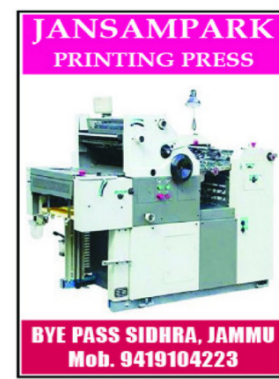




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Two Terrorists killed in Rajouri encounter; warlike stores, medicines with Pakistan markings recovered

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RAJOURI, SEPT 13

Two terrorists were killed by security forces during an encounter that began in the Narla area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri on Tuesday.

Security forces have recovered large quantity of warlike stores, including medicines, with Pakistan markings during a search amid the encounter that continued on Wednesday evening according to officials.

The Defence PRO, Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said that Indian army and Jammu and Kashmir police tracked the movement of two terrorists since September 7.

"Troops cordoned the terrorists and heavy fire-fight ensued on September 12 wherein one terrorist



Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu said.

A top police official had on Tuesday said that one terrorist was gunned down while one Army soldier lost his life in the encounter which broke out in the Narla area. Three security personnel including a Special Police Officer also sustained injuries in the exchange of fire.

"One terrorist neutralised; One Army jawan lost his life, three others including one police SPO injured in the ensuing encounter in Rajouri district," Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu said on Tuesday.

A six-year-old dog (female labrador) laid down her life shielding her handler during the encounter.

was killed on the same night. Despite bad weather and hostile terrain, the second terrorist was pursued and neutralized on the morning of September 13 after heavy firing throughout the night," the PRO statement added.

"Large quantity of warlike stores have been recovered, including Paki-

stan marking medicines. One soldier of 63 RR has made the supreme sacrifice and three soldiers have been injured, along with an SPO. An Army dog has also laid down her life," the statement added. "Second terrorist has been gunned down in the ongoing encounter in Narla area of Rajouri,"

Army colonel and major, deputy superintendent of J&K Police martyred in Anantnag gunfight: Officials



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SRINAGAR, SEPT 13

An Army commanding officer, a Major and a Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police were martyred in a gunfight with terrorists in the higher reaches of Kokorenag area in the south of the valley, officials said here on Wednesday.

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent Humayun Bhat were critically injured in the

gunfight with terrorists that ensued in the Garol area of Anantnag district in the morning hours of Wednesday.

The officers succumbed to their injuries during the treatment, they said.

Bhat, father of a two-month-old daughter and son of retired Inspector General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Ghulam Hasan Bhat, died due to heavy blood loss, they added.

The banned Resistance Front, believed to be a shadow group of Pakistan-based

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'Jawans handled operation Professionally': DIG Rajouri-Poonch range

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, SEPT 13

Following an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Rajouri-Poonch Range, Haseeb Mughal, on Wednesday said that the jawans and officers who were working on the ground in the "toughest terrain" handled the operation very "professionally".

"This is the toughest terrain in district Rajouri. The rains, forests, and fog added to operational difficulties as well but the jawans and officers who were working on the ground handled the operation very professionally," DIG Mughal said.

"...The operation was



underway for the last three days. It was a joint operation - Indian Army, Jammu Kashmir police and CRPF. Two terrorists were killed. One of our jawans lost his life and four jawans were injured and their treatment is going on..." Haseeb Mughal said.

The DIG said that the police will be investigating whether it is a new group that started the encounter. "You can see the arms and ammunition here and different types of logistics items.

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Pak making full efforts to infiltrate foreign Terrorists into J&K: Northern Army Commander

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPT 13

Pakistan is making full efforts to infiltrate foreign terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir to hinder the progress being made in internal security conditions in the region, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said on Wednesday.

He said that the army has tried to neutralise foreign terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in



Rajouri and Poonch. "The biggest thing is that Pakistan is trying to make efforts from its side to send foreign terrorists here, despite the better internal conditions (security situation), so that they can create some kind of obstacle. "This is because of the progress that

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Wrapped in tricolour, wreaths laid, Army personnel pay last respects to Martyred Dog 'Kent'



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JAMMU, SEPT 13

Kent, the six-year-old Army dog that was killed saving the life of a soldier during an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir, had participated in nine operations before this.

The female Labrador-type dog of 21st Army dog

unit was killed on Tuesday while trying to save her handler in the Union Territory's Rajouri district.

"Kent was leading a column of soldiers pursuing fleeing terrorists. It was shot dead by hostile fire," a defence official said. Northern Army Commander

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Militancy has not ended in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPT 13

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said militancy in Jammu and Kashmir



will not end until India and Pakistan hold a dialogue to find a lasting solution to all conflicts. "Encounters will keep on happening. To say that militancy has ended will be wrong. These things happened yesterday and are happening today ..

these will keep on happening till both the countries do not come to the table for holding talks to find a solution," Abdullah said after a meeting at the party office here.

My first duty and highest obligation is health of common man: LG Sinha

JNEWS SERVICE
GUJARAT/ SRINAGAR, SEPT 13

President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu today launched the 'Ayushman Bhav' Campaign and the 'Ayushman Bhav' portal. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the launch ceremony, virtually, from Raj Bhawan.

The event was followed by a UT-level programme organized by the J&K Administration. The Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to the President of India for the launch of the nationwide campaign which aims to saturate critical health care services in every village.

The guidance of the President will motivate stakeholders to achieve the target of Health for All, he added.

He said the three components of Ayushman Bhav campaign - Ayushman Apke Dwar, Ayush-



man Melas at Health & Wellness Centres, Community Health Centres and Ayushman Sabhas will enhance awareness and saturate health schemes in urban and rural areas.

At the programme, the Lt Governor talked about the unprecedented progress registered by the country in health sector over the last few years.

Despite the challenges of Covid, Conflict and Climate Change, India has achieved several mile-

stones in health parameters for all the citizens. The reflection of the country's achievements is also visible in the transformation taking place in the health sector of UT of Jammu Kashmir, he said.

"My first duty and highest obligation is the health of the common man", the Lt Governor said.

He observed that the most valuable investment is to ensure Health for All. The Administration is making earnest efforts to

provide accessible, affordable and quality health-care to every citizen, he added.

We have developed robust public health infrastructure in J&K and Universal Health Insurance Coverage, Digital health services have ensured an improved public health delivery system, the Lt Governor said.

He said the use of modern technology has positively impacted diagnosis, treatment and patient monitoring systems.

The Lt Governor called upon the health officials and all stakeholders to actively participate in the Ayushman Bhav Campaign and the upcoming Seva Pakhwada.

He directed for convergence of the campaign with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and to promote the values of

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Administrative council gives nod to major tourist attraction at Jammu

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPT 13

The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded the administrative approval for Installation of vertical lift from Peerkho Station of Jammu Ropeway Project to Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, at Jammu. The project shall be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 27.00 crores

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Dr. Mandeeep Kumar Bhandari, IAS Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, attended the meeting.

The installation of the vertical lift will connect the Mubarak Mandi Heritage



Complex with Peerkho Station of Jammu Ropeway Project and other tourist/pilgrim places, providing a complete tourist/pilgrim circuit. The circuit shall be of huge convenience to the tourists and pilgrims visiting nearby spots such as Jammu Ropeway Project, Peerkho Temple, Mahayaya Temple, Bahu Fort, Bagh-e-Bahu and Bhawe Mata Ji Temple.

The Lift shall provide easy connectivity from Mubarak Mandi Complex to other three Pracheen

temples and other tourist-related places in Jammu District. It will also attract the pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and provide them a complete religious circuit. The project will boost the heritage/pilgrim tourism, enhance the revenue earnings of the Jammu Ropeway Project along with generation of employment opportunities.

The project will be divided into two sections, each with a vertical

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J&K Police SI Recruitment Scam: HC again rejects bail application of accused BSF officer

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPT 13

The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has rejected a fresh bail application of a BSF officer, who is alleged to be the main accused in a scam related to recruitment of police sub-inspectors, junior engineers and

finance account assistants. Fifty-eight-year-old Karnail Singh, Commandant (Medical) in the Border Security Force (BSF), was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in October last year. The alleged scam led to the cancellation of a list of candidates selected for the posts.

Singh, who was recently granted a short-term bail of one month by a sessions court, moved the high court, seeking bail on medical grounds.

"The bail application moved by the petitioner for grant of short bail for a period of two months on medical ground is

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Scientific fraternity hails PM for G20 showcasing of India's technological supremacy: Dr Jitendra Singh

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 13

Scientific fraternity has hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for successful G20 showcasing of India's technological supremacy.

Adopting a resolution by voice vote, the joint meeting of Secretaries of different Science Ministries and Departments, chaired by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public



Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh, congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the "highly technology driven" New Delhi Declaration and the announcement of Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) on

the sidelines of the G20 Summit. The periodic meeting of Science Secretaries included heads of Government's all S&T bodies across the spectrum. The Department of Science & Technology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Earth

ogy, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Earth Sciences, Department of Space and Department of Atomic Energy, among others, were represented at the meeting.

Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt of India, Prof Ajay Sood was also present at the meeting. Department of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Earth

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CoF, SFC reviews working of Forest Department in Shopian Forest Division

Says Green India Mission has produced remarkable achievements in South Kashmir



J I NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 13: The Conservator of Forests (CoF) South Forest Circle (SFC), Irfan Ali Shah reviewed working of Forest Department in Shopian Forest Division, deliverance of Government work and the targets set for the current financial year in a meeting held at Padpawan Forest Complex.

The CoF interacted at length with the Forest Officers and Forest frontline staff, on various Deliverables, schemes and Government programs in forestry sector including Green J&K Drive, Green India Mission, Har Gaon Hariyali, Non Timber Forest Products policy implementation, Forests for recreation, fodder, livelihood, development of ecotourism etc.

The CoF said "Green India mission is one of the missions that

of plants were planted in the already fenced up areas with financial implication of Rs 6.786 lacs.

He said in tune with Government initiatives on generation of livelihoods, the Forest Department in the last two years is also focusing on an increase in forest-based livelihood incomes for hundreds of households in and around the forest areas.

He said the Green India Mission implementation mechanism in Shopian is quite robust and largely democratic in nature. At the district level, the implementation is being done by the Forest Development Agency. The Gram Sabha and various committees are the key institutions for planning and implementation at the village level and works are being done through Village Forest Committees here.

The CoF informed that with long-term goals, the Green India Mission in Shopian District has the capability to fight the evils of food insecurity, climate change, water scarcity and livelihood insecurity of local and Tribal communities here.

The meeting among others was attended by Mohammad Ayub Sheikh, Divisional Forest Officer, Shopian Forest Division, Gh. Nabi Chohan, Range Officer Romshi, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Range Officer Shopian, Mukhtar Ahmad Malik, Range Officer, Soil Conservation Range Shopian, Foresters of different forest blocks.

come under the umbrella of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). Every country has an obligation to arrest the downward spiral of climate change. Hence, India as a responsible growing global power took up the responsibility of reducing the deleterious effects of climate change by launching different missions under NAPCC. Accordingly Green India Mission was launched in Shopian in the year 2021 to protect, restore and enhance forest cover".

He said our focus in Shopian is to increase the quality of degraded moderately dense forests and to ecologically restore open forests which have suffered degradation here due to different reasons. He added that Grasslands and wetlands revival are other focus areas under this mission.

The CoF informed that during the year 2022-23, 39350 numbers

Agri Dept organises two day District Level Seminar/Awareness programme on Beekeeping at Shopian

DC Shopian inaugurates the program, asks for tapping the rising market demand of the honey

J I NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 13: The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shopian today organized a Seminar cum Awareness programme on 'Transformation of Bee-Keeping', under National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) at mini-secretariat, Shopian with the aim to deliberate the importance of beekeeping and to achieve the goals of 'Sweet Revolution'.

The programme was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb and was attended by officers of Agri- allied departments, experts from SKUAST, KVK, Information, Banks, Employment, NRLM and other officers, besides farmers, beekeepers and unemployed youth.

Addressing the occasion, DC stressed that the department is providing financial support under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) and Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for taking apiculture ventures, both for livelihood /income generation as well as for ecological balance.

Honey is being used for varied purposes in the world and its demand is rising, said DC while asking farmers to take advantage of seminars and tap the rising



demand of honey across the world.

He asked farmers to make efforts for cultivating good quality honey, on a massive scale so as to capitalize the rising demand.

During the seminar, the resource persons provided awareness to the beekeepers and potential youth regarding the potential of beekeeping in the district.

They sensitised farmers and potential youth to take up benefits of the available government schemes for creating livelihood for the youth on one side and for pollination and health benefits on the other.

Speakers also disseminated awareness among the people about various new and scientific beekeeping cultivation methods so that production and productivity is increased across the district.

Emphasis was also laid on to

ensure hand holding of farmers not only in increasing the production but to work on the marketing aspect to fetch the best prices of their products.

Speaking on the occasion, CAO asked the farmers to take maximum benefit under the programme by getting training and awareness of different Government schemes to establish their income generating units under the Apiculture sector. Bee keepers, integrated farmers and others engaged in interactive sessions with experts on varied issues of beekeeping management strategies.

During day one, sessions on the importance of bees, the role of pollination, management of bee colonies and high income opportunities in the beekeeping sector were held where detailed information was provided.

Weekly Block Diwas: DC Rajouri presides over public outreach camp at Panchayat Maira Nagrota

J I NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 13: In an earnest endeavor to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today led a highly successful public outreach event as part of the Weekly Block Diwas initiative here at Panchayat Maira (Nagrota) of Rajouri block.

The event served as a vital platform for local residents and their representatives to voice their concerns and demands as they sought maintenance of roads, adequate staff in government institutions, addressing the problem of water scarcity and enhancement of the healthcare infrastructure.

Specific demands highlighted during the event were provision of electricity poles, repair of road from Nagrota to Panjadhara, bringing AWC Panchayat Maira under the ICDS department, realignment of road from Nagrota main market to Chowkian Bridge, check on unscheduled power cuts and many more.

During the proceedings, government officials used the opportunity to inform attendees about ongoing schemes, encouraging community engagement and urging residents to take advantage of these initiatives. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the commitment of the administration to deliver essential services to the public in a seamless manner.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner assured citizens that their grievances have been duly noted, and concerned departments would take incremental action to address legitimate concerns. Instant directives were issued to prioritize and resolve the issues projected on the occasion leading to redressal of many issues on-the-spot.

In a significant step towards addressing water scarcity, the Deputy Commissioner pledged to

ensure functional tap water connections for every household in the district. This ambitious target will be met through the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a comprehensive initiative aimed at providing sustainable water supply. Addressing the issue of shortage of electricity poles, he assured that an adequate number of poles would be provided under the RDSS scheme of the PDD Sector.

He further assured to issue instructions for the renovation of Nagrota to Panjadhara road within a strict time frame of fifteen days. Furthermore, recognizing the need for a change in the alignment of the road from Nagrota main market to the Chowkian Bridge, he asked the XEN of the Public Works Department (PWD) to promptly undertake the necessary measures to address this matter. In addition to addressing the road concerns, the Deputy Commissioner also emphasized the importance of public welfare. To ensure that the citizens of the district are well-informed about the Agriculture and Horticulture Department schemes, he directed the concerned officers to organize a special awareness camp at Maira. This camp will serve as a platform to educate the public and create awareness about the benefits and opportunities provided by the initiatives of the departments.

The DC stressed the importance of promptly addressing public grievances related to water supply and directed the XEN Jal Shakti Department to engage with the public and address their concerns promptly.

Simultaneously, while addressing the issue of unscheduled power cuts, he asked the Executive Engineer (XEN) of the Power Development Department (PDD) to ensure power supply to the public while strictly adhering to curtailment schedules. Furthermore, he gave assurance

that the recently established electricity substation in Badhoon will effectively mitigate low voltage issues and address unscheduled power cuts.

Referring to the PMAY -G and Awas plus schemes, he assured the general masses that the new allocation underscores the commitment to expedite the construction of houses for deserving beneficiaries in the region.

The Deputy Commissioner further affirmed that significant progress is being made on the construction of the Palma and Kotedhera bridges, emphasizing that both projects are set to substantially enhance regional connectivity. The DC emphasized the importance of comprehensive development throughout the district and assured the residents that the district administration is making dedicated efforts to ensure the same. He also emphasized that the ongoing pension verification process is actively underway and urged beneficiaries to collaborate closely with the Social Welfare Department to expedite the completion of this important process.

The successful public outreach camp earned commendation from locals for its effectiveness in bridging the gap between the administration and citizens. It stood as a platform for airing grievances, with government officials demonstrating responsiveness and accountability. This event reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the district administration to swiftly and effectively address public issues, ensuring well-being of the people remains the top priority.

CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; AD Employment Mukhlis Ali, DPO, Auqil Nuvaidd; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma and other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

Inter-District-Divisional Level U-14 Girls Volleyball Tournament commences in Doda

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 13: The Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament for U-14 year girls commenced today here at the Sport Stadium.

The event is being organized by the Youth Services and Sports Department Doda and the tournament shall continue till 5th of October 2023.

The inaugural function was held today with great enthusiasm and passion, with 8 districts of Jammu Division participating in the Volleyball tournament. The Districts of Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Reasi, Poonch, Kathua, Udhampur and Samba are participating in the grand event.

The grand opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan as the chief guest.

Accompanying him as the guest of honour was SSP, Abdul Qayoom. The welcome address was delivered by the DYSSO,



Jaffer Haider Sheikh. He gave details of the competitions that are being organised by the District Youth Services and Sports Office Doda.

A colourful cultural programme was also presented by the students which mesmerized the audience with the beautiful dance performances.

The DC, while speaking at the opening ceremony, said that the participation of the girl players in the tournament will strengthen their willpower. He urged the District Youth Services and

Sports department to take the participating girl players to some beautiful locations of the district Doda to familiarize them with the beautiful and historic spots of the area.

The DC also interacted with the volleyball players and wished them best of luck.

The pledge for sportsmanship spirit and loyalty towards the sports was also taken up by the sport officials and participating players.

The tournament began with a match between Kathua and Poonch volleyball teams.

The event's inauguration marked the beginning of an exciting and competitive journey for young female volleyball players from across all districts of Jammu Division.

The tournament promises spirited matches and a grand show of the talent of the aspiring athletes.

Doda Admin hosts Weekly Block Diwas at multiple locations to address public grievances

J I NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 13: The District Administration Doda, led by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, is actively working to address public grievances and meet the expectations of the people effectively. To achieve this, regular Block Diwas programs are being organized in different locations, particularly in remote areas, as per the directives of the LG administration.

This week Block Diwas events were conducted at Block Headquarter Bhalla, Sub District Bhaderwah; PWD Guest House Jakyas in the Gandoh sub-division; Panchayat Ghar Kuthyara in the Assar sub-division; and GPS Honda in Gaillu village of Panchayat Halaran in the Thathri sub-division.

During the events, government

officers actively engaged with the local community and listened to their grievances and demands. Many issues were resolved on the spot by the respective line departments present at the scene. Additionally, certain issues were marked for immediate resolution, demonstrating the administration's commitment to addressing public concerns quickly.

The Block Diwas program at Block Headquarter Bhalla was presided over by ADC Bhaderwah, Dilmir Choudhary, along with Tehsildar Bhalla. A large gathering of local people raised a range of issues related to roads, electricity, water, health, distribution of health cards, and education. The projected demands were directed to the appropriate authorities for a speedy resolution.

The Block Diwas program at Panchayat Ghar Kuthyara in the

Assar sub-division was presided over by SDM Lekh Raj. He attentively listened to the public and directed concerned officers to resolve issues on the spot. The Tehsildar Assar also attended the program and played a crucial role in addressing different issues in real-time.

Similar event was held at PWD Guest House Jakyas in the Gandoh sub-division where SDM, Ashraf Parvaz chaired the public meet and listened to the public issues. He directed the concerned officers and officials to dispose of the raised issues and grievances at the earliest.

The block Diwas program at GPS Honda in Gaillu village, Panchayat Halaran in the Thathri sub-division, was attended by a large gathering where public concerns were heard and directed for swift resolution.

Rotary Health Camp concludes at Kulgam

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 13: Rotary Health Camp organised by Rotary International in collaboration with Health & Medical

Education Department Government of Jammu and Kashmir concluded today at Kulgam.

During the camp, a total of 271 Surgeries in varied branches like

General Surgery, Ophthalmology and Orthopaedics were conducted at District Hospital Kulgam.

A large number of people were benefited in the camp.

After concluding the camp, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kulgam thanked the entire team of Doctors and other staff from different states of India and team of doctors and paramedics of District Hospital Kulgam who made this camp a big success. He also extended his gratitude to Administrative Secretary Health & Medical Education Department, District Development Commissioner Kulgam, Director Health Services Kashmir and Chief Medical Officer Kulgam for providing support and guidance in making this surgical camp a successful event.

DC inaugurates Maiden Cataract Surgery Camp at Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch

Medical teams conduct successful surgeries

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today inaugurated the first-ever Cataract Surgery Camp at Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch.

The camp, organized under the direction of Administrative Secretary of the Health and Medical Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Dr. Bupinder Kumar and on the recommendation of the District Development Commissioner, aimed to provide essential eye care services to the community.

Director Health services Jammu Dr. Rajiv Sharma deputed a team of three skilled Eye Surgeons and three Eye Technicians from Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Sub District Hospital Akhnoor, SDH RS Pura, and GMC Rajouri to conduct the surgeries. Their expertise and dedication ensured the successful completion of the surgeries.

On the first day of the camp, a total of 23 cases were registered for cataract surgeries, out of which 20 surgeries were performed with



utmost precision and care. The patients expressed their gratitude to the medical team for the improved vision and enhanced quality of life they can now experience. Encouraged by the positive response and the need for further intervention, the district authorities have scheduled another Cataract Surgery Camp from September 18 to September 22, 2023. Two teams of experienced Eye Surgeons will be deployed during this camp to conduct the surgeries, ensuring a greater number of individuals can benefit from the program.

During the inauguration, the Deputy Commissioner personally interacted with the patients, listening to their experiences and assuring them of continued support in improving healthcare serv-

ices. He also conducted inspections of various wards, ensuring the provision of adequate facilities and patient care.

In addition to the activities at Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch, the Deputy Commissioner visited PHC Chandak, PHC Lassana, and Sub District Hospital Surankote to review the functioning of health services. He assessed the conditions of the wards and took stock of the hospitals, emphasizing the importance of maintaining high standards of healthcare delivery.

The success of the first Cataract Surgery Camp reflects the commitment of the district administration and healthcare professionals in providing accessible and quality eye care services to the residents of Poonch.

DC Kishtwar visits Pakal Dul, Keru HydroElectric Power Projects at Nagseni; takes stock of the developmental scenario

Says Establishment of 400-220 KVA Sub Station at Trigam will facilitate utilization of power generated by 5 HEPs for local consumption

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today conducted a comprehensive inspectional tour of the 1000 MW -Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Power Project at Dool and 624 MW Keru Hydro Electric Power Project.

During the visit, Dr. Devansh Yadav interacted with key authorities and assessed the pace and progress of these significant projects. The Deputy Commissioner meticulously inspected the power house reviewed site Plans besides the ongoing construction works at the twin projects. He also inquired about the pace and quality of the ongoing activities and emphasized the importance of adhering to the project timelines.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the concerned authorities to ensure that these prestigious projects are completed within the stipulated time frame.

He also engaged in an interactive session with the Heads of the power projects, CVPLP authorities, and representatives from the construction companies, namely Patel Engineering Ltd and AFCONS.



During these discussions, various issues and challenges were addressed.

Dr. Devansh Yadav reassured all stakeholders of the administration's unwavering support to overcome any obstacles.

Recognizing the significance of these projects on a national scale, DC Kishtwar emphasized the importance of strict compliance with environmental guidelines.

He stressed the need to adhere to guidelines set by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and those issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee to ensure responsible and sustainable project implementation.

He also interacted with local workers and enquired about safety measures at the work sites besides

listening to their grievances. He passed necessary directions to the project authorities to mitigate the issues of workers in consultation with other stakeholders.

Speaking on the occasion, he observed that these Hydro Electric Power Projects hold immense local & national importance and, upon completion, will significantly contribute to the nation's power generation capabilities. They are poised to transform the district into a Power generation Hub on the national platform.

The Deputy Commissioner further observed that the establishment of a 400-220 KVA Substation at Trigam will prioritize the utilization of power generated by five hydropower projects for the Kishtwar district.

SMVD Superspeciality Hospital hosts free medical camp for locals

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Katra, in collaboration with SMVD Press Club Katra (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi), has organized a free medical camp to provide consultations and screenings to the locals of Katra. The event, which saw participation from doctors specializing in Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, Gynecology, Orthopedics, and Pediatrics, was inaugurated by SDM Katra, Deepak Dubey, and special guest SP Katra, Vipan Chandaran.

The medical camp was a big success, with more than 400 patients screening for various ailments free of cost. The doctors provided consultations on the spot and also conducted free X-rays, blood tests, mammography, ECG, and primary screening. The patients who needed medicines were also provided with them free of charge.

The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including Rakesh Wazir President

Restaurant & Hotel Association Katra, Virinder Kesar Vice President Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra, and Arun Sharma President SMVD Press Club Katra.

The doctors who participated in the event included Dr. Bhanu Pratap from Internal Medicine, Dr. Imran Ganai from Orthopedics, Dr. Arunima Rathore from Gynecology, Dr. Anand Yelne from Pediatrics, and Dr. Swati Sharma from Ophthalmology.

Speaking on the occasion, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey said, "Ensuring access to quality healthcare services is crucial for the well-being of our community, and I am glad to see Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital and SMVD Press Club come together to organize this free medical camp. I hope this initiative will benefit many locals and inspire more such collaborative efforts in the future." The hospital would also like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Shri Ramesh Bajaj, Chairman Mahamai Sewa Nyas, for his invaluable contribution to

the success of the medical camp. Shri Bajaj generously provided the space for the camp, ensuring that it was conducted in a professional and organized manner. The hospital is grateful for his support, and it is the hospital's hope that more partnerships will emerge with local community organizations in the future, to improve access to quality healthcare services.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Katra is committed to providing the best healthcare services to the people of Katra and the surrounding areas. The hospital's tie-up with SMVD Press Club Katra is aimed at increasing awareness about healthcare issues and organizing more such events to benefit the community.

The camp was conducted under the guidance of Facility Director M.M Mathavan and carried out by Team Marketing. M M Mathavan also informed that SMVD Narayana Hospital is the highest quality service provider for Ayushman beneficiaries in the Jammu province.

GDC Kishtwar Students take out rally to pay tributes to Martyrs

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 13: Government Degree College Kishtwar organized a student rally from the college premises to Shaheedi Chowk to pay tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the establishment of the college. The rally served as a significant event to honor the memory of four individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice during an agitation in 1974 demanding a college in Kishtwar.

Led by the Principal of the College, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, the rally saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and staff. Marching from the college premises to Shaheedi Chowk, the participants expressed their heartfelt gratitude and remembrance to the noble souls who selflessly laid down their lives in the pursuit of higher education in

Kishtwar. Dr. Jyoti Parihar addressed the students during the commemorative event, highlighting the significance of the sacrifice made by the martyrs and the subsequent establishment of Government Degree College Kishtwar. She emphasized the importance of education and the role it plays in shaping a bright future for generations to come.

The establishment of Government Degree College Kishtwar stands as a testament to the unwavering determination and sacrifice of these four esteemed individuals. The college continues to provide quality education and holistic development opportunities to students in Kishtwar and surrounding areas.

The Martyrs' Rally served as a platform for the college community to remember and honor the sacrifice made by these four noble souls.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Chakroi, Satrain, Pindi, Dablehar, Chowalla, Badyal, Flora, Tanda, Kirpind, BoP, R.S Pura and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 14 and 15 from 7 am to 11 am. Similarly, the power supply to MES Sunjan Jammu will remain affected on September 14 from 11 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Sarore, Jakh, Jogpur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 15 from 8 am to 12 noon. Meanwhile, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sarore Local, Sarore Industry, Old Complex and its adjoining areas will remain affected on September 14 from 6 am to 10 am.

Secretary Sports Council holds Kashmir division staff meet



JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13: To give opportunity to everyone to be part of the evolving sports culture in the union territory of J&K, the Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull today convened a meeting of all the managers, coaches, instructors, and mentors of Kashmir division to devise the plans for further expansion of the 'My Youth My Pride' and other activities in the division.

The meeting was also attended by Muzaffar Hussain Wani, Divisional Sports Officer (K) and

Sheikh Riyaz Ahmad, Administrative Officer.

In her inaugural address, Nuzhat Gull while taking a cue from the meeting chaired by Chief Secretary J&K a day ago in the civil secretariate Srinagar, emphasized on participation of all and provided them an opportunity to showcase their talent and chisel it further. While applauding the efforts of her team, Nuzhat Gull said that the Sports Council has taken a giant leap in increasing the participation of masses in sports across the J&K, adding that the participation was bare mini-

mum earlier as activities remained restricted to a few urban pockets only and with due focus on creation of requisite infrastructure and holding of sports competitions in rural pockets the number has swelled considerably. Addressing the participants, Nuzhat Gull said that she is proud of the efforts of her team, elaborating that by engaging youth in productive activities like sports, their energy is being channelized for good and saved from becoming prey to drug addiction, thereby helping in the creation of 'Nasha Mukta' J&K.

The Secretary Sports Council said that during the last few years, the scenario of sports in J&K has undergone tremendous transformation and has changed for good. She also said that the government has taken many initiatives for the progress and prosperity of the athletes of J&K.

The Secretary sought a detailed report of the ongoing sports activities and advised all the concerned to percolate the programs under special activities to each block in the division.

The Secretary Sports Council also gave on-the-spot directions to equip sports halls, and gymnasiums and take more athlete welfare and friendly measures.

Meanwhile, Nuzhat Gull also visited the S.K Indoor Hall Complex and interacted with the athletes assuring them of all the support for their training and learning process.

Director Rural Sanitation conducts extensive tour of Kathua district

Takes first hand appraisal of rural sanitation works, lays foundation stone of Panchayat Ghar Trehara, PWM Unit at Hamirpur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 13: Director Rural Sanitation, J&K Charandeep Singh today chaired a meeting of concerned office here in the Conference Hall, DC Office and conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing works undertaken under Swachh Bharat Mission (G) Phase- II in Kathua District. ADDC, Ankur Mahajan; ACD, Kishore Singh Katoch; ACP, Danish Mir Rasool; XEN, REW Kathua besides BDOs and technical and non-technical staff members of district attended the meeting.

The Director discussed in length the headway achieved in setting up rural sanitation assets in the district, besides laying focus on timely completion of segregation sheds, wall painting works as per GOI guidelines, adoption of prescribed methods of waste collection, efficient plastic waste management and adopting of strategies for effective greywater management. He also passed directions for procurement of Waste Collection Vehicles for its proper transportation.

The Director also gave



instructions to popularize IHHL Citizen Registration Portal through newspapers, gram sabhas and office circulars so that common citizens to take benefit from the same.

The Director also put forward a unique and innovative idea of having small shredders and baler machines in SWM sheds so that waste could be processed at its origin which will also save the transportation costs.

Clear directives were issued by Director Rural Sanitation to ensure that all bills are settled within the specified timeframe and that measures shall be taken to mitigate any potential future liabilities.

Charandeep Singh emphasized that all the officers and officials of RDD department have to

Panchayat to organize its functioning.

Charandeep Singh also interacted with the Sarpanches and Panches of Panchayat Boudhi North about raising awareness among the public regarding cleanliness activities and also inquired about the assets like Plastic Waste Management Units, Segregation Sheds, Common Service Centers (CSCs), Individual and Community Soakage Pits, and Compost pits. The Sarpanches and local residents expressed positive feedback regarding these assets and activities conducted under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

The Director also inspected a Solid Waste Management Shed at Panchayat Panthal and stressed the need of maintaining the functionality of SBM-G assets by the local Panchayat.

Later, the Director inspected a community soakage pit at Boudhi North and laid the foundation stone for a Plastic Waste Management Unit at Panchayat Hamir Pur. He also interacted with PRIs and the general public of the Panchayat to gather their input and suggestions.

Sheep Husbandry Department Bandipora conducts draw of lots for selection of beneficiaries for establishment of different Units

Change the mindset from 'job seekers to job providers': DC to Youth

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 13: The Sheep Husbandry Department Bandipora Wednesday conducted a selection of beneficiaries for establishment of different units, including sheep & shearing units under various income generation schemes. The program was presided over by District Development Council Chairperson Ab Gani Bhat along with Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Ali Khan, District Sheep Husbandry

Officer Bandipora besides a gathering of beneficiaries were also present on the occasion.

The selection process was monitored by the selection & monitoring committee framed by Director Sheep Husbandry and an officer nominated by District Administration Bandipora.

The selection was done through Draw of lots method giving due share to SC/ ST, EWS, BPL, and women categories as per the guidelines of the scheme.

On the occasion, as many as 20 unemployed youth were selected under HADP for establishment of

50 Ewes commercial Farm through 'draw of lots' process. Besides, 10 Chopans for issuance of PP sheets/ tents and 01 Chopan for Construction of Dhoka/Kotha were selected under HADP through the process.

While congratulating those who got selected, the DC reflected on the potential of sheep farming in providing livelihood opportunities and socio-economic upliftment of the society. Addressing the young aspiring sheep entrepreneurs, the DC emphasized them on changing the mindset from 'job seekers to job providers'

67th National School Games: J&K to host Nationals in four games

About 4000 players & officials to be part of the sports extravaganza: Director Sports

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13: A preliminary meeting regarding hosting of 67th National School Games in the Disciplines of Football, Volleyball, Judo and Fencing was convened by the Director Youth Services & Sports J&K in his office chamber here.

It was decided that all the arrangements will be made in advance for the smooth and successful conduct of the important sports events.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports under the aegis of School Games Federation of India shall host these 4 National level events in Football for under



19 Boys and Volleyball for under 17 boys at Srinagar.

Simultaneously in the sports discipline of Judo for U/14 Boys/Girls and in the discipline of Fencing for U/19 Boys/Girls at Jammu as per the calendar of

School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Expectedly teams from all the 44 SGFI affiliated units from different states/UTs and organisations shall participate in each discipline.

"The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K has geared up its manpower and machinery for the successful conduct of the event. Around 4000 participants across the country are going to participate in these events" Director YS&S said.

Joint Director Kashmir Waseem Raja, District Youth Services & Sports Officers and section in-charges of various sections of the Directorate of YSS were also present in the meeting.

DYSS Kishtwar organises 5-Day Refresher Course for Physical Education Teachers, Rehbar-e-Khel and Groundsmen

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 13: The Youth Services & Sports Department Kishtwar today initiated a comprehensive five-day Refresher Course designed for Physical Education Teachers, Rehbar-e-Khel personnel, and Groundsmen, spanning various sports disciplines.

With an impressive participation of 106 physical education staff, this course is poised to make a profound impact on the development of sports education within the region. Under the discerning guidance District Youth Services & Sports Officer Kharati Lal Sharma, the meticulously organized Refresher Course aims to equip participants with up-to-date knowledge on the latest rules and

regulations governing their respective sports. Furthermore, it strives to foster physical fitness by encompassing all facets of Physical Education & Sports, encompassing techniques and skills necessary for effective coaching.

The primary objective of this endeavor is to enhance the pedagogical skills of the educators, empowering them to nurture the sporting potential of students while nurturing a vibrant sports culture within the district.

District Youth Services & Sports Officer Kishtwar, Kharati Lal Sharma issued directives to the resource persons overseeing the course. They have been tasked with delivering daily lectures during morning assemblies, emphasizing moral values and urging participants to inspire students.

The emphasis here is not only on honing sporting talent but also instilling discipline and a sense of social responsibility among the students, thereby contributing positively to society and the nation.

The overall incharge of this significant course is Suresh Chander, Physical Education Master in charge and Zonal Physical Education Officer Nagseni.

His wealth of experience and expertise will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this initiative.

The Refresher Course represents a crucial step towards strengthening the foundation of sports education within Kishtwar, fostering a generation of well-rounded individuals who excel both on and off the field.

DDC Kupwara presides over Mega Block Diwas at far-flung Moori Kalaroos



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KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 13: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today presided over proceedings of Mega Block Diwas programme at Far-flung Moori Panchayat of Block Kalaroos.

During the Block Diwas programme, local residents and PRIs apprised the DDC about various issues related to augmentation of water supply schemes and electricity, construction of Moori road,

grid station in Kalaroos, Patwar -khana, bank counter in Moori and Nagsari, Mobile network, Animal and Sheep Husbandry centres at Moori and other demands of public importance.

The DDC patiently listened to all the issues and demands put forth by the public and PRIs and directed the concerned officers to prioritise the basic issues of the people.

The DDC while presiding over the proceedings said that people here have grievances regarding basic amenities and Government

is committed to provide these basic facilities.

She said that the demands of locals regarding construction of road under PMGSY and mobile network connectivity will be taken up with government.

Ayushi urged people to come forward and take benefit under different centrally sponsored schemes and programmes and support and Co-operate government.

Earlier, officers of different departments disseminated information to the audience about different centrally sponsored schemes and programmes.

Block Diwas was attended by JD Planning, ASP Kupwara, BDC Kalaroos, CEO Kupwara, CMO Kupwara, Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara, EXEN PHE, BDO Kalaroos and other district and Sectoral officers of all Line Departments, PRIs, and a large number of people of Moori and other adjoining habitations.

DC Ganderbal inspects developmental activities, availability of basic facilities at Anderwan area

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 13: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today conducted an extensive tour of Anderwan village in Kangan and took stock of ongoing development

activities besides availability of basic facilities there. Accompanied by SDM Kangan, Javaid Ahmad Rather, the DC on the occasion inspected various ongoing developmental activities in the village and gave on spot instruction to the concerned for timely completion of

works. During the visit, DC interacted with the villagers who apprised him of several issues like upgradation of roads, better water facilities and other issues of basic nature. The DC assured the locals that the demands raised would be taken into consideration.

Strategic Kijai Bridge set to foster new trade opportunities in District Kishtwar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 13: Strategic Kijai Bridge 118 RCC Sampark unveiled and dedicated to the Public the other day is poised to foster new trade opportunities in District Kishtwar by connecting the regions of Jammu and Shimla.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in a momentous occasion, on Tuesday e-inaugurated 90 critical infrastructure projects meticulously crafted by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) across different parts of India.

Among these remarkable projects, the Kijai Bridge of Paddar Sub Division Paddar, District Kishtwar stands as a symbol of strategic significance and regional development.

Beyond its strategic importance for defense purposes, this bridge is poised to catalyze the overall development of the Jammu region. It is set to foster trade opportunities and uplift the local communities, marking it as a cornerstone of progress.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted under the distinguished presence of CO 17 RR Col Ameya Chiplunkar and SDM Padder Arun Kumar Badyal, DDC member Paddar Hari Krishan Chauhan.

In the wake of these achievements, the Border Roads Organisation is set to embark on the ambitious Sansari axis project. This initiative will see the construction of new roads extending up to Killar, reaffirming BRO's commitment to enhance connec-

tivity and accessibility in the region.

The tireless efforts of the Border Roads Organisation have garnered heartfelt appreciation from Raksha Mantri and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office, Dr Jitender Singh. The commendation underscores the pivotal role played by BRO in fortifying the nation's infrastructure and promoting economic growth.

These initiatives underscore the government's unwavering commitment to bolster the nation's defense capabilities while simultaneously spurring socio-economic progress in the region.

The Border Roads Organisation continues to be at the forefront of nation-building, tirelessly constructing pathways to a brighter future.

DC Reasi chairs Block Diwas at Panchayat Arli Hansali in Katra

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REASI, SEPTEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal today chaired a public outreach programme at Arli Hansali in Block Katra as part of the Weekly Block Diwas program.

She listened to the scores of public issues of local importance and provided on spot redressal of several grievances. DDC Member Katra Nirmala Devi also attended the Block Diwas.

The PRIs and general public of the area put forth their issues and demanded augmentation of road connectivity, redress of JPDC issues, adequate building infrastructure for GMS Arli, healthcare facilities with the provision of an allopathic dispensary, redressal of

Widow Pension issues pertaining to Social Welfare Department, tendering of ADF works, water supply issues, repair and remodelling of nallah from link to railway road up to Suketari nallah and other issues of local importance.

PRIs as well as the general public also hailed the efforts of district administration for coming to their Panchayat and bringing various initiatives of the Government at their doorstep. DDC member Nirmala Devi demanded focus on empowerment of the three tier panchayat institution and its role in development of the area. She stressed on PRIs to work in tandem with district administration to resolve the public grievances.

Sarpanch of Panchayat Arli Hansali, Mangal Singh presented a

charter of works done by various departments for developing the panchayats on modern lines.

The DC, while addressing the various issues, laid focus on proper implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes and UT Capex budget works for larger benefits of the general public. She emphasized on prioritisation of NABARD projects, digital services in all departments, completion of ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission schemes in a timely manner, and harnessing the benefits of schemes for all stakeholders. The block Diwas was attended by ADDC Jyoti Salthia; PO, ICDS Anwar Bandy; SDM Katra, Deepak Dubey; ACD, Dr Anirudh Rai; ACP, Pradeep Kumar; XENS and other district/sectoral officers and PRIs.

DC Kathua presides over Block Diwas programme at Marheen

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 13: Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas, today presided over a Public Outreach programme at Ramlila Club in Marheen Block, as part of weekly Block Diwas program.

On the occasion, PRIs, Social activists, individuals projected the issues of public importance and sought immediate redress of the same.

The major issues highlighted during the proceedings of block diwas were filling of vacant post of MBBS Doctor in PHC Marheen, non availability of English lecturer at GHSS Marheen, setting up of urban local body in Marheen Tehsil, exorbitant electricity bills, provision of play ground, relocation of electric poles etc.

The inhabitants also demanded crop compensation of their damaged crop due to recent incessant rains and flash floods besides demanding extension of pension benefits to NPHH ration card holders.

After giving a patient hearing, the DC Kathua assured people that all of their genuine issues will be redressed with the active anticipation of the concerned departments.

Responding to the demand of a MBBS doctor in PHC Marheen, DC Kathua directed CMO Kathua to depute a doctor which was immediately complied and order of which was also issued. He passed the instructions to XEN PWD and XEN JKPDC to take on spot inspection of roads and electric lines respectively and take necessary action.

On the issue of exorbitant elec-



tric bills the DC also appealed to the locals to apply for an electric meter and get it installed at their homes so as to track proper record of consumption of electricity.

DC also asked for the list of defunct handpumps from the PRI representatives so that necessary repair can be done within time-limits. The DC also directed BDO Marheen to ensure extension of PMAY and provision of Toilets for leftover houses under SBM to all the eligible beneficiaries in his jurisdiction.

Highlighting the importance of tapping employment opportunities in industries, the DC called upon locals, especially young unemployed, to get acquainted with nec-

essary skills to get suitable jobs.

Earlier, DDC Marheen Karan Attri informed the gathering about the development projects undertaken in Marheen constituency, further appealed people to avail welfare schemes launched by different departments besides encashing self employment opportunities to become self-reliant.

On the occasion stalls of different departments exhibiting their schemes and programmes were also installed. Among others, CPO, ACD, SDM Hiranagar, CEO, CMO, CAO, XEN, PWD Hiranagar Division, XEN Jal Shakti, Tehsildar Marheen BDO Marheen and other district and sectoral officers were also present.

CEO conducts comprehensive review of upcoming Municipal Elections in Samba

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) J&K, Pandurang Kondbarao Pole today visited Samba to oversee the preparations for the upcoming Municipal Elections scheduled for 2023. During the visit, the CEO took review meeting with all nodal officers responsible for municipal elections at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The CEO, during the meeting, received updates on various critical aspects of the election preparations. He expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far and

stressed on making collective efforts for ensuring the transparent and efficient conduct of the upcoming municipal elections.

During the meeting, it was informed that all polling stations have been physically verified and are confirmed to be fit for polling. It was also made out that Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) have been made available at every polling station, ensuring a smooth voting experience for citizens.

The status of the appointment of Returning Officers (ROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) was also discussed, and it was confirmed that the necessary

appointments have been made. It was also give out in the meeting that training sessions for ROs and AROs have already been conducted, enhancing their readiness to oversee the electoral process effectively. The meeting also addressed the action plan for the printing of ballot papers, ensuring that this crucial task is well underway. In addition to these updates, procurement of election-related materials and capacity-building sessions for the election staff were also emphasized upon, highlighting the significance of adequately equipping and training all personnel involved in the electoral process.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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HIGHLY-CHARGED KARGIL POLL

The election to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil has become quite interesting because of the recent verdict of the Supreme Court which set aside the earlier notification of the election. The National Conference and Congress, two key players having high stakes in the district, have accused the UT administration of working under the influence of the ruling BJP at the Centre. The Supreme Court reprimanded the UT administration for refusing to allot party symbol -- 'plough' -- to the National Conference. The Apex Court also imposed a fine of rupees one lakh on the UT administration and asked it to issue a fresh notification for the election, which the latter had done a couple of days ago. On Thursday, the UT administration issued a fresh notification for holding elections to LAHDC Kargil and decided to conduct polling on October 4. The UT administration also issued a separate notification wherein it restored the National Conference its party symbol for the ensuing elections to be held for 26 constituencies of Kargil Council. As per the notification, the nomination process has been started from September 9 while the last day of making nominations will be September 16. Subsequently, the scrutiny of nominations will take place on September 18, followed by the last date for the withdrawal of nominations on September 20. The counting of votes will be held on October 8. The Apex Court had dismissed the petition filed by the Ladakh administration, holding that the JKNC is entitled to the 'plough' symbol. The Ladakh UT had challenged an August 14 order of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh allotting the symbol to the NC, in the Supreme Court and on September 1, the court had reserved its judgement in the case. In the earlier notification, the National Conference candidates had filed their nominations as independents. As many as 89 candidates were in fray for 26 seats of the Council. The Congress party had fielded 21 candidates despite the fact that the NC and the Congress announced a pre-poll alliance for the LAHDC Kargil elections "to keep divisive and right-wing parties (BJP) away from the district". They had also decided to convert this alliance into a post-poll alliance and there would be a 50/50 power-sharing formula between both the parties in the Council. The LAHDC Kargil is a 30-member Council and its term is for five years. Elections are conducted for 26 seats only while four Councilors are nominated by the Government including two from minority community and two women. The voting will be held through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Established in 2003, this will be the fifth Council to be elected in Kargil district. Buoyed by the Supreme Court's decision, the National Conference and the Congress have now raised apprehensions over the EVMs to be used for the voting. They are miffed over the absence of Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail in the EVMs—a concern has been addressed by the district election authority. The Council elections have assumed significance because Ladakh is the UT without any legislature and these local bodies are the only platform where the people elect their representatives. The BJP, which was earlier having no existence in the district, has managed to strengthen its base and it is eyeing to dent the vote bank of these two parties.

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Modi, Biden had the last laugh as Xi stayed away

BY SUNANDA K DATTA RAY

By skipping the 18th Group of 20 summit in New Delhi, China's President Xi Jinping may have intended to snub Prime Minister Narendra Modi and outwit US President Joe Biden who dares to deny advanced computing and artificial intelligence capabilities to the Chinese military and surveillance state. But Mr Biden's was the last laugh when he flew from New Delhi to Hanoi, where Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, China's ancient adversary, promoted his country's relationship with the United States to the highest level of "comprehensive strategic partnership".

Watching from New Delhi, Mr Modi may have seen the Hanoi rapprochement as another manifestation of the "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) mantra that he intones. But when he says the Upanishads sloka represents India's foreign policy and inspires international jamborees, he surely means aspiration rather than accomplished fact. The absence at Jakarta's East Asian summit and New Delhi's G-20 of both Mr Xi and Russia's President Vladimir Putin reminded everyone that the global community is as riven today by feuds and factions as any Hindu undivided family in the Srivijaya Empire which Indonesia's first President, Sukarno, claimed as the first Negara Indonesia, or Indonesian state.

International conferences being all about image, Mr Modi's invitation to the African Union to join the G-20 as a full member empowers him to speak for dozens of countries stretching from the Pacific islands to Africa and Asia. It was also tit-for-tat for the clout Mr Xi gained when Brics acquired six new members in Johannesburg. Mr Modi's eve-of-summit agreement with Mr Biden to main-

tain a "free, open, inclusive and resilient Indo-Pacific" without mentioning the Quad or nuclear subs stole another march on China while the Delhi Declaration's support for "territorial integrity and sovereignty" saved the G-20 from toppling off the Ukraine tightrope. Indians were hardly surprised when Mr Putin pleaded Russia's "special military operation" there for missing the New Delhi meet. The host should also have known that the same reason would have kept away Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy even if he had been invited. Hyderabad's Nizam wouldn't have been gallivanting elsewhere during Operation Polo, would he?

Mr Modi must be equally interested in the AOIP (Asean Outlook on the Indo-Pacific) initiative that Indonesia sponsored at Asean's 2019 summit, clarifying its position on regional cooperation, security and prosperity, as well as on not siding with major powers competing for regional influence.

This didn't go far enough in Jakarta for Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, who dismissed the call for regional unity by Chinese Premier Li Qiang (standing in for Mr Xi) as meaningless and described China's latest map featuring a 10-dash line that includes the coastal waters of several Southeast Asian countries as well as parts of northern and northeastern India as directly threatening Manila.

Less outspoken Asean leaders agreed with their chairman, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, that the bloc should not be dragged into superpower rivalry. Predictably, the Asian leaders avoided any outright criticism of China. But even the muted grumbling encouraged Washington's hopes of wooing Afro-Asia through reformed international institutions like the World Bank that the US national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, contrasts with China's "coer-

cive and unsustainable lending through the Belt and Road Initiative." The US-proposed shipping corridor from India to Europe via West Asia was another tit-for-tat. Aware that Sri Lanka's 99-year lease of the Hambantota deep water port, the country's second largest after Colombo, weighs heavily on Afro-Asian minds, Mr Sullivan promised action on matters ranging from climate to technology to prove the US "commitment to the G-20 as a forum that can actually deliver". The White House has asked the US Congress for more funds for crisis relief and infrastructure building in poorer countries.

Missing Jakarta, Air Force One -- not to be confused with Mr Modi's own sumptuous prime ministerial aircraft -- with the presidential Cadillac nicknamed "The Beast" and the armoured vehicles of Ground Force One in its hold, took Mr Biden to Fortress New Delhi, whose excellent Metro was partially restricted for the occasion. The action was in the capital's glittering new Bharat Mandapam sprawling over 123 acres but not very felicitously dubbed India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. The real mice -- India's bewildered poor -- were in enforced purdah behind cloth curtains and tin screens or forced off roads and pavements, un-glimpsed by the visiting dignitaries.

Impressing foreigners has always been Afro-Asia's priority. President Obama is reduced to a familiar "Barrack". Even Nelson Mandela was proud to call Queen Elizabeth II "Elizabeth". At another level of ingratitude, hundreds of gallons of fresh water were pumped into stagnant ponds along the roads that Queen Elizabeth II had used when she visited what was then still Calcutta. The mayor of Colombo's mother, collecting driftwood on the beach, was herded into a truck when beggars were being con-

cealed during the nonaligned nations' summit.

The gossip was that if Mr Putin's absence made Mr Biden's triumph possible, Mr Xi's absence transformed Mr Modi into the stellar attraction. The consequent burden on the respective number two recalled Bangladesh's former military ruler, Gen. H.M. Ershad, lamenting not having a Prime Minister to receive and see off dignitaries. "I am more busy than the US President" he told me in Dhaka, "I must keep running to the airport for every VIP!" US vice-president Kamala Harris, Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Premier Li Qiang had a hectic time standing in for the boss.

No such glory for India's Amit Shah as Mr Modi lived up to his 56-inch chest boast by rushing back from Jakarta for more than 15 bilateral meetings over the weekend. Did that display of personal stamina enhance India's standing? China's Global Times noted acidly that what matters is whether India can reform an economic system that dates back from colonial times. "Without revolutionary reform, India cannot achieve revolutionary development." With its billionaire population up from 145 to 161 and predicted to rise to 195 by 2027, does today's India really care?

As for Mr Biden's Hanoi halt, China's Deng Xiaoping gloated after the 1979 invasion that Beijing had had to teach Vietnam a lesson. This time round, it's China's turn to learn something. For starters, it should be less cavalier about global events. Asean might be awed into silence but the G-20, representing 85 per cent of the world's GDP and two-thirds of its population, isn't dazzled by dictators. As Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong told the group's final session on Sunday under the "One Future" rubric: "multilateralism is yet alive".

The Internet of Things (IoT) is changing everyday life

BY SUNIL GOYAL/ DIMPLE KHOKHAR

The IoT is the network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators and connectivity which enables these things to connect and exchange data. The term "Thing" in "Internet of Things" is used quite broadly. For example, a thing within the IoT could be a person with a heart monitor implant, a pet with a biochip transponder, a vehicle that has built-in sensors to alert the driver when tire pressure is low -- or any other natural or man-made object that an IP address can be assigned to, thus gaining the ability to transfer data over a network.

As a result, it is becoming increasingly easy to create opportunities to directly integrate the physical world into computer-based systems which results in improvements, efficiency, economic benefits and reduced human exertion. The Internet of Things helps people live and work smarter, as well as gain complete control over their lives. In addition to offering smart devices to automate homes, IoT is essential to business. IoT provides businesses with a real-time look into how their systems really work, delivering insights into everything from the performance of machines to supply chain and logistics operations.

IoT enables companies to automate processes and reduce labour costs. It also cuts down on waste and improves service delivery, making it less expensive to manufacture and deliver goods, as well as offering transparency in customer transactions. As such, IoT is one of the most important technologies of everyday life, and it will continue to pick up steam as more businesses realize the potential of connected devices to keep them competitive.

Over the last few years, the concept of IoT has become a vital role player across various industries. More and more businesses now look to integrate its many benefits into their network infrastructures. As per Comptia, by 2030, 500 billion gadgets will be connected to the internet. Statistics on how fast technology is advancing reveal that users will connect half a trillion devices to the internet by 2030. The market is already experiencing steady growth, and IoT spending has already reached \$1.2 trillion by the end of 2022.

As per Data Reportal, 42.5 billion people are using the internet in 2022. Statistics show that 63% of the world's population uses the Internet. Data collected by Statista reveals that Denmark, UAE, and Ireland have the highest internet penetration rates. Internet growth stats show that in 2022, Denmark, Ireland, and the UAE

have overtaken the US as the number one country when it comes to internet penetration. In 2020, America had a 90% rate. In 2022, the three countries have a whopping 99% of their citizens accessing the internet. The United Kingdom, Switzerland, and South Korea follow very closely with 98%. Saudi Arabia comes in third, with 97.9%. It is also predicted that 75.44 billion IoT devices could be in existence by 2025. IoT statistics reveal that there were over 25 billion IoT devices around the globe at the end of 2019. Statista predicts that there could be well over 50 billion by 2023. 70% of all automobiles will be connected to the Internet through the Internet of Things by 2023. Technology statistics and findings show that the automobile industry is one of the few places where innovations in the IoT have seen significant improvements in the past few years.

Aside from developing self-driving cars, research is being made to add lots of other features to the automobile industry through the Internet of Things. Soon, we could have vehicles that detect bad driving, accidents, and possibly imminent collision. In addition, cars that detect flaws in design while sending a report back to the manufacturer could also be a norm in years to come. Forbes predicts that Cellular IoT connections could reach 3.5 billion by 2023.

Cellular IoT connection is a feature that allows sensors to be able to transfer information directly to a computer or your mobile device within a region or specified distance. Health wearables that transfer information about the state of health of a patient to a doctor or hospital are excellent examples of cellular IoT. According to McKinsey, The IoT could generate up to \$11 trillion in economic value per year by 2025. The IoT can save costs, increase productivity, create employment, and bring in billions and trillions in economic value in the process.

Generally, IoT is most abundant in manufacturing, transportation and utility organizations, making use of sensors and other IoT devices; however, it has also found use cases for organizations within the agriculture, infrastructure and home automation industries, leading some organizations toward digital transformation.

IoT can benefit farmers in agriculture by making their job easier. Sensors can collect data on rainfall, humidity, temperature and soil content, as well as other factors, that would help automate farming techniques.

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In the name of freedom of expression

BY RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNU JI

There has been a huge uproar across the country and also in some parts of the world over a derogatory remark made by a politician about religion followed by the majority population living in India. Immediately after his speech, there were millions of reactions on various social media platforms, TV channels and so on. Such scenes or shots have now become a staple food dished out in the sitcoms and serials aired by most of the TV channels in India. Just imagine the state of the minds that feed upon this sordid fare day in and day out. Most of the TV channels through their crime-based shows plant seeds of crime in the tender impressionable minds of youth by showing them various kinds of criminal and sinful activities explicitly. It is therefore not surprising when we read about real-life incidents of minors offending the honour of elderly women or rich kids resorting to various acts of crimes. The

torrent of such prurient and violent images and messages on television has sounded the death knell on the crumbling body of our social and moral heritage that was once the pride of our existence.

The simple family values, the fear of God and sin, and the codes of conduct that once demarcated the line between sin and morality have been swept away forcefully by the strong winds of glamour, consumerism, pleasure and modernity which have been aggressively glorified by shows on television. As a result of this, today we have a generation of humans who have been desensitized towards immorality and corruption. Their sense and sensibilities have been numbed by excessive indulgence in vulgar and violent sights and sounds.

One can hence imagine as to what would be the output of the minds bred on such fetid fodder. So, who is accountable for this decadence? Parents? Teachers? Or Media? Usually, the media sidetracks the issue of moral accounta-

bility by saying that they are simply catering to the demands of the public and hence the supply is made to fulfil the demands. They also wave the banners of progressiveness, modernity, mirroring reality, upholding the freedom of expression and so on. Every country has a code of punishment for those who incite others towards crime.

But how to punish someone for directly or subtly inciting millions of viewers to imbibe negative behaviour traits and criminal tendencies?

One wonders how would the makers of such programmes react if their reel-life episodes were to happen in their real life too. Earlier, sin and crime were limited to certain locations, which were normally out of bounds for youngsters and ordinary folks, but television & internet have changed all that by bringing the whole world at our fingertips in the privacy of our homes as a result of which all the limits of morality have been blown away. The young and old, girls and boys, the rich and the poor all are

performing an orgy of sin at the altar of sensual pleasure, endlessly driven by materialism.

There is big money at stake for producers, advertisers, promoters, actors and broadcasters of mega shows that glorify glamour, sex and crime in the garb of entertainment and thrill. Therefore, it is high time that the media should wake up to its role of being an agent of positive change rather than just mirroring and glossing over the negative side of life. Realising its magnitude of influence over the masses, the media must adopt self-regulatory measures to curb the increasing use of sex and violence as means of entertainment and direct its resources to renew a culture based on the noble spiritual and social values that once marked our glorious civilization, for it is the only hope for society that can bring the real transformation.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and a popular columnist; views are personal)

Kangana Ranaut defends PM Modi amid trolling: 'Why should he bother about things that are beneath his standards?'

Kangana Ranaut took to X (formerly Twitter) on Tuesday to rally behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi and slam those 'humiliating him for not knowing how to hold a peg while toasting'.

The actor supported PM Modi after some on X insinuated that PM Modi had laughed without understanding what the US President was saying as they raised a toast during their recent meeting.

Kangana criticises those trolling PM Modi

She tweeted, "Kaisa kalyug manushya ke sar par naach raha hai jo ki pashuyo ke maas ya rakt ka ahar nahi karta, jo kabhi dhurman ya madira sevan nahi karta; aise bhale manush ko neecha dekhaya ja raha hai ki peg pakad kar hawa mein ghumana nahi aata (What kind of Kaliyuga is dancing on the head of a man, who does not have meat or blood of animals, who never smokes or consumes alcohol; such a good man is being humiliated that he does not know how to hold a peg and swing it in the air)."



She further wrote, "Alcohol is medically/clinically/scientifically proven in every way to be hundred percent damaging for human system. Kya Joe Biden zameen pe baith ke haath se khana kha sakta hai kya (Can Joe Biden eat food from his hand while sitting on the ground)? Why should our PM bother about things that are beneath his interests and standards?"

PM Modi's video with Joe Biden Kangana's tweet came after some on X shared a short video clip from an event claiming that PM Modi was laughing without understanding what US President Joe Biden was trying to say. A few also insinuated that PM Modi is often seen 'hysterically' laugh-

ing with world leaders because he does not understand what they are saying.

One of the tweets read, "Ever wondered why in most of Modi's pics with foreign leaders, Modi is laughing hysterically? This video explains the 'why'. Biden, while toasting, asked to raise the left hand instead of the right if there's no alcohol in the glass (It's actually a norm - an unwritten rule). Narendra Modi, of course, had no idea what Biden was proposing so he did what he does best. Acted as if he got the joke (It was no joke) and started laughing before Biden could even finish his sentence. Biden felt offended and said, "You think I'm kidding!!" And moved on.

'Scoop' Karishma Tanna nominated for top honours at Asia Contents Awards Global OTT Awards



Netflix show "Scoop" and its lead star Karishma Tanna are nominated for the Asia Contents Awards & Global OTT Awards 2023, the organisers announced on Tuesday.

According to its official website, Asia Contents Awards & Global OTT Awards is an annual event to celebrate the achievements of excellent content made for TV, OTT, and online across Asia. It is organised by Busan International Film Festival and Korea Radio Promotion Association. While "Scoop" has secured a nomination in the Best Asian TV Series, Tanna is vying for the Best Lead Actress trophy at the awards.

"Scoop" follows Jagruti Pathak (Tanna), a star crime reporter at a Mumbai newspaper, who makes headlines after she is accused of her rival Jaideb Sen's murder.

The critically-acclaimed Hindi language series, created by Hansal Mehta and Mrunmayee Lagoo Waikul, premiered on Netflix in June. Mehta, also director of the series, congratulated the team for this 'great honour'. Backed by Indian production banner Matchbox Shots, the show is inspired by Jigna Vora's biographical book "Behind the Bars In Byculla: My Days in Prison".

Priyanka Chopra reacts as Nick Jonas shares pic, recalls one of their first dates at Dodger Stadium

Singer Nick Jonas, who recently performed at the Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, shared a post as he got nostalgic. Taking to Instagram on Wednesday, Nick shared a bunch of monochrome pictures as he recalled how the venue was special to him.

Nick shares pic with Priyanka

In the first photo, Nick held his wife-actor Priyanka Chopra around her waist as she kept her arm on his shoulder. While Nick posed for the camera, Priyanka looked at him. In the picture, Nick wore a black T-shirt while Priyanka was seen in a matching outfit. The couple posed inside the venue.

Nick sang into the mic in the second picture. He was seen playing the piano in the next photo. In the second last



picture, Nick spoke to someone looking away from the camera as he stood on the stage holding a mic. In the last photo, all three Jonas brothers--Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas and Nick sat on the edge of the stage and interacted with

the audience. Sharing the pictures, Nick captioned the post, "From seeing games with my brothers, to one of my first dates with @priyankachopra and now playing a show at Dodger Stadium... What a full circle moment."

Reacting to the pictures, Priyanka Chopra posted a heart-eye emoji in the comments section.

Fans also took to the comment section to shower the couple. A person wrote, "You deserve this! May you stay together forever and give lots of little brothers to the adorable Malti!" An Instagram user said, "We love you guys so much. I'm happy he married you. May God protect you both from evil and desperate people." "From parking lots to stadiums. What a ride it has been. You guys are seriously couple goals!!" read a comment. "Precious memories of where it all started!! May God continue to bless you both with endless love, joy and happiness together," commented another person.

Row breaks out over Rahman's Chennai concert due to 'mismanagement' organisers say 'we are accountable'

Traffic snarls, angry audience denied access despite coughing up huge sums, crying children and jostling people -- these were the scenes at a concert organised by musician AR Rahman here on Sunday due to alleged mismanagement of the grand show, titled "Marakkuma Nenjam," meaning "Can the heart forget."

A number of social media posts showed people complaining of being unable to reach the venue due to severe traffic congestion on the scenic East Coast Road (ECR) that even reportedly affected the movement of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's convoy.

While there was no immediate response from Rahman, the organisers ACTC Events, said they took "full responsibility."

"It was worst concert ever in the History #ARRahman #Scam2023 by #ACTC. Respect Humanity. 30 Years of the Fan in me died today Mr. #ARRAHMAN. #MarakkumaNenjam Marakkavey Mudiayathu. (Can't forget). A performer in the stage can't never see what's happening at other areas just watch it," a social media post from a user "@NavzTweet" on X said.

People complained of "overcrowding," and the event being "shabbily organised." "It is a waste of money," a disappointed woman said.

An angry musical lover complained she had paid Rs 30,000 to enjoy the concert with her family and alleged children were badly manhandled.

ALANKRITA: We should stop meaning mental health issues

Actor-model Alan-krita Anup Sahai feels that the way mental health issues are perceived in our society needs to change.

"There are just extremes to define mental health issues, and no one talks about the gravity of the subject. Every person has their own share of grief to battle with, and I feel without demeaning the problem one should seek proper counselling as dialogue is the only key. Consulting with a professional, who is well trained and educated to deal with certain circumstances, should be sought as it really works," says the Love per Square Foot and Namaste England (2018) actor.

Sahai lost her father last year and calls it the toughest phase for her.



"I was broken, and anxiety pangs never left my side! I didn't want to work and I just wanted to stay alone. My father was with me through thick and thin. He never left my side and then, just in jiffy, he was gone. It took me months

to understand that what worse than this could happen, and I should get back to work as that's what my dad would have wanted. I too sought advice from a counsellor at one point, but it didn't work well in my case. Eventually, it was my family, especially my mum, who helped me cope and get back to work."

Once back to work, Sahai took on new projects this year. "I have wrapped a digital film and have signed a bilingual (Telugu and Tamil) project slated for 2024. Also, I am focusing on music videos, one with singer Jassie Gill will be out soon. Also, I expect my project Tippsy, that got on hold due to various reasons, will be out soon. So, for now, I am going with the flow," concludes the actor.

'You're just a witch': Kourtney Kardashian says she 'hates' sister Kim in 'Kardashians' Season 4 trailer



Kourtney Kardashian called her sister Kim Kardashian a "witch" in a clip recently released, giving audiences a glimpse into the fourth season of Hulu's 'The Kardashians.' The video shows the sisters in the midst of an argument over speakerphone. Kim asks, "Are you happy? You're a different person, you hate us ... We're all just talking about it."

Kourtney says she does not have it in her to fight. Kim, however, continues, "You think things, so you get riled up. I think things, so I'm getting riled up."

Choking back tears, Kourney says, "You're just a witch and I hate you."

Season 4, much like the previous season, delves deep into the changing dynamics of the family, focusing on that between Kourtney and Kim. "Everyone's lives are going in different directions," Kim tells the cameras during a confessional.

Kourtney is seen saying in a joint confessional with Kim, "There's been a lot of tension. It's really hard to watch people talking about you. I don't feel understood." At the end of the trailer, Khloé tells the camera, "These things are fixable. It's not going to break us down." The clip shows Kourtney's growing belly and how she held up a placard to tell her husband Travis Barker that she was pregnant, at a Blink-182 concert in June. Kourtney is expecting her first child with Travis. She revealed her pregnancy on June 16, holding up a handwritten sign during her husband's Los Angeles concert with Blink-182.



HIRING: A SWIFTIE! USA TODAY POSTS JOB LISTING FOR TAYLOR SWIFT REPORTER

If you are a Swiftie, this might just be the perfect job opening for you. On Tuesday, US publication USA Today and the The USA Today Network's newspaper The Tennessean posted a job listing for a Taylor Swift reporter. Many fans of the singers are calling it their dream job.

The listing A post shared by the publication on Twitter read, "A new era in your career is coming... Ready for it? @USATODAY and @Tennessean are enchanted to announce we seek an experienced, video-

TAYLOR SWIFT IS THE BIGGEST POP CULTURE PHENOMENON THIS YEAR AND A PUBLICATION IS HOPING TO CATCH THE WAVE BY HIRING A REPORTER ESPECIALLY FOR HER.

forward reporter to cover @taylorswift13. Sound like the job of your wildest dreams? You could be the 1. Apply here." The job listing asks for an 'experienced, video-forward journalist to capture the music and cultural impact of Taylor Swift.' 'Quench the undeniable thirst for Taylor Swift'

It further read, "Swift's fanbase has grown to unprecedented heights, and so has

the significance of her music and growing legacy. We are looking for an energetic writer, photographer and social media pro who can quench an undeniable thirst for all things Taylor Swift with a steady stream of content across multiple platforms. Seeing both the facts and the fury, the Taylor Swift reporter will identify why the pop star's influence only expands, what her fanbase stands for

in pop culture, and the effect she has across the music and business worlds.?"

As per AFP, it's rare for an outlet to dedicate a reporter to one personality, particularly if they aren't a senior government official or head of state.

Taylor in her billionaire era Taylor Swift is indeed having the best of years. Her Eras Tour has raked in more than a billion dollars and is said to have significantly helped the

US economy. She is currently on the international leg of the tour. Her album Midnight was also a big hit and on Wednesday, she won multiple awards, including Song of the Year at the VMAs (Video Music Awards). Along with several new albums in recent years she has been re-recording her earlier work to resounding success. Her next release will be the re-recording of her 1989 album.

Women empower woman as Pishachyatra steals limelight



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 13: In its endeavour to provide platform and space to the budding artists of Jammu and Kashmir, Nutan Prayas Manch today performed a well renowned play Pishach Yatra at the Scottish Hall of Alexander Memorial School in an intimate expression of theatre and performances among a select audience.

Written by Vikram Sharma and directed by Anuroop Pathania, 'Pishach Yatra' in a merger Hindustani dialect, is about Kaya, a young female from low caste who marries an upper caste young man and becomes a widow on the very first night of her marriage.

During the next 13 days of mourning and rituals, she is made to cut her hair and is sexually

exploited by village headmen and others. About to commit suicide, she with help of a cripple flees the village and land up in a whorehouse.

There she meets her first client, a teacher who later becomes her mentor and helps her to become educated. So much so she qualifies the All India Administrative Services competition and is selected to become deputy commissioner in her native area only.

The play ends with Kaya offering anything to her mentor as guru-dakshina. The teacher proposes to marry her and thus absolves her from ghosts of past life.

The script of the play, while raising many questions about the male dominated conventions, gives expressions to the inner yearnings and psychological reflections of the

female gender who, given opportunity, can open up new frontiers in life.

Kaavya Kapoor, the journalist with The Fourth One India media house as Kaya was at her histrionic best, while Anuroop Pathania as eunuch Talkhan-the master of the whore house, who seeing an opportunity for absolution of Kaya allows her to flee away with the teacher'-was impressive in the way he maintained the dance-like rhythmic stance in all shades of emotion.

Harshita Khajuria as Kaya's mother-in-law Kalavati also stole the limelight through her variegated performance while Shreya Raza as Bindri produced a stellar role enacted as a woman worn-torn in the custom.

Gaurav Gupta as Dharamdas and Aryan Dogra as Vishnu Prasad and later his ghost, gave notable performances. Other members of the cast who chipped in with fine performances included Sunil as Bhudrva and Shivam, Heera and Sachin as village goons.

The sets in the unique space of Scottish Hall of Alexander Memorial Hall and lighting shades were designed by Sanam Sudan while background haunting music was prepared by Aman Sangral. Make Up was executively done by Sahil.

S4 pays floral tributes to head priest Machial Temple



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Sarv Shakti Sevak Sanstha that is associated with Mata Machail pilgrimage in Paddar area of Kishtwar district on Wednesday organised a meeting to pay floral tributes to the head priest at the Machail Mata shrine Paddar, Sh. Des Raj ji,

who breathed his last on September 1.

The head Pujari was associated with the Machail Yatra since its beginning and had thousands of followers in the region. He was greatly admired among his followers for his spirituality and simplicity.

During the condolence meeting, which was

attended by the people from different shades of life, the participants paid their rich tributes to the head priest and recalled his selfless services and contribution for the promotion of the pilgrimage.

Former minister Sunil Sharma while paying his tributes said the death of Shri Des Raj Ji, the chief priest of Mata Machail,

was extremely sad and it has left behind a great void in the society.

"With his demise we have lost a great saint of present times, who has been a guiding force for the millions," Sharma said while expressing his deepest condolences to the bereaved family and followers.

Vice President of Sanstha Raj Kumar while sharing his view said that Des Raj Ji's contribution for the welfare of mankind and in promoting spirituality would always be an inspiration for others.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu also paid floral tributes to Des Raj ji.

During the meeting Amit Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Sandeep Sharma, Deepanker Gupta, Anil Gupta also spoke on the occasion.

NC will sweep impending ULB polls in Chenab Valley: Rattan Lal Gupta

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RAMBAN, SEPT 13: Observing the situation after concluding four days long tour of Chenab Valley, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu asserted that the National Conference (NC) will sweep the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections in Chenab Valley as the present dispensation has miserably failed to stand on the expectations of general public.

While addressing party workers meetings in Banihal and Ramban here today, the senior NC leader lamented the state of affairs under the LG Administration in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that this era would be remembered for its rampant corruption and misgovernance. He specifically pointed out scandals in the Jal Shakti and Health Departments, as well as various recruitment scams. He accused the LG of adopting a policy of silence regarding these issues, failing to take appropriate action and address the public's concerns.

Rattan Lal Gupta has also expressed surprise over the Rs 13,000 crore scam in the Jal Shakti Department which was brought to light by IAS officer Ashok Parmar. He asked LG administration and other investigating agencies why he has remained silent regarding



these serious allegations, questioning the lack of response from the LG's administration and other investigating agencies.

He asserted that the Government at the Centre had promised moon to the people of Jammu province but delivered a big zero on ground.

Moreover it arrogantly and arbitrarily continues to follow the anti people policies with the result that it has met the same fate as that in Valley with people of Jammu region having totally discarded this party. The worst part of the things is that BJP betrayed the trust reposed by the people of the Jammu region and they are now feeling cheated by the saffron party, he added.

As part of his four-day tour of Chenab Valley, Rattan Lal Gupta visited and covered seven Municipal Committees including Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Thatri, Bhadarwah, Batote, and Banihal. Based on his interactions with the residents and party cadres, he observed that the peo-

ple are fed-up with the present government for its alleged corruption, loot, and misgovernance.

The Provincial President asserted that the people of Chenab Valley have high hopes from the National Conference and promised that the party will provide better amenities than the present dispensation. He urged the party cadre to prepare for the upcoming ULB polls, confident that the NC will emerge victorious. Earlier, both the meetings were convened under the chairmanship of Haji Shajjad Ahmed Shaheen, District President Ramban.

He enlightened the senior functionaries of Party that the local administration in Ramban is totally nonfunctional, resulting in the suffering of general public, especially those residing in far-flung areas have increased manifold. He emphasized that the grievances of the people have been ignored, leaving them without proper basic amenities.

DDC Chairperson Dr Shamshad Shan, DDC Members, Bashir Ahmed

Ronyal, Shameema Akhtar and Mohd Sahfi expressed their disappointment with the local administration, accusing it of being non-supportive and causing delays in development projects.

Shiekh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary and Pardeep Bali emphasized that the National Conference is the only party capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people. They urged the public to rally behind Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah in order to bring about positive change and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. They reassured the people that the National Conference is committed to addressing their concerns and working towards a better future for all.

Among those who were present include Abid Magrey, Arif Mir, Mohd Shafi Zargar, Aruna Thakur, Arshad Mir, Devi Ditta, Ch. Jamat Ali, Abdul Jabbar Adv, Nafeez Mir, Abdul Hamid Rana Adv, Shamas Din Darboo, Farooq Sohail, Pervaz Ahmed Sheikh, Tanveer Ahmed Katchoo, Abdul Hamid Sheikh.

, Arjun Singh Raju, Arif Wani, Abdul Hamid Sohail, Jeevan Lal, Haji Mohd Yousuf, Amit Sharma, Mohd Imtiaz Mughal, Mohd Abass, Aslam Parray, Pooja Jaggi and other functionaries of District, Blocks and Halqas.

Congress leaders hold meeting to discuss public issues in Ward 31

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Congress leaders Som Raj and Neelam Kumari conducted a public meeting in Ward No. 31, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The meeting was organized to address various issues faced by the general public in the ward, including concerns related to smart meters, fresh water supply, road and street conditions, sewage systems, old age pensions, and property tax.

Approximately 200 people from the ward attended the meeting to discuss and express their concerns.

The meeting had senior Congress leaders from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in attendance. The meeting was conducted successfully, providing an opportunity for the residents to voice their concerns and issues. The concerns raised will be addressed by the local



leaders and authorities in the future.

"Such public meetings are essential for democracy, as they allow citizens to engage with their elected representatives and discuss the challenges they face in their community. It's encouraging to see active participation and leadership in addressing these issues," Som Raj said.

Some of the leaders present

included Corporator Dwarka Choudhary, Corporator Pritam Singh, Sarpanch Badrinath, Harvinder Singh, B.K. Dutta, Som Raj, Neelam Kumari, Mulk Raj, Des Raj, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Tara Chand and Ramesh Chandra. Several prominent workers from the ward namely Sat Pal, Tarsem Lal, Dharam Pal, Vijay Kumar and Nirmala Devi were also present at the meeting.

Dushyant Goutam, Ravinder Raina others pay tributes to Tika Lal Taploo



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: BJP Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) observed Martyrs Day at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar Jammu to pay floral tributes to Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo on his 35th Shaheedi Divas.

Dushyant Kumar Gautam, BJP National General Secretary, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul chiefly addressed the tributes programme.

Former MLC Ajey Bharti (BJP Spokesperson & Prabhari KDD), President KDD Chand Ji Bhat, Seh-Prabhari Hira Lal Bhat were amongst the other prominent present on the occasion.

Respectful Homage was paid to Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo Ji, Pt. Prem Nath Bhat and to all those martyrs who attained martyrdom during the last 34 years in J&K including Army, Paramilitary, Police Personnel while fighting anti national & Pakistan sponsored terrorists.

Two minutes of silence was observed as a mark of respect to martyrs.

A documentary film on Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo was also shown on the occasion and Martyr's Photo Gallery set up by KDD Yuva Morcha.

Dushyant Kumar Gautam while paying tributes to Amar Shaheed Tika Lal Taploo termed him the tallest nationalist leader of Kashmir, who was known to all communities and earned love & respect from all the sects of the society. His supreme sacrifice for the nation will always be remembered.

Ravinder Raina said that he was a prominent figure of BJP in Kashmir and his aim was to strengthen the nationalist forces and defeat the design of anti-national forces. He was a popular leader among all communities because he was always available to needy people for help irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Ashok Koul said that he was a

great leader of BJP, social activist and sympathetic friend of the poor & needy. He served as Vice President of BJP and he never compromised on his principles. He said that his influence, popularity and political vision was unmatched among Kashmiri Hindus and other communities too. He was popularly called as "Lala" by muslim community and his popularity among Muslims became a major challenge for terrorists.

Ajey Bharti termed him as leader of masses and loud & forceful voice of poor and common masses. He enjoyed good leadership qualities and he was a selfless, fearless Nationalist leader, committed to human values. Because of his connection with common masses, he commanded respect across the political spectrum of Kashmir.

Chand Ji Bhat threw light on his life and said Tika Lal Ji joined Kashmir Bar Association to fight for justice for poor, downtrodden people, without charging any fee. He was a long time member of RSS. He further said Taploo Ji was the first Kashmiri Pandit Leader who was assassinated by terrorists on 13th September 1989. Kashmir plunged into grief & darkness, when his news of assassination spread. The reason to kill him was to terrify the Hindu minorities in Kashmir as a prelude to their ethnic cleansing and genocide.

On this occasion, 12 families of martyrs were honoured and a citation and shawl was given to each martyr family.

AIGMS highlights various issues faced by Gujjar Bakarwal community in J&K



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: The provincial meeting of the All India Gujjar Maha Sabha (AIGMS) was chaired by Chaudhry Bashir Ahmed Kohli, the President of the Jammu Kashmir All India Gujjar Maha Sabha, here today.

During the meeting, various

issues faced by the Gujjar Bakarwal community in Jammu and Kashmir were discussed, and efforts were made to find solutions to these problems.

The meeting highlighted the ongoing demands related to the forest rights of the Gujjar Bakarwal people. These rights may pertain to access to forest resources, land

rights, or other issues related to forests that are crucial for their livelihoods.

The Gujjar Bakarwal community demanded political reservation. This typically refers to reserved seats or quotas in legislative bodies or local governments to ensure political representation for marginalized communities.

The issue of reservation and promotion was also discussed. This could involve matters related to job reservations or affirmative action policies that aim to uplift the community in terms of education and employment opportunities.

The meeting was attended not only by officials from 10 districts of Jammu province but also by Vice President Chaudhary Noor Ali and common people who supported these discussions and demands.

The meeting aimed to address the social and political issues faced by the Gujjar Bakarwal community in the region and work towards their resolution.

Espionage conspiracy at G-20 exposed China's duplicity: Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday flayed China after the Dragon's espionage conspiracy got exposed at G-20 summit in New Delhi.

In a statement given to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader from J&K said that China has not mended its ways as under its hypocrisy the rogue nation had sent spies in its G-20 delegation in the guise of delegates which was exposed by alert security agencies after it was found that the so-called Chinese delegates were carrying baggage with extraordinary loads.

"On verification, it was detected that the suitcases were having equipment meant for espionage purpose thus exposing the Dragon badly and telling

Mind it, today's Bharat far more advanced than that of 1962's



the world the bare face of that country which can go to any extent and stoop low to fulfill its unprincipled desire of spying during such a significant meet of world leaders", he said, adding that it is unfortunate that China indulged in misadventure during G20 summit as it has exposed that nation's negative character probing it beyond doubt that

the reliability concerns of entire world with China are true to the hilt as that country is highly unreliable because betrayal is its basic culture.

Kavinder said that China should have pondered over hundred times before deciding to conspire against this powerful nation as today's Bharat is not of 1962's but it is advanced and

robust country leading the world in 2023.

He said that China should feel ashamed of her misdemeanor because this will lead it towards isolation while on the other hand Bharat is garnering support of more and more countries for being morally, ethical and diplomatically upright and balanced in all good aspects.

Clear wave visible in favour of BJP: Raina

BJP GEARS UP FOR UPCOMING ULB ELECTIONS

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Gearing up for the upcoming Urban Local Bodies Elections in Jammu & Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a mammoth meeting of its senior leaders, district Prabharies, district Presidents, Morcha Presidents, and District Committees for ULB elections at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul chiefly addressed the meeting. MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas, Former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmla Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma and also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP conducted the meeting proceedings.

Threadbare discussions were held to formulate an effective strategy for rewriting history of winning the ULB elections.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, said that the coming days are very crucial for the party as the elections for ULBs are around the corner and the party cadre has to devote more time to ensure the thumping majority of BJP candi-



dates. He said that like other states and UTs, Jammu & Kashmir too has witnessed unprecedented development at all levels besides numerous welfare schemes for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor and the needy. As for the Jammu city, the JMC Corporators of the BJP have worked tirelessly to give facelift to their respective wards and today, the city has become an attractive place. "There is a clear wave in favour of the BJP and the result will be positively good for the party", said Ravinder Raina.

Ravinder Raina exhorted the party leaders holding different responsibilities to reach the people

in their respective areas and educate them about the programmes and policies of BJP and also expose the opposition parties for their politics of lies and deceit.

Ashok Koul, in his address, said that the party has a well-knit organizational structure at all the levels and the need is to only mobilize the ground level workers, as they are the real strength for the success of the party. He prompted the party leaders to boost the coordination between the youth and the seniors of the party to gain the effective ground working in all the committees, councils and the corporations in Jammu & Kashmir.

Bukhari directs Party leaders to gear-up for ULB, Panchayati Raj elections

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has directed party leaders to gear-up public outreach programmes in the wake of upcoming Urban Local Body and Panchayati Raj elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a press release, Altaf Bukhari chaired an important meeting here at Apni Party Office in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu where senior provincial leaders, district presidents and heads of different wings held threadbare discussion regarding the party activities, and its strengthening of the party roots across Jammu Region.

In this meeting, the Apni Party leaders from across Jammu Region attended the meeting and they discussed various issues faced by the people in all the districts during the deliberation.

In his address, Altaf Bukhari directed that the party leaders and cadre on the ground should prepare for the Urban Local Body and Panchayati Raj elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He also directed to gear-up the membership drive and public outreach programme while highlighting the public grievances for early redressal.

"For last several years, the absence of an elected Govt in Jammu and Kashmir has created a situation that has annoyed the people because of multiple issues surfaced across the erstwhile state of

J&K especially in Jammu plains," he said.

He said that the unilateral decision of the authorities to install smart meters and inflated electricity bills has overburdened the pockets of masses in Jammu plains.

"The continuous functioning of toll plaza on Jammu - Pathankot National Highway despite protests in Jammu - Samba - Kathua, underdevelopment, unemployment, drug addiction are such issues that has affected the normal life of the people, and they want that these issues should be addressed in a humanitarian way," he said.

He asked the Party leaders to intensify their door to door campaign across the region and help the people by highlighting their issues.

"The people in J&K have remained victims of divisive politics and therefore, they should be provided unbiased representation," he said addressing the party leaders.

He expressed surprise as to why the Assembly Elections are being delayed in Jammu and Kashmir when the people in Jammu as well as in Kashmir Regions equally demand restoration of Statehood and democratic system.

He however appreciated that the Urban Local Body and Panchayati elections are going to be held in J&K. "We need to prepare for the UBL and Panchayat elections," he directed again and appreciated the role of party leaders in Jammu region's each district where the party has garnered support.

He said that the party has given a ray of hope to the people with its equitable development in all the regions, protection to the rights of the locals, their natural resources, land and employment.

He asked the leaders to educate people about the Apni Party's policy and agenda.

Earlier, he discussed the political scenario in J&K with the Party leaders and stressed on the need for Assembly Elections that would provide relief to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that "The bureaucracy has failed to come up to the expectation of the people and hence, it has taken many anti-people decisions leading to mistrust among the people against the authorities. The mistrust and feeling of alienation among the people must be addressed by holding elections and restoring statehood to the historic state of Jammu and Kashmir."

Meanwhile, Apni Party Vice President Aijaz Ahmed Khan also spoke on the occasion while informing that the Apni Party has gained support from the people of all segments of society in Reasi, and Ramban districts like other parts of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The leaders and workers from different political parties have joined the Apni Party because of trust in the party and its leadership. If the Assembly Elections are held, we are expecting that we will be the single largest political party with the most assembly seats," he said.

Border villages of Ranmgarh constituency lack basic amenities: Kundal

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SAMBA, SEPT 13: Former Minister and senior Congress leader Yashpal Kundal today expressed concern over the poor basic amenities and under-development in border villages of Ranmgarh constituency. He was interacting with aggrieved people of border village Chang of Ranmgarh constituency on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Kundal said in Ranmgarh's border villages thousands of families have been rendered helpless in the wake of the paddy season because they are not getting canal water in the tail-end village, Kundal said. He expressed his concern over the plight of the farmers who have been left helpless with no help from the authorities. "The canals were constructed to water fields at the tail-end in Ranmgarh and other areas. However, the tail-end villages remain without water supply in the canals and hence, their agricultural activities remain affected," he said. He said that the agricultural land in the border belt is fertile and it has capability to produce good quality of crops, but the concerned department has not given any kind of heed to the repeated concerns of the farmers to ensure proper canal water supply for irrigation purposes.

As the unprecedented power cuts

continue during the summer season, he said that it has also affected the drinking water supply. "The normal day to day life and agricultural activities have been affected with the non-serious approach of the authorities. Repeated appeals were made by the farmers to ensure canal water up to the tail-end villages in Ranmgarh. However, they did not respond positively," he added.

Kundal said that there is anger among the people against the BJP for false promises and its inability to fulfill the promises made with the people of Jammu plains. Former minister said that PDD has failed to provide the needed electricity to the border villages and appealed to not to compel the farmers to hold demonstration for the same. Administration should understand that people are in problem because electricity supply is not proper. In this circumstance, the people should not be compelled to come on the road to project their demands," said Kundal.

Kundal said that people from rural belt are in favour of Congress policies and agenda which are public friendly and protect the rights of Jammu and Kashmir residents. He said that the bureaucracy is not concerned about the ground realities and the people are compelled to face under-development and poor

basic amenities in many areas of the border belt. He said that "The bureaucracy is not serious enough to resolve the developmental issues and this has shaken the faith of the people in the administration and other field departments".

BJP has emotionally exploited the sentiments of the people and hardly worked for their welfare. BJP has directly ruled J&K for the last nine years and the party has been exposed completely before the people," Kundal said. He said that the anti-public policies have led to the anguish among the people and various anti-people decisions are an eye-opener about real character of BJP. "The issues of the daily wagers still remain unsolved and nothing has been done for their regularization even as many of them have been serving in Government departments from the last two decades," he said.

Kundal said that the tourism sector, business, essential commodities and other sectors have been facing crisis like situation due to the wrong policies of the bureaucracy which is responsible for adding more problems for the people in J&K. "The people are not being given heed in absence of an elected Government hence, the assembly elections must be held immediately in J&K to end the problems of the people," he said.

Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra organized by Dharmarth Trust concludes

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BHADERWAH, SEPT 13: With the blessings of Shri Vasuki Naag ji Maharaj, the Shri Vasuki Naag ji Kailash Yatra 2023 Bhaderwah organized by the J&K Dharmarth Trust concluded successfully here today.

The ceremonial Puja was performed by Ashok Sharma, a retired IPS officer and Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust by offering Halwa Bhog to Shri Vasuki Naag ji Maharaj and Pagris to Chelas at the revered Shri Vasuki Nag Ji Mandir, Gatha Bhaderwah.

This Puja, held on September 11, 2023, marked the commencement of the Yatra and sought blessings for the prosperity of Bhaderwah's cultural heritage. The rituals of Holy Mace were performed in a traditional manner.

One of the highlights of this pilgrimage was the



invaluable contribution of the Bajantiris, traditional folk musicians of Bhaderwah, who played an integral role in making the Yatra successful. Their melodious tunes resonated through the picturesque landscapes, enhancing the spiritual experience for all participants.

On the instructions of Hon'ble Chairman Trustee and Trustees, the Secretary has personally

inspected the meticulous planning and execution undertaken by the Trust's management, ensuring the comfort and safety of the participants.

He said that with the cooperation and support of District Administration Doda and people of the area, the Yatra has been successfully concluded. "The efforts of District Administration Doda for providing essential necessities such as food, water,

and electricity at Kailash Kund, located at a staggering altitude of 14,500 feet, were instrumental in ensuring the Yatra's success and the well-being of all participants," he added.

Expressing his vision for the Kailash Yatra, he emphasised that this Yatra should be upgraded and promoted to the national level, much like the Amarnath Yatra and Kedarnath Yatra, to promote the cultural heritage of Bhaderwah. "The conducting of Yatra and participation of devotees in Yatra rituals symbolizes the sense of brotherhood, secularism and compassion between several communities," he added.

Ashok Sharma said that the Dharmarth Trust is committed to preserving and enhancing this sacred tradition, inviting devotees from far and wide to experience the divinity and cultural richness of Bhaderwah.

JPBM urges Jammuites to unite for justice & legitimate demands



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: The Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JPBM), a non-political social organization, led by its Chairman, Ashok Sharma, a former MLA/MLC, highlighted the urgent need for broader unity in the Jammu Province.

Addressing a press conference here today, Ashok Sharma articulated the challenges currently faced by the people of Jammu Region. He expressed con-

cern over heavy taxation, rising unemployment, menace of drug abuse, encroachment on Duggar land and culture, electricity issues including the installation of smart meters, proliferation of illegal toll plazas, and soaring prices of essential goods.

Sharma pointed out that Jammu and Kashmir has been without a democratically elected government for nearly five years, resulting in an increasing autocratic influence of

bureaucratic ruling bodies. The voice of the people has often gone unheard, leading to disillusionment among the public. He emphasized the immediate need for the restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir while safeguarding the region's land and job opportunities.

Ashok Sharma called upon all residents of Jammu, irrespective of caste, creed, religion, or geographic area, to unite for justice and their legiti-

mate demands. He stressed that everyone in Jammu Region is a Dogra, and preserving the pride of Dogras is a collective responsibility. Securing justice for the current and future generations is a fundamental right, he added.

Kuldeep Sharma, Chief Spokesperson and Secretary General of JPBM, along with Satish Poonchi, Vice Chairman of the organization, lauded the efforts and struggles of Youth Rajput Sabha (YRS) and condemned any derogatory remarks directed at their selfless dedication to the cause of Duggar. The YRS was commended for its commitment to the welfare of Dogras.

They also underscored the unity among all Jammuites for the greater cause of Jammu and emphasized the age-old adage that "united we stand, and united we shall achieve our goals."

Beware of forces inimical to Bharat's growth: MP Khatana

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today warned the people of forces inimical to development, growth and stature of Bharat internationally under the stewardship of Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi. He said that Bharat has grown exponentially locally as well as internationally under the BJP govt.

Addressing a number of delegates here today, MP Gulam Ali Khatana said world leaders who attended G20 meet appreciated the leadership of PM Modi and Bharat's emerging role on world scenario. Castigating former Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti for raising unnecessary controversy over lifting of 'additional' import duty on American apple, he said that these leaders have been sucking blood of people of Jammu



and Kashmir and doing politics over the dead bodies of common Kashmiris. These leaders have no love for either the people of Jammu and Kashmir nor any loyalty towards their country, he added.

In June, Bharat agreed to reduce tariffs on certain US products, including chickpeas, lentils,

almonds, walnuts, apples, boric acid, and diagnostic reagents. The additional 20 per cent duty was imposed on US apples in 2019 in response to US measure to increase tariffs on certain steel and aluminum products.

The international relations are the domain of Govt of India and these minions have no role in deciding the policies of the central government, MP Gulam Ali said.

He said that opposition is trying to mislead the people as there is no reduction on the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) duty on apples which is still applicable on all imported apples including those from the US at 50 per cent. Govt of India has been providing various incentives to apple growers in Kashmir valley since last few years and the common horticulturists are happy with the policies of PM Modi led BJP govt.

BJP doors always open for everyone: Sat

HOLDS PUBLIC DARBAR AT BJP HQRS



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Jammu and Kashmir BJP former President and former Minister Sat Sharma (CA), said that the doors of the party are always open for everyone and any one can come to meet the party leaders to seek help in resolving their problems. He was talking to a

large number of people, who had reached the party office with their grievances.

J&K BJP Secretary Anju Dogra, SC Morcha Seh-Prabhari & JMC Councillor Jeet Angral and Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan Department Incharge Ankush Gupta also accompanied Deputy Chief Minister during the

camp. Various deputations and individuals from Samba, Jammu Cantt, Satwari, Vikram Chowk, Doda, Govind Nagar, Nagrota, Janipur, Gharota, shared their grievances with the BJP leaders, which were related to pension case, promotion, repair of road, sewerage, drains, land

record correction, water supply. All the grievances were taken up with the senior officials of the concerned departments for early disposal.

Sat Sharma said that the BJP Cadre is always at the service of the people, reaching their doorsteps to extend every kind of help in case of any inconvenience faced by them. He said that on ground as well as in the party office, our leaders are available for the general public. He said that the public response to the public darbar being held at the party office is overwhelming, which itself speaks that the people are getting respite.

Anju Dogra, Jeet Angral and Ankush Gupta managed the proceedings of the public darbar and diarized the issues presented by the visitors.

Skill Course in English for Employability Begins at GCOE, Jammu

DISTRIBUTES CLOTHES, EATABLES AMONG STUDENTS



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: IQAC, Placement Cell and English Department of GCOE, Jammu jointly organized a 10 days Skill Course, "Basic English for Employability."

The program was formally inaugurated by Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal of the College. She conducted the first session and elaborated

upon the importance of communication skills in the contemporary globalized world.

She added that India is a multilingual country and in order to make it a global power we need to have good command over English language besides having good command in Hindi, our national language as well as our own mother tongue, Dogri. She also added that whether it

is any language the primary focus should be on learning it as a skill rather than learning it as a subject. Hence the methodology that is being used in schools needs to be changed.

She further added that communication doesn't just mean to hone speaking skills but it encompasses both the inner and outer aspects of an individual. She exhorted the

students to make the best out of the ten days workshop.

The first session was followed by an interactive session by Ms. Geetika Kohli.

Her session was activity based in which the students got the opportunity to practice situational conversation. She also suggested various means of developing interpersonal skills, conflict resolution skills and leadership skills. The ten days skill course event is convened by Prof. Shalini Rana while Dr. Taahira Shah and Prof. Ramandeep Kralia are the co-conveners of the program. The student managers are Mr Sidhant, Ms. Neha Bashaal, Ms. Shyista, Ms. Heena, Ms. Arushi Sharma and Ms. Shalu Khajuria.

Biggest Akhara of Sanatan is Guru Gorakhnath: Chandel

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: In the presence of Hinduist Sanatani Nath Panth Guru Gorakhnath's disciple Guru Ji Raju Chandel, Guruji Moni Chandel, Guruji Surendra Chandel and other Nath Panth Gurus, Guru Gorakhnath Ji's Raat Jagran Akhara was organized today.

In which Gopal Chandel was given the title of Bhagat in the presence of five birds with the blessings of Guru Gorakhnath ji.

Apart from all the Panchs, Bhagat ji of the newly appointed Akhara by Rashtriya Valmiki Sena blessed Gopal Bhagat and said that like Guru Gorakhnath, your fame will be of the Chandel dynasty.

Move forward and uplift the soci-



ety. By giving blessings to Bhagat Ji, Guru Gorakhnath Ji inspired Guru Machandar Nath Ji to move ahead in the society by donating raw book justice for public service.

On this occasion, Guru Raju

Chandel said that the newly appointed Bhagat ji Gopal will do the work of hoisting the saffron of Bhagat Samaj and Sanatan to hoist the fatherland of Sanatan Dharma and for the upliftment of the society.

JKNC Central Zone team congratulates Ajay Sadhotra on being appointed Addl Gen Secy



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JAMMU, SEPT 13: The office bearers of JKNC Central Zone (Jammu, Samba & Kathua) led by Former Minister and its President, Babu Rampaul today went to residence of Former Minister and Senior NC leader, Ajay Sadhotra and congratulated him on being appointed Additional General Secretary by the

party high command.

Babu Rampaul and other office bearers presented a bouquet of flowers to Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and expressed extreme happiness over his elevation to the key party position. He was accompanied by Dr. Vikas Sharma, Adv. Rajinder Chanyal, Sandesh Shaan, Sham Lal Mehra, Sardar Nirmal Singh, Arvind Singh Jamwal, T.R Maandi, Surjit

Kumar, Ashok Tyagi, Mohan Lal Sandhu, Prem Kumar verma, Surjit S Sattan, BD Sharma, Arjun Tyagi and others. Babu Rampaul exuded confidence that party cadre will work round the clock to ensure that policies and programmes of NC would reach every single voter of the region to ensure victory of the party in the forthcoming Local Body and Assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir.

He said, "Sadhotra Saab is our leader and the party has given him a very important position and it is our collective responsibility to strengthen his hands in the larger interest of the party, in general, and J&K as a whole."

Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra expressed gratitude to Dr Farooq Abdullah and Jb Omar Abdullah for reposing faith in him. He urged the party cadre to fully gear themselves up to expose the lies and deceits of BJP and snatch victory for the party in local body polls.

Shiv Sena launches "Mai bhi ek sanik", vows to fight for rights of Jammuites

Pay tribute to Sher-e-Duggar Prem Nath Dogra

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JAMMU, SEPT 13: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit today launched the "Main Bhi Ek Sainik" campaign by paying floral tribute to "Sher-e-Duggar" Prem Nath Dogra.

Under the leadership of party J&K president, Manish Sahni, a group of

Shiv Sainiks went door-to-door, contacted the public and appealed to come together for the restoration of their rights and a decisive fight against dictatorial decrees. Sahni said that the people of Jammu, who supported every decision of the Central Government including the abrogation of Article 370, have been betrayed.

Sahni said that those who used to sing the praises of Jammu are now silent on the discrimination faced by the city, and the injustice done in the



name of alleged discrimination from Jammu. Our cultural identity is under attack, Jammu Doordarshan has been almost shut down, commercial activities such as hotels are being facilitated in the glorious historic Mubarak Mandi complex, and the historic Ranbir Canal is in a pitiful state.

He said that the economy of Jammu has been severely affected by the disruption of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage due to the expansion of rail and road routes. Tourism destina-

tions in Jammu are suffering due to their deteriorating conditions. The proliferation of liquor shops and the spread of addiction and crime are leading the youth towards destruction, he added.

He maintained that the increasing rate of unemployment among the youth, coupled with deepening despair, is pushing them towards drug abuse and crime. The public is burdened with inflation, unemployment, and economic instability, as they are being forced to bear the brunt of smart meters

and property tax. Sahni asserted that the campaign aims to ensure the guarantee of the rights of the sons of the soil along with the cultural security, free electricity and water, toll-free travel, eradication of drugs and crime, inflation, unemployment, and better healthcare and education. Let us all become "Sanik" and take the fight for our rights to a decisive turning point.

On this occasion, dozens of Shiv Sainiks including President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Prabhari Ashwani Prabhakar, President Udhampur Sanjeev Sharma, Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple, Shashi Pal, Mangu Ram, Sahil Gandotra, Vishal Verma and many others were present

PM Modi deserves full credit for G20 success: Sham Langar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 13: Sham Langer, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade Cell, Jammu has said that the credit of unprecedented success of the G20 Summit that concluded in New Delhi goes to none other than the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his visionary initiatives to unite the world and lead it to peace, development and progress instead of indulging in the wars that besides shattering the economies of nations ultimately leads to deaths, destruction and miseries to the peo-

ple of the belligerent nations. He expressed this while addressing media persons here today.

The senior BJP leader asserted the success of the Summit can be well gauged from the adoption of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member and IMEC project besides other achievements. He said that the Prime Minister has succeeded in building bridges of trust among geopolitical regions standing true to his vision of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ('One Earth, One Family, One Future'). He said that it

is a matter of great pride for the nation and its people that the summit has left an indelible victory mark for us as we believe in the greatness of our precious benevolent cultural values that are acknowledged by the whole world today. Sham Langar stated that the nations from across the world including the big powers including even China have appreciated the efforts of India under PM Modi in making the G20 Summit result oriented proving that this group can work wonders for resolving the most contentious issued faced globally today.

JU's Poonch Campus Students Showcase Exceptional Art and Craft Creations

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, SEPT 13: The talented students of the Department of Sericulture Poonch Campus, University of Jammu have once again demonstrated their artistic prowess by crafting a remarkable array of art and craft items. In a delightful display of creativity and skill, the students have produced an impressive collection of hand-made crafts that reflect their dedication and passion for the arts.

The event organized by Poonch Campus University of Jammu, featured a wide range of art and craft items, including Bouquets, Wall hanging rosette, Saraswati painting other forms of creative expression. These creations are a testament to the creative talent flourishing within the Poonch Campus. This art and craft event provided a platform for students to not only showcase their artistic abilities but also to explore their entrepreneurial skills as many of the items were available for pur-

chase. Director Poonch Campus Prof. Rakesh Vaid expressed great pride in the students' achievements, saying, "Our students have once again demonstrated their incredible talents in the realm of art and craft. We believe in nurturing their creativity and providing them with opportunities to shine. The quality and diversity of the items on display are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students."

Incharge Department of Sericulture Dr Rubia Bukhari while lauding the efforts of the students of the Department of Sericulture for demonstrating their artistic prowess by crafting a remarkable array of art and craft items, She said that the event will draw attention to the importance of fostering creativity and artistic expression within educational institutions. "Poonch Campus under the able guidance of Director Prof. Rakesh Vaid is committed to providing a holistic education that encourages

students to explore their passions and develop skills beyond academics," She added. Students who participated in the event were Ajay Sadotra, Nitish Singh Pangotra, Chail Singh, Sonia, Khair Un Nisa, Jyoti Sharma, Simran Shan, Shivali, Kajal Bhandari, Nuzat Arra, Rabia Qureshi, Shakshi Devi, Bindiya Verma and Shaista Shabir.

The exhibition was well-attended, drawing visitors from the students, teaching as well as non-teaching staff of the campus. "Poonch Campus has created a vibrant atmosphere where artistic conversations flourished, and new friendships were forged," said a students of Campus Ms Simran Shan and Ms Jyoti Sharma.

Another student Mr. Nitish Singh Pangotra Poonch said that Campus continues to be a hub for innovation and creativity, and the success of this art and craft exhibition underscores the institution's dedication to promoting the arts as an integral part of education.

Global Biofuel Alliance a key step under India's leadership after International Solar Alliance : President Murmu

GANDHINAGAR, SEPT 13: President Droupadi Murmu addressed the Gujarat assembly on Wednesday, emphasizing the importance of the Global Biofuel Alliance and India's leadership in the renewable energy sector. She inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project during her visit.

President Murmu highlighted that the world is currently grappling with the detrimental effects of climate change and global warming, primarily attributed to the widespread use of fossil fuels. To combat this alarming situation, G20 nations, under India's presidency, have collectively committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by a substantial 43% by the year 2030. Given that the G20 nations contribute nearly 80% of the world's total emissions, this resolution holds significant global implications.

The president stressed that fossil fuels are a major contributor to environmental pollution and degradation. As a solution to this pressing issue, she advocated for the promotion of new and renewable energy sources. President Murmu believes that transitioning to cleaner energy alternatives is not only crucial for environmental conservation but also a vital step in achieving self-reliance in the energy sector for India.

During her address, President Murmu introduced the Global Biofuel Alliance, which was announced at the G20 summit. This alliance brings together countries such as the United States and Brazil, alongside 12 international organizations, with the shared objective of promoting biofuels. Biofuels are considered a sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to traditional fossil fuels.

The Global Biofuel Alliance, in conjunction with the International Solar Alliance, represents India's commitment to environmental preservation and energy independence. Turning her attention to technology and governance, President Murmu inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) project in the Gujarat assembly. This digital initiative aims to transform the assembly into a "Digital House," enabling it to access and adopt best practices from the Indian Parliament and other state assemblies. By eliminating the need for paper-based processes, NeVA is expected to enhance transparency, efficiency, and speed in the functioning of the Gujarat assembly while also contributing to environmental conservation through reduced paper usage.

Finally, President Murmu highlighted the importance of increasing women's representation in politics. Acknowledging the achievements of women in various fields, she called for greater participation of women in politics, emphasizing its significance for the overall development of the country. This appeal underscores the broader societal movement towards gender equality and diversity in leadership roles.

In conclusion, President Droupadi Murmu's address in the Gujarat assembly underscored India's commitment to renewable energy, environmental conservation, technological advancement, and gender equality, emphasizing the nation's leadership in these critical areas on the global stage.

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The BJP's fresh attack comes on a day when the coordination committee of the opposition INDIA bloc is set to meet here to hold negotiations on the seat-sharing formula and evolve a broad outlay of their campaign strategy ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

DMK attacking Sanatan Dharma with Congress' endorsement to disrupt peace in country: BJP

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: DMK leaders are speaking against Sanatan Dharma with the Congress' "endorsement" to divert attention from the "misdeeds" of the MK Stalin-led government in Tamil Nadu and disrupt peace and harmony in the country, the BJP alleged on Wednesday. Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy, the BJP's co-in-charge for Tamil Nadu, alleged that the DMK and the Congress are trying to build a "narrative" against the BJP in view of the party's "growing popularity" in Tamil Nadu and

recognition of the Modi government's work.

Narayana Tirupathi, the vice-president of the BJP's Tamil Nadu unit, said, "One of their ministers without portfolio is in jail and this has come as a huge setback to the DMK. The DMK is totally restless. That's why they want to divert public attention in Tamil Nadu from their misdeeds. That's why they are talking about Sanatan Dharma, hoping to get minority votes." "The DMK and the Congress are communal parties that are trying to disrupt peace and (communal) harmony

in Tamil Nadu and in the country," he further alleged at a press conference at the party headquarters here, adding, "The BJP is working for all religions. We are not communal." DMK leader and Tamil Nadu minister Udhayanidhi Stalin recently caused a storm after he claimed Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and that it should be eradicated.

Likening Sanatan Dharma to coronavirus, malaria and dengue, Udhayanidhi Stalin -- the son of Chief Minister Stalin -- said such things

should not be opposed but destroyed.

A Raja, another DMK leader, likened Sanatan Dharma to diseases such as leprosy. A former minister during the UPA regime, Raja also said Udhayanidhi Stalin's remark was soft.

The BJP's fresh attack comes on a day when the coordination committee of the opposition INDIA bloc is set to meet here to hold negotiations on the seat-sharing formula and evolve a broad outlay of their campaign strategy ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Coaching hub Kota reports 23rd suicide this year as NEET aspirant from Ranchi hangs herself

KOTA (RAJASTHAN), SEP 13: Less than six months after she moved to Kota to prepare for medical entrance exam NEET, a 16-year-old girl from Jharkhand's Ranchi allegedly hanged herself to death in her hostel room, police said.

Information about the girl's death around 10.30 pm on Tuesday from the private hospital where she was taken, said Amar Chand, an assistant sub-inspector at the Vigyan Nagar police station.

Chand added that no suicide note was recovered from her room and the police are investigating the reason behind the alleged suicide. The body has been sent to MBS Hospital for post-mortem.

Hostel warden Archana Rajawat said the student complained about being

unwell last night and was given medicines. "Earlier, there were no signs of stress. She used to get well with her friends, eat meals on time," she said.

Over 2.5 lakh students come to Kota annually to

prepare for competitive exams such as the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) for engineering and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical colleges.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In part supersession to Public Notice, published in various newspapers on 13.09.2023. The following corrigendum is issued as under :-

- Train No. 12587 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Exp. JCO 18.09.2023 will now run on its proper route instead of diversion & will be regulated for 15 minutes enroute.
- Train No. 15655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 17.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No 12471 Bandra Terminus - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express JCO 18.09.2023 will not be regulated.
- Train No. 04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express and 06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU Special Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be restored.
- 19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express JCO 19.09.2023 will be short originated from Pathankot (instead of Jalandhar City).

Note : Rest of information will hold good.

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251-Elect-T-25-2023-24	Electrical work in civil Up-gradation of SCADA for reliable operation of Pir-Panjol Tunnel in BHAL-QG section.	Rs. 2,60,28,008.19	Rs. 2,80,200.00	04 Months	04.10.2023 after 15.00 Hrs.	www.reps.gov.in
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Tahir expresses grief and sorrow over loss of Bravehearts in Kokernag

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 13: In a solemn response to the heart-breaking events that unfolded on Wednesday in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir, Tahir Ali Shah, leader of the BJP Minority Morcha, conveys his deepest condolences and heartfelt grief.

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonchak, and Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Humayun Bhat, lost their lives during a courageous battle against terrorists. This devastating loss has left the entire Jammu & Kashmir in mourning.

Tahir Ali Shah, expressed his sorrow over the tragic incident. He remarked, "Our hearts go out to the families of these brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their dedication and valor in protecting our nation will forever be remembered."

Humayun Bhat, a 2018 batch JKPS officer, leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Tahir Ali Shah also extended his condolences to the family of Humayun Bhat, particularly in this difficult time, and noted that Humayun's recent fatherhood added a poignant dimension to the tragedy. Tahir Ali Shah further stated, "We stand united as a community in these challenging times. It is crucial for us to support the families of the fallen heroes and the security forces who continue to safeguard our region."

Abhay Mahajan, Munishwar nominated as Co-Convenor J&K UT, District Convenor of BJP Senior Citizen Cell

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 13: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Senior Citizen Cell J&K Convenor Sn.J D Singh in consultation with J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Party General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, All Cell Incharge Sh.Rakesh Mahajan and All Cell Co-Incharge Sh. Ved Raj Sharma made the announcement of the nominations.

Abhay Kumar Mahajan, SSP (Retd) is nominated as Co-Convenor of J&K- UT BJP Senior Citizen Cell. Munishwar Singh Jamwal, Retired, Assistant Commandant is nominated as District Samba Convenor, BJP Senior Citizen Cell. Convenor J&K Sh.J D Singh,



Abhay Mahajan



Munishwar Singh Jamwal

while congratulating both said that their professional and Social experience and nationalistic spirit would be an asset for the party to benefit

the masses in a more efficient way. He expressed hope that they will work with sincerity and in line with the party principles.

Sawhney expresses profound grief and solidarity in light of recent tragedy

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 13: Tejwant Singh Sawhney, leader of the BJP Minority Morcha, stands in deep mourning and solidarity following the tragic events that unfolded today in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir. The loss of Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major

Ashish Dhonchak, and Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Humayun Bhat, in the line of duty is a somber reminder of the challenges faced by our security forces. Tejwant Singh Sawhney expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of these valiant Martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our nation. "Their unwavering commitment and bravery exemplify the

spirit of service that defines our armed forces and police," he stated. Mr. Sawhney emphasized, "In this moment of grief, it is crucial for our communities to come together and support the families of these fallen heroes, as well as our security forces who continue to safeguard our region."

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OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 87 of 2023-24 Dated 12-09-2023 (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.	Repair and Renovation of Lane and Drain from house of Om Parkash to house of Tara Chand, W.No. 11. (6th time)	8.41	600	16820	45 days	C & D	Own Sources of Municipality Katra
2.	Repair and Renovation of Lane from Nathu Sweets to Hotel Holiday upto Bus Stand, W.No. 01. (6th time)	2.15	600	4300	30 days	D	Own Sources of Municipality Katra
3.	Repair of Lane and gola upto house of Sh. Sansar Chand, W.No.12. (6th time)	1.37	600	2740	30 days	D	Own Sources of Municipality Katra
4.	Repair of Lane from Gurudwara to backside of Hotel Vishal, W.No. 03. (6th time)	2.60	600	5200	30 days	D	Own Sources of Municipality Katra

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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	13-09-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13-09-2023 to 20-09-2023, 1700 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	13-09-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	20-09-2023 up to 1700 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	21-09-2023 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.

- 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 EMD/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.
- 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.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Katra.
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
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- 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.

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Div Com Jammu reviews land issues of Industries Department

DCs asked to resolve bottlenecks, facilitate development of Industrial Estates

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the establishment of Industrial Estates in the Districts and the land related issues of the Industries & Commerce Department.

The Div Com reviewed in detail the land acquisition for industrial Estates in Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Udhampur districts and bottlenecks being confronted by the stakeholder Departments.



The meeting was attended by MD SIDCO/SICOP, Inderjeet; MD JPDC, Shivanant Tayal; Chief Conservator of Forest, B Mohan Dass; Regional Director Pollution Control Board, Sat Paul; besides Chief Engineers

of JPDC, Assistant Commissioner central, Angrej Singh; while Director Industries, Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Udhampur along with other concerned officers attended the meeting through video confer-

encing. Threadbare discussions were held regarding augmentation of existing and development of new Estates, besides the progress made in resolving the land related issues of the Industries Department pending in the districts.

The concerned Deputy Commissioner apprised the Div Com about the current status of each case. It was informed that most of the issues have been resolved and those pending would be resolved soon.

The Div Com instructed DCs to cooperate with the Industries Department in sorting out the pending land

issues. The functionaries of the Industries Department were also asked to stay in touch with DCs and revenue officers to seek coordination for resolving the issues on time.

The Div Com instructed DC Samba, Kathua, Jammu and Udhampur DCs to demarcate the identified land and hand over the same to the Industries and Commerce Department for establishment of Industrial Estates. The DCs were also instructed to resolve the land issues for approach roads to the sites.

Meanwhile, the Div Com also reviewed the power supply, water supply, roads to industrial estates.

DDC Chairman Budgam, Delegation of Apple Farmers' Federation call on Lt Governor

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13: Sh Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council, Budgam called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today.

The DDC Chairman expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the comprehensive development initiatives being undertaken in Budgam District.

Sh Rafi Ahmad Mir, former legislator from Pahalgam also met the Lt Governor and discussed various developmental issues of the area.

A delegation led by Sh Zahoor Ahmad Rather, President, J&K Committee, Apple Farmers' Federation of India called on the Lt Governor and apprised their concerns.

A delegation of National Awardee Teachers of J&K led by Sh Wali Mohammad Bhat met the Lt Governor and put forth issues of the National Awardee teachers.

Later, Dr. Farida Khan, BDC Chairperson Sopore also called on the Lt Governor and discussed public importance issues of her area.

While interacting with the public representatives and the members of the delegations, the Lt Governor assured them of appropriate action on all the genuine issues and demands presented during the meetings.

Block Diwas: DM Jammu meets public at Miran Sahib

Welcomes constructive criticism, prioritises effective garbage disposal



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: The weekly Block Diwas programme was held today at BDO Office Miran Sahib and was chaired by District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya.

DDC Member Miran Sahib, Vidya Mottan; DDC Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony and BDC Chairman Miran Sahib, Dalip Kumar, besides sarpanches and panches attended the event prominently. In candid talks with the officers, the District Magistrate emphasised the paramount importance of effective garbage disposal. He insisted on streamlining garbage collection and disposal

mechanisms. Strict actions were mandated against improper garbage disposal, underlining that cleanliness is a collective responsibility. He also urged the public to actively participate in these endeavours. In his address, the DM highlighted the need for a delicate balance between enforcing rules and meeting the genuine demands and needs of the public. He encouraged officers to view criticism as constructive feedback and commit to earning the trust of the public, thereby elevating the reputation of government offices.

During the interactive session, several pressing issues were raised by the public. These included unresolved pension matters, the lack of

a proper sports stadium, staff shortages in the Revenue Department and concerns related to the upkeep and cleanliness of irrigation canals. Other grievances encompassed compensation issues linked to damaged infrastructure, erratic power supply and the state of health facilities.

In response, the DM assured the public of swift appropriate action while announcing a special pension camp to address pending pension issues at the Miran Sahib BDO office on September 15.

Turning his attention to the menacing issue of drug abuse, the DM urged parents and families to engage in open dialogues with their children and youth to combat the menace effectively. He emphasised that such proactive conversations are essential to eradicating drug abuse from society.

SDPO R.S Pura, Nikhil Gogna, updated the DM on the ongoing actions under the NDPS Act and underscored the need for public support in this fight.

The public meeting drew participation from a large number of locals and PRI members. Officers present at the occasion also included SDM Miran Sahib, ACD Jammu, Priti Sharma; BDO Miran Sahib, Gurjeet Singh and other officers.

SAFF Championship winners call on Lt Governor Sinha



J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 13: The winners of South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-16 Championship from Jammu Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today.

The delegation was comprised of Sh Ishfaq Ahmed, Head Coach; Sh Majid Yousuf, Manager of the Team and Sh Abdul Salah, the champion Football Player from Khanabal, Anantnag. The delegation was the part of the Indian National Football Team who emerged as Champions at SAFF Championship held at Thimphu Bhutan.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Indian National Team members for the great victory and bringing laurels to Jammu Kashmir and the Nation.

The coaching camp for the Indian National Team for SAFF U-16 Championship was held at Srinagar from 20th July till 29th August 2023.

Sh Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services and Sports; Ms Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council and Sh Arun Malhotra, former Indian Footballer & Technical Member All India Football Federation were also present.

Ayushman Bhava campaign

Samba admin organises live streaming of launch event



J I NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: The live streaming of the launch event of Ayushman Bhava campaign by President of India Draupadi Murmu at National level and subsequent launch by Lieutenant Governor at UT level was organized here today.

The event was attended by District Development Council Chairman Keshav Dutt Sharma, DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma, ADDC Samba Rajinder Singh, PRI members, ACD Siddhartha, Chief Medical Officer Samba Dr Vidhi Bhatial, PO ICDS Dr Subhash, District Officers and other stakeholders.

At the outset, the CMO welcomed the Chief Guest DDC Chairman and DC Samba.

After the virtual launch, the CMO presented an overview of the approach with which the Ayushman Bhava campaign would be implemented in District Samba from Today till December 31, 2023. She urged the Chair and dignitaries to provide the health department with a support in the form of mobilisation and sensitisation of the public to avail the benefits of various health schemes like Golden Cards, ABHA IDs, NCD Screening, TB Mukth Panchayat etc.

ADC Jammu discusses arrangements for Eid Milad- Un- Nabi

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 13: Additional Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Seointra today chaired a meeting of line departments and community leaders to discuss the arrangements for Eid-Milad-Un Nabi.

The discussion focused on the provision of uninterrupted power and water supply, cleanliness around major Mosques and security along the procession routes. He directed the concerned authorities to take



measures to guarantee a seamless availability of the essential services. The finalised procession routes were deliberated upon and will soon be communicated, as per the direction of the ADC. Traffic management was also on the agenda for which the ADC issued clear

directives to the concerned officers to ensure efficient traffic management to facilitate the movement of devotees and residents. The meeting also addressed the preparations for medical facilities, including the provision of ambulances and medical teams, to ensure

prompt assistance in case of any emergencies during the festivities.

Community leaders were principal participants of the meeting who also pledged their unwavering support and cooperation to the district administration, underlining the signifi-

cance of communal harmony during festive occasions.

Addressing the meeting, ADC Sandeep Seointra emphasised that festivals are a reflection of the communal harmony and vibrant diversity that defines our nation. He underscored the importance of festivals as occasions to celebrate devotion, share compassion and express love for one another. He extended his heartfelt best wishes to all, expressing his hope that the festival would be celebrated with great success, unity and joy.

Numerous Soil Collection drives under second Phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh being undertaken by NYKS in UTs of J&K and Ladakh

J I NEWS SERVICE

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

Various programs were organised in Jammu Division. In Kathua district, soil collec-

tion drive was held in Blocks Billawar, Barnoti, Duggan and Sheetal Nagar by NYVs Shivali Verma, Mohd Yousuf and others. Similar programs were also organised in Bocks Rajnagar and Kalakote of Rajouri by NYVs Zabeer Ahmed and Tanveer respectively. In Udhampur district, Soil collection drive was held in block Khoon in which Adv Juhu Pathania Vice Chairperson DDC was the Chief Guest. In Jammu, Ms Radha Kumari, Ms Shaveeta, Mr Sahil Sharma NYVs, NYK Jammu attended the Amrit Kalash Yatra under MMDM-2 Programme organised in Govt High School Kapohta in Mandal, Block Dansal in the Honor of Guru Late Shri Padam Nabh Dubay ji and in

Block Nagrota. Hon'ble MP Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma was the Chief Guest, Ex MLA Shri Devender Rana and other eminent personalities accompanied the Yatra.

Kashmir Division also witnessed number of programs under second phase of Meri Mati Mera Desh. In Qadirabad block of Kupwara, Youth Volunteers held door to door soil collection drive. In Srinagar district, Kalash Yatras were taken out by Youth Volunteers with participation of different Eminent Personalities in different Panchayats. In Baramulla district, people of Block Chaniwanigam, Narwah and Boniyar actively contributed soil and rice from their house. Similar activities were per-

formed in Chadoora and Surasayar Blocks of Budgam district by NYVs Nafees Ahmed, Suheel Ahmad, Aijaz Ahmad and Javeed Ahmad.

Soil Collection drives under Meri Mati Mera Desh were also held in Ladakh division. In Leh district, Kalash Yatras were taken out in Block Chochut in presence of Deputy Commissioner Leh, ACR BDOs and PRI members. Turtuk block also witnessed Kalash Yatra with people contributing soil and rice. In Kargil, a Soil Collection drive was held in Block Lotsum by Youth Volunteers of NYK Kargil.

It is pertinent to mention that 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 is to 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.

From 28th to 30th October 2023, traditionally dressed Volunteers from all the States will march on Kartavyapath New Delhi along with Amrit Kalash.

GDC Ramgarh organises series of activities on "Truth and Non-violence"



J I NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: Government Degree College Ramgarh has started a special series of activities on the theme of 'Truth and Non-Violence' to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti 2023 under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

All the activities are being carried out under the guidance and supervision of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

The National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of the college today took out a rally around the college premises and in the nearby area to promote the theme.

Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener IQAC, addressed the participating students of the rally about the importance of 'Truth' and 'Non-Violence'. Dr. Shamsher Lal, Programme Officer said that whenever we think of Mahatma Gandhi, two words come to our mind - truth and non-violence as he was a staunch believer in these two ideals.

A large number of the students participated in the rally. They held placards displaying various quotes and messages given by Mahatma Gandhi.

The faculty members of the college also participated in the rally.