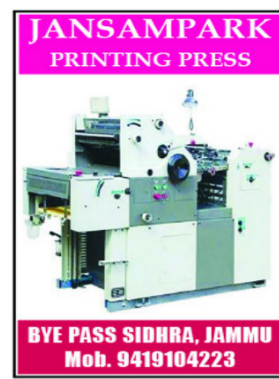




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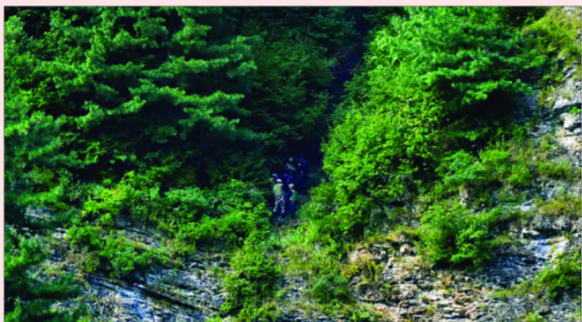


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Anantnag encounter Day 2— Army presses in new generation weapons, devices to track down terrorists

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ANANTNAG, SEP 14

Day after the killing of an army colonel, major and a police officer, the exchange of fire between security forces and terrorists continued for second straight day in Gadool forest area of Kokernag hamlet in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday with army pressing in new generation weapons and devices to track down the terrorists. An official told the news agency—Kash-



mir News Observer (KNO) that intermittent exchange of fire between forces and the hiding terrorists remained on throughout the day as the operation was put on a halt given darkness.

“There is no confirmation whether any terrorist has been killed so far given the tough terrain and forest area,” the official said. “Given dark, high beam lights have been installed and all the

layers of cordon have been tightened to ensure terrorists don't flee.” However, Police said that forces have encircled two Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists including Uzair Khan a local militant at Gadool area of Kokernag. On Wednesday, a colonel, major and a dyp of J&K police were killed in the first assault by the terrorists. “In solemn tribute to the unwavering valor of Col Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonak & DSP

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Govt committed to secure blissful childhood, ensure supportive ecosystem for children: LG

JINNEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR, SEP 14

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the two-day workshop for Sensitization/Training programmes for representatives of PRIs, ULBs, Police and other stakeholders to strengthen the Child Protection System and Mechanism in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. This is the first such campaign organised by the Women and Child Development Ministry, Government of India in the country. In his address, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Women and Child Development and lauded the Social Welfare Department



for its innovative initiative which aims to organise a training programme for 15,000 persons in 2023-24. He said the training programme is the testimony to the commitment of the UT Administration to secure a blissful childhood and to ensure a supportive ecosystem for children

which enables them to realize their true potential. “For many decades, our children did not get the childhood they deserve. Conflict profiteers brainwashed them and handed over stones in their hands. We have decimated that ecosystem and our children now carry laptops,

tabs and contributing in nation building,” the Lt Governor said. Addressing the inaugural session, the Lt Governor highlighted the need to provide homes to the children living in institutional care and in street situation. “I believe childhood blossoms in a vibrant environment of home, hence institutional care should be the last option,” the Lt Governor said. He said the government has taken several rehabilitation and child care initiatives, and adoption through joint effort of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) has

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Sarpanch arrested for killing wife with VDC weapon

JINNEWS SERVICES
RAJOURI, SEP 14

Jammu and Kashmir Police in Rajouri on Thursday said to have arrested a Sarpanch for allegedly killing his wife with a .303 Village Defence Committee (VDC) weapon. The incident, police said, took place in the intervening night of Wednesday-Thursday in Patrara village of Sunderbani tehsil in the district. In an official statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Rajouri police informed that in the intervening night, an

information was received at Sunderbani Police Station that one person namely Yashpal, son of Tirth Ram of Patrara, who is also Sarpanch of Panchayat Halka Patrara, fired upon his wife with VDC .303 rifle, resulting in grievous injuries to his 46-year-old wife namely Neelam Devi. The injured woman was shifted to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sunderbani by her other family members, said police. “Later the injured was referred to GMC Jammu for further treatment,” police said in its official statement.

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LG Sinha pays tributes to Army officers Martyred in encounter in Terrorists

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 14

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Army's XV Corps commander Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai on Thursday paid homage to Colonel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonchak who were martyred in an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag district. Sinha, Lt Gen Ghai and Army officers laid wreaths on the coffins carrying the mortal remains of the two slain officers at the Badambagh cantonment here. Their bodies will later be flown to their home



towns. Colonel Singh hailed from Mohali and Major Dhonchak from Panipat. Their last rites will take place on Friday, officials said. Four security forces

personnel — Colonel Singh, commanding officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat

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Rajouri martyr Rifleman Ravi Kumar cremated with full military honour

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JAMMU, SEP 14

Thousands of mourners from all walks of life gave a heart touching adieu to Rifleman Ravi Kumar, who laid down his life in the line of duty in Rajouri on Tuesday. Rifleman Ravi Kumar, posted in 63 RR of the Army, was cremated with full military honours at the cremation ground of his native village in Kishtwar district. As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Rifleman Ravi Kumar had attained martyrdom during an



encounter with terrorists in Rajouri district on Tuesday. He was a resident of village Vasnauti of Kalighar area of the district. As soon as his mortal remains reached home last late night there were screams from everywhere.

The entire village is in mourning due to the martyrdom of young Ravi. He was about to get married in December this year. Preparations were going on at home for his marriage.

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Shouldn't Hurt People's Sentiments: J&K BJP Chief Over Farooq Abdullah's Remark

JINNEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR/JAMMU, SEP 14

A day after four security personnel were killed in a gunfight with terrorists, Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina on Thursday said no one should engage in politics at this time and no statements should be made that hurts the sentiments of the people of this country. Reacting to National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's remark that New Delhi and Islamabad will have to come to the dialogue table if they want to end the bloodshed and find last-



ing peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Raina accused Pakistan of aiding and abetting terrorism in the Union Territory. Pakistani terrorists have committed heinous crimes on a large scale and are constantly attempting to shed blood, he said, adding, “Our brave soldiers have always thwart-

ed Pakistan's nefarious intentions.” “At a time when our valiant soldiers are fighting and sacrificing their lives to thwart the terrorists, no one should engage in politics. No statement should be made that hurts the sentiments of the people,” Raina said. Three Army personnel, including a Colonel commanding a battalion and a Major, and a Deputy Superintendent of the Jammu and Kashmir Police were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in the higher reaches of the Kokorenag area on Wednesday while one soldier was missing.

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CS reviews modalities for establishment of Mega Water Park at Jammu

JINNEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 14

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday reviewed the modalities for establishment of Mega Water Park by the Tourist Department in Jammu as was announced in the Budget of 2023-24 and was a commitment of Lieutenant Governor to the inhabitants of the city. The meeting was attended by Secretary, Tourism; VC, Jammu Development Authority, Consultants and other concerned stakeholders. Dr Mehta while taking note of various components of the Water Theme



Park maintained that it would act as a major tourist attraction in Jammu Capital round the year offering entertainment and recreational activities to every age group. He observed that this theme park proposed to be established along the banks of River Tawi near Sidhra would make a circuit together with Bahu Fort, Maha Maya Temple, Artificial Lake, and Mubarak

Mandi Heritage Complex. The Chief Secretary observed that Jammu is the route for millions of pilgrim tourists going to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine besides other local tourist destinations. He said that the tourism infrastructure coming up in the city and going to be dedicated to public in future is enough to

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Retired Army personnel dies, his wife, daughter critically injured in Rajouri accident

JINNEWS SERVICES
RAJOURI, SEP 14

A retired Army personnel died while his wife and daughter sustained critical injuries after a vehicle they were travelling in was hit by a truck at Dandesar village on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch national highway. As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the accident took place on Thursday late afternoon after an Alto car bearing registration number JK11B-4049 on way to Jammu from Rajouri and a truck JK02AL-2569 collided at Dandesar. Three members

of a family travelling in the car sustained injuries in the accident, who all were taken to sub district hospital Nowshera where one of the injured was declared as brought dead. The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Sageer (45), son of Mohammad Idress resident of Chowkian, who was a retired army personnel. His wife Tabassum (30) and daughter Gousia (12) were referred to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri in critical condition. Chief Medical Officer Rajouri,

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Dr Jitendra launches 'Swachhata Portal', hails nation's upbeat mood following G20

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 14

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched the dedicated “Swachhata Portal” for Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0, https://scdpm.nic.in, at a function here for monitoring of the Swachhata campaign. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh



said the Special Campaign is being launched at a time when the mood of the nation is upbeat following the unprecedented success of G20 Summit under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

and India's Space feats of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L1 solar mission. Dr Jitendra Singh said the Swachhata campaign, the first mass awareness campaign launched by PM Modi on August 15,

2014 soon after taking over charge in May, 2014, has achieved four primary objectives, - Change of Work Culture and that has been amply demonstrated by flawless execution of successful hosting of the G20 Summit. Over 90% file work has been made online under eOffice portal; visualised by the Prime Minister and his Digital India Mission helped tide over the Covid crisis. Use of Open Spaces for productive use as

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J&K government simplifies 'transfer of vehicle ownership' through e-Sign

JINNEWS SERVICES
SRINAGAR, SEP 14

Transport Department of J&K, in its drive to increase ease of doing business with the Government and eliminating opportunities for corrupt behaviour, launched a new online module for Transfer of Vehicle ownership in Jammu and Kashmir. The new module would enable both the buyer

and the seller to have the option of electronically signing the legal documents, required for application process through their AADHAR registered mobile number. This has not only made the process of making transfer of ownership application much easier but also obviated the requirement for the buyer and seller to visit the Motor Vehicle Department's offices in person to get their iden-

tities verified as the same is being accomplished through the AADHAR enabled e-Signing process. Earlier, the buyer and seller had to download application forms, fill them manually on the portal, upload back and submit the physical copies in the Transport Department's Offices too. But now after introduction of this ambitious initiative, Form 29

and Form 30 shall be auto-generated through the fetching of relevant information from VAHAN and AADHAR databases. Earlier, the buyer and seller had to upload some extra documents such as sale-deed, address proof and others. But now, there will be no such requirement, if the buyer and seller opt for the e-Sign method of application.

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Bharat is on Path of becoming vishwaguru: Jugal



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Today while attending a programme on Meri Maati Mera Desh at Jhajar Kotli & Jindrah in Nagrota Constituency Member of Parliament Lok Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Bharat is on path of becoming Vishwaguru. He said that Bharat is a land of diversity and ancient wisdom, has long held the aspiration of becoming a "Vishwaguru", a world leader.

Our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji has a great vision and its signs are always seen, also in G20 presidency. Bharat has set a milestone in his

and took a place by holding G20 Summit successfully. Member of Parliament said that Bharat has a rich history, cultural heritage, and its potential to contribute significantly to the global stage. Bharat's journey to becoming Vishwaguru is marked by remarkable progress in economic growth, technological advancement, and cultural diplomacy. Its contributions to the global stage are becoming increasingly evident, but the path ahead is not without obstacles. With continued dedication, visionary leadership, and a commitment to inclusivity and sustainability, Bharat has the

potential to realize its dream of becoming a world leader. Also while throwing light on the theme of the event Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma said that "Meri Maati Mera Desh" is Nationwide programme led by Bharatiya Janata Party to pay tribute to the Martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the Nation.

He said that their sacrifice should always be remembered by making "Amrit Vatikas" at village & Panchayat Level and also upto National Level. He said that soil from every household is collected in Amrit Kalash and led to Delhi for making

"Amrit Van". He also boosted morale of the PRI's and students present at the occasion and said them to take part in this programme actively and reach every doorstep to collect soil for "Amrit Van". He collected soil from household, panchayat ghar & heritage Narsingh Temple at Jindrah besides planting saplings in Panchayat Ghar. He also inaugurated Shilaphalkam in Panchayat Ghar at Jhajar Kotli and pledge oath for 5 Panch Pran of Prime Minister Sh. Modi Ji.

The event was attended by ACD Jammu Preeti Sharma, BDOs Shalini Raina and Jony Kumar, senior BJP leaders Nand Kishore, Tarsem Singh, Satish Jishu, Kaka Ram, Yash Pal, Parkash Singh, Varinder Singh, Uttam Singh, Vikas Gupta, Som Nath, Ex-Sarpanch Pritam Singh, Kishori Lal, Yog Raj, Pankaj Sharma, Maheshwar, Sarpanches Nisha Devi and Kuldeep Sharma, Naib Suman Devi, Panches, and many others.

Traders expressed solidarity with Families of Brave Martyrs, condemns the Anantnag Attack



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: On the call of the Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd.) Jammu Traders in large numbers took out Mashal Rally (candle march) from Federation office to Bikram Chowk to pay tributes to the Army Col. Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish, and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Himayun Bhat who attained Martyrdom in

Kokernag, Anantnag Attack on Wednesday. Traders while passing through main road warehouse raised slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who are behind this attack. With thunderous chants that reverberated defiance, traders rallied to express their rock-solid support for the fearless soldiers who laid down their lives in the service of their nation. Speaking fervently to the media during

the protest, Mr. Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market (Regd.) Jammu voiced searing concerns about Pakistan's direct complicity in providing sanctuary to terrorists through its sinister intelligence agency, ISI. Mr. Deepak Gupta strongly condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harboring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten life of the people

& security forces in JKUT. He further emphasised that the recent attack was a blatant attempt to derail peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir. He underscored that the sacrifices made by these unflinching soldiers in the face of a barbaric terror attack would forever be etched in the nation's memory. He demanded that the UT administration should immediately identify the cowardly terrorists so that they are brought to justice. He demanded that law and enforcement agencies should also conduct a security review to ensure foolproof security in Kashmir Division and Rajouri Poonch districts of Jammu Division. Among those who were present in the Mashal Rally were Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Sham Lal Langer, General Secretary, Vishal Gupta, Secretary of the Federation.

BJYM activists defiantly condemn terrorism, Vow unwavering support for Armed Forces

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: In an electrifying display of unity and unwavering resolve, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists from Jammu and Kashmir took the streets by storm to vehemently protest against Pakistan's savage acts of terrorism. Under the unwavering leadership of BJYM Jammu and Kashmir president Arun Prabhat Singh, this protest delivered an uncompromising condemnation of Pakistan for the brutal assault in Kokernag, Kashmir Valley, which resulted in the tragic loss of Army Col. Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish, and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Himayun Bhat. With thunderous chants that reverberated defiance, BJYM activists rallied to express their rock-solid support for the fearless soldiers who laid



down their lives in the service of their nation. Speaking fervently to the media during the protest, Jammu and Kashmir BJYM unit chief Arun Prabhat voiced searing concerns about Pakistan's direct complicity in providing sanctuary to terrorists through its sinister intelligence agency, ISI. "We will avenge the killing of our soldiers. We will further strengthen the zero-tolerance policy," he added.

Prabhat further emphasised that the recent attack was a blatant attempt to derail peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the administration remains resolute and unwavering in the face of such adversity. He underscored that the sacrifices made by these unflinching soldiers in the face of a barbaric terror attack would forever be etched in the nation's memory. Moreover, he

conveyed an unyielding promise that a thunderous and resounding response would be unleashed upon the terrorists by the unyielding armed forces. "Pakistan and its terrorists are employing these gruesome acts to assert their vile presence and shatter the tranquil atmosphere," he declared resolutely.

BJYM stands unwaveringly in its vehement condemnation of terrorism and stands tall in its commitment to bolster the Indian Armed Forces. Their unyielding dedication to preserving the democratic bedrock of the region remains an indomitable force.

Others who were present are State Vice President Sanjay Sharma, State General Secretary Abhishek Salathia, District Presidents Kannav Sharma, Monu Salathia and Rajat Singh, Luv Deval.

Nitish expresses grief over the martyrdom of three brave-hearts

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge Social Media Department, BJP, J&K, today expressed grief over the martyrdom of an Army Colonel, Major, and Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Kokernag encounter.

In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader conveyed heartfelt condolences to the families of the

martyred officers during this time of great distress.

"In the face of this tragic incident, the whole nation stands united in solidarity with the grieving families. The loss of these brave souls is an irreparable loss to the nation as they made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, dedicating themselves to the service and protection of our citizens. Their valor and unwavering dedication will forever

be cherished and remembered," he said. Nitish emphasized that the nation will forever remain indebted to these martyrs and their bereaved families. This act of heroism is a testament to their selflessness, bravery, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation.

Their sacrifices have not gone unnoticed, and their memory will serve as an inspiration for generations to come, he added.

Councillor Rahul urges people not to throw polythene bags in Nallah

Directs JMC officials to dismantle portion of Nallah to prevent further damages



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Councillor Rahul Kumar, along with the Joint Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, JMC, CTO, TO, and the sanitation officer of JMC, conducted a visit to the flood-affected area of

2nd Ext Gandhi Nagar today.

During the visit, Councillor Rahul Kumar observed the remaining portion of the Nallah, which had resulted in severe flooding and affected the lives of residents in the area. Recognizing the urgent need to avoid further damages, he instruct-

ed the officials to expedite the dismantling of the remaining portion of the Nallah.

Understanding the potential risks posed by the Nallah with overflowing of filthy water, Councillor Rahul Kumar emphasized the importance of taking immediate action to ensure the safety and well-being of the local community. He urged the officials to execute the dismantling process swiftly.

In addition, the Councillor addressed a critical issue that has been contributing to the congestion in the Nallah. He urged the people not to throw polythene bags filled with garbage into the watercourse. The irresponsible disposal of waste has been one of the main causes of Nallah blockages and subsequent flooding.

He appealed to the residents of the area to be responsible and ensure the cleanliness of their surroundings.

KPC Observes Martyrs' Day as 'Black Day' to remember Kashmiri Pandit and Security Force Victims

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: On the solemn occasion of the 35th Balidan Divas, Kundan Kashmiri, President of the Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC), led a poignant tribute to all Kashmiri Pandit (KP) martyrs and security forces who sacrificed their lives for the unity and integrity of the nation. The day was marked by KPC activists, supporters, and sympathizers observing it as a "Black Day" throughout the country. To express their protest against the killings of innocent Kashmiri Pandits and security forces by Pakistani terrorists and their supporters during the turbulent times in the valley, participants wore black badges and turned off lights in their residences and business establishments.

President Kundan Kashmiri expressed deep concern about the prevailing political and security situation in the Kashmir Valley, particularly for Kashmiri Pandits and other nationalist forces. Despite substantial financial assistance, a generous annual budget, and special grants for the region's development, uncertainties continue to persist.

Kundan Kashmiri highlighted the enduring suffering of the KP community in the valley for decades. He pointed out how separatist forces replaced democratic politics with violent mobocracy, compelling Kashmiri Pandits to flee their homes and hearths. The once-vibrant con-

tributors to Kashmir's cultural and political landscape have been marginalized and rendered politically irrelevant, with their physical and political space rapidly eroding.

At this juncture, Kundan Kashmiri urged the government to establish constitutional arrangements for the return and rehabilitation of the four to five lakh displaced Kashmiri Pandits at a single, concentrated place within the Kashmir Valley. This rehabilitation should come with Indian constitutional and institutional guarantees, along with associated laws and provisions. This demand, which the displaced Kashmiri Pandits unites, remains unaddressed by the government.

KPC Chief lamented the tragic killing of more than a thousand innocent members of the Kashmiri Pandit community, who were martyred, massacred, had their properties burned and looted, and faced the encroachment of their land and orchards. Despite repeated requests, justice has eluded them, and no commission of inquiry has been announced.

Kundan Kashmiri stressed that Kashmiri Pandits have deep ancestral ties to the land, natural resources, traditions, and languages of Kashmir. He called upon members of Parliament to advocate for granting indigenous status to Kashmiri Pandits, similar to other communities in India.

Additionally, Kundan Kashmiri called for the recognition of the dis-

placed Kashmiri Pandit community as internally displaced people, removing the label of migrants imposed by the previous Congress dispensation.

Kundan Kashmiri urged the central government to establish an institutional, inter-ministerial mechanism to coordinate with Kashmiri Pandit representatives for the effective implementation of their demands. He also emphasized addressing pressing issues such as unemployment among KP youths, enhancement of monthly relief, passing of shrine and temple bills, and the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.

Furthermore, KPC Chief called for the recognition of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community as legitimate stakeholders of Kashmir for all purposes. He stressed the urgency of protecting the millennia-old social, cultural, and religious legacy of Kashmiri Pandits from the threats posed by radicalized mindsets and others.

Several other KPC leaders and activists, including Shri MK Raina, Dr. HL Saraf, Susheel Ji Bhat, Tej Pandita, Rattan Lal Raina, SL Zuthsi, Rajender Dhar, Suraj Wali, and others, shared their views during the event.

Kundan Kashmiri and his organizational activists joined the Balidan Divas program of KSD at Amar colony, New Delhi, to commemorate the sacrifices made by Kashmiri Pandits and security forces in the service of the nation.

DADAA release Film 'Meri Jynd Jaan' Trailor, Poster



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association (DADAA) Regd. Jammu organized a function at the Auditorium of Ranjit College, of Education, Bandhuru, Kunjwani, Jammu to release the Posters and Trailors prior to the release of Punjabi feature film 'Meri Jynd Jaan', a production of Simran Visual Arts, Jammu. The film is to be

released in the coming days in the cinema halls of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan etc. Welcoming the artists, and the audience, Sh. J S Babli, President, DADAA informed that the film 'Meri Jynd Jaan' has been completed and approved by the concerned censor board for display in the public. He said that the local artists and artists from the film industry of Punjab have

acted in the film written, produced and directed by Bikram Singh under the Banner of Simran Visual Arts, Jammu. The trailer of the film was screened and poster of the film was released by the artists and technicians of the film and the executive members of DADAA. Speaking on this occasion, Sandesh Vir, General Secretary, DADAA said that the organization is working for the promotion of performing arts luding

films in all languages of the region. This would help in the progress & growth of Film Industry in the region as well the languages in practice in this region of the country. Others who expressed and complimented Bikram Singh, the Producer & Director of the Punjabi Feature Film 'Meri Jynd Jaan', which has been produced on the land of Jammu & Kashmir, included Shamsher Singh Chouhalvi, Dr. Baljit Raina, Bhushan Sharma, Vicky Sagar, Bikram Singh, Bagish Sharma and J R Sharma Jackson.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Janak Khajuria. Vote of thanks to the artists, audience, administration of Ranjit College of Education and press & media was extended by Madan Rangeela, Executive Member of DADAA.

Govt committed to resolve people's issues: Yudhvir

Urges people to take benefit of special camp establish at Parade Ground



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K, has lauded the government for its unwavering commitment in addressing public welfare issues.

Interacting with media persons during the camp, Yudhvir Sethi

expressed gratitude to the district administration for considering his demand with regard to establish a special camp to resolve common issues faced by the public, including pension-related concerns, issuance of new ration cards, medical certificates, income certificates, and more.

Sethi said that special camp has

been set up at Parade Ground in Jammu in which officers from various line departments sitting together at one place with an objective to promptly address the issues being faced by the people of Jammu district. He emphasized that this camp is not limited to a particular section of society but has been established for the benefit of the entire Jammu district. He urged all individuals facing issues related to pension and ration cards, among others, to visit the camp and seek resolution for their concerns.

He asserted that the government, both at the state and central levels, is diligently working to address the problems faced by the common man, ensuring that no one is left behind.

This special camp is a testament to our commitment to standing by the people, especially those in the last row, and addressing their issues promptly.

Grand Kalash Yatra Commences Majestic 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya at Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: A grand Kalash Yatra was taken out today in connection with 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya from Baba Sidhgoria Temple under the guidance of Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale of Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura in which large number of devotees participated.

The devotee women took out the Kalash Yatra by placing the holy Kalash on their heads from Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura and travelled all the way from temple to Canal near BSF Paloura and went back to temple.

The Kalash Yatra was taken out at 9 am and returned two hours later with religious fervour and gaiety. Large number of devotees besides social and religious organisation heads participated in the Kalash Yatra.

It is worthwhile to mention here that the 54th Shat Chandi Mahayagya, Hawan Pujan, Sant Samelan and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Narayan Dass Ji Maharaj has been organised by Mahant Shri Kuldeep



Singh Ji Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from September 14 (Thursday) to September 24 (Sunday), 2023 where large number of devotees will take part in Mahayagya and listen Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme.

The religious programme started on 14th September 8 am with Jal Yatra followed by Mandal Pujan and Yagya from 8 am to 12 noon. Shrimad Bhagwat Katha from 2 pm to 5 pm daily from September 18 to

24th September. Prominent persons who participated in the yatra include Ashok Singh Chib, Satish Sharma Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Vasu, Vishu Jaipal Paloura, Suresh Kumar Laswara, Sonu Baba Paloura, Jyot Baba Paloura, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Balbir Singh Paloura, Mohit Gupta, Amarjeet Singh, Deepanshu, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Suresh Kumar Rehari, Kuldeep Gupta Talab Tillo, Ram Paul Sharma and Varinder Singh Badori.

CCI expresses profound grief over Martyrdom of three brave hearts in Kokernag encounter

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: The Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu, has deeply saddened and mourned the tragic martyrdom of three valiant officers in an encounter that occurred in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district.

In this connection a meeting was held at Chamber House under the chairmanship of Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu in which office bearers of Jammu Chamber Rajiv Gupta, Munish Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Rajesh Gupta were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Arun Gupta expressed his condolences and solidarity with the families of the martyred officers during this hour



of immense pain and distress. He stated, "The entire nation stands firmly with the families of these martyred officers, sharing their grief. Their sacrifice serves as a stark reminder of the challenges our brave soldiers and police officers face while protecting our borders and maintaining law and order."

Gupta said "The nation lost three of its finest

heroes in this unfortunate incident, including Army Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat. These fearless officers made the supreme sacrifice while defending our country and maintaining peace in the region. Their unwavering dedication and courage in the line of duty are an inspiration to us all. Their

loss is immeasurable, and their memory will forever be etched in our hearts."

Gupta further urged the government to take strenuous steps to eliminate terrorism in the Kashmir Valley. He emphasized the need for a collective effort to ensure the safety and security of our citizens.

The Jammu Chamber extended its heartfelt condolences to the families of Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat and prayed for their eternal peace. "We salute the bravery and dedication of these officers and remain committed to supporting our armed forces and law enforcement agencies in their tireless efforts to safeguard our nation," he added.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh expresses grief over martyrdom of three brave-hearts in Kokernag encounter

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: M.K Ajatshatru Singh, a senior BJP leader and former minister today expressed deep grief over the sacrifices made by Army Col Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok, and Deputy Superintendent of Police, J&K, Humayun Bhat during the encounter in Kokernag area, district Anantnag.

In a solemn statement, Ajatshatru Singh conveyed his heartfelt con-



lences to the families of the brave martyrs. He assured them that the entire nation stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time.

"The sacrifices made by Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhancok,

and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat will forever be remembered. Their unwavering bravery and dedication to duty serve as a shining example to all. Their sacrifices will inspire generations to come and instill a sense of patriotism in our society," he said.

The former minister acknowledged the immense courage displayed by our armed forces and law enforcement personnel who self-

lessly put their lives on the line to protect our nation. He emphasized the importance of honoring and supporting the families of these fallen heroes, who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

During this time of great sorrow, Ajatshatru Singh called upon the nation to unite and stand with the families of three brave-hearts. "As a nation, we must never forget the sacrifices of our brave soldiers and police officers.

Hindi Divas Celebrated with Fervor and Enthusiasm in CUJ

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: 'Hindi Divas' was celebrated today with great fervor and enthusiasm in Central university of Jammu.

Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, was the chief guest on the occasion. Prof. Jain exhorted the employees to wholeheartedly adopt Hindi in their day to day functioning as well as official work. He said that languages have to be promoted in such a way that the 'Make in India' initiative is being promoted. He said that we should feel proud of our language and resolve to promote it even more strongly.

Prof. Jain said that even today the mentality of Hindi speaking people is that if someone speaks in English then he is considered educated and if someone speaks in Hindi then he is not given importance. We have to work to bridge the gaps arising from this mentality and connect everyone with Hindi. While other countries like China, Germany, Japan are progressing in their own language, then why can't India progress?

Vice Chancellor said that we should abandon the tendency to work as per our wish and should unite and do administrative work in Hindi only. There is nothing simpler



and more convenient than one's own language and only this language can transform a country from developing to developed. Although there are problems, their solutions are also available. The Vice Chancellor said that in future we will prepare question papers in the university through Hindi medium but for this everyone's support is necessary. The Vice Chancellor said that the main objective of celebrating this day is to promote the importance of our language, so that our coming generations make our language more important and remain connected with it.

Dr. Dalip Kumar, Associate Prof., JMC Jammu was the key speaker in the event. In his speech, he threw light on the history of Hindi Divas celebration. He highlighted the significance of Hindi and stated that Hindi language is at the core of India. He also expressed his views and called for the adoption of

Hindi in very strong words. He said that Hindi is a language which is a medium to connect the diverse cultures of our country. It is a symbol of unity and integrity of our country. The importance of Hindi language lies in our way of thinking, our cultural heritage, and the development of our society. Hindi is spoken in various states and regions of India, and is a common medium of communication among people. We should understand that Hindi language is important not only in our country but also all over the world. It is a language that serves as a medium for people around the world, and through language we share our thoughts and ideas with the world.

He echoed Justice Krishnaswami and said that "if we need a single script for all Indian languages, it is Devanagari". He talked about preparing a framework of Bhavishyam in Hindi which would be simple

and easy and people could adopt it in colloquial language.

Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Department of Hindi, welcomed all the invited members and said that Hindi Day is celebrated every year on 14th September, so that we all can understand the importance of our mother tongue and promote it. Hindi language is the language of our country, and the importance of our own language is more than any other language.

Prof. Vandhana Sharma, Head Dept. of English, CUJ said that languages connect us instead of dividing. She said more steps should be taken for the promotion of Hindi Language and it is our responsibility to enrich our language. She said today is Language Day for India and this day is being celebrated with great pomp in every office all over India. Various events will be organized in the university in the coming 15 days and I hope that Hindi will be propagated more in our university.

Dr. Priyanjan, Assistant Director (RHA) gave details of the programs organized by the University during the fortnight to all the present audience and also requested them to participate in the competitions organized for the employees and students of the University.

Modi government ensured strong, stable, decisive government: BJP

Sham Sharma, CM Gupta listens to public grievances at BJP headquarter

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: Former Minister & J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K BJP Vice-President Chander Mohan Gupta accompanied by Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan BJP Incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to a number of grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Individuals and Deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances.

They narrated their woes and sought kind intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved.

Issues related to the PHE, PDD, road Macadamization, revenue,



other issues related to the development and personal issues were presented in front of senior party leaders.

Senior BJP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, which were immediately taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma

said that earlier governments in Jammu & Kashmir misled innocent people for their own benefits while BJP truly worked for the issues faced by common masses.

He said that Modi government has ensured a strong, stable and decisive government that has a strong faith of the people on the polices of BJP and believe that the party truly works for their upliftment.

Chander Mohan Gupta said that the BJP leaders

make sincere efforts to sort out the issues presented by the people by taking them up at the appropriate platforms.

He added that the public grievances camp is proving to be of major help in solving the day-to-day issues of people.

Dil Bahadur Jamwal conducted the camp proceedings and said that people in large numbers visit the BJP office to present their issues with a strong belief in the party.

India will thwart Pak designs to derail peace in Kashmir: Kavinder

Recalls how 90,000 Pak soldiers were made to surrender by Army in 1971

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Thursday paid rich tributes to the security personnel who got martyrdom in separate encounters in Rajouri and Anantnag districts.

In a statement issued to media persons, Kavinder said that the loss of lives of security personnel by the ultras sponsored by Pakistan will kindle urge among the security forces to further intensify the anti-terror operations as India will never allow Pak designs to take shape in Kashmir. He criticized the local political class including NC leadership for advocating talks with Pakistan. He recalled the 1971 war with Pakistan,

when the Indian army forced 90,000 Pak soldiers to surrender. He said that during that time, India gave back the areas captured by the army but Pakistan being a rogue nation has no regrets and is continuing with its anti-India stance making it necessary for the country to speak with that nation in the same language which it is using. He also slammed Congress for opposing government on each and every issue despite the fact that most of the problems in J&K are only due to that party. He said that army and other security forces are upbeat and fully capable to take head on all the challenges being posed by Pakistan through its proxy war play. Meanwhile, Kavinder took part in a candle march taken out to pay homage to fallen

soldiers in the aforesaid encounters. He said while addressing the participants that India will foil all the nefarious designs conceived by rogue nation Pakistan, and sooner than later peace will prevail in J&K.

Prominent among those who joined the candle light march include Pavitor Jyot, President Trikuta Nagar Main Market, Dalip Katyal, Vice President Main Market, Prerna Nanda State Sectary BJP Mahila Morcha, Divya Jain, Indu Puri, Corporators Lucky Puri and Ajay Gupta, Ajay Jamwal, Suresh Sharma, Sanjeev Singh, Naresh Maini, Chanchal Popli, Pawan Mahajan, Rajinder Koul, Kapil Khurana, Vishal Gupta, Nitin Thapa, Ajay Badan & All Market Association shopkeepers.

DC Rajouri reviews progress of work on Border Bunkers under SRE



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RAJOURI, SEPT 14: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, conducted a comprehensive review of the construction status of border bunkers under SRE here at a meeting.

During the review meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for top-quality workmanship and adherence to strict timelines.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders responsible for the construction of these vital border bunkers, essential for the safety and security of residents in border areas. The DC, while addressing the meeting, underscored the significance of this infrastructure in providing a safe refuge for the

people during times of border tensions and cross-border shelling.

The Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal stressed that the construction work must meet the highest standards of quality to ensure the durability of bunkers and safety for the community. He further emphasized the importance of adhering to the set timelines for completion, recognizing that the timely delivery of these bunkers is crucial for the welfare and security of the people living in the border regions.

The DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal also directed all concerned officials and agencies to collaborate closely to expedite the construction process.

He assured that the district administration would provide all

necessary support to ensure the successful and timely completion of the border bunkers.

The meeting served as a platform to reaffirm the commitment of the Rajouri administration to prioritize the safety and well-being of its residents in border areas.

Deputy commissioner Vikas Kundal passed directions to ACD Rajouri and XEN REW to closely monitor the progress especially in the blocks like Manjakote, Panjgrain and Nowshera.

This proactive approach of the Deputy Commissioner and dedication to monitoring the construction progress reflect the unwavering commitment of the administration to the welfare and security of the community.

The residents of Blocks Manjakote, Panjgrain, Qila Darhal, Nowshera and the border areas can rest assured that the construction of these bunkers is being closely monitored for both quality and timely completion, ensuring their safety and peace of mind during challenging times.

3 Day capacity development programme concludes at NIESBUD Centre Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) concluded the 3 day Capacity Development Programme for Existing Entrepreneurs to scale up their business activities under SANKALP.

Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by Joint Director, Regional Directorate of Skill Development

and Entrepreneurship V. Babu.

The programme was organized to support and inform the members of SHGs about sales and marketing and business communication. The three day programme covered the areas of e-commerce, market linkages, awareness regarding government schemes, entrepreneurship development, soft and hard skills, product value additions, bank linkages etc. NIESBUD will be providing the

basic expertise on how to overcome the challenges facing during marketing packaging in future also.

Dr. Aijaz Mir, representing NIESBUD in the UT of J&K, thanked the government of J&K, the participants and experts for making the workshop a success and also ensured further hand holding and support for SHGs and other aspiring entrepreneurs in future.

GDC Ramgarh organises intra-college patriotic singing competition

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SAMBA, SEPT 14: Government Degree College Ramgarh organized Intra-College Patriotic Singing Competition in continuation to the special series of activities being organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023 under the aegis of India's Presidency in G20 and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event was organized under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

A large number of students participated in the event with great zeal and enthusiasm. The stu-

dents sang beautiful melodious patriotic songs.

Ritika Manhas, a student of Sem V stood first, second position was clicked by Chahat Sapolia and third position was bagged by Anjali Dogra.

Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener of the event said that Patriotism is the feeling of Love, devotion and sense of attachment to one's country and attachment can be a combination of many different feelings, language relating to one's own homeland, including ethnic, cultural and religious tolerance. It encompasses a set of concepts closely related to nationalism,

mostly civic nationalism and sometimes cultural nationalism. At the outset, Dr. Sandeep Kumar said that these competitions provide a platform for students to demonstrate their singing skills, promote patriotism and make the students culturally aware of the diversity of our nation

The other faculty members who were present include Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Shamsheer Lal, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Priya Sharma, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Dr. Paramjeet Kour & Dr. Sunil Kumar.

DC Samba discusses Export Action Plan with Stakeholders

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SAMBA, SEPT 14: The District Export Promotion Committee Samba, a coalition of experts representing various key sectors, convened a pivotal meeting under the leadership of District Development Commissioner, Samba, Abhishek Sharma. The primary purpose of this gathering was to deliberate on the district's Export Action Plan, aiming to boost the district's export potential significantly. The meeting brought together distinguished members from diverse sectors. The participants included General Manager District Industries Centre (DIC) Samba, CPO Samba, CAO Samba, CHO Samba, AD Handlooms and Handicrafts etc The chair empha-

sized the crucial role of sustainable agricultural practices in enhancing Samba's export landscape. He advocated for the adoption of modern techniques and technologies to meet global standards.

He highlighted the significance of promoting high-value horticultural products and explored avenues for their export to global markets, contributing a horticultural perspective to the export plan. The Lead District Manager, offered insights into financial mechanisms and support systems that could be leveraged to facilitate export-oriented ventures within the district, providing essential financial expertise.

District Development Manager (DDM) NABARD underscored

potential collaborations and financial assistance opportunities available through NABARD, which can significantly bolster export-oriented projects in the district.

The chair further emphasized the rich heritage and skilled craftsmanship present in the district and discussed strategies to position Samba's handicrafts and handloom products on the global stage, highlighting the district's cultural and artistic strengths.

This diverse group of experts, each representing their respective sectors, engaged in profound discussions and leveraged their extensive expertise and experience to outline a comprehensive action plan to realize a vibrant export ecosystem in Samba.

Akashvani Jammu, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba celebrate India's G-20 presidency themed "Khush Hal Kisan Desh Ka Samman"

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SAMBA, SEPT 14: Akashvani Jammu celebrated India's G-20 presidency in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba on the theme "Khush Hal Kisan Desh Ka Samman" at KVK Samba. The event was held under the leadership of Professor. Bhupinder Nath Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and the direct supervision of Dr.S.K. Gupta, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu.

District Development Council Chairman, Keshav Dutt Sharma was the chief guest, while Renu Raina, Programme Head, Akashvani Jammu was guest of Honor. Jatinder Kumar, District Agriculture Officer, Samba and Shalendra Kumar Sharma, DDM NABARD Samba were the Special guests.

Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba presided over the program. Progressive farm woman cum Sarpanch of Pyt halqua Sangwal Tejinder Kour and Progressive farmer Arjan Singh acted as key speakers.

More than 70 farmers/farm women of district Samba enthusiastically participated in this programme. Earlier, the programme started with the welcome address by Ravi Kant Sharma Prasar Bharti, Akashvani Jammu. He welcomed all the dignitaries along with farmers/farm women as well as the speakers. The Chairman DDC Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma in his address, appreciated the Prasar Bharti team led by Renu Raina Programme Head Aakashvani/ Doordarshan Kendra Jammu as well team KVK Samba led Prf. Sanjay Khajuria Head KVK Samba for successful conduct of the seminar to celebrate India's G-20 presidency on the theme "Khush Hal Kisan Desh Ka Samman" District Samba.

Renu Raina, Programme Head Prasar Bharti Akashvani Jammu, in her address, threw light on the successful conduct of India's G-20 presidency recently at New Delhi. She also complimented team KVK Samba for successful organization of the seminar India's G-20 presidency on the theme "Khush Hal Kisan Desh Ka Samman" at District Samba.

In his presidential address, Prof. Sanjay Khajuria congratulated the Govt of India led by the Prime Minister for making the event most successful. He also thanked Team Prasar Bharti Akashvani Jammu for organizing a seminar to celebrate India's G-20 presidency in District Samba.

Jitendar Kumar, DAO Extension Samba highlighted the various farmer friendly schemes for the benefit of the farmers. Shailendra Kumar Sharma, DDM NABARD also highlighted the various NABARD Schemes in the field of agriculture for the benefit of the farming community.

Keynote speakers shared their experience regarding farming and the cooperation and help provided by the KVK Samba to increase their income. The proceedings of the programme were successfully conducted by Ravi Kant Sharma.

The programme was made successful with the active participation of all the staff members of team KVK Samba and team Akashvani/Doordarshan Jammu. The vote of thanks was presented by Bachan Lal Bhagat, Programme Executive Akashvani Jammu.

DC Rajouri discusses change of land use cases at District Level Committee



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RAJOURI, SEPT 14: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led a significant meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) today, aimed at addressing applications seeking a transition from agricultural to non-agricultural land use.

During the session, the DLC meticulously examined each application, emphasizing the paramount importance of adhering to the Land Conversion Regulations of 2022. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal directed relevant departments to ensure the judicious issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to applicants.

Beyond the primary agenda of reviewing land use changes, the DLC meeting underscored the commitment to promote sustainable development practices within the district. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal passionately stressed the need to strike equilibrium between development initiatives and environmental conservation. This vision champions responsible land use planning for the greater good and welfare of the local community. The meeting was attended by Arshdeep Singh, DFO Rajouri; Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, ADC Rajouri; Ashwini Sharma, GM DIC; Vivek Puri, CEO Tourism; Imran Rashid Kataria, ACR; Bhram Jyoti Sharma, SE Hydraulics; Sohan Singh, CAO; Anupam Koul, DO PCB; Muzafar Mir, DIO NIC; along with other concerned officers.

The meeting marks a significant step toward enhancing the sustainable development landscape in Rajouri, promising to usher in responsible land use practices and promote the harmony of development and environmental preservation.

DC Pulwama chairs Block level review meeting at Tral

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PULWAMA, SEPT 14: Continuing block level review of development works/ schemes, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a meeting at Town Hall Tral to review the progress of blocks Tral, Dadasara and Aripal.

At the outset, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Tral apprised the chair of various developmental schemes going on in the blocks and the resolution of grievances within the Sub Division and how Block Diwas has proved to be successful as a public outreach program.

The DC in his initial address advised all the departments to focus on differentiation of needs and demands. Demands should be noted and genuine demands should be addressed in Action Plans however basic utilities and needs should be taken into consideration and immediate resolution

of basic needs be done, he added.

He said focus should be on developing Community assets rather than individual works while preparing plans and while framing DPRs all the utilities should also be accommodated within DPRs without failure.

The DC while taking department wise review focused on completion of works within the stipulated timeline.

Further, the DC emphasised on completion of allocated works immediately and for booking of expenditure simultaneously.

While addressing the Health Department, Dr Basharat advised them to reach to the last man in the line for saturation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme and directed R&B for prioritisation in completion of health centres.

The DC further stressed for creation of long term infrastructure under MGNREGA and advised the BDOs for inter block community based works.

Waste collection should have proper forward and backward linkages so that proper disposal of waste is carried out, he added.

He stated that the main motive of such block wise review meetings is to focus on inter-departmental coordination and if any issue pertaining to any department is at block level the same can be resolved. All the departments should work in tandem and cohesion so that public service is enhanced.

The DC also emphasised on creation of sports infrastructure to enhance sports activities among youth. A schedule has been issued where in reviews shall be taken up in each block to speed up developmental works and resolve issues of availability of land or right of way there and then.

The meeting among others was attended by ADC Tral, officers from KPDC, RDD, YSS, Municipality Irrigation, JJM and others.

JKAACL celebrates Hindi Diwas

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), under the guidance of Bharat Singh, secretary, JKAACLn organised Kavi Goshthi and Cultural programme at K.L.Saigal hall, Jammu in connection with Hindi Diwas.

Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on 14 September- the Day when the Constituent Assembly decided to declare Hindi as the official language of the Central Government. Because Hindi language was mostly spoken in most of the areas in India, hence it was decided to make Hindi the official language and to express the importance of this decision. To spread Hindi in every region, 14th September has been celebrated as Hindi day.

After independence, Vyauhar Rajendra Singh, along with litterateurs like Kaka Kalelkar, Hazariprasad Dwivedi, Seth

Govinddas etc. , made tireless efforts to establish Hindi as the official language.

At the outset, Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer, JKAACL welcomed everyone on behalf of Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL. While addressing the audience, he said that the main objective to celebrate this day is to highlight to the people for one day in the year that unless they use Hindi completely, Hindi language cannot develop.

Prof. Nirmal Vinod, Sahitya Akademi Awardee was the chief guest on the occasion, while Prof. Ashok Gupta, former faculty at the Department of Hindi, University of Jammu presided over the function.

The programme started with lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries. This was followed by Kavi Goshthi by the poets Rajeev Sharma, Arun Bajaj, Arti Devi, Pawan Khajuria, Kalpana Rattan Gupta, Sheikh Mohd.

Kalyan, Kumar Krishan Sharma, Chand Deepika, Anila Singh Chark, Sohan Verma, Anuradha Pandita, AnuAtri, Udhampur, Varun Veer, Udhampur, Susheel Bhola, Heena Mahajan, Chander Mohan Sharma, Mohinder Singh (Mandla), Raghunath Singh Chib and Sanjay Vidrohi. The program was ably conducted by Ramesh Maratha.

This was followed by the musical programme by the renowned singers of Jammu & Kashmir which included Muktashi Sharma, Pankaj Pradhan and Aditya Langeh. They were equally supported by the renowned musicians like Neeraj Verma on Tabla, Rakesh Anand on flute, Vickey Gill on synthesizer, Ahutosh Sharma on Harmonium and Anuraag Langeh, Guitar.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Assistant Editor Hindi, JKAACL who was the in-charge of the programme.

“ THOUGHT OF THE DAY ”

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

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Nyoma Airbase to empower armed forces

On Tuesday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of Nyoma airbase being built about 180-km South-East of Leh town. The airbase holds great strategic significance as it would give a fillip to Indian Air Force (IAF's) combat readiness and it will be the IAF's fourth full-fledged operating base in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The airbase construction is seen as a major boost to defence infrastructure in Ladakh, which has witnessed a protracted standoff between India and China over the past three-and-a-half years. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is hopeful that it would prove to be a game-changer for the armed forces in the region where the Chinese troops have been making unsuccessful bids to usurp Indian Territory. The Border Roads Organisation, which comes under the Ministry of Defence, has been tasked with completing the Rs 214-crore project in two years. The airfield will have a paved runway for fighter jets; on completion, it would be accessible to all fighter jets in the IAF's inventory. There is no denial in fact that China has been aggressively building mega infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) despite the fact that India has flagged its concern several times. China's expansion of airfields along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) since 2020 has lent urgency to the process of enhancing the IAF's combat readiness along the border. Earlier this year, an analysis of satellite images of the airfields at Ngari Gunsa, Hotan and Lhasa revealed that the Chinese had created runways and shelters for combat jets. Their exercise was apparently aimed at bolstering offensive capabilities and facilitating faster deployment of troops. All this is happening at a time when two countries have entered the longest-ever border standoff in Eastern Ladakh. It has also seen Galwan incident. In a clear provocation, Chinese troops had recently erected four tents in Table Top area of Gurung Hills in Chushul area along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh—an area which had been declared as buffer zone by the two armies—PLA and Indian Army. It was a complete violation of the disengagement agreement. It, however, received a strong and swift reaction from Indian troops who reportedly forced the PLA to remove four tents. Our country cannot afford to remain behind the curve. The importance of a robust air defence system along the LAC cannot be overstated. In December last year, a clash between Indian and Chinese troops in the Yangtse area near Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) had been preceded by the aggressive movement of Chinese drones towards Indian positions. This had forced the IAF to quickly scramble its fighter aircraft deployed in the region. The upgrading of the Nyoma advanced landing ground to an airbase for conducting fighter jet operations is expected to raise the IAF's level of preparedness by several notches. The border tension has now stretched to a period of more than three years. It is the need of hour that two nations should find an amicable solution to it in the larger interests of the people in both countries and sub-continent. War cannot be a substitute for any dispute in present times. The upgrading infrastructure in the region which has been witnessing China's aggression is also the need of the hour.

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China takes rivalry to G20 summit

BY MAKHAN SAIKIA

By now, China's reticence has generated a lot of interpretations in global media and in diplomatic circles. For Xi, it is an occasion to showcase that China is having its unique world view wherein engagement rules are quite different from what the others think. But his absence in the Delhi Summit is very unique because since his coming to power, he has never missed any G20 summit in any part of the world.

The latest G20 summit in Delhi once again highlights how India and China are escalating their differences to new heights. Xi Jinping is purely an ambitious and aggressive statesman. Since coming to power in 2012, he has been clearly and distinctly demonstrating his intentions.

On the other hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has his own agenda to take India to the global stage despite all odds both at home and in his neighbourhood. Equally important and critical is that both Delhi and Beijing are competing for leadership positions at all international institutions. The only difference playing out in the open is that, unlike China, India is not challenging US leadership on the global stage.

On the other hand, China has a one-point agenda to dethrone America from all international institutions. And to establish its own model of global governance based on Chinese characteristics. The point Beijing (Xi) is making is why we should listen to Washington, when China has its own perspective that must be considered by the rest of the world. Thus, Xi's new China is charting its own course, aiming to reorient the geopolitical order in the coming years. In this great power game, if India comes in between, China will have no way, but to handle its emerging global neighbour.

When the world's most powerful nations are meeting this weekend in Delhi, the two notable absentees are only Vladimir Putin, the President of the Russian Federation and Xi. Both have their own reasons for not coming to attend the most talked about G-20 Summit. For Putin, he has been facing an international arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court (ICC) for atrocities carried out in Ukraine during the course of the current conflict that began in February 2021. Apart from this, he is fast encountering international isolation for his extreme aggression against his neighbour and looking for support from friends and allies all over the world.

By now, China's reticence has generated a lot of interpretations in global media and in diplomatic circles. For Xi, it is an occasion to showcase that China is having its unique world view wherein engagement rules are quite different from what the others think. But his absence in the Delhi Summit is very unique because since his coming to power, he has never missed any G20 summit in any part of the world. In fact, no proper explanation has been given by Beijing for Xi skipping the landmark event.

However, international observers and China watchers say that his absence indicates predominantly China's displeasure with the West, especially the US. Secondly, the Chinese strongman clearly wants to avoid isolation from the majority of the Western leaders as Putin is also not coming to the summit.

Thirdly, China's long boundary dispute with India, the host country, and so far, both the neighbours not arriving at any credible solution to this sticky issue may be one reason for his intriguing decision of absence in the meet. Also, China views India as a member of the anti-China camp headed by the US. So

in that case why Xi will attend a global event that projects India as a superpower and most of the western leaders are taking a front seat, most importantly US President Joe Biden.

Fourthly, China's long rivalry with the US and complete distrust over the existing international liberal order, this kind of a no-show was highly likely from Xi.

Fifthly, China has started viewing G20 as another international forum that supports Washington's and its ally's agenda at the most.

Sixthly, George Magnus, an economist who is with the China Centre at Oxford University, says: "There may be an element of deliberate snub to India but could also be a statement that there are different governance structures Xi Jinping thinks are important and the G20, may not be one of them. Xi may have wanted to make an example of the Indian G20."

Yes, there could be a high probability that Xi might be thinking on these lines.

As economic globalisation unfolds in full cycle, India and China seem to be heading more towards collision than convergence. But there was a time when both the bordering nations were offering huge benefits to their partnering countries without upsetting the regional power balance. Today, the world is different and geopolitical dynamics are changing very fast.

To many international observers India-China rivalry and competition is going to grow at any cost. Again, China's new Premier Li Qiang has already arrived in Delhi to attend the summit who is completely new to the entire scenario of India-China conflict. And this is his second international test after just attending the East Asia Summit in Jakarta this week. And till date, there has been no public statement that Li and Prime Minister Modi may have a bilateral engagement on the sidelines of

the meet. In fact, the strange thing is that for more than a year China has not been appointing a permanent ambassador in New Delhi. This shows how Beijing is trying to sideline Delhi on the diplomatic front but always wanted to engage on the trade front.

Finally, this G20 will certainly enhance India's global ambitions and particularly Prime Minister Modi's stature all around the world. Though he has been facing sharp criticisms from the opposition INDIA alliance in the run up to the 2024 General Election, he has already established a distinct style of leadership, delivery and oratory during his nearly a decade of power at the Centre. It's clear that the battle for him in this election is simply Modi vs Modi as the buzzword goes around in the national and international media.

The INDIA alliance is too crowded and there each of the top leaders have a prime ministerial ambition. More importantly, these opposition leaders face stiff competition back home with their largest ally i.e. Congress. And some of them like the Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), DMK, CPI(M), Nationalist Congress Party, JD(U) have been sworn enemies of the Congress since their birth though they quite often form opportunistic alliances with the latter on many occasions. But this time, no single party will take any chance as it is the question of becoming Prime Minister of India (though it may certainly never happen).

Even some of them might choose to become a Charan Singh or Chandra Shekhar of the recent past, still they won't cede their space to the much-awaited Gandhi scion Rahul Gandhi. Frankly speaking, whether it's Bharat Jodo or any other initiative that he has undertaken so far, this single agenda has always remained anti-Modi centric. This has been the biggest mistake on his

Many challenges for India as voice of 'Global South'

BY PATRALEKHA CHATTERJEE

As India positions itself as a key, if not the champion of the "Global South", a question comes to mind. What will it take to be the voice of the Global South now that the G-20 summit is over?

As someone old enough to remember the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), a group of more than 100 countries, which openly said that the world needs a financial system that is fairer to developing states, the buzz around the "Global South" narrative has a familiar ring. "Global South" is not a geographical term. It is a geopolitical idea as numerous commentators have pointed out. There has been a longstanding debate about how to correctly describe the uneven, post- and neo-colonial patterns of development and power. Carl Oglesby, an American writer and activist, coined the term "Global South" back in 1969, while writing about the Vietnam war in a Catholic journal, *Commonweal*.

But the term really gained currency after the Soviet Union broke up. Today, "Global South" is used to a broad swathe of nations, poor and not-so-poor, who advocate reform of the iniquitous structures of the global economy. Despite all the buzz around it, the term "Global South" does not figure explicitly in the G-20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration released last week. But it is popping up everywhere else. None of us this should surprise us, given how much India, the summit host, invested in this loosely defined

idea linked with interests of developing countries. Earlier this week, Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan described the induction of the African Union, representing 55 countries in Africa, into the G-20 as the "biggest achievement of the New Delhi summit." The credit, he said, goes to India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The African Union now has the same status as the European Union, the only other regional bloc with full membership. Preparations began quite some time ago. India hosted a virtual Voice of Global South summit soon after it assumed the G-20 presidency. Around 125 countries participated in the virtual summit, held in January 2023.

Critics of the Narendra Modi government flag the dissonance between the government's high-minded statements at international fora and domestic realities. But the fact of the matter is that India finds itself in a sweet geopolitical spot currently, for a host of reasons. The critical one is the rivalry between the United States and China.

The mantle of leadership of the Global South, however, is not a low-hanging fruit. There are many challenges ahead.

With greater visibility and clout comes greater expectations, greater scrutiny, and competition.

"Can India Challenge China for Leadership of the 'Global South'?", asked the New York Times recently. For more than a decade, the newspaper noted, "China has courted developing countries frustrated with the West... And as it challenged the postwar order,

especially with its global focus on development through trade, loans, and infrastructure projects, it sent billions of much-needed dollars to poor nations. But now, China is facing competition from another Asian giant in the contest to lead what has come to be called the 'Global South'."

A newly confident India, it went on to say, is "presenting itself as a different kind of leader for developing countries -- one that is big, important and better positioned than China in an increasingly polarised world to push the West to alter its ways". As exhibit A, it cites the "unexpected consensus India managed at the Group of 20 summit in New Delhi".

A turf war with China for leadership of the "Global South" is not the only challenge. Being a champion of developing countries means having to live up to greater expectations from the developing world and being open to greater scrutiny.

Take food security, a dominant concern in the Global South. India has been blamed for exporting food price inflation. Rice prices have soared after India, the world's biggest rice exporter, restricted shipments. India is expected to feed its 1.4 billion people, many abysmally poor, and the world.

"Much has been written critiquing India's July 2023 ban on rice exports (non-basmati rice), which made up a third of its milled rice exports. Given that India is the world's largest rice exporter, critics argue such a move could damage its claim to lead the "Global South", as it falls far from its

promises of addressing global food challenges when it assumed its G-20 leadership in 2023..." noted Jose M.L. Montesclaros, a researcher at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, in a recent commentary.

"However," notes Montesclaros, "such discourses have not proven effective in convincing India to normalise its rice trade".

A more constructive approach, the researcher argues, is to engage India and "recognise the complex balancing act it undertakes within the global food order, in particular, its dual mandate of serving as a reliable food source in the international food trade on the one hand while meeting the food security needs of its domestic constituents on the other".

Being the voice of the Global South means embracing complexity. It also means being ready for more intense scrutiny from the rest of the Global South and other countries. Low-cost, generic medicines produced in India have helped save millions of lives across the world. Dr Yusuf Khwaja Hamied of Cipla fought Big Pharma to sell AIDS drugs for \$1 a day, thereby saving many African lives. India sent shipments of Covid-19 vaccines to many developing countries during the pandemic. But in recent times, India's reputation as the "pharmacy of the world", a reliable source of inexpensive generics and frugal innovation has taken a severe knock because of a spate of controversies over contaminated medicines linked back to India.

Self-care is not selfish

BY SAKSHI SETHI

In life, all of us often come across so much stress and anxiety that we end up overthinking and ruminating; start comparing ourselves with others; worry about the future; struggle to let go of things; isolate ourselves; repeat destructive behaviours and so much more without realising that we have caused so much suffering and pain to selves. We give so much energy to these things that what we are left with is repentance, a wastage of time and regret, all the above listed could just be avoided by taking a small step to see what's causing turmoil and then taking one small step to help in the moment to become a little free.

The term 'Self-care' is like a personal toolbox of activities and practices that

are unique to every individual living on this planet. Just like people have different needs and preferences, self-care can look quite different from person to person. It's all about finding what works best and helping an individual feel good in their skin. The key is to listen and pay attention to what makes an individual feel better and at the same time create a mix of activities that cater to individual needs. Self-care is not one size that caters to all approaches, rather it's a journey of discovering what helps an individual become the best version of themselves. There is no denying the fact that we all live in a fast-paced world, that we often get caught in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives that we often forget who we are and what is the purpose of our living.

As aptly said by Jim Rohn, "take care

of your body, it is the only place you have to live." Taking a 5-minute for yourself can be the game changer for wellbeing. Engaging in activities such as deep breathing or mindful breathing can help reduce stress, calm the mind and increase mindfulness; stretching and quick exercises can enhance an individual's ability to focus; Practicing gratitude can help shift focus to positive aspects and help improve the mood.

These activities don't have to be time-consuming or elaborate rather, treating these rituals as little gifts to self can have a big impact on overall well-being. It's a hard-core truth bomb that no individual on this planet can make time for self-care. One needs to prioritise, communicate and allocate time, otherwise, it just won't happen. Asking for help and prioritising self-care is a sign of strength

and not weakness. By taking care of oneself, an individual will be better equipped to take care of the family as well. Nowadays, it is important to make mental health a priority. The moment when an individual thinks they don't have time to take care of themselves is the exact moment they have to take care of themselves. Every individual deserves to feel good and prioritise their wellbeing. Surrounding yourself with energy givers and not drainers; choosing those who uplift and inspire and setting boundaries with negativity are a few steps that can be taken forward towards self-care. Remember, every season has a purpose. The unknown and unfamiliar might just be exactly what one needs.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Deepika Padukone congratulates PM Narendra Modi on 'groundbreaking' success of G20 Summit

Several Bollywood celebrities have praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the successful presidency of G20 and the recent G20 Summit in Delhi. Joining them is actor Deepika Padukone. On Tuesday, she took to Instagram Stories and called it India's 'remarkable accomplishment' as she spoke about the G20 Summit. Her husband, actor Ranveer Singh, had also congratulated PM Modi for the success of the summit. Recently, actor Alia Bhatt has also tweeted about the summit, calling it, 'a historic moment for India'. Deepika on India hosting G20 Summit Along with a photo of various flags at the G20 Summit venue in

Delhi, Deepika Padukone wrote, "Congratulations on hosting groundbreaking G20 Summit! A remarkable accomplishment showcasing our nation's potential to the world."

Deepika continued to write, "A true testament to our ability to mobilise global action, strengthen solidarity and lead the way to a brighter future. One Earth. One Family. One future." She also tagged PM Modi on Instagram Stories.

Ranveer Singh lauds PM Modi

On Tuesday, Ranveer also congratulated the Prime Minister. He, too, took to Instagram Reels to share a post by PM Modi. Along with it, Ranveer wrote,

"Heartiest congratulations to our honourable PM @narendramodi ji for hosting a triumphant G20 Summit, uniting nations for a brighter future! One Earth. One Family. One Future."

What Alia Bhatt tweeted about G20

Summit A recent recipient of the National Film Awards for her role in Gangubai Kathiawadi, Alia Bhatt also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the success the G20 Summit in Delhi.



Taylor Swift's \$12,000 Diamond ring goes missing at the 2023 VMAs

Taylor Swift had a night to remember at the 2023 VMAs on Tuesday, where she took home nine Moon Person trophies and lost one very expensive ring. The pop superstar, who dazzled in one of the best outfits of the night, accessorized her look with over \$160,000 worth of jewelry, including a vintage Van Cleef & Arpels ring from Joseph Saidian & Sons that cost \$12,000.

The ring seemed to have suffered some damage during the show, as Swift was spotted showing a missing diamond detail to a staff member while sitting in the audience.

A video clip that went viral on social media captured the moment when the 'Midnights' singer made a face of dismay and pointed to her left-hand index finger, where the ring was noticeably damaged or missing.

It is not known if the precious gem was ever found, but Swift did not have the ring on when she accepted the Video of the Year award at the end of the show, nor when she attended an afterparty later that night.

The 33-year-old performer is not the first celebrity to lose a piece of jewelry during a big awards show; in 2018, Ariana Grande's \$169,000 diamond choker fell off while she was performing at the Billboard Music Awards.

"This is the first time a piece has broken while a celebrity was wearing it," the rep quoted to Page Six Style at the time, adding, "Luckily, the piece didn't slide off the stage! It was found on the side of the stage in a far corner, to everyone's relief."

At the 2023 MTV Video Music Awards, Swift made history by clinching her fourth Video of the Year award, a record-breaking achievement.

Rema and Selena Gomez also made history by snagging the inaugural Afrobeats award for their chart-topping hit, 'Calm Down.'

The 'RED' performer's dominance continued as she secured the Song of the Year award for her track "Anti-Hero."

Ira Khan breaks silence on wedding rumours, deletes post later

Hours after it was reported that Aamir Khan's daughter Ira Khan will get married to her fiancé Nupur Shikhare next month, the star kid has denied the claim. She took to Instagram Stories on Thursday and said in a now-deleted note alongside a photo of the news report, "No no... Not getting married on 3rd October! Later, you'll know when because I'll be so excited that it will be hard to not notice..."

What the report claimed about Ira's wedding Ira Khan was reacting to a story published by Bombay Times, which quoted a source as saying, "The couple (Ira and Nupur) has planned an elaborate wedding ceremony in Udaipur. It's a three-day affair, and the festivities will include their friends and extended family, members. This one, too, will be an intimate affair minus the



presence of any people from the film industry... the father of the bride (Aamir Khan) is extremely excited and is closely involved with the planning." Ira and Nupur's relationship Ira Khan and Nupur Shikhare got engaged in

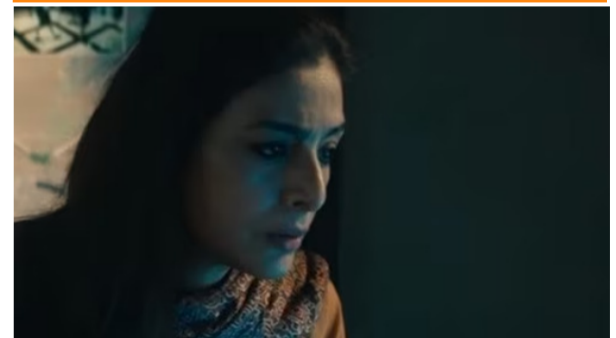
November 2022. The ceremony was attended by Aamir Khan, Reena Dutta and Aamir's ex Kiran Rao, his second wife, among others. Aamir's nephew, actor Imran Khan, had also attended the bash. Nupur Shikhare had shared

pictures from their engagement ceremony, one of which featured him going down on one knee proposing to Ira again, as she got emotional.

Nupur, a celebrity fitness trainer, had proposed to Ira Khan a few months prior in Italy. The two, who had been dating for a while then, had shared the video from their proposal on their respective Instagram handles.

About Ira Khan Aamir Khan and ex-wife Reena Datta welcomed their daughter Ira Khan in 1997. In 2019, Ira had made her directorial debut with a theatre production, which featured actor Hazel Keech in the lead role. It was called Medea, an Indian adaptation of Euripides' Greek play of the same name. Aamir and Reena also have a son, Junaid Khan, who is reportedly soon set to make his acting debut in films.

Khufiya: Vishal Bhardwaj, Tabu's thriller to release on Netflix India on October 5



Tabu and Vishal Bhardwaj make for one of the most combustible combinations in Hindi cinema. Their new film, a spy thriller called Khufiya, will release on Netflix India on October 5.

Khufiya date announcement promo Netflix India took to Instagram on Thursday to post a promo that cleverly announced the release date of the spy thriller. It sees Tabu's spy character from the film asking her colleague to zoom into the CCTV footage of what seems like a secret camera. We see a 'khufiya' character send a secret message via a fax machine. When we zoom in, we see the fax paper reveal the date of the film: October 5.

Netflix India's caption with the promo read, "Kuch raaz, raaz hi rahe to behlar hai (Some secrets are better kept as secrets). But not this one (eyes emoji)."

ssTabu and Vishal's onscreen collaboration goes back two decades to the latter's 2003 gangster drama Maqbool, that starred Tabu opposite Irrfan Khan. They collaborated again for the 2014 crime drama Haider, in which Tabu played the mother of the titular character Haider, played by Shahid Kapoor. Both these films were adaptations of William Shakespeare's classic plays Macbeth and Hamlet, respectively.

Besides the two directorials of Vishal, Tabu has also acted in Meghna Gulzar's 2015 whodunit, co-written by Vishal. Earlier this year, she was also a part of Vishal's son Aasman Bhardwaj's directorial debut, Kuttey.

At the teaser launch of Khufiya last year, when Vishal was asked what the secret sauce to his explosive onscreen collaboration with Tabu is, he replied that it's "love."

The neo-noir spy thriller is based on Amar Bhushan's espionage novel Escape to Nowhere. It also stars Ali Fazal, Wamiqa Gabbi, and Ashish Vidyarthi.

Kareena reveals Saif named Taimur after a childhood friend; recalls 'traumatic time' after his birth

Kareena Kapoor is gearing up for the release of her film Jaane Jaan. In the Indian Express' Express Adda event, the actor opened up about the controversy that broke out after Saif and her announced the name of their newborn son Taimur in 2016. Kareena said that the time was 'traumatic' and 'very difficult' for her. What Kareena said Speaking on the Indian Express' Express Adda event on Monday, Kareena said, "I don't think any mother or any child has to go through that. What was the reason... I still don't really get it, because nobody is meant to offend anyone or do anything. I think we have freedom of speech, freedom of what we want to do, at least both Saif and me believe that very strongly."

Kareena on the choice of naming their son Taimur She further added, "When we came up with the name... Saif actually said... He grew up with a neighbour friend, and he always really liked his name and his name was Taimur, so he said, 'You know, if I have a son, he was my first friend. I'd like to name him Taimur', and that's exactly how Taimur was named, because he was Saif's first friend when he was living in town here."

It has no sort of take or resemblance to anything or anyone. It just went like... it's not even like.. it's not even the same name. I got into a bit of a shock when this happened. But luckily, I think because of us being strong and resilient and silent, I think it just kind of died down. He was the most photographed child for what reason I have no idea. The name was trolled.

Vivek Agnihotri interview on The Vaccine War: 'India doesn't make science films as Bollywood thinks audience is dumb'



After the breakout box-office performance of his last film, The Kashmir Files, that won him the Nargis Dutt award for Best Film on National Integration, Vivek Agnihotri is all set to deliver his next, The Vaccine War. In an exclusive interview, Vivek discusses directing a bio-science film, why its box office success doesn't concern him, and whether he'd work with actors who do not share the same enthusiasm for Bharat as he does. Edited excerpts:

The trailer of The Vaccine War claims it's "India's first bio-science film." Is it really India's first? Ya, we don't make science films. I

think... I believe that our first true science film was Rocketry. But that was about astronomy. The Vaccine War is about bio-science. If Madhavan had not made Rocketry, I would've called it India's first science film. But this is a 100% genuine science film because the entire film takes place inside a lab. Every single character in the film is a scientist. And these are names of real scientists. It's not like I've fictionalised them.

Why do you think India has not explored this genre much? There was Aashiq Abu's 2019 Malayalam medical thriller Virus though.

I'm sure in regional languages, people must've made some good films. But the typical Bollywood actually believes audience is dumb. That's why they make dumb films for them. And science is not dumb. That's why India has not made a science film.

There was a movement of anti-vaxxers during the COVID pandemic. Have you made this film as a retaliation to their claims against getting vaccinated?

Yes, this film is definitely an answer to that. I think science is an area where only experts should interfere. Common people should not. There are so many myths. I used to believe in so many things. After making this film, I realised I was wrong. You said that while you'd be happy to watch tentpole films like Jawan first day first show, you also urged the audience to give smaller films like The Vaccine War a chance. How confident are you of the film's commercial prospects?

See, when The Kashmir Files made money, people thought that it's unprecedented. Then came Pathaan, that surpassed those numbers.

Reddit reacts as Nayanthara launches her skincare line amid Jawan's success: 'Very similar to Deepika Padukone's brand'

We are living in the age of the celebrity beauty brands. Couple of months after actor Kriti Sanon launched her skincare brand Hyphen, Nayanthara took to Instagram to announce she was launching her own skincare company, called 9 Skin. On Thursday, sharing a series of pictures of herself from a photoshoot for the brand, the actor said the products, which will be out on September 29, will use 'clean ingredients' to give people 'healthier, glowing skin'. Soon

after, many on Reddit reacted to Nayanthara's announcement. While some asked why celebrities, who have lent their faces (and hair and bodies) to countless campaigns for beauty brands, need to launch their own skincare brands now, others compared Nayanthara's brand with that of her Jawan co-star Deepika Padukone's skincare brand 82°E, which was launched last year, and was also promoted as an India-inspired 'self care' brand. Nayanthara

announces her skincare brand

The actor, who made her social media debut recently, wrote on Instagram, "Today, we are extremely thrilled to reveal six years of relentless effort and love. We've poured our hearts into curating products that are as unique as you are, with formulas that are backed by nature and modern science with nano-technology and designed to elevate your self-care routine. Join us on this self love journey and say hello to healthier,

glowing skin!"

She added, "We introduce @9SKINOfficial. The labour of self love you deserve is now brewing to be discovered. Because we believe self love is all we need. The 9SKIN journey begins on the 29th of September, 2023. Prepare for an amazing skincare experience!" Reactions to her Nayanthara's announcement

"Great job by the marketing team to launch the brand at the right time," wrote a person on Reddit, referring to the box office success of

Nayanthara's film Jawan. Ever since it was released last week, the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer has been performing extremely well in India and has also grossed over ₹650 crore worldwide in its opening week.

Another person wrote, "No offence to Nayanthara for launching her brand, but what is wrong with all these celebrities trying to enter the skincare market only. Khud toh botox lele hai humari twachaa khraab krege huuuu (These celebs all use botox



treatments, and want to spoil our skin with their skincare products)." Another one said, "These celebrities trying to enter the skincare market make you appreciate other celebrities, who're simply

investing more or opening up businesses that involve things they're passionate about like hobbies, other career choices, dreams etc. Skincare stuff has become saturated now."

DC Doda takes action to optimize school staffing

Asks for immediate adjustment of newly appointed contractual lecturers to overcome the shortage



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DODA, SEPT 14: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan convened a meeting to address pressing issues faced by the Educational Institutions. The meeting primarily focused on the efficient utilization of teaching staff in schools, student's aspirations, staff rationalization, and the punctuality of teaching personnel. One of the key concerns discussed was the presence of an excessive number of teachers in certain town centric schools.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Mahajan directed the Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Doda to promptly reassign recently appointed 134 contractual lecturers to schools where their services are urgently needed, and simultaneously remove surplus

assign punitive duties in far-flung areas as a consequence of his misconduct. Furthermore, a thorough discussion regarding the surplus teaching staff in various schools ensued, prompting the Deputy Commissioner to call for swift action against excess teachers in schools with a low student enrollment. The DC Doda also directed to the CEO Doda, to make immediate adjustment of the recently appointed contractual lecturers in different schools to compensate the shortage of subjects teaching staff and make rationalization of the excessive teaching staff.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of rationalizing teaching staff not for transfers or promotions but as a crucial step in ensuring the effective functioning of schools. He stressed that the ultimate goal is to provide a seamless and high-quality education to students across the district, especially in remote areas. In conclusion, Deputy Commissioner Mahajan urged ZEOs and principals to prioritize the welfare of schools and students, maintaining a strict focus on their educational mission and discouraging teaching staff from engaging in non-teaching administrative duties. The DC also directed to the principals that the syllabus of all schools across the district should be completed, including all assignments and revision up to the 30 of the November.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda, ADC Doda, CEO Doda, principal DIET Doda, ZEOs and Principals of all the Government Higher Secondary Schools.

teaching staff from those schools. This move is aimed at optimizing the deployment of teaching resources to better serve the students.

Additionally, the meeting delved into the issue of E-Kaksha online services for students, especially those residing in remote areas with limited access to subject teachers. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Principal of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Doda to ensure the continued operation of E-Kaksha labs, catering to students facing challenges in accessing subject-specific teachers.

Deputy Commissioner Mahajan expressed his discontent over recent remarks made by a teacher and instructed the concerned Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) to

DC Rajouri approves 08 loan cases under HADP 09 under PMMSY



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RAJOURI, SEPT 14: In a significant step towards bolstering agricultural and fisheries development, District Level Committee today approved 8 loan cases under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and 9 cases under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) here at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal. The Holistic Agriculture

Development Programme aims to transform the agricultural landscape, focusing on various components for comprehensive growth.

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, during the meeting, emphasized the importance of modernizing farming techniques, ensuring better access to resources, and enhancing the livelihoods of our farmers. Under PMMSY, the district is set to witness a significant boost in the fisheries sector. The approval of these

cases signifies a substantial investment in the sector, promoting sustainable fishing practices and augmenting income opportunities for local fishermen. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal expressed his optimism regarding the approved initiatives, saying that these projects align perfectly with the government's commitment to uplift the agriculture and fisheries sectors. "We believe that these measures will not only enhance the eco-

nomics of our farmers and fishermen but also contribute to the overall development of the district" he added.

The approval of these cases reflects the dedication of the administration to promote holistic growth and foster prosperity among the agricultural and fisheries communities in Rajouri. The implementation of these projects is expected to commence shortly, with a view to achieving tangible benefits for the people of the district. The meeting was attended by the CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; CAO, Sohan Singh; CHO, Madan Lal Tak; DSHO; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; AD Fisheries, Bodh Raj and other concerned officers.

GCE Jammu hosts Poetry Competition to commemorate "Hindi Diwas"

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JAMMU, SEPT 14: Government College of Education, Jammu organized an enlightening, magnetic and informative Poetry Competition to commemorate "Hindi Diwas." The objective of the program was to mark the need, uses, importance and virtue of our Matra Bhasha Hindi. Since promotion of national language is important for the promotion of national integration the program highlighted the need of Hindi language. The staff and students participated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal of GCOE, who very precisely and deeply made everyone aware about the importance of Hindi Language and its widespread coverage in our daily life ranging from Indian films to television and day to day life. She asserted that Hindi is the most widespread used and loved language by the masses. She further explained that Hindi language is widespread not only in India but also in other countries.



Prof. Satish K Sharma HOD Hindi welcomed the gathering and explained the journey and origin of the Hindi Language and its usages since in the Vedic and Sanskrit Era. He also stressed upon the importance and pride of the HINDI LANGUAGE.

Prof. Seema Kotwal, Dr. Taahira Shah and Prof. Shalini Rana judged the competition. Ms. Geetika Kohli was also present on the occasion. The program was attended by Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Rajinder Kour Prof. Anuradha Choudhary, Dr. Sushma Bala, Prof. Vinay Lata, Prof. Neeraj

Verma, Vikram Singh Jamwal, Daljeet Singh and Ms. Karuna Balotra among others.

The Programme was organized by Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Sarita Dogra and Arushi Sharma. The competition was indeed creative, informative and full of enlightenment and brought before the audience certain unknown facts about Hindi language and boosted the morale of all to work for the encouragement and spread of Hindi Language and Culture and take it to great heights. Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Seema Kumari.

SDM Gool listens to public grievances; reviews progress on developmental projects?



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RAMBAN, SEPT 14: Sub Divisional Magistrate, Gool Tanveer-ul-Majid today convened a meeting in his office chambers to review progress on implementation of various projects and schemes under PWD (R&B), PMGSY, Irrigation, Flood Control, Jal Shakti, RDD and Education sectors.

Chairperson, Block Development Council, Gool, Shakeela Begum along with PRIs partici-

pated in the meeting also attended by the officers and representatives of various line departments.

The SDM took action reports from all the officers regarding redressal of public issues and grievances pertaining to their respective departments.

He took a detailed review of the progress on developmental works being executed by the various departments under different schemes across Sub Division

Gool, especially restoration and up-gradations of road connectivity, Irrigation Kullis, School Infrastructure, Execution of Water Supply Schemes including the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes and identification of land for various government projects was also conducted on the occasion.

Progress on construction of soakage pits, SBM toilets, PMAY and AWAS Plus was also discussed in detail.

The SDM directed Naib

Tehsildar Gool to verify the payment made to the beneficiaries under PMAY, AWAS Plus and Soakage Pits in Dachan and Daeda area and submit a report within a week's time.

Evaluating the progress on various Irrigation Kullis and PWD projects, the SDM directed Assistant Executive Engineer PWD to monitor and follow up the restoration work taken up on Dachan-Daeda Road and submit an action taken report within three days, particularly in wake of various complaints from the public.

On the request of BDC Chairperson Gool, Naib Tehsildar Ind and Gool have been directed to identify land for constructing a Community Hall in Panchayat Gool-C within a week's time for further course of action in this regard.

GDC Ramgarh organises awareness programme on Career Counseling



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SAMBA, SEPT 14: Government Degree College Ramgarh organized an awareness programme on Career Counseling.

The event was organized by Career Counseling Cell, IQAC, the NSS unit 'Prabha' in collaboration with 'Wings- Ek Udaan' institute under the banners of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'India's Presidency in the G20'. The event was organized under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, the worthy Principal of the college.

In the beginning of the event, Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener, IQAC, said that career counseling is a process that helps individuals identify and explore career options, make informed decisions

about their future, and develop strategies to achieve their goals. It can be helpful at any stage of life, but it is especially beneficial for young people who are just starting out in their careers. Career counseling can be of wondering help for grooming a person, as they may be overwhelmed by the numerous options available to them.

The team of Wings- Ek Udaan institute included Kanav Sharma, Abhishek Pathania and Sahil Sharma. They highlighted that after graduating from college, graduates may feel a sense of emptiness and are often unsure about where to start their job search. Perhaps they are unsure about their education and whether they want to pursue further studies. Career counseling can be very useful for these graduates, as it

can prepare them for immediate satisfaction and a long, prosperous professional life. Career counseling can help individuals. In their presentation, they explained that their institute provides coaching for various competitive examinations, such as Civil Services, Banking, Police, Army, etc. Kanav Sharma brought into light the fact that students from remote and backward areas have to face a lot of challenges when it comes to preparation for various competitive examinations. He highlighted that such students and aspirants face financial, emotional, travelling constraints. In order to meet the expectations of the aspirants from the rural and backward areas, Wings-Ek Udaan institute is going to establish their branch in Vijaypur.

A large number of students of the college participated. The faculty members present during the event were Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shamsher Lal (NSS PO), Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Sunil Kumar, Ms. Priya Sharma, Ms. Arpana Devi and Dr. Rahul Kundal.

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

Rajouri clinches Trophy by beating Poonch

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPT 14: The Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament for U 14 girls organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at the Sport Stadium Doda concluded today with the Rajouri team winning the final contest by defeating Poonch Team. The event was managed by District Youth Services and Sports officer, Jaffer Haider Sheikh and his team.

Approximately 100 girl student players showcased their skills and endurance in the said event. The participants exhibited remarkable determination and a



competitive spirit throughout the event. This event provided a platform for young players to demonstrate their skills, fostered a sense of healthy competition, and promoted physical fitness amongst girl students.

The districts that participated in the Inter District Divisional level

volleyball tournament for girls were districts of Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Reasi, Poonch, Kathua, Udhampur and Samba.

To adjudge the third place, a match between Reasi and Udhampur was played in which Udhampur beat Reasi in two straight games and won the 3rd place. To judge the winner of the

event in the finals, Rajouri beat Poonch and lifted the trophy. District Information Officer Doda Mohammed Ashraf Wani graced the occasion as Chief Guest and handed over the trophies and certificates to the participating and winning teams. In the concluding address, he congratulated all the participating girls, fraternity of the Youth Services and Sports department, coaches, and managers of the teams. All sports events and activities are crucial for the inclusive development of children and are aimed to promote physical fitness, health, teamwork, and healthy competition among them, he added.

GDC Ramgarh Celebrates Hindi Diwas-2023

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPT 14: Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated Hindi Diwas-2023. During the celebration, a poem recitation contest and a symposium were held. The whole event was organized by the Department of Hindi of the college in collaboration with the NSS unit 'Prabha' under the aegis of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The event was organized under the able supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, the worthy Principal of the college. In the beginning of the event, Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener, IQAC, said that Hindi Diwas is celebrated with great enthusiasm in schools, colleges and government offices. As Hindi Diwas 2023, is just around the corner and school or Higher

Class students, looking for the Best long and Short Hindi Diwas Speech Ideas in English, then just check it, and you will get an idea about Hindi Diwas.

We have provided all significant information about the Hindi Diwas in an easy manner and in a lucid language which will help you easily understand and remember.

During the event, Dr. Ekta Rani, Department of Hindi of the college, explained the importance of Hindi Diwas. She said that September 14 is a day when Hindi Diwas is celebrated across the country.

This day holds special significance as it marks the adoption of Hindi as the official language by the Constituent Assembly in the year 1949. On this day, the Constituent Assembly accepted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official

language of India. The other one is English. A large number of students participated in the poem recitation contest and symposium. In the poem recitation contest, Ms. Chahat Spolia secured 1st position, Ms. Jagmeet Kour secured 2nd position and Ms. Babli Devi secured 3rd position.

In the symposium, Muskaan Verma secured 1st position, Neha Sharma secured 2nd position and Rimpi Angural secured 3rd position.

The faculty members present during the event were Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shamsher Lal (NSS PO), Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Sunil Kumar, Ms. Priya Sharma, Ms. Arpana Devi and Dr. Rahul Kundal.

DC Srinagar accords approval for establishment of 93 IGUs under HADP

Seed Village, Mother Orchard, Root Stock Bank established in Srinagar

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 14: In order to review the implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development programme (HADP) in the district, a meeting was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed overview about the implementation of HADP in the district through the PowerPoint presentations made by departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture etc. The DC also took first hand appraisal about the progress regarding achievement of targets and sensitizing farmers about new interventions approved under the HADP to ensure that the benefits reach the intended beneficiaries under the programme.

During the meeting, the DC who is also the Chairman District Implementation Committee (DLIC), accorded approval for establishment of 93 income generating units (IGUs) in favour of beneficiaries of Srinagar district.

On the occasion, the meeting was informed that a Seed Village has been established by the Agriculture Department at Chatterhama under HADP for procurement of paddy to the beneficiary farmers.

Similarly, the Horticulture Department has established Mother Orchard at Zakura and Root Stock Bank at Zawoora village under HADP at a cost of Rs 39.38 lakh and 82.97 lakh respectively.

During the meeting, the DC was apprised that as many as 29 projects under HADP are being implemented in Srinagar District



including 17 by the Agriculture Department.

The DC was also given a detailed overview about the initiatives taken under HDAP for development of seed and seed multiplication chain, promotion of mushroom cultivation, apiculture, vegetables/ exotic vegetables under open and hi-tech protected cultivation, alternate agriculture system for sustainability, promotion of oil seeds and commercial cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants.

The progress with regard to formulation of FPOs and Farm Mechanization for Resource Use Efficiency in Agriculture in Srinagar district was also discussed threadbare besides Technological Intervention for Fish Seed and Trout Production was also discussed.

Similarly, the DC reviewed implementation of interventions and list of production of designer plants for promotion of high density plantation and rejuvenation of orchards under HADP.

Likewise, other allied departments also briefed the DC about the activities taken up under HADP and the targets achieved so far. Speaking on the occasion, the

DC said that the HADP initiative is a major step towards creating a sustainable and profitable agricultural ecosystem. He said the programme aims to empower farmers with knowledge and tools that can help them enhance their productivity and profitability while also contributing to the overall growth of the agriculture sector.

The DC further said that the programme also provides a platform to the farmers to interact with experts from the Agricultural and allied department and seek their advice on various aspects of farming, besides enhancing agricultural productivity, improve livelihoods, and contribute to the overall economic growth.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, the meeting was attended by General Manager DIC, Chief Planning officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, DFO Urban, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Horticulture Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Lead District Manager and Officers from Cooperatives, SKUAST, HP&MC, KVK, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture and NABARD.

DC Kulgam reviews preparations for smooth conduct of 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPT 14: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to review arrangements put in place for smooth conduct of Ayushman Bhava campaign in the district.

During the meeting it was informed that Ayushman Bhava is a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative that aims to provide saturation coverage of healthcare services in every village and town.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the action plan for conduct of Ayushman Sabhas, Ayushman Melas, NCD Screening and other programmes.

He impressed to ensure successful conduct of camps and achievement of the target of ABHA Cards, Golden cards and other programmes effectively.

The DC stressed upon the concerned to put in place all the requisite arrangements so the pro-



gramme gets properly implemented. He also instructed the concerned to involve Lumberdars and Chowkidars for smooth conduct of these programmes and to work in close coordination.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather, DPO Nisar Ahmad, JD-P Zahid Sajjad, CMO, DNO Ayush, BMOs, BDOs and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

DDC Shopian releases Evaluation Report on Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPT 14: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb, who is also Chairperson District Level Technical Advisory Committee (DLTAC) today, released Evaluation Report on 'Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram' (RBSK) of health sector at mini sec-

retariat Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC stated that RBSK is an ambitious centrally sponsored scheme and is under implementation in all three medical blocks of District Shopian.

He said that the main objective of the scheme is to improve the overall quality of life of Children through early detection of

Birth Defects, Disabilities and adolescent health concerns and simultaneously to provide free medical treatment to all the children between the age of 0-18 years, identified after screening.

While highlighting the main observations and field findings, DSEO informed that a total number of 918 beneficiaries have been covered by

the concerned department during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

On this occasion, Joint Director Planning, Khursheed Ahmad Khatana, District Statistics and Evaluation Officer Shopian, Nowshad Ahmad Rather and other officers and officials of District Statistics and Evaluation Office Shopian were present.

ULB Elections 2023: Training imparted to ROs, AROs & Nodal Officers at Ganderbal

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPT 14: The District Election Office Ganderbal today conducted a day long training session for ROs, AROs and Nodal Officers for Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Election 2023 at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal.

The training session was held under the supervision of Deputy District Election Officer Ganderbal. He urged ROs and AROs to adhere to the rules and

regulations and go through the ROs handbook ensuring that the ULB Elections in the district are conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.

During the training programme, the District Level Master Trainers presented detailed information regarding the preparation and conduct of the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) election 2023.

Meanwhile, ROs and AROs were explained about their role in election process like election management, nomination process, scruti-

ny of nomination papers, and procedure for withdrawal of candidature, EVM (Electronic Voting Machine) management, polling and counting votes, declaring results, and adhering to the provisions of the model code of conduct.

On the occasion, a question answer session was also held during which participants raised several queries to which the Master Trainers gave satisfactory answers, clearing all the doubts about the election procedures and rules.

DC Kupwara reviews measures for controlling of Drug menace

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPT 14: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of the District Level Committee of NARCO Coordination Centre (NCORD) to review the measures for controlling drug abuse in district Kupwara.

Addressing the meeting, the DC impressed upon all the officers to make serious efforts towards curbing the drug menace in the district. She directed the officers to make an Action Plan for complete eradication of the drug menace.

The DC directed Tehsildars and Police to bring the identified drug victims to Rehabilitation Centre for their proper counseling and treatment.

Regarding Nasha Mukta Panchayats, the DC directed the



concerned officers for re-verification of Nasha Mukta Certified Panchayats and share a list of left out Panchayats with the concerned Tehsildars.

The CEO present in the meeting was directed to submit the list of shops selling Tobacco Products within 100 meter radius of the Educational Institutions.

Earlier, ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat briefed the meeting about the current status of drug addicts in the district and meas-

ures being taken by the administration. The CMO informed that 62 new drug patients have been identified during the previous month in the district cumulating to 402 patients. 505 Counseling sessions have also been held. Besides, awareness programmes have been conducted in 200 Health & Wellness Centres and 5 PHCs/CHCs. ADC Kupwara, CMO, CEO, Tehsildars, Police Officers, Drug Controller Officer and other concerned attended the meeting.

DC Ganderbal hosts interactive meet with Media Fraternity

Assures all possible support for establishment of media Association



JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPT 14: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today held and hosted an interactive session with the registered journalists of the district and discussed the issues and problems faced by

personnel involved in ill practices in the name of press and media.

The DC assured members of the media fraternity with his full cooperation by offering them proper accommodation and other recognition.

He further asked the media fraternity to bring in the membership drive and go for proper election to choose their president, vice president and other office bearers via democratic way to make the media association more stable and proactive.

The DC directed the District Information Officer to prepare a list of registered journalists which shall be circulated in all government offices so that it would be easy for all officers of the district administration to identify and distinguish between the genuine and fake journalists.

He said that these measures will ensure a pleasant atmosphere and positive harmony between the administration and the journalist community and expose the self-styled blackmailers who defame journalism.

them. Members of Ganderbal Media Fraternity, an organization of authorised journalists associated with print, electronic and digital media attended the meeting and apprised the DC about the problems faced by the media and commented on the measures taken to control the self-styled social media

Union Secretary L&E visits National Career Services Centre for Differently Abled at Gojibagh

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 14: Union Secretary Labour and Employment (L&E), Arti Ahuja today visited the National Career Services Centre for Differently Abled (NcSc) at Kashmir Government Polytechnic Campus, Gogji Bagh here.

She interacted with the trainees of different trades and was apprised about the status of differently able persons in the state. She also had a one-to-one conversation with different groups of differently able persons and took a keen interest in their rehabilitation. The Secretary directed several officers from different departments to coordinate with NcSc for differently able persons and bring about a positive change in their lives so that they are able to earn a dignified livelihood.

"The government is committed to



the welfare of differently able persons," said Secretary. "We are working to provide them with all the necessary support and opportunities so that they can live their

lives to the fullest."

Secretary said that her visit to the NcSc is a testament to the government's commitment to the welfare of differently able persons.

DLC selects 26 Beneficiaries under HADP in Sheep Husbandry Sector at Shopian

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPT 14: In an inclusive and transparent process, a District Level Committee (DLC) chaired by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today convened a meeting to select beneficiaries for various components of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for the year 2023-24.

The selection was carried out through the draw of lots method

which enabled the unbiased selection of beneficiaries. On this occasion, DDC urged the youth to come forward and avail the benefits of various sheep farming schemes and assured them of full support and cooperation in setting up new ventures. He added that the units once established will give a huge fillip to the sheep farming sector in the district and bridge the mutton deficit gap to a great extent.

While congratulating the selected applicants, DDC stressed upon them to work hard and adopt latest

technological interventions to exploit huge potential in sheep farming in the district.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer Shopian, Dr. Tariq Ahmad informed that a total of 26 candidates were selected under various components of the HADP.

Joint Director Planning, Shopian, Khursheed Ahmad Khatana; DSEO, Shopian, Nowshad Ahmed; CAO, Farooq Ahmed; AD Fisheries, Zahoor Ahmed; Officers, Officials and breeders were present on the occasion.

Revolutionizing Kashmir Crafts industry; Department of Handicrafts and Handloom receives TAN



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 14: In a momentous event held today at Kashmir Haat, Srinagar, the Directorate of Handicraft and Handloom Kashmir witnessed official handover of a groundbreaking Technology Advisory Note (TAN) regarding renaissance of exquisite Kashmir crafts.

This visionary document, prepared by TEAM AGNI, outlines strategies for re-premiumization, propagation and preservation of world famous Kashmir crafts.

The event was graced by Preeti Banzal, Scientist (G) from the office of Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Vikramjeet Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicraft and Handloom Kashmir and Vikrant Khazanchi, Head, AGNI Mission besides other officers from DOHHC and team AGNI.

Pertinently, Mission AGNI is a programme of the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India, under Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council

(PM-STIAC) and is being executed at Invest India.

Kashmir Crafts, renowned for their rich heritage and intricate craftsmanship, hold a unique place in India's cultural heritage. However, facing challenges such as quality norms, limited propagation and threats to preservation, this industry requires innovative and sustainable solutions. In this direction, the Department of Handicraft & Handloom, Kashmir recognizing the potential of technological advancements in further enhancing this sector decided to collaborate with AGNI mission for introduction of groundbreaking technologies and policy recommendations that will shape the region's Handicraft and Handloom sector.

The Technology Advisory Note (TAN) presented by TEAM AGNI addresses these challenges comprehensively with Re-premiumization, Propagation and Preservation. The note proposes strategies to enhance quality, innovate designs and establish a strong brand identity for Kashmir Crafts. The goal is to position these crafts in the premium luxury market segment, both nationally and international-

Further, the propagation initiatives like skill development, technological integration, and preservation of traditional techniques aim to empower artisans and craftsmen ensuring continuity of these age-old practices. Also, measures for inventory management, conservation, and intellectual property protection will safeguard the legacy of Kashmir Crafts, ensuring they continue to flourish for generations to come.

Notably, the Technology Advisory Note (TAN) included recommendations for leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as block-chain for traceability, artificial intelligence in design and dedicated e-commerce platforms. These technologies promise to revolutionize the Kashmir Crafts industry and enhance its global reach.

The event at Kashmir Haat was marked by a shared commitment to rejuvenate and reposition Kashmir Crafts. The presence of high-profile dignitaries highlighted the significance of this initiative, with the Scientist (G) emphasizing the need and importance to combine tradition with innovation.

While as the Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce sought holistic support from Team AGNI especially in developing Artisan stack which shall prove beneficial for the community at large.

Director Handicraft and Handloom, Kashmir expressed gratitude for TEAM AGNI's dedication and pledged its support to implement the recommendations outlined in the Advisory Note.

The event concluded with a sense of optimism and collective determination to breathe new life into the exquisite world of Kashmir Crafts.

DC Kupwara reviews preparations for 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' - Phase 2, featuring Amrit Kalash Yatras

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPT 14: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Thursday chaired a meeting of officers at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex here to review the preparations for the 2nd phase of the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign, featuring the Amrit Kalash Yatras.

The meeting was informed that in rural areas of Kupwara district the four-tier approach is spanning from villages, Blocks, State Capital to National Capital and in Urban areas from Wards, Municipal Councils, State Capital to National Capital, with an aim to instill a sense of national pride and unity among citizens.

The DC while emphasizing on the significance of collecting soil and rice during Amrit Kalash Yatras said that it is a way to connect people to India's future. She said that the idea behind this programme is that every individual, family, citizen, and child should connect emotionally with the idea of creation of the 'great India'.

While elaborating on timeline

and spread of activities, DC said that up to September 30th, Soil (Mitti) and rice will be collected from houses in every village in a festive environment, following it up from October 1st to Oct 13th at the block and later from October 22nd to Oct 27th at state level, and finally from October 28th to Oct 30th, these pots of soil and rice will reach New Delhi, the capital of the country.

She called upon all Officers to collaborate and coordinate closely to ensure the campaign's resounding success and ensure active involvement in various events.

A pivotal aspect highlighted during the meeting was the creation of a festive atmosphere at the block-level program, where soil from various villages will be ceremonially combined in a single Amrit Kalash.

Furthermore, the DC underscored the need to pay homage to martyrs at the block level and directed the concerned officers to facilitate this process.

The DC also directed concerned officers to organize cultural pro-

grams at the block level, designed to honor the brave hearts. She stressed that similar programs will also be conducted in Municipal Wards and councils of Kupwara district.

Ayushi urged officers to work diligently, and in close coordination with special focus on encouraging women's participation and involving Anganwadi workers, ASHAs and youth volunteers and other field functionaries.

She directed Officers to ensure creation of festive environments including playing Dholaks, Nagadas and other musical instruments, taking Panch Pran pledges, videography, photography of events, timely reporting and uploading the events.

The DC directed ADC Kupwara and ACD Kupwara to chalk out a schedule for village wise events.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Kupwara, ADC Kupwara, ADC Handwara, ACD Kupwara, ACR Kupwara, SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, CEO Kupwara, CMO Kupwara, BDOs, Tehsildars, CDPOs, EO Municipal Council Kupwara and other officers.

DC Srinagar chairs DLIC meet on NCAP; reviews progress of ongoing works on Rs 33 Cr plan for 2022-23

District secures top rank at National level under Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan (Clean Air Survey)

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 14: A meeting of District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting reviewed the progress of ongoing works on Rs 33 Cr plan for 2022-23 under NCAP, aimed to reduce PM10 levels by 2025 to improve Air Quality Index in Srinagar district.

Besides, Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir Khan, the meeting was attended by Regional Director, Pollution Control Board, Kashmir; Joint Commissioner SMC, Chief Planning Officer, DFO Urban Secretary SDA, Chief Sanitation Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Executive Engineers of R&B and I&FC, District Floriculture Officer,

District Officer Pollution Control Board, and other Engineers & Officers from SMC, FCS&CA, RTO, Traffic Police.

During the meeting, the DC took activity wise review and progress of all ongoing works under Rs 33 Cr Plan for 2022-23 for implementation and monitoring of the NCAP in Srinagar District.

At the outset, the DC was apprised that out of 13 projects taken up under Rs 33 cr plan under NCAP, 12 projects are in progress including Creating green zones by way of mass plantations/landscaping along western Highways and adjoining areas,

Plantation of central verges/medians of major city roads and Paving of Earthen Shoulders, IEC Activities to promote awareness regarding Air Pollution Control, implementation of Mission Life Actions and providing Briquetting Assembly for Management of

Horticulture Waste, installation of Fountains in Srinagar City,

Greening of Premises of SKIMS

Soura, Development of landscaping and Greening in GMC (SMHS) & Super Specialty Shireen Bagh, Paving, Plantation and installation of fountains on road side (preferably vertical/ornamental fountains) from Sonwar to Shivpora,

Development, landscaping and greening of Amar Singh College, Greening and installation of fountains at Chattipadshahi Rainawari, while Rs 5 crore projects for Plantation of Vertical Planters at Piers of bridges/flyovers along with O&M has been tendered out.

On the occasion, the DC emphasised on completing all ongoing works under NCAP by accelerating the pace of works to enhance the green space across the City in order to improve quality of air in Srinagar District.

The DC also asked the Officers of line Departments to formulate comprehensive and meaningful plans under

NCAP for 2023-24 with initiatives aimed at further improving the Air Quality Index.

On the occasion, the DC asked all line departments to take proactive actions in formulating the Action Plans

Emphasising on centralizing IEC activity component, the DC directed for setting up of NCAP Kendra (Centre) in the Srinagar district and constituted a Team for centrally monitoring and better implementation of different components under NCAP activities, besides ensuring proper coordination among the line departments to attain a better Air Quality Index in the years ahead.

The DC also urged the Officers to lay special thrust on all parameters of NCAP including IEC activities and new initiatives under Mission life etc and asked them to work in unison, besides ensuring active involvement of the masses in the awareness campaign on mass scale to sensitize the people about ill effects of air pollution and effective Action Plan to control and abatement of air pollution.

CEO visits Rajouri; assesses preparations for upcoming Municipal Elections

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 14: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Pandurang Kondbarao Pole, today visited Rajouri to oversee preparations being made for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Elections.

In a meeting held here in this regard, the CEO had detailed deliberation with all nodal officers regarding several significant issues concerning conduct of municipal elections.

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, presented a comprehensive overview of the election preparations.

The issues discussed in the meeting inter alia included updates on polling station readiness, appointment of Returning Officers (ROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), training progress for election staff, distribution of election

handbooks, status of database of employees, setting up of control rooms, action plan for printing of Ballot papers, transport plan, security plan, SVEEP plan, procurement plan besides establishment of counting and dispatch centers.

Deputy Commissioner affirmed that all 65 polling stations had undergone physical verification and requisite facilities have been guaranteed there. Besides, appointment of ROs and AROs is being done with strict adherence to the guidelines issued by the Election Authority.

Regarding training, it was revealed that the next phase is all set to commence on September 18, 2023, under the supervision of nodal officer for training, PO ICDS Rajouri. In terms of workforce deployment, over 700 employees have been

registered in the NIC Software, although the actual requirement was 380. Similarly, locations for counting centers and receipt and dispatch centers have already been identified.

The meeting was further informed that the office of Deputy District Election Officer will function as the Control Room for various election-related functions throughout the election process. Besides, transport plan for the Municipal Elections has also been finalized. CEO stressed upon the importance of a robust security plan, directing the SSP Rajouri to deploy additional forces in sensitive and hypersensitive polling stations. He also emphasized on contingency planning for unforeseen circumstances and proposed a comprehensive SVEEP Plan to enhance

public awareness about the electoral process and boost voter participation. Later, the CEO conducted on-site inspections at the Receipt Center and Counting Center located at Boys High Secondary School in Rajouri. This proactive engagement reaffirms the commitment of the administration towards ensuring the success and integrity of ensuing Municipal Elections in the district.

Among others the meeting was attended by the SSP Rajouri, Amrit Pal Singh; ADC, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; CEO Tourism, Vivek Puri; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; Deputy DEO, Babu Ram Tandan; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; CAO, Sohan Singh and other concerned officers.

DC Doda distributes Nikshay Poshan baskets among adopted TB Patients



JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPT 14: Nikshay Poshan Yojna is an incentive scheme under National Health Mission (NHM) by Central TB Division of MoHFW for Tuberculosis (TB) patients who are under treatment and have registered / notified themselves on the NIKSHAY portal. The incentives can be distributed in cash (only via DBT preferably through Aadhaar enabled

bank accounts) or in kind.

From the very beginning of assuming the Charge, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan is proactive in providing the best health care to the people of the district and in elimination of deadly diseases like Tuberculosis from the district. He frequently reviews the development and achievements under NTEP and sets new targets to curb and eliminate the TB from this district.

Mahajan has geared all his manpower to eliminate the TB from the district by the end of year 2023.

Recently, the Deputy Commissioner distributed 5 Nikshay Poshan baskets among his adopted TB patients as Nikshay Mitra in the district. Nikshay Mitra (Volunteer) provides nutritional baskets to TB patients (up-to Rs 500/) per month per patient up to completion of the treatment. He started Poshan baskets of these new patients after completing nutritional care of the old 5 adopted patients for 6 months. DC Doda has been highly appreciated by the NHM J&K for his tireless efforts in bringing down the infection rate and extending all kinds of support to the health team in eradicating the disease from the district. He has also been served a certificate of appreciation by the Central TB Division of MoHFW Government of Bharat for his exemplary support and guidance in combating the disease.

DC Ganderbal takes comprehensive review of PWD

Emphasizes for special focus on development of Sonamarg, Manasbal



JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPT 14: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today undertook a comprehensive review of various developmental projects within the purview of the PWD Circle Ganderbal.

This crucial meeting was organized in light of the recent restructuring within the PWD R&B, which also encompasses the mechanical department.

During the meeting, the Superintendent Engineer of R&B Circle Ganderbal, Er. Nisar Ahmed Lala provided a comprehensive briefing to the DC.

Also present were Executive Engineer Ganderbal, Er. Tatheer Manzoor, and Executive Engineer of the newly established Kangan division, Er. Zahoor Ahmad.

The DC was apprised of the

changes in the administrative structure, both pre and post-reorganization. It was highlighted that the Ganderbal district has now been divided into two divisions, namely Ganderbal Division and Kangan Division.

Furthermore, the DC was updated on the progress, accomplishments, and objectives of various ongoing projects.

These encompassed areas such as Macadamisation, NABARD projects, road safety initiatives, DMRRR projects, education, healthcare, district development, and tourism. Special attention was given to the development of Sonamarg and Manasbal, with respective authorities.

In a firm directive, the DC stressed the importance of adhering to the rules and regulations governing the tendering and execution processes. Contractors fail-

ing to meet timelines or initiating work punctually will face stringent action in accordance with the regulations.

A detailed examination of transit accommodations was carried out, with an explicit directive to the R&B department to ensure their timely completion. The Executive Engineer R&B Ganderbal was specifically tasked with focusing on the development of Manasbal.

Additionally, the Executive Engineer of the Mechanical Division in District Hospitals elucidated their roles and responsibilities, ensuring smooth functioning within healthcare facilities.

Municipal works came under the spotlight, with a call for their prompt and monitored completion. The Superintending Engineer expounded on the quality control mechanisms and the operations of the newly established quality control lab.

The DC commended the commendable efforts of the R&B department but underscored the need for sustained efforts to align with government directives and make continuous development a reality.

He also held one-on-one introductions with each technical staff member, fostering a collaborative and informed approach to furthering developmental goals.

Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College celebrates Hindi Diwas

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 14: Department of Hindi Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College Hiranagar celebrated Hindi Diwas by hosting a seminar on the topic 'Hindi mein Rozgar ki sambhavanayain'. The event reaffirmed the commitment of the College to promote and celebrate the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of Hindi, while also opening doors to a multitude of professional paths for Hindi enthusiasts. Principal of the College Dr. Pragya Khanna, in her message, said that the promotion of linguistic heritage of the country is a primary concern of the College. She further held that Hindi language has been one of the binding and emotional factors for the people and promotion and conservation of the language would be made possible by the speakers of the Hindi language only. The event was presided by Prof. Shujaut Khan, Co-ordinator IQAC and Head Department of Computer Sciences and the Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Davinder Kour. Pertinently, Hindi Diwas commemorates the day when Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, was adopted as the official language of the Indian Republic. This event not only marks a historic milestone but also serves as a reminder of the immense potential of the Hindi language in contemporary society. The event was celebrated in two sessions. The first one witnessed a number of students discussing and presenting remarkable speeches on the exploration of different career opportunities for graduates in Hindi language. The event was a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Hindi graduates, students, and enthusiasts to gain insight into how their passion for the language can translate into a fulfilling career. The event started with the welcome address by Head Department of Hindi Prof. Rakesh Sharma. A number of career opportunities such as in media and journalism, in the entertainment industry, in translation and content creation, teaching, government and administrative services, digital marketing and social media were discussed in the event. The event also witnessed speeches and idea sharing by a number of Assistant Professors regarding the promotion of Hindi language and other regional languages. The adjudicators for the event were Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor in music, Dr. Arun Kumar, Head Department of Sanskrit and Tripti, a renowned Hindi writer.

Div Com Jammu reviews development scenario in Kathua District

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 14: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting of district officers to review progress of ongoing development works including Central Sponsored Schemes and other development projects here in the Conference hall of DC office Complex. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas gave a detailed account of the district development profile. The Div Com was apprised about the Physical and Financial achievements under District Capex besides the status of the major projects going on in the district. While reviewing the Rural Sanitation scenario, the Div Com called for putting in place a workable mechanism for CSCs for proper upkeep and maintenance of the rural assets. With regard to the progress under PMAY-G, the Div Com asked RDD to expedite allocation of houses to the landless on priority besides ensuring saturation of the AWAS Plus scheme. He also directed the Municipal Authorities to speed up the saturation of PMAY-U cases falling in Urban areas. On the issue of Solid Waste Management Units, segregation sheds and collection points, the Div Com impressed upon the need to complete the targeted projects within stipulated timelines. To boost wage employment, the Div Com asked for an increasing number of person days under MGNREGA. He further directed to hold special gram sabhas to build consensus for taking up works under PRI grants in line with aspirations of the community. While reviewing the status of JJM works, the Div Com stressed upon achieving 100% saturation, while asking the department to ramp-up the construction work of Tube Wells on priority. Underscoring the need to synergize the efforts among the stakeholder departments, the Div Com called upon DC Kathua to convene a meeting of ACD, CEO, BDOs and XEN REW, XEN PWD (R&B) and contractors to achieve the desired objectives within stipulated time frame. On Road connectivity, the Div Com stressed upon the XENs of PMGSY, PWD, REW to accelerate the road projects works which have been tendered ensuring time to time maintenance such as filling of potholes, clearing of dividers and bush cutting on regular basis. Highlighting the need to remove the hindrances/ambiguities being faced by the pensioners, the Div Com laid thrust on organising sensitization cum awareness camps to educate intended beneficiaries. Emphasizing the need for creating self employment avenues, the Div Com pressed for early saturation of individual beneficiary oriented schemes by mapping the market demand with skilled workforce. On the issue of Power Scenario in the District, the Div Com directed SE PDD to ensure round the clock electricity besides recovering the pending Power Fair from the consumers. On appraisal of AT&C losses, the Div Com calls for reducing the same besides increasing the collection of revenue. While taking appraisal of major projects coming up in the district, the Div Com was informed that the construction of Noora Bridge is progressing as per set timeline. The Div Com called upon executing agencies to stick to the deadlines set for the prestigious Shahpur Kandi Dam project. Taking the appraisal of the performance in different sectors, the Div Com directed all departments to adopt a public friendly approach in the working. He also pressed for ensuring digital penetration across the district. Earlier, DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, while presenting the initiatives being taken in the district, disclosed that the administration is committed to augment the areas under cultivation across the fence in Hiranagar and consequently has set a target of bring 300 acres of land from present 250 acres under cultivation during the current crop season.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 14: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC Jammu has informed that the power supply to SIDCO Industrial area and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 15 from 8 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrode, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 16 and 18 from 7 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Industrial Area Gangyal, Greater Jammu, Preet Nagar, Langer and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 17 from 7 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD, and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 17 from 7 am to 1 pm. Meanwhile, Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Koulpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 15, 17 and 19 from 5 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Sallan, Mela, Bhaiya, Patyari, Packka Kootha, Parnigoli, Kadather and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 15 from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Jakhbar, Padyari, Badala and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 15 and 16 from 6 am to 10 am.

District Admi Kishtwar pays tributes to Martyrs of Kokernag, Rajouri

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 14: In a solemn ceremony held at the VC Hall of the DC Office, senior Officers of the District Administration Kishtwar today gathered for 2 minutes Silence to pay their heartfelt tribute to the brave martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice in Yesterday's encounters with militants in Kokernag and Rajouri. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav IAS, along with Additional District Development Commissioner, Sham Lal, Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal & several other district officers and officials of the DC Office Complex joined in this solemn occasion to honor the fallen heroes. The event began with a poignant remembrance of the valiant soldiers who laid down their lives while safeguarding the nation's security the day before. These courageous individuals demonstrated unwavering commitment and dedication to their duty.

able by the speakers of the Hindi language only. The event was presided by Prof. Shujaut Khan, Co-ordinator IQAC and Head Department of Computer Sciences and the Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Davinder Kour. Pertinently, Hindi Diwas commemorates the day when Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, was adopted as the official language of the Indian Republic. This event not only marks a historic milestone but also serves as a reminder of the immense potential of the Hindi language in contemporary society. The event was celebrated in two sessions. The first one witnessed a number of students discussing and presenting remarkable speeches on the exploration of different career opportunities for graduates in Hindi language. The event was a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Hindi graduates,

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/205-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, 206/2023-24-ADEN-JRC & 207/2023-24-ADEN-JRC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 03.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
12.09.2023	19.09.2023	03.10.2023

S. No. 1, Tender No. : 205-2023-24-ADEN-LDH, Details of Tender : Misc Pway Works for track maintenance in the LDH yard of SSE/Pway in the jurisdiction of ADEN-LDH, **Advertised Value (Rs.) : 4456175.61, Validity of Offer : 60 Days, Period of Completion : 12 Months**

S. No. 2, Tender No. : 206/2023-24-ADEN-JRC, Details of Tender : Misc Pway Works for track maintenance in the jurisdiction of ADEN-JRC, **Advertised Value (Rs.) : 3967062.02, Validity of Offer : 60 Days, Period of Completion : 12 Months**

S. No. 3, Tender No. : 207/2023-24-ADEN-JRC, Details of Tender : Replacement of old corroded water pipeline including improvements to the sewerage system in the colonies of JRC & JUC and augmentation of water supply by the provision of a new high capacity bore well at HSX, **Advertised Value (Rs.) : 28554145.43, Validity of Offer : 60 Days, Period of Completion : 06 Months**

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Tender Type	Open	Tendering Section	Works	Bidding System	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading tenders	12.09.2023	Bid Starting Date	21.09.2023	Bid Closing Date/Time	05.10.2023 15:00 hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	209-2023-24-ADEN-JUC	Replacement of Girders with RCC slab of Br. No. 23 & 28 (siding) on JUC-ASR section under ADEN-JUC.
Advertised Value ₹79,76,795.67		
Earnest Money ₹1,59,500/-		
Validity of offer 60 Days		
Period of Completion 10 Months		
Similar Nature of work: "Construction of any Bridge work".		
2.	210-2023-24-ADEN-1-ASR	Replacement of old/leaky roof of staff quarters block in colony no. 1, 2, 3 in the section of SSE/WML/ASR under ADEN-1/ASR
Advertised Value ₹59,99,966.98		
Earnest Money ₹1,20,000/-		
Validity of offer 60 Days		
Period of Completion 06 Months		
Similar Nature of work: "Any Civil work other than track work"		

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. 2. If there is any mistake in Hindi then English will be accepted.

Tender Notice No. : 209-2023-24-ADEN-JUC & 210-2023-24-ADEN-1-ASR
Date: 13.09.2023 2848/2023

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TRAINS HANDLING PLAN FOR RAISING OF FOOT OVER BRIDGE IN FIROZPUR YARD

This is notified for the information of all concerned that Firozpur Division of Northern Railway will undertake the work of raising of existing Foot Over Bridge in Firozpur yard towards Fazilka end in connection with Railway Electrification work on Ludhiana-Firozpur-Fazilka section. To execute this work Railway will take a traffic block from 21.09.2023 to 25.09.2023. During this period the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)
14601 Firozpur Cantt - Hanumangarh Jn. Express	21.09.2023 to 25.09.2023
14602 Hanumangarh Jn. - Firozpur Cantt Express	21.09.2023 to 25.09.2023
04627 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka DMU MEX Special	21.09.2023 to 24.09.2023
06988 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt Express Special	21.09.2023 to 24.09.2023

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Date(s) from originating station
04643 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka MEX Special	from Firozpur City	24.09.2023 & 25.09.2023
06987 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
06989 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
04491 Firozpur Cantt - Fazilka Express Special	from Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
04644 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt MEX Special	at Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
04492 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt Express Special	at Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
04628 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt DMU MEX Special	at Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023
06990 Fazilka - Firozpur Cantt Express Special	at Firozpur City	23.09.2023 & 24.09.2023

For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMaded Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 105 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Est. cost (in Lakh)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Design, fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning of LT control panel for operation of 50 HP induction motor including allied elect. & electro-mech. Components at D/well Badsoo UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	1.75	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.035 lac	180 days	180 days
2.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of electric operated winch machine and allied works at T/well Jandrah under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	1.50	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.03 lac	180 days	180 days
3.	Design, fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning of LT control panel for operation of 75 HP induction motor including allied elect. & electro-mech. Components at F/P Hurlani UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	2.00	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.04 lac	180 days	180 days
4.	Design, fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning of LT control panel for operation of 50 HP induction motor including allied elect. & electro-mech. Components at D/well Bhagey Samral UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	3.00	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.06 lac	180 days	180 days
5.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of 2500 GPH x 130 mtrs head sub. Pump set as standby including P/f of connection cables, NRV, service cable etc. at T/well Pangali under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	1.50	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.03 lac	180 days	180 days
6.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of 3000 GPH x 150 mtrs head sub. Pump set as standby including P/f of connection cables, NRV, service cable etc. at T/well Rathore Dhok under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	1.00	200/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.02 lac	180 days	180 days

Date of Publishing: 13/09/2023

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 13/09/2023 (02:00 P.m)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 13/09/2023 (02:00 P.m) to 22/09/2023 (2:00 P.m).
- After opening the tender Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table (and for DIC/SSI registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K Govt.) payable at Jammu pledged in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mech. Rural Division Jammu.
- Bid security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year from the date of issuance of tender. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of Treasury Challan/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu payable at Jammu.

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(ER. NARINDER SINGH)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH. RURAL
DIVISION JAMMU

Jammu Airport Expansion

Div Com conducts spot inspection to assess status of land acquisition

Directs to initiate work of terminal 1 on already available space

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar on Thursday carried out an on-site inspection of land acquisition for the expansion of Jammu Airport, with a special focus on the Animal Husbandry buildings area in Belicharana.

The Div Com assessed the progress of land acquisition and addressed related issues. It was revealed during the inspection that the land



acquisition process is nearing completion, with only a few patches of land, with structures and office buildings belonging to Animal Husbandry in Belicharana,

ment to facilitate early start of work.

In response to this positive development, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Director Airport Authority Jammu to commence construction work on terminal 1 building, as the necessary land for the same has already been provided.

Additionally, the Divisional Commissioner issued instructions to the Director Animal Husbandry to expedite the construction of alternative buildings in designated areas such as Nagrota, Marh and Chatha. This strategic move aims to expedite the transfer of the remaining land to the

Airport Authority, facilitating the timely initiation of the project.

Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the need to resolve the issues surrounding the allotted land for the approach road. The resolution is crucial to ensure the smooth and prompt completion of the relocation of Animal Husbandry buildings.

The meeting Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director Animal Husbandry, Shubhra Sharma; ADC Jammu, Harvinder Singh; Director Airport, S K Garg and other concerned officers.

Tourism Department Kashmir holds fire Safety workshop for stakeholders

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 14: The Tourism Department Kashmir today held a workshop on fire safety measures for various tourism stakeholders at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) here.

Experts from the Fire & Emergency Services and officers from the department shared their expertise on fire safety measures. Besides, experts drawn from various companies dealing with fire safety measures delivered several lectures and made the tourism stakeholders aware about the fire and safety measures.

The participants included houseboat owners, hotel owners, guest house owners, hotel staff, and other associates with the trade.

The experts emphasized the importance of fire safety in the tourism sector.

Govt. Degree College Mahanpur celebrates Hindi Diwas

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 14 To commemorate the adoption of Hindi in the Devanagari script as one of the official languages of the nation, GDC Mahanpur today organised a program to mark Hindi Diwas in the college today.

The event was organized under the patronage of Principal of the College Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. In her address, the Principal explained that Hindi Diwas is important event as it symbolizes the rich linguistic diversity of India and promotes the use and preservation of the Hindi language.

The program was hosted by HOD Hindi Dr. Sapna Devi. Other faculty staff mentors including Prof Arvind Kumar, Prof Meena Devi, Prof Saurabh Dutta, Dr. Parshotam Dass, Dr. Hilal Ahmed Bhat, Dr. Md. Sardar Bharti, Prof. Suman, Prof Ajay Singh Manhas also attended the programme.

The program was started with lighting of lamp by the Principal. About 20 students participated in various activities like speech, dancing, skit, song, poster making and rangoli making. Dr. Sangeeta Sudan appreciated the efforts of the Hindi department.

DLC approves 80 beneficiaries under HADP at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPT 14: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a District Level Committee (DLC) meeting here for finalization of beneficiaries who have applied online on Kisan Sathi Portal for availing benefits under various components of Projects related to Agriculture Sector of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

Out of the total 107 feasible applicants, 32 beneficiaries were selected through draw of lots in 6 components under 5 Projects and 48 beneficiaries were approved by DLC as the applicants were less than the targets allotted for year 2023-24.

During the meeting, the DDC stressed upon all the departments to finalize the beneficiaries under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme at an earliest so that the benefits of the programme reach to the farmers of Ganderbal district.

The meeting was attended by DFO, CAO, CHO, DSHO and other concerned.

J&KASTA to conduct trials for Junior Soft Tennis tourney on Sept 22

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11: The J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Association would conduct open trials for selection of J&K teams (Boys and Girls) for participation in the upcoming 18th Junior National Soft Tennis Championship at Gindun Stadium, Rajbagh, Srinagar on 22-09-2023.

The tournament has been scheduled to be held at Tennis complex, IGMC stadium, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh from 15th to 19th of October, 2023.

In this regard, J&KASTA has urged upon all its affiliated district units to ensure their participation in the selection trials. The players must be born in or after 2005.

Candlelight march held at Kulgam in memory of the supreme sacrifice of security officers at Kokernag

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 14: Civil society members in Kulgam today hold a candlelight march in memory of the supreme sacrifice/ martyrdom of Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 RR, Major Aashish Dhonchak, DySP J&K Police Humayun Bhat in Yesterday's encounter at Gadole area of Kokernag in Anantnag district.

The candles were lit in the main market, clock tower, Kulgam by people as a tribute to the martyrs and to express condolences and solidarity with bereaved families.

The march witnessed massive participation of people holding candles to remember the sacrifices of these bravehearts in line of duty and condemned the terror act unequivocally.

AHD Jammu organises Mega Awareness & Free Medicine distribution Camp at Phallain Mandal



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 14: Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr Shubhra Sharma today inaugurated a Mega awareness and free Medicine distribution Camp under HADP at Phallain Mandal, Jammu. She was also Chief guest on the occasion.

Chief Husbandry Officer, Jammu, Dr Zahid Saleem; Livestock Development Officer, Jammu, Dr Zaffar Iqbal; Publicity Officer, AHD, Dr Nadeem, representatives of Cooperatives, NABARD, NRLM were also spoke on the occasion besides, other senior officers and officials of AHD besides a large number of farmers were also present during the awareness programme.

Livestock Development Officer, Dr Zaffar Iqbal gave a brief detail about the objectives of the programme and formation of two Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs) - Nari Shakti and Khidmat having more than 200 Farmers. He also gave the details about steps being taken for the development and formation of FPO in the area.

A progressive farmer, Kulbhushan Khajuria highlighted the issues being faced by the local dairy related farmers. He also informed the Director about demands of farmers of the areas. President, Nari Shakti (FPO), Rekha also spoke regarding working of FPO.

While addressing the gathering, the Director Animal Husbandry

Jammu appealed to the local youth to come forward and take benefits from different subsidized schemes launched by the central government for the welfare of the farmers and youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

She also invited people working in FPOs and Self Help Groups to avail various departmental schemes under HADP and other schemes.

The Director appreciated the efforts made by the department to conduct a mega awareness program and assured that the department will conduct more awareness programs to give benefits to the farmers under various schemes. She said every possible help can be given to the farmers through the designated staff of the department so that they can achieve the goal in this regard.

During the awareness program, free Medicines were also distributed among the farmers by VASs under the presence of PRI members and Dairy farmers of the area.

On the occasion, the farmers of SHGs and FPOs also set up their stalls to showcase their products. The local artists also played a skit to spread the message regarding procedure and how to get benefits from the schemes.

GDC Marheen organises series of activities to mark Hindi Diwas



JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 14: Department of Hindi of Government Degree College Marheen celebrated Hindi Diwas by organising a series of activities from 11th of Sep., to 14th of Sep., 2023.

As per the handout, on the 1st day, an essay writing competition regarding the literature of Munsri Premchand was organized in the College premises. Likewise, on the 2nd day poems were recited by students on the theme Hindi Bhasha ka Mahatva, Similarly on the 3rd day a symposium was organized in the college and Hindi Diwas celebration concluded with screening of a documentary on Hindi Bhasha ka Vikas.

The programme was organized under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta.

In her address, the Principal emphasized the importance of Hindi language and motivated the students to promote it in their areas. She also highlighted that Hindi connects us to our roots and allows us to express our thoughts, emotions and aspirations with millions.

A large number of students participated in the activities. HOD, Department of Hindi Dr. Rajni Sharma coordinated the programme.

The staff members presented during the series of events were Dr Yash Paul Sharma, Pardeep, Prof. Deepak Gupta, Dr. Munisha, Dr. Sonika, Dr. Nitika, Dr. Barneet, Dr. Reemi, Prof. Preeti and Prof. Surbi.

Candle Marches held across Kupwara including LOC to pay tributes to Kokernag martyrs

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 14: In a solemn and heartfelt tribute to the bravehearts who made the ultimate sacrifice of life in the line of duty at Kokernag, Anantnag, yesterday, citizens from all walks of life came together in a candlelight march today evening at various locations of Kupwara district.

The candlelight marches were held for poignant, peaceful demonstration of solidarity, to mourn the loss of valiant



soldiers and to express profound gratitude for their unwavering commitment to the nation in various locations of Kupwara, Handwara, Lolab

and villages attracting a large and diverse crowd of people.

The atmosphere was sombre and the silence was profound as participants, holding flickering candles, walked in unison, paying their respects to the fallen heroes. Many held placards with messages of condolences, patriotism, and appreciation for the Indian Army and J&K police.

This collective display of grief and unity transcended boundaries, as people from various backgrounds, religions, and age groups participated,

underscoring the nation's unwavering support for its armed forces.

The candlelight marches in Karnah sub-division concluded right at LOC in Teetwal where community leaders, veterans and representatives of the civil society addressed the gathering. They spoke eloquently about the bravery and sacrifice of our soldiers.

The marches served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers to safeguard our borders and uphold our sovereignty.

Gulam Ali Khatana reviews developmental works in Jammu

Emphasises on accommodating public sentiments, voice of elected representatives

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 14: Rajya Sabha Member, Gulam Ali Khatana today chaired a meeting to review centrally sponsored schemes in a meeting held today, which was attended by various sectoral officers.

The meeting was aimed at assessing various facets of development in the district during which the MP repeatedly stressed the need for engaging with the public and their elected representatives.

The meeting covered a wide range of developmental activities of departments, including transportation, forest rights, afforestation, animal husbandry schemes and agricultural initiatives like PM Kissan, Kisan Card and Soil Health Card. Recognising the importance of empowering the youth and enhancing their employability, MP Khatana called for encouraging practical vocational training programs. Another prominent topic of discussion

was the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. Khatana underscored the importance of this scheme, emphasising that its benefits must reach the public in twofold. The meeting also included a discussion on the New Education Policy and its benefits, reflecting the MP's commitment to enhancing the educational landscape in the district, aligning it with national policies for educational reform. Ensuring access to clean drinking water to every home is a top priority for the Government, said Khatana, during deliberations on the Jal Jeevan Mission, which is aimed at providing potable water to every household. The MP showed concern for healthcare in the district, focussing on schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Janani Suraksha Yojana. He highlighted the need to provide specialist care in remote health facilities through effective management of staff.

Khatana stressed the significance of engaging with the public and their

elected representatives, which includes members of Urban Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions. He firmly advocated for the welcoming of public sentiment and demands, regardless of their practicality, emphasising the importance of empathetic public engagement.

In his discussions with officers, Khatana addressed essential matters related to sanitation, waste management and the need for a waste collection and processing facility in the district. He also reviewed progress on the Jammu Smart City initiative, encompassing projects such as beautification, mobility enhancements and the introduction of electric buses.

Furthermore, the MP delved into mining-related issues, focusing on ensuring that people can access building materials at reasonable rates while preventing illegal mining practices. In his pursuit of comprehensive development, Khatana explored avenues to enhance transportation facilities and

reduce accidents within the district.

The meeting also touched upon critical topics like the delivery of rights under the Forest Rights Act to eligible individuals, raising awareness about forests and their value and initiating afforestation measures.

Additionally, issues pertaining to road infrastructure, highway development, social welfare activities and the performance of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme run by the Industries Department were reviewed. In his concluding remarks, Khatana encouraged innovation and people-oriented planning among officers, stressing the importance of building a positive perception of the government among the public and highlighting the government's schemes aimed at public welfare. He reminded everyone of the Prime Minister's vision for a successful and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, urging all present to play their part in strengthening and delivering on this vision.