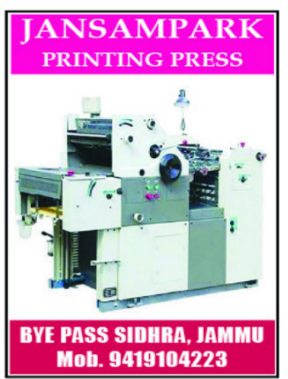




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Jet Deal, Civil Nuclear Technology on agenda as PM Modi holds bilateral with president Biden

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on Thursday sat down for a bilateral meeting in the national capital, ahead of the G20 Summit starting Friday.

The ongoing talks being held at Prime Minister Modi's official residence - 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in New Delhi - will cover wide-ranging issues and will be focused on deepening bilateral ties.

"Prime Minister @narendramodi and @POTUS @JoeBiden are holding talks at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in Delhi. Their discussions include a wide range of



issues and will further deepen the bond between India and USA," read a post by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on X.

dramodi and @POTUS @JoeBiden are holding talks at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in Delhi. The bilateral meeting between the two leaders will be

an opportunity for both leaders to pick up from where they left off during PM Modi's maiden State visit to the US in June.

The bilateral meeting is expected to see meaningful advancements on the GE jet engine deal and civil nuclear technology, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan was quoted as saying in a Reuters report.

President Biden arrived in New Delhi earlier on Friday for the G20 Summit. This is his first visit to India as President.

He was received at the airport by Union Minister of State, Gen (retd.) VK Singh. US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti

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J&K witnessing peace due to sacrifice of fallen heroes, says police chief

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEP 8

Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing growing peace and stability because of the sacrifices of the police's fallen heroes, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Friday.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police is proud of its martyrs who sacrificed their lives while protecting the people and the nation, he added.

"Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing growing peace and stability because of the sacrifices of our fallen heroes," he said at the closing ceremony of the Shaheed Aman Memorial T20 Cricket Tournament in Kishtwar.

Singh said the police have been organising the tournament over the past four years to pay tribute to its "fallen heroes". Deputy Superintendent of Police Aman Thakur died in



2019 during an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam.

He also praised the youngsters as representatives of the changing Jammu and Kashmir.

"The youth are representing the changing Jammu and Kashmir with their huge participation in sports," he said. Singh also sought the people's continuous cooperation in

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26 years on, Kathua's Lowang-Baugh road still incomplete

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SRINAGAR, SEP 8

After 26 years, a vital road in Bani Tehsil of Kathua district is awaiting completion.

Locals from the Bani area of Kathua told news agency that work on Lowang-Baugh started in 1997 and is still incomplete.

They said the four kilometer road was sanctioned in the District Plan, but hardly one kilometer is completed in 26 years, that too without any side walls and protection walls.

Mudasar Ali, a local social activist, told KNO that work was abandoned soon after it was started and since then no work has been done on it.

"Currently the road is lying in a very dilapidated condition making it prone to accidents. Any untoward accident may happen anytime if no attention is not given up," he said.

Locals said that the government must constitute a committee to enquire why no work has been taken up for around three decades.

"We are facing a lot of inconveniences due to the dilapidated condition of the road especially during emergencies," they said.

The worst affected are young children, ailing people and aged persons who are forced to talk or travel on potholed and dilapidated roads," locals said.

They have sought intervention of LG Manoj Sinha and Deputy Commissioner Kathua in this regard.

They said it was proposed that the project would be completed under Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) but remained in papers only.

Officials of PMGSY, however, said there is no such proposal and plan before them and it may be with the R & B department.

Officials of the R&B department also said that work on the road was started under district plan but locals had later objected to construction demanding compensation for land and property.

They said that there is no proposal with them as of now. KNO

After dry spell in Sep-Aug, deficit rainfall to continue till next 10 days: MeT

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 8

Amid persistent hot and dry weather conditions in Jammu & Kashmir, the weatherman here has predicted continuous deficit rainfall for the next 10 days in the Union Territory.

Director Meteorological (MeT), Sonum Lotus told the news agency that weather conditions across Jammu & Kashmir remained hot & dry.

He added that Kupwara was hottest in Kashmir today where a maximum temperature of 33.3 degree Celsius was recorded & Jammu City was the

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BSF SDG visits Gurez sector to review operational preparedness on LoC

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 8

Special Director General (SDG) of Border Security Force's Western Command B Khurania on Friday visited the forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu Kashmir's Bandipora district to review the operational preparedness.

Khurania visited the forward areas of Gurez sector in Bandipora and reviewed the operational prepared-



ness of the troops deployed on the LoC, BSF Kashmir said on X.

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Municipal polls in J&K

CEO extends deadline for feedback on reservation proposal

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 8

Jammu & Kashmir's chief electoral officer on Friday extended the

deadline for filing objections/ suggestions on draft reservation proposal of wards for urban local bodies.

Citing demand from political parties and other stakeholders, the CEO today extended the timeline for submission of feedback over the proposal till September 14.

".....Keeping in view the demand of various stakeholders and in order to give fair opportunity to all stakeholders to make their claims/ objections, the last date for receiving objections/ suggestions w.r.t. the draft reservation notification is hereby extended

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National counter-Terrorist exercise of State, central police forces planned next month



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A joint exercise of various state and central police counter-terrorist forces is planned to be held next month by the federal contingency commando force NSG as part of a strategy to fine tune the national crisis management plan and enhance jointness, official sources said on Friday.

The ninth edition of the exercise code-named "Agni Pariksha" is slated to be held between October 24 and November 4 at the garrison of the 'black cats' commandos force

in Manesar (Gurugram).

The joint national level exercise aims to enhance the counter-terrorist expertise of the state police anti-terrorist squads and those from the central armed police forces (CAPFs) as they are the first responders in case of a terrorist attack, a senior Union home ministry official said.

The aim of this exercise is to ensure minimum casualties and collateral damage during such operations and to achieve better results even as the NSG joins them in due course during a crisis that can occur in any form and in any part of the country, he said.

The exercise, like its earlier editions, will help all the forces understand their respective strengths, weaknesses and provide a platform to share best practices, a CAPF officer said.

The NSG, as the lead and the federal counter-terrorist and anti-hijack operations force, will also share the expertise it has developed to detect and defuse improvised explosive devices (IEDs), threat from rogue drones and commando skills required for unarmed combat, during the event, the second officer said.

About 10-15 forces are expected to participate in the mega exercise that will include firing of live ammunition and display of various commando skills.

The NSG was raised as a federal counter-terrorist force in 1984 to undertake surgical commando operations to neutralise terrorist and hijack threats.

It has five hubs or bases across the country, apart from its main garrison in Manesar and a station near the Delhi international airport.

The hubs are located in Gandhinagar, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chennai and a team of commandos is stationed in readiness 24x7 at each of these centres to respond to any threat situation within a 30-minute mobilisation time-frame. (Agencies)

India's G20 presidency coincides with India's glory in space: Dr Jitendra



AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 8

India's G20 Presidency coincides with India's glory in Space, said Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy.

"G20 Summit is happening in India at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as the tallest leader of the world. The Summit is taking place at a time when India's flag is flying on the South Pole of Moon, the first time any spacecraft has landed on the farther side of the Moon and the nation's achievements in Science & Technology, including the pioneering R&D success story in Covid vaccine, are being hailed across the globe," the Minister said.

True to the spirit of 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam', the theme of the G20 Summit in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the world today acknowledges PM Modi's mantra of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.' In an exclusive interview during

"Doordarshan Dialogue G20" on the eve of G20 Summit here, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India is ready to lead the world in more ways than one. For any future science endeavour, including in the Space sector, all the stakeholder nations of the world would need to come together, he added.

"If we have to go beyond this, we have to move on collectively, because we are part of the global world. So any further growth has to happen in a much, much extended integration. The main characteristic of the growth from here onwards would be that it would be largely technology driven," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

Pointing out that India's Space programme is now at an equal pace with the world's leading Space agencies, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the NASA might have been the first to land on the moon, but it was India's Chandrayaan-1 that picked up possible evidence of water molecules on the Moon and now Chandrayaan-3 has for the first time landed on the South Pole of the moon.

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Two terrorist associates arrested in Pulwama: Police

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Police arrested two terrorist associates linked with LeT in Gudoora area of Pulwama district on Friday and recovered incriminating materials from their possession.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that acting on specific

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Hybrid terrorist, his associate arrested in Budgam: Police

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Police along with Army apprehended a hybrid terrorist and his associate in Pakharpora area of Budgam district on Friday.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that the duo has been

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Jammu poised for big political role in 'Naya J&K': Rana



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Reiterating that the Jammu interest will always remain sacrosanct and paramount, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said, post Article 370 abrogation era has rekindled a hope and paved a way for this region to play equal role in decision-making and governance of Jammu and Kashmir, ending the decades old spell of deprivation, discrimination and ignominy.

"Delimitation of legislative constituencies is a big stride towards political empowerment of the Union Territory in general and the Jammu region in particular, with marginalised segments like displaced persons of POJK, Paharis, Gujjars and Bakerwals getting a sense of belonging in the overall political structure, heretofore the entitlement of chosen few", Mr Rana said while interacting with media persons on the sidelines of the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here alongwith Smt. Veenu Khanna, BJP State Secretary.

He blamed the Congress for degrading Jammu politically to the extent of playing second fiddle to elite class of politicians who did not spare even the vast mass of Kashmiris, least to speak of respecting the aspirations of this region.

Exploiting religious and regional sentiments as per political expediencies has been their fort to remain glued to power. While the Congress presided over the subjugation of the Jammu region, the Valley centric parties all along ignored the then two regions of Jammu and Ladakh just for having no base or stakes outside Kashmir, he said, adding that he kept raising his voice for the legitimate cause of Jammu during those gloomy times.

Rana said that he will continue to work for the betterment and fulfilment of aspirations of the people of Jammu region in the larger ambit of carving out 'Naya J&K' as per vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the Union Territory is in the making of a real jewel in the crown of India with peace and normalcy dawning and bringing glory to the Valley. The past four years of post Article 370 repeal have witnessed huge transformation taking place with tourist footfall breaking earlier and making new records, thus bringing cheer in the lives of the people, not only across the Valley but also the Jammu region too. He referred to fillip in Jammu economy due to influx of record pilgrim arrivals for onward journey to Shri Amarnathji Cave Shine on the Kashmir Himalayas during the just concluded pilgrimage. The stone

throwing and hartal culture has been taken over by humming tourism and economic activities. This has obviously rattled the power lorn political actors, who had been thriving on miseries and agonies of their own brethren, he said while referring to the death and destruction between 2009 and 2018 in particular.

To a question, Mr Devender Rana said that the BJP stand of 'no road, no toll, on Saroor Plaza is clear while the party has been emphatically pitching for relief to poor segments of society while installing smart power meters. He also referred to holistic development taking place across Jammu and Kashmir as per commitments of the Prime Minister from time. The inadequacies if any are being plugged with timely interventions, he said, adding development and welfare being a continuous process will get further fillip during the third tenure of Yashasvi Narendra Modiji.

"BJP has been on mission mode in respect of bringing complete peace and normalcy besides ensuring equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir", Mr Devender Rana said, adding that the milestones registered in the past four years stand testimony to the sincerity of the governments at the Centre and here.

Responding to another question, Mr Rana decried the disinformation campaign of some political parties with vested interest, saying that they were generating passions over the issue of lands and jobs. By hoodwinking public opinion. He cautioned people to remain vigilant against the machinations of the obstructive politicians who had lost their political relevance.

Earlier, Mr Rana, met various delegations during the weekly public hearing and listened to collective and individual problems. He assured that these will be taken up with the concerned for appropriate action.

Jugal Kishore Sharma leads political transition as BJP members join AZAD Party



JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, SEPT 08: Former minister Jugal Kishore Sharma played a pivotal role in a significant political development as he attended and presided over a crucial party meeting in Devigarh, Sukhal Ghati. The gathering witnessed a substantial number of individuals from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) officially joining

the Azaadi Zindabad Awaam Party (AZAD Party or DPAP). The meeting served as a platform to discuss the extensive work carried out by Mr. Sharma in the region, contrasting it with the apparent lack of recent development in the area.

People in attendance openly voiced their grievances, expressing their concerns about the perceived neglect of the

region by the current BJP government.

They highlighted the need for attention to critical issues and development initiatives that have been long overdue. The meeting was not just a political event but a reflection of the aspirations and hopes of the local community.

Prominent figures who attended the meeting included District

President Bishan Magotra, Vice President Ramesh Singh, General Secretary Ganesh Singh, and District Youth President Sushant Dubey. Additionally, several dedicated local members of the party, including Prem Singh, Mantha Ram, Karan Singh, Chanchal Singh, Sansar Singh, and numerous other grassroots workers, added strength to the gathering.

This development signifies a significant shift in the political landscape of the area, as individuals from various backgrounds and affiliations have come together under the banner of the AZAD Party, seeking to address the long-standing issues facing their region.

The meeting concluded with a sense of unity and purpose, as participants pledged to work together towards achieving the shared goal of meaningful development and progress for the people of the area.

NC pays tribute to Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah on his 41st death anniversary



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: J&K National Conference today paid glorious tributes to Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on the occasion of his 41st death anniversary in a function held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu.

Rattan Lal Gupta, while praising Sheikh Abdullah, discussed various aspects of his life and highlighted his contributions to improve the conditions for the weaker and downtrodden sections of society. Describing Sheikh Abdullah as one of tallest and visionary leader of the

era of Mahatma Gandhi and Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Rattan Lal said that his secular and progressive outlook would continue to be a source of inspiration for generations. His dedication and sacrifice for the nation cannot be forgotten.

The Provincial President said that throughout his charismatic political career, Sher-e-Kashmir symbolized the aspirations of Jammu and Kashmir people as no single individual could have even dreamed of doing. "The best tribute to Sher-e-Kashmir will be to strengthen amity among Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs. He urged party workers to take pledge to uphold and preserve the legacy of amity, brotherhood and communal har-

mony bequeathed by him.

Ajay Sadhotra, senior NC leader and former minister, in his address, praised Sheikh Abdullah's slogan of 'Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Itihaad' and its resonance throughout Jammu and Kashmir. The former minister highlighted Sheikh Abdullah's dedication to fighting for the rights of oppressed sections of society, regardless of caste, creed, or religion. He emphasized Sheikh Abdullah's role in nurturing and strengthening bonds of love between different sections of society and regions of J&K and Ladakh.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Pardeep Bali, Jugal Mahajan, Abdul Gani Teli, Vijay Lochan, Satwant Dogra, Bimla Luthra, Harshvardhan Singh, Nar

Singh, Dr. Shamshad Shan, Shamim Begum, District Presidents Chander Mohan Sharma, Raghbir Singh Manhas, Saudagar Gupta, Laxmi Gupta, BDC Chairperson Ch Rehmat Ali, and Rajni Devi acknowledged Sheikh Abdullah's tireless efforts and sacrifices to uplift the impoverished people of Jammu and Kashmir. They credited Sheikh Abdullah with bringing new hope to the fear-stricken people of all regions of J&K. They called for unity, integrity, brotherhood, peace, progress, and prosperity in J&K, along with the preservation of secularism, socialism, and democratic rights.

Early in the morning Quran Khawani was performed at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu and organized by G.H Malik Senior leader in which special prayer offer for the peace to the departed soul.

All the districts of Jammu Province observed 41st death anniversary of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and paid rich tributes to the great leader at their respective headquarters.

Sikh organisations express concerns over exclusion from G20 Summit

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: In an emergency gathering of various Sikh organizations in Jammu and Kashmir, unity prevailed as members rallied under the leadership of S. Mohinder Singh, the Chief Organizer of Bhai Kanahiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and an Ex-member of DGPC Jammu. This assembly of Sikh community representatives resonated with a shared concern—the perceived disregard and neglect by the central government, which has deeply affected not only the Sikh community in the region but also Sikhs at large.

The Sikh community in Jammu and Kashmir has long been grappling with the feeling of being marginalized, unheard, and overlooked by those in power.

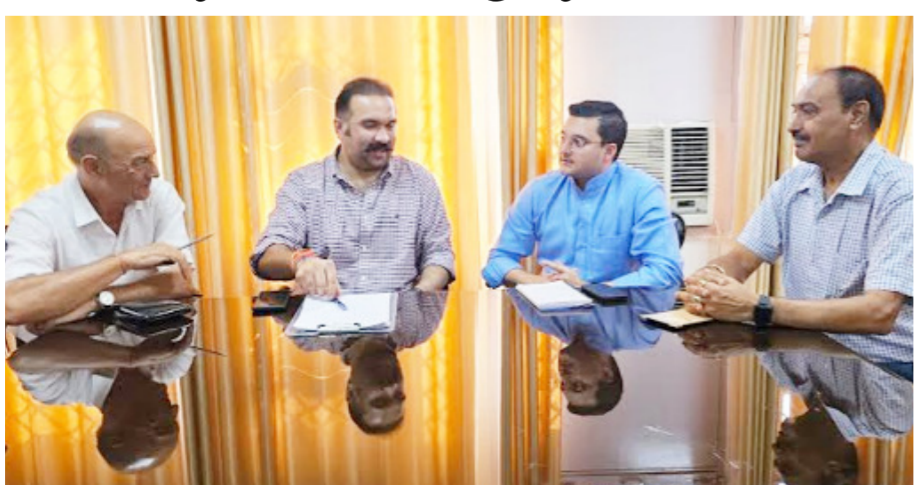
The latest grievance stems from the conspicuous absence of invitations for Sikh community representatives from Jammu and Kashmir to

participate in the G20 summit hosted in New Delhi. This global event encompasses discussions on a wide array of pressing international issues, including climate change, debt management, multinational corporation taxation, currency regulations, food and energy security, sustainability, and geopolitical conflicts.

The meeting drew notable figures from various Sikh organizations in the region, highlighting the depth of concern and unity among the community. Among those present were S. Darbinder Singh, President of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Rajinder Singh, General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Gajan Singh, President of J&K Motor Transport Company Association, S. Raja Singh, Sarpanch and Ex-Member of DGPC Jammu, S. Ravinder Singh, Sarpanch and General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Joint

Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Smt. Kuldeep Kour, President of Istri Akali Dal J&K, Smt. Gurmeet Kour, General Secretary of Istri Akali Dal J&K, S. Charanjeet Singh (KAS), a retired SDM, Prof. Yudhvir Singh, a Corporator, S. Charan Singh Bali, Convenor of Kashmir Province Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Harpreet Singh Chhotu, President of Youth Akali Dal J&K, S. Surjeet Singh Kukoo, President of Sikh Naujwan Sabha, S. Manmohan Singh, Chairman of Gurdwara Singh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu, S. Kuldeep Singh Malik, S. Kulwant Singh, S. Rasbir Singh, S. Paramjeet Singh Raina, an Ex-Corporator, S. Tejpal Singh, S. Kultar Singh, and Charanveer Singh (Lad). This gathering not only signifies the concerns of the Sikh community but also underscores their unity and determination to ensure that their voices are heard and their interests are recognized on the national and global stage.

Trustees Ranvijay Singh & Martand Singh review functioning of J&K Dharmarth Trust



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Trustees Ranvijay Singh and Martand Singh today visited the Central Office of J&K Dharmarth Trust in Jammu to oversee the

Trust's operations and receive updates on its ongoing initiatives.

Upon their arrival, the Trustees were warmly welcomed by Brig R.S Langeh (Retd), President of the Trust, along with Secretary

Ashok Kumar Sharma, Additional Secretary Varinder Jamwal, and staff members of the Trust.

Trust President presented a detailed overview of the Trust's activities, emphasizing its ongoing

projects and initiatives aimed at serving the spiritual and cultural needs of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. During their visit, the Trustees shared their views to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Trust. They encouraged employees to work with great dedication and enthusiasm for the upliftment of the Trust.

The Trustees also extended their appreciation to the senior functionaries and employees of the Trust for their unwavering commitment and dedication in successfully conducting the annual Rath Yatra and Special midnight Puja on Shri Krishna Janamashtami at Shri Raghunath ji Temple.

Building Bridges: Indian Army's interactive meet with Gujjars & Bakkarwals

JI NEWS SERVICE

NOWSHERA, SEPT 08: Continuing its dedicated efforts to establish a strong connection with and address the challenges faced by the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities, the Indian Army orchestrated a noteworthy interactive session in the serene surroundings of Rajpur Kamila, Nowshera, Rajouri.

The primary aim of this session was to bridge the gap between the remote villages of Rajpur Kamila & Bhata and the authorities, allowing the local residents to voice their opinions, concerns, and views on crucial aspects affecting their community. This initiative served as a significant platform not only for discussing practical solutions to their immediate problems but also for providing valuable insights on issues like women's empowerment, children's education, healthcare, future opportunities, and the paramount importance of skill development among the youth.

One of the focal points of the discussion was the empowerment of women within the community. Acknowledging the pivotal role that



women play in the family and society, the session emphasized their participation in decision-making processes and their involvement in activities that could uplift the community as a whole.

Another critical aspect highlighted during the interactive session was the importance of education, particularly the schooling of children. The attendees deliberated on ways to ensure better access to quality education for the younger generation, recognizing education as a vital tool for individual and community growth.

Furthermore, the dialogue extended to discussions about healthcare facilities and their accessibility in the remote areas. The Indian Army's commitment to

enhancing healthcare infrastructure and services for the Gujjars and Bakkarwals was acknowledged during these deliberations.

The session also delved into future prospects, emphasizing the need for opportunities that could empower the youth and enable them to contribute positively to society. Skill development emerged as a central theme, with participants recognizing the value of acquiring practical skills that could lead to gainful employment and entrepreneurship.

As the interactive session drew to a close, all the attendees united in expressing their heartfelt appreciation for the Indian Army's unwavering support to the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities.

J&K unites in patriotism under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign: Jasrotia

Pays tributes to Amar Shaheed Krantiveer Havildar Jagir Singh and Shaheed Joginder Singh at Rakh Lachhipur



J I NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPT 08: Former Minister Rajeev Jasrotia today paid floral tribute to Amar Shaheed Krantiveer Havildar Jagir Singh and Shaheed Joginder Singh at Rakh Lachhipur under Meri Mati Mera Desh program. Jagir Singh martyred for the country in 2004 and Joginder Singh martyred in 1989. Jasrotia collected 'Mitti' (soil) from every home, especially the homes of martyrs and the prominent ones under the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Gurmeet Singh, Randeep Singh, Paramjit Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Gurjit Singh, Fauja Singh, Ashok Jasrotia, Gyan Singh, Vidya Sagar besides others.

Department of Ayush organizes free medical camp at Kalali Tibba, RS Pura



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: The Department of Ayush organized a free medical camp at Kalali Tibba in RS Pura, Srinagar, coinciding with the annual Mela organized by the Jai Baba Birfa Nath Ji Trust. This medical camp was carried out under the directive of Dr. Mohan Singh, the Director of Ayush. The District Ayush Officer, in response to this directive, assembled a team of dedicated doctors from the Ayush Unit. The medical team included Dr. Samta, Dr. Arti, Dr. Kavita, and Head Pharmacist Naresh Kumar Sharma. The government's proactive approach in organizing

Ayush medical camps at the community level reflects its commitment to ensuring that healthcare reaches every doorstep. These initiatives are aimed at benefiting the masses with providing access to Ayush treatments and therapies. Additionally, a team of experienced yoga therapists was present at the camp to guide attendees on exercises that could alleviate common issues such as back pain and neck pain. The primary objective of this medical camp was to raise public awareness about Ayush and the advantages of its traditional medicines. The response from the local community was overwhelming, with nearly

5000 individuals benefiting from this invaluable service. People from all walks of life flocked to the medical camp, expressing their gratitude for the authorities' efforts in bringing healthcare services directly to their communities. The Department of Ayush in Jammu and Kashmir has ambitious plans to continue organizing such medical camps in the future. The goal is to ensure that people are not only aware of Ayush medicines but also experience their benefits firsthand. These initiatives aim to bridge the gap in healthcare accessibility and promote holistic well-being. The organizers of the Mela expressed their

supreme sacrifices for nation are lucky ones and we must stand by the family members of martyrs so that they don't feel alienated.

Jasrotia said that people should not forget the days when our soldiers give their lives while guarding borders for nation's safety. He said that the youth must unite and stand in support of our forces so that they should not feel demoralized in the hands of anti-national elements. He said that being patriotic towards the nation is everyone's responsibility, for we as a society and as a group. He added that there is no nation without people and vice-versa and 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign is to honour the country's martyred brave hearts, who put their life at stake for the safety and security of general masses. He remarked that this campaign is envisaged from 9th August 2023 as a culminating event of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and it is a tribute to the Veers and Veeranganas who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

Jasrotia said that 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' also envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and valour, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. He highlighted that by connecting with the land and honouring our heroes, this program will instill a sense of national pride and inspire future generations to protect India's cherished heritage. He further said that youth form a major part of our nation and being patriotic towards it is their major responsibility.

heartfelt appreciation to the ISM Department for their thoughtful gesture of organizing a free medical and awareness camp at Kalali Tibba. They commended the ISM Department of J&K and the dedicated doctors for their selfless service to humanity. In return, the medical team also conveyed their gratitude to the Mela organizers for their cooperation and support in making the camp a success.

In conclusion, this free medical camp organized by the Department of Ayush at Kalali Tibba in RS Pura stands as a shining example of proactive healthcare outreach. It not only provided essential medical services but also educated the public about the benefits of Ayush treatments.

Such initiatives serve as a bridge between traditional healthcare and modern medical practices, ultimately benefiting the well-being of the community.

The commitment to continue these efforts ensures that healthcare remains accessible to all, regardless of their location or economic background.

Mega Awareness Camp organised by Indian Army alongwith Civil Administration



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Indian army alongwith civil administration and Narayana Lower Panchayat, organised a mega awareness camp on govt welfare schemes at border village Narayan in Pallanwala Sector, Tehsil Khour, Jammu district.

The camp was inaugurated by Mr Anil Kumar Thakur, SDM Khour in presence of officials from various govt departments. A total of nine departments participated in the camp that is Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare,

Horticulture, Agriculture, Banking, Common Service Centre, Insurance, Revenue and Zila Sainik Board.

Officials from each department briefed people about the various initiatives and the schemes that have been taken out by the govt for all sections of the society and how it benefits them and their family. The eligible persons including youths, elders, women and children were then assisted by the departments in applying and getting enrolled for these schemes there itself while the redressal cell assisted in resolving

their issues with respect to any scheme.

The camp also included 5 army/civil doctors and 9 paramedics who provided free medical check up and medicines to the locals.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Anil Kumar Thakur, SDM Khour said the initiative of organising an awareness camp was taken by White Knight Corps of Indian Army and civil administration Khour to bridge the gap between the govt and border villages and ensure that these welfare initiatives reaches to every person in the district including the border area villages. He said that it is important for everyone to know about the various schemes and urged them to take maximum benefits out of these. He also promised early redressal to those facing any issue. Sarpanch and locals expressed their gratitude to Indian Army and Khour Administration for organising this awareness camp and providing a unique opportunity to the border area villages to have their issues addressed by respective departments. By the end many men and women could be seen applying for various schemes.

"World's 1st Pashmina Transparency Framework" launched by Pashmina Goat Project (Start-Up)

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Pashmina Goat Project, a pioneering brand name in the world of sustainable fashion and The Real Pashmina, announced the launch of its innovative "Pashmina Transparency Framework" for Technology Development for the Global Pashmina Industry. This groundbreaking framework is set to transform the way the real pashmina industry operates by ensuring complete transparency from the beginning to the end of every real Pashmina shawl production cycle within the pashmina ecosystem.

Dr. Babar Afzal (Founder) and Dr. Henna Ajnum (Co-Founder) shared that traditionally known for its luxurious softness and timeless appeal, pashmina wool has long been a sought-after material in the fashion industry. However, concerns about ethical sourcing, authenticity, and sustainability have challenged the industry's practices. The Framework that the start-up had developed aims to address these challenges head-on by leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as Blockchain, artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and Web 3.0 to create an unprecedented level of transparency and traceability. By utilizing these technologies every step in the pashmina shawl production process is securely recorded in an immutable and tamper-proof ledger. This not only guarantees the authenticity of each product but also provides a comprehensive audit trail for all stakeholders. AI powered authentication can be used to verify the authenticity of pashmina materials, thereby preventing the circulation of counterfeit products. IoT-enabled technology can monitor various



parameters such as temperature, humidity, and transportation conditions. And Web 3.0 Interface can allow consumers and stakeholders to access a wealth of information about the product's origin, production methods, and ethical practices. This fosters a sense of trust and connection between producers and consumers. Dr. Babar Afzal, (a former McKinsey Analyst and a Silicon Valley Techie) the Founder and CEO of Pashmina Goat Project and the Tech Lead for this groundbreaking framework, has been profiled by TIME Magazine, BBC, CNN, Bloomberg for his transition from a Silicon Valley Techie to becoming a Pashmina Goat Shepherd and the only Sustainable Luxury Pashmina Advocate in the world. He expressed his enthusiasm for the project and stated that "Our Technology Development Transparency Framework is a pivotal step toward ensuring that the pashmina industry aligns with modern values and trends of transparency and sustainability. We believe that by incorporating futuristic technologies that cover the loose ends of the value chain, we can empower consumers to make informed choices while simultaneously uplifting the livelihoods of those involved in the pashmina ecosystem." PASHMINA GOAT

PROJECT's Pashmina Transparency Framework heralds a new era of integrity and accountability in the global pashmina shawl industry.

With a commitment to ethical practices and technological innovation, the project aims to set a precedent for responsible fashion production worldwide. The framework presents the guiding principals and processes that will dictate the future technology developments to ensure that every aspect of the ecosystem is logged from origin to the final finished Pashmina shawl.

The "Artisan Process Framework" within the Broad Framework was contributed by Dr. Henna (The Founder of the Campaign #WhoMadeMyPashmina) and Alhana (Who Runs an Initiative "HER DREAM" for the young girls in the Pashmina Eco-System). The vision of the framework incorporates the welfare of the women and the future generations. Babar who is also, named as the Pashmina Prince, is the most credible voice and name for the authentic Pashmina eco-system of Indian Himalayas and is the only globally recognised voice for the advocacy for the authentic community of Pashmina shepherds, weavers, craftsmen and crafts women.

Professor Rajni Kant appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University Bhopal

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: In a significant appointment, Professor Rajni Kant, the Dean of Research Studies and a distinguished Physics professor at the University of Jammu, has been named as the Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University in Bhopal. This announcement follows a formal communication received by the university. Professor Rajni Kant's appointment is for a tenure of four years, further underscoring the trust placed in his leadership and academic prowess. Professor Rajni Kant's academic journey is marked by numerous accolades and pioneering contributions. He began his tenure at the University of Jammu as a Lecturer in 1989 and steadily climbed the academic ladder to become a full professor in 2003. Notably, he received the Young Scientist Award in 1991 from the State Council of Science and Technology, a testament to his early

academic excellence. His quest for knowledge took him to the University of Oxford, where he served as a DST-BOYSCAST fellow during 1994-95.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of science, Professor Rajni Kant was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of London (FRSC) last year, a prestigious honor bestowed upon distinguished scholars.

He is also a Fellow of the Indian Chemical Society, further underscoring his expertise in his field. In 2020, he was chosen as a Fellow of the Ministry of Human Resource Development under its LEAP-2.0 Programme, which he successfully completed at IIT Kharagpur and Cambridge University, U.K. His research in the area of small molecule X-ray crystallography has been presented at numerous international conferences in countries such as the USA, UK, Singapore, New Zealand, Thailand, Spain, Japan,

among others.

Professor Rajni Kant has played multifaceted roles at the University of Jammu, serving as Rector for Ramnagar and Kathua Campus, Chief Coordinator for all offsite campuses of JU, Controller of Examination, Director of College Development Council, Director of Distance Education, Director of Academic Staff College of UGC, and as the Dean of the Faculty of Science. Additionally, he has headed the Physics and Electronics Department. His commitment to academic excellence extends to mentoring the next generation of scholars, having guided 29 Ph.D. and 51 M.Phil students. His research portfolio includes 483 research papers published in national and international journals and the successful execution of eighteen research projects sanctioned by national funding agencies such as DST, UGC, CSIR, ICMR, and DAE.

Congress' intimacy with China again exposed in Belgium, Rahul should explain: Kavinder

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for again giving tender support to China in a presser at Belgium during his Europe tour.

In a hard hitting statement against Rahul and the Congress party, the BJP stalwart from J&K alleged that Congress' love and intimacy have once again been exposed in Europe as Rahul has extended a narrative that China's belt and road initiative is ultimate and India at the moment cannot give an alternative or compete with that nation. He said that the Congress leader, who seems to be hypnotized by the Chinese leadership like his family in the past



should stop making statements belittling India at the world forums. He said that if Congress leaders are so fascinated with China, they should move to that country because their anti-India stances at different levels are not in the interest of the country. He said that there is no surprise in both Congress and

China sharing the same pedestal on the issue of title Bharat because there seems to be a deep conspiracy against India otherwise there is no fun or interest of China in making unnecessary remarks on India's internal matter of change in title. He said that Congress has a history of acting like a tout of China as Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru had also shown loyalty towards Dragon by gifting hundreds of square miles to that country without any resistance. He said that Congress, which is a sinking ship can stoop low to seek help even if the step could be detrimental for the country therefore it is time for the countrymen to understand this fact and show the doors to oldest party of the country for making compromises more than once to satiate its vested interests.

DDC Ganderbal Convenes 24th BOCA meet of SDA

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 8

District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the 24th building operation and controlling Authority (BOCA) meeting of Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA) here today.

The meeting was attended by Chief Town Planner Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer (Member Secretary) SDA, Regional Director Ecology and Environment, Srinagar, Exen R&B, DFO, Sindh Forest Division, Representatives of Army and other concerned officers.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider

granting of permission for repair and renovation cases of various Army establishments in Sonamarg area as per the order issued by the Hon'ble High Court.

During the meeting deliberations were held on agenda points and after discussing various aspects for granting permission to the Army for repair and renovation the committee decided various cases on merit.

The DDC asked the representative of the Army to strictly adhere to the permission granted and devise a mechanism and share the details with SDA so that better regulation is achieved and no illegal construction is raised.

DLC meeting for finalization of beneficiaries under HADP for Sheep Husbandry Department held at Ganderbal

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 8

In order to finalize the selection of beneficiaries for various activities under two projects of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP), viz "Reorienting Priorities: Self-Sufficiency in Mutton Production in J&K" and "Promotion Of Wool/Pelt Processing And Marketing", the District Level Committee (DLC) headed by District Magistrate Ganderbal, Shyambir was conducted today here at Mini-Secretariat Ganderbal.

The meeting was attended by District heads of agriculture and allied departments, District Lead Bank Manager,

General Manager, DIC, representative from Co-operative department, representative from Rural development and Panchayati Raj department, representative from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ganderbal and two nominated progressive farmers.

A total of 32 beneficiaries were selected under various components of the above two projects pertaining to the Sheep Husbandry sector under HADP.

The selection was made in a transparent manner strictly in compliance to the guidelines scheme wherein due representation was given to Women, Schedule Tribe and Chopan communities.

Towns to wear new facade Div Com Kashmir issues slew of instructions to DCs

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 8

The idea of beautification of Towns in the valley is taking momentum as the Administration puts emphasis on redevelopment of pavements, alignment of electric poles, facade enhancement of buildings, lining of roads, removing of visual pollution and maintenance of parks.

To expedite the process of beautification of Towns, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners

and HoDs of various departments wherein he gave slew of directions for steps to be taken for makeover of towns.

He directed DCs to prepare most of the works by September 30, so that towns become attractive and appealing. He said that the administration is committed to beautification through different interventions of creativity. The Deputy Commissioners informed the meeting about the deft beautification and re-development works going on in their respective areas to cloak towns with new facade.

Bhrastachar Mukht Week: RDD Shopian organizes awareness camp



JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 8

Under the banner of week-long Bhrastachar Mukht J&K, Rural Development Department Shopian today organized an awareness camp at here.

This camp was presided over by ACD, Shopian, Hilal Ahmad Jerri. SDM Zainapora, Mush-taq Ahmad, ACR Shopian, Shahbaz Bodha and other officers and officials, students besides locals and social activists were also present on the occasion.

Various speakers spoke on the evils of corruption and its adverse impacts and impressed upon all to desist from corrupt practices.

Addressing the gathering, officers said that

the government is taking various measures for tackling the evil of corruption and highlighting those measures including impactful online services, RTI, PSGA, Grievance Redressal Mechanisms etc.

While highlighting the aim and objective of organising the camp, ACD said that this week-long programme is observed to discuss various aspects of corruption and take concrete steps to eradicate it.

On the occasion, many social activists were felicitated for their selfless services towards the betterment of the district.

Afterwards, an Anti Corruption Rally was organised, with the aim to convey the importance of a corruption free society.

DLSA Ganderbal observes International Literacy Day

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 8

District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal and Tehsil Legal Services Committee, Ganderbal in collaboration with Legal Aid Clinic, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir observed International Literacy Day today at Moot Court Hall, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, Tulmullah, Ganderbal.

The programme was held under the supervision of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and under the guidance of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak and JMICS/Munsiff Ganderbal, Mohd Waseem Mirza.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and empower individuals through education.

The programme began with welcome address and brief deliberation on the subject by Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Dean, Depart-



ment of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, Tulmullah, Ganderbal who delivered a brief but insightful deliberation on the theme of International Literacy Day.

Advocate Asif Mustafa (Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel), DLSA Ganderbal, who was the guest speaker, shed light on the significance of International Literacy Day. With an enthusiastic audience of students, staff, and faculty members, the

JKEDI invites applications from Startups to register under J&K Startup policy

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 8

Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today convened a meeting of senior Faculty members of the Institute to accelerate the registration of Startups under the Jammu and Kashmir Start-up Policy.

During the meeting, Director, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat emphasized on the crucial role that startups play in strengthening economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and advancing technological innovations.

He reiterated the Government's unwavering commitment to create an enabling and sustainable environment for startups to flourish in J&K, thereby making significant contributions to the Union Territory's socio-economic development.

"It is imperative that startups and business owners in Jammu and Kashmir take full advantage of the benefits offered under the Government's Startup Policy. These benefits can serve as cat-



alysts for the success of their ventures. We must ensure that startups register themselves on 'www.startupjk.com' portal to avail these benefits," he said.

"All faculty members and district officers of the Institute should actively work towards increasing the number of registered startups under this initiative. It is crucial to ensure a broad representation from all corners of the Union Territory, including remote, border, and tribal areas", he maintained.

We must provide comprehensive guidance and support to aspiring entrepreneurs to facilitate a smoother registration journey, he added.

JKEDI is the UT Nodal Agency for the implemen-

tation of the J&K Startup Policy. The policy offers a wide array of incentives and benefits to startups, including support in financial linkages, mentorship programs, and access to state-of-the-art infrastructure.

Some of the features of the policy are providing of Office Space, Monthly Allowance, Assistance for Product Research & Development/Marketing/Publicity, Energy Assistance, Patent Filing Cost Reimbursement, Tax benefits/Exemptions, Public Procurement Self Certification of compliance under Labour Laws, Exposure visits and workshops for Start-ups Infrastructure Support in addition to others. These measures are strategically designed

to encourage local talent to transform innovative concepts into thriving businesses, ultimately fostering economic self-sufficiency in the region.

Further, the Director encouraged faculty members and DNOs to identify promising startup ideas, and facilitate their seamless integration into the vibrant startup ecosystem.

Startups looking to register under J&K Startup Policy can visit the website www.startupjk.com, where they can access registration details and additional information about the policy.

Moreover, startups can directly reach out to In Charge CIIBM, JKEDI, Vishal Ray, on 9419216208 and Imtiyaz Ahmad Malla, Associate Project Manager, JKEDI, on 8825014846 or 01933-222267.

For inquiries via email, startups can use jkedi-public@gmail.com. They are also welcome to visit the district offices of the Institute, besides regional campuses at Bari Brahmana, Jammu and Sempora Pampore. More information is available on the Institute's official website, www.jkedi.org.

DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for 2nd phase of Meri Matti Mera Desh Campaign

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 8

The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers and reviewed the preparations for the upcoming 2nd phase of Meri Matti Mera Desh programme which shall commence from 11th September.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADC, Vikar Ahmad Giri, ACR, Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, besides officers of RDD & PR, Planning, Education, Urban Development, Information, YSS, NRLM, SWD and others.

The DC impressed upon all the concerned to work in close coordination for an impactful campaign at par with the first phase.

He explained the phase wise schedule of Village/Ward wise collection of Miti in Mitti Kalashes for further collection at Block level and district level function and celebrations where Panch Pran Pledges and felicitation of brave



hearts shall be done.

He enjoined upon them for involving people especially women, youth clubs, NSS, NCC, PRIs and ULB members in successful conduct of the programme.

On the occasion, it was intimated that the colourful celebration of Miti collection shall be held from 11th of September to 30th of September where Miti or Rice shall be collected from all households of all MC Wards and Villages of the district and functions held which will then be collected at the block level between 01 October to 13 October and will finally culminate at district level function between 22-27 October.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Jet Deal, Civil...

was also present at the airport with his daughter to receive President Biden.

The US President interacted with Garcetti's daughter while also having a brief chat with the Union minister. He also cheered the group of dancers who performed a folk dance to welcome him.

The 18th G20 Summit is being hosted at the state-of-the-art Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre in New Delhi on September 9 and 10.

A Leaders Declaration will be adopted at the conclusion of the New Delhi summit. (Agencies)

J&K witnessing...

the fight against drugs and said collective efforts are of utmost importance to end the menace.

Lauding the winning team, Singh said participation is more important than winning and said it increases the players' confidence. (AGENCIES)

After dry spell in...

hottest in the division at 35.7 degree Celsius.

According to Director MeT, Kokernag and Qazigund witnessed heat wave conditions today where mercury settled at 31.3 degree Celsius and 31.5 degree Celsius respectively.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir has recorded a maximum temperature of 32 degree Celsius today.

As of now, due to stable atmospheric conditions, mainly hot & dry weather would likely prevail for next one week, he said.

Giving details about rainfall in the past couple of months, Lotus said that excess rainfall was recorded in J&K in July month while August and September so far received a deficit rainfall.

He added that the deficit rainfall will continue for at least next 10 days. KNO

BSF SDG visits Gurez...

SDG also interacted with the troops and applauded them for their excellent performance in challenging situations.

CEO extends deadline...

to September 14," reads the notification issued by the office of CEO, a copy of which is in possession of news agency.

The CEO, in the order, said that several requests have been received from deputy commissioners as well as political parties and other stakeholders to extend the last date for filing objections/suggestions on account of holidays and requirement of more time to look into the details of the proposal. KNO

India's G20 presidency...

"Chandrayaan is being looked up by the entire scientific community across the globe because they expect some new inferences being gathered from there, most from Chandrayaan-3 because it's gone into a virgin area. So obviously, the inputs, inferences that would be forthcoming from there would be of utility to all the other Space agencies as well for their future projects

and planning," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that all the agreements signed during the recent visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the United States were technology driven, - right from the Artemis Accords to Joint Expedition to the International Space Station and India signing up to the Semiconductor Consortium.

Dr Jitendra Singh said ISRO has launched more than 380 foreign satellites, earning more than 250 Million Euros and more than 170 Million US Dollars by launching European and American satellites respectively.

"India's overall Space economy today stands at about \$8 billion, viz 2% of the global (market share) but the entire world is recognizing increased pace and that's why the conservative projections are \$40 billion by 2040, but later we had the ADL (Arthur D Little) Report, which has projected India's Space economy to grow up to \$100 Billion by 2040. So we've started moving very fast, we are still conservative in our evaluation of ourselves, but the others' assessment is much, much more, which means that we have indeed arrived," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said Space Applications is being utilised in almost all sectors such as Smart City project, Railway Tracks & management of unmanned Railway Crossings, Roads & Buildings, Telemedicine, Governance, and most importantly, the 'Svamitva' GPS land-mapping.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that during PM Modi's tenure of nine years, India's disaster capabilities have become world class and we are providing Disaster Forecasts for neighbouring countries as well.

"Applications of Space Research in Disaster Forecasting & Management have helped save more than the investments made in the Space Missions," he said.

Two terrorist associates...

intelligence input, an intensive search was conducted by Police in the apple orchards of Gudoora.

The statement reads that during search operation, 2 terrorist associates were apprehended tactfully. They have been identified as Suhail Firdous son of Firdous Ahmad Sheikh of Mahradpora Utterpora Puchal and Shahid Gul son of Gh Mohd. Bhat of Wagum Pulwama.

"From their possession incriminating materials were recovered. The investigation revealed that both the accused are terrorist associates of an active terrorist Aqib Sher Gojri linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT," it reads.

It added that preliminary investigation also reveals that they were in a conspiracy with terrorist Aqib Sher-Gojri to carry out terrorist attacks in Pulwama.

"A case vide FIR No. 239/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation has been taken up," it reads. KNO

Hybrid terrorist...

identified as Tanveer Ahmad Bhat and his associate Yawer Maqbool Ganai.

The statement reads that preliminary investigation revealed that the duo was operating with TRF in Pakherpora area. "From their possession, arms & ammunition including a pistol, pistol magazine, 9 rounds and other incriminating material were recovered."

It added that a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation has been taken up. KNO

Mega Awareness Rally taken out in Rajouri to promote "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K" campaign



JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 8: To promote the ongoing campaign against corruption and champion the cause of transparent and accountable governance, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today flagged off a grand awareness rally spanning from Rajouri Sports Stadium to the DC Office Rajouri.

This event marked a pivotal moment in the ongoing "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week," where more than 1000 dedicated participants marched a distance of 2 kilometers on foot, symbolizing their commitment to the cause.

The rally culminated at the DC Office Rajouri, resonating with the overarching aim of creating awareness among the masses about Digital India and "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week." This week-long initiative, celebrated with fervor, will continue to inspire the people of District Rajouri from September 4th to September 10th, 2023. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal spearheaded the monu-

mental rally, commencing with a solemn pledge-taking ceremony held at the Sports Stadium in the morning.

This visionary initiative aspired to unite the community in a relentless battle against corruption while simultaneously illuminating the empowerment opportunities offered through the Janbhagidari portal. Its core focus is on involving every stratum of society, with special attention directed towards rural communities. Special Gram Sabha meetings have been organized across all Panchayats in the district to cultivate a corruption-free environment in the sacred land of Jammu and Kashmir.

The campaign delineates key areas of concentration as directed by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, which includes vital government departments such as Revenue, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD), Public Works Department (PWD), and Power Development Department (PDD). Priority will be given to addressing grievances associated with the Revenue Department, including matters related to land

records, mutations, and demarcations. The campaign ensures that these issues are resolved promptly and efficiently at the requisite levels.

Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has issued directives to all public officers to accord priority to matters of public importance, taking swift and decisive action to redress them. Special emphasis is placed on achieving full household tap connections, resolving electricity-related issues, and tackling land revenue matters. All complaints received during this week-long campaign will be handled on an overriding priority basis.

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

The participation of common citizens and PRI members, alongside District officers like ADC Rajouri Rajiv Khajuria, ACR Rajouri Imran Malik, CEO Rajouri Sultana Kouser, and others, has been instrumental in driving the success of this campaign.

The "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week" signifies more than just a campaign; it embodies a collective commitment to construct a society free from corruption, characterized by accountability and transparency. Under the unwavering leadership of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, District Rajouri is resolute in ushering in a new era of transparent governance, steadfastly upholding the cherished values of integrity and honesty.

UIET Kathua Campus (JU) hosts Awareness Programme on "Entrepreneurship for Self-reliant India"



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: To promote the vision of entrepreneurship as a viable avenue for employment among the youth in general and students of the campus in particular, the University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organised an awareness programme on "Entrepreneurship for Self-Reliant India" under Swavlambi Bharat Abhiyaan. The students of the campus participated in various activities, including essay writing, poster making, quiz competitions, declamations, and slogan writing.

Ms. Surbhi Kohli Babma, Owner and Director (Life Skills Scoop) was the expert speaker.

She said that entrepreneurship plays a pivotal role in building a strong and self-reliant nation by creating job opportunities, driving innovation, and strengthening the economic fabric of society. She

opined that in an era marked by unprecedented challenges and opportunities, entrepreneurship continues to thrive as innovators and visionaries from various sectors forge ahead to shape the future. She reiterated that entrepreneurship is not merely about launching a start-up; it represents a mindset and approach to life and work that embraces autonomy, creativity, and the pursuit of one's passion.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu said that the objective of organising this awareness programme is to focus on the promotion of the idea of self-employment and to change the mindset of youth from job seekers to job providers. She underscored that entrepreneurship is a vital driver of economic growth and self-sufficiency.

Further, she reiterated that Kathua Campus (JU) is empowering youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful entrepreneurs, thereby playing a pivotal

role in nation-building.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/C Coordinator, UIET welcomed the guests and said that entrepreneurship emerged as a prominent alternate career choice in today's changing landscape.

He further said that similar awareness programmes will also be organised in the future to foster entrepreneurial spirit among youth and contribute to the vision of a self-reliant India.

The special guests including Sh. Agninder Bakshi (Executive Engineer, J&K SIDCO), Mr. Rohit Mishra (HR, M/s Varun Beverages Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Brij Pal Singh (I/c Site, M/s Devayani Food Industries Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Shubham Saini (Project Engineer, M/s OPI Pharma Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Pankaj Mehra (Director, M/s Mehra Polyplast Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Abhishek Garg (Director, M/s Micropet Technology Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Tyagi (Site Engineer, M/s Aeroplast Ltd.), Mr. Ankur Rana (Project Engineer, M/s Axiom Foods and Beverages Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Virinder Khosla (Owner, M/s Perma Fixer Corporation), Mr. Nishant Shukla (Director, M/s Ecoearth Bipol Pvt. Ltd.) and Mr. Rajinder Thareja (Proprietor, M/s Satyam Ispat Udyog) shared their experiences with the aspiring entrepreneurs and students of the campus.

Ms. Ritika Goyal and Ms. Nisha Choudhary coordinated the whole programme, whereas Ms. Ritu Sharma delivered the vote of thanks. The faculty members and non-teaching staff of the campus were also present during the programme.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Social Welfare Schemes

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 08: Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to assess the implementation of the Social Welfare Department schemes and initiatives in the Rajouri district.

The meeting commenced with an enlightening presentation on the remarkable progress achieved under a range of welfare schemes, encompassing pension schemes, the State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS), Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMGAY), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP), scholarship programs, and the distribution of prosthetic

aids. The performance and services provided by the Drug Deaddiction Centre and Addiction Treatment Facility Centre were also meticulously evaluated.

During the session, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the need for expeditious completion of development projects under PMGAY and SCA to SCSP.

He further conducted an in-depth review of other pivotal initiatives undertaken by the Social Welfare Department, including PMGAY, SMAS, scholarship schemes, and pension schemes. He directed all Tehsil Social Welfare Officers to extend a supportive hand to beneficiaries whose pension applications had been

returned due to specific deficiencies, ensuring they encounter no further hurdles in their pursuit of financial assistance.

Recognizing the significance of Aadhaar seeding for financial inclusivity, Vikas Kundal instructed that beneficiaries' bank accounts under different schemes be seamlessly linked with Aadhaar. This linkage aims to streamline the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) process, thereby guaranteeing prompt disbursement of benefits directly into their bank accounts.

The meeting saw the participation of officers including Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid, District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Raheem, along with Tehsil Social Welfare Officers.

Second Phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh being organised by NYKS in UTs of J&K and Ladakh with full fervour



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: NYKS J&K Ladakh under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India organised various programs under the second phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh in the twin UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

The National event was launched in all the districts of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh by NYKS. It is pertinent to mention that as part of the second phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh, Amrit Kalash yatras are to be organised in all the villages of the

region from 1st to 30th of September, 2023 in which soil or rice is to be collected in an Amrit Kalash.

Further, the Block level Amrit Kalash Yatras shall be held from 1st to 13th of October 2023 in which the soil or rice collected at village level will be brought to an identified location which will then be poured into a larger Kalash at the Block Level.

During this event, cultural programs shall also be held and Veernaris and Bravehearts shall be honoured and felicitated. From 22nd to 27th October 2023, State level

Kalash Yatras shall be held in which the Kalash collected at Block levels shall be gathered at the State Capital for onward travel to National Capital by Volunteers through Special Trains from 28th to 30th October 2023. In this context, various programs were organised in Jammu Division. The program at Gurha Slathia Samba witnessed soil collection and tribute to bravehearts in the presence of Ravinder Raina, Surjeet Singh Slathia, DDC Member Sudarshan Singh, Sarpanches, Panches and National Youth Volunteers of NYK Jammu. Amrit Kalash yatra was also held at Kol Kandoli, Nagrota in presence of Principal GDC Nalini Pathak, Kishore Sharma Sarpanch, Panches, National Youth Volunteers etc. In Kathua also, Door to Door Mitti Collection drives were held by NYVs and Youth Club Members in Blocks Baggan and Lohai Malhar. In Rajouri, Amrit Kalash yatra was also held at Saranoo Dhangri in presence of prominent personalities including Panches and Sarpanches. In Leh, Amrit Kalash yatra were taken out in Blocks Shay and Thekshay in which soil collection was held in presence of Army officials, Religious heads, Sarpanches and panches. It is important to mention that from 28th to 30th October 2023, traditionally dressed Volunteers from all the States will march on Kartavyapath New Delhi along with Amrit Kalash. This soil from all Villages and Blocks of the Nation will then be used to create Amrit Vatika in the memory of bravehearts. A memorial dedicated to the memory of the people who sacrificed their lives for the country will be established near the Kartavya Path.

DC Jammu calls for urgent repair of potholes, black spots

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, chaired a meeting to address the issues of road potholes and 'black spots' within the district.

With the ending of monsoon season, the DC has called for expeditious execution of repair works. He set a firm deadline, stipulating that all necessary repairs must be successfully completed by the end of the current month.

The Deputy Commissioner asked to start the work from city and town areas immediately and follow the suit in the peripheral areas.

Concerned officers from the Public Works Department updated the meeting that tenders



have been issued and allocations made for the impending repair tasks. The departmental functionaries assured that the requisite repair work would commence soon. The Traffic Police pledged support for efficient execution of the repairs, promising to facilitate traffic diversions whenever necessary to expedite the road-work.

Addressing another

vital aspect of this operation, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of bitumen plant owners keeping pace with the demand of the repair work. It was made clear that their cooperation was paramount for the successful execution of the repairs.

Similarly, the Deputy Commissioner imposed a stringent deadline for the removal of poles that had been left unattended by

the JPDC. Additionally, the matter of relocating and properly managing electricity lines and internet fibre cables was thoroughly discussed.

In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner issued instructions to all relevant stakeholders, urging them to promptly eliminate these obstructions, all the while ensuring that their actions do not result in any further inconvenience to the general public.

Among others, the meeting was attended by SP Traffic Jammu, Rajpaul Singh; Chief Planning Officer, SDM Jammu South, Atul Dutt Sharma and ACR Jammu, Piyush Dhotra besides officers from NHIDCL and a few commercial organisations as well.

JJM Shopian conducts series of Bhrastachar Mukht Campaigns

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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 08: In view of Bhrastachar Mukht Week, campaigns were conducted today by Jal Shakti and DPMU, JJM through its Implementing Support Agencies across the district at various locations. Pani Samiti Members,

officials of Jal Shakti and ISAs visited various Water Supply Scheme sites and interacted with the community members at Doomwani, Cheki Keller and Cheki Mastpora and sought their feedback on the progress of works being taken under JJM. The teams also awarded people on water manage-

ment strategies and their role in proper implementation of JJM.

The testimonials made by Pani Samiti Members and PRIs appreciated the transparent processes under JJM, supporting good governance to facilitate the general masses of the district. The public appreciated the government's ambi-

tious initiative of providing Har Ghar Jal.

They said that the works undertaken are done with utmost integrity and professional acumen.

They have been sensitised about their role and responsibilities in management of water supply schemes & monitoring of works.

Mission Youth conducts psychological counseling prog at S P Model HS School

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 08: In a steadfast commitment to combat the pervasive drug menace in society and promote mental health awareness, Mission Youth organized a one day program at Sri Pratap Higher Secondary School, M.A. Road, Srinagar.

The event garnered substantial participation from both faculty and students solidifying Mission Youth's vision for a healthier and drug-free community.

The primary objective of such an initiative is to address the critical issues surrounding mental health

and drug addiction, which have become pressing concerns in today's society. Mission Youth, with its unwavering dedication, aims to educate and empower the community, particularly the youth, in making informed choices and leading healthier lives. This comprehensive program featured informative sessions, interactive discussions, and expert talks by professional from IMHANS. The sessions discussed the challenges posed by drug addiction and the critical importance of mental well-being. Through open dialogue, the program delved into the issues of drug abuse, the current state of

drug addiction, early recognition of substance abuse, and the pivotal role that educational institutions like colleges and schools can play. The IMHANS expert also shed light on preventive measures and management strategies.

Mission Youth extends its heartfelt appreciation to all participants and partners whose involvement contributed to the success of this impactful awareness program.

"Together, we take significant strides toward the vision of a society free from the clutches of addiction and equip them with the knowledge to prioritize mental health.", Mission Youth.

“THOUGHT OF THE DAY”

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

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AN AVOIDABLE CONTROVERSY

The ruling BJP at the Centre and the opposition parties are exchanging heated words following a needless controversy over the country's names that erupted a few days before the G20 summit being hosted by New Delhi. The G-20 Summit has started in the Union Capital and there was a need to avoid this controversy because it would send a wrong word around the world. Invitations for a G20 dinner described Droupadi Murmu as the ‘President of Bharat’ instead of the usual title ‘President of India’, prompting the Opposition to allege that the BJP-led Union Government had decided on ‘Bharat’ as the country's official name and was planning to do away with ‘India’. According to a booklet titled ‘Bharat: The Mother of Democracy’, brought out for G20 delegates, ‘Bharat’ is the official name of the country. It is mentioned in the Constitution, as also in the discussions of 1946-48. The opposition parties seem to have also shown some immaturity and haste at this juncture as they should have downplayed the controversy in the larger interest of the nation. After the G-20 Summit, there would be several occasions with them to corner the government but they preferred it to be otherwise. The BJP leaders are rooting for ‘Bharat’, while asserting that there should be no quarrel with addressing the country's constitutional head as the ‘President of Bharat’. Article 1 of the Constitution says: ‘India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States’. ‘India’ and ‘Bharat’ have coexisted for a very long time, being used interchangeably without any visible contradiction or disagreement. In a classic example, both names appear equally prominently on India's coins of various denominations. On other hand, the opposition parties claimed that the government's move was, unfortunately, a knee-jerk reaction to the their alliance's ploy of naming itself INDIA. However, the Modi dispensation would be well advised not to be rattled or provoked by the tactics of a group of disparate Opposition parties presenting a united front. The ongoing war of words is a bad advertisement for a country that is all set to showcase its potential for global leadership during the G20 summit. This should have been avoided at all costs. The senseless quibbling over names does not behove the world's fastest-growing major economy. The country, which became a republic in 1950, has been largely comfortable with its dual, bilingual identity that seamlessly blends tradition with modernity. Opposition parties allege that any attempt to impose ‘Bharat’ on Indian citizens at the expense of ‘India’ would be a regressive step, fraught with disruptive consequences. It is the duty of the government to take all stakeholders on board even if it has decided to bring a nomenclature change in the country's name.

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Will absence of Xi, Putin hover over G-20 like Banquo's ghost?

BY SAEED NAQVI

Trust a journalist to crow, but it feels nice to be proved right. I evaluated last week that Xi Jinping, for reasons other those which held Vladimir Putin back, will not attend this G-20. The absence of two statesmen may diminish the G-20 but it gives Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the choreographer, a stage with more space. His media advisers will anguish over a different matter: how to balance his solo performance as G-20 president and a summit with President Joe Biden, that's if he's able to attend. The twin events, in days of yore, would be an editor's nightmare. President Kennedy shot dead in Dallas. This coincided with an Indian tragedy: five generals of the Indian armed forces died in a helicopter crash the same day. Editors anguished: which story to lead with. No such anguish for today's editors. They have been downgraded by TV channels. The channels will get instructions from minions of the master choreographer. It will be fascinating to see how anchors conceal their obsequiousness. Once the dust settles on G-20, both Mr Modi and Mr Biden will be staring at their 2024 election prospects. Mr Biden's deadline is fixed: elections in November next year. Mr Modi by now is an expert handler of American Presidents. He has come a long way from the early “Barack, Barack” days when someone tried to drape him in a

pinstripe suit with his name embroidered in between the stripes. At the “Howdy Modi” event in Houston 2019, he was audacious enough to put his arms around then President Donald Trump and proclaim: “Abki baar, Trump Sarkar”. Which meant his “hope” was that Mr Trump would win the 2020 US election. He didn't. When Mr Biden won, the pundits thought the new President would be cold to Mr Modi. But the global power play configuration since the messy US withdrawal from Afghanistan and rank miscalculation in Ukraine placed India in a sweet spot: wooed by the US as well as Russia. Since Russia and China are sworn to a “no limits” friendship, Mr Modi may be tempted to take temporary risks with China. Russia will be expected to bridge the New Delhi-Beijing distance should it increase, say, in the context of Mr Biden's visit. Washington's wish list from the Delhi summit will include a mention of Ukraine in the final communique, a statement by Volodymyr Zelenskyy, at least virtually, give Mr Modi's dexterous navigation between Brics and Quad a nudge towards the grouping designed to encircle China. New Delhi too will read the fine print of US treasury secretary Janet Yellen's talks in Beijing. On her heels, virtually, was US commerce secretary, Gina Raimondo, looking chastened as she engaged her China counterpart. Then followed James Cleverly, Britain's foreign secretary. The Beijing-Washington traffic is soar-

ing. Military intentions are not on show. Even containment should be made of sterner stuff. What does one make of all the anxious punditry from US think tanks that the US is making a bad bet on India if it imagines the country will ever be part of military action against China. The grouse in these US circles is that the word “alliance” is anathema to New Delhi. Washington on the other hand doesn't feel secure enough with terms like “partnership”, within which even “interoperability” is taboo. It fears that New Delhi will tease, but not go to bed. After the consistent Washington-Beijing high-level visits, in the bargain in any case is not a commitment in perpetuity. This three-way pirouette is as much a test of affections as of stamina. The G-20 summit's outcome as well as the crucial bilateral visit will be determined not by what happens but how the Western media plays it up. It must project Mr Biden carrying away a bagful of goodies. What will these be? Much greater urgency attends what Mr Modi is seen to be carrying away. For the first time in the recent past will an Indian PM be projected by the media, which is already in his thrall, as one at ease and familiar with the world's most powerful leaders? Will Mr Modi emerge with a sufficiently stellar performance, enabling him to advance the 2024 election date? He will thus be able to avoid headwinds that possible defeats in four state elections might generate. It is another matter that for the first

time since the Second World War the halo which marks the most powerful will be absent. The leaders will indeed look as diminished as the collective West does, and which has been in decline since the 2008 financial crisis. Pick them out one by one, beginning with France's Emmanuel Macron. Just consider the egg on his face in Francophone Africa. Burkina Faso, Mali and now Niger, one coup after another. The US has a military base in Niger. What for? South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa invited 35 African countries to the recent Brics summit in Johannesburg. The leaders acquainted themselves with the rapid expansion of Brics as their emancipators from the colonial, hegemonic world order which filled Western coffers and left Africans in poverty. As the focus turns to Africa, a new colonial, imperial chapter is opening up. We are told Western troops in Africa were fighting Islamic terrorism. Really, or were they supervising Western loot? The US had built a \$110 million drone base in Agadez, Niger. It's the world's largest drone base. Over 1,000 US soldiers are deployed there. All this just to fight ISIS and Al-Qaeda? Why do these coups resonate well with the people? In Niger, thousands turned up to register for Army duty as demanded by the coup leaders. (The writer is a senior journalist and commentator based in New Delhi)

Kitsch or reality TV: What's your pick?

BY RANJONA BANERJI

Over the years, I have faced a bit of flak from well-meaning friends and relations over my reluctance — all right, all right, downright refusal — to watch what passes for Indian popular entertainment. All the words to qualify my unacceptable position have been thrown at me — Macaulay, too Western, snobbish, add whatever you want. As one friend put it succinctly, “Ranjona does not understand the Indian cinematic idiom.” After a lifetime of devouring as much Indian popular entertainment as I could, in Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, it was the unending sick violence of a film called Andhaa Kanoon which finished my love story with popular Hindi cinema. What is now called Bollywood. That was 1984. It's not that I haven't tried in between. I watched all the early national TV serials and enjoyed them: Hum Log, Buniyaad, Nukkad, Tara, the two epics... Before that, the fabulous entertainment that Bombay Doordarshan provided, where theatre artistes demonstrated their massive talents. All the Manmohan Desai fun on the big screen. The ridiculous fun films. A lot of the art cinema. But once it became all bish-bosh-boom-splat, my interest waned. And didn't really pick up ever again. My Mother was a great Shah Rukh Khan fan, so I watched some of those with her. That's a lot of Karan Johar. Devdas by Sanjay Leela Bhansali was one of the worst films I've ever seen. I watched some of these new films, more urban, more of today's middle-class issues,

more about the young and their aspirations. Post-economic liberalisation, “millennial” cinema if you like. There was that much loved one about three young men and their rich urban lives. One falls in love with an older woman. When the time comes to declare himself, he then does that thing that no one ever in the whole world ever does except in Hindi or maybe Indian cinema when the filmmaker has no courage: an unplanned but perfectly coordinated song and dance sequence. The flip was not part of the character of the young man. It was the intrinsic dishonesty and cowardice of the maker. Then came a very popular love story with big new stars, about how lovers met. It was on a train and the first 10 minutes went in “this is my seat” “no mine” “no mine”. How am I expected to watch this with no writing, no skill, no wit? And more importantly, why? Once more, I gave up. These post-post-urbans could carry on with their absurd fantasies. I was getting too old anyway. But well-wishers, they chipped away at me. I was the one suffering apparently, even though I did not know it, since I was quite happy in my own choices of entertainment. The streaming services opened up the world. But have you seen the latest about a rape case, a lipstick and a burkha, young women drinking themselves silly and having sex in a city a few years after the young American women had done the same thing? I haven't, I couldn't, I didn't. But every time I say I never will again, somebody else wins. A friend acted in a Malayalam movie. It was funny and

great fun and I enjoyed every second of it. The friend herself — not an actress — emerged as a scene-stealing star! I was pleasantly surprised that there was one story and the director stuck to it. Another friend introduced me to a popular series on a Mumbai matchmaker. This is so ridiculous that it's really good. New India, confused and really silly NRIs, the great Indian art of mixing marriage and community compromise and a loveable but spectacularly unsuccessful matchmaker. What's not to love. I became foolishly emboldened. Perhaps I was being a frog in a well. So much was happening. People were right. I had to expand my thinking. So I found by myself a film called ‘Life Won't Happen Twice’ — that's a rough translation. It began with three young men driving around some foreign land. Like that other film on the train, two of the men had the exact same conversation with each other for the first 30 minutes. While they drove, while they lay in bed, while they were up in the air, down in a swimming pool. I tuned out. Later I discovered this film is an Indian version of a cult classic. My online criticism had many hurt people telling me how wrong I was to dislike this masterpiece. I did not mean to inflict pain on them. It was inadvertent. But there is no power on earth that would make me watch that or anything like it again. But because I felt bad that I had upset so many diverse people, I listened to more advice. I do now think I am a real sucker for punishment, never learn and all that stuff. I gritted by teeth and began to watch the very popular series about wedding planners in Delhi. The first

series was interesting for all the wrong reasons. All the vulgarity, money, weirdos was entertaining. Except for that one character rounding off each episode with trite observations — the city is unforgiving, dirt under the glamour, such is life, bleat blah blah. But the second season went totally cuckoo. Perhaps full of their success, the makers decided that this was the time to tackle social issues. They already had a loveable flawed man as one of the main characters, and he was gay. So one point for inclusion. Then the planners hired a trans-person. One more point. Both characters were demeaned, to me at least, because they spent most of their spare time on dating apps. The second series took on, in the most fragmented and desultory manner possible, these subjects: Dowry, domestic abuse, real love versus societal norms, old people in love, class differences and caste prejudices. Not a single topic was handled with any sense or sensitivity. The caste episode blew up because of appropriation of someone's story without credit or acknowledgment. And the extreme shallow nature of the writing and perhaps understanding of these issues left me fed up. To punish myself further, I watched Rocky and Rani's love story. And surprise, surprise, I really enjoyed it. Much to the horror of those who do know me. I also watched the false-real life of the talented designer daughter of a proper actress, which was more real than the wedding planners' lives. I am now engrossed in the lives of Bollywood wives. I have learnt about beauty treatments and how to holiday in Doha.

Many villages cut off from cellular network

BY KUMARI RITIKA

Thirty km from the sub-district headquarters of Garur in Bageshwar, Uttarakhand, lies the village of Surag. This remote village tucked away in the mountains faces significant challenges due to the lack of cellular network, which has a profound impact on the lives of its residents. Surag is a vast village with houses scattered far apart. While a few houses are situated next to a road, most are located in the interiors and upper reaches, inaccessible by vehicles. The villagers residing in these remote areas suffer the most due to the absence of connectivity. The unavailability of a network signal makes it extremely difficult for the villagers to access vital information that could enhance their daily lives. Although there are a few spots in the village where a network signal can be caught, these locations are often far away from their homes. Consequently, the residents find it arduous to climb

distant hills or travel long distances to access communication networks. These journeys are perilous, and the lack of a proper path makes it even more challenging. Furthermore, the absence of network connectivity has a significant impact on the villagers' educational pursuits. Mamta, an adolescent girl from Surag, highlights the difficulties of constantly having to climb to the top of a distant hill to access network signals for communication. This lack of connectivity also hampers their ability to search for subject-related information on the internet, leaving them without access to crucial knowledge that could support their studies. Geeta, another young girl troubled by the lack of information caused by the absence of network coverage, explains, “I am unable to receive timely updates of college and job application deadlines, which mean missed opportunities.” The absence of network connectivity not only limits access to information but

also has far-reaching consequences, particularly for adolescent girls in these villages. Their desire for network access often leads to the scrutiny of their character as they venture into the jungle in search of network signals. Villagers taunt the parents that their daughters go to find the network to speak with their boyfriends. Rumours and judgments about their character start circulating in their villages, making access to the network rather a difficult task. While we advocate for the right to information for every individual, it is daunting to see that girls in these villages face severe backlash when they attempt to assert these same rights. On the other hand, the absence of network connectivity has become a source of great fear for the villagers, particularly when it comes to medical emergencies at night. Saraswati Devi, a resident of the village, emphasizes the difficulties they face in such situations. Without network coverage, they are unable to contact their neighbors for help. Living

amidst dense forests, they are also afraid of encountering wild animals if they venture outside in search of a network signal. This fear restricts their movement during nighttime, exacerbating their concerns during emergencies. The village head, Kumari Champa, acknowledges that only BSNL and a private company provide network coverage in their village, but even their services are limited to specific locations. The lack of network connectivity has affected the lives of all villagers, particularly adolescent girls. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the absence of network coverage disrupted the education of almost all children in the village, with girls being disproportionately impacted. There are approximately 700 villages like Surag in Uttarakhand that lack basic phone connectivity. When we talk about a digital India, it is essential to recognize that these villages, which constitute a significant portion of the country, are still devoid of cellular network services.

Kusha Kapila on her divorce being dissected online: 'I have to be thick-skinned and the scars will begin to heal soon'

Kusha Kapila has said that she understands that as a public figure, even her personal life will always be under scrutiny, but added that she works hard, everyday, to ensure she has thick-skin to deal with the scrutiny. Kusha was talking to Zoom TV when she was asked about how she dealt with the trolling she has been facing ever since she announced her separation from her former husband Zorawar Ahluwalia.

Needs thick skin
She told the news channel that has a strong support system of friends, family, and colleagues. She added, "I do understand that this is a part of being

a public person like if you're profiting off being a public person, I understand that this is now a part of that. Kuch toh log kahenge logon ka kaam hai kehna (it is the job of the people to comment) and which was going to happen. I think my life now is in the service of making my skin thicker and thicker every day. And that's just what I work towards literally every day I have to be immune, I have to be thick-skinned and the scars will begin to heal soon enough."

'Want to keep my healing private'
Asked about ensuring her mental peace, Kusha said she keeps her support system close and added that she has enough of work and other distractions.



"But I also feel like this - you want to keep your process of healing and feeling better private, because it's sacred, and you want to do is respect all parties involved.
So as much as I'd like to protect it with a lock and the key thrown some-

Miley Cyrus opens up about the moment she knew her marriage to Liam Hemsworth was over



Miley Cyrus is opening up about her split from Liam Hemsworth. In the new clip from her Used To Be Young series on TikTok Wednesday, Miley candidly brought up the topic of her relationship with Liam and recalled the exact moment she knew that her marriage was over. It all began at the 2019 Glastonbury Festival in England.

Miley and Liam got hitched in December 2018. During her new clip from the Used to Be Young series on TikTok, Miley shared how she realized that her relationship with Liam Hemsworth was over while she was headlining at the 2019 Glastonbury Festival in England. She said, "Glastonbury was in June, which was when the decision happened that me and Liam's commitment to being married just really came from, of course, a place of love first — because we'd been together for 10 years — but also from a place of trauma... The day of the show was the day I had decided that it was no longer going to work in my life to be in that relationship."

Miley also opened up about how during that time around they were "just trying to rebuild as quickly as [they] could" after the tragic Woolsey fire in Malibu, Calif in November 2018 which burned their home.

ANUSHKA SHETTY REVEALS WHY SHE TOOK A BREAK AFTER BAAHUBALI: 'I KNOW IT'S TOTALLY UNHEARD OF'

Anushka Shetty captured the attention of audiences with her performance as Devasena in SS Rajamouli's Baahubali. In a new interview with The Indian Express, the actor opened up about why she consciously did not do more pan-India films and chose to stick with Tamil and Telugu films only. The actor had the Telugu film Bhaagamathie in 2018 and the OTT bilingual release Nishabdham in 2020.

Anushka took some time off
In the interview with Indian Express, Anushka said, "Once I finished Baahubali, I had my commitment with Bhaagamathie, and then I wanted to take some time off. It was by choice. It was something I needed the most at



that time. Back then, I felt like doing that so I would be more present for my future projects. I know it's totally unheard of. It's not what is expected of

people. I don't have a concrete answer for it, but I really wanted some time off. I didn't listen to any script, but after that I have been listening. So surely if

something exciting comes by, I will do it. Be it any language across the country."

On Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty
Anushka Shetty finally marked her return to the screen with the Telugu release Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty. Directed by Mahesh Babu, the film also stars Naveen Polishetty. Anushka plays the role of a chef in the romantic drama that has been garnering positive reviews. Star Chiranjeevi also showered praise on the film. He took to X (formerly known as Twitter) to share a couple of pictures with the cast and crew of the film. He wrote, "I saw 'Miss Shetty - Mr. Polishetty'.. Hilarious entertainer that impressed me from the beginning to the end.

Beyblade fans, get ready to let it rip: Beyblade X Anime drop this October!

Calling all Beyblade fans! Get ready to let it rip because a brand-new Beyblade anime is on the horizon. This exciting development is sure to set the hearts of Beyblade enthusiasts spinning with anticipation. The highly anticipated Beyblade X anime is gearing up for its debut, and fans can catch a thrilling sneak peek in the recently released trailer.

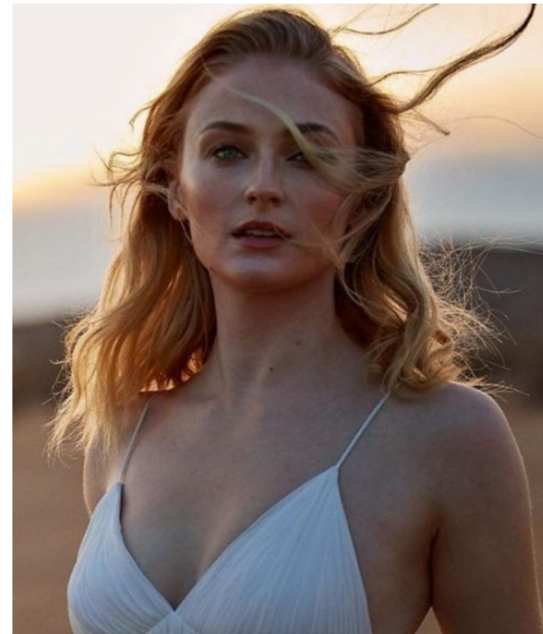
The trailer for Beyblade X is now live and serves as a tantalizing glimpse into what awaits fans. Japan is set to host the series premiere on October 6th, and the production of this action-packed anime is being skillfully overseen by OLM, a studio renowned for its rich history in the world of anime, particularly for its work on the beloved Pokémon series. OLM's involvement in the Beyblade franchise promises a visually stunning and action-packed spectacle. Fans can look forward to witnessing an array of powerful Beyblades battling it out on their screens.

Music aficionados will also have something to cheer about, as the anime will feature an electrifying opening track by ONE OK ROCK titled "Prove," with Aespa contributing the catchy single "Zoom Zoom" for the series' opening theme. For those unfamiliar with Beyblade's legacy, it's essential to note that Beyblade has a storied history dating back to its inception in 1999 with a line of spinning-top toys by Takara Tomy. These toys not only captured the imagination of children but also inspired them to collect a variety of tops and compete in thrilling battle tournaments.

Joe Jonas pressurised Sophie Turner to attend events, was 'less than supportive' as she struggled post pregnancy: Report

A number of theories are doing the rounds that explain the reason behind the recent split of Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner. The latest TMZ report suggests a new twist in the ongoing divorce saga of the Jonas Brothers member and the Game of Thrones actor stating that a factor for the breakdown of their marriage was Joe Jonas being 'less than supportive' after Sophie struggled after giving birth last year.

As per the sources quoted by the portal, Sophie Turner was struggling after the birth of her and Joe's second daughter. The former partners are parents to four-year-old daughter Willa and a year-old daughter, whose initials were recently revealed to be 'DJ' as per Joe's divorce



documents, reported multiple news outlets.

Joe Jonas was 'less than supportive' TMZ said that several sources, who were around Joe after Sophie gave birth last year in July, that the actor 'didn't want to leave their home'. They said that

to be there."

The portal further reported that shortly after the said event, there was another one, which Joe attended solo. As per TMZ sources, Joe 'complained Sophie was MIA (missing in action) and felt she needed to get out more'. The sources added that it was clear to the people, who were there and heard Joe, that there was a strain in the relationship. However, the portal reported that sources connected to Joe acknowledged there were 'challenges in the relationship', but said that Joe 'was supportive' of Sophie.

Sophie's alleged partying lifestyle

The latest claims come just days after a slew of stories had appeared in the press painting Sophie Turner as a party girl.

Dream Girl 2 box office collection day 14: Ayushmann Khurrana slows down amid Jawan craze, earns 1 crore



Last month, Ayushmann Khurrana and Ananya Panday's Dream Girl 2 had a strong opening at the domestic box office. However, after Jawan's release on Thursday, the film's collection seems to have taken a hit. As per a Sacnilk.com report, Dream Girl 2 saw a huge decline on day 14, collecting an estimated 1 crore nett in India. Meanwhile, Jawan earned an estimated 75 crore on the same day.

Dream Girl 2 box office
The Sacnilk.com report said that after doing a business of roughly 2.7 crore on Wednesday, Dream Girl 2 earned less than half, ₹1 crore nett, on Thursday, as per early estimates. The film has, so far, earned ₹95.69 crore nett in India, as per early estimates shared by the portal. Dream Girl 2 had collected 10.69 crore nett in India on its opening day, August 25. The film's week one collection was 67 crore. Earlier this week, Dream Girl 2 had crossed the gross collection of 100 crore worldwide.

About Dream Girl 2
Dream Girl 2 is a sequel to the 2019 hit film Dream Girl. It stars Ayushmann Khurrana as the lead character, who turns to his feminine alter-ego Pooja in order to make quick money. His goal is to marry Pari Srivastava, played by Ananya Panday. The cast of Dream Girl 2 also includes Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav, Annu Kapoor, Seema Pahwa, Manjot Singh, Vijay Raaz, and Asrani. Dream Girl 2 is directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa and produced by Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor under the banner Balaji Motion Pictures. Recently Ekta Kapoor hosted Dream Girl 2 success bash in Mumbai. The film's lead actor Ayushmann Khurrana was accompanied by wife and filmmaker Tahira Kashyap.

I Feel Every Experience In Life is a Learning : Shilpa Shetty

Shilpa Shetty, who will soon be seen on the silver screen as Sukhpreet in Sukhee, tipped to be a light-hearted, slice-of-life story of a housewife regaining her identity as a woman, talks about her take on the film's theme, and on some life lessons she has imbibed.

Excerpts from an interview:
How sukhee do you feel on the professional front?

I am very sukhee because I feel whatever happens, happens for the good. I am always in a very happy state of mind.

Initially you didn't want to take up this role?

That's correct. I named a few other heroines as possibilities. But Sonal (Joshi) and Vikram had no other actor in mind. The story needs someone who can portray the same character 20 years apart. This film seemed to be made for me. I lived this character. I connect with Sukhee.

You are a career woman, mother, wife and daughter, and fitness Freak. What mantra would you share with today's woman?

Though I do a lot for my family, sometimes I feel I fall short. There is no perfect way to parent, there is no perfect way to be happy. For me,

happiness comes from being fit, because it puts you in a better place mentally. Your mind is more powerful than your body. So being both physically and mentally fit helps you perform well in multiple arenas. I do yoga. I watch something on OTT on the way to work - I don't sit idle even while travelling. I believe in certain energies. I feel the energy of our thoughts and words enters the ambience around us. For instance, there's that glass of water there. If we are discussing negative things and bitching about things, I believe drinking that water

will bring negative energy within me. I go everywhere with a positive attitude and everyone can see it.

How do you remove the negative energies?

Yes, I do feel negative energy from certain people while working with them. I just do my work and leave that place. When I get home, I have a bath with salt water. That's the only thing that takes all the negative energies out of you.

You have always been a strong woman... over the years, what strengths have grown in you?

There are many women

who think they are doing a great job by being doormats, but that's their limitation. But this is a disservice to others — if that's what you model, your sons will start treating their wives as doormats or your daughters will end up becoming doormats as they grow up. We show this through our film Sukhee. You pass on knowledge to your kids.

You have to be strong as an individual. My strengths have quadrupled over the years, because of my faith which has suddenly become very strong, with the blessings of the Universe.



"Govt Higher Secondary School Bhalra Celebrates International Literacy Day



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BHADERWAH, SEPT 08: In a spirited commemoration of the significance of literacy, the Govt Higher Secondary School Bhalra Bhaderwah observed "International Literacy Day" with great enthusiasm today.

To mark this occasion, the



school's NCC Cadets and students took part in thought-provoking Debate and Poster making competitions. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul, the Associate NCC Officer, delivered an inspirational talk, emphasizing the value of reading and the importance of this special day, motivating both NCC cadets and students.

Following the event, students

immersed themselves in the school library, exploring a wide array of books and reaping the numerous benefits of reading. The entire program was orchestrated under the able guidance of Pardeep Singh Billawria, the dedicated Principal of the Institution.

It is worth noting that UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) designated September 8 as International Literacy Day back in 1966.

This celebration underscores the school's commitment to nurturing the minds of its students and fostering a culture of literacy, education, and knowledge dissemination.

It stands as a testament to the importance of promoting literacy as a fundamental building block for a brighter and more informed future.

2-Day IFAC-2023 on "Reimagining Finance, Accounting, and Banking in A World Under Reset" begins in IIM Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated 2-day International Finance and Accounting Conference (IFAC-2023), focusing on the theme "Reimagining Finance, Accounting, and Banking in a World Under Reset".

The event marked a significant milestone in the field of finance and accounting by bringing together industry leaders, academicians, and professionals to discuss the transformative changes in the global financial landscape.

The conference commenced with participant registrations, followed by the traditional Lamp Lighting ceremony, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and ideas. Present on the occasion were Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Amit Kumar Agarwal, Secretary, Research Committee, ICAI, CA Manish Mehta, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), NTPC GE, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu and Dr. Malaya Ranjan Mohapatra Conference Co-Chair, IIM Jammu.

Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu, expressed enthusiasm about the conference's potential to shape the future of finance. He emphasized how this conference can help the whole Finance and Accounting fraternity to reimagine how things are done before and after the reset due to COVID-19 and advancement of the Technology in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu mentioned that IFAC 2023 is the first International Conference at IIM Jammu's permanent campus, Jagti. He reiterated that the quality of the research work is of utmost importance than quantity. Adding further, he mentioned to all the participants that your conference agenda should be to take "feedback and create networks".

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, during his address, mentioned that Jammu is the only city that has three Institutes of national importance, IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu, and AIIMS Jammu. He

emphasized the remarkable achievement of the nation in bringing out UPI as a secured mode of payment since every vendor of Bharat is using UPI. He reiterated that digitization is the need of the hour and urged the participants that the motive of this conference should be to take this a step further.

Dr. Amit Kumar Aggarwal highlighted the role played by ICAI in shaping the future of Finance and Accounting and the opportunities provided by the organization to the professionals in this field. During his address mentioned that ICAI believes in setting and interpreting its standards. Adding further he mentioned that they provide solutions to their stakeholders from the outcome of their research. He also provided an overview of the research projects at ICAI for academicians and non-academicians.

CA Manish Mehta during his address mentioned that in the earlier days, Accounting was all about debit and credit and now it has a holistic view that covers topics ranging from risk management, behavioral management, just-in-time inventory, and Environmental Social Governance. He reiterated that Demonetization has changed digitization and also provided detailed insights into the new era of a paperless economy and everything is at your fingertips. He shared his valuable insights on how professionals can make use of the best delegation practices for the growth of their organization and told some important "Cans" and "Cannot" that the professionals can use.

This was followed by a Q&A session which included multiple interesting questions put forward by the participants.

The questions were answered by the expert panel consisting of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu; CA Manish Mehta, CFO, NTPC GE; Dr. Amit Kumar Aggarwal, Secretary, Research Committee, ICAI; Dr. Ashish Kumar, IIM Jammu; Dr. Harsha Jariwala, IIM Jammu; Dr. Ram Balak Yadav, IIM Jammu; Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu; and Dr. Malaya Ranjan Mohapatra, Conference Co-Chair, IIM Jammu.

The Q&A session also witnessed a fruitful discussion on the New Education Policy and Prof., B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, reiterated how IIM Jammu is implementing the New Education Policy in various aspects, describing the merits of the NEP and the bright future of the education system in the country.

Dr. Malaya Ranjan Mohapatra, Conference Co-Chair, IIM Jammu, concluded the inaugural session with heartfelt thanks to all participants and guests for their invaluable contributions. He concluded the vote of thanks by sharing a quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

The inaugural ceremony culminated with the national anthem. The first day of the two-day IFAC-2023 conference will include a wide range of sessions covering important subjects like finance, economics, financial literacy and inclusion, accounting, and banking. The IFAC day one included engaging sessions led by accomplished session Chairs from prestigious institutions around the world. The esteemed faculty included Dr. Bijooy Rakshit (IIM Jammu), Dr. Nitin Gupta, Dr. Andrea Paltrinieri (Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Veneto, Italy), Dr. Ashish Kumar (IIM Jammu), Dr. Efstathios Polyzos (Zayed University, UAE), Dr. Harsha Jariwala (IIM Jammu), Dr. Mohammad Firoz (National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra), Dr. Meena Bhatia (Birla Institute of Management Technology, Noida), Dr. Sundar Rengasamy (IIM Jammu), Dr. Vedika Saxena (IIM Jammu), Dr. Prateeksha Maurya (TAPMI), Dr. Chandra Sekhar Mishra (Vinod Gupta School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur), Dr. Rana Pratap Maradana (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad) and Dr. Jai Kamal (IIM Jammu).

IFAC-2023 promises to be a transformative event, igniting conversations that will reverberate throughout the financial landscape. It aims to provide participants with an enlightening experience and have a significant impact on the world of finance, accounting, and banking.

Bali Bhagat anguishes over withholding salaries of GMCs employees

Urges LG Sinha to intervene, announce new policy for these employees

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 08: Senior BJP leader and former Health Minister, Bali Bhagat anguished over the decision of administration for withholding the salaries of approximately 1500 employees of the Health Department for the last five months, seeking immediate action to rectify the situation and provide much-needed relief to these dedicated workers.

In a strongly worded statement released today, Bali Bhagat highlighted that these employees had been appointed in Government Medical Colleges (GMC) in Jammu and other medical institutions across Jammu and Kashmir over the years, in accordance with SRO 384.

However, the situation has changed with the introduction of SRO 264, leaving these employees in a precarious position.

The senior BJP leader termed these health employees as hard-working, who have collectively given

years of service to the health sector, are facing the dire consequences of having their salaries withheld for five months.

Some of these employees have served for over a decade, and their financial hardships are now reaching critical levels, he added.

Bhagat emphasized that these employees have continuously approached the administration for the past five months, seeking resolution to their grievances, but their pleas have fallen on deaf ears. He pointed out that these very workers, who put their lives on the line to care for thousands of COVID-19 patients during the pandemic, deserve recognition and rewards, not indifference.

Bali Bhagat asserted that these employees form the backbone of the Medical Education Department and should not be subjected to financial distress. He underscored the irony that those who were once hailed as "Corona warriors" across the country are now struggling to make ends meet.

The former Health Minister called upon Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to personally intervene in this matter and direct the concerned officers to immediately release the pending salaries of these employees. He also urged the administration to formulate a new policy for their regularization, given that many of these health workers have surpassed the prescribed age limit.

"These dedicated healthcare workers, who have sacrificed their personal celebrations during festivals like Eid, Raksha Bandhan, and Shri Krishna Janmashtami due to their financial hardships, need immediate attention and support from the government," he said.

Bali Bhagat appealed to the administration to stop "use and throw" policy and prioritize the welfare of these healthcare heroes who have served the state tirelessly.

He called for swift action to alleviate their financial distress and ensure they are recognized and rewarded for their invaluable contributions to the healthcare sector.

Several delegations call on Vice-chairperson DDC Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 08: Numerous delegations today called on Juhi Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson District Development Council here at her office in DC office complex, Udhampur.

A variety of issues were projected including provision of drinking water, electricity supply, road connectivity, paucity of staff in schools of various far flung areas of District Udhampur.

A deputation called upon the Vice Chairperson regarding the clearance of land requisitioning under RAIP Act-1952 and land acquired under the land acquisition act by Army Authorities.

While interacting with the deputation and talking to the civil secretariat as well as the defence authorities, she called for immediate clearance of the same without

any further delay.

A spirited deputation from Ritti called upon the Vice - Chairperson for sanctioning funds under NABARD for the road from Ritti to Kothi in 3rd to km 4th.

Jattu Ram, DDC Ramnagar II also projected various developmental issues pertaining to the area represented by him. He called for prevailing upon ERA for extending Pattri to Beri road upto Panchayat Ghar Bhatyari. The said road will provide an alternate road network connecting the said road to Kagote Dalsar road and will provide connectivity to Ramnagar. A deputation from the Tikri area put forth the demand for construction of a bridge over Raal Nallah from Khandui to Pagyal. Another deputation from Sattian Pan hayat of Ramnagar area demanded for construction of Protection work for prevention of loss of public land from land-

slides.

Another deputation from Khoon area called for addressing paucity of staff and lack of proper infrastructure in the various schools of the area. Most of the high secondary and high schools in the areas are without any lecturers.

After giving a patient hearing to all the deputations, the Vice Chairperson took up these issues with the concerned departments and instructed them to provide viable solutions to the people.

Various other delegations led by PRI members had detailed discussions with the Vice Chairperson regarding key developmental issues pertaining to their areas regarding shortage of drinking water, irregular water supply, electricity supply, paucity of Staff in schools and health institutions.

She assured delegations of proper redressal of all their demands.

DDC G'bal Convenes 24th BOCA meet of SDA

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 08: District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the 24th building operation and controlling Authority (BOCA) meeting of Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA) here today.

The meeting was attended by Chief Town Planner Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer (Member

Secretary) SDA, Regional Director Ecology and Environment, Srinagar, Exen R&B, DFO, Sindh Forest Division, Representatives of Army and other concerned officers.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider granting of permission for repair and renovation cases of various Army establishments in Sonamarg area as per the order issued by the Hon'ble High Court.

During the meeting deliberations

were held on agenda points and after discussing various aspects for granting permission to the Army for repair and renovation the committee decided various cases on merit.

The DDC asked the representative of the Army to strictly adhere to the permission granted and devise a mechanism and share the details with SDA so that better regulation is achieved and no illegal construction is raised.

Nagar Van program: Ayurvatika coming up in Vijaypur

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 08: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today laid the foundation of Ayurvatika (Nagar Vatika) on the forest land in Vijaypur behind AIIMS. He was accompanied by Divisional Forest Officer Samba, Chairman Municipal Council Vijaypur, Corporators, Sarpanch

Jakh, Panches and other prominent citizens. The Ayurvatika has been proposed to be established by J&K Forest Department in its initiative under Nagar Van/Vatika programme. It will be established over an area of 10 Kanal with a path, Solar lights, benches and beautiful trees of multipurpose uses. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the

Ayurvatika will be a paradise for the Morning Walkers and other citizens of Vijaypur. It will also serve as a resting resort and provide solace for the patients and persons accompanying them to AIIMS. Moreover, Deputy Commissioner Samba emphasized that this place will act as lungs for Vijaypur town as pollution and other related hazards are increasing day by day.

Puthuppally bypoll: Chandy Oommen maintains steady lead

AGENCY

NEW DELHI: As counting of votes polled in the Puthuppally by-election entered the fourth round, Congress candidate Chandy Oommen is heading for a landslide win with a lead of 15,000 votes, indicates an early trend.

With fresh trends indicating Chandy's victory, giant cut-outs of Oommen Chandy have started to come out on the streets.

As things stand now, around 80,000 more votes remain to be counted. Veteran Congress legislator Ramesh Chennithala predicted Chandy Oommen would win with a margin of close to 50,000 votes, a feat which even the legendary Oommen Chandy, who won a record 12 assembly elections starting in 1970, failed to achieve.

The family of the late Oommen Chandy is glued to the TV sets at

his house at Puthuppally, and his eldest grandson is holding his picture with Oommen Chandy and watching the counting of votes.

The supporters of the Congress have already started their victory celebrations, and a hilarious comment came from veteran CPI(M) central committee member and former State Minister A.K. Balan, who said if their candidate wins, it will be a new wonder of the world.

Incidentally, all along the nearly five weeks of the campaign, the CPI(M) was maintaining that the electorate at Puthuppally would hand a win for their candidate as even with Oommen Chandy being the legislator for 53 years, he did not care for developing his constituency.

What has come as a shocker for the CPI(M) is even its star campaigner, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who addressed election

meetings at all the eight panchayats in the constituency, failed to evoke any response as Thomas is yet to lead in even a single polling booth where votes were counted.

Voting took place on September 5, in which 72.86 per cent of the voters exercised their franchise.

Of the 1,76,412 electorate, as many as 1,28,535 cast their votes.

The election became necessary after the passing away of sitting Congress legislator- Oommen Chandy, a two-time former Chief Minister who represented the constituency from 1970 for a record-breaking 53 years.

In the fray are Chandy's son Chandy Oommen for the Congress, CPI(M)'s Jaick C.Thomas in his third outing in the constituency, BJP's Lijin Lal and four others.

In the 2021 Assembly polls, Chandy defeated Thomas by 9,044 votes.

Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week Campaign

Digital Literacy cum Grievance Redressal Cell established in Relief and Rehabilitation Organization (M) Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: Relief and Rehabilitation Department has established "Digital Literacy Cum Grievance Redressal Cell" in the head office and at the migrant camps/Zones under its jurisdiction and non-camp areas for the period 6th September to 9th September 2023.

The move, as per the R&RO, has been taken in compliance to the instructions imparted vide circular No; 25-JK(GAD) of 2023 dated 02-08-2023 for celebration of "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week".

All Zonal offices and Camp

Offices have been notified as grievance redressal Cells for the convenience of the Kashmiri migrants.

The teams have been deputed by the department to various migrant camps/non-camp areas for registering the complaints/grievances and initiate suitable action thereof and also educate the migrants regarding the initiatives of online services which can be accomplished from the comforts of their residences itself. Today more than 100 complaints have been received, subsequently directions in respect of the grievances pertaining to the department have been issued on spot and in respect

of line departments, the matter has been conveyed to these departments for their early redressal.

The primary aim behind this initiative is to eradicate corruption and promote transparency and accountable governance.

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, K.K. Sidha through the medium of media requested all Kashmiri migrants to take the benefit of this initiative and to come forward and work collectively with the administration advocating "Bhrashtachar Mukht" campaign and thereby strengthening Relief Organization towards strong and transparent governance.

Nursing College GMC Doda observes National Nutrition Week 2023

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 08: Every year, the first week of September is observed as National Nutrition week across the country. The theme for the National Nutrition Week 2023 is "Healthy diet- affordable for all."

Nursing College GMC Doda organised a series of activities under the guidance of the Dean and Principal GMC Doda Dr. Puja Vimesh to observe the National Nutrition Week. A Healthy Recipe Competition was conducted on 6th September 2023. The response was encouraging. A total of 32 B.Sc. Nursing 2nd year students, divided into 5 Groups, participated in the event enthusiastically.

Keeping in mind the theme, a variety of handy and delicious recipes were prepared by the students using the concept of "Healthy diet-affordable for all".



The competition was judged by Dr. Safia Khan HOD Microbiology, Dr. Mir Kaiser Ahmed HOD Biochemistry and Dr. Garima Charak, HOD Physiology GMC Doda. The prizes for commendable efforts were given to a Winner and Runner up group from Nursing College GMC Doda.

The whole event was supervised

by Dr. Suresh K Kotwal Coordinator Nursing College Doda, Dr. Waleed Balwan Academic Registrar GMC Doda, Dt. Nasir Nabi Batt Dietician A.H GMC Doda and other faculty of Govt. Nursing College Doda.

The recipes were delectable and the judges had a tough time to zero in on the winners.

Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Campaign

Walkathon organised in Kathua to foster anti-corruption campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 08: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas flagged-off a Walkathon on Friday morning from Sports Stadium here to raise awareness among people about Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Campaign, being observed from 04-10 September across UT of Jammu Kashmir.

The Walkathon was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Office Kathua from Sports Stadium to Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park.

Over 210 students from different educational institutions of the district and staff of DYS&SO, Kathua

participated in the event. The DC, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, briefly explained that the Walkathon event was part of over 1700 events planned by district administration Kathua to raise awareness among common masses about their active role in rooting out the menace of Corruption from the society.

He said the idea behind roping in school students in an extensive anti-corruption advocacy drive was to inculcate the habit of zero-tolerance against unfair practices among the budding students so as to make them flag bearers of such important campaigns.

The walkathon started from

Sports Stadium Kathua and reached Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park and concluded back at Sports Stadium.

The students were seen holding placards/banners and also raised slogans to create awareness among the people regarding the Anti-Corruption measures. On the occasion, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Kathua Sunil Kumar and other Officers/Officials sensitized participants about the importance of raising awareness regarding the Corruption in all forms viz Financial, personal and attitudinal.

Earlier, DC Kathua administered the Integrity Pledge amongst the participants.

Brashtachar Mukht J&K Week: DC Kupwara presides over Mega Grievance Redressal Camp



JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 08: A grievances redressal camp was organized by District Administration Kupwara in observance of "Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week" in Town Hall Kupwara.

The mega grievances redressal camp was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan.

The purpose of organizing the camp was to redress the grievances of people and raise awareness among them about the zero tolerance for corruption and to bring

about transparency in the work culture of government offices.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation of PRIs, members of Civil Society, Social workers and residents of different areas of the district. Grievances pertaining to Forest Development Corporation, Police, School Education Department, Jal Shakti, Horticulture, Irrigation, RDD, revenue, R&B, Kupwara Municipality were raised on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner listened to all the grievances raised and took them with concerned officers for the response on the spot.

The DC gave necessary instructions to the officers for ensuring timely redressal of the genuine concerns of the people.

While replying to grievances, the DC said that District Administration is committed to ensure that all the services are provided at the door steps of the people.

She directed the Agriculture department and it's allied sectors to strengthen the IEC activities and sensitize the Sectoral officers to disseminate awareness among the farmers in the field.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the people to come forward and take benefit from different programmes and schemes of the government.

People thanked Deputy Commissioner Kupwara for organizing Grievances Redressal Camp which brought the people and administration face to face.

The grievances redressal camp was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, A.A Khan; ADC Kupwara, Gh. Nabi Bhat and other district and Sectoral officers.

GCW Gandhinagar organises lecture on "Impact of Right Food Choices on Improving Overall Physical, Mental Health"

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: The Department of Home Science of Government College for Women, Gandhinagar, today took a significant step towards promoting holistic well-being by organizing a highly informative lecture on the "Impact of Right Food Choices on Improving Overall Physical and Mental Health." The event, which took place at the college premises, saw enthusiastic participation from over 50 students from the Home Science department.

Deepakshi Vaid, a renowned Consultant Nutritionist and the founder of Vaidic Nutrition, as well as a distinguished Lecturer at IThrive Academy, Pune, graced the occasion as the esteemed resource person. Her expertise in the field of nutrition and health brought

invaluable insights to the students in attendance. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Irvinder Kour, the Head of the Home Science department, who emphasized the importance of making informed dietary choices for a healthier lifestyle. She set the tone for the enlightening lecture that followed.

Deepakshi Vaid, in her engaging session, shed light on the significance of choosing the right foods to enhance both physical and mental well-being. Her presentation covered topics ranging from balanced nutrition to the impact of dietary choices on mental health, drawing on her extensive experience and research in the field.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of Govt College for Women, expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the efforts of the

Home Science department and the profound impact such events have on the students. She encouraged the students to embrace the knowledge gained during the lecture and apply it in their daily lives. The organizing committee, consisting of dedicated faculty members, played a pivotal role in making this event a grand success. Dr. Anjali Bhat, Prof. Neelam Bhagat, Dr. Ramandeep Kour, Dr. Neelima Gupta, and Prof. Shivani Sawhney worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran smoothly and that the students benefited from this enlightening experience.

The lecture not only provided students with valuable insights into the relationship between nutrition and overall well-being but also fostered a sense of empowerment to make healthier choices in their lives.

DF, RDD& PR visits Shopian, reviews progress and inspects developmental works

JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 08: Director Finance Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR), Riyaz Ahmad Shah today visited district Shopian to take stock of ongoing developmental.

The visiting officer took a review meeting of the officers of the RDD&PR, which was attended by ACP Shopian Manzoor Ah Mir, Exen REW, Manzoor Ah Wani and other officials of the department in the district.

In the meeting the physical and financial progress under different schemes like MGNREGA, CD-PANCHAYAT, SBM, DISTT. CAPEX etc were reviewed.

It was informed that different components under SBM-Grameen are currently being executed in the district, which include construction of solid waste management sheds, liquid waste management units, community sanitary complexes, individual/community compost and soakage pits.

The status of sanitation under SBM-G was also reviewed by the visiting officer. It was informed that door to door collection and segregation of waste in the district is being done on regular basis.

In this process, the Panchayat Raj institutions and other local bodies are taking part in a collec-



tive way. Each panchayat has arranged two swachh grahs for managing the waste. These swachh grahs are being paid out of the user charges collected on a regular basis in the panchayats.

It is to be noted that SBM-G deals with the management of solid, liquid and faecal waste in rural areas.

For dealing with the solid waste, there are about 120 solid waste management sheds, 05 plastic waste management units, 13000 individual compost pits and about 2000 community compost pit in district.

Similarly, for dealing with liquid waste, there are about 130 community soakage pits, 25000 individual soakage pits in the district, in addition to about 14000 kitchen

gardens. To manage fecal waste, about 37000 twin pitted IHHL units have been constructed.

The visiting officer was informed that many steps have been taken like disposal of legacy waste, installation of individual and community dustbins and mass awareness campaigns to keep the villages neat and clean.

Later on, Director Finance along with the district officers and officials visited panchayat halqas of Chitragam A, Turkawangam, Chitragam B in which he inspected many SBM assets like CSCs, SWMs, LWMs.

The officer insisted and directed all the implementing officers to keep the district, particularly public places clean on a sustainable basis.

Social Welfare Department, ALIMCO organise Assessment, Awareness Camp at Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 8: The District Social Welfare Department joined hands with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) and NHPC, as part of their CSR initiative, to organize an assessment cum awareness camp at Subhash Stadium Udhampur. Additional Deputy

Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia was the chief guest and inaugurated the camp. At the outset, District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta said that the primary objective of the camp was to assess Persons with Disabilities from underprivileged backgrounds, to provide them free prosthetic aids, and raising awareness about various departmental schemes, includ-

ing Pension, Scholarship, Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS), and more. She further disclosed that this year the department would organise 5 assessment camps in the blocks of Chenani, Ramnagar, Dudu, and Pancheri, from September 8, 2023, to September 13, 2023, to ensure that government social welfare schemes reach deserving individuals at their doorsteps.

Chief Justice visits Shopian; reviews progress of ongoing works at new court Complex

Also reviews functioning of Courts, interacts with judicial officers, Bar members

JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 08: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh today visited district Shopian and reviewed the functioning of Courts.

He visited the District Court Complex Shopian and at the outset took part in a plantation drive in the Court Complex, expressing his commitment for greener and sustainable environment.



He also inspected the under-construction District Court Complex building being constructed by the R&B department. While calling for expediting the work and completing the same within given stipulated time,

he directed for ensuring quality of works. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh also held interactions with Judicial officers and Bar members and listened to the issues concerning the judiciary and public interest and also reviewed

functioning of district Court and Subordinate courts.

Chief Justice was accompanied by his Principal Secretary, M K Sharma; Principal District & Sessions Judge, Riyaz Ul Haq Mirza; DC Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb; SSP, Tanushree; Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone; Secretary DLSA Susheel Singh; Munsiff Brijraj Singh; Bar President, other officers and Bar members during the visit.

Director Employment inaugurates DECC Library, Skill Development Course in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 08: Director Employment, Nisar Ahmad Wani along with Joint Director Employment, Zeenat Ara today inaugurated the Library cum Reading Room at the District Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC) at Khun Harran, Ganderbal.

Three months skill development course in Dress Making which is

being organised by Employment Ganderbal in collaboration with Skill and Capacity building cell, Kashmir University, was also inaugurated at the event.

Earlier, DECC Ganderbal had conducted skill course in Banking and Finance in collaboration with Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and 20 candidates have passed out.

During the event, Director Employment handed over the certificates to these beneficiaries.

During the event, cultural team from DIPR, J&K performed a Kashmiri folk song for the audience.

Towards the end, AD Employment Ganderbal, Beenish Wani presented a formal vote of thanks to the guests and candidates present.

Among others, event was also attended by Principal GDC Ganderbal, officials from BSE, and staff of DECC Ganderbal.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Treva, Chak Shera, old Arnia, Kotli Jabowal, Dogra Hall, Rehari, Resham Ghar Colony, Bus stand, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazar, Kaleeth Mohalla, Kanak Mandi, Manda, New Plot, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar, IIM Jagti, Nagrota and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 10 from 6 am to 10

am. Similarly, the power supply to Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, PuranaPind and its adjoining areas will remain affected on September 10 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana, Machallian and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industries under feeder BB-I, BB-22 and BB-23 will remain affected on September 10 from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Sainik Colony and its adjoining

areas will remain affected on September 9, 11 and 13 from 6 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Radio Station, PHE, Local Market of Bantalab and their adjoining areas will remain affected on September 10 and 12 from 6 am to 10 am. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jatwal and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 09 and 10 from 6 am to 10 am.

Tariq Zargar tours Bandipora, assesses progress on implementation of various developmental schemes of RDD



JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 08: Secretary in Rural Development Department (RDD), Tariq Ahmad Zargar today undertook a comprehensive tour of Bandipora district to assess the progress on implementation of various developmental schemes of RDD.

The Secretary was accompanied by Assistant Development Commissioner Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakam; ACP Bandipora Muzafar Ahamd; and other concerned officers of the

Rural development and allied departments.

During the visit, he visited toured multiple blocks and villages within the district, including Sumbal and Arin Bandipora. He also interacted with local residents, Panchayat members and officials involved in the implementation of RDD schemes.

Interacting with the officers on the occasion, Tariq Ahmad stressed on the importance of inclusive development and the need to ensure that the benefits of RDD schemes reach every section

of society, including marginalized communities.

During the visit, the Secretary also inspected ongoing projects in the district related to road, PMAY, SBM, construction, electrification and sanitation besides Amrit Sarovar. He stressed on the quality infrastructure for enhancing the overall living standards of rural residents.

The Secretary also reviewed the progress of employment generation programs under RDD like MGNREGA and discussed strategies to enhance job opportunities for the rural workforce.

He directed BDOs and RDD staff to actively raise awareness among the general public about the importance of solid and liquid waste management.

He stressed upon the concerned authorities to adopt a participatory approach by taking all stakeholders on board.

On the occasion, Tariq Zargar expressed satisfaction with the progress made in Bandipora district and said that the department is committed for comprehensive rural development.

Director Rural Sanitation assesses sanitation initiatives in Rajouri, Poonch Districts



JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 8: Director Rural Sanitation, Charandeep Singh, embarked on a productive 3-day tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts focusing on the assessment of sanitation initiatives and fostering solid and liquid waste management.

Joined by Assistant Commissioner (Panchayats) Poonch, Sheraz Chouhan, DPO Auqil Nuvaid, and the Block Development Officers of the respective Blocks, Director Charandeep Singh's visit was marked by a series of impactful engagements.

The journey commenced with a warm reception by Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chouhan, at B.G Top. The Director's first stop was a constructive interaction with the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) of Block Manjakote, during which numerous pertinent issues and feedback were discussed. Subsequently, Director Charandeep Singh convened a meeting with the Rural Development Department (RDD) staff and PRIs of Block Manjakote, delving into the vital facets of ongoing projects.

Continuing his tour, Director Charandeep Singh conducted an inspection of assets completed

under the Swachh Bharat Mission in Panjgarain Block.

A comprehensive review meeting followed, involving all Block Development Officers (BDOs) and staff, affording Director Singh an opportunity to gauge progress and address challenges within the Rural Development Department. A visit to the PMU unit at Bathuni was also part of this segment.

With a resolute focus on community engagement, Director Charandeep Singh issued a directive to BDOs and RDD staff to proactively raise awareness among the public regarding the significance of solid and liquid waste management.

He underscored the necessity for behavioral change and encouraged the adoption of sustainable practices.

During his visit, Director Singh made a significant stop at Sarhanoo Bridge Panchayat in Block Dhangri. Here, he interacted with PRIs, inaugurated a PMU unit, and scrutinized the execution of the Plastic Waste Management Unit at Sangpur Narriyan West.

In addition, he inspected Amritsarovar at Panchayat Godar and Loorkote, ensuring strict adherence to quality standards. Similarly, he paid visits to Lamberi and Siot

Panchayats, engaging in discussions with PRIs and the general public. His inspection encompassed completed assets such as segregation sheds, Pink Toilets, and Compost Pits, all integral components of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Director Charandeep Singh's comprehensive visit to Rajouri reaffirmed the commitment to sanitation and waste management, setting the stage for transformative change in the region.

Earlier, the other day the Director undertook a comprehensive two-day visit to Poonch, where he assessed the progress of various sanitation initiatives and emphasized the importance of solid and liquid waste management.

He held a meeting with the Rural Development Department (RDD) staff and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) of Block Bufliaz, discussing important aspects of the ongoing projects.

Later, the Director visited the Nangali Sahib, Sain Baba Panchayat, where he inspected the assets completed under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Later, a review meeting was conducted at the Dak Banglow Poonch, wherein Director Singh interacted with all the staff members of the Rural Development Department, assessing their progress and addressing any challenges.

With a focus on community engagement, Director Charandeep Singh directed the Block Development Officers (BDOs) and RDD staff to actively raise awareness among the general public about the importance of solid and liquid waste management. He emphasized the need for a behavioral change and encouraged the masses to adopt sustainable practices.

Under Secy MWCD reviews functioning of SAKHI-OSC at Bandipora

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 08: Under Secretary, Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Lalit Grover today paid a surprise visit to SAKHI-One Stop Centre (OSC) here.

The purpose of the visit was to have an overall review and evaluation of the centres operations and functionality.

During the visit, Lalit Grover expressed satisfaction at the facilities in newly constructed OSC building and commended the dedi-

cation and hard work of the centre's staff members.

He was particularly impressed with the efficient functioning of the staff and seamless coordination between the One Stop Centre Bandipora and the District Administration through district Social Welfare department.

In his assessment, Grover lauded the exemplary performance of the OSC and its collaboration with the local administration, noting its positive impact on the community.

The surprise visit by Lalit Grover not only recognized and appreciat-

ed the efforts of the SAKHI One Stop Centre but also to encouraged and motivated the team to continue their invaluable service to the community.

The OSC Bandipora remains steadfast in its commitment to providing essential support to women and children in need, and Lalit Grover's visit has further bolstered their determination to carry out their mission effectively.

This visit also reaffirms the Ministry's commitment in ensuring the well-being and safety of women across India.

Lung cancer patient managed successfully with Bronchoscopic intervention at CD Hospital Srinagar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 08: Continuing with the pursuit of upgrading and providing advanced health care services to the patients, Govt. Chest Diseases (CD) hospital here has started another advanced technique 'Electro Cautery Knife and Controlled Radial Expansion (CRE) Balloon Dilatation' for palliative care of cancer patients.

A 60-year male with lung cancer was referred to Chest disease hospital with history of shortness of breath and noisy breathing. For management of lung cancer, patient had received chemo-radiotherapy. Bronchoscopy was done to visualize patients' airways, which revealed narrowing (stenosis) and obstruction of patient's

right side of the lung severe enough to cause patients symptoms.

Obstruction was relieved using an Electro Cautery Knife and Controlled Radial Expansion (CRE) Balloon Dilatation. To avoid or reduce the chances of restenosis and obstruction, topical Mitomycin C was also applied locally (at the site of obstruction).

The procedure was done under conscious sedation and patient had relief of symptoms immediately post procedure. He was kept under observation for 12 hours and was discharged later.

Facility of various Bronchoscopic interventions for management of airway stenosis are available at Government Chest disease hospital, Srinagar. It has improved the management of patients with air-

way obstruction and will reduce the need of such patients to move outside UT.

The procedure was performed by a team of interventional pulmonologists lead by Head of Department, Dr. Naveed Nazir Shah.

The department headed by Dr Naveed with the support of Dr Khurshheed and other faculty members has already started advanced interventional procedures like Rigid bronchoscopy and stenting in cancer patients.

The department has expressed gratitude to the administration of CD hospital and Principal Government Medical College, Prof Masood Tanvir for providing support to the department for upgrading facilities to provide quality services to the public.

DDC reviews developmental scenario in district Doda

Seeks execution of projects with full throttle; Warns erring Contractors, Engineers of strict action

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 08: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting of officers from line departments to review the progress on ongoing vital projects and status of the implementation of different government schemes in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC reviewed the physical and financial progress on the projects being executed by PWD, Jal Shakti, Education, Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Youth Services and Sports, Housing and Urban Development Department, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Jal Shakti, PMGSY and other line departments in the district.

Implementation of different government programs and schemes was also reviewed during the meeting. He sought details from the concerned departments and executing agencies regarding the progress achieved on projects under the Languishing scheme. Threadbare discussion was also held regarding the delay in completion of different projects for which the time lines were fixed.

Under the PWD (R&B) sector, it was informed that this year out of 126



approved works under different schemes, 85 works have been taken up, and 10 have been completed on the ground.

Reviewing the RDD sector, it was revealed that a total of 2659 works have been approved under various schemes, and 1777 works have been tendered. 598 works have been allotted, and 55 works were completed till August 31st in the district.

Jal Shakti department was asked to complete all the 185 JJM schemes by the 31st of October 2023 so that safe drinking tap water is provided to all 24707 uncovered households in the district.

The Developmental works being executed by the Forest Department were also reviewed, and one FRA case was approved by the committee in the meeting.

It was reported that 140 works out of 252 have been taken up by the Forest Department in the district and others being plantation works shall be taken up during winter

months. The Works under execution of Housing and Urban Development Department (MCs), including Multi-storey Car Parking at New Bus Stand Doda, were discussed with the EOs, and the instructions were issued to create assets under PPP mode in Doda and Bhabderwah towns using available land for creating more economic opportunities in the district. The DDC stressed on creating more parking spaces to decongest the towns. He also reviewed physical and financial progress under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, AWAS Plus, MDM, KGBV, SBM, ISSS, NSAP, RMSA, MUMKIN, Tejaswini, PMEGP, and other government sponsored welfare schemes, and directed to saturate the percolation of the benefits of all such schemes to the eligible beneficiaries.

Mahajan asked to establish the District Level Coordination Committee composed of the officers drawn from PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDCCL,

RDD and Forest departments for timely Forest clearance of the approved works going through the forest areas and other related issues.

The BDOs were asked to accord sanction for all the approved works in the next two working days so that tenders are floated and works are taken up on the ground. Directions were also issued to the concerned authorities to take cognizance of the delay in execution of the work by the erring contractors and engineers. The departments were asked to take strict action, to the extent of blacklisting and lodging of FIR against those responsible for malafide halting and delaying important public works.

The DDC stressed to execute impactfully with full throttle on the ground before the onset of winters this year. Mahajan stressed upon the concerned Ex Ens to monitor the execution of ongoing works in the district by way of frequent field visits and exhorted for expediting the pace of work on all the taken up projects for their timely completion.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, CPO, SE PWD, SE Jal Shakti, CEO BDA, GM DIC Doda, ACD, DFOs (All), Executive Engineers (All), CEO, CAO, CMO, DYSSO Doda, CAHO Doda, DSWO, DSHO, AEEs/ AE/ JE/ of various wings and other concerned.

Govt SPMR College of Commerce organises poster making competition on Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: NCC and NSS units of Government SPMR College of Commerce organized Poster Making competition to promote Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K campaign. The event was held

under the patronage of Prof. Surinder Kumar, Principal of the college. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Lt.) Savita Jamwal mentioned different instances of corruption in the society and appealed to the students to refrain from this menace. She also asked the stu-

dents to be vigilant and report any case of corruption within their knowledge. Students made beautiful posters showcasing the method of combating the heinous crime of corruption. In the poster making competition, Cadet Sourav Kumar bagged 1st prize while Mohd. Sajad and Cadet Ranvir Singh got 2nd and 3rd prize respectively.

The jury members for the event were Dr. Monika Malhotra (Coordinator IQAC), Dr. Nazia Rasool (HOD EVS) and Dr. Deepak Pathania. Other faculty members present in the occasion were Prof. Barbara Kaul (HoD Commerce), Prof. Shreya Sharma, Prof. Monika Mahajan, Prof. Rishu Mahajan and Prof. Rajni Bala. The program was coordinated by Prof. Savita Jamwal ANO NCC, Prof. Deepshikha Sharma and Prof. Apfan Ali NSS Programmer Officers.

Pr. Secy Education flags off Shanti Yatra from Anantnag

JJ NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 08: Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar today flagged off the Shanti Yatra-2023 from Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School Ranibagh here.

The Yatra is an initiative that seeks to foster a spirit of harmony and understanding among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir organized by the Department of School Education and this year's yatra promises to be a significant step towards promoting the values of peace and education.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, SF Hamid; Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, senior officers of district administration, faculty of institution, NCC/ NSS volunteers from various educational institutions, and large number of students were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Secretary emphasized on the importance of education in promoting peace and prosperity. He stated that Education is not just about acquiring knowledge, it is a powerful tool that can bring people together,

bridge divides, and foster understanding. Alok Kumar said that Shanti Yatra-2023 aims to instill these values in our youth, who are the future of our nation. He added that the yatra will traverse different regions of Jammu & Kashmir, engaging with students and communities along the way to spread the message of peace and harmony. The School Education department has expressed its gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and supporters, Security agencies and Media fraternity who have come together to make this Yatra a reality.

Parasites of power can't destroy Sanatan Dharma: CM Yogi



AGENCY

LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said here on Thursday that 'parasites of power' cannot destroy Sanatan Dharma, which is the eternal truth. He pointed out that even Mughal rulers like Babar and Aurangzeb could not succeed in their evil designs against it.

Hitting out at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's Udhananidhi Stalin for making a controversial statement against the Sanatan Dharma without naming him at a cultural programme organised at Police Lines here on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, Yogi said even Ravana and Kansa could not harm Sanatan Dharma with their arrogance and might.

The chief minister said pointing

era there have been attempts to falsify the truth. Didn't Ravana try to lie? Before that, didn't Hiranyakashyap try to insult God and Sanatan Dharma? Didn't Kansa challenge divine authority? But, they were all destroyed in their malicious attempts. Let's not forget that Sanatan Dharma is the eternal truth, it can't be harmed," Yogi remarked.

Greeting the people of the state on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, the CM said that Shri Krishna was born as the complete incarnation of Lord Vishnu to establish religion, truth and justice. "For 5,000 years, the inspiration of Lord Shri Krishna has been continuously paving the way for the welfare of humanity in the entire world including India. Whenever atrocities and injustice took place in India, our divine incarnations guided the society in the form of a special beam of light", Yogi asserted.

He said that Lord Shri Krishna gave the mantra of 'Karmanye Vadhikaraste Ma Faleshu Kadachana' to common citizens during times of peace to inspire them for action. At the same time, during the crisis, he inspired the mantra to imbibe the mantra of 'Paritranaaya Sadhunam Vinashaya Cha Dushkritam', to destroy the evil force.

Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra and other dignitaries were present with the Chief Minister at the programme.

fingers at Sanatan Dharma amounts to making a malicious attempt at putting humanity in trouble. He described Sanatan Dharma as a source of energy like the Sun and added that "only a fool can think of spitting at the Sun, for it will naturally come back to the face of the person that spits."

Taking a jibe at the Opposition parties, CM Yogi said their future generations will live in utter shame because of their misdeeds. He emphasised that one must feel proud of India's tradition.

He said all those who tried to destroy God destroyed themselves. "Sanatan was insulted 500 years ago. Today Ram temple is being built in Ayodhya. The Opposition is trying to do petty politics, trying to create disruption in India's progress. But it won't work. In every

Bypoll Results: Counting underway for 7 Assembly seats in 6 states; Cong takes lead in Puthuppally, BJP ahead in Bageshwar

AGENCY

NEW DELHI: The counting of votes for the seven assembly seats across six states, including Bageshwar in Uttarakhand, Ghosi in Uttar Pradesh, Puthuppally in Kerala, Dhupguri in West Bengal, Dumri in Jharkhand, and Boxanagar and Dhanpur in Tripura, is underway.

According to the initial trends, Congress candidate Chandy Oommen is leading from Puthuppally in Kerala. BJP candidate Tafajjal Hossain is leading from Boxanagar in Tripura. BJP candidate Parwati Dass is leading from Bageshwar in Uttarakhand. All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) candidate Yashoda Devi is leading from Dumri in Jharkhand, and BJP candidate Bindu Debnath from Dhupguri in West Bengal is leading, as per the information released on the official website of the Election Commission.

The voting for the bypolls in six states was held on Tuesday,

September 5. These bypolls are seen as crucial, as they may serve as the litmus test for the opposition alliance against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha.

After the death of former Kerala Chief Minister and Congress leader Oommen Chandy, the election was necessitated for the Puthuppally Assembly seat.

Oommen Chandy represented the Puthuppally seat 12 times in a row from 1970 to 2023. Oommen Chandy's son, Chandy Oommen is fighting from Puthuppally while the ruling party CPI (M) has fielded Jaick C Thomas.

A bye-election in Tripura's Dhanpur was necessitated after the BJP's Pratima Bhoumik resigned to retain her Lok Sabha seat, leaving the assembly vacant. Bhoumik's brother Bindu Debnath will be fighting for the BJP against Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) candidate Kaushik Chanda in Dhanpur for the bypolls.

The BJP and CPI (M) will contest against each other in Tripura's Boxanagar seat, which fell vacant after the death of CPI (MK) MLA Samsul Haque.

In Uttarakhand's Bageshwar seat, the battle will be between the SP, Congress, and BJP against each other. A bye-election in Bageshwar was prompted by the death of BJP MLA Chandan Ram Dass.

A bypoll in Jharkhand's Dumri was necessitated after the death of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA Jagarnath Mahto. JMM has filed Mahto's wife, Bebi Devi, who is representing the India bloc, against NDA's Yashoda Devi and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Abdul Rizvi.

In West Bengal's Dhupguri, the bye-election was necessary after the death of the BJP's Bishnu Pada Ray.

Tapas Ray from the BJP is contesting against Nirma Chandra Roy and CPI (M) candidate Ishwar Chandra Roy.

For spouses of G20 leaders, a meeting with women farmers, millet food and more

AGENCY

NEW DELHI: The spouses of G20 leaders who will be accompanying their partners during the G20India Summit in Delhi from September 9-10 will experience Indian culture, cuisine and traditional and modern art during their stay in India. According to Meenakshi Lekhi, MoS Ministry of External Affairs said that on September 9, the spouses of the G20 leaders will visit Indian Agricultural Research Institute. They are also scheduled to meet

some women farmers of the country and experience millet cuisines. Later in the day, they will inaugurate an exhibition called 'Roots to Routes' where world's oldest chariot will be showcased.

During their India stay, the spouses of G20 leaders will also visit some of the top laboratories of the country.

They will also visit National Gallery of Modern Arts.

"On 9th Sept, they (Spouses of G 20 leaders) will visit the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

They will meet some women farmers and will also see some of the top laboratories...

Their first experience will be about millet, which is our traditional diet...In the second half, there will be an exhibition called 'Roots to Routes' where we will showcase the oldest chariot in the world..." said MoS MEA Meenakshi Lekhi.

The two-day G20 Summit is scheduled to be held under India's presidency from September 8 to 10 in Delhi's newly inaugurated Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre.

Spain's President Tests Covid-19 Positive, To Miss G20 Summit

AGENCY

NEW DELHI: Pedro Sánchez, the president of Spain, has tested positive for COVID-19 and will not attend the G20 Summit taking place in India. Sánchez said on X (formerly Twitter) that he would not be able to attend the G20 Summit in New Delhi because he had tested positive for COVID this afternoon. "I'm all right," he wrote.

The First Vice President Nadia Calvino, the Minister of Economic Affairs, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation will represent Spain at the G20 Summit, he continued. Sánchez is the third head of state to cancel his attendance at the G20 Summit. The other two leaders who won't be traveling to Delhi are Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The recently

inaugurated Bharat Mandapam in the nation's capital has been transformed into the venue for the G20 Summit.

The G20 Summit is being held for the first time when India is hosting the presidency. Numerous world leaders and delegates will attend the event. The summit has undergone extensive planning and preparation with the goal of presenting both India's soft power and its contemporary face.

The G20 was established in 1999 with the goal of preserving global financial stability by including middle-income nations.

On December 1 of last year, India took over as G20 president, and 60 cities around the nation hosted 200 G20 meetings. The culmination of all G20 processes and talks with ministers, senior officials, and civil society will take place during the

18th G20 Summit in New Delhi.

At the conclusion of the G20 Summit, a statement from the G20 Leaders outlining their support for the goals discussed and decided at the corresponding ministerial and working group meetings will be adopted. Brazil will assume the next G20 leadership in 2024, followed by South Africa in 2025.

Meanwhile, Other world leaders including Rishi Sunak Prime Minister of Britain; Giorgia Meloni, PM of Italy; Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius; European Council President Charles Michel; Ursula von der Leyen, President of European Commission; Mathias Cormann, Secretary General of OECD; Minister of Economy, Raquel Buenrostro Sánchez of Mexico; have arrived in the country for the G20 Summit in Delhi.

Cousins die of electrocution in UP village, families blame electricity dept

AGENCY

LUCKNOW: Two young farmers in Dibai village of Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district died after coming in contact with a high-tension wire, said officials on Friday. The families blamed the electricity department for negligence.

Police said cousins Sumit, 20, and Krishna, 22, died on Thursday when they had gone to their farm to

collect fodder. According to Sumit's father Jitendra Singh, a snapped high tension live wire was lying on the field. "One came in contact with the wire and got electrocuted. The other died while trying to save him. It was all due to the negligence of the electricity department," he alleged.

SHO of Dibai, Chhotey Singh, said, "Two young men were taken to a hospital where doctors declared them dead. Their bodies

were handed over to families. Prima facie, it appears they died of electrocution. There was an electric pole above them, but it is not clear what actually happened.

"Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Dibai visited the spot to prepare a report. We will register an FIR once we receive a complaint." The victims belonged to a farming family. Sumit was doing a polytechnic course at a private institute.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 84 of 2023-24 Dated 05-09-2023 (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (in lacs)	Cost of doc.t (in `)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Providing and Installation of Crash Barrier on Tikri Katra road Km 4 th to 15 th in various locations (Action Plan Under Road Safety Measures 2023-24).	17.77	600	35540	30 Days	B & C Class	Road Safety Measures 2023-24
2.	Construction of B/wall / Road edge at RD 1/175-850 at Agharjitto to Pangatha road. (Under ARD Programme for the year 2023-24).	4.99	600	9980	30 Days	D Class	ARD 2023-24
3.	Preparation of "Akshara" on the eve of Navratra Festival in Sports Stadium at Katra (Under ARD Programme for the year 2023-24)	1.90	600	3800	07 Days	D Class	ARD 2023-24

Position of AAA:- **Accorded.**
Position of T.S :- **Accorded**
Position of funds :- **Available**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	05-09-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 05-09-2023 to 15-09-2023, 1700 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	05-09-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	15-09-2023 up to 1700 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	16-09-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra uploading a copy of treasury challan and EM/D/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra as mentioned in the bid documents.
2. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Katra.
4. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
5. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re- submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

No- 4020-25
 Dated- 05-09-2023
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SD/
 (ER. ASHWANI KUMAR)
 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
 PWD (R&B) DIVISION
 KATRA

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEV. PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT CHENANI

NOTIFICATION NO: 7 CDPOC OF 2023
 DATED: 02-09-2023

Sub:-Final selection list of Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) 2023Anganwadi Center Ossu-B Poshan Project Chenani in pursuance to Govt. Order No.103-jk (SWD) of 2023 Dated:- 28/04/2023 for the recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (AWH). Further sahayika of AWC Ossu-B Smt. Nisha Devi Shall verify the Original Documents in the office of the undersigned within ten days from the publication of this notice.

S.No	Name of Applicant	Parentage	Married/ Unmarried	Ward No.	D.O.B	Panchyat /MC	AWC Name	Remarks
1	NISHA DEVI	W/O BALVIR SINGH	MARRIED	4	6/4/1998	Ossu	Ossu-B	Applicant submitted the bonadide Certificate Vide No:- GMVSS/AI-KALPANA2023-24/B112 Dated:- 19/08/2023

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Div Com reviews land issues of Airport Expansion

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 08: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the status of land acquisition and related issues pertaining to the Jammu Airport Expansion Project here at a meeting of functionaries of the stakeholder departments.

Seeking the details about the Jammu Airport Expansion project, he was informed that the land acquisition had almost been completed and only a few patches of land with structures and buildings



of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna were not handed over to the Airport Authorities.

It was informed that 20

structures have already been vacated by Animal Husbandry and 2 more were vacated today paving the way forward for completion of the project.

"Alternative land has been provided to the Animal Husbandry Department for shifting its hatchery

and office buildings. The land has been provided in Nagrota and Chatha areas" the meeting was told. The Div Com instructed DC Jammu to resolve the issues on the allotted land to facilitate shifting of Animal Husbandry buildings in a time-bound manner. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Animal Husbandry, Director Airport, Assistant Commissioner central, Additional Secretary Civil Aviation Department and other concerned officers.

Bhrastachar Mukt Week: DC Kulgam inaugurates mega grievances redressal cum awareness camp

J I NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 08: Under the campaign of week-long Bhrastachar Mukt J&K, Social Welfare Department Kulgam today organized a mega grievances redressal cum awareness camp at Kulgam. This camp was inaugurated & presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat. ADC, Viqar Ahmad Giri, ACR Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz, ACD Mohammad Imran, DSWO Snowbar Altaf and

other officers were present on the occasion.

Special grievance redressal counters were established by the department for onspot resolution of complaint.

Addressing the gathering, DC said that the administration is committed for welfare and upliftment of downtrodden people.

While highlighting the aim and objective of the camp, he said that this week-long programme is observed to deliberate on various aspects to end corruption and ensure

strict action against people involved in it.

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

Meanwhile, an awareness session on drug abuse was also conducted on the occasion. The district is abuzz with special camps and programmes under the banner of Bhrastachar Mukt Week with aim to eradicate corruption and promote transparent and accountable governance.

ADC Jammu discusses preparations with Nodal Officers for Municipal Elections

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh today chaired a meeting to discuss the preparations for the upcoming Municipal Elections here in the DC Office.

The meeting witnessed the participation of ADC (Adm.) Jammu, Sandeep Seointra; Joint

Commissioner JMC, Kulbhusan Khajuria, SSP Hqrs Jammu Rannish Gupta, AC Nazool Jammu Vinay Sharma, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma, ACG Jammu Manisha Angral, Deputy DEO Rameshwar Kumar and several other District Officers assigned roles of nodal officers for the elections.

The Nodal Officers were informed about their roles during the election process.

Threadbare discussion was also held regarding transport plan, security arrangements, communication plan and SVEEP campaign with various stakeholders.

ADC Jammu directed Nodal officers to prepare and share def-

inite plans with Deputy DEO within prescribed time limits for smooth and fair conduct of upcoming municipal elections.

Special focus was laid on training of EVMs handling and other election related duties.

Training of Officers deputed as Returning Officers shall commence from tomorrow at Teacher's Bhawan Jammu

DLTFC approves 13 cases under JKREGP at Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 08: DLTFC under JKREGP Scheme of J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board was held under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani here at Mini secretariat Ganderbal.

Among others were present Lead District Manager JK Bank, Director RSETI, District Coordinator State Cooperative Bank, Representative of DIC, ITI Ganderbal, and Government

Polytechnic College.

In the meeting, a number of beneficiaries attended the DLTFC meeting and were interviewed by committee and were selected for sponsorship under different Industries and sectors including Shawl Embroidery, Cutting Tailoring Boutique, Sheep farm, Dairy farm, Departmental Store etc.

Out of 29 applications, 13 cases were approved by the DLTFC committee.

Project cost of approved cases is Rs 91 lakh which involves Margin Money (subsidy) of Rs 31.85 lakh.

MVD Doda organizes Road Safety Awareness Programme for students



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DODA SEPTEMBER 08: Motor Vehicle Department Doda today organized a road safety awareness programme for the students here in the Green Model Higher Secondary School. The aim of the programme was to educate students about the importance of road safety and to create awareness among them regarding the various road safety rules and regulations. On the occasion, ARTO Rajesh Gupta emphasized the students to act as ambassadors for promoting the road safety rules and the "Bharastachar Mukht campaign.

The ARTO also gave a detailed presentation on the traffic signals, signs and acquainted the students about the online services of MVD for applying for driving licence, RC and other documents. A debate competition was also organized in which students of the school participated with great enthusiasm and expressed valuable ideas for minimizing the road accidents. The students were awarded with prizes and encouraged to actively participate in spreading awareness about road safety among their peers and family members.

VC, DDC Kupwara presides over awareness camp at Lolab

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KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 08: Under "Bharastachar Mukt J&K campaign, Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara Haji Farooq Mir presided over an awareness camp at Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), Chandigarh Lolab today which was organised by CAPD department Kupwara.

In the camp, awareness was provided to the people regarding Prime Minister's Food Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme, Nation food Security Act and other CAPD schemes.

RDD Samba organises Mega Camp to promote Bharastachar Mukt J&K campaign

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 08: A Mega Camp was organized today by the Rural Development Department in the Conference Hall of District Administrative Complex, Nandini Hills Samba. The Camp was organized as part of ongoing "Bharastachar Mukt J&K Week" being observed in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir from 4th September, 2023 to 10th September, 2023.

The Mega Camp was chaired by District Development Commissioner Abhishek Sharma and attended by Assistant Commissioner (Development), besides Block Development Officers and other functionaries of the Department.

Apart from those, PRIs and general public of the District also participated in the event who were thoroughly apprised about various initiatives and steps/measurements being taken for ensuring transparency in the implementation of different developmental and beneficiary oriented schemes.

90 Vehicles worth crores distributed among beneficiaries in Rozgar Mela Organised at Anantnag

OUR TARGET IS TO ENSURE UNEMPLOYMENT FREE ANANTNAG: S. F. HAMID

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ANANTNAG SEPTEMBER 08: A job fair cum Rozgar Mela was today held at Sports Stadium Dialgam. The event was presided over by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag SF Hamid.

The major highlights of the Mela were distribution of 90 vehicles among beneficiaries selected under the Mumkin Scheme, on spot

appointment of 4 youths by the private sector and selection of 85 individuals who have been short listed by various private companies.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner said that aim of such events is to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers, creating opportunities for local youth.

He further added that the administration is committed for ensuring employment opportunities for all aspiring youths of the district under various schemes and missions.

A total of 10 private employers and 14 government departments actively

participated in this job fair, demonstrating their commitment to empowering the local community.

The event attracted an impressive turnout, with 880 youth eagerly participating and interacting with the stakeholders. Out of these, 209 attendees formally registered for job placements. In an encouraging turn of events, 85 individuals were short-listed by employers for potential positions.

This collaborative effort between the government, private sector, and local youth showcases a promising future for employment opportunities in Anantnag.

IASOWA J&K members conducted donation drive at Jammu and Delhi

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: The IAS Officers Wives Association (IASOWA), J&K, today conducted a donation drive under the guidance of its President, Dr. Amita Mehta. Besides donation, IASOWA carried out a plantation drive as well.

Members distributed stationary goods and other useful items among the students at Government Middle School, Dodhi Gujjar Colony, Channi. On this occasion, the members who were present included Anuradha Jangid, Geetanjali Singla and Jayashree Kundal.

The members conducted a quiz among the students to create awareness about the significance of environment e.g planting trees and the



hazards of single use plastics. The members asked student about their aims and hobbies and encouraged them to pursue these with dedication and commitment.

They encouraged them to make best use of their time to shine like stars in their lives.

On this occasion, the members went through the classrooms and labs of the school besides distributing station-

ary, books and other sports goods among the students. They also planted the ornamental and other saplings in the school premises to improve the aesthetics of the campus. They highlighted the significance of trees in protection of environment and their role in the survival of mankind.

They also threw light on the past endeavors and future

plans of the IASOWA such as afforestation, social plantation and generating awareness in public to change their lifestyle that is more eco-friendly and beneficial for their health and well-being.

Besides the teachers and students of the school the local administrators and officers of the School Education Department were present during all these proceedings of the Association.

Moreover, in order to expand its activities to other areas of the social concerns, the IASOWA J&K is simultaneously conducting 'Donation Drives' in three places of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir. They are calling on the respectable citizens of these places to come forward and play their part for the betterment of the society.

District RAC Ganderbal approves 3 cases

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GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 08: A District Rent Assessment Committee (RAC) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehranj-ud-Din Shah here at V.C Room.

A total of 03 cases were put up before the committee for settlement. All the 03 cases were disposed off in presence of building owners and indenting department officials.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer PDD, AEE R&B and other committee members.

DC Poonch approves allotment of Electro-Mechanical Works, Bore Wells under Jal Jivan Mission

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POONCH, SEPTEMBER, 08: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today chaired a meeting and approved allocation of fifteen (15) electro-mechanical works and two (02) Bore wells under the Jal Jivan Mission (JJM) for the Jal Shakti (PHE) division in Poonch.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Divisional Forest Officer, (T) Naveed Iqbal, Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Hussain Shah, Chief Planning Officer, Maqsood Ahmed, Assistant



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EMPHASIZES TIMELINE ACHIEVEMENT OF HAR GHAR JAL TARGET TO BENEFIT PEOPLE

Hydraulic, Bhramjyoti, Xen PHE, Riaz Ahmed, Xen irrigation & Flood control, Vaneet Vaid, District Social welfare Officer, Mohinder Paul, District Forest Officer, Munshi Ram, TO to SE, Gafoor Ahmed beside other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting aimed to ensure the effective implementation of the mission and alleviate water scarcity issues faced by the residents.

During the meeting, it was revealed that of the total 93 electro-mechanical works, 70 works have already been tendered, 26 works allotted and 15 works have been issued

allotment letters of intent (LOI), while currently 29 works are undergoing the tendering process.

It was further informed that of 130 borewell works, 128 already stand tendered and allotted.

"Two works have been issued allotment letters of intent (LOI), and there are no works currently under evaluation (technical/financial) or in the tendering process," the meeting was informed.

Recognizing the importance of the Jal Jivan Mission (JJM) and the dire need to augment water supply, the Deputy Commissioner directed the

executive engineers and other concerned officers to work diligently towards achieving the targets set under the Har Ghar Jal initiative. The primary objective is to provide tap water connections to every household, ensuring that the people of Poonch, including those residing in remote areas, can benefit from the JJM scheme and overcome water scarcity.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the officers to expedite the execution process, maintain transparency, and ensure that the allotted works are completed within the stipulated time frame.

Intl Literacy Day observed in Government Degree College Batote

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 8: The International Literacy Day was celebrated today in Government Degree College (GDC), Batote in collaboration with the Tehsil Legal Services Authority, here today.

The Programme was presided over by the Principal, GDC, Prof. Dr. Nirlep Kour. Prof. Dr. Nazim explained to the students about the history and concept of literacy according to UNESCO through Power Point Presentation.