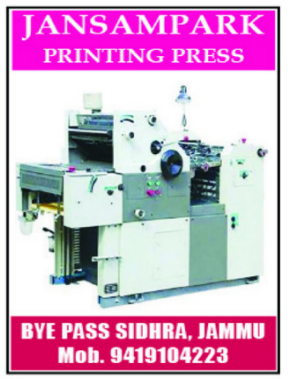




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Anantnag encounter Day 3— Forces fire grenades, RPGs towards suspected spots, no traces of terrorists yet

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ANANTNAG, SEP 15

The ensuing encounter at Gadool forest area of Kokernag hamlet in Southern district of Anantnag district Friday entered into the third straight day with security forces using grenades and RPGs in a bid to track down the terrorists.

The army has already stated that it has used the latest machinery including choppers, drones, and quad copters to locate the hiding terrorists.

An official told the news agency that intermittent firing remained on throughout the day as



the operation was put on a halt given darkness this evening.

He said that the forces fired grenades, rocket propelled grenades,

shells and bullets towards the suspected spots suggested by the drones. The official that all new generation weapons and devices are being used to

locate hiding terrorists.

The official said that civilians living close to the area have been already evacuated to safer places and drones

including herons have been pressed into action to find and neutralize the hiding terrorists.

"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."

Pertinently on Wednesday, during the initial exchange of fire Colonel Manpreet Singh, who was the commanding officer of 19 RR, Major Aashish Dhonchak and DySP Humayun Bhat,

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J&K admin to set up Ayurveda Medical colleges in Srinagar, Jammu: LG

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday said that J&K administration is mulling to set up first ever Ayurveda Medical Colleges in Srinagar and Jammu cities to promote natural ways of healing.

He was speaking at the maiden 3-day Ayurveda Parv in Srinagar as per news agency. Ayurveda Parv 2023-24 Srinagar was organised by All India Ayurvedic Congress in association with the Minister of AYUSH, Government of India from 15th to 17th September 2023 at Government Dental College, Srinagar, J&K.

Officials said that the 3-day event will consist of Exhibition, Scientific sessions, Free medical check-up camps for the general public, distribution of free medicines, display of medicinal plants and much more.

The LG after inaugurating the 3-day grand event, in his speech emphasised to promote holistic prin-



ciples and best practices of Ayurveda, sensitize people about the strength & potential of Ayurveda for healthy living.

He said that Ayurveda has gained global popularity and today the entire world is adopting Ayurveda techniques to meet the changing health care needs of people, for well-being of the body, mind & spirit and management of various diseases.

"Ayurveda stakeholders & policymakers should work together to popularize this traditional medicine system as the mainline of treatment for the lifestyle diseases, preventive care and to boost the

immune system," he said. "I am hopeful this platform of Ayurveda Parv will also draw a roadmap to further strengthen J&K's health architecture and provide valuable suggestions for a more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health system for the well-being of all our citizens," he said.

LG said that there are currently around 500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres functional in J&K but that isn't enough, however, the government is working to fill all these gaps.

"Government is intending to start two

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2 LeT associates arrested in Baramulla: Police

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

Police alongwith security forces arrested two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT and recovered arms and ammunition and other incriminating materials from their possession in Baramulla.

A joint team of Baramulla Police & Army (8RR) at a checkpoint established at Paranpeelan Bridge Uri tactfully apprehended

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Police produces challan against terrorist associate, 2 slain terrorists

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

Police in Pulwama produced challan in case FIR number 97/2023 of Police Station Pulwama in the designated NIA Court Pulwama against a terrorist associate and two killed terrorists.

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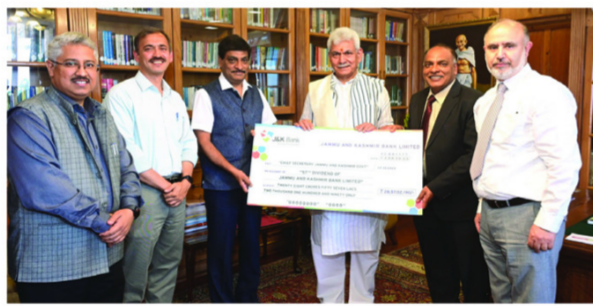
J&K Bank presents dividend cheques to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPT 15

Initiating the payment of dividend to shareholders of J&K Bank after seven years, MD & CEO Baldev Sh Prakash today presented two cheques worth Rs 28.57 Cr and Rs 1.84 Cr to J&K Government, its promoter and major shareholder.

MD & CEO handed over the dividend cheques for the FY 2022-23 to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in presence of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta; Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Dr M K Bhandari and Bank's General Manager Government Business, Syed Rais Maqbool.

Pertinently, the Bank



approved 50% dividend for the financial year 2022-23 at its 85th AGM.

While lauding J&K Bank for its recent performance on the occasion, the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha also appreciated the Bank for its major contribution in the financial empowerment of people besides the critical role in the economic development of Jammu and Kashmir. He further said, "J&K Bank has performed well during the last financial year, and

we expect it to continue its growth while extending the best banking services and empowering people financially in the future."

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta commended the Bank for its role towards saturation of self-employment in J&K. Expressing pleasure over the sustained surge in Bank's share price, he said, "With most of its financial parameters improving during the

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Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch highway closed for traffic after rain washes away culvert

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, SEP 15

Traffic on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch national highway has been suspended after a temporary culvert got washed away due to heavy rainfall since last night.

An official told the news agency that the traffic has been diverted to other link roads. He said that due to the construction of a bridge on highway at Rajal Top in Nowshera, the main highway was closed almost

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Mirwaiz detention: HC issues notice to J&K administration

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

Jammu & Kashmir High Court on Friday issued a notice to the Union Territory's administration seeking its response on a petition filed by separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq over his house detention since August 4, 2019.

As per news agency, Mirwaiz's lawyer, advocate Nazir Ahmad Ronga said that High Court has issued

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PM Modi lauds engineers for contribution to country's progress

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEP 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday greeted engineers, saying their innovative minds and tireless dedication have been the backbone of our nation's progress.

His tributes to them



came on Engineer's Day, which is held to com-

memorate pioneering engineer and administrator M Visvesvaraya on his birth anniversary. He was born in 1861.

"Greetings to all hard-working engineers on Engineers' Day! Their innovative minds and tireless dedication

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CBI arrests revenue inspector of Jammu Cantonment Board in bribery case

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a revenue inspector of Jammu Cantonment Board for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh.

In a statement issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that a case was

registered on a complaint alleging that the accused was demanding a bribe of Rs 2 lakh.

The statement reads that it was further alleged that the complainant was residing in a residential quarter inside Jammu Cantonment since 1991. "An eviction order was issued by the Jammu Cantonment Board to the complainant's

mother on 23.08.2023.

It was also alleged that the accused demanded a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from the complainant for not evicting from the residential quarter and for making allotment entry in the name of his mother, in the records," it reads.

It added that the CBI laid a trap and caught

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Indo-Pak talks votaries playing insensitive politics: Rana



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15

Questioning sensibilities of the self-proclaimed votaries of Indo-Pak talks and their sense of proportion, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today expressed surprise and anguish over unwarranted rants of engaging Islamabad in dialogue even before the last rites of the Kokernag terror attack martyrs.

"The insensitive terror ecosystem should learn lesson from the

common man in Kashmir who took to streets and joined the candle march to pay their tributes to valiant martyrs, who offered supreme sacrifice to maintain the prevailing momentum of normalcy in the Valley", Mr Rana said while interacting with deputations and individuals during the weekly public hearing at the BJP headquarters here this afternoon alongwith Mrs. Veena Khanna, BJP State Secretary. He said the Centre has, time and again,

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No forecast of major respite from scorching heat in J&K: MeT

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 15

Despite morning showers at scattered places, the heat wave continued at isolated places of Kashmir on Friday while as the weatherman here has predicted brief spell of rains during the next two days in Jammu & Kashmir.

According to the news agency, J&K parts including the summer capital received light rainfall this morning, bringing slight respite from the heat wave in Kashmir.

However, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said that the maximum temperature remained normal in Jammu region today. He further added that the isolated places in Kashmir continued to witness heat wave.

Lotus further said that similar as today, there is a possibility of light rainfall at isolated to scattered places

of Jammu & Kashmir during the next two days.

Nonetheless, he said that there is no forecast of any major respite from the prevalent weather conditions for the next one week as the major or good spell of rain is unlikely to occur in J&K during the next one week.

He added that the weather would remain mainly hot and dry for the next one week.

Pertinently, J&K parts witnessed severe heat wave from the past in September as the Valley parts recorded the hottest day in the month of September after decades.

The prolonged dry spell has also led to the water scarcity at multiple places while the lifting irrigations spots have also got affected 25 per cent due to the prevalent weather conditions as the water level in the major water bodies including the river Jhelum, Doodh Ganga and other tributaries has reduced. KNO

IIPA to focus on cyber security in governance: Dr Jitendra Singh



AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 15

The prestigious Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), an autonomous academic institution of national eminence for training, research and information dissemination in streams related to the ethos of Public Administration under the DoPT, will focus on the study of Cyber Security and data privacy in governance, particularly the potential cyber

threats to data by non-state and state actors.

This was stated here today by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the Chairman IIPA, while addressing the 323rd Executive Council Meeting of the IIPA here. He called upon the Institute to devote itself

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Charak pays glowing tributes to martyrs; demands retrieval of POJK from Pak



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Paying glowing tributes to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Police Himanyun Muzamil Bhat who were martyred in gunfight with terrorists in Anantnag district and Rifleman Ravi Kumar of the Indian Army who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during an encounter with terrorists in Rajouri district, Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, President, Dogra Sadar Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir and former cabinet minister has once again asked the Government of India to take strong, effective and also diplomatic measures to completely wipe out Pakistan sponsored terrorism from Kashmir. Shri Charak lamented that unfortunately, the terrorism was once again trying to spread its tentacles in the peaceful Jammu region also.

Speaking at a press conference organised by Dogra Sadar Sabha at

Dogra Hall, Jammu, Shri Charak said that mere condemnation of the acts of terrorism will not solve this problem. He reminded that the DSS has been repeatedly insisting on strengthening of intelligence network at the grassroots level by mobilization of the PRIs, chowkidars, numberdars and the common citizens also and taking them into confidence through appropriate means.

He asked the government of India and the Union Territory to pay serious attention to this suggestion of the DSS in national interest and for safety and security of citizens of this country.

Shri Charak profusely hailed the security forces and the police for their bravery, sacrifices and selfless service to the nation and asked the Hon'ble Prime Minister to back up his words and resolutions of the Parliament with action to destroy the terror epicenters in Pakistan at the earliest and also take steps to retrieve Pakistan Occupied Jammu

and Kashmir from the illegal occupation of Pakistan, for the country.

Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) held a meeting of its core group to consider the appeals received from its POJK chapter under the DSS President and former J&K minister Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, The communication received from Shri Sajjad Raja was deliberated upon and Shri Charak revealed, "The letter with the following text is very clear and self-explanatory". Quoting from the text of the letter by Sajjad Raja, he read as under:

"As you know, people of POJK (who are 99% Dogras ethnically) are on the roads these days, they are demanding to provide them Aatta, electricity and other basic necessities of life at affordable prices and to abolish undue taxes which Government of Pakistan and Government of so-called AJK have imposed on them. People of POJK are living a miserable life under Pakistani clutches and this situation has forced every citizen of the POJK to come on the road to protest for the provision of basic necessities of life."

Shri Charak said, "Finding themselves helpless, Mr. Sajjad Raja, on behalf of the people of POJK has appealed to raise our voice in favour of the people of POJK and to: take up this issue with the Lieutenant Governor of J&K and with the Government of India and ask them to rescue the people of POJK who have been suffering under the Pakistani occupation for 76 years."

Our responsibility to nurture Bharat's Rich Legacy: Jugal Kishore

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu along with Senior Leader BJP Dev Raj Sharma, Thakur Randhir Singh, Adv Vinod and others

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma while speaking at the occasion said that Our soil has witnessed countless struggles, sacrifices and triumphs in the journey towards independence and progress.

It has borne the footsteps of countless heroes who fought valiantly for our nation's honor. He said that Our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji has great vision who take initiated a Nationwide drive "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Veeron ko Vandan in order to pay tribute to those braves who sacrificed their lives for the Nation. He said that today, we are the followers



of Bharat's rich legacy and It is our responsibility to nurture and protect the values that make our land unique. He said that Our diversity is our strength, and it is through unity that we shall continue to shine on the global stage. He said that as we participate in "Meri Maati Mera Desh" program, let us pledge to be active contributors to the growth and prosperity of our nation. He collected the soil from the house of the Martyrs in the pot and paid tribute to them. He urged all the party workers & public to led this Amrit Kalash Yatra in every Ward, village &

Panchayat and collect soil from the every household which is taken upto Delhi for Amrit Van. BDC Babu Khan, Mandal Presidents BJP Anil Singh, Bladev Singh, Rampal, Vikram, Senior BJP Leaders Sunil Verma, Bikram Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Pandit Tilak Raj, Ramesh Chander OBC, Vikram Singh, Ayub Khan Pehalwan, Thakur Gurdeb Singh, Ser Din, Amit Sharma Yuva, Manzoor Naik Yuva, Sarpanch Dewan Singh, Ranjit Singh, Parkash, Sarpanches Panches and others also present at the occasion.

MSCBM Trust curretted 7-Day art workshop concludes at Chashmashahi

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: The National Art Exhibition curated by Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust (MSCBMT) and organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of the Union Govt concluded here successfully with renowned artists of national fame imparting painting skills to students through their active participation.

The week long workshop was conducted for all-round awareness of Art & Culture & Art Education in J&K had commenced on 6th September 2023 at JKTDC Guest House amid mesmerizing location of Chashmashahi in the lap of Paradise on Earth, Kashmir.

While Rashmi Singh, Commissioner Commercial Taxes was the chief guest on the occasion, other prominent personalities who graced the occasion with their presence were Registrar Protocol Kashmir University, Nasir; Mr Aqil Director Education, Mr Anuj of Smart City; Deepa, wife of SSP Srinagar wife and Karuna Bhandari Art promoter along with her family besides others.

The main attraction at the concluding function was a Sufi musical performance by renowned Sufi Artist that mesmerized the audience. The environs at the function site was full of enthusiasm both for the learning students as well as the artists.

Anuradha Rishi, Chairperson of Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust while talking to this reporter said, "We are extremely



happy to see unity among the artist fraternity that has acted as a catalyst in making the workshop a great success." She said that measures to promote art and culture were discussed in detail with the participating artists and the concerned stakeholders in the Valley. She informed that one artist was unable to participate in the workshop due to indisposed health and paintings prepared and displayed by eight artists were highly motivating and inspiring for the students who participated in the seven days' workshop.

Commissioner State Taxes Department in her address on the occasion lauded the role of MSCBMT Trust that has been relentlessly working to discover hidden talent among the students in the Valley and enhance their creativity skills through art workshops.

Anuradha Rishi expressed profound thanks to Rashmi Singh for sparing precious time out of her busy schedule and encouraging the

MSCBM Trust team, participating artists and students in further promoting Art and Culture across the Valley that witnessed over three decades of turbulent times bringing all such creative activities to a grinding halt all these years. She said that these workshops are witnessing a healthy and positive response in the Valley and not only the participating students but even their parents have expressed happiness over the holding of such educational and skill enhancing workshops in the Valley. They expressed the hope that the frequency of such workshops gets increased during the year making it a monthly workshop series in the interest of the students of the Valley.

On behalf of the MSCBMT Trust, Anuradha Rishi, assured the students and parents that their demand of increasing frequency of art and culture workshops would be considered and a decision in this regard would be taken soon.

Welfare of common people at heart of Congress ideology: Kundal

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Former Minister and senior Congress leader Yashpal Kundal and Congress District Samba President Sanjeev Sharma on Friday welcomed dozens of Political workers into Congress Party at village Panthi Block Sumb, terming the development a positive response to pro people policies of the Party.

Speaking on the occasion, Kundal said that welfare of the common people is at the heart of the Congress ideology. With our unwavering commitment to serve; we will strive to ensure the welfare and happiness of every Indian. He asked cadre to ensure that information about Congress government initiated historical development programmes reaches the public in every nook and corner. He said Congress is known for its discipline and passion, which is reflected in its organisational fabric and method of operation.

Kundal charged the present government with creating division, hatred and continued unemployment in the nation. The concept of India, he claimed, was constantly under attack. Hatred is deepening every day across the country. People are burdened due to inflation and unemployment, but the government is unconcerned," he said. He said Bharat Jodo Yatra was Congress's biggest public outreach exercise in



decades, was the beginning of steps to unite people. "The yatra has given a new lease of life to tens of millions of Congress workers across the country."

Sanjeev Sharma speaking on the occasion said Congress has always worked for the well-being and progress of the people. "We firmly believe in equality of opportunity guaranteed in political, economic & social rights, enshrined in the Constitution of India," Sharma said. He said that India progressed due to Congress' approach of inclusion and taking everyone along. India not only emerged as a successful and strong democracy but within a few decades it became a super power in economic, nuclear and strategic areas, he said.

He said the party will continue to fight for the restoration of statehood with constitutional guarantees to J&K and will make the BJP govern-

ment accountable and answerable to people for "failing and betraying" them.

Sharma further said that despite promising to restore statehood to J&K on the floor of the House, a tactical delay is being managed on this count aiming to rule it directly from the Centre, he said.

He slammed the BJP government for "robbing the people of J&K of their democratic rights and the subsequent betrayals on various fronts, especially when it comes to restoration of statehood and holding of elections which have led to a discontent and disenchantment amongst them". He reiterated the Congress Party's "commitment to safeguard the just rights of the people ensuring that they live with honour and dignity and will continue to work for inclusive development of J&K".

Martyrdom can't be tolerated, Demand for 12 beheadings instead of one: Shiv Sena



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit expressed anguish over the martyrdom of 5 soldiers including Army Colonel, Major and DSP of Jammu and Kashmir Police and one SPO in Anantnag and Rajouri district of Jammu division in the last 48 hours in Kashmir, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K demanded a strong military response from the Modi government against Pakistan,

the breeding ground of terrorism, and the elimination of 12 terrorists for every Indian soldier lost.

After paying heartfelt tribute to the martyred soldiers at the party state office, Sahni addressed the journalists and said, "How long will we endure the martyrdom of our soldiers? Active terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, acting on the signals of Pakistan, continue to attack our soldiers and innocent civilians."

"Despite the abrogation of Article 370, peace has not been established

in Jammu and Kashmir. Terrorism has again gained momentum in both Kashmir and Jammu regions. Since 2014, there has been a 93% increase in the number of Indian soldiers martyred in terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir. Additionally, there has been a 176% increase in the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu & Kashmir in the past five years," he added.

"In the past two years, within a short span of time, 23 soldiers of the Indian Army have been martyred in terrorist attacks in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri," he stated.

Highlighting the atrocities conducted by Pakistan, Sahni said, "On one hand, Pakistan is attacking our soldiers and innocent citizens, inflicting death upon them, and on the other hand, we are presenting the Pakistani citizen, Haider, who illegally crossed the Indian border, in a rollover fashion rather than pushing him behind bars."

Nation will never forget bravery and sacrifice of martyrs: Ganesh

Youth Wing of Shiv Sena Hindustan protest against Pakistan



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Youth Wing of Shiv Sena Hindustan J&KUT led by J&K President Ganesh Choudhary held strong protest against Pakistan for terror attack martyring four security personnel during an encounter in Anantnag. Protesters torched effigy of Pakistan and raised slogans calling it terrorist country.

Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh said coward Pak terrorists attacked our army jawans in Anantnag, which would not have been possible without the support of overground workers and sympathisers.

We strongly condemn the attack and urge the administration to take stern action against those providing logistical support to the terrorists," said

Ganesh. Ganesh paid rich tributes to soldiers martyred and said the nation will never "forget their bravery and sacrifice. The nation stand shoulder to shoulder with them in this difficult hour.

We are proud of the bravery and courage of India's bravehearts. In the wake of a sustained campaign against the militant har-bourers and over-ground workers in J&K in the last

four years, providing shelter and hideouts to terrorists has become virtually impossible. Most of these cadres have been arrested and booked in criminal cases. Many of their properties have been attached. Many of them have been dismissed from government services.

Many more, including their family members, have been denied jobs and passports, added Ganesh. Ganesh further said that this pressure from the government has obviously forced the militants, including their fresh inductions and deployments, to set up hideouts in caves and crevasses of the Pirpanjal forests.

This is completely different from the type of the militants which the security forces have dealt in the last 5 years in Kashmir.

JAKASI- PG Deptt of GMCHJ Surgery organises Hands Surgical Skills Workshop

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: J&K State Chapter of ASI (JAKASI) in collaboration with Postgraduate Department of Surgery GMC Jammu organized "Hands on Surgical Skills Workshop for Surgery Residents" from North India.

The workshop was inaugurated by Principal GMC Jammu Prof. Ashutosh Gupta in presence of Galaxy of surgeons from Jammu & Kashmir namely Prof. Nasib Chand Digra, Prof. Tariq Azad, Prof. R.K.Churungoo, Prof. S.L. Kachroo, Prof. Ratnakar Sharma, Prof. Ajaz Malik, Prof. Ajaz rather, dr. Zaffer Khanday, Dr. Shamsul Bari, Dr. Raj Rishi Sharam, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, dr. sham Gupta, Dr. Javeed Iqbal, Dr. Rajni Bhardwaj, many other faculty and senior residents. Prof Ashutosh Gupta while blessing the students said that surgical specialty is ever evolving and there is dire need to upgrade surgical skills by both trainees and trainers and the module presented by JAKASI & PG Deptt of Surgery is a direction in this regard. He stressed for repeated modules like this in near future.



He desired for permanent establishment of such module in surgery department for which he extended his full support.

Prof. Sanjay Kumar Bhasin who is Chairman (President) of the JAKASI who is Chief Organizer of the event told that Regional Refresher Course (RRC) is a prestigious module of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) which is second largest surgical body in the world and largest in Asia-Pacific.

First day module was Hands on Training for Pgs from J&K, HP, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, UP & Uttarakhand, wherein 118 pgs and 30 faculty are participating in addition to representatives of Johnson & Johnson.

He further informed that on 16th & 17th September, 16 top Pgs from Zone-6 of ASI shall be examined by 46 ASI National Faculty and finally top four Pgs from Zone-6 shall be awarded on Sunday during Valedictory function wherein National Secretary of the ASI shall be Guest of Honor & PMC Jammu as Chief Guest.

Many senior retiree surgeons are also going to participate in this Mega Event that shall pave new vistas in further development of teaching training module in surgical specialties in J&K.

Celebrations for Shree Ganesh Chaturathi mahotsav discussed

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Shree Ganesh Chaturathi Parav, a Religious function is celebrated through the country every year in honour of Lord Ganesha and particularly in Maharashtra with great Pomp and Show.

To make the necessary arrangements for the forth coming Ten days Shri Ganesh Chaturathi Mahotsav, a special Meeting of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust was held today 14th Sep.2023.at 4.P.M under the Chairmanship of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak (Former Minister) and President of the Trust which was attended by the Trustees and Special Invitees. It was decided to hold the celebrations in a big way and the Sub-Committee consisting of Sarv/Shri Deepak Gupta, Prithvi Raj Vaid, Ved Verma, Ashok Khajuria, Kulbir Singh Chib, Mrs Kiran Rajput, Sumesh Damral, Krishan P.Gupta, Sandeep Singh, Parshant Sharma. Headed by Sh. K.B.Magotra, KAS (Retd) attended the Meeting.

During the course of Meeting, following decisions were taken to make the Parav colourful and



impressive,

A beautiful Idol of Sh.Ganesha will be installed in Mandir by Head Pujari joined by other devotees on 19th Sept 2023 at 2.00 P M. After beautifully decorating whole complex, Before installation of Idol, a colourful Kalash Yatra will be taken out on 19th instant at 12.30 PM

Maha Arti of Idol Ganesha will be conducted daily at 8.00AM in the morning and 7.15.PM in the evening till 27th Sept, 2023. On the last day on 28th Sept 2023, after performing proper Puja Archana with chanting Religious Mantras

, the Idol of Lord Ganesha will be taken to river Chenab at JIA POTA GHAT at Akhnour in a colourful procession joined by large number of devotees for immersion with the Prayers to lord Ganesha to give Darshan next year too.

Prominent among those who participated in Trust Meeting include Sarv Shri S C Rekhi, (Genl Secy), Prithvi Raj Vaid, Ramesh Thakur, V. K. Abrol, Parshant Sharma, Kapil Slathia, Sumesh Damral, Ved Verma, Smt Kiran Rajput, Krishan P Gupta, Sandeep Singh, Ashok Khajuria, Tarun Gupta.

Government is committed to respond strongly to Pakistan nefarious designs: Rekha Mahajan



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Senior citizen Rejuvenation centre Trikuta Nagar along with BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan takes out Candle light March in memory of soldiers of Anantnag attack to remember the sacrifices of these brave hearts in light of duty in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu South.

District President Rekha Mahajan, Former Corporator ShubChander Verma, President Baldev Raj Gupta and other members of the society condemned the attack. Rekha Mahajan said that she was deeply saddened by the terrible loss of young officers in dastardly terrorist attack. She added that government is committed to respond strongly to Pakistan's

nefarious designs. In a solemn and heartfelt tribute to the bravehearts who made the ultimate sacrifice of life in the line of duty at Kokernag, Anantnag, Rekha Mahajan and citizens from all walks of life came together in a candlelight march today evening at Trikuta Nagar. 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.

Rekha Mahajan along with others 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 encounter at Gadole area of Kokernag in Anantnag district.

The candles were lit in the main market, Trikuta Nagar.

Kavinder slams Congress, INDIA bloc over media boycott, advocates focusing on real issues



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, has strongly criticized the Congress and the opposition INDIA bloc for their decision to boycott 14 broadcast media anchors.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a programme held at Party Headquarters in Jammu, the senior BJP leader

emphasized that shunning media or any other institution will do no good to any political party, and he urged the opposition to focus on addressing substantial issues rather than targeting journalists.

He said, "Boycotting media anchors is a futile endeavor. Instead, the opposition should consider boycotting Rahul Gandhi, as he lacks the strength and vision required to lead our nation forward." He

further highlighted the widespread attacks on various institutions in India by the opposition alliance, including the Election Commission and the courts. In Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Kavinder also criticized the opposition for recent statements made by Congress leader Saifuddin Soz and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, who advocated talks with Pakistan. He pointed out

that these remarks came shortly after the tragic loss of security officials in an encounter with terrorists in Kashmir. He asserted that the INDIA bloc should focus on boycotting leaders like Soz and Abdullah, rather than targeting journalists.

The former Deputy Chief Minister reminded the public of Congress's historical track record of suppressing media freedom. He cited examples such as the first amendment brought by Jawaharlal Nehru to curtail absolute freedom of expression, the Emergency promulgated by Indira Gandhi, and the defamation law proposed by Rajiv Gandhi.

Kavinder emphasized the importance of safeguarding democracy, protecting institutions, and ensuring that political discourse remains focused on addressing the real concerns of the nation.

Ex-CPFVA J&K UT delegation meets CRPF Commandant Vikram, discusses issues



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JAMMU, SEPT 15: Ex-Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association (CPFVA), J&K UT delegation met Commandant Vikram Singh Thakur of CRPF and expressed gratitude to Commandant for listening to the demands related to ex-servicemen

and central paramilitary forces.

The association highlighted the importance of honoring the memory and service of deceased ex-servicemen. They emphasized the need for providing timely assistance to the widows of ex-servicemen.

The association also called for financial assistance to the daughters of ex-servicemen and their families.

They have proposed an exemption from GST (Goods and Services Tax) for pensioners, citing high CPC (Central Pay Commission) rates as a concern.

Similar to the defense forces, they advocated for the implementation of the One Rank One Pension policy for other paramilitary forces like BSF, ITBP, CISF, CRPF, and SSB.

The association also sought a resolution for the superannuation settlement of retirees from the paramilitary forces.

The association expressed gratitude to Commandant Vikram Singh Thakur of CRPF for listening to their demands and also commended the CRPF Nodal Officer for a positive response.

The individuals who met with Commandant Vikram Singh Thakur include S.K. Sharma (President, CPMF J&K UT), Harbans Lal (Vice President, CAMP J&K UT) and D.K. Chauhan (General Secretary).

Nation always indebted to martyrs, time has come to teach Pak a lesson: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU, SEPT 15: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, in his response to martyrdom of security personnel in Kokernag area, has said that time has come to teach Pakistan a lesson once for all. He asserted that the nation shall always remain indebted to the martyrs who far away from their families lay down their lives in the line of duty. He said that it is only due to their ultimate sacrifice that people are able to live peacefully across the nation.

He expressed this while paying rich tributes to the



security force personnel including a Colonel of the Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles, an army Major and a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) who achieved martyrdom during a fierce encounter with terrorists in the Kokernag area of the Anantnag district the other day. In a statement issued to media, Dr Parneesh asserted that the entire nation stands firmly with the families of the martyrs

in this hour of grief, adding that such moments are a matter of pain and pride for the nation and its people. He said that the aforesaid tragic incident is a clear sign of Pakistan's utter frustration as it stands totally rattled by Bharat's popularity after the success of G20 Summit under India's presidency as well as the successful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. As such these are the last ditching efforts by the rogue neighbour to disturb peace in J&K and create trouble in this most sensitive Union Territory of the nation. The senior BJP leader said that it is quite shameful for the opposition parties especially the National

Conference and PDP leaders advocating for dialogue with the rogue nation Pakistan despite its consistent terror acts of bleeding J&K and the nation. Such leaders deserve utmost condemnation especially when the leaders of these parties are responsible for facilitating terrorism and giving free hand to the terrorists and separatists. Dr Parneesh said that time has come to settle scores with Pakistan once for all by leading a massive offensive against the terror camps, launchpads presently existing in Pakistan thus teaching it a lesson so that it never dares to carry terror strikes in J&K or elsewhere in the world's largest democracy.

Bali Bhagat slams Dr. Farooq Abdullah's advocacy for talks with Pakistan

Holds Farooq, Omar responsible for present situation of J&K

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JAMMU, SEPT 15: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Minister, Bali Bhagat, has expressed his strong disapproval of Dr. Farooq Abdullah's recent statement advocating talks with Pakistan.

In a statement issued here today, the former minister underscored that the leaders of the so-called Gupkar gang consistently appear eager to exploit any unfortunate

event involving Indian security forces to criticize the Modi government.

"They seem content to wait for the martyrdom of our brave soldiers to further their political agenda. They fail to acknowledge the significant improvements in the situation in Kashmir, such as markets remaining open till late night, ending an era of strikes, Bandhs and stone pelting culture after 33 years. Such improvements are a testament to the government's commitment to peace and development in the region," he asserted.

"Dr. Farooq Abdullah and his ilk do not appreciate these positive changes," he said, adding that they are, in fact, enemies of peace and appear to have a disturbing fondness for bloodshed. He asserted that Dr. Abdullah and his associates have consistently failed to condemn Pakistan, which bears significant responsibility for the deaths of 42,000 people

in Jammu and Kashmir over the last 30 years. He questioned Dr. Abdullah's apparent lack of sorrow for the killings of innocent Kashmiris and accused him of political opportunism, suggesting that they have exploited the suffering of Kashmiris for their own gain. Furthermore, he raised concern over Farooq's recent remarks, in which he seemed to exonerate Pakistan from involvement in recent terrorist attacks in Kulgam.

Apni Party takes out candle light march in memory of martyred brave hearts

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JAMMU, SEPT 15: Apni Party today took out a candle light march here at Satwari Chowk in memory of martyred two Indian Army officers, and one JKP DySP in a gunfight in Kokernag in Anantnag.

The candle light march was led by Apni Party Women Wing, Provincial

President, Jammu, Pavneet Kour and other leaders. During the candle light march, the Apni Party shouted slogans against Pakistan and terrorism for attempting to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pavneet Kour along with other leaders paid homage to the martyrs who laid down their lives in the line

of duty. The candle light march ended peacefully amid emotional scenes while remembering the brave hearts. In her speech, Pavneet Kour paid rich tributes to the martyrs and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls and courage to the respective bereaved families to bear these irreparable losses. Prominent among those

who participated in the candle light march include Apni Trade Union Provincial President Jammu, Tirath Singh, Ritu Andita, Sheetal Dalbir, Yash, Devinder Gill, Sandeep, Ritu, Shakti Dutta, Gurcharan Singh, Bindu, Manu, Ritu Kumari, Varsha, Banso Devi, Kamlesh Devi, Anu Devi and others.

DC Kishtwar chairs DLRC meeting for Quarter Ended June 2023

Emphasises for special drive to increase Agriculture credit



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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 15: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting to review performance of Banks.

The meeting focused on in-depth discussions regarding the performance of banks during the 1st Quarter of Financial Year 2023-24.

Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized the importance of identifying eligible beneficiaries and ensuring the smooth flow of credit to them through the convergence of assistance from government-sponsored schemes and the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He stressed the need to increase credit flow in the agriculture sector. The overall achievement under the Annual Credit Plan

(ACP) for 1st Quarter of 2023-24 stood at a satisfactory 27.8%.

However, Deputy Commissioner advised bankers and line departments to enhance credit flow under the priority sector, with special attention to KCC, Education and Women's Development. He further encouraged banks to step up their efforts and improve their performance in the upcoming Quarters of year, 2023-24.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of capital formation in the agriculture sector for long-term growth, along with the need to conduct financial literacy camps in the Aspirational Blocks of Kishtwar district.

The meeting was attended by distinguished officials including ADDC, Sham Lal; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; Lead District Manager, Pankaj Bhadani; DDM NABARD; heads of line departments; district heads of various banks, and other agency heads.

3- Day Historic Sankri Devta Mela commences amid religious fervor, gaiety

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 15: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Udhampur, Ghan Shyam Singh, along with DDC member Jasvir Singh, on Friday inaugurated the three-day historic Sankri Devta Mela amidst drum beats and festivity in Village Meer, Tehsil Panchari, in the district of Udhampur.

DDC Member Jasvir Singh, Mela Officer Tehsildar Panchari, Vipin Kumar, BDO, and other senior officers graced the occasion with their presence.

The ADDC congratulated the mela committee for organizing such a grand celebration. He also commended the local students for their participation in different games and cultural programs and wished them success in their future endeavors.

The ADDC highlighted the various welfare schemes launched by the Government of India for the general public and encouraged the gathering to take full advantage of these schemes.

After inaugurating the mela, the ADDC inspected stalls put up by different departments to promote different government-sponsored



schemes. He urged the officers to put in sincere and dedicated efforts to inform the general public about these schemes designed for the upliftment of rural communities.

DDC member Panchari-Moungri expressed gratitude to the district administration for its full support in organizing the mela. He emphasized that pilgrims, tourists, and people of all beliefs from different places within the district and outside the Union Territory attended the event.

Later, the ADDC Udhampur paid respects at the Sankri Devta Temple and prayed for the peace and prosperity of the residents of the district.

The district administration made

elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the mela, including uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, medical assistance, a Police Control Room, and security measures.

Numerous temporary sweet shops, toy shops, and other food corners, both by local vendors and outside sellers, were the main attractions for the general public.

During the event, the Youth Services and Sports Department of Udhampur organized rural sports and cultural activities with the active participation of school students from the area.

Cooperative Department organizes Awareness/Felicitation programme at Bagtore Gurez

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 15: The Cooperative Department Bandipora Friday organised awareness cum felicitation programme at Bagtore Gurez.

The programme was attended by Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Headquarter Kashmir, Mohammad Muqsit; Assistant Registrar Headquarter, Mushtaq Ahmad Makhdoom; Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Bandipora, Bilal Hassan; Assistant Registrar Bandipora, Mohammad

Muqaddas Hussain besides other officers.

The Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies emphasized the importance of cooperation in building a prosperous community. He highlighted the numerous successes achieved by cooperatives in Bagtore Gurez and their role in fostering economic development and social cohesion.

One of the highlights of the programme was the felicitation of outstanding cooperative members who have made significant contributions to the community's welfare. These

dedicated individuals were recognized for their unwavering commitment to cooperative principles and their role in improving the quality of life for local residents.

In addition to the felicitation ceremony, informative sessions and workshops to raise awareness about the benefits of cooperative initiatives were also held. Experts in various fields provided valuable insights into cooperative management, sustainable agriculture practices, and financial literacy, empowering attendees with knowledge to enhance their cooperative ventures.

DC Kishtwar discusses Export Action Plan with Stakeholders



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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 15: To bolster the export of locally produced goods and stimulate economic growth in Kishtwar District, a pivotal meeting of the District Export Promotion Committee was convened today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The meeting included the General Manager of District Industries Centre (DIC), Mohd Ashraf; LDM, Pankaj Badani; Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO), Mohammad Amjad Malik; Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO), Sajjad Mustafa; Saffron Development Officer, Amarjeet Sen, as well as delegates from

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and others. The Deputy Commissioner led a comprehensive review of the initiatives undertaken to bolster exports of various products originating from the District. A profound discussion ensued, focusing on the finalization of the District Export Action Plan. The DC conducted a thorough assessment of export activities spanning different sectors within the District. He was apprised of a diverse range of products native to Kishtwar that enjoy demand in both national and international markets, potentially positioning Kishtwar as an Export Hub within the 'One District One Product' scheme.

and financial assistance opportunities available through agriculture and allied sectors departments can significantly bolster export-oriented projects in the district.

Subsequently, the Committee finalized Saffron to be included in the District Export Action Plan for Export.

The DC stressed the need for institutionalizing an export system within Kishtwar District. He urged officers to engage with local entrepreneurs and exporters of Saffron to gather feedback and incorporate relevant interventions into the District Export Action Plan, particularly in line with the ODOP initiative. The chair emphasized the promotion and enhancement of walnut and Kala Zira production, with a focus on creating value-added products. This meeting marks a significant step forward in harnessing Kishtwar's export potential and fortifying its position in the global market, ultimately contributing to the growth and prosperity of the region.

GCW Gandhinagar hosts interactive session on "Sexual Harassment Against Women At Workplace"

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: To promote a safer and more inclusive work environment, the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) and Sensitization To, Prevention Of And Redressal of Sexual Harassment (SPARSH) along with the Department of Social Work, Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar organized an Interactive Session On Sexual Harassment Against Women at Workplace, here today.

Convenor ICC and SPARSH Dr. Irvin Kour formally welcomed the guest speaker. She highlighted that the aim of organizing this lec-

ture is to provide the participants a deeper understanding of the culture of respect, inclusiveness and zero tolerance for harassment.

Resource person for the event was Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of the department Social Work, Central University of Jammu. She elaborated on sexual harassment, its various forms and legal and ethical implications. The lecture empowered the participants with knowledge and strategies to combat workplace harassment effectively.

A total number of 50 students attended the session. Prof. Minu Mahajan, the College Principal, expressed her enthusiasm for the lecture and emphasized that

addressing sexual harassment at workplace is not just a legal requirement but a moral obligation.

The event was a successful sensitization programme as it provided valuable insights on fostering a culture of respect, equality and creating safe work environments where everyone can thrive.

The programme was organized and coordinated by: Dr. Anuradha Gandotra, Dr. Anupama Pandotra, Prof. M.K Mussa, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Syed Shehna and Prof. Sugandha Mahajan.

The Programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Sunita HOD Department of Social Work.

Panni Samiti Convention held at Samba

Speakers highlight importance of Jal Jeevan Mission, water quality and accountability

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SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 15: A Convention of Panni Samitis was held today here in the Conference Hall, DC Office Samba to spread awareness about the deep-seated objectives of flagship Jal Jeevan Mission.

The convention chaired by Abhishek Sharma, District Jal Jeevan Mission Chairman, witnessed the active participation of multilevel Panni Samiti members and key officials including Rajinder Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner; Vivek Kohli, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Jammu; ACD, Siddharth Dhiman; Executive Engineer PHE Division Samba, DPMU District Samba among others.

The convention commenced with a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the proposed plan and achievements of ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission works. District Samba boasts 112 water supply schemes, with approximately 36 nearing completion.

During the meeting, the need to expedite work by contractors was identified, prompting immediate action by District Development Commissioner Samba.



District Samba, with 36 nearing completion. It was emphasized that access to clean water is a fundamental right and a top priority under the JJM.

In some cases, the need to accelerate the works by contractors was recognized, leading to on-the-spot instructions from the District Development Commissioner Samba to the Jal Shakti PHE Department Samba for immediate action.

The convention delved into the crucial role of Panni Samitis in maintaining water sources, ensuring water quality, efficient water usage, cleanliness of water sources, Har Ghar Jal Certification procedures, and skilling of nominated persons for O&M (Operations & Maintenance).

ISA members present at the convention were directed to perform

and complete the remaining part of their activities in all the villages, emphasizing their role in achieving the mission's goals.

Transparency was underscored in the formation of water supply schemes, the e-tendering process, and quality checking of works through Third Party Inspection and Quality Control Engineers.

The convention also discussed the Bhraashachar Mukta Jal Jeevan Mission Programme in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, underscoring the commitment to corruption-free execution.

The convention exemplified the collective commitment to ensure clean and accessible water for every household in District Samba and fostering accountability in the execution of Jal Jeevan Mission projects.

Gandhi Jayanti: Educational Institutions organize thought provoking sessions on Gandhian philosophy

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: The educational Institutions including Government Degree Colleges, schools and Universities are abuzz with activities being held to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti and encourage the students to immerse in the Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, which has enlightened the people globally.

Government Degree College Ramgarh: In continuation to the series of the activities being organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023, Government Degree College Ramgarh organized a symposium on the theme 'Truth and Non-violence' under the aegis of India's presidency in G20 and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

A total of 12 students participated in the event. First prize was bagged by Vishali Choudhary, second position was clicked by Chahat Sapolia and third prize was won by Prinka Devi.

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

Prof. Risha Kumari, Convenor of the event, highlighted the background of Truth and Non-Violence in the freedom struggle and advised

the students to imbibe these golden principles in their life. Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Department of Political Science emphasized on the need for reviving the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi.

GDC Kishtwar: A symposium on the theme- Truth and Non-violence was organised by the Department of Political Science, Government Degree College Kishtwar under the fortnight long celebration of Gandhi Jayanti-2023.

Around 100 students participated in the Symposium. The programme commenced with the Keynote address by the Head Department of Political Science, Prof S R Chauhan in which he held that Gandhian Philosophy has two strong credentials i.e Truth and Non-Violence and it provides a viable alternative to the various challenges which the world is facing today.

Eight students spoke on the thought provoking topic. Angeet Singh, Abroo Wajid and Uzama g bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively.

Government Degree College Sunderbani: In continuation to Gandhi Jayanti celebration, NSS unit Government Degree College Sunderbani in collaboration with Road safety Club screened a docu-

mentary on life and contribution of Mahatma Gandhi. A lecture on the philosophy of Bapu was also organized on the theme.

Prof. Sham Lal delivered the lecture and highlighted the importance of Gandhian principles in today's world, especially in the context of education and peace-building. Prof. Sheraz kousser NSS PO while presenting vote of thanks highlighted the relevance of Gandhian principles of non-violence, truth, and simplicity in contemporary times. Prof. Beant Singh conducted the preceding of the event. A large number of students took active part in the event. SPMR College of Commerce: Department of Commerce of the Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu organised a symposium competition on the topic 'Truth and Non-violence'.

A total of 50 students attended the programme. Anamika Thakur bagged first prize in the competition, while Rama and Pallavi secured second and third positions, respectively.

The competition was adjudged by Dr. Monika Malhotra and Prof. Ashu Manhas. The event was organised under the patronage of Principal of the college, Dr. Surinder Kumar.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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Kashmir's fragile peace

The ongoing encounter between holed up terrorists and security agencies in the forests of Kokernag area of Anantnag district seems to be stretching. The booby gun battle has so far left the killings of two senior army officers including an Army Colonel commanding a Rashtriya Rifles Unit along with a Major and a Deputy Superintendent of J&K Police. It has once again exposed the fragile peace in the region. Terrorists have been trying to execute their nefarious designs, definitely with active local support. The incident has given enough fodder to the opposition parties as well to target the BJP-led Central government which has been claiming that normalcy has returned to Jammu and Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370. The government of India has claimed that there has been a decrease of about 54 per cent in terrorist incidents, 84 per cent in the deaths of security forces and about 22 per cent in the recruitment of terrorists in J&K. Presenting statistics, 417 terror incidents were reported in 2018, which was reduced to 229 in 2021. While 91 deaths of security forces were registered in 2018, the toll came down to 42 in 2021. No incidents of stone pelting were recorded as the Narendra Modi-led government moved on the path of development with determination. The Union Home Ministry claimed that earlier six lakh tourists visited J&K annually, which has increased to 22 lakh, resulting in more employment opportunities for the locals. Though statistics show that there has been considerable improvement in the situation across Jammu and Kashmir, yet ground reality seems to be different and yesterday's killings are a testament to this hard fact. Secessionism has basis in the radicalization of the young minds in the name of jihad and opportunist politicians are the biggest culprits in it. The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has rightly pointed out that "conflict profiteers" used to brainwash children and handover guns and stones in their hands for their vested interests. He however made it clear that the UT administration is going tough against these profiteers and no one would be spared. Apart from targeting army camps and police stations, the cowardly terrorists usually resort to the targeted killings which are also a grim reminder of the fragile security situation in Kashmir Valley where tall claims have been made that law and order situation has improved significantly after the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35-A. The low-profile terrorists, silently radicalised by anti-India forces, have been targeting civilians, police personnel, political workers and migrant labourers. The law enforcement and intelligence agencies should go all out to look out for these terrorists and their handlers so as to prevent more bloodshed and send out the stern message that the rule of law prevails in the Valley. Security agencies should work in close coordination to flush out the perpetrators of terrorism.

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Nipah outbreak in Kerala: Why a 'One Health' strategy is vital

BY CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA

There is a fresh outbreak of the Nipah virus disease in Kerala. This is the fourth Nipah virus outbreak since 2018, when 23 cases and 21 deaths due to the virus were reported. Other than Kerala, the Nipah virus has been reported from and caused deaths in West Bengal in 2001 and 2007.

The Nipah virus was first identified from an outbreak in Malaysia in 1998-99 and has got its name from the Nipah river village locality where it was first isolated. Since then, there have been a few major outbreaks in nearby countries such as Singapore, Bangladesh and India. The virus has been detected in natural reservoirs of fruit bats from multiple countries such as Cambodia, Ghana, Indonesia, Madagascar, the Philippines and Thailand.

The Nipah virus disease is a zoonotic disease that spreads from the natural reservoir of Pteropus medius species of bats (commonly referred to as fruit bats) to humans through an intermediate host such as a pig or horse. The outbreak always starts from animal to human transmission, but then continues with human-to-human transmission. Moreover, considering the reservoir host bats are present everywhere, experts believe that once Nipah virus activities are reported from any setting, the virus may continue to be present and there might be repeated outbreaks.

The symptoms of the Nipah virus diseases are similar to other common viral illness. The affected person usually has fever, headache, sore throat, muscle pain and other respiratory difficulty, dizziness, drowsiness and in rare cases

neurological symptoms. While infections are rare, the fatality rate is higher. Infection is suspected if there is an ongoing Nipah virus transmission in the area, travel history or contact history

from a setting, the virus may recur from reservoir hosts in different settings. Epidemiologists over the last few years have flagged the need for ecological studies to understand the dynamics of

there was a spike in respiratory illnesses by flu viruses, SARS CoV2 and most likely other respiratory viruses. The influenza-like illness and severe acute respiratory illnesses surveillance need to be strengthened.

This situation is also a reminder of a future in which climate change, deforestation, global warming, indiscriminate use of anti-microbials, etc mean that there would be more diseases which would keep troubling humanity. Anthropogenic activities such as expansion of human activity in natural habitats essentially mean exposure of human beings to the natural reservoirs of pathogens essentially mean we are at increased risk of zoonotic diseases.

It is in this backdrop that the concept of "One Health" should be given greater importance. In the last few years, there has been a lot of academic discussion in India on "One Health". There is a background work going on for the launch of the National One Health Mission led by the office of the principal scientific adviser to the Government of India. These would be the right and timely steps. Yet, these discussions get momentum only when there is an outbreak. We need to roll out interventions with sufficient coordination amongst stakeholders and the activities should be well funded. To be effective, the "One Health" approach must be implemented through the primary healthcare network in the country to make a real difference. In a world full of viruses, preparedness and learning from the past is the best response.

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LATELY, KERALA & OTHER STATES IN SOUTH INDIA HAVE REPORTED MORE NEW VIRUSES THAN IN NORTH INDIAN STATES. PARTLY DUE TO ROBUST SURVEILLANCE.

with a confirmed case. The laboratory confirmation is required to arrive at a diagnosis. There is no licensed vaccine to prevent the disease and no specific treatment available. The majority of cases are symptomatic.

In recent times, in India and other parts of the world, there have been many outbreaks of viruses, including the Zika virus and Norovirus, and a surge of a few zoonotic diseases. For India and every country, it clearly is time to step up and strengthen the disease surveillance system and health data recording and reporting systems. The laboratory capacity developed for Covid-19 should be optimally used to conduct testing for other emerging infections. It is also the time to ensure coordinated actions between the state governments and municipal corporations to develop joint action plans against zoonotic diseases and share the responsibility for public health actions.

In Covid-19, there was a lot of attention focused on past or ongoing lab research on bats. The fact is that research on bats is done because they are reservoirs of many known and unknown viruses, including the Nipah virus. It is known that once reported

the Nipah virus.

Lately, Kerala and other states in South India have reported more new viruses than in most North Indian states. This is partly due to a robust and sensitive surveillance system which some states have, more than other states. The repeated emergence of viruses shows the need for nationwide ecological studies on these viruses and on the transmission dynamics of their spillover to humans.

The current Nipah outbreak in Kerala is not a reason for concern for citizens. We have experience in handling the Nipah outbreak and our systems are better prepared to respond to diseases after Covid-19. Yet, more important is that the government should be better prepared and take action to strengthen surveillance systems, invest in ecological and anthropological studies on emerging diseases and "One Health" should be an approach to intervene. The emergence of new viral illnesses in various parts of the country makes headlines. However, we forget that there are many other viral illnesses, which are common yet ignored. The dengue this year has witnessed a spike. Chikungunya is another common viral illness. In the last few months,

Did eco focus, Xi absence spell Delhi G-20 success?

BY ABHIJIT BHATTACHARYYA

The just-concluded G-20 summit in New Delhi is now a part of history, made notable by the absence of the top leaders of two prominent members, both with powerful militaries, who sent others to represent them. While it was somewhat understandable for Russia's Vladimir Putin to stay away, due to his preoccupation with a "special military operation" in Ukraine, what was the logic behind the non-appearance of Beijing's overlord Xi Jinping in the middle of so much global turbulence? Mexico's President also stayed away, but he has been skipping G-20 jamborees for a long time. Given that the G-20's focus is primarily economic, and it's not a security alliance, it's worthwhile to remember that not too long ago, in 2019, of the three absentees, China had the world's second biggest economy, Russia the 11th and Mexico the 15th. The G-20's mood over President Xi's absence was succinctly expressed by President Joe Biden: "It would be nice to have Xi Jinping here but the summit is going well". The unstated sub-text was loud and clear: that Mr Xi's absence allowed proceedings to run smoother as the Han spanner — the biggest hazard to the economics/geopolitics of the non-Communist world — was not there.

That this was working became evident when on September 9, the summit's first day, a Beijing think tank said "India was taking advantage as G-20 summit host by promoting its own agenda to harm Chinese interests". Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who was representing Mr Xi, was visibly uncomfortable in New Delhi, missing the pomp and show that he is used to while attending Beijing-sponsored events like

the BRI, CPEC, RCEP and many others. It is little wonder then that Mr Li urged the G-20 to follow a line of "inclusion, and not confrontation". Separately, he also urged EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen for "unity and cooperation" between the EU and China against "global uncertainties". He couldn't appreciate the irony: Who is today the prime mover of "global uncertainties"?

Mr Li might wish to ponder why British PM Rishi Sunak would choose the Delhi G-20, of all places, to give a piece of his mind to China's PM on "significant concerns about China's interference in UK's parliamentary democracy" by planting a Han spy in the House of Commons?

In one way, China's belated apprehension about its non-presence must be a matter of self-introspection owing to the surprising regrouping of the adversely affected economies which faced Beijing's chronic unethical means to achieve its goals. Two landmark deals were unveiled on the sidelines of the G-20 summit with the signing of the memorandum of understanding on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor between the EU, the United States, India, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and other G-20 partners in a clear bid to counter the Chinese and Mr Xi's Belt and Road Initiative. An elated President Biden hailed it as "big deal, really big deal" and his entourage referred to it as "far-reaching investments". The EU chief and several others around the world also enthusiastically participated in the announcement. Although no time schedule has been set as yet, it has certainly left no doubt in the minds of analysts on what it means and which country will see this venture with a sense of concern.

Simply put, the rail, port and corridor connectivity is one of the most optimistic, yet doable, of all conceived plans in recent times, despite the fact that the Middle East traditionally has been a volatile terrain of chronic violence between local rulers, inter- and intra-ethnic groups. It will, therefore, continue to be a big challenge for all stakeholders involved in the project — including the US, Europe and India. Without stability and ability on the part of Middle East itself to mutually accommodate various conflicting issues and interests, well-wishers from outside the region will find it hard to stick to the project time schedule. Despite being an excellent idea, it is imperative to bring the conflicting interests to an implementable, acceptable and enduring understanding to play the game by the rules.

Coming back to the surprising consensus in the G-20's New Delhi Declaration on the Ukraine war, the real question is why the United States and the West agreed to a compromise on less bellicose language, which Russia and China were ready to accept. It appears, prima facie, that economics once again triumphed. Fatigue seems to have set in, particularly in Europe, as the war which began on February 24, 2022, has gone on for 19 months, and there is no end in sight. The brutal war has already taken an enormous toll not only on the two belligerents, but on all countries. True, the West is supplying arms to Ukraine to fight and recover its "lost land" from the Russian "aggressor". Nevertheless, as more time passes, the more the loss to the West and its allies. As none of the 50-plus Western countries has the stomach to fight a prolonged conventional war, the murmurs and rumbling in the West's façade of unity is both audible and vis-

ible. From foodgrains, gas, fertilisers, finance and fuel to firepower, all is heading towards critical points. Hence, the strong voice of a united West heard in Bali in 2022 has turned somewhat feeble and muted in Delhi in 2023.

Therefore, in no G-20 country, except perhaps for some mega arms manufacturers in the US, does anyone want the war to continue. Even Russia feels the future consequence of its colossal battlefield casualties and potential crisis at home. Everyone is gasping for breath. Everyone is craving for economics. China too, despite its frequent sabre-rattling diplomacy, realises the futility of an Armageddon which could shred the fragility of its internal fraternity in areas which it goes on ruthlessly suppressing and throttling.

Amid these contrasting and competitive interests, however, the induction of the African Union was undoubtedly the best thing to happen at the 2023 Delhi summit. The admission of the 50-plus bloc was long overdue. No doubt the resource-rich African bloc's inclusion was welcomed as the economic corridor would be the basis for growth of the continent which so far had remained in the backyard of global economics.

Overall, therefore, the protracted European war appears to have instilled a sense of fear, leading to a desire for moderation. Consequently, has G-20 finally decided to return to economics as its first priority? Unfortunately, except for Ukraine, which's being goaded to face bullets alone, not one G-20 member's complaining today because all are still physically unharmed. In the bigger power play of the big boys, Ukraine is a martyr and Russia is a pariah.

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Unending mysteries of neurological disorders

BY RAVINDRA SRIVASTAVA

World Brain Day is celebrated annually on July 22 to raise awareness about brain health. It was proposed by the World Federation of Neurology, established on this day in 1957, to commemorate their inception, and shine a global spotlight on neurological conditions. Awareness programmes are conducted globally on World Brain Day to help people understand the connection between brain diseases and neurological diseases. Simultaneously, World Brain Day stresses the importance of early detection and timely treatment of neurological disorders. The human brain is the control centre of the body. It works alongside the nervous system, which comprises the spinal cord, nerves, and

neurons. This intricate system governs various aspects, such as your senses and muscle control. Damage to the brain can have extensive consequences.

What are Neurological Disorders? A neurological disorder is a severe health condition. It affects the entire nervous system—the brain, spinal cord and nerves. These diseases arise from injuries or abnormalities in the nervous system. However, genetic disorders and unhealthy lifestyle choices may also trigger neurological diseases in humans. The Pan American Health Organization and WHO jointly reported that rising neurological disease-related disabilities and deaths present a global public health challenge.

The report further highlights that neurological conditions were responsible for approximately 533,172 deaths through-

out the entire region in the year 2019. Furthermore, AIIMS reveals a shocking statistic indicating one stroke-related death every four minutes in India. Likewise, the International Association of Cancer Registries (IARC) reports over 28,000 brain tumour cases annually in the country, resulting in 24,000 deaths per year. It is noteworthy that stroke, headache disorders, and epilepsy are the primary causes of the neurological disorder burden in India.

Symptoms and Risk Factors Neurological diseases generally start with symptoms such as memory loss, loss of balance, weakness in limbs vision problems Dizziness or vertigo, Numbness Slurred speech hearing problems convulsions/seizures. It is important to recognise these symptoms for early diagnosis and treatment of neuro-

logical disorders.

Risk Factors Neurological disorders can impact individuals across all age groups, but certain conditions like Parkinson's Disease primarily afflict the elderly population. Inborn genetic problems and immune disorders can cause neurological diseases in children.

Vascular disorders, medication side-effects, hormonal disorders (thyroid, diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, family history of degenerative neurologic conditions, lack of Vitamin B12, and prolonged exposure to toxins may also cause neurological disorders.

The importance of treatment Untreated neurological diseases can cause life-threatening conditions such as brain tumours, cerebral palsy, meningitis, multiple sclerosis, stroke, and dementia.

Is 'Munna Bhai 3' happening? Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi, Rajkumar Hirani drop hints

Sanjay Dutt and Arshad Warsi, the dynamic duo known for their iconic roles in the beloved 2003 movie "Munna Bhai MBBS" and its 2006 sequel "Lage Raho Munna Bhai," have sent fans into a frenzy with their recent reunion. This raises speculation about the possibility of 'Munna Bhai 3' happening.

In a viral video, the two actors, along with director Rajkumar Hirani, can be seen on the set of what appears to be a hospital scene. Dressed in their signature 'Munna Bhai' outfits, they are all geared up for their roles once again.

The video, which emerged on Thursday, showcases Sanjay Dutt in his iconic 'Munna Bhai' character, donning a vibrant orange shirt. As he strolls on the film set alongside Rajkumar Hirani, the title track plays

in the background, evoking a sense of nostalgia.

With this exciting reunion, it seems that Sanjay Dutt as 'Munna Bhai' and Arshad Warsi as 'Circuit' might be making a triumphant comeback. The creators of this immensely successful franchise have dropped hints about a potential sequel.

In the video, the filmmaker enthusiastically exclaims, "Ahh, Munna is back!" Is this a hint to 'Munna Bhai 3'?

However, it's worth noting that Arshad Warsi had previously mentioned that three scripts were prepared for the third installment of the Munna Bhai series. Still, there were doubts about when the film would become a reality.

About Munna Bhai: Rajkumar Hirani wrote, crafted and



directed the Munna Bhai series, a beloved Indian Hindi-language film franchise. Produced by Vidhu Vinod Chopra under the Vinod Chopra Productions banner, it comprises "Munna Bhai M.B.B.S." (2003) and its sequel, "Lage Raho Munna Bhai" (2006).

Both films feature Sanjay Dutt as Munna Bhai and Arshad Warsi as

Circuit, offering unique plotlines and settings. They garnered immense critical acclaim and enjoyed tremendous commercial success during their respective eras.

Fans eagerly await an official announcement regarding "Munna Bhai 3". Meanwhile, Dutt and Arshad will reunite for another exciting project titled "Welcome Back To The Jungle."

Snoop Dogg reveals his uncanny fear of horses: 'I'm scared of them'



Snoop Dogg, the iconic rapper and entertainer, has recently revealed an unexpected fear that has haunted him for years - a fear of horses, a condition known as equinophobia.

He candidly discussed this phobia on the September 12 episode of his YouTube news network series, Double G News. During the episode, Snoop, who was casually dressed in a bathrobe, opened up to his guest, actress Tiffany Haddish, who sported a pink tartan suit. Haddish shared her childhood dream of raising horses on a farm, to which Snoop responded, "I'm scared of horses." The controversial rapper elaborated, "To this day, too. I don't know why I'm just scared of them."

Haddish pressed further, asking, "Are you serious?" Snoop affirmed his fear, saying, "So serious. You ain't never seen me in a scene with a horse. I've been in a scene with ostriches, iguanas, all kinds of s---. Ain't never been in a scene with a horse, like, get that motherf--- away from me. I don't know why!"

Snoop, whose real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., even shared that his wife, Shante Broadus, had kept a horse for three years and enjoyed riding it for relaxation. However, he steadfastly refused to interact with the animal and opted to keep his distance.

Kaala review: Intelligence has left the building in Bejoy Nambiar's new series overstuffed with hollow style

Is the Indian content space going through some sort of a representation-crisis? What is the matter with putting transgender characters on screen merely as exercises of showing how original the creators are?

How can gender identity be contextualized into a shocking plot point? Taali, Haddi and now Bejoy Nambiar's Kaala—the OTT content space in India is somehow following a ridiculously staged attempt of telling original stories, but what actually shows is an excruciatingly tone-deaf, and misguided representation of queer individuals and their realities.

Kaala takes that gambit one step higher— and positions gendered identity as a provocative narrative twist. It



seems most of these writers are in urgent need of a Queer Studies course. (Also read: Karan Johar reviews Jawan, says Shah Rukh Khan represents 'mega stardom in a way that only he

can') Intelligence seems to have left the building in the new Disney+ Hotstar series Kaala, that wants to pursue deliberate twists, break apart an inter-

esting parallel track for establishing some sort of shock value, and stubbornly jump timelines the next minute. Its good to let the audience follow and join the dots, but ridiculous to expect them to survive the 6 hour-long incessant cross-cuts masquerading as some thrilling reveal. It's not. Let's not pretend its anything more than a misfire.

The premise

Kaala chronicles IB officer Ritwik Mukherjee (Avinash Tiwary) who has been given the task to investigate a huge case of 'reverse hawala' that is being run by Naman Arya (Taher Shabbir) in West Bengal. The traces link back to some sort of connection to Ritwik's past as well. Is anyone surprised? No.

SRK's film Jawan to enter Rs 700-crore club worldwide

'Jawan', a movie starring Shah Rukh Khan, is enjoying a phenomenal run at the box office. The September 7 release of the movie is getting closer to joining the Rs 400 crore club in India. It brought in a total of Rs 386 crore in domestic sales on September 14. The Atlee-directed action thriller is also doing well on a global scale.

The movie "Jawan" is causing an economic tsunami. The movie made Rs 74.50 crore in India on Day 1 across all languages. The movie went on to earn Rs 129.06 crore globally, making it the highest opening day in Hindi film history. 'Jawan' reportedly made Rs 18 crore in India on Day 8, September 14, according to trade reports. The entire amount collected in India as a result is currently Rs 386.28 crore. On September 14, 'Jawan' had a 20.04 percent occupancy rate overall.

In the meantime, the movie has already surpassed Rs 660 crore in global box office receipts. It will shortly surpass Rs 700 crore. Pathaan is the biggest Hindi movie till now in India, with a net total of Rs 543 crore. Jawan is expected to break this record. On day eight, Jawan reported a 20% occupancy for the Hindi language version. Delhi-NCR and Mumbai lead the pack. Tamil and Telugu occupancy for the day stood at 14% and 20%, respectively. Meanwhile, Gadar 2 will likely have to take Pathaan's place as the second (and eventually third) greatest game of all time, for the time being. The domestic box office for the film surpassed Rs 520 crore nett, although it is still about Rs 23 crore short of Pathaan's all-time record. It was completely destroyed by Jawan, and perhaps in a few days we'll see a chart with Shah Rukh Khan films at the top and bottom.

Deepika Padukone says she is one of the few people Shah Rukh Khan is vulnerable with, didn't charge anything for Jawan

Deepika Padukone, who was last seen in a cameo appearance in Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Jawan, has opened up about their relationship. In an interview with The Week, Deepika said that her relationship with Shah Rukh Khan goes beyond work, calling them 'each other's lucky charms'. She added that the 'trust and respect' between them allows them to be vulnerable with each other.

Deepika on her equation with Shah Rukh "We are each other's lucky charm. But honestly, we are beyond luck. We have a sense of ownership over each other... I am one of the few people he is vulnerable with. There is so much trust and respect, and I think that luck is just the cherry on the top," Deepika told The Week. Earlier this year, Deepika was also seen with Shah Rukh Khan in Pathaan, and is now receiving praise for her cameo in Jawan too, which marks Deepika's fifth collaboration with Shah Rukh. Deepika had made her Bollywood debut opposite Shah Rukh in 2007's Om Shanti Om. They have also co-starred in Happy New Year and Chennai Express. All their films together have done well at the box office.

On box office success While Pathaan had a dream run at the box office, grossing over ₹1000 crore worldwide, Jawan is close to breaching the ₹700 worldwide gross mark. The film was released on September 7.

Speaking about her films with Shah Rukh doing very well at the box office, the actor said in the same interview, "I've never been fascinated by numbers whether it was maths in school or the numbers of



Pathaan. I was just happy that cinemas had come alive again, that people had come alive again. I was really grateful for that."

She also said that she did not charge anything for Jawan or any of her special appearances in movies. "I wanted to be a part of 83 because I wanted it to be an ode to women who stand behind their husbands' glory. I watched my mother do it. It was my homage to wives who make sacrifices to support their husbands' careers."

Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandanna's 'Chhava' to go on floors in October 2023



The Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandanna-starrer film 'Chhava' is all set to roll the cameras and starts its principal photography next month. The film is a period drama, and will see Vicky essaying the role of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the eldest son of the Maratha empire's founder and the great warrior king, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

While the film will be primarily focused on Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj's sacrifice, and his strategies for the warfare, it will also explore a love angle between Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj and his wife, Yesubai Bhonsale (played by Rashmika).

A source told IANS: "The film after witnessing a delay, is all set to start its production in the month of October. Rashmika was always the first choice for the part and was locked after her look test."

'Chhava' will mark the second collaboration between Vicky and director Laxman Utekar after their super successful 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'.

The film is being produced under the banner of Maddock Films, and will be their first historical project.

While Vicky Kaushal, has 'The Great Indian Family' on the horizon, Rashmika was last seen in 'Mission Majnu' with Sidharth Malhotra.

Zeenat Aman urges all women to support themselves financially, adds they can then 'overcome obstacles, pursue passions'

Zeenat Aman has said that every woman needs to be capable of financially supporting themselves, and added that the self-dependence allows them to make the right choices for themselves. Zeenat was speaking with Kusha Kapila on her chat show Swipe Ride when she talked about the importance of financial independence for women.

Financial independence for women

Zeenat said, "Every woman should be confident and capable of financially sup-

porting themselves. This allows them to make choices for themselves and control their own future. When women have financial resources and opportunities at their disposal, they can overcome obstacles, pursue their passions, and make decisions that align with their goals and dreams. Being financially independent isn't just about having money; it signifies the freedom to live life on one's own terms, without relying on others. It's a way to achieve fairness, make their own choices, and evolve

into the best version of oneself." The episode featuring Zeenat will release on Jio Cinema on September 15.

Zeenat's early career Zeenat Aman first rose to fame with her modelling jobs in the 70s and soon started working in films. With movies such as Hare Rama Hare Krishna and Yaadon Ki Baarat right at the beginning of her career, Zeenat's fame soon catapulted to nationwide stardom. She went on to feature in several hit films including Don, Roti Kapda Aur Makaan, and Laawaris.

More recently, Zeenat featured in films such as Sallu Ki Shaadi and Panipat. She also featured in Love, Life and Screw Ups. After ruling the hearts of movie buffs for decades, Zeenat returned to national stardom earlier this year and has now impressed the new generation with her modern views about women.

Zeenat on social media Ever since she made her Instagram debut in February this year, Zeenat has been sharing gems of wisdom through her social media posts and the internet is

already impressed with her posts. She has 4.2 lakh followers on the social media platform.

In one of her recent posts, Zeenat recalled how magazines labelled her in the 70s. "If the headlines were to be believed, in 1979 I had cursed myself, in 1982 I was being picked on, in 1984 I was out of sync, in 1985 I was marching towards self-destruction, and in 1998 I was shattered! There was a time that I subscribed to glossies and tabloids, but that passed very quickly," she wrote.



Under-19 Category for Inter-District Provincial Level Boys Competition underway at B'la

Young talents showcase their enthusiastic participation



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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 15: The week-long Inter-District Provincial Level Boys' Competition for under 14, 17, and 19 categories has been progressing with remarkable enthusiasm at the Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh. This prestigious event has showcased the incredible talents of young athletes from across the region.

Following the successful conclusion of the under 14 and 17 boys competitions, today marked the commencement of the under 19 boys' category at the same vibrant venue.

Participants from 10 districts in the Kashmir province have passionately embraced the spirit of competition, and the event is set to culminate tomorrow with thrilling matches and fierce determination on display.

The opening ceremony of the under 19 competition was graced by the presence of Peerzad Mumtaz Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Baramulla, and Jatinder Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Baramulla.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the pivotal role of sports in our daily lives and encouraging all the young athletes to pursue their dreams relentlessly.

In a moment of unity and commitment, all the players and officials took an oath of fair play and sportsmanship before the commencement of matches, emphasizing the core values of respect, teamwork, and dedication that this competition represents.

Pertinently, the Inter-District Provincial Level Boys' Competition continues to be a platform where young talents shine, dreams are nurtured, and the spirit of sportsmanship prevails.

DC Bandipora takes review of Revenue department

Discusses allotment of 05 Marlas of land to the beneficiaries

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Friday convened a meeting to take review of the Revenue department. The meeting discussed the agenda of allocation of 05 marlas of land to deserving beneficiaries in the district.

The meeting, was attended by, ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ACR Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad; Tehsildars, BDOs, Officials from Municipalities besides concerned officials from the Revenue Department, including senior officials and experts in land allocation and social welfare.

The meeting discussed the pressing issue of housing shortage faced by marginalized communities within the district.



During the meeting, the DC laid importance on equitable land distribution as a means to provide shelter and stability to the most vulnerable sections of society. The allotment of 05 marlas of land to deserving beneficiaries was identified as a milestone in the district for social welfare and poverty alleviation.

The meeting also discussed various aspects of land allocation,

including eligibility criteria, documentation procedures, and the timeline for implementation. On the occasion, the Revenue Department officials presented comprehensive plans to ensure that the process is transparent, fair, and efficient. Dr Owais directed to establish a dedicated task force within the Revenue Department to oversee the land allocation process.

Custodian General takes tour of various Evacuee properties in Kashmir Division



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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15: The Custodian General J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara after assuming the charge of the post recently conducted extensive tour of Evacuee property assets/ land situated at Peerbagh, Hyderpora, Sanath Nagar, Panthachowk, Zewan, Nishat, Kathidarwaza Rainawari and other places of Kashmir Valley.

Custodian Evacuee Property Kashmir, Deputy Custodian (HQ), Ex. Engineer E.P Department J&K along with Field Staff also accompanied the Custodian General J&K during the tour.

During the visit of Evacuee property flats, Convention Centres/ Marriage Halls and Shopping Complex Hyderpora Srinagar, various delegations of tenants met the Custodian General J&K with their demands which were redressed on the spot and directions were passed to Custodian Kashmir for redressal of other genuine demands of the tenants within shortest possible time. The Custodian General also took a review meeting of Officers/ Officials of Evacuee Property Department Kashmir in his office chamber at Shaheed Gunj Srinagar.

After discussions on the functioning of Evacuee Property Department Kashmir and remarkable achievements thereof which include reconciliation of figures of notified Evacuee land in due consultation with Revenue Department in Kashmir Division and retrieval of big chunk of Evacuee/ hidden land, the

Custodian General J&K conveyed his pleasure to the Custodian Kashmir and other subordinate Officers/ Officials.

However, the Custodian General J&K conveyed his message to the Officers/ Officials that the Evacuee Property Department has a deep sense of responsibility towards safeguarding the Evacuee property with honesty and dedication, as such as when reports of encroachment of Evacuee land are available, the department should act swiftly with the collaboration of Revenue/ Police Department.

The Custodian General J&K also impressed upon the Deputy Custodians South/ North Kashmir to ensure timely action on any type of encroachment/ illegal occupation of Evacuee property if any surfaced within their jurisdiction.

The Custodian General J&K reiterated that the drives undertaken by the department against the encroachers, illegal occupants and violators will be intensified and appealed general public to refrain from such acts failing which action as warranted under law will be taken against such violators which include punishment with imprisonment which may extend to three years in terms of Section 18 of J&K Evacuees (Admini-stration of Property) Act, Svt. 2006.

The Custodian General also asked the Deputy Custodians to liaise up with District Administration for proper management and safeguarding the evacuee property and identify the evacuee land which is poten-

tially viable for commercial purposes including other lands which may be got fenced and sign boards installed to avoid any encroachment, so that the land not viable for departmental use is put to e-auction for which the department has already developed e-auction portal.

A group of employees of the department also met the Custodian General J&K apprised him that no Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting has been conducted since 2017 and the Custodian General J&K assured them that he will take up the matter with Administrative Department for early finalization of Recruitment Rules of the department, so that the genuine demands of the employees for promotion to the next higher grade are accorded to keeping in view their seniority, integrity and performance.

The Custodian General J&K while on visit to Evacuee land situated at Panthachowk Srinagar ordered for resumption of possession of Evacuee land measuring 17 Kanals 16 Marlas which was under illegal occupation of few persons and accordingly the department acted swiftly and after proper demarcation by the revenue agency, the Evacuee land in question was retrieved and the departmental sign boards installed in presence of Naib Tehsildar concerned.

The Custodian General J&K issued directions to the Executive Engineer E.P J&K to get the land fenced immediately to avoid any encroachment / misuse and also come up with the proposal for optimum use of the land.

At last the Custodian General J&K emphasized the need of scanning of all record pertaining to the department through the concerned agency in a time bound manner and up gradation of skills of the employees which should be done on priority and also the department should organize skill enhancement sessions and other orientation programmes for the purpose.

Inter-Zonal District Level Athletics Meet for U/17 Boys & Girls Commences at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 15: The exhilarating Inter-Zonal District-Level Athletics meet for U/17 boys and girls commenced on Thursday here on the Chowgan Grounds. District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Kherati Lal Sharma is supervising the .

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He was accorded a hearty reception with a guard of honor by the sports teachers and employees of the Sports Department. The teacher trainees and the Resource persons of the ongoing Refresher Course being conducted by the District Sports & Youth Services Department, also graced the event with their presence, adding to the grandeur of the occasion. In his address, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of sports in nurturing talent, promoting unity, and fostering a healthy and drug-free society.



ety. He encouraged the participants to give their best performances throughout the tournament.

He further encouraged students to exhibit good behavior during the sports and developed the spirit of sportsmanship to contribute to the resounding success of the tournament. On the day 1 of the Athletics Meet, the U/17 boys and girls categories captivated spectators with their remarkable performances in various disciplines of the Athletics

Meet. The prestigious Chowgan Ground provided the perfect backdrop for these awe-inspiring displays of athleticism.

An impressive participation of 110 students, representing different Zones from across the District, added to the success and enthusiasm of the meet. Their enthusiasm, passion, and competitive spirit have truly elevated the level of competition and made this event a resounding success.

Labour Department Udhampur extends Educational aid to wards of Registered Workers

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 15: Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur disbursed an amount of Rs. 40.99 Lakh (Rupees Forty Lakh, Ninety-Nine Thousand and Five Hundred only) to support the education of wards of registered construction workers here at simple function.

This assistance has been provided under the Building and Other

Construction Workers Welfare Board (BOCWWB) schemes, specifically meant for registered Workers.

In her address at the event, the Deputy Commissioner commended the continuous efforts of the Labour Department in providing financial relief to underprivileged laborers. She emphasized the need to extend the benefits of government schemes to maximum number of workers, stressing that the economic and social security of the labor class

remains a top priority for the government. Pradyot Gupta, Assistant Labour Commissioner Udhampur, also participated in the event and provided insights into the primary objective of the BOCWWB scheme.

He highlighted that the scheme aims not only to extend financial assistance to needy laborers through various components but also to uplift the economic prospects of registered construction workers.

Nasha Mukh Bharat: Cultural Wing DIPR Jammu organises cultural program at GMS Gorkha Nagar

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: A cultural program was on Friday organised by Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu on the theme Nasha Mukh Bharat at Government Middle School Gorkha Nagar Bahu Fort .

Artists of Cultural Wing presented Folk songs and theme based songs to promote anti-drug cam-

paign. Students of the school also presented a colourful Cultural program.

While speaking on the occasion, Incharge Headmaster of the school Gulshan Naseem shared her views on topic. She appreciated the Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations for organising the event to aware the students about the menace of Drug abuse.

Program was coordinated by Mukesh Kumar, MTS, Information Department and Munish Sharma teacher of the school.

Among others, staff members, officials of Information Department and a large number of audience witnessed the program.

The whole program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

Phone Live-in Grievance Program Garnering overwhelming response from people in Rajouri: More than 50 callers project public issues

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 15: The 7th episode of the Phone Live-in Grievances redressal program, conducted today, witnessed an overwhelming response as more than 50 calls poured in from different parts of the District.

This initiative, aimed at providing a platform to the residents to voice their grievances and receive immediate solutions from the district administration, garnered enthusiastic participation from individuals across the district.

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, callers had the opportunity to express their concerns on a wide range of issues. The Deputy Commissioner Vikas kundal demonstrated patience and com-

mitment in addressing each caller's concerns, offering invaluable guidance and support to resolve their problems. In response to the concerns of the residents, the Deputy Commissioner assured them that prompt and effective measures would be taken to address their issues within specified timeframes. He encouraged residents to continue providing feedback and suggestions, emphasizing the constructive role these inputs play in enhancing governance and development in the district. The Phone Live-in Grievance Program exemplifies the ongoing efforts of the district administration to improve public service delivery and strengthen the government-citizen relationship.

This remarkable success of the program has earned widespread acclaim, serving as a direct avenue

for individuals to voice their concerns and seek redressal directly from the District Administration. It has significantly contributed to enhancing transparency and accountability within the district administration.

The 7th episode of the Phone Live-in Grievance Program is a significant milestone, reaffirming the commitment of the District Administration to engaging with the people of Rajouri.

CPO Mohammad Khurshid; ACD Vijay Verma, ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Auqil Nuvaidd; DSEO, Sanjeev Sharma; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; XEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; XEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

ADDC Ramban reviews preparedness for Municipal Elections

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 15: Additional District Development Commissioner Ramban, Rajinder Sharma today convened a meeting of the nodal officers and ROs appointed to conduct forthcoming Municipal Elections scheduled for 2023.

ADC, Harbans Lal Sharma; ACR, Giasul -Haq; Dy. DEO, Lal Chand; CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal and all Nodal officers, ROs, Master trainers and concerned officers attended the meeting. During the meeting, the ADDC discussed various critical aspects of the election preparations. He reviewed the progress made so far and stressed on making collective efforts for ensuring the transparent and efficient conduct of the upcoming municipal elections.

During the meeting, it was informed that all the nodal officers, ROs and other concerned officers

and officials have been sensitized about their role and responsibilities in the election. He also took stock of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) that have been made available at every polling station, ensuring a smooth voting experience for citizens. Reviewing the preparedness of nodal officers about their responsibility for municipal elections, the ADDC also reviewed the status of

the appointment of Returning Officers (ROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), and it was confirmed that the necessary appointments have been made.

It was also given out in the meeting that training sessions for ROs and AROs have already been conducted, enhancing their readiness to oversee the electoral process effectively.

High turbidity in Tawi affects filtration

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: Jal Shakti Department has requested the residents of Jammu City to use water judiciously in view of low filtration amid high turbidity in river Tawi triggered by heavy rains in upper reaches.

"Due to heavy rains in the upper reaches there is very high turbidity in the River Tawi feeding the main Water Treatment Plants of Jammu city due to which the filtration plants are functioning at a low efficiency."

On this account the water supply is likely to remain affected in Jammu city for the next couple of days.

The consumers are requested to use water judiciously" the department stated .

Government Polytechnic Jammu organises Debate competition on Engineers' Day

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: As a tribute to one of the first and finest engineers of India Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, Government Polytechnic Jammu celebrated Engineers Day in the college.

On the occasion, the Inter-Departmental Debate Competition (MANTHAN-2023) was organized on the topic "Social Networking Site-Boon or Bane".

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest and College Principal Arun Bangotra. In his inaugural speech, Bangotra highlighted the contribution of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya towards the society and appreciated the role of Engineers in Nation Building. He motivated the students to work hard and use their Engineering intelligence, knowledge and skill for the welfare of the nation, society and humanity. He



also briefed the students about the pros and cons of Social media.

The thirteen debaters from different departments of the government polytechnic Jammu spoke on the topic with full zeal and motivation and threw light on the pros and cons of social media.

Sahil Sharma, student of 1st semester stood First, Madhav Pandoh student of 3rd semester bagged second position and Khushi Jamwal student of 1st semester won third position.

The organizers of the events were Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Ajay Thapa

Lecturer Mechanical Engineering, Amit Gupta Demonstrator Civil Engg, Er Itika Sharma Demonstrator Electrical Engg.

Others who were present on the occasion were Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Deptt. Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Deptt. Er. Rani Devi HOD Computers Deptt, Amit Kumar Sharma HOD T&T Deptt. Er. Sanam Gupta and Er. Rishabh Gupta Lecturer Mechanical Engg, Chamel Singh PEM, Er. Vicky Sharma Demonstrator Electrical Engg staff members and students of the college.

DC Ganderbal reviews implementation of e-Office system

Says switching over to e-office assures transparency, accountability in system

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a meeting of officers of different departments to review the switch over to the e-Office system of working in the offices.

At the outset, the DC enquired about the status of information furnished by different departments and availability of infrastructure in offices for smooth implementation of e-office. The DC also enquired about the details of training sessions conducted to acquaint the employees with the e-Office process and procedures.

Interacting with the officers, the DC said that the switching over to e-Office will assure transparency and



accountability in the system besides, it will help in quick disposal of files and efficient management of work in government offices.

The DC directed DIO NIC to devise a format wherein the department wise details of employees dealing with e-Office, file heads besides flow chart of file movement is incorporated. He also directed the offi-

cers to ensure mapping of email on priority so that the process for shifting of official work on the e-Office platform could be achieved at an earliest.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani, ACR, DIO NIC and other officials.

DC Kulgam reviews functioning of MCs

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to review functioning of Municipal Committees (MCs) and the progress registered under various Urban Development schemes including FC grants, IDMT, MTMP, etc.

At the outset, the chair was apprised about the details of the various schemes under implementation in the Urban areas of the district.

The chair was informed that under UT, IDMT and other heads, there are 87 work projects out of which 12 works have been completed. The DC impressed upon all the concerned to work with zeal and dedication and scale up pace on all works. He emphasized speedy disposal of building permission in



strict adherence to the rules and regulations. EO MC Kulgam and Assistant Town Planner were instructed to implement the Draft Master Town Plan in letter and spirit and issue building permissions accordingly without any deviation.

S.E R&B was instructed to ensure start of work on all allotted works immediately and ensure their completion within stipulated time.

Concerned were instructed by the DC to ensure that walling, approach

road and pits are completed at Lirrow Dumping /Solid Waste Management site during the current financial year.

EO MC Kulgam was also instructed to ensure facilities/amenities including safe drinking water, Shelter shed/passenger sheds for commuters/passengers, lights at the Main Addas at Kulgam Chawalgam for convenience of the general public.

While reviewing the revenue realization, the chair was informed that the revenue realization of all four municipal committees is more than 1.38 crore in the ongoing year. EOs also briefed the chair about the availability of machinery and manpower.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Viqar Ahmad Giri; JD-Planning, Zahid Sajjad; ACR, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; SE R&B, EOs and other officers.

DLTFC approves 37 cases under JKREGP at Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 15: Pursuant to the directives of the District

Development Commissioner, Saloni Rai, who also serves as the Chairman of DLTFC, a District Level Committee Meeting under the JKREGP scheme was convened today.

The meeting was chaired by

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia and took place in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

The primary objective of the meeting was to create employment opportunities for the unemployed youth of the district, with J&K KVIB serving as the implementing agency. During the meeting, a total of 50 applications were presented

before the DLTFC.

Among the applicants, 12 were absent, one application was rejected, while 37 applications were approved for sponsorship to banks following careful scrutiny and interactions with the applicants.

Surinder Paul Sharma, District Officer KVIB, the Convenor of DLTFC and other committee members were in attendance.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Road Safety Plan at DRSC meeting

Orders safety audit of all school vehicles

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 15: In a proactive effort to enhance road safety and minimize road mishaps within the district, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, convened a pivotal meeting of the District Road Safety committee.

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC Rajouri, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; SE PWD(R&B), Vikram Singh; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; CMO, Dr. Rajinder Sharma; ARTO, Pawan Sharma; XEN PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; XEN PWD(R&B) Nowshera, VK Raina and other concerned officers.

At the outset of the meeting, the District Roll

out Manager, Pankaj Sabharwal, delivered a comprehensive presentation on i-RAD/e Dar, elucidating the multifaceted facets of road safety and the proactive steps being taken to curtail road accidents in the district.

Additionally, it was disclosed that a total of 287 accidents have been recorded in the district since July 2022, all of which have been documented and uploaded onto the i-RAD platform for comprehensive analysis and action.

The committee extensively discussed awareness campaigns, the establishment of a trauma center, the identification of black spots, and the installation of crash barriers, among other crucial measures aimed at bolstering road safety. The

Deputy Commissioner while emphasizing the paramount importance of widespread public awareness, underscored the significance of averting road accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

He encouraged the stakeholder departments to champion a culture of mutual respect among road users, emphasizing the imperative need for drivers to prioritize safety precautions for themselves and fellow citizens.

The Deputy Commissioner mandated medical checkups for all drivers employed by private schools providing transportation services. This measure aims to prioritize the health and safety of these drivers and the students they transport. He also called for a thorough safety audit of all

privately owned vehicles used for school transportation. This audit is crucial to ensure the safety of students and the reliability of these vehicles.

In a resolute move to enforce road safety norms, the DC asked the Traffic and Motor Vehicle Departments to hold special drives to rigorously monitor traffic rule violations and to impose stringent penalties on offenders.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to the promotion of road safety and the overall well-being of the citizens of the district.

These comprehensive measures, discussed and endorsed during the meeting, are being executed with full force, effectively transforming road travel within the district into a safer and more secure experience for all.

DHSJ organises 3-day specialty camp for Eye Check up, Cataract Surgeries at DH Poonch

166 patients screened; 39 operated upon for cataract



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: In an attempt to conduct maximum cataract surgeries and achieve the targets allotted under National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI), Directorate of Health Services Jammu organized three day specialty camp for Eye check up and cataract surgeries at District Hospital Poonch from 13th to 15th September 2023, on the directions of Secretary Health & Medical Education, J&K Bhupinder Kumar.

A team of Consultant Ophthalmologists and Ophthalmic Technicians was deputed to District Hospital Poonch by Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, comprising of Consultant Ophthalmologists Dr. Kamal Gupta (Nodal Officer NPCB) Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Dr. Ghanishyam Singh CHC Akhnour and Dr. Satinder Kumar Medical Officer (MS Ophthalmology) R.S. Pura along with Ophthalmic Technicians, Koushal Kumar Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Dharminder DH Rajouri and Mohd.

Shafiq DH Rajouri for the camp.

District Development Commissioner Poonch Yaseen Mohd Choudhary facilitated and inaugurated the camp. During three days long camp, 166 patients were screened for eye ailments and a total of 65 patients were detected with cataract and selected for cataract surgeries. 39 successful cataract surgeries were performed by the deputed team. The event was managed by joint efforts of CMO Poonch Dr. Anis Altaf Nabi and MS Poonch Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmed. The patients expressed gratitude to Director Health Services Jammu for organizing this camp which helped them to improve their vision and enhance quality of life that they can experience now.

In its commitment to provide accessible and quality eye care services to the community, Directorate of Health Services Jammu has scheduled another cataract surgery session by skilled eye surgeons to be held at District Hospital Poonch from 19th to 21st September 2023 which shall benefit more people of district Poonch and nearby remote areas. The left out cataract surgeries will be performed in this scheduled second session.

Municipal Elections 2023: DC Bandipora reviews preparedness

Preparation for Second Supplementary Revision of Panchayats also reviewed

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 15: The District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Friday convened a meeting to review the preparedness for the upcoming Municipal Election 2023 and the preparation for the second supplement of Panchayat electoral rolls.

The DEO stressed on the importance of conducting free and fair elections, underscoring the role that local governance plays in the overall development and welfare of the district. The meeting held a detailed discussion on the preparations for the Municipal Election 2023. Various aspects, including the deployment of security forces, availability



of polling stations, and the training of election staff, were thoroughly reviewed. The DEO directed the officials to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place well in advance of the

election dates being announced.

The meeting also discussed the preparation of the second supplement of Panchayat electoral rolls. On the occasion, the concerned presented an

overview of the progress made so far and the steps taken to ensure accuracy and completeness in the electoral rolls. The DEO stressed the importance of updating the rolls to reflect the latest demographic changes.

Dr Owais, on the occasion, directed a comprehensive voter awareness campaign to educate people about the importance of voting and the electoral process.

The meeting was attended by Deputy DEO Bandipora Noor din Bhat, Nodal Officer Election Monitoring Mohomad Ashraf Hakak, ACR/Nodal Officer Ballot paper Bandipora Shabir Ahmad, Nodal Officer SVEEP, all BDOs, EOs of MCs besides other concerned.

DC Ganderbal launches fortnight 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign

Mega cleanliness drive held within the premises of Mini secretariat

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today launched a fortnight 'Swachhta Hi Seva' cleanliness and sanitation program during a function organized by the Rural Development Department at Mini Secretariat Ganderbal.

The campaign was launched in presence of PRI members including BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, ACD and other district officers.

Giving details about the activities during the campaign, the ACD said that the fortnight campaign would focus on cleanliness programs, awareness generation regarding Swachhta to highlight the need for cleanliness in collaboration with PRI members, education departments, SHGs and other stakeholders. The campaign shall be conducted at district, block and Panchayat levels simultaneously and shall cul-



minate on October 2, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed on maintaining cleanliness not only in houses but also on roads, drains, public places including tourist spots and all other surroundings for the healthy society. Shyambir complemented the PRI members who play a vital role to ensure door to door waste collection in all blocks of the district. He also termed public cooperation as must for the success of the cleanliness mission and urged PRIs to motivate locals in

their respective areas to become the part of the drive and take it to every household in their respective areas. The DC also administered Swachhta Pledge among the participants who pledged to serve mother India by keeping the country neat and clean and committed towards cleanliness and devote time for this.

Later, the DC headed a cleanliness drive in which scores of employees of MC Ganderbal and district officers participated and cleaned the premises of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal.

Enhancing healthcare infrastructure, medical care services across UT prime objective of LG's Administration: Advisor Bhatnagar

Reviews progress of major health projects in Jammu and Kashmir



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today maintained that enhancing the healthcare infrastructure and medical care services across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is the prime objective of LG's Administration and in the last four years medical infrastructure has been amplified here.

The Advisor made these remarks while chairing a high level meeting to review the progress of ongoing works on major health projects in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar; Director General Budget, M.Y Ittoo; Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir, Engineer in Chief, Chief Engineer Kashmir, Principals of all newly established medical colleges of Anantnag, Baramulla, Handwara, Doda, Kathua, Rajouri, Udhampur, Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, representatives of JKPC, JTFRP/ERA and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing. During the extensive review, Advisor Bhatnagar took detailed assessment of ongoing works on all

newly established medical colleges of Anantnag, Baramulla, Handwara, Doda, Rajouri, Kathua and Udhampur, Bone and Joint Hospital, Jammu/Srinagar, State Cancer Institute Jammu, upgradation of SDHs at Nowshera, Marwah, Bilawar, Sunderbani, Taryath, Qaimoh, Kreeri, D.H Pora and other prestigious projects, the Advisor called upon the officers to handover the completed projects immediately and make all the GMCs fully functional. He stressed upon the Principals of GMCs to thoroughly check the handed over buildings and report any sort of non facilities to the authorities.

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NCORD meeting reviews Drug Abuse Control measures in District Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 15: Additional District Magistrate Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District-level NARCO Coordination Committee (NCORD) to review the measures taken by the enforcement agencies to curb the drug abuse and narcotics trade in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional SP, Gourav Majahan; Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Gias-ul-Haq; CEO, Dev Anand; Drug Control Officer, Imtiyaz Ahmed and other concerned officers. SDM Gool Tanveer -Ul-Majid; SDM Banihal, Zaheer Abbas, Tehsildars connected through virtual mode.

The meeting was convened to discuss strategy



to curb the drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district besides reviewing the implementation of decisions and directions passed in previous meetings under the aegis of District Magistrate, Ramban Mussarat Islam.

Threadbare discussion was also held on various issues related to incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of drug use and action taken by the concerned departments with regard to curb

the menace of drugs. The ADM sought ATR from all stakeholder departments about the measures taken by them to control the drug menace. He suggested a string of measures and asked the committee to work with coordination at different levels to combat drug trafficking and ensure better coordination among the Civil and Police administration. The ADM directed all concerned to compile a database of persons

indulged in drug addiction to facilitate them for their medical treatment and recovery to save their precious lives.

He also directed Tehsildars to take clearance reports from all concerned departments so that we can make Panchayats drugs free in the district.

He stressed upon all stakeholders to launch a massive awareness campaign across the district, involving people from all walks of life including school children, youth, PRIs, and the target public. He further underscored that the Ramban Administration has adopted a zero tolerance policy against drug suppliers and traffickers. He asked all concerned to make a micro level strategy to deal with the menace of drugs.

DM Jammu asks revenue officials to maintain punctuality, attend public regularly

Reiterates strict stance against any form of corruption

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a meeting with revenue officials, including Patwaris, Naib Tehsildars and Tehsildars.

The gathering addressed pressing concerns surrounding the department's working.

DM Sachin Kumar Vaishya did not mince words as he expressed his grave concern over some negative feedback of the department and made it abundantly clear that the administration would adopt a strict stance against any form of corruption in the department.

He urged all present to uphold a strong commitment to ethics and to expedite public application processes without unwarranted delays.

He firmly asserted that any willful procrastination on their part would result in severe consequences.

In a display of forthrightness, the DM underscored the point that a few

corrupt individuals could tarnish the reputation of the entire system and department. In a bid to ensure compliance, the SDM and Tehsildars were specifically instructed to monitor the adherence to these directives by their subordinates, particularly Patwaris.

"The Public Service Guarantee Act is a transformative instrument that directly benefits the public and its implementation must be ensured," declared the DM.

He went on to direct all revenue officials, with a particular focus on Patwaris and Girdawars, to maintain daily public hours from 10 AM to 12 PM at their respective patwarkhanas. He stressed the importance of creating an environment where the public feels accommodated and valued, insisting on punctuality within their offices.

DM Sachin Kumar Vaishya called upon the officials to wield their powers with a sense of responsibility and a positive outlook. He did not

shy away from addressing specific cases of misconduct, affirming that actions were already being contemplated against those involved. Furthermore, he promptly issued strict guidelines to discourage any deviation from established procedures.

In a forward-looking statement, the DM emphasised that times are changing and the system is evolving to become more public-oriented and citizen-friendly. "In this new era, only honesty and diligence will be rewarded," he concluded.

Following the meeting, DM Vaishya proceeded to review the progress on key initiatives such as SVAMITVA and routine procedures, including the verification of Jamabandis, within the department. The meeting was attended by ADC Jammu, Sandeep Seointra; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Piyush Dhotra besides Sub Divisional Magistrates, Tehsildars and other officials.

District admin plans to scale up fire safety measures in Kishtwar Township

Starts with installation of Fire Hydrants | DC calls for improving response capabilities, overall preparedness

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 15: District Development Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav chaired a significant meeting in his office chamber to discuss and implement a comprehensive plan to improve fire safety measures, response capabilities, and overall preparedness in the Kishtwar town.

The meeting witnessed the participation of President MC Kishtwar, Sajjad Ahmed Najjar, Dy. SP Dr. Ishan Gupta, AD Fire & Emergency Services, Amit Shajotra, Ex-En PHE, Sunil Sharma, EO Municipality, Ninad Sen besides Sheikh Asgar of Red Cross and others.

During the meeting, an exhaustive discussion took place, focusing on the recent Fire Incident in the town, assessment of the Existing Fire Safety Measures, Identifying any gaps or areas where improvements are needed, improvement in response time of the fire and emergency department, assessment of the adequacy of firefighting resources, including personnel, equipment, and vehicles, training programs and capacity-building ini-

tiatives for firefighters and emergency response teams, Identify areas where additional training or resources are required.

In addition to this, the deliberations centered round the strategic installation of Fire Hydrants in the Kishtwar town at 13 critical locations.

Dr. Devansh Yadav issued directives for the immediate procurement of hydrants to be installed within a month, ensuring expedited progress.

Concerned Departments assured that within 2 weeks of time, the first Fire Hydrant will be installed at ward number 6 and the rest will be placed in the given timeline.

The Fire & Emergency Services received instructions to maintain an adequate supply of firefighting equipment, including fire extinguishing materials and fire suppression balls, to effectively address emergencies.

Furthermore, the PHE department was entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining a dedicated water tanker on standby to respond to any fire incidents promptly. All departments involved

were also advised to maintain an integrated and prompt response system to ensure swift coordination during emergencies.

The Deputy Commissioner while speaking on the occasion also gave thrust to consider conducting regular fire drills and exercises to test the preparedness of response teams and assess the effectiveness of emergency protocols.

In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stressed that collaborative efforts are pivotal to the successful deployment of Fire Hydrants at all 13 designated locations within the town and added that the Nodal Team comprising of Fire & Emergency department, Police, PHED and Municipal council should be collectively responsible for ensuring prompt fire response in the time.

The members present in the meeting congratulated brave fire fighters and PHED staff who continued fire fighting work on 12th September, at ward No. 6 despite instances of physical violence.

The Deputy Commissioner directed police for strict action against those who take law in their own hands with an aim to ensure a safe environment for Government personnel on ground during the incident.

Director RDD Jammu conducts whirlwind tour of District Doda

Inspects assets, reviews implementation of schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 15: To assess the ongoing developmental activities being conducted under different schemes of RDD, Director RDD Jammu Mohammad Mumtaz Ali conducted a two day visit to the rural areas of Doda District.

During the whirlwind tour of the district, he visited various panchayats of Blocks of Kastigarh, Dali Udhyampur and Gundana wherein he inspected Amrit Sarovars, PMAY houses and other numerous assets which have been created under MGNREGA, SBM, Capex etc. Besides he also focused on the ODF Plus status of these blocks and assets created under SBM including CSCs, Community Compost Pits, Community Soakage pits, individual Soakage pits etc.



The Director instructed the field functionaries in these blocks to better their respective key indicators of various schemes especially in SBM and MGNREGA, besides directed to increase the timely payments, PD generation, Geotagging, Adhaar Seeding and Authentication etc.

While laying special focus on Swacchta, he directed the BDOs and other field functionaries of the RDD to sustain the cleanliness and other assets of SBM throughout the calendar on priority, besides direct-

ing the BDOs to keep monitoring the implementation of all the schemes in their blocks so that their aim and objectives shall be adhered in letter and spirit.

Meanwhile, the Director also held the review meeting of the field functionaries of Kahara and Thathri Block at Thathri, wherein he directed the field functionaries to better their performance for the common good of the people who are primarily dependent upon the RDD schemes.

Y20 (Yuvamanthan Model) G20 Summit 2023 Successfully Organized in CUJ



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Central University of Jammu organized the 'Yuvamanthan Model G20'. This remarkable initiative was held under the visionary leadership of Prof Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Ritu Bakhshi, Dean Students Welfare.

The Y20 summit model, aimed at channeling the energy and potential of young minds, saw participation from a large number of enthusiastic students. Dr. Amita Gupta, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilization (CCRC), coordinated the event. The summit witnessed the participation of over 72 students acting as leaders of G20 nations.

India's assumption of the G20 presidency from December 2022 is a defining moment in its history, aiming to foster pragmatic global solutions and embody the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth - One Family - One Future), the theme of G20. Acknowledging the crucial role of India's youth in an interconnected world,

Yuvamanthan Model G20 (YMG20) provides a platform for their inclusion, amplifying their voices on socio-political issues.

Key outcomes of the discussion included consensus on Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War. The participants also emphasized the importance of knowledge sharing among G20 nations. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor on the occasion emphasized the University's commitment to fostering practical discussions and nurturing essential skills in youth. Yuvamanthan Model G20 provides a significant learning opportunity for students to develop skills like public speaking, strategy building, team building and multilateral negotiations, among others and contribute to a better world. He congratulated Dr. Ritu Bakhshi and her team for this innovative approach to provide the students a real-world experience of international relations and diplomacy.

Addressing the students, the special guests of honour on the occasion were Prof. B. S. Bhu, Prof Deepak Pathania, Prof Vandana

Sharma, Prof Jaya Bhaseen, highlighting the opportunity for innovative ideas to shape a sustainable and inclusive world. He remarked, "In today's age, the youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow but are influencing change today. Through platforms like the Yuvamanthan Model G20, innovative ideas can transform into solutions, leading us to a more sustainable and inclusive world. Every thought, every discussion here is a step forward towards that dream."

In the conclusion of the summit, teams and individuals were recognized for their outstanding performance. For the Best Team category, the first prize was bagged by India, represented by the dynamic duo of Sooraj Bhan and Dipeesh Kumar. Brazil followed closely in second place with representatives Rupali Singh and Sachin Kumar. The third prize went to Australia's Sachiv Gupta and Stuti Sharma, while the consolation prize was awarded to Indonesia, represented by Ankit Mishra and Rajni Sharma.

For the Best Head of State category, the first prize went to Indonesia's representative, Ankit Mishra. The second prize was clinched by Japan with Abhigya Langeh as their representative, while the third prize was awarded to the European Union, represented by Nahila Tabassum. The United States, represented by Harsh Pratap Singh Hada, took home the consolation prize. In the Best Finance Minister category, India's Dipeesh Kumar took the top prize. The second prize was claimed by Russia's Aditya Singh, and the third prize went to Australia, represented by Stuti Sharma.

The consolation prize in this category went to the United States, represented by Vipin Tiwari.

Pakistan can't digest J&K moving forward on path of peace & prosperity: Ritika

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan today paid rich tributes to Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Dhonchak and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himanyun Muzamil Bhat martyred during an encounter with terrorists in Kokernag. She saluted the courage and supreme sacrifice of bravehearts who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Their selfless service to the nation will always be remembered. She said that Pakistan does not like peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "While we are moving forward on the path of peace, the enemy is finding it hard," she

said. "The path of peace is getting stronger but our enemies cannot digest it." She said that the youth had to remain cautious and not fall prey to Pakistan's lust for violence and think about their family, society, and its development. Ritika further said that record influx of tourists, industrial investments, the successful conduct of the G20 summit and other national and international events in the UT has sent the message to the world that Jammu Kashmir is peaceful and is on the move. PM Modi Govt has a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and are determined to root out terrorism, separatism and the ecosystem of conflict profiteering. Govt has

been successful to a certain extent and people are living their lives without fear and on their own terms," she said. Ritika said today, J&K is leading by example for other states/UTs in the country. Transparent & accountable governance system and seamless access to government services has improved the ease of living of the people, she said. Big business houses and companies from across the world are willing to invest in J&K. Reforms in education, health, agriculture and allied sectors, industries, infrastructure, connectivity, power, hospitality, handicrafts, revenue, films, information technology, sports and other sectors have laid a solid

foundation for the bright and prosperous future of J&K and its people, Ritika added. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K is growing at an impressive pace and the rapid development in the diverse sectors over three successive years is unprecedented in the history of the UT," Ritika said. "People are united for their bright future and committed to build a new J&K of their dreams. Youth are exploring all the opportunities to realise their talent and skill and also supporting development aspirations of the society. Women, farmers, tribals, underprivileged, poor and weaker sections are becoming socio-economically empowered," she said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR(UT) OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT GHORDI

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Applications on prescribed proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqa /Municipal Wards, for the engagement of **Sahayikas (AWHs)** "preferably married" for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Ghordi on "Honorarium basis" (Sahayikas @2550/- per month). The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of the undersigned i.e Child Development Project Officer Ghordi by or before **27th of September, 2023** against proper receipt.

S.NO	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/MUNICIPALITY WARD	VACANCY OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)	
				NO. OF PANCH WARD/ MC WARD	NAME OF AWC
1	UDHAMPUR	GHORDI	SERBALA	4	MATLI MORHA
2	UDHAMPUR	GHORDI	UPPER BARMEEN	9	LOWER GADYAL

Criteria for Selection of Sahayikas (Aanganwadi Helpers) shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order No: 103 JK (SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.4.2023 i.e.

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate is available in the Panch Ward/MC Ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needly married women of the Panch ward/MC Ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate can also be considered.
- As per Social Welfare J&K Administrative departments Directive No. SWD-ICDS/43/2023 Dated 14-08-2023 and Mission Director Poshan J&K Communication No. SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/21349-72 Dated 14-07-2023 the Sole Criteria for Selection of Sahayikas Shall be Marks Obtained class 10th. However in a rarest of Rare case Where selection Committee finds a widow headed Household with no source of income or a Completely destitute Lady with Zero Source of Income Preference shall be given to such Candidates provided all others things are equal.

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: -

- Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO.
- Latest voter list as proof of residence certified by BDO concerned.
- Copy of Aadhar Card & Ration Card.
- Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 8th & 10th.
- If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH, then copy of the ration card.
- Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars (In case of unmarried candidates)
- Copy of Death certificate of husband.(In case of widow.)
- Copy of Divorce certificate. (In case of Divorcee.)
- Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.
- Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

Note: Prescribed Application Proforma can be had from the undersigned office "Free of Cost".

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SD/- CHILD DEV. PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN GHORDI

Sanatana Dharma is the most sublime and vast, it has no end: Chandel

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: In a heartfelt address to the Sanatani world, Hindu nationalist leader Guruji Raju Chandel emphasized that every child born on this Earth is inherently Sanatani, regardless of their physical appearance or background.



stated, "Sanatana Dharma is eternal, with no beginning, no end, and no boundaries. While all other castes and communities have an end, Sanatana remains untouched and indestructible. Sanatana is the biggest religion that encompasses people from all walks of life as one global family. It is important for the Sanatani community to see themselves as part of one unified family."

root of all faiths and communities. Just as the rivers flow from the Kailash mountain and take different forms in various streams, when a child is born, they are Sanatani first before being placed into different categories." Guruji Chandel further

Guruji Chandel's message resonates with the eternal essence of the Sanatani faith, which has withstood the test of time and continues to guide millions of people around the world.

He reminds us that Sanatana is a way of life that transcends divisions and embraces unity amongst all its followers.

Manjit Singh condemns NHAI for illegal collection of toll tax at Sarore

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today condemned the NHAI's illegal practice of collecting toll tax from the commuters on Jammu-Pathankot National Highway and strongly opposed the installation of smart meters.



inflated electricity bills after the installation of the smart meters. The people have been over burdened with the smart meters. Hence, the Govt must intervene and stop its smart meter's installation, and electricity bill charges as per the smart meters," he said.

Addressing a meeting of Apni Party leaders, and workers in Vijaypur, the Former Minister discussed various developmental issues, Sarore Toll Plaza, smart meters, poor basic amenities.

this illegal practice. The condition of Jammu-Pathankot highway is bad to worse in Kathua - Samba up to Kunjwani in Jammu District. However, the NHAI has not considered the public sentiments," he said.

the highway was not suitable for commuters.

"We have two toll plazas in Sarore in Samba and Bann (Nagrota) in less than 60 km of stretch on the highway that violates set norms and claim made by Union Minister, Nitin Ghadkari that no toll plaza to be established within 60 kms of limits," he added.

He also referred to the old age pension which has been stopped and the pensioners have been forced to complete harsh formalities at the age when many of them are facing multiple illnesses.

He encouraged party cadre to prepare for the municipal elections. The meeting was organised by Apni Party District President Samba Legal Cell, Adv Sahil Bharti.

He raised questions on the recent visit of the NHAI team from Delhi. "The NHAI team had visited the flood hit areas in Kathua and the damaged bridges, whereas, they have yet to take a decision regarding Toll Tax collection at Sarore," he said.

Meanwhile, he also raised the issue of smart meters that has invoked strong reaction against its installation in Jammu plains.

He demanded that the formalities for old age pension should be eased for the pensioners, and the stopped pensions should be completed as early as possible. He also expressed his concern over the no canal water supply in tail-end villages of Ramgarh and other villages and unscheduled power cuts.

"It is unfortunate to note that the Toll Plaza at Sarore is still functional and collecting Toll Tax from the commuters even after resentment and protests in Jammu, Samba and Kathua for

He said that the Apni Party and other people had staged protests opposing collection of Toll Tax when the condition of

"The people are getting

Vikramaditya pays rich tributes to valiant officers for supreme sacrifice

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 15: Vikramaditya Singh, former MLC on Thursday expressed shock and grief over the martyrdom of three Indian brave hearts including a colonel and major of a Rashtriya Rifles unit, and a Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police during an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag district.

was tragic as the loss is big and shocking. Paying rich tributes to the brave hearts of the motherland, Vikramaditya Singh extended profound condolences to the families of the martyrs.

He said that though the loss of sons of soil in this manner is a big jolt to the country but this cowardice act of enemies of the nation should not deter India from continuing its efforts to ensure peace and development in the region for which it has taken a strong resolve and working on it since long.

In a statement issued to media persons, the former MLC said that the outcome of the encounter

G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:

Auction Catalogue No.	EAFZR-CTG23-5			
Auction Start	29/09/2023 at 11.00AM			
Name of work	Allotment of catering stall at Railway Stations			
Railway Station	GMU/SMU	Stall No.	Location	Reserved for
Khem Karan	GMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	All
Dinanagar	GMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Women
Verka	GMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Freedom Fighters & War Widows & Widows of Railway Employees
Hoshiarpur	GMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	All
Tanda Umrur	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Other Backward Class (Women)
Batala	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Minorities
Samba	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Schedule Tribe (Freedom Fighters & War Widows & Widows of Railway Employees)
Ram Nagar JK	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Other Backward Class (Women)
Nawashehar Doaba	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Schedule Tribe (ST)
Vijaypur Jammu	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Other Backward Class (OBC)
Baril Brahmana	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Other Backward Class (OBC)
Tarn Taran	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Schedule Caste (SC)
Nakodar	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Other Backward Class (OBC)
Gurdaspur	SMU	Stall No.1	PF No.1	Schedule Caste (Women)

For other details please visit Railway website www.irps.gov.in 2868/2023

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(ANNEXURE-I) S.NO: APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SAHAYIKA (ANGANWADI HELPER)

- Name of the District: - UDHAMPUR
- Name of the ICDS Project: - GHORDI
- Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement sought.....
- Panch Ward/MC Ward..... Panchayat Halqa.....
- Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters)
- Fathers Name (In Block Letters)
- Marital Status: - Married /Un Married
- Husbands Name (if married)
- Place of Permanent Residence
- Mohalla.....Village.....
- Panch Ward Constituency.....
- Name of the Panchayat Halqa.....
- House No..... (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral) Block:.....
- Address for Correspondence.....Mobile No:.....
- Date of Birth.....

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- Age as on 01-01-2023.....
- Academic Qualification

S.No	Examination passed	Board/School	Year of passing	Marks Obt.	Max. Marks	%age
1	Matric					
2	Middle					

- Do candidate belong to family of retired AWH (Yes/No).
- Documents attached.
 - Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO.
 - Latest voter list as proof of residence certified by BDO concerned.
 - Copy of Aadhar Card & Ration Card.
 - Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
 - Date of Birth Certificate.
 - Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 8th & 10th.
 - If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH, then copy of the ration card.
 - Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars (In case of unmarried candidates)
 - Copy of Death certificate of husband.(In case of widow.)
 - Copy of Divorce certificate. (In case of Divorcee.)
 - Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.
 - Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

Signature of Candidate

Affidavit

I _____ D/o/w/o/wd/o _____ R/o _____ do hereby solemnly affirm as under:

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

Signature of Applicant

District Road Safety Committee reviews implementation of Action Plan in Udhampur District

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 15: Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, today chaired a meeting of District Road Safety Committee in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Udhampur, to assess and enhance road safety measures in the district.

Notable attendees included Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr. Vinod Kumar; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia; SE PWD, Executive Engineers from PWD, PMGSY, and other district officers.

The meeting covered a range of vital topics, including the



removal of encroachments and hoardings, the formulation of parking by-laws, relocation of the bus stop from Slathia Chowk to the new bus stand, identification of routes for new permits, displaying route and rate information on commercial

vehicles, rigorous enforcement of provisions in the MVD Act, provision of hill recovery cranes, installation of GPS in commercial vehicles, road safety awareness campaigns, identification and mitigation of black spots, reducing road

accidents, road maintenance, tackling overloading, implementing effective traffic management systems, easing congestion on busy routes, and the installation of proper signages. During the meeting, the Executive Engineers from PWD, PMGSY, and NHAI were instructed to ensure consistent road maintenance to prevent accidents. They were also tasked with identifying black spots and implementing corrective measures such as sign-board placement and crash barrier installations.

The Traffic Police received instructions to regulate traffic flow, minimize traffic jams, and address overloading concerns,

working in coordination with local police for the convenience of the general public. The DC emphasized the importance of quarterly road safety audits, regular meetings, and awareness campaigns. The CEO of the Municipal Corporation was directed to conduct drives to remove encroachments from critical junctions. Stricter enforcement against violators was ordered, led by ARTO, Traffic, and District Police.

The urgent identification of black spots and prompt remedial action were emphasized.

The CEO was tasked with organizing road safety awareness programs in schools throughout the district.

Selection of beneficiaries under HADP held at Kulgam



JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 15: For selection of beneficiaries under various components/activities in Fisheries and Sheep Husbandry sectors under Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) for the current year 2023-24, a meeting of District Level Committee (DLC) for implementation of HADP was today held under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather at mini-secretariat here.

During the meeting, under the fisheries sector a total of 20 beneficiaries were selected including 05 women beneficiaries for 14 numbers of Trout Raceways, 04 small RAS units, 01 Trout Seed Hatchery unit and 01 Cold Storage Unit. In addition 02 beneficiaries were also selected under CSS, PMMSY Scheme for construction of Trout Raceway and 01 Motor Cycle with Ice Box.

Under Sheep sector the committee made a selection of beneficiaries for 20 commercial sheep farms which included 14 General, 4 ST, 2 Women units.

Selection of beneficiaries for 10 tents, PP sheets and construction of 01 Kotha/Doka (to Chopan and Nomad community) was also done. The committee also made Selection of one FPO for Wool & Pelt aggregation and value processing and marketing.

Udhampur DC flags off Gandhi Jayanti Shanti Yatra in Tikri

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 15: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, in the presence of Chief Education Officer, Geetu Bangotra, flagged off Gandhi Jayanti Shanti Yatra from Government Higher Secondary School Tikri, here today.

In a symbolic tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, students from Higher Secondary School Tikri donned attire resembling Gandhi ji and led the rally, passionately chanting slogans in praise of Father of Nation. The "Shanti Chin," a symbol of peace received from District Reasi, was passed from one school to another along the route, emphasizing the core values of Truth, Peace,



Non-Violence, and Cleanliness.

The Yatra commenced from HSS Tikri, moving energetically to HSS Garhi, and finally culminating at HSS Boys Udhampur, traversing through MS Ward No. 10 and Girls

High School Udhampur en route. The Principal of HSS Boys Udhampur warmly received the Yatra, and a brief cultural program paying tribute to Gandhi ji was performed at the school.

DC Ganderbal inspects several public utilities at Bus Stand

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today conducted a tour of the newly constructed bus stand near SSP Office.

On the occasion, the DC inspected the progress of various ongoing works like the Municipal Council Office complex, cafeteria, Ground and While inspecting the progress of works, the DC was informed that most of the works are completed and both cafeteria and Municipal Council Office are also completed except a few minor finishing works which shall be completed very soon and both the blocks will be ready for use.

The DC also reviewed the construction of passenger sheds, water facility, lighting, installation of CCTV, public toilets, space for drivers, etc.

The PDD was directed to ensure sufficient lights are installed within the bus stand and power supply is provided to all utilities.

Similarly, Jal Shakti was directed to ensure sufficient water supply is provided wherever required.

EO, municipal council Ganderbal was asked to ensure CCTVs are installed on all vital points so that proper surveillance is ensured. On the occasion, the DC also interacted with the sumo stand association who apprised him of several demands for which the DC said that the district administration is committed to develop the bus stand as economic hub and assured all modern facilities will be made available here once the bus stand is made full functional. During the visit the DC was accompanied by President Municipal Council Ganderbal, Altaf Ahmad; EO, MC Ganderbal; ARTO Ganderbal, AEE PWD and other officials.

Revenue officials remove encroachment from state land in Nagrota

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15: Under the direction of District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, officials from the Revenue Department, led by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Piyush Dhotra and Tehsildar Nagrota, Babu Ram Choudhary, along with Tehsildar

Jammu Development Authority, Ranjt Singh, conducted an anti-encroachment drive to reclaim state land measuring 2 kanal in village Nagrota today.

The encroached land, identified under khasra number 851, was unlawfully occupied by one Somnath Sapru, who had also erected a compound wall and a huge gate on the property.

It has come to light that the encroacher has a history of such encroachments and, on this occasion, he was sternly cautioned by officials against any future transgressions.

The district administration has decided to take stringent measures against corruption and encroachments across the district in the coming days.

Progress under District Capex, APDP, ABDP other schemes reviewed at Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 15: Additional District Development Commissioner Ramban, Rajinder Sharma, today reviewed physical and financial progress made by the line departments under District Capex budget and other flagship schemes including centrally sponsored pro-

grams.

Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, ACD, Ashok Katoch, GM, DIC Ravinder Anand, CEO, CHO, CAO, CAHO, DSHO, LDM Executive Engineers, BDOs and various other senior officers attended the meeting. The ADDC directed District and Sectoral officers to implement Aspirational Panchayat Development

Programme (APDP) effectively under which the identified Panchayats have given special focus to saturate inclusive development schemes which would serve as model Panchayats. Reviewing progress made under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) and ABP, the ADDC directed the officers to submit necessary infor-

mation including progress on deliverables to CPO office within the due date for further submission to the concerned higher authorities. The ADDC also inquired about the physical status of the ongoing works, number of schemes completed and headways achieved in the current fiscal under Area Development fund 2023-24.

JD Employment inaugurates 3-month course in Office Automation at ITI Ramban

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 15: Joint Director, Employment, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik today inaugurated a course in Office Automation at ITI Ramban in the presence of Assistant Director, DECC, Dr Sushant Gupta and Principal, ITI, Pervez Ahmed Bhat.

The three month course in Office Automation has been started as a pilot project in the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Ramban by the Department of Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC), Ramban in collaboration with the Industries Training Institute (ITI), Ramban.

On the occasion, besides telling the selected candidates about the importance of career in Office Automation they were also sensitized about career options in Office Automation.

Rent Assessment Committee meet held at Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 15: A meeting of District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) was today convened at Kulgam under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather. On the occasion, the ADDC held a detailed discussion with officers of different departments functioning from rented accommodations in the district and with the owners of these buildings before approving rent cases. The Committee approved 21 rent cases pertaining to various government departments.

The meeting was attended by ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, CAHO Kulgam, AD-Handicrafts and Handloom, AD-FCS&CA, Executive Engineers and other officers, besides owners of these rented buildings were also present in the meeting.

DC Doda hails outstanding performance of PARISHA girls Kabaddi team in Janmashtami JK Kabaddi Championship



JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPTEMBER 15: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan today congratulated the runner-up girls team of Doda for their outstanding performance in the Janmashtami JK Kabaddi Championship.

The championship was organised by Swami Vivekananda Sports Club J&K Jammu. The girls' Kabaddi team belongs to PARISHA Doda (Nari Niketan) under Mission Vatsalya, where orphan and poor girls are being provided with free educational,

residential and other needs. He commended their hard work and dedication, highlighting the tough competition they faced. The team has also been acknowledged as the best defender in the championship.

DC acknowledged the efforts of the students who interacted with him during the championship, appreciating their enthusiasm and support spirit. The Deputy Commissioner assured the team and attendees that Doda would continue to strive for excellence in future tournaments, representing the district with pride.

Reasi Administration organizes Anti Terrorism Rally



JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, SEPTEMBER 15: In a poignant event, 2500 participants from District Administration, including all district officers and officials, teachers, students from various educational institutions, came together to pay tribute to brave heart officers who attained martyrdom in Anantnag. The commemorative rally commenced from the DC office Complex and passed through Reasi town amid chanting of slogans against Terrorism and culminated back at DC office complex. Students from different institutions, sectoral and District officers and staff stationed at Reasi and prominent

citizens participated in the rally. Throughout the rally, students prominently displayed posters that conveyed their heartfelt condolences and offered prayers for the departed souls.

District Development Commissioner, Babila Rakwal, stood at the forefront, saluting the supreme sacrifice of martyrs with slogans "Col Manpreet Singh Amar Rahe Amar Rahe"-Major Ashish Amar Rahe Amar Rahe" Dy SP Humayun Bhat Amar rahe Amar rahe".

This event, characterized by its solemnity and reverence, provided a platform to the community to come together and honor the supreme sacrifice made by these valiant officers.

Ering traders penalised in Kathua for violation of FSS Act, 2006

Rs 1.97 lakh fine recovered for selling misbranded, substandard food items

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 15: Court of Adjudicating Officer, Additional District Magistrate Kathua, Ranjeet Singh today imposed fine to the tune of Rs 1.97 lakh on complaint cases/Food Business Operators (FBOs) including manufacturers, wholesale dealers and retailers for violating the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act-2006.

The fine was imposed on the erring traders, during the proceeding of cases of various blocks of district Kathua related to the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006, listed before the Adjudicating Officer.

He also warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of Food Safety and Standards Act and rules thereunder by the Food Business Operators of the district will be strongly dealt with. It is pertinent to mention here that the Concerned Enforcement Agency was directed by the Adjudicating Officer under FSS Act-2006, to take Stern action against the Violators so that Consumers Can be provided wholesome and safe food.