioneer initiative of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir today held a one day awareness program at Government College for Women, M.A Road, Srinagar.

The event successfully united participants, faculty members and experts to raise awareness about mental health and combat drug abuse.

Mission Youth's overarching vision is to provide well-structured psycho-social support to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, nurturing a sense of safety, self-assuredness, community

engagement, social connectivity and hope. During the event, Psycho-socio Consultant from Mission Youth delivered a compelling introductory speech, offering a concise insight into

the profound initiative taken by Mission Youth. Additionally, Senior Consultant, Mission Youth also shared his invaluable insights regarding the various initiatives spearheaded by Mission Youth, emphasizing their unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of the region's youth.

The event bore witness to an impressive turnout of participants and faculty members, illustrating the community's strong support and enthusiasm for Mission Youth's laudable mission. Dr. Nelofar, an Expert/resource person from

IMHANS took the stage and delivered a captivating address, stressing the importance of mental health awareness and the prevention of drug abuse.

Dr. Nelofar's keynote speech illuminated key facets of mental health, which includes Mental Health Literacy, Emotional Intelligence, Stress Management, Healthy Relationships, Self-Care and Well-being, Peer Support and Social Connections and Awareness of Mental Health Resources. This one-day psycho-social program at Government College for Women, M.A Road, Srinagar, stands as a testament to Mission Youth's steadfast commitment to creating a brighter and more empowered future for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Teachers at the heart of Education Recovery; GDC Neeli Nallah hosts symposium

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UDHAMPUR, September 05: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur, organized Symposium to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan on 5th Sept. 2023. The program was organized under the guidance of the college Principal, Prof. Hans Raj. The theme of the event was "Teachers at the heart of Education Recovery". The event started with lighting of lamp to honor Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan. A total of seven students participated in the competition and express their views. Further, Ms. Shruti Dogra, student of Sem V gave a dance performance. Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the College, appreciated the students for their love and gratitude towards their teachers. He also enlightened the students and faculty members about the role of teachers and duties of students in today's scenario.



In the competition Ms. Rabia Shehreen, student of Sem III secured first position, Ms. Avantika, student of Sem V secured second position and Ms. Vishali Sharma, student of Sem III secured third position.

Dr. Radha Rani, NSS PO, coordinated the whole event. Dr. Swati Dutt

was the organizer of the event. Others present were Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Dr. Akhter Hussain, Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Dr. Kumari Mahima Bhagat and Ms. Neha Devi.

The whole event was anchored by Ms. Rajput and Mr. Mukesh Singh, students of Sem V.

## LCMA conducts demolition drive in Doji Mohalla NFR, Habak area, Nigeen, Boulevard & Dal

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Srinagar, September 05: The Enforcement Wing of Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA) under the supervision of Enforcement Officer has undertaken a demolition drive in the areas of Doji Mohalla NFR, Habak area, Nigeen, Boulevard and Dal.

During the drive, several illegal constructions were demolished/removed which includes one 3rd storey, 02 tin wallings, one shop, one hut, one partition wall, and Net coverings. Also illegal earth filling was also removed in the Nigeen area. Further legal action against the violators was also initiated.

Meanwhile, people living within

LCMA Jurisdiction are time and again warned not to resort to any illegal construction/encroachments within LCMA Jurisdiction.

Further, before taking any construction work in hand they are requested to get proper building permission from the competent Authority, otherwise, strict action shall be taken against the violators.

“ THOUGHT OF THE DAY ”

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

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In Kargil-a test of endurance

The battle for upcoming Kargil Council elections scheduled to be held on September 10 has intensified, with the National Conference and Congress leaving no stone unturned to ensure the defeat of the BJP which is trying to emerge as a dark horse in the race. The BJP, which is relying on various factors including fulfillment of decades old demand for Union Territory status to Ladakh and developmental agenda, has also given a message across the arid region that it should not be rated as ‘below average’. It has also been aggressively campaigning in the areas which are Buddhist dominated. On the other hand, NC and Congress have announced a pre-pol alliance “to defeat the communal forces” and keep them away from the district. Two parties however have fielded friendly candidates against each other on a majority of seats which creates a doubt in the minds of voters whether their alliance will remain intact even after the elections as two parties have the history of parting ways after joining hands. Recently, Congress party’s top leader Rahul Gandhi stepped up his attack against the arch-rival BJP during his Ladakh visit and accused the Saffron Party of denying representation to the people of Ladakh in its attempt to usurp the land of Ladakhi people and give it to big corporate houses. In order to garner local support, the leader had also extended his support to the ongoing “struggle” of Ladakhi people for Constitutional safeguards to protect their land, culture and jobs, saying “we fully support the demands being raised by the Leh Apex Body (LAP) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA)”. Ladakh is full of natural resources and we talk of solar energy in the 21st century. There is no shortage of solar energy here. The BJP people know that if you were given representation then they will not be able to take away your land, this is all about land, they (BJP) want to take away your land and give it to Adani so that he can set up his plant, but don’t share the benefits with you. But we will never let this happen, Gandhi had said in Kargil. His accusation was that because of the same reason they (BJP) don’t give proper representation to Ladakhi people as after that they would not be able to take the lands of locals. The political voice of the people here was being “suppressed” and all the promises of the government on employment have turned out to be “false”. He also vowed to raise in Parliament the issues of the people of Ladakh as he alleged that their “political voice” was being suppressed and the promises of the central government on employment had turned out to be “false”. The BJP, in a counter strategy, is learnt to have sent a word across that it would start dialogue with KDA and LAB after the elections. The LAB and KDA have been spearheading agitation in support of their four major demands including full-fledged statehood for Ladakh, implementation of sixth schedule to protect the interest of the tribal people of Ladakh, separate Lok Sabha seats for Kargil and Leh, and establishment of ‘Ladakh Public Service Commission’ with the Ladakh Resident Certificate (LRC) as a mandatory requirement for all Gazetted Posts in Ladakh. The high-pitched campaign has picked up pace and it will be interesting to see how these parties manage to woo voters and get results in their favour.

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The workforce will require upskilling

BY DINESH SOOD

The world has been captivated by the remarkable journey of Chandrayaan-3 to the lunar south pole. India’s triumphant moon landing underscores the significance of blending basic scientific expertise with ingenuity and pursuing ambitious objectives despite prior setbacks. This accomplishment showcases the potential of the Indian workforce and their determination to surpass their limitations. We can draw valuable lessons from this moonshot success and apply them to improve the skills of workers in other fields of employment. Like Chandrayaan-3, we must strive for innovative skills and push the limits of what can be achieved to attain success. Both employers and employees need to establish their ambitious objectives, known as ‘moonshot goals.’ These goals should challenge us to push past our limitations and strive for something that may seem impossible. Accomplishing such goals requires a combination of skill and attitude, and requires meticulous planning and execution. By setting moonshot goals, India can prepare itself to become a global leader in skilled workforce. To empower the world’s largest workforce with essential skills for the long term, a moonshot effort is required. The economy is rapidly changing, and technological advancements are accelerating at an even faster pace. In today’s globalized world, the demand for a skilled workforce is constantly growing. However, many companies and employees are struggling to keep up with the changing needs of the present and the

future, hindering their ability to thrive. The skills gap is a significant problem, with a staggering 58% of employees requiring new skills to perform their jobs with excellence, according to Gartner. Upskilling, the process of expanding an employee’s skill set, is a crucial solution to this global challenge. The World Economic Forum (WEF) released a report in 2021 highlighting the economic imperative of upskilling. The report argues that embarking on an upskilling revolution is critical for entrepreneurs. This allows employees to immerse themselves in the future of work, stay ahead of the competition, and help grow the economy by trillions of dollars. In recent years, India has been making efforts to shift from a labour-based economy to one that focuses on honing skills. The World Bank recently gave a nod to a \$250 million Skill India Mission Operation. This initiative aims to enhance the marketability of short-term skill development programs lasting anywhere from three to twelve months. By 2025, it is expected that 70% of India’s population will reach working age. However, there is uncertainty regarding whether they will be able to secure employment. It is crucial to provide skill development training to the younger generation as it is essential for the nation’s growth. Failing to do so could pose a significant challenge to India’s demographic advantage. Unfortunately, Skill India has not been able to achieve the expected success due to a lack of training infrastructure and insufficient private-sector involvement. Skill India Mission and skill development of the new generation is a national need, important to building a strong

foundation of ‘Atam-Nirbhar Bharat’. Under the aegis of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas’ every youth is likely to be empowered with skill wings from school time to achieve a successful career. Skilling India’s youth should undoubtedly be a high priority. However, government initiatives to improve India’s skilling track record have not been very satisfactory yet. An analysis by the Sharda Prasad Committee on Skill India Reforms (2016) found that skill development courses often offered limited value to their employment opportunities. While some skilling schemes have since been restructured, the problem has not been fully addressed. For instance, when the government introduced the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana (GKRY) in 2020 to address skilling and unemployment issues that emerged in the wake of reverse migration, it did not pan out as anticipated. Many reports suggest that GKRY’s market demand-driven skilling initiatives were not successful; they did not reach the intended beneficiaries. This hints at a systemic problem that affects the talent ecosystem in India. The number of skilled and certified workers is not meeting the demand, causing a significant imbalance. The International Labor Organization (ILO) predicts that by 2030, India could face a shortage of about 29 million skilled employees. Currently, there is a shortage of skilled workers in companies, while there are many educated individuals in the country who are unemployed. Unemployment is a significant problem that can be reduced by enhancing peo-

ple’s skills. India is expected to contribute 25% of the global workforce in the next few years. Failure to skill, re-skill and up-skill our young population will prevent us from fulfilling our global responsibilities. Regular global skill gap assessments are necessary, and recruitment patterns need to shift from ‘degree-based’ to ‘skill-based.’ To address these issues, the National Skills Universities Bill 2015 proposes the establishment of National Skills Universities (NSU). Organizations can also benefit from upskilling their employees, but the highest return on investment is achieved when priority areas and skills are identified based on company goals and vision. Company leaders should prioritize skills that will have the biggest impact and focus on upskilling employees in those areas. Upskilling can lead to increased employee engagement and retention by providing growth opportunities for employees within the company. This can prevent employees from leaving their roles due to a perceived lack of career advancement. By investing in upskilling, companies can also save significant costs associated with employee turnover. On average, it costs around a third of an employee’s annual salary to replace them when they leave a company. As a recruiting tool, companies can provide growth opportunities to attract job seekers. 86% of employees consider job training essential. A culture of learning can boost morale, teamwork, and satisfaction. According to PwC data, 77% of workers want to upskill. Upskilling employees can help them advance in their careers and increase professional development.

FACT & FICTION: HARSHER LAWS HAVE NOT LED TO JUSTICE IN INDIA

BY AAKAR PATEL

I have a novel out this month, and also an event that discusses the role of fiction writing in engaging with the material world. The lawyers who represented Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in his case in Surat have also just published a work of fiction titled Theory of Suspicion. Kiran Panwala and Rohan Panwala (they also represent me in a similar case in Surat filed by the same BJP legislator) draw on their experience as lawyers practising on the criminal side to tell a story. The core of the book is a multiple murder mystery and the authors say that they draw their inspiration from an actual series of events. Their novel is unusual because in India few professionals write books and even fewer write fiction centred around their area of expertise. On my shelves I can see a couple of autobiographies by two Pakistani chief justices, M.C. Chagla’s Roses in December and M.C. Setalvad’s memoirs, but there is not much else from those in the legal profession. For this reason, we must be grateful to the authors who, woven into their murder mystery, give us insights into how the police force functions, what the protocols of state are with respect to the judiciary, the conduct of lawyers and some tips for handling interrogation.

For these alone, the book is worth reading. I wanted however to discuss another aspect outside of the mystery that the Panwalas take up, and that is regarding jurisprudence and innovation. They start and build their story around a judge who develops a theory that disarms what we call common law and begins to adjudicate cases on whim. In brief, his theory may be described as suspicion being the same as guilt, and then this finding of ‘guilt’ is followed swiftly by punishment. This reflects in many ways the view of large parts of our nation in these times. The modern criminal justice system is designed around the rights of the accused, because the power in a criminal case is overwhelmingly with the State. The government controls the police, it has a veto on the appointment and transfer of judges, it conducts prosecutions and carries out incarcerations. The accused has little power or agency in comparison, and it is for this reason democracies construct their justice system around the rights of those the State goes after. This will surprise those, likely the majority of the population, who think it should be centred around the State’s ability to punish bad people. Such a sentiment is common even among those who are or have been part of the

State. In 2007, the fifth report of the Administrative Reforms Commission on public order opens with this quotation from former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. “If real criminals in our society are left without punishment for years, because of the delay in criminal justice for various reasons, it will indeed result in the multiplication of people taking to criminal acts.” This is of a piece with those who demand the death penalty and hangings on the assumption that State violence against “real criminals” produces a just society. This attitude, this mindset is the reason why independent India has tightened laws to give more power to the State against defendants, and either not undone colonial-era laws or made them even harsher. The massacre at Jallianwala Bagh came after a gathering that protested against the Rowlatt Act, which gave the government sweeping powers of detention without trial. Few might know that the law was never applied and was in fact rescinded. But in every state of India today there are laws worse than the Rowlatt Act and people are jailed without trial and even without any crime being committed, under laws that allow preventive detention. Has this harshness resulted been effective in curbing crime? The numbers produced by the Union government say no. The conviction rate in IPC

cases was 64.8 per cent in 1961. In 2005 it was 42.4 per cent. The 2017 National Crime Records Bureau data shows that for murder the conviction rate is 43 per cent in India. For rape, it is 32 per cent, for kidnapping 26 per cent, for injury including acid attacks 29 per cent and for rioting 20 per cent. Harsher laws have not in fact resulted in what former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam had wanted. The acquittals have another story to tell. Criminal law has the power to destroy lives and its use for this reason must be guarded, measured and calibrated, not recklessly and relentlessly applied, as is unfortunately the case in our nation. These are the thoughts one has when reading the Panwalas’ story about the judge and his family. Their judge is fictional but he has real-life parallels when it comes to going rogue. Consider, to give one example, how many judges in the lower judiciary “overturn” judgments and even explicit Supreme Court directives when it comes to arrests and the application of such charges as sedition, when there is no call or incitement to violence. It is in the middle of this reality that this novel has been written. Without revealing much, I should say that the judge in the novel gets his comeuppance in more ways than one. For this reason, to me the book was satisfying.

INDIA gets set, preparing for liftoff; BJP gets jittery

BY SHIKHA MUKERJEE

After the successful meeting of the INDIA parties in Mumbai, which had ended with a slogan: “Judega Bharat, Jeetega INDIA”; the 29-party INDIA collective is ready to lift off. In just under seven weeks when it met in Bengaluru to present itself to the nation as the INDIA collective, signs of transformation in the political space are now beginning to show. INDIA is poised to unveil itself as a credible challenger to the hitherto invincibility of the BJP and its most popular leader Narendra Modi. The date has been set, October 2, and the place, New Delhi, where the alliance expects to see itself in power in 2024. The BJP’s gaslighting – the bewildering announcement of a special joint session of Parliament, possibly in the new building, that by the end of the day failed to answer the pertinent question – what is the agenda of the session – bombed. The “One Nation, One Election” kite that it flew to rattle the INDIA Opposition and monopolise the chatter in the media and the social media turned out to be a flop. There was a

third attempt to steal the show, the announcement of the Amrit Kalash Yatra, an inclusive green-earth project that sank. The party and its leadership overplayed the move to seize attention and keep it focused on itself. The committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind has many of the usual suspects and the refusal by Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will be a positive embarrassment for the proposers, because its ambitions are as unrealistic as they are bizarre. The facts point to the unfortunate conclusion that by the time the INDIA parties announced their plans for the next one month, the BJP failed to ignite the gas. It did not inform the nation what was the whole point of the enormously expensive special session. It failed to consult with the Opposition, which would have been proper, by calling a meeting of the business advisory committees of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. There was noise over the very dangerous move to impose an entirely undemocratic calendar on elections; but that’s all was. INDIA has raised the political stakes for the BJP and is

jostling with the party’s most popular Prime Minister for public and media attention. Having raised expectations, especially among that entirely fickle layer of educated, individual relatively better-off middle-class voters, a large percentage of which tends to be swayed by rhetoric, suboptimal economic policies and miraculous cures for failing governance, the INDIA parties now need to begin to act as responsibly and convincingly as they have begun. This is not to argue that INDIA as an alliance is set to defeat the BJP and oust Narendra Modi from power should a snap Lok Sabha election be called by the Prime Minister tomorrow. For that matter, the BJP itself is not ready for such an adventure; it has just begun setting its squabbling house in order in several fractious states and it needs to serve up a few more “revdits” or “revivals”, as described as irresponsible financial profligacy by the Supreme Court on the one hand and the finance minister and external affairs minister on the other. There is much that the INDIA parties have to do between now and whenever the Lok Sabha election is called. That sense of urgency was finally understood

at the Mumbai conclave, prodded by the BJP’s gaslighting and the misgivings of senior partners like Nitish Kumar of the Janata Dal (United) and Mamata Banerjee of the Trinamool Congress. The events of August 31-September 1 capture with exquisite accuracy Prof. Partha Chatterjee’s point “time is heterogeneous, unevenly dense”, in his book The Politics of the Governed. The 48 hours were very dense indeed, with INDIA blossoming into being on the one hand and the BJP launching a pre-emptive slapdash missile-drone mission on the other. The centrality of unifying India and rescuing it from the grip of the viciously divisive Hindutva agenda of the militant right-wing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and its political instrument, the BJP, is evident in INDIA’s slogan of “Judega Bharat-Jeetega INDIA”. Converting this slogan into a political narrative will require back-breaking labour. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal hit the nail on the head; it is imperative for all Opposition parties to unify to win. In doing so, he conceded that his efforts to stitch together an anti-Congress-anti-BJP alliance in the past was a bad idea.

## H&H Deptt Kashmir honours Craft Instructors, Master Craftsmen to mark Teacher's Day celebrations

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Srinagar, September 05: In order to celebrate the Teachers Day, Department of Handicrafts and Handloom (H&H), Kashmir today honoured and recognized the services of Craft Instructors and Master Craftsmen who are substantial medium to preserve the rich traditional art, heritage, culture and traditional skills of Kashmir in an impressive function held here in this regard. It is because of their services, Srinagar earned a place in UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the craft and folk-art category, the only city in India from a list of 49 worldwide to earn this honour. Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, who was the chief guest on the occasion, acknowledged the remarkable contribution of Craft Instructors and Master Craftsmen.

He said, "I extend heartfelt appreciation to all Craft Instructors and Master Craftsmen, who are no less than educators, for their invaluable contributions to our communities and society at large."

Speaking on the occasion Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir highlighted the role of Craft Instructors in creating a balance between the traditional values and contemporary outlook. He termed craftsmen the ambassadors of our heritage to the world. He further highlighted the departmental role in bridging the gap between the department and artisans through the Karkhandar scheme introduced to bring new life into UT's craft industry, especially the dying crafts.

This day celebrated by department serves as a reminder of the vital contributions of the instructors in nurturing the minds of the next generation. The theme "Celebrating our Craftsmen" underscores the importance of instructors as catalysts for personal growth, critical thinking, and societal progress. It highlights their role in not only imparting the craft but also playing an invaluable role in teaching and guiding individuals, often students and hobbyists, in the creation of various craft projects.

In celebration of Teachers' Day, the department arranged the programme to recognize and celebrate the craftsmen for their commitment to imparting the age-old crafts. The event witnessed distribution of certificates among the Master Trainers of Karkhandar scheme. On the spot orders were also issued for establishment of new units under Karkhandar scheme and formulation of cooperative societies.

Pledge taking ceremony on Brashatchar Mukht. J&K was also held on the occasion.

### MD JKRLM visits Ramban

## Interacts with public representatives, reviews Work done in District, emphasizes on social Mobilization, Inclusion



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Ramban, September 5: Mission Director Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Indu Karwal Chib today visited Ramban and held a comprehensive review of the work done by JKRLM in the district at a meeting.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress made across various thematic areas and provide valuable insights and guidance for timely achievement of the indicators. The meeting was attended by the DDC Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan, BDC Chairperson Rashida Begum, DDC members,

PRIs, Bankers and members of women SHGs. Appreciating the steps taken by the Mission Director JKRLM for strengthening and providing livelihood to the women folk in the district, the chairperson District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan asked the department to conduct such meeting at block level to sensitize the people about JKRLM's initiatives launched for the welfare of women.

The Mission Director focused on reviewing different thematic areas, including Institution Building and Capacity Building (IBCB), Farm and Non-Farm Livelihoods, and

Financial Inclusion.

Convening meeting with the District Programme Managers (DPMs), Block Program Managers (BPMs), and the Management Information System (MIS) team, the MD closely examined the progress made in each block and provided valuable feedback to enhance the implementation process and ensure that the benefits of special projects reached out to the most vulnerable women led households.

She directed the JKRLM team Ramban to remain focused and determined to achieve the targets. She specifically emphasized the importance of social mobilization and inclusion, urging the team to ensure that all households are included in development initiatives. The MD stressed the need to expedite efforts to reach households that have been left out.

Furthermore, the MD acknowledged and appreciated the dedicated and exemplary efforts of the JKRLM in Ramban. She commended their commitment and hard work, recognizing the positive impact they have made on the lives of the rural SHG women. Her words of encouragement highlighted their effective implementation of programs and their persistence in improving the community's well-being.

## DC Ramban presides over mega event at Ramsoo under Bhrashtachar Mukht Jammu and Kashmir, Digital JK Week campaigns

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Ramban, September 05: District Administration Ramban has intensified activities under Bhrashtachar Mukht Jammu and Kashmir and digital JK Week campaigns across the district to sensitize the people about various government's online services and initiatives taken to eradicate the corruption from the society and system as well.

Presiding over a mega event at the Sub-divisional headquarter Ramsoo, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban, highlighted various schemes and initiatives taken by the government to provide corruption free governance in a hassle free and transparent manner.

BDC Chairperson Ramsoo, Shafiq Ahmed Katoch, DDC Member Bashir Naik, SDM Ramsoo, Ghansham Basotra, Tehsildar, Naser Javed, BDO, Ram Pal, and various senior officers, PRIs and general public attended the function. Mentioning the role of PRIs and officers in making corruption free UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Deputy Commissioner asked them to work on Digital mode to provide quality and timely services to people. He said that the government has adopted a zero tolerance policy against corruption. He said there



are more than 600 services available online in the district Ramban and all services of the revenue department are also available online. He said the online shift of services has paved the way for transparent, accountable and accessible government-to-citizen transactions. He also directed to raise awareness about IT-related initiatives, such as the "Empowerment-Janbhagidari Portal." This portal plays a pivotal role in establishing a transparent system of governance. Simultaneously, the "Digital Week" will be celebrated, highlighting the

significance of digital initiatives in government processes.

During the programme participants were also briefed about various online services of the revenue and other departments. The Departments also highlighted their point being implemented to eradicate corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance. Elier, the Deputy Commissioner greeted the teachers on Teachers' day and urged them to focus on the students' education besides developing their overall personality so that they become good citizens.

The event started with paying tributes to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The students performed various cultural programmes, speeches and games by the students in honour of their teachers.

## Students of GDC Reasi celebrate Teachers' Day

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Reasi, September 05: Students of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi celebrated Teachers Day enthusiastically to commemorate the birth

anniversary of India's great teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in which all the students and staff members of the college participated. Vice-Principal and Associate Prof. Dr. Samrati Aggarwal was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

### Delineation of land in Jallo Chak village

## DC reviews report formulated by Sub-Divisional Level Committee



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 5: Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a meeting of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee (SDLC) regarding delineation and demarcation of land in village Jallo Chak, Tehsil Bahu.

The land is not part of any water course or source, but has been recorded as Gair Mumkin Khad, Darya, Nallah, etc. The meeting was called to review and to deliberate implementation of the committee's report.

The SDLC, under the leadership

of SDM Jammu South, Atul Dutt Sharma, was convened on August 2, 2023, to discuss and finalise the delineation and demarcation exercise.

The primary focus of the SDLC's efforts has been the preparation of Geo-referenced Maps of Revenue Villages using DGPS technology, digitisation of village maps and conducting quality checks to ensure accuracy.

The SDLC used advanced technology to create maps of revenue villages and a Digital Elevation Model with sub-meter accuracy. They also created flood risk maps

for different return periods (25 years, 50 years and 100 years).

Furthermore, the SDLC superimposed the final delineated water bodies onto geo-referenced Revenue Maps, ensuring precision and alignment with the geographical data.

Based on the extensive studies and collaborations, the SDLC has made several observations and recommendations for the village Jallo Chak area. Notable findings include the identification of water bodies and land suitable for retention or alienation.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed the implementation and final report of the committee. He impressed upon the officers to resolve technicalities and submit its final report at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including the Divisional Forest Officer, representatives of Jammu Municipal Corporation (DC North Jammu), Jammu Development Authority (JDA), Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), ACD Jammu and SE Hydraulic Circle.

## Accomplishment of Famber Trek adds another milestone to tourism promotion in Kishtwar District



JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Famber Trek, a remarkable outdoor adventure, reached a triumphant conclusion on September 4th, 2023. This exceptional trek was meticulously organized by the District Administration Kishtwar in collaboration with the Sub Divisional Administration Cihatroo, Kishtwar Development Authority and Directorate of Tourism Jammu, with the invaluable oversight of Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar.

The Famber Trek commenced on the 2nd of September, embarking from Khowra Chhatroo, and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 100 trekkers, predominantly hailing from the local communities of Kishtwar and Bhaderwah. Notably, the trek welcomed participants of all ages, with master Basit, a 13-year-old enthusiast, representing the youngest trekker, while Abdul Rashid proudly joined as the eldest trekker.

The trek was ceremoniously flagged off by Shokat Hayat Mattoo, SUNI Chhatroo, in the presence of Tasleem Wani, BDO Chhatroo, and Parvaiz Ahmed, SHO Chhatroo.

The trek was also graced by the company of SDM Cihatroo and Tehsildar Kishtwar, Umar Muneeb, who provided invaluable support and guidance to the trekkers

throughout their journey. Besides, CEO, Kishtwar Development Authority Dr Rishi Sharma provided the necessary logistic support in making the trek a success and the locals besides the Social activists like Maqbool Ahmed among others also gave their efforts, which was instrumental in reaching this remarkable milestone.

Over the course of three days, the intrepid participants traversed a challenging path which included awe-inspiring locations such as Hafthala, Dugada, Matti, and the breathtaking Famber Valley. On the second day, the contingent ventured to Ashish Kain and returned to Famber Valley, further enhancing their exploration of this scenic region.

The trek culminated on the third day as the trekkers made their way back from Famber Valley to the starting point, passing through the magnificent Bari Nallah.

This trek underscores the District Administration's unwavering commitment to promoting the discovery of the unexplored gems nestled within the pristine landscapes of Kishtwar district. Kishtwar has earned a reputation for hosting numerous high-altitude treks including the renowned Brammah Valley trek, in recent years.

A professional team recently conquered the formidable Brammah trek within the Dachgham Kishtwar

National Park, solidifying the district's standing as a premier destination for trekking enthusiasts.

Over the past one year, the District Administration Kishtwar under the visionary guidance of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav IAS, in collaboration with various stakeholders, has been actively engaged in sending numerous local youths from these remote areas to participate in Tourism Skill Development workshops to enhance, upgrade and expose their talent in the sector. These workshops are conducted at various premier institutes across Jammu and Kashmir, including the prestigious Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports in Pahalgam.

In addition to these commendable initiatives, the adventure tourism activities organized by Administration have emerged as a pivotal force in harnessing the tourism potential of the region. These activities not only draw adventure enthusiasts but also create avenues for self-employment opportunities for local artisans, handicraftsmen, owners of Stay homes, pony handlers, potters, vloggers, and locally trained youths who can serve as tourist guides. This strategic approach is particularly beneficial for the economically challenged far-flung hilly areas, offering them much-needed business and self-employment prospects, thereby boosting the rural economy and local infrastructure.

The success of the Famber Trek is a testament to the spirit of adventure, unity, and the unyielding determination of both participants and organizers. It is a reflection of the untamed beauty of Kishtwar and the limitless potential for exploration that this region offers.

### Prestigious Annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2023 concludes

## DC Kishtwar greets locals, shares plans for Next Year Yatra

Over 2 Lakh Pilgrims visit Temple shrine making it second most famous religious destination in Jammu Division

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 5: The revered 43-day long Annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2023 culminated in District Kishtwar today amid religious ceremonies. An impressive 2 lakh pilgrims visited the sacred Machail Bhawan during the pilgrimage.

The concluding day witnessed the presence of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Indarjeet Singh Parihar; SDM Paddar, Arun Kumar Badyal; DPO, Sunil Bhutay; Tehsildar, Satiqa Rana; SDPO Paddar Prelhad Sharma; AO DC Office, Imran Kichloo. Together, they paid their respect in the Bhawan of Maa Chandi Temple and sought bless-

ings for the peace, prosperity, and development of District Kishtwar.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner engaged with the local community, extending his heartfelt congratulations on the resounding success of this year's Yatra. He expressed gratitude to the local residents and other stakeholders for their unwavering cooperation throughout the pilgrimage.

He expressed optimism that the annual yatra is on a path to surpass an impressive milestone of 3 lakh next year. In anticipation of this, the administration is actively considering measures to enhance the yatra experience. Plans include extending the yatra season to six months, providing continuous support and improving amenities for the pilgrims. Furthermore, there is a con-

certed effort to expedite the completion of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) road up to Machail. These strategic moves are aimed at not only accommodating the growing number of devotees but also ensuring their safety, comfort and accessibility.

The local populace lauded the efforts of the District and local administration, particularly under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav, for their meticulous planning and execution, ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner accompanied by other officials, visited the residence of the head priest of the temple, Shri Des Raj Ji, who passed away recently. They offered condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family members and prayed for the peaceful repose of the departed soul.

# DIC Shopian conducts Media Exposure Tour to Dubjan -Peer Ki Gali

Tour aimed to promote the picturesque tourism spots of the district



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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 05: In order to highlight and promote the virgin tourist destinations of the district, the District Information Centre (DIC) Shopian today conducted a media exposure tour to Dubjan -Peer Ki Gali tourist hotspots in Shopian district. The media tour to Dubjan and Peer Ki Gali is the District Administration's one of the promotional exercises to promote newly notified tourist destinations of the

The area offers scenic pleasure for tourists and travelers alike. Expansive Rambharia with its clear waters and dense forests, excite one and all who embark on the journey towards the Peer Ki Gali. The area is being developed by the Dubjan - Peer Ki Gali Tourism Development Authority in many ways ranging from building hutment areas, cafeterias, development of parks, walkways and creating public convenience points, among other interventions, said CEO, Ghulib Hussain. He said efforts are being made to lure tourists and provide them all sorts of facilities for a comfortable journey. The area also comes under the Tourist Network Plan of Mission Youth which has many incentives to offer for locals for developing tourist infrastructure and building livelihood of the local population. The media persons were also felicitated on the occasion for their endeavours of highlighting development and welfare measures of the government in the district.

# Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Degree College celebrates Teachers' Day

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SAMBA, AUGUST 05: A district level Teachers' Day celebration function was held today in Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Degree College Samba. The event was hosted by District administration Samba in collaboration with School Education Department. District Development Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma was the Chief Guest of the program which also witnessed the attendance of Additional District Development Commissioner, S. Rajinder Singh (Guest of Honour), Chief Education Officer, Kewal Krishan, Principal Degree College Samba, Twinkle Suri, Associate Professors from Degree College

Samba, Principal of Government Hr. Secondary schools and Zonal Education Officers of the district and several Retired Officials i.e Retired Principals, Lecturers, Masters, Teachers and working Principals, Lecturers, Masters, Teachers students from various Schools attended the Programme. The program commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest followed by a scintillating cultural show. "Saraswathi Vandana" was presented by the students of Government Girls HSS Samba, while Students of High School Naran presented Dogri dance and Students of Government Girls HSS Tapasvi devoted a song to all teachers. The Chief Guest, in his address, stressed upon the Teachers to arrange interactions and plan sessions for discussing Human Values with the students. Deedar Singh, Rtd Principal, Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Lecturer (DICC) delivered a detailed lecture on New Education Policy 20-20, while Shakti Kumar Sharma spoke on the significance of "Teachers Day". All retired Principals, Head master, Master and Teachers were also honoured by Chief Guest and Chief Education Officer Samba. Chief Education Officer presented vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, students and media persons. The programme concluded with recitation of National Anthem by all the participants.

# 'Teachers Day' celebrated across Pulwama

DC addresses function at GBHSS Pulwama



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PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 05: On the eve of 'Teachers Day', the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today visited Government Boys Higher Secondary School (GBHSS) Pulwama and addressed a huge gathering of students. The DC was given a warm welcome by the enthusiastic and jubilant

efforts of a teacher in shaping the students", said the DC. He made the students familiar with the values of the Teacher now and then. The DC also asked students and the youth to be aware of the disastrous effect of drug menace and advised them not to fall prey to enemies of humanity and society, who are hell bent upon to involve society in the drugs. He asked them to follow and support the programme of District Administration, envisage completely eradicating the drug menace from the district and making Pulwama a drug free district. CEO Pulwama also spoke on the occasion and threw light on the significance of Teachers' Day celebration. Meanwhile, Teachers' Day was celebrated in all educational institutions of Pulwama district. The students participated in different activities including singing, dancing, speeches and other cultural variety programmes and expressed their love and respect for their teachers.

# Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K Week: Senior Officers from District Administration visit Bandipora Town

Take stock of grievances & issues faced by the people

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: As part of the ongoing Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K Week, and following the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, a team of senior officers led by Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Haq and ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi Tuesday visited Bandipora town including main market area to assess the issues faced by people and address their grievances and concerns. During the visit, the officers interacted with people, including traders and transporters, besides shopkeepers. The officers took stock of the issues faced by common people in and around the main market. The people, including shopkeepers and transporters on the occasion, brought several issues into their

notice, including drainage system, traffic management, and sanitation. One of the main problems faced by common people was a main drainage hole situated in the center of Gulshan Chowk Market. Officers on the spot passed the directions to Executive Officer Municipal Council Bandipora for repairing and covering the hole on a war-footing basis. Nodal Officer Coordination on the occasion said that visiting the heart of Bandipora is aimed to establish a direct line of communication with the people, ensuring that their voices are heard and issues resolved. He said that the visit provided an opportunity for the administration to gain firsthand appraisal of the challenges faced by the residents and business owners of the town. He said that the concerns of the local population have been recorded and shall be resolved on a priority basis. Speaking about Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K week, he said that the goal of District Administration is to build a corruption-free society where every citizen can lead a dignified life. Group of Doda farmers flagged off for exposure tour to Baderwah. DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: The Department of Horticulture Doda, under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) for the year 2023-2024, today organized an exposure cum capacity building tour for local farmers to Baderwah. Aiming to enhance the knowledge and skills of touring farmers in horticulture activities, the tour was flagged off by ADCC Pran Singh.

# Digital Week celebration 2023

## Mega awareness camp held at Sub Division Bani

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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 05: A series of activities including Digital Melas, Awareness programs are being hosted across Kathua district to mark the celebration of Digital Week-2023. On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas, a number of awareness programmes were held in different areas of the district as part of Digital Week Celebrations aimed at enhancing digital literacy among the Stakeholders. Mega Digital Week celebration programs were held at Sub Division Bani under the supervision of SDM, Satish Sharma. 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.

Event showcases revolution in public service delivery, transparent and corruption free governance

The departments provided on spot e-services being offered by them, including Aadhaar 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 Bani 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 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 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.

# Director Agriculture inaugurates two-day Awareness/ Training programme at Budgam

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 05: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today inaugurated two days awareness cum training programme on "promotion of bee keeping on scientific lines" under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) at Sheikh-ul- Alam Hall Budgam.

The programme was attended by scientists, beekeepers, farmers, officers, officials of the department and other stakeholders. Director Agriculture in his inaugural address underlined the importance of beekeeping and said that in rural areas bee keeping is an important source of income and livelihood for many landless farmers, small and marginal farming families. He said that under the holistic Agriculture development programme a multi-crore project has been approved by the UT administration for the development of this sector over the period of five years. Director Agriculture said the honey bees play a crucial role towards food security by pollinating thousands of flowering plants, therefore a special approach is adopted by the department for the development of this sector. Iqbal said that the 'promotion of Bee-keeping in UT of J&K' project is one of 29 projects approved by the J&K administration and recommended by the apex committee for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. He said the project aims at addressing various issues by increasing the number of colonies through cluster formation, encouraging bee-preneurship and bee-start-ups beside value addition and marketing. ADCC Budgam, Akramullah taluk who was the recipient of honour on the event released a Souvenir regarding the projects, programmes and initiatives by



the department for the development of beekeeping sector in the district. Earlier, Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam, Syed Tafazzal Hussain Madni gave an overview of the bee-keeping scenario in the district. He apprised the chief guest regarding various interventions by the department for the promotion of beekeeping in the district. Organiser of the awareness programme, Adina Alaf through a PowerPoint presentation briefed the participants about the aims and objectives of the two days awareness cum training programme.

Joint Director extension G.M Dhoib, Chief Agriculture Budgam, District Agriculture Officer Extension Budgam, Chief Horticulture Officer Budgam, District coordinator, KVK Budgam, District Officer KVIB Budgam, Manager Lead Bank, Divisional Forest Officer Budgam were present on the occasion.

# Amar Singh College celebrates 'Teachers Day'



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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 05: Amar Singh College Srinagar today observed Teachers' Day to mark the 155th birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned scholar, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice-President, and second President of independent India. Dr. Radhakrishnan has written extensively on Indian philosophy, and ethics, more specifically on Advaita Vedanta, Universalism and communal harmony. The event began with a warm wel-

come address by Prof Heena Amin, Convener, Cultural Committee, Amar Singh College who briefly flagged off the event, followed by an enlightening inaugural address presented by the principal of the college Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Ajaz Bashir. The principal threw light on the role played by teachers in nation-building and emphasised the need for obedience and respect towards teachers to succeed in life. He also distributed the flowers among teachers as a symbol of love, respect, and an acknowledgement of their good work. The faculty appreciated this

compassionate gesture coming from the head of the institution. The event was hosted by the students of the college who treated their teachers to a gala event and showcased their talent in various cultural programmes. The students presented various scintillating cultural programmes, poetry, song and dance and delivered thoughtful speeches, and a short skit relevant to the theme of Teachers Day. Audiences present on the occasion, both students as well as teachers, expressed their deep appreciation for the various programmes presented at the event. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mehlika student of the 6th semester who thanked the principal of Amar Singh College, Convener Cultural Committee, faculty and the students of Amar Singh College for making this programme a huge success. The programme was moderated by Arshi Yaqoob, a student in the 9th semester of IG English and Ariz student from the B.A 4th semester. Prof. Ovais, Head Department of Persian, acted as rapporteur for the event.

# Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K Week: DC Gbl presides-over Awareness Workshop organized by KPDCCL

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 05: In view of ongoing Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K Week, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today presided over the awareness workshop organized by KPDCCL Division Ganderbal in the lawns of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal. The camp was attended by president Municipal Council Ganderbal, SE KPDCCL, Executive Engineer KPDCCL Division Ganderbal besides a huge gathering of locals.

On the occasion the DC highlighted the purpose of celebrating Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K Week and said that various community based awareness programs are being held in the district to educate government officials and citizens about the detrimental effects of corruption and ways to combat it. The DC said that the District Administration is committed to shift all government offices to online mode adding that online shift of services has paved the way for transparent, accountable and accessible Government to citizens besides has also ensured time-bound service delivery and redressal of grievances. He appreciated the dedication of field staff of the KPDCCL to ensure undisturbed power supply to the consumers. He also commended their role during the Yatra period. During the workshop, the resource persons generated awareness about the negative impact of corruption, ways to combat it, awareness about online services, smart metering etc.



## CUJ Dept of TTM hosts orientation for MBA (TTM) students



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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** The Department of Tourism and Travel Management at the Central University of Jammu, under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, hosted an orientation program for its newly admitted MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) students. This event served as a platform to introduce aspiring professionals to the multifaceted world of tourism and travel, acquaint them with esteemed faculty members, and showcase the abundant resources and facilities dedicated to nurturing their academic and

personal growth. The orientation program commenced with a warm and inspiring welcome address by Dr. Bharti Gupta, Senior Assistant Professor. Her words resonated with the vice-chancellor's commitment to providing a holistic and enriching learning experience for students. Following this, Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman, Head of the Department, delivered an informative presentation, offering insights into the program, department, and university. Dr. Raman shared his perspectives on the immense potential of the tourism and travel domain, emphasizing its

importance of camaraderie. Mr. Rahul Thakur, Assistant Professor, emphasized the significance of digital skills in the field of Tourism and Travel Management. He underscored the digital proficiency required in today's rapidly evolving landscape and offered guidance to students on harnessing this essential skill set. During the orientation program, senior students, alumni, and research scholars shared their insights and experiences with the new students, providing valuable perspectives to guide their academic journey ahead.

The event concluded on a note of gratitude, with Dr. Rabinder Singh, Associate Professor, extending a heartfelt vote of thanks. The Department of Tourism and Travel Management takes immense pride in its distinguished faculty, dedicated students, and the spirit of collaboration that has marked the beginning of this new academic session.

## Massive protest reveals Rs 1.45 Crore scam linked to Chief Engineer Hamesh Manchanda



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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** A staggering scam amounting to Rs 1,45,30,522 has come to light, allegedly under the supervision of Hamesh Manchanda, the President of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena. In response, members of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena, led by President Ashok Gupta, organized a massive protest march through the old city of Jammu. The demonstration was prompted by the recent corruption scandal that has rocked the region. President Ashok Gupta voiced skepticism about the administra-

tion's claim of celebrating a 'Corruption-Free Week' in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing the need for tangible proof of this commitment. The protest was triggered by FIR No. 23/2016 P/S VOJ, which was registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) against the then Xen Irrigation Akhnoor and current Chief Engineer of the Jal Shakti department, Sh. Hamesh Manchanda.

The scandal revolved around a significant shortage of building materials in government storage facilities, leading to substantial

financial losses. Allegedly, the Xen in charge at the time failed to take appropriate action due to inadequate supervision.

A noteworthy aspect of the case involves Mr. ASHOK Parmar, who currently holds a posting in Delhi but was the commissioner secretary of the Jal Shakti department during the scandal. It is alleged that Mr. Parmar promoted Sh Manchanda to a higher rank without obtaining the necessary No Objection Certificate (NOC) or clearance from the ACB. This decision has raised suspicions of impropriety, given Sh Manchanda's ongoing legal troubles related to the embezzlement of funds, totaling Rs 1,45,30,522.

Gupta questioned the government's commitment to its ongoing 'Anti-Corruption Week,' stating that their response to this case would be a litmus test of their dedication to fighting corruption.

The protest was attended by several party members, including Abhishek Labba, Tarsem, Kalu, Vivek, Neeraj, Bantu, Prem, Naresh, and many others, who rallied against alleged corruption and called for accountability in this high-profile case.

## DOM extended support to Dr Ritu of DU; called out casteist elements involved



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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** A powerful protest rally unfolded in Jammu today, representing the voices of the Dalit, OBC, and minority communities. The demonstration was a show of solidarity in support of Dr. Ritu, an individual who has exhibited unwavering resolve, dedication, and made invaluable contributions to their cause. Together, they sought justice and demanded the immediate expulsion and arrest of Dr. Savita Roy, along with the reinstatement of Dr. Ritu. President RK Kalsotra of the Dalit OBC Minority (DOM) addressed the gathering, highlighting the escalating atrocities, discrimination, and

oppression faced by the Indian Native Bahujan Samaj (SC-ST-Minority) across all states of India. He decried the lack of justice for these communities, as corrupt individuals perpetuating caste-based discrimination often escape consequences, while the victims struggle for justice. Casteism, Kalsotra asserted, has evolved into a form of fascism against the Bahujans, citing instances like Rohit Vemula, Payal Tadvii, Prof. Dr. Chandher Shekhar of Jammu University, and a recent case involving a Dalit IAS officer in Jammu and Kashmir. Ashok Parmar, who filed a complaint of 'harassment and humiliation' against the Lieutenant Governor and

humanist thinkers disappointed and outraged, with the Bahujan Samaj disheartened by the administration and police department's indifference. To demand the expulsion and arrest of the accused and achieve justice for Dr. Ritu, a sit-in protest is scheduled at Vishwa Vishwavidyalaya (Art Faculty, Gate No. 04) on August 28, 2023. The protest received widespread support from various social organizations, thinkers, associations, political parties, and committees who joined the demonstration in Jammu to advocate for justice for Dr. Ritu Singh.

Additionally, the Confederation is planning a mass rally on November 5, 2023, to address these issues. The overarching theme will be centered around preserving the constitution and fundamental rights.

The rally featured addresses by several prominent figures, including Ashu Peter Mattoo, S Kuldeep Singh, Shashi Sval, Comrade Sukhdev, Sham Lal, Tilak Raj, and Comrade Indrajit, all emphasizing the need for justice and the condemnation of caste-based discrimination.

## Rahul Gandhi is the only hope for poor, unemployed youth & farmers: Tony

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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** Rahul Gandhi is the only ray of hope for poor, unemployed youth and farmers of the country.

This was stated by Taranjit Singh Tony, a Congress leader and DDC Member of Suchetgarh after inaugurating the newly reconstructed bridge in village Blah, falling under the Magowali Panchayat in Suchetgarh.

Notably, this bridge had recently been washed away in the flash floods which was a vital bridge connecting 40 old villages on each side. However, owing to the relentless efforts of Taranjit Singh Tony, the bridge was swiftly reconstructed, ensuring connectivity for the local residents in record time.

Addressing the gathering, Taranjit Singh Tony said that the Saffron Party had failed miserably in addressing the problems being faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that the



absence of a popular government had led to a manifold increase in the problems faced by the people. Highlighting Rahul Gandhi as the beacon of hope for the downtrodden, poor, middle-class citizens, farmers, and the unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir, Tony asserted that only Rahul Gandhi possessed the vision and capability to alleviate the pressing issues such as soaring inflation, high-end and faulty GST, and rampant unemployment. He accused the BJP of priori-

tizing the interests of corporate giants like Ambanis and Adanis, stating that slogans like 'Mehangai Ki Maar' and promises of eradicating corruption and generating employment for two jobs every year had fallen flat. He said now the world has again highlighted the Hawala transactions of Adanis and the whole Modi government is trying to save Mr Adani and the reason is best known to them.

By acting not against Adanis, the image of the whole country is being tarnished by the

International Media, he added.

Tony urged the people to rally behind Rahul Gandhi and the Congress Party, asserting that they are the only ones capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that it was time to strengthen the hands of Rahul Gandhi to pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future.

Among those who were present include Sarpanch Manjeet Kour, Rashpal Singh Gill, Satvinder Singh and Meeta Lambardar.

## 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' aims to symbolize the country's commitment: Vinay Gupta

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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader and Sh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta today said that India will reach near the Sun, just like it has reached the Moon. He made the statement at the campaign of the 'Mitti Anthem' at the Meri Maati Mera Desh, the door-to-door campaign in Nanak Nagar of Gandhi Nagar Mandal in the Bahu assembly segment within District Jammu South.

Vinay Gupta along with Gandhi Nagar Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, Ashok Kumar, Vice Presidents Surjeet Singh and Vinay Gupta, Rajesh Sharma, Rajesh Bahu, Arvind Sharma, Lovisha Gupta, Jasbir Singh, Aman Goswami, Daljit Singh, Vicky Sharma, Chand Bali in the presence of general public marked the start of the 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' as part of the Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign today. While interacting with



the residents of the area Vinay Gupta said, the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' aims to symbolize the country's commitment to 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India) by collecting soil from all corners of the country in 750 urns. This soil will be used to create an 'Amrit Vatika' (Garden of Nectar) near Delhi's National War Memorial. During his speech at the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' event, Vinay Gupta emphasized the importance of the soil that symbolizes the sacrifices made by countless indi-

viduals for the nation's freedom. "Through this event," he stated, "every person can contribute their part to the construction of a 'Mahaan Bharat' (Great India). From September 1 to September 30, 'mitti' or 'dhaan' (soil) will be collected and poured into a 'Kalash' (urn). This process will begin at the district or block level and gradually progress to the state capitals, ultimately culminating in the national capital, where it will be used to build a 'smarak' (memorial)."

## National Secular Forum Celebrates Teachers day

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**JAMMU, SEPT 05:** National Secular Forum (NSF) today celebrated the teacher's day in the university campus greeting all the teachers for their valuable contribution to the society by imparting knowledge and enlightening and shaping the career of the students. Vikshay Vashisth Secretary National Secular Forum along with its members of the forum which included the Students from various departments first of all greeted and presented a bouquet to Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai of the Jammu University on the eve of teacher's day.



Addressing the members of NSF, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor

thanked NSF for their greetings and highlighted the role of teachers in the student's life. He further said that in our country and culture a teacher is still holding great honor and respect. He is considered as a foundation of all knowledge and source of great ideals. He is the torch bearer to society. Students look up to him with faith and hope to seek his guidance. Teacher can guide the whole generation through

his versatile personality. Apart from this, NSF members celebrated Teacher's Day with Prof. Rahul Gupta Registrar University of Jammu, Prof. SK Pandita Director HRD JU, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Prof. Pankaj K Srivastava and others by going to their Departments, giving flowers and offering them sweets. State Secretary NSF, Vikshay Vashisth highlighted the role of Dr. Radhakrishnan as great teachers who influenced this country with their philosophy. He said that he believes in the ideology of Dr Radhakrishnan that teachers should be the best minds in the country. He said that Teacher's Day is an occasion to pay reverence and gratitude to teachers for their selfless effort in shaping their career and enriching the education system in the process.

# Dy Mayor inaugurates development works in Ward 56, Ekta Vihar

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JAMMU, SEPT 05: The program of inauguration of development works worth lakhs of rupees by Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria is continuing in Ward 56 Gangal and Ekta Vihar of RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. Adding development works, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicated the construction work of newly constructed lane and drains in Ekta Vihar. This development work was done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Ekta Vihar Mohalla Committee. He thanked Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for getting this work done on priority. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that this was a long pending demand of the local residents and this demand has been fulfilled. He said that a delegation from this area had contacted that the lane and drains of the area were in a dilapidated condition and this should be resolved soon. Taking cognizance of



the delegation, immediate instructions were given to the officials to carry out development in the area and today the construction work of land and drains was done. The Deputy Mayor said that people in Ekta Vihar had to face a lot of difficulties due to the lack of concrete roads. Due to which women, old people and children used to fall and get injured and there was a problem of waterlogging in the surrounding areas. Now completing the construction work in the context of development will have a positive impact on people's

lives and they too will be able to live in their developed areas like other areas, he added. Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria said that the government is continuously working under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to provide basic facilities to the common man and to improve the standard of living. He said that development works are continuing in Jammu city and continuous steps are being taken by the government in the interest of the public. The Deputy Mayor said that the Municipal Corporation is committed to provide better infrastructure and other basic amenities to the people of Jammu city. The people of the area assured full support to the BJP in the upcoming elections. On this occasion Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Pawan Chib, Jugal Kishore, Krishna Kumar, Rakesh Sangral, Om Nath, Nikish Bhasin, Manjit Singh, Rajinder Singh (Popy), Ajmer Chib, Govinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Captain Roop Singh, Harvinder Singh, Raghu Singh was also present.

# BJP OBC Morcha in Collaboration with SIBA organized free Medical Checkup camp

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BHADERWAH, SEPT 05: BJP OBC Morcha in Collaboration with SIBA organized Mega Multispecialty free Medical Checkup camp in old Hospital Bhaderwah. The medical camp was organized by SIBA and BJP OBC Morcha with an aim to pro-vide quality medical care and free medicines to the poor and needy people of the Bhaderwah area. The Camp was inaugurated by Dhanantar Singh (DDC Chairman Bhaderwah), Sunil Prajapati (State President BJP OBC Morcha). Prominent among the others who Present on the occasion are ADC Dil Mir Chowdhary, Om Chand (BDC Chairman), Mohd Sadiq (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Nisar Ahmed Lohar (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Hans Raj (Spokesperson BJP OBC Morcha), Ghulam Mohd. Hajjam (District President DDA BJP OBC Morcha). A team of doctors and paramedical staff from different major Institutions namely Amandeep Hospital Amritsar, K. D. Eye Hospital, Accuarius testing Lab rendered their services to Nearly



1000 patients who had come from different farflung areas. Free medicine was also distributed among patients. Lab investigations like blood grouping and typing, hemoglobin estimation, urine protein, urine sugar and blood sugar estimation were done free of cost. All the patients were given pre-scribed drugs free of cost. Doctors from General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Neuro, Spine Ophthalmology, ENT, Dental rendered their Services. Dhanantar Singh Appreciated the steps taken by BJP OBC

Morcha and SIBA to provide basic health facilities in far-flung areas. He demanded that more such medical camps should be organized across the Region on a regular basis. In the end Sunil Prajapati thanks all the Asha workers who supported the Program and SIBA team Sidharth Verma & Baljeet Singh co-founder along with team members Ramneek kour Meenakshi Verma, Adv. Sumit Sharma, Jasmeet Kour, Vishwas, Sumit, Amarjeet Singh and Manmeet Singh, Aakash Singh along with JKDCUL, Bhawan Printers

# Protest exposes pay anomalies discriminating against retired J&K Police Pensioners & Fire Services Personnel



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JAMMU, SEPT 05: A protest rally, led by Chairman Ajit Singh, was organized at Hari Singh Park in Jammu to address longstanding grievances faced by Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) retired police pensioners and the J&K Fire Services regarding pay discrepancies. The Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum articulated the following concerns on behalf of the affected individuals: The forum drew attention to Government Order No. 229 - F of 2014 dated 17-10-2014, which addressed the issue of pay anomalies. However, the implementation of this order has been made effective

prospectively, from the date of the order. The forum argued that the retrospective effect should have been applied, starting from the year 1996 when the 5th pay commission was implemented across the state. This omission left the Police Department out of the purview, resulting in severe injustices. Some affected individuals have even passed away, while those still struggling should receive the benefits they are owed. The forum raised concerns regarding the non-compliance with two specific orders/circulars AIG (W) Rtd - 59 - II/09 41241-96, Dated 8/6/2017, AIG (W) Saveria /2018 /4919-70, Dated 18/01/2018. The lack of proper follow-up on

these directives has exacerbated the existing issues and left the affected pensioners in a state of continued hardship. The forum highlighted a disparity in medical allowances. While the Central Government increased the medical allowance to Rs. 1000/- effective from July 2017, the J&K region, now a Union Territory (UT), still provides only Rs. 300/-. The forum argued that the medical allowance for UT residents should also be elevated to Rs. 1000/- to align with the Central Government's policy. The forum urged the government to implement a 10% reservation policy for the admission of police pensioners' children in professional colleges and in recruitment processes. This move aims to provide opportunities and support to the wards of those who have served in the police force. Chairman Ajit Singh, on behalf of the Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum, emphasized the importance of addressing these pressing issues and rectifying the longstanding grievances faced by retired police pensioners and the J&K Fire Services personnel. The protest serves as a call for fairness, equity, and justice in the treatment of these dedicated individuals who have devoted their lives to public service.

# Congress to observe "Bharat Jodo Yatra" anniversary on 7th Sept at all district levels

RAJNI PATIL TO LEAD YATRA IN JAMMU.

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JAMMU, SEPT 05: Congress shall commemorate the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra on Sept 7th in a big way at both capital Headquarters Srinagar & Jammu besides at all district levels, in a big way to revive and reiterate the message of the Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir last year. A mega event shall be held in Jammu besides in Srinagar, on the pattern of Bharat Jodo Yatra led by shri Rahul Gandhi, which had started from Kanyakumari last year on this day & culminated in Srinagar on Jan 30th this year. This was disclosed here today by the PCC Chief Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, who chaired a preparatory meeting of all senior PCC leaders, district presidents, frontal and other prominent leaders here in Jammu as well as later in Srinagar. AICC I/C J & K party affairs Smt Rajni Patil MP shall lead the Yatra in Jammu alongwith PCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, accompanied by working president Raman Bhalla & other senior leaders, for-

mer ministers, ex legislators, frontal heads, corporators & others while former Dy C.M. Tara Chand will lead in Kathua, Former Minister Mula Ram in Samba, Th Balwan Singh in Udhampur, TS Bajwa Ex MP in Rajouri, Jagangir Mir in Poonch, Indu Pawar ex MLA in Reasi, Dina Nath Bhatag Ex MLA in Doda, Sham Lal ex- MLC in Ramban & Naresh gupta ex MLC in Kishtwar. The nationwide first anniversary celebrations shall be on the pattern of Bharat Jodo Yatra last year, and revive the message of Yatra that is unity in diversity, shun hate and spread love affection and harmony in the society. The meeting took stock of the preparations for the event in Jammu and elsewhere in all districts of the region and asked all party leaders and cadres to join in their respective districts or assigned places. The main event of yatra in Jammu is proposed to be held on Miransahib Jammu route. In Jammu, apart from working president Raman bhalla, prominent

those present in the meet included Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, Ravinder Sharma, TS Bajwa, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Balbir Singh, Indu Pawar, Kanta Bhan, Manohan Singh, Vinod Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Krishan Bhatag, Hari Singh Chib, Dina Nath Bhatag, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Gurdarshan Singh, Yash Pal Kundal, Kuldeep Verma, T S Tony, Namrata Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Karan Bhatag, Bhushan Dogra, Rajesh Sadotra, Suresh Dogra, Ajay Kumar (NSUI), & ors. Later a similar meeting was chaired by the PCC President at Srinagar party Hq which was attended by senior leaders and Dist Presidents, frontal org leaders including CWC member Tariq Hameed Karra, GN Monga Ex MLC, Haji Abdul Rashid Ex MLA, Mohd Anwar Bhat, Abdul Gani Khan & ors. It was decided to hold the Yatra from PCC Hq Srinagar at Moulanazad road to Dalgate. Similar programmes shall be held at all district hqs in Kashmir valley.

# NGO ACB, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta meets Principal GMC

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JAMMU, SEPT 05: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti Crime Bureau, a Social Service Organisation, along with his Team Members today Met Ashutosh Gupta, Principal, GMC Jammu. Gupta presented him Mata's Chunri and honored him with the bouquet of flowers. Principal GMC Rajouri Dr Amarjeet Singh was also Present during the Meeting. Gupta also wished him all the best for assuming the New position, Gupta informed him about the work of the organisation and told him that his organisation works at the grassroots level without any government help and believes in helping the people. Chairman Sham Lal Gupta said that the mem-



bers of his organisation donate blood from time to time so that the common people can get relief and the life of any poor can be saved. Gupta said that when needy people come to the organisation with the hope of if they do not have money for treatment or medicines, then the organisation also provides them relief material or financial assistance. Gupta also took information from Principal Dr. Ashutosh Gupta about the operations/surgeries/treatments to be done under Ayushman Yojana so that people can get maximum benefit of this scheme. Principal Ashutosh Gupta Praised the work of the organisation and told

them that he expects the organisation to continue working for the welfare of the people in the future also. Chairman Gupta along with MC Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta and Team Members Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Tushar Digra, Rohit Kumar, and Abhishek Sharma were present.

# Meri Mati, Mera Desh devoted to the martyrs, patriots: Dr. Nirmal Singh

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JAMMU, SEPT 05: Former Deputy Chief Minister & BJP senior leader, Dr. Nirmal Singh, said that the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign represents the concluding phase of the countrywide programmes under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava". Dr. Singh, who is also party incharge for the programme, stated this while addressing media persons at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, where he was accompanied by co-incharge for the programme & BJP OBC Morcha National Secretary Rashpal Verma and J&K BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra. He said that the whole programme represents the farsighted vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the honour and the integrity of nation. He said that although the programme is under the government of India, but BJP as a responsible, dedicated and nationalist party is contributing fully to make the campaign successful, which is directed



towards the national integrity. He also appealed other political and social organizations to contribute in the noble cause. Dr. Singh said that after the 1st phase of the whole programme, this phase, which started on 1st September, will go till 15 September, in which the BJP activists will visit every home in the region. Dr. Singh said that under the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign, the Mitti /sand would be collected from every household which is initially started by collecting mitti from

the houses of martyrs. Then, he said that on 16th September, the collected mitti in urns/kalsh will be sent to the national capital block wise, where 75 saplings will be planted in the 'Amrit Vatika' which will be established as a memorial. He said that until the evening of 4 September, the programme has been started in 403 Panchayats in which the mitti has been collected from more than 190 martyr families. He said that public programmes will also be conducted in every Panchayat.

# NMC appeals PM Modi for timely release of DA installment and other benefits

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JAMMU, SEPT 05: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) President, Subash Shastri, has called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to expedite the release of the pending 4 percent Dearness Allowance (DA) installment due from July this year for central

government employees and pensioners. In a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister, Shastri highlighted the rising inflation and the increase in prices of essential commodities. He emphasized the urgency of announcing and disbursing the pending 4 percent DA installment for both

central and state government employees and pensioners. Shastri pointed out that the price index had surged from 6.89 percent on December 31 of the previous year to 12.49 percent by June 30, 2023. He urged the Prime Minister to make a decision in this regard during the forthcoming Union Cabinet meeting.

## DC Poonch reviews working of R&B depty, progress under district Capex Budget

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 05: District Development Commissioner Yasin M. Choudhary today chaired a meeting in the conference hall of the DC Office Poonch to discuss the reorganization of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) department and review the progress achieved District Capital Expenditure (Capex) budget.

The gathering brought together engineers, officials, and heads of various departments to discuss and address the developmental initiatives within the district.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Sandesh Kumar Sharma; Chief Planning Officer, Maqsood Ahmed; S.E of R&B Circle Poonch, KK Atri; XEN PWD(R&B), Division Poonch Yasir Bashir and other Executive Engineers from

both the Poonch division and the newly established Mendhar & Surankote Divisions were present in the meeting along with AEEs, AEs, JE's.

The heads of other departments were also in attendance, highlighting the collaborative efforts being undertaken to streamline developmental projects.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the current status of ongoing developmental works within the district.

The S.E of R&B Circle Poonch provided a comprehensive briefing to the Deputy Commissioner, highlighting the progress and challenges encountered in executing various projects.

In a bid to ensure effective coordination and streamlined processes, the Deputy Commissioner directed all heads of other departments to

transfer all relevant records and documents to the R&B Department promptly.

The R&B Department was instructed to expedite the pace of ongoing projects without compromising on quality. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of timely completion and urged the department to submit expenditure reports at the earliest.

The District Development Commissioner, expressed his confidence in the abilities of the R&B Department and other stakeholders, urging them to work together to achieve the envisioned developmental goals.

He assured the public that every effort would be made to expedite the completion of projects, thereby improving the overall infrastructure and quality of life for the residents of Poonch.

## Shree Krishna Janmashtami 2023 preparations finalized in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 05: To finalize the preparations for the upcoming Shree Krishna Janmashtami festival, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, presided over a meeting of officers and civil society members in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The meeting encompassed comprehensive discussions on various facets of the arrangements, including security and law enforcement, traffic management, provision of drinking water and power supply,

sanitation, first aid services, and fire safety. The Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Power Development Department (PDD) were tasked with guaranteeing an ample supply of drinking water and uninterrupted electricity throughout the festival. CEO Municipality was instructed to lead a sanitation campaign within the town and its surroundings. The Chief Medical Officer was called upon to establish essential first aid facilities to prevent any unforeseen incidents.

Additionally, the Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Services was directed to deploy fire

tenders for safety measures.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of robust security measures, including thorough frisking at the entry and exit points of the temples, as the police department took charge of security arrangements.

Traffic police were mandated to ensure smooth traffic flow in and around Udhampur town and the temple vicinity to avert congestion.

He urged all officers to ensure timely implementation of arrangements within their respective departments to facilitate the successful execution of the festival.

## We are proud our Defence Forces: Chib



JAMMU, SEPT 05: The 25th Balidan Divas, a solemn occasion commemorating the sacrifice of Sepoy RAMESH LAL, unfolded today in the serene village of KALOEN (Sachetgarh). This momentous day drew a multitude of individuals who had gathered to pay their heartfelt tributes to the valiant martyr. The distinguished Squadron Leader RS CHIB, a former Minister and the General Secretary of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party, graced the event as the Chief Guest, underscoring the significance of this commemoration.

The proceedings commenced with great reverence as the Jawans of the esteemed 8th DOGRA Regiment conducted the flag hoisting ceremony, symbolizing the unwavering patriotism that has always characterized our nation's armed forces. This poignant moment was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony, where

notable figures from the community came forward to honor the memory of Sepoy RAMESH LAL.

R S Chib, in his address, eloquently recounted the heroic sacrifice of Shaheed RAMESH LAL, who was a proud member of the 8th DOGRA Battalion. On that fateful day of September 5, 1998, in the rugged terrain of POONCH, Sepoy RAMESH LAL displayed exceptional valor and fearlessness while engaging with militants. Mr. Chib painted a vivid picture of his gallantry, emphasizing that Sepoy RAMESH LAL hailed from the esteemed JAT community, with roots in DEVAWATALA (Tehsil BHIMBER, now in POK). This community has been renowned for its unwavering bravery throughout history. Sepoy RAMESH LAL was the beloved son of Choudhary CHELA RAM, a highly respected and influential figure within the JAT community of his region. Chib took a moment to express the nation's profound pride

in its Defense Forces, including the Para Military and the Police. He specifically highlighted the instrumental role played by the RASHTRIYA RIFLES and the J&K Police in quelling the insurgency that once plagued our state. The bravery and dedication exhibited by these forces were crucial in restoring peace and security to the region. Mr. Chib also lauded the efforts of the Border Security Force (BSF) along the International Border (IB), emphasizing their invaluable assistance and unwavering support to the residents living in these challenging border areas.

In a stirring call to action, Mr. Chib urged the youth to step forward and join the ranks of the Defense Forces, emphasizing the noble cause of serving the nation. He reminded everyone that the sacrifice of Shaheed RAMESH LAL would forever be etched in the collective memory of the nation. The bravery and selflessness displayed by him serve as a poignant reminder of the indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment of our armed forces. Chib reiterated that the sacrifice of Sepoy RAMESH LAL would always be remembered and celebrated by one and all. The nation stands proud of this brave soul and his esteemed family, whose legacy of valor continues to inspire generations. As the ceremony concluded, it left an indelible mark on the hearts of those present, serving as a testament to the unwavering dedication and sacrifice of our brave soldiers who protect our nation's integrity and sovereignty.

## BJP Mahila Morcha South honors Dr. Usha Bagati for her remarkable contributions to music



JAMMU, SEPT 05: In a heartwarming celebration of Teachers' Day, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha Jammu South took the opportunity to felicitate Dr. Usha Bagati for her exceptional achievements in the field of music.

On the occasion, General Secretary Meetu Sharma, Secretary

Antu Kotwal, Mandal President Ritika Dhiman, and General Secretary Priyanka Sharma were present. Dr. Usha Bagati is renowned for her outstanding contributions to the world of music. She served as the Professor and Head of the Department of Music at Government PG Mam College, Jammu. Dr. Bagati holds the distinction of being the first PhD in

Music in Jammu and Kashmir and has achieved international recognition for her exceptional work. She has conducted workshops on folk music in collaboration with Malika Sarabhai at the prestigious Darpana Academy in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Her name is enshrined in the Encyclopedia of India for her significant contributions to music. She has also left her mark on All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan, as well as the Song and Drama Division. She also had the privilege of attending lectures cum demonstrations with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the Naropa Institute in Boulder, USA, where she shared her insights on the spiritual music of Kashmir.

## DC Poonch felicitates 21 Teachers for Meritorious Services on Teachers' Day

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 5: The Department of School Education in Poonch came alive with vibrant celebrations as it marked Teachers' Day, commemorated on the eve of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary, the second President of India. The Natu Auditorium in Poonch witnessed a gathering of educators, students, and officials who came together to honor the invaluable contributions of teachers to society. Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M Choudhary graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Senior Superintendent of Police, Vinay Kumar Sharma, was the guest of honor. The event was kicked off with a warm welcome address by N.M Suri, District Education and Planning Officer (DEPO). The highlight of the celebration was the captivating cultural performances and skits presented by the teachers centered around the themes of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) and "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao," campaign - reflecting the critical issues faced by society. In a gesture of appreciation, 21 teachers were felicitated for their meritorious services in the field of

education. The dedication and commitment of these educators stood out, showcasing their unwavering commitment to shaping the future of the students. Adding to the prestige of the occasion, Principal S.Jaswant Singh of DIET Poonch received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. This recognition underscored his outstanding contribution to the education sector, inspiring countless individuals along the way. Additionally, two members of the District Resource Group, Darshan Kumar and Harish Kumar Sharma, were honored for their remarkable contributions for the successful implementation of various departmental initiatives in Poonch district. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Yasin M. Choudhary (AS) congratulated the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between departments at the grassroots level. He highlighted the significance of implementing various initiatives for the betterment of education. SSP Vinay Kumar Sharma, in his speech, shed light on the pivotal role teachers play in shaping society's future. He applauded their dedication and urged them to continue their commendable work.

Bishamber Dass, CEO Poonch highlighted the remarkable achievements of the education department and called upon the teaching community to enhance their effectiveness in imparting knowledge and values to the younger generation. The Teachers' Day celebration in Poonch was not only recognition of the tireless efforts of educators but also a platform for fostering a sense of pride and unity within the education community. It reinforced the importance of education in building a brighter future for Poonch and beyond. The event was attended by a diverse audience, including Dr. Zakir Hussain, General Manager District Industries; Tanver Ahmed, CEO Poonch Development Authority; Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, ACR ; Lt. Col. J S Chadha, Raksh Kumar Sharma, Chief Agriculture Officer, fellow educators, students, and administrative officials.

The atmosphere was filled with appreciation and pride as the teachers received their well-deserved recognition. The vote of thanks was presented by Zulfiqar Naqvi, Principal HSS Girls Mendhar Darshan Kumar (DRG) conducted the proceedings of the programs.

## Jasrotia urges Nationwide participation in 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign to honor martyrs

JAMMU, SEPT 05: Rajiv Jasrotia, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former 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 Surinder Sharma, who attained martyrdom during Operation Rakshak in 2000 Srinagar, Jasrotia 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, Rajiv Jasrotia stated, "We salute the great martyr Surinder Sharma 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). Jasrotia emphasized that these initiatives, conducted under the slogan 'Mitti Ko Naman, Veeron Ka Vandan,' aim to celebrate 77 years of Indian Independence.

He noted that Kalash Yatras, 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.

## Bakaya expresses grave concern over electrical outages in Tawi-Vihar

JAMMU, SEPT 05: Apni Party Spokesperson and Youth General Secretary Abhay Bakaya today raised a compelling issue that has left the residents of Tawi-Vihar, JMC Ward no. 71, in darkness and despair.

He voiced profound concern today regarding the persistent and crippling electrical blackouts afflicting this neighborhood, placing the spotlight squarely on a crisis that demands immediate attention. In his statement, Bakaya said the source of this protracted agony is the alleged rampant proliferation of illicit electricity connections that have been illicitly bestowed upon nearby tent dwellers. "This unscrupulous act has precipitated a debilitating scarcity of electricity for the native inhabitants of Tawi-Vihar, plunging their lives into uncertainty and peril," he said. The local residents, Mr Bakaya underscored, "have been crying out for relief, beseeching the authorities to heed their pleas. Yet, it appears that these urgent cries for help have fallen upon deaf ears."

"The gravity of the situation cannot be overstated, as essential services, educational institutions and healthcare facilities all suffer in the wake of this relentless power scarcity," he said. Bakaya made a fervent appeal to the local authorities especially to the District Commissioner Jammu and the Chief Engineer of the Power Department to urgently acknowledge the dire circumstances faced by Tawi-Vihar's residents and to take swift and decisive action to ameliorate their plight.

## Dir Information administers pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukh' J&K to DIPR employees



Srinagar, September 05: Director Information, Minga Sherpa today administered the pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukh' J&K to DIPR employees and officers at Media Complex here.

On the occasion, the officers and employees pledged to continuously strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of their activities. They also pledged that they shall work unflinchingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life. More so, they also pledged that they shall do duty conscientiously and act without fear or favour.

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02.09.2023	14.09.2023	28.09.2023	15:00 Hrs.		
<b>Details of Tenders</b>					
1	197-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Miscellaneous P.W. works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/Pway/BDGM from km 46.00 to 117.96 in CG-BRML section under ADEEN/BDGM	88,000.00/-	60 Days	08 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
47,271,30/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
2	196-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Miscellaneous P.W. works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P Way/BAHL from km 150 to 166 in BAHL-CG section & km 0 to 48 under ADEEN/BDGM	80,000.00/-	60	08 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
44,98,665.79/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
3	201-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Miscellaneous P.W. works for track maintenance of girder BRML section in the section of ADEEN/BDGM	88,000.00/-	60	08 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
44,98,813.00/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
4	200-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Annual maintenance of water treatment plants and supply of consumables at various stations and colonies under SSE/WBAHL (Bugin, Mazhron, Pattan, Hameer, Scope and Baranulla) on BAHL- BRML section in the section of ADEEN/BDGM	7990.00/-	60	12 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
38,45,047.00/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
5	201-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Annual maintenance of water treatment plants and supply of consumables at various stations and colonies under SSE/WBAHL (Oazgund, Sadura, Anantnag, Bijbehra, Panigam, Awantipura, Kakapora & Pampore) on BAHL - BRML section in the section of ADEEN/BDGM	78,800/-	60	12 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
39,38,998.65/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
6	202-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Painting of FOBs and other allied works in BAHL-BRML section under ADEEN/BDGM	90,000/-	60	04 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
44,99,064.15/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					
7	203-2023-24- BDGM-DRM-FZR	Repair to sheet piling of central dome and repair to flooring, sanitary and other allied works at CRH BDGM section ADEEN/BDGM	66,200.00/-	60	05 Months
Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer/Period of Completion					
33,11,622.55/-					
Similar nature of work:- "Nil".					

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.  
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# Lt Governor addressed the Foundation Day Ceremony of University of Jammu

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**JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 05:** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the Foundation Day Ceremony of the University of Jammu, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of the University on the occasion and highlighted the key role being played by the Higher education institutions like Jammu University in all-round and speedy development of the nation.

“With several landmark initiatives such as ‘Design Your Degree’ and ‘College on Wheels’, Jammu University is making an immense contribution to brighten J&K’s image globally in research, innovation and economic development,” the Lt Governor said.

He said the futuristic approach of the University and the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 have ensured the best academic practices and top-class skilled workforce to meet future challenges.

The Lt Governor



impressed upon the higher education institutions and the teaching community to promote independent thinking, creativity, research and new inventions in the campus. All the inventions of the world, all the institutions that have been formed, all the new ideas that have become possible in the humanities, are products of someone’s imagination. The prime objective of every University should be igniting that imagination in young minds, he said. “Education is the journey of endless exploration and learning. It is the responsibility of teachers to innovatively set up a system in their classrooms to

encourage new ideas, provide clear goals and inculcate dedication, confidence, optimism and curiosity for the journey ahead,” the Lt Governor said. In the last three years, our higher education institutions have made efforts to eliminate the barriers that exist between departments, tried to make the curriculum more flexible to promote lifelong learning, and continue to reinvent the classroom concepts, encouraging mentoring rather than teaching, the Lt Governor added. Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu gave an overview of the key initiatives taken by the university.

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- With several landmark initiatives such as ‘Design Your Degree’ & ‘College on Wheels’, Jammu University is making immense contribution to brighten J&K’s image globally in research, innovation and economic development: LG
- The futuristic approach of University and implementation of NEP 2020 have ensured best academic practices and top-class skilled workforce to meet future challenges: LG Sinha
- All the inventions of the world, all the institutions that have been formed, all the new ideas that have become possible in the humanities, are products of someone’s imagination. The prime objective of every University should be igniting that imagination in young minds: LG
- Education is the journey of endless exploration and learning: LG Sinha
- It is the responsibility of teachers to innovatively set up a system in their classrooms to encourage new ideas, provide clear goals and inculcate dedication, confidence, optimism and curiosity for the journey ahead: LG
- In last 3 years, our higher education institutions have made efforts to eliminate the barriers that exist between departments, tried to make curriculum more flexible to promote lifelong learning and continue to reinvent the classroom concepts, encouraging mentoring rather than teaching: LG

On the occasion, the Lt Governor was conferred with Shikshan-Kul Gaurav Samman by Higher Education Institutes of J&K. At the University, the Lt Governor inaugurated the Community Radio Station of Jammu University - 91.2 FM-Dhwani JU. This radio station will play a key role in Jan-Bhagidari, strengthen the education ecosystem, connect with the

society and it will generate awareness about various issues concerning the common man, he said. University of Jammu also inked a Memorandum of Understanding with IIM Jammu that will help in fostering the advancement in the key areas ranging from teaching, research, and cultural understanding and promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and incubation.

# Secy Revenue Deptt, senior officers attend camps across J&K

### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 05:** Secretary, Revenue, Dr. Piyush Singla, along with senior officers from the department, virtually participated in various Tehsil level camps organized as part of the Bhrashtachar Mukh Week across Jammu and Kashmir.

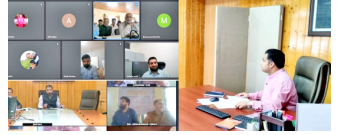
The officers engaged with District and Tehsil level officers to assess the effectiveness of information dissemination and grievance redressal efforts. They also gathered valuable feedback on Revenue Online Services from the beneficiaries attending the camps.

Dr. Singla attended camps held in different parts of District Pulwama, where he interacted with Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Basharat Qayoom and other senior officers from the District and Tehsil Administration.

During these discussions, the Secretary addressed important issues like status of online services, pending cases under PSGA, and the progress of the Auto Appeal system.

The Secretary emphasized on the implementation of e-office as it is a top priority for the Government, and the District must ensure its full implementation on the ground.

The camps witnessed enthusiastic participation from the public, and beneficiaries from various camps had the opportunity to directly interact with the Secretary, providing valuable feedback on service delivery.



# DC Poonch visits Villages across the fence

### INTERACTS WITH THE PUBLIC AND EXPLORES TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES



### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**POONCH, SEPTEMBER 5:** Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police, Vinay Kumar, and a team of officers, recently conducted a visit to the area across the fence of village Serian, Degwar Maldiyana, Narkarkote, Langoor Post, Noorkote, and Khari Karmara.

The purpose of the visit was to interact with the public, assess the availability of basic amenities, and explore tourism opportunities in the region. During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Poonch paid a visit to the War Memorial Ajote and expressed his desire to keep it open for public visitors. He also announced plans to install the National Flag at the memorial within days. Recognizing the significance of the memorial and the sacrifices made by martyrs, he urged the CEO tourism, Dr. Mohammad Tanveer to promote tourism in the area, ensuring that the public becomes aware of the stories of these brave individuals. Accompanied by CEO Poonch Development Authority, Dr. Mohd. Tanveer Khan, Naib Tehsildar Gulpur, Akhter Abas, and other officials were also present during the tour. Deputy Commissioner Poonch reaffirmed his strong commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of the local community. Throughout the visit, Deputy Commissioner Poonch attentively listened to the grievances expressed by individuals, demonstrating empathy and understanding. The local residents expressed their deep appreciation for the Deputy Commissioner’s dedication in addressing their concerns and ensuring their well-being. Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Poonch conducted a thorough inspection of the bunkers in the area, prioritizing the safety and security of the residents.

# Arrangements for Shri Krishan Janmashtami reviewed at Ramban

### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 05:** Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Rajinder Sharma today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the arrangements for the celebration of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. The meeting was attended by ACR, Gias-ul-Haq; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Rajeev Gai; EO, MC Ramban, Sudershan Kumar; Dy. SP Traffic, Ifikhar, AD Fire & Emergency and other concerned officers.

It was informed in the meeting that Jhankies will be taken out from different catchment areas of the Ramban which will visit the identified locations of Ramban town and temples.

The ADDC directed the concerned departments to ensure proper arrangements regarding security, sanitation, medical facilities, drinking water and other basic amenities for smooth and successful celebration of the festival.

# Chief Secretary attends 52nd National Handball Championship

### SAYS JK HAS UNDERGONE HUGE TRANSFORMATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS

### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5:** Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today attended the 52nd Senior National (Men) Handball Championship at Indoor Stadium Srinagar.

The Championship was organised by J&K Handball Association under the aegis of Handball Association India in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC). Around 32 teams from UTs and States of India participated in the championship from September 1 to 5. Haryana clinched the 52nd national senior men’s handball championship by defeating Railways. Jammu & Kashmir and Gujarat were declared joint second runners up in the championship.

Dr Mehta who was Chief Guest on the occasion remarked that the UT has undergone a transformation in Sports culture and infrastructure during the last few



years. He said that it is heartening to see that half of the population of Jammu and Kashmir is now actively involved with sports. He remarked that sports plays critical role in personality development besides shaping one’s career as well. He also enjoined upon the players and sports loving persons to encourage people from all walks of life to participate in sports which is necessary to create positivity in life.

Dr Mehta further remarked that sports has been among the top priorities of the administration and of the UT. He now become the powerhouse of sporting talent. He said that the government has taken a number of steps to nurture the talent of

budding sportspersons of J&K, like ensuring at least one playfield in every Panchayat, establishing Youth Clubs and organising a number of sporting activities round the year.

Maintaining that J&K is witnessing a new revolution in Sports sector, CS said that youth of Jammu and Kashmir have immense sporting potential with many players from the UT representing the country in different arenas. He said that the UT is as equipped as other parts of country and has potential to produce world-class sportspersons. He also interacted with the participating teams and appreciated them for playing in the spirit of the game.

# E- auction of fancy numbers fetches Rs 16.10 lakh revenue in three days

### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 5:** The Transport department has collected Rs 16.10 lakh revenue through the e-auction of fancy number plates in the UT in first e-auction of fancy numbers.

The e-Auction of fancy number is one of the faceless services of Motor Vehicle Department recently launched by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta.

According to online details ,

about 81 applicants had registered online from different RTOs/ARTOs to participate in online bidding for different fancy registration number in first round until Tuesday afternoon in first cycle.

In the first week of September, the coveted number JK02DP0786 was auctioned for nearly Rs. 151000. Similarly, JK02DP001 was auctioned for nearly Rs 151000. Registration numbers starting from 0001 to 9999 are put for public auction.

As per user manual, the vehicle owner can register themselves on the national transport website: <https://vahan.parivahan.gov.in/fancy> (user manual available at portal) and the link of the same is also available on the UT administration transport department website: [www.jktrans.gov.in](http://www.jktrans.gov.in) to obtain the unique acknowledgement number (UAN) for login and participation in Bidding process after submission of registration and reserve money. The fancy

number plates have been divided into different categories with a different reserve/base price for each category.

The new online facility will not only bring transparency to the whole system but will also ensure the identity of the person is hidden until the final

auction procedure is started. Earlier the vehicle owners had to visit the concerned RTOs /ARTOs and quote a price apart from the prescribed fees and deposit a demand draft of that

price at concerned offices and the vehicle owner who bids the higher price was allotted the fancy number. From now onwards they can avail this services from comfort of their homes by simply clicking on official website of the department.

Sharing details, Secretary Transport, Prasanana Ramaswamy G added that the move is intended to bring transparency in issuing fancy numbers.

# Justice Tashi celebrates Teachers Day at Bal Niketan Jammu

### JJ NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 05:** To commemorate the celebrations of Teachers Day and International Day of Charity, DLSA Jammu in collaboration with Global Peace Organization organized an awareness cum felicitation function at Bal Niketan Ved Mandir, Amphalla here.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladhakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi highlighted the importance of Teacher’s day and recalled the self-less serv-

ices rendered by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as a Philosopher, Scholar, Vice Chancellor of different Universities, first Vice President and Second President of Independent India. Justice Tashi impressed upon the students to follow the path shown by their teachers in order to prosper in life.

Giving details about the celebration of International Day of Charity, Justice Tashi said that to acknowledge the services rendered by one of the greatest philanthropist of the modern world namely Mother Teresa, the United Nation General Assembly passed a resolution in the year 2012 to celebrate 5th September every



year as International Day of Charity and since then this day is observed in the whole world as such. Justice Tashi remarked that the best way for a teacher to

do charity is by imparting education and knowledge those children who are unable to get education, because of poor economic conditions. While congratulating the

teachers of the Ved Mandir on being awarded Commendation certificates in recognition of their services, he urged them to work tirelessly to ensure that the chil-

dren living in the said home are not left behind in this world, where competition is becoming tough day by day. He also hoped that the management and the staff of the Ved Mandir shall continue its great work which this institution is doing for more than a century. Principal District & Session Judge (Chairman, DLSA Jammu), Sanjay Parihar, in his welcome address gave a brief account of the purpose of organizing such an event at Bal Niketan to celebrate Teachers Day and International Day of Charity.

During the programme, Commendation Certificates were distributed among the teaching and non-teaching

faculty of the Ved Mandir in recognition of the contributions made by them towards the lives of inmates of the said home. Justice Tashi also distributed appreciation certificates and gifts amongst the meritorious children.

The inmates on the occasion also performed Ved Vandana. Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta; Secretary DLSA Jammu, Smiti Sharma; Shafig Ahmad, President Global Peace Organization alongwith other office bearers, Panel Lawyers, members of Child Welfare Committee Jammu and Para Legal Volunteers were also present on the occasion.