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Success of G20 belongs to 140 crore Indians not to individual or party: PM Modi in Lok Sabha



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New Delhi, Sept 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on India," PM Modi said Monday credited 140 crore Indians for the success of the G20 Summit held here, saying it does not belong to

any individual or a party. Initiating the discussion in Lok Sabha on "Parlia- cannot forget the emotional mentary Journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Union (joining G20) was Achievements, Experiences, Memories and Learnings", he said the federal structure, diversity, while speaking," the prime and different state governments welcomed delegates spoke on the consensus the guests. He also said a achieved on the G20 declarasummit of the Speakers of tion. He said many speculat-Parliaments of the G20 couned a declaration would not tries will be held soon. "The success of G-20 belongs to 140 crore Indians. This is the success of India, not of any individual, not the success of any party. The federal structure of India, the

diversity of India made it possible to host more than 200 meetings at 60 places to show the myriad colours of

He said everyone should celebrate this success, and India should be proud that the African Union joined G20 under its presidency. "I moment when the African announced, and the President of the African Union said he would probably cry minister said. Modi also come out of the G20 summit. "But this is India's strength, a declaration came with consensus." PM Modi said India has the G20 presidency till

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Parliament's session may be short but is big on occasion, is of historic decisions: Modi

New Delhi, Sept 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that this Parliament session may be short in duration but is big on occasion, and is of "his-

In his remarks to the media ahead of the five-day ses sion, Modi noted that Parliament will move to the new building on Tuesday as he asked MPs to join proceedings with new enthusiasm while shedding old shortcomings. an apparent reference to frequent protests by

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Lets move to new parliament building with new hope, confidence: PM Modi

New Delhi, Sep 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid tributes to "every brick" of the old Parliament building and said the MPs will enter the new building with "new hope and confidence"

In his over an hour-long speech in Lok Sabha, Modi remembered the journey of India's democracy and said the last day in this heritage building should be dedicated to the over 7,500 parliamentarians who served in this building since Independence. Parliament will shift to the new building on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh

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LG chairs a high-level meeting to review developmental scenario

Budgam, Sept 18: Lieuten ant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting earlier today to review the developmental scenario in the Budgam Dis-

Lt Governor The appraised the sector-wise implementation progress of Centrally sponsored and the UT Government schemes and the developmental projects in the district.

The Lt Governor directed the district administration to explore new opportunities for Private investment in the hospitality sector to provide a boost to tourism and to dedicated focus by the dis-



Youth engagement and Education are another two key sectors which require

trict officials, the Lt Governor observed while directing the Education department to

prepare a roadmap to CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

It is responsibility of

citizens to contribute in

development of J&K: LG

Lt Governor's greetings on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi JI NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Sept 18: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi.

In his message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, I convey hearty greetings and good wishes to all. The celebration

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LG visits family members of Martyr DySP Humayun Bhat



JI NEWS SERVICE

Budgam, Sept 18: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Humhama, Budgam. Sinha today visited the

family members of Braveheart martyr DySP Humayun Bhat at their residence in

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JI NEWS SERVICE

Budgam, Sept 18: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoi Sinha today laid the foundation stone of much-awaited 125-bedded District Hospital Complex at a cost of Rs 49.32 crore at Reshipora, Budgam.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the people of Budgam on the occasion. Today is a and dream of the people of tion. having all the health facili-

"People's health is the top priority of administration and this project is a ment to bring better health facilities to small towns, strengthening public health service delivery, minimizing inconvenience and referrals to Tertiary health care centres in Srinagar," the Lt Governor said.

Addressing a huge gathering, the Lt Governor highlighted the efforts of the administration to establish transparent and responsive

'We have traveled a long distance in the last three years in terms of speedy execution of projects within the stipulated period and eliminated the gap between the aspirations of people and the delivery by administration with dedication and commitment," the Lt Governor said.

He said the UT Administration, under the guidance historic day for all of us in of Hon'ble Prime Minister, terms of development. The is working diligently to 125-bedded Hospital will ful- ensure there is no scope for fill the long pending demand discrimination and corrup-

ties under one roof, he said. formulated with the objective of ensuring living standards of common man are improved and deprived sectestimony to our commit-tion of the society is empowered, he said.

Our policies have been

At Budgam, the Lt Governor paid homage to the martyrs of Police and Security

'The UT administration is determined to create a fear-free, terrorism-free, corruption-free and futureoriented Jammu Kashmir. We salute our soldiers and

police personnel who CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

SEC notifies schedule for preparation of 2nd supplement to Panchayat electoral roll

JI NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Sept 18: The State **Election Commission Union** Territory of Jammu and Kashmir today notified the schedule for preparation of 2nd supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023 with 01-01-2023 as the qualifying date.

According to a public notice issued here in this regard stated that the electors of the area can accordingly submit (File) claims and objections regarding additions, deletions, corrections and transpositions of entries in the existing Panchayat Electoral Roll to concerned EROS with effect from 20.09,2023 to 29.09,2023.



Electoral Registration Officers (EROS) shall get Panchavat Electoral Roll, 2023 displayed at prominent locations in Halga Panchayat on 20-09-2023 (Wednesday) along with public notice. Besides. special camps would be held

at the Polling Booth Locations on 23.09.2023 (Saturday) and 24.09.2023 (Sunday). The Panchayat Election Booth Officials (PEBO i.e, VLW/MPW/GRS) along with the Assembly BLOS shall remain available at the Polling Booth Locations with the requisite Forms and Panchayat Roll, 2023 for guidance of the electors.

The document further added that disposal of claims and objections by ERO would be done with effect from 30.09.2023 (Saturday) to 06.10.2023 (Friday). Again, publication of voter list with the supplement will be done on 10.10.2023 (Tuesday). The notice stated that as

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Anantnag anti-terror operation enters sixth day, security forces use drones to pinpoint hideouts



JI NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Sept 18: The operation to flush out terrorists holed up in the Gadole forest area of Jammu and

Kashmir's Anantnag district entered the sixth day on Monday with security forces using drones to pinpoint the hideouts for carrying

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others, we are in a position to give lead to the rest of the

countries. So India is now

ready to lead, the world is

ready to be led. Now it's up

to us, how much capacity do

we have to lead. And that is

why it is giving esteem to

ther said, India's quantum

leap in the Space sector has

only been possible after

Prime Minister Shri Nar-

endra Modi took the coura-

geous decision to "unlock'

this sector from the "veil of

Space Technology, Dr Jiten-

dra Singh said, the common

masses of the country have

been able to witness the

launch of the mega space

events like Chandrayaan-3

or Aditya, some 10,000 stu-

dents and common people

came to see the Aditya

launch and some 1,000 media

persons were there during

the Chandrayaan-3 landing

on the moon.

With the unlocking of

Dr Jitendra Singh fur-

each and every citizen."

Three detained in Kishtwar for alleged terror links

JI NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Sep 18: Three over-ground workers (OGWs) of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit were detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Monday, officials

Touseef-ul-Nabi, Zahoorul-Hassan and Revaz Ahmad were taken into custody under the law CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

90,000 visit Shankri Devta Mela in Udhampur, pay obeisance at Shiva Temple



JI NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Sept 18: Over 90,000 devotees paid obeisance at the ancient temple of Shankri Devta during a three-day temple fair in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said on Monday.

The Shankri Devta mela concluded on Sunday night in Panchari block.

"Over 90,000 people from different areas of the region flocked to the historic mela

and paid obeisance at the Shiva temple," the officials

The Shankri Devta temple is situated on a hillock in Meer village in a scenic spot which is surrounded by meadows, lofty mountains and lush green

While addressing the gathering, District Development Council Chairperson Lal Chand and Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai

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Cyber Crime Investigation Centre SP to ioin NIA on deputation basis JI NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Sep 18: Sandeep Choudhary, SP, Cyber Crime Investigation Centre for Excellence (CICE) of Jammu and Kashmir Police, was on Monday relieved from his post to enable him to join the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation basis for a period of five years, an official order said. Superintendent of Police (SP), Special Crime Wing, Jammu, Anuj Kumar was given the additional charge of the post of SP, CICE till further orders, the order issued by Financial Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary. J&K home department, Raj Kumar Goyal said.

The order said Choudhary, a 2012-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, is relieved from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to

enable him to take CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

4 chargesheeted for running fake employment racket in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

Jammu, Sept 18: Crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against four persons for allegedly running a fake employment racket and swindling over Rs 41 lakhs from unemployed youth here, an offi-

The chargesheet against Abdul Rashid Pandit and Zahoor Ahmed Bhat from Baramulla, and Mohd Avub and Mohd Azam Mellu from Poonch was filed in a local court in a case registered at Jammu crime branch in 2014, a spokesperson of the agency said. He said the case was

registered following a written complaint that a large number of youth from Poonch were duped on the pretext of arranging jobs in various government depart-As per procedure in

vogue, preliminary CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

While celebrating Chandrayaan, Space Technology also used in development projects: Dr Jitendra

JI NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 18: While celebrating Chandrayaan success, India is at the same time also using Space Technology and its applications in various sectoral development projects, said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing a special session "Emulating Chandravaan-3 Success in Biomedical Sciences'

Space Technology today has virtually entered every Indian household, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said Space Applications is being utilised in almost all sectors such as Weather Forecasting and Disaster Management, Smart City project, Infrastructure Development, Railway Tracks & management of unmanned Railway Crossings, Roads & Buildings, Telemedicine, Governance, and most importantly, the

"It is in these last 7 to 8 years that we have shown the world how Space Technology & its scientific

applications could be used for sectoral development... (We have to) make our boys and girls understand the huge enormous, collateral positives coming out of this. Now suddenly this technology has become available all across the country," he said, addressing the International Association of Pancreatology in New Delhi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the

landing of Chandrayaan-3 on

the virgin South Polar region

of the Moon demonstrated

talent through cost effective means. The evidence of Mineral Elements like Sulphur, Cobalt, Hydrogen and Water Molecules by Chandrayaan-1 mission is being looked up by the entire scientific com munity across the globe because they expect some new inferences.

of Hydrogen.

'We have actually proved

Dr Jitendra Singh said today India is laying down the targets such as on Climate Change, we have set the Net Zero target by 2070, and tomorrow we will be one of the major exporters

to the world we can meet you on your platform," he before the world India's said, adding, "We are now 'Svamitva' GPS land-map-technological capability and no longer taking lead from

'We had everything, but we were possibly **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

Balwan holds party workers meet BJP VDG cell discusses, raises issues

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Senior Congress Leader and former MLA Thakur Balwan Singh held an impressive congress meet at Paloura and asked people to reject BJP for its failures of various fronts especially it's anti youth and anti poor policies.

Addressing the gathering in ward no 59,Ploura today, Th Balwan Singh said that BJP has utterly failed to address the issues of the people especially of the poor and youth besides depriving the people of J & K deprived of democracy for more than five years.

on all fronts especially on economic fronts due it's wrong economic & other anti Jammu policies. Common man is worst hit due to failures to control prices, give employment and check corruption and the dictatorship policies, where no voice is being heard. He said BJP is responsible for the strong arm methods of administration to crush every voice against injustice and



He said common man is suffering huge taxes through smart meters, toll plaza, property tax etc.

> Senior Congress leader said that people are fed up but feel cheated and not only want to bring change but also want to teach a lesson to

> People see Congress as the only viable alternative to BJP in Jammu region and Congress will emerge a strong force and form government in Jammu & Kashmir.

He said large number of leaders and workers from other parties have already joined Congress party and more and more are joining, who are welcome in the party to make it further stronger. He said this while welcoming Shri Kuldeep Kumar a prominent political and social activist in to the party in the meeting organized by Congress leaders Smt. Santosh Manhas, Th Hoshiar Singh & others.

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU. SEPT 18: BJP VDG cell district Jammu and District Samba under the leadership of Basant Raj Thakur, BJP VDG Cell State Convener held a meeting at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, BJP All Cells Incharge Rakesh Mahajan addressed the meeting.

Library Incharge Kulbhushan Mohtra, and BJP leader Ramesh Katoch were also present in the meeting, in which hundreds of VDG members participated. The meeting witnessed the applause by all regarding the release of the VDGs remuneration besides threadbare discussions on their other issues.

Basant Raj Thakur, while speaking thanked to party High command



as they resolved the long pending issue of remuneration of the VDG members. He also raised certain issues of VDG members like without salary members should be engaged with salary policy. VDG of Rajouri and Poonch should be engaged with the same policy. He also asked for the VDG's insurance policy, their CP fund policy and for the

Senior party leaders, listen patiently to all the issues regarding Village Defense Groups members and assured them that the BJP fully supports genuine demands the put forth by every person and deputation. He said that party stands by their all justified demands and the senior party leadership would certainly raise their issues on the appropriate platforms.

Kavinder Gupta lauds PM's address at the special session of Parliament



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUG Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for according equitable significance to the old as well as modern values in the society. He expressed this while responding to the remark of the Prime Minister while addressing the House during the last session in the old building. remarked "We may go to

inspire generations to come. This is an important chapter of India's journey." It is an occasion to recollect and reminisce the parliamentary journey of 75 years of India before the proceedings are shifted to the newly inaugurated building,' he added.

Addressing media persons here today that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conversation with the media before the new Parliament session has undoubtedly set the record straight and shut Prime Minister the mouth of the opposition who had raised a lot the new building, but the of hue and cry over the

Parliament Complex. This is evidenced by the fact brought forth and presented nicely by the PM when he said that though the decision to construct this building was taken by a foreigner, yet we can never forget that it is the people of this nation who invested hard work, sweat and money in the construction of this building which is a sacred historical monument for all the people across Bharat. Recalling PM's tweet "The role in the new Parliament strength of India's democracy is that a child from a habit of walkouts and poor family living on the wasting the precious time railway platform reached

coveted positions including that of the President are held by the ordinary commoners vet extraordinary in their efficiency. This is the beauty of the spirit of democracy in Bharat, he asserted.

Kavinder Gupta stated achievements of idency.

The senior BJP leader hoped that opposition parties will play an active building and give up the of the highest temple of

industry. The participants

were recognized for their

outstanding performance and dedication to excellence during the Electr-

ician Course. Proficiency certificates were awarded to all participants and

also encouraged them to

apply the knowledge

gained to contribute to the

growing demand for

This initiative by Indian

skilled electricians.

that it is an irony of this nation that the opposition parties and their leaders never appreciated the incumbent Modi led Govt be it the successful conclusion of G20, which the PM himself acknowledged being the success of not any individual or party, but that of the 140 crore populace of Bharat. He added that Indians will be proud of having successfully facilitated the African Union's becoming a permanent member of the G20 during Bharat's pres-

Parliament," Kavinder Democracy. old building will also construction of the new **Indian Army Announced Completion** of 15 Days Electrician Course



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Indian Army announced the successful completion of 15 days comprehensive Electrician Course on 16 Sep 2023 which was conducted with effect from

02 Sep 2023 to 16 Sep 2023 at Village Kuchhal of Kishtwar District of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Electrician Course, a cornerstone of providing quality vocational education, spanned 15 days and encompassed a wide

range of essential skills and knowledge in the field of electrical work. This program attracted 26 dedicated individuals of Village Kuchhal and nearby areas who were eager to embark on a rewarding

career in the electrical

Army was highly appreciated by the youth and populace who thanked Indian Army for providing such unique platform for creating opportunities. The conduct of such training will go a long way in helping the unemployed youths of the area to find gainful employment and to be bread win-

ners for their families.

Felicitation of Gref & Tunnel Workers on Engineers Day at Dharmari

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: On the occasion of Engineers Day the Indian Army organised a felicitation of GREF & Tunnel workers at Dharmari. Engineer day is observed to commemorate the great work

of engineers and to encourage them for improvement & innova-

The day urges all of the engineers in the country especially civil engineers to take Sir M Visvesvaraya as a role model in accomplishing their tasks and contributing a lot for the countries development.

Therefore, to celebrate the occasion the Indian Army organised an interaction with GREF & Tunnel workers. A total of 15 GREF persons and 05 Tunnel workers attended the event.

The event was used as an opportunity to discuss agenda of common interest and express their aspirations for development of the country. The event inspires the youth to become engineers through passion and dedication.

Safexpress unveils largest logistics park, Boosting trade and unlocking business potential JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Safexpress, India's leading door-to-door express distribution company, has unveiled its groundbreaking logistics park in Srinagar. As the largest logistics park in Srinagar, this state-of-theart facility is set to revolutionize the logistics industry, driving seamless trade operations and unlocking immense business potential in the

Spanning across an expansive area of 60,000 square feet, the logistics park offers unparalleled infrastructure and capabilities.

Designed to withstand all weather conditions, the park features a 16 feet wide cantilever shed, guaranteeing 100% operational reliability. Additionally, an 80 feet concrete truck docking road has been constructed to facilitate smooth truck movement within the premises. With dedicated docking facilities for 18 trucks, the park ensures swift loading and unloading operations, streamlining logistics processes.

This significant investment by Safexpress signifies a major milestone for trade and commerce in Srinagar.

The launch of Safexpress' logistics park aligns perfectly with Srinagar's sustained economic growth. The region has witnessed significant development, particularly in the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry, service sector, and Green revolution businesses.

Safexpress, with its extensive network and comprehensive logistics solutions, is uniquely positioned to cater to the growing needs of businesses in Srinagar and beyond. As the largest and strongest logistics network in India, Safexpress covers all pincodes across the country, ensuring seamless door-to-door express distribution through sur-

The launch of the logistics park is a testament to Safexpress' commitment to delivering logistics excellence and ensuring the success of its customers. The company offers a wide range of innovative supply chain services, including express distribution, third-party logistics, and consulting. With a focus on value-added logistics, Safexpress empowers businesses across various industries, such as apparel, healthcare, technology, publishing, automotive, FMCG, and consumer electronics.

Safexpress, with its unmatched

expertise and robust network, is perfectly positioned to cater to the growing needs of businesses in Srinagar and beyond. With 307 area offices, 55 cargo airport connectivity, and 42 3PL locations, Safexpress has established itself as the industry leader. Its extensive network covers all 31288 serviceable pincodes, ensuring comprehensive supply chain and logistics services across the country. Safexpress operates an impressive fleet of more than 10,000 GPS-enabled vehicles, enabling efficient and timely deliveries. The company's dedication to customer satisfaction is evident through its 2415 direct routes, with a route departing every 36th second. Having played a significant role

in India's economic growth for over two decades, Safexpress remains committed to contributing to the country's progress. With a total warehousing area of over 18 million square feet, Safexpress provides 24x7x365 days' live networkenabled supply chain and logistics services to more than 5000 corporate clients. Safexpress is renowned for its operational excellence, leveraging its extensive fleet and unmatched distribution network to cover every square-inch of India.

The launch of Safexpress' largest logistics park in Srinagar marks a pivotal moment for the logistics industry in Srinagar. With its stateof-the-art facilities, strategic location, and unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction, Safexpress is poised to accelerate Srinagar's economic growth and drive trade in the region.

About Safexpress: Safexpress is India's leading door-to-door express distribution company, providing innovative logistics solutions through surface and air modes. With a vast network spanning across the country, Safexpress ensures comprehensive supply chain services to diverse industries. The company's mission is to deliver logistics excellence and contribute to India's economic growth.

Anganwadi Workers and Helpers concerns genuine, govt forcing them to protest: Ganesh



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K Youth Wing activists led by J&K President Ganesh Choudhary today joined protesting Anganwadi Workers and Helpers over their honorarium rates, delayed payments, lack of incentives for services in Covid-19 and inadequate facilities. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh while extending his party's support to their genuine cause expressed serious

concern over disparities in their honorarium rates compared to those of workers in other States and Union Territories as they are currently receiving only Rs 5100 demanding parity with their counterparts across the coun-

also highlighted He delayed disbursement of the honorarium emphasizing the need for timely payments to meet their essential needs without undue financial strain.

Ganesh also raised con-

cerns about pending liabilities from 2019 in certain Districts/Blocks. He said while mobile phones have been provided to workers for uploading relevant information, the absence of data charges presents a challenge requesting govt to release of Rs. 300 per month to

expenses.Ganesh further said that Anganwadi centres are also facing issues with basic infrastructure. The lack of facilities such as matting, gas stoves,

and furniture has hampered their ability to provide efficient services. He appealed for the provision of necessary infrastructure to enhance the centres' functioning.

Ganesh regretted that despite playing a crucial role in serving communities during the Covid-19 pandemic, Anganwadi workers and helpers have not received incentives like other departments. He expressed disappointment that they have not been compensated or appreciated for their dedication and efforts. Ganesh urged govt for reconsideration of the recent HR Policy to address the concerns of the workers and helpers aiming for the improvement of their working conditions and overall welfare. "Their concerns are genuine but the government has turned a blind eve to them. They are being forced to hold protests for the past several months," he added.

Red Cross functioning in J&K critically impacted by lack of leadership

District body failed to perform its duties in absence of executing powers

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Region Jammu, an organization meant to provide support and assistance to those in need, is facing severe disarray and dysfunction in Jammu and Kashmir. The General Secretary of IRCS, J&K, has failed in their duties to establish district committees across the Union territory, leading to a collapse in operations.

The district office of Red Cross in Jammu has been particularly affected by the nonchalant and noncommittal approach adopted by the Secretary. Shockingly, sources have revealed that the Secretary rarely comes to the office, causing distress and apathy among visitors seeking assistance due to which its functioning has severely affected in Jammu.

In Reasi district, the Red Cross

Committee has been unjustly prevented from fulfilling its duties due to the callous attitude of the

As per regulations, the powers of the district body should be assigned to the elected Chairman of the district. Unfortunately, the Secretary has not delegated these powers. resulting in a complete breakdown of Red Cross operations in Jammu and the district body has unable to perform their duties in absence of drawing and disbursing powers.

Furthermore, the Red Cross ambulance, which stands idle in the yard, has become a burden on the organization. The lack of effective leadership and resources has rendered this once-vital asset useless.

The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is alarming, as the Red Cross Society is failing in its mission to provide humanitarian aid and support to those most in need. Committee seems to be functioning The collapse in functioning is not adequately. However, the Jammu only a disservice to the people who

rely on the Red Cross for assistance, but it also reflects poorly on the organization as a whole.

Efforts must be made to rectify this dire situation immediately. The Secretary of J&K Red Cross Society must address the concerns of the community and take immediate action to establish district committees, provide necessary resources and delegating powers to the Committee members, and reinstate the proper functioning of the Red Cross in Jammu and Kashmir.

The organization plays a vital role in providing humanitarian aid and support to the vulnerable populations in the region. It is imperative that swift action be taken to rectify this situation and restore the Red Cross's ability to effectively serve the community. By doing so, the Red Cross Society can reclaim its role as a key humanitarian organization and continue its mission of alleviating suffering and assisting

HSM, VKK organize Kavi Gosthhi during Hindi Week

हिन्दी साहित्य मंडल,जम्म

विराज कला केन्द्र, जुम्म

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: A Hindi Kavi Gosthhi was organized by Hindi Sahitya Mandal, Jammu (HSM-J) in collaboration with Viraj Kala Kendra (VKK), Jammu at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, Jammu on Sunday, in connection with the celebration of Hindi Week. Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar presided over the programme whereas Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma, noted writer & Commissioner Income Tax was the chief guest on this occasion. Prof. (Dr.) Chanchal Dogra, President HSM-J, Smt. Raj Bharti, President, VKK were present on the dais. A large number of poets, intellectuals and lovers of poetry and Hindi were present in the programme. Rakesh Abrol, General Secretary, HSM-J invited the guestsand dignitaries and introduced them to the audi-

Welcoming the poets, guests and the audience. Dr. Chanchal Dogra gave a brief of the activities of HSM J. She said that Mandal is actively pursuing literary and cultural activities including publication its periodical magazine and other documentary work.

A poetry recitation session was conducted in which young, senior and veteran poets of Jammu & Kashmir presented their poetry based on the themes of Hindi as KU celebrates national pharmacovigilance week

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU. SEPT 18: To highlight the

importance, need and methodology

used in pharmacovigilance and

materiovigilance, the Department of

University of Kashmir in collabora-

tion with the Association of

Pharmaceutical Teachers of India

(APTI), Jammu and Kashmir organ-

ised a seminar marking the celebra-

tions of the third (3rd) National

Pharmacovigilance week here on

Monday. The weeklong seminar,

titled 'Pharmacovigilance: Need and

Methods' that runs through

September 23 aims to deal with

safety monitoring and assessment

Department

of medicines and medical devices.

Sciences,

Pharmaceutical

Maharaj Krishan Santoshi, Sheikh Mohd, Kalvan, Uma Sharma, Manto Dutta Sharma, Rakesh Abrol, Dr. Chanchal Dogra, Jang S. Verman, Dr. Pawan Khajuria, Sofia Jangral, Dimpal Verma, Amita Mehta, Shuvam Mankotia, Pawan Verma, Rajiv Sharma, Avnish Sharma, Rajendra Kumar Narang, Kiran Kanchan, Santosh Sangra, Savita Sharma, Shyam Bihari Jadeja, and others. In his presidential address Dr. Raj Kumar said that the poetry of present times have seen a drastic change with the changing times. He

said that the poets need to proceed

alonwith the current affairs and the latest trends in poetry as well as the life style. He added that the poetry of present times is a reflection of wonder and surprises. He said the stage poetry must compel the listener to think over the issues raise by the piece of poetry. He advised the new writers to avoid excessive use of experimentation in their creations still maintaining the originality of the poet's feelings, thoughts and

Expressing his views Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma appreciated the creations presented in the programme. He emphasized on the induction of more youth ib the field of vreative fields. He also emphasizes on developing good habit of reading books and magazines etc..

APTI appreciated the efforts of the



Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust celebrates International Gurjar Day



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: The Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust celebrates International Gurjar Day on the auspicious occasion of Guriar Pratiharas Mihir Bhoj Jayanti here today at Jammu in which the Trustees of Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust, Heads of various Gurjar Organizations and large number of people belonging to Gujjar Community

including Youths participated in the programme. Mr. Shah Mohammad Chowdhary Advocate presided over the function. Ch. M.S. Chouhan Secretary), (General Master Hasham Ali (Patron), Jenab. Mohd Hanief Chouhan (Patron), Jenab Shouket Javed, Dr. Saleem Mohammad IAS Jenab Bashir Ahmed Noon, Adv. Aslam Khan, Mohammad Tai Chowdhary, Jenab

Khepar, Jenab Sajad Majeed Chechi, Jenab Tariq Abrar, Bashir Ahmed Noon, Rafiq Kohli, all Trustees and Bashir Ahmed Kohli President, J&K Gujjar Maha Sabha, Jenab Perwaiz Waffa, participated in the programme and also spoke on the occasion. The students of Brig. Khuda Baksh Memorial Higher Secondary School also participated.

The Chairman of the Trust while speaking on

role of First Gurjar Samrat Mihir Bohj and said that the Samrat Mihir Bhoj will be remembered by the generations of Gujjar to come for his contributions & consolidation of Territories of Desha Saurashtra. This day was also observed as the unity day. Mr. Chowdhary and other speakers while speaking on the occasion said that the Gujjars of the world, whether they are Hindus, Muslims, Christians or the Sikhs, they are one community and on this pious occasion they had decided to remain united over the community issues and they have also stressed upon the Gujjar Youths to go for modern education and the Gujjars shall always sacrifice for the protection and integrity of our great nation i.e.

the occasion lauded the

Pharmacology, Jawahar Lal Nehru (JLN) Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Prof Syed Ziaur Rehman delivered online a

on 'Materiovigilance Programme of India', while Department Professor. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kashmir, Prof Geer Mohammad Ishaq delivered a lecture on 'Pharmacovigilance: Need and Methods' at the university's Department of Biotechnology auditorium. Dean, School of Applied Technology, Sciences and University of Kashmir, Prof Z A Bhat emphasised upon the need for sensitising the students about the need and importance of pharmacovigilance while enumerating the measures required to be taken for boosting the confidence of public on drug-safety monitoring. Summarising the initiatives taken by the government in this regard, Prof Bhat urged upon students to familiarise themselves about such (North Zone) and General Secretary, attended the event online.

department and APTI, J&K chapter in organising the event for the awareness of students about pharmacovigilance. Organising Chairman and Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof Mubashir H Masoodi underscored the importance of safety of medicines, cosmetics and neutraceuticals, blood products and vaccines as well as the need for continuous assessment and monitoring of their safety by healthcare professionals especially, pharmacists. Prof Mubashir highlighted the role played by the department so far in the field of pharmacovigilance and delineated the future plans of the department for holding more such events in future.

Students and staff from more than a dozen pharmacy colleges initiatives. President, Vice-President outside Jammu and Kashmir also

BJP consistently works for masses: Dr. Nirmal Singh

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister, accompanied by BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak and Secretary Arvind Gupta listened to the public grievances at headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

A large number of people, individually as well in the form of deputations, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

Besides various personal issues, other main issues presented related



to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains etc.

Dr. Nirmal Singh listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the

"BJP remains connected to the people through 365 days in a year.

BJP has consistently worked for common masses at every moment and it's every activist feels duty-bound to listen to, to understand and then to provide best possible solution to the affected person", said Dr. Nirmal Singh.

Anuradha stressed on the party's

commitment to address the issues of the public by opening various channels like public darbar.

Arvind Gupta said that verbal and written communications were made with the concerned departments during the public darbar.

Anuradha Charak and Arvind Gupta diarized all the issues and conducted Charak the proceedings of the grievance camp.

Hari Krishen Langoo conferred with one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award

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JAMMU, SEPT 18: Hari Krishen

Langoo, Chief Secretary and founder Member of Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan Jammu conferred with one-time sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award at New Delhi. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice-President of India conferred the Amrit Awards on the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in presence of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister for Law and Justice (Independent Charge), and Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Shrimati Meenakashi Lekhi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, Govt. of India, Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi and Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India. Sh. Langoo also worked in Asia's Biggest theatre Song and Drama Division, Ministry of Information and broadcasting, Govt. of India, in various centers and given prestigious contribution as Assistant Director more than 40 years (Folk Media). He has worked as Music Director the famous serial "Gul Gulshan Gulfaam" and presented National Level Musical production allotted by by the Academy pf Art Culture and Languages, Jammu & Kashmir. The selected seventy-five (75) artists, who are above the age of 75 years and haven't been accorded any National Honour in their career so far, from the field of the Performing Arts of India for the onetime Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) commemorating 75 years of India's independence. The Awardees so selected represent the nation as a whole, and belong to



(Rupees one lakh), besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram. Sh. H K Langoo, Chief Secretary, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan Jammu, his contribution in reviving the dying Folk, art and culture of India has been recognized. Apart from being a versatile personality of Performing Art, Folk Theatre Director, Multitalented artiste, writer, his contribution in sustaining traditional folk art, culture with blend of present day needs at national level has earned laurel for H.K.Langoo by all in general and by traditional folk artists in particular. Being recipient of various prestigious awards, Sh. Langoo is folk director who has mainly focused on promotion of Duggar culture in various Folk Music progs including Musical plays at National Level. Not Only his innovations at National Level. Being confident of his efforts he in close coordination with Dr. M.L.Dogra Chairman as Founder Member & formed a Cultural Society "BhartiyaLok Sangeet Kala Sansthan" as Chief

Secretary, and associated in vari-

,Stage Decorator, Designer and Producer, director he has proved his Musical skills in Plays performed internationally. His performing Art, or skills through various performances in front of public audience acting, singing and dancing. Other including opera ,theatre or illusion performances, mime, spoken words recitation and public speaking to encourage children to explore their emotions ,expand their imagination and help them to develop their own ,unique voice elsewhere taught.. Each discipline of music ,dance and drama engage a child's brain ,body and emotions in different ways to encourage their confidence and find joy in self expression. Folk Theatre is a composite art form in India with a fusion of elements from music, dance, pantomime, versification, epic and ballad recitation, graphic and plastic arts, religion and festival peasantry. The Folk theatre having roots in native culture is embedded in local identity and social values. Folk Theatre function within the cultural framework of the society, which appeals to the audience and thus folk media acquire credibility among masses. Folk media provide face to face inter personal commu-

YCET Organized "Model Making Competition"

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: The Department of Civil EngineeringofYogananda College Engineering &Technology, Jammu Organized Model Making Competition on "36THEngineers Day". Veryknowledgeable and exciting

event on 15thSeptember, 2023for 7th& 5thSemester students of all the branches.Er. Rajnish Magotra HOD (CivilEngg)welcomed the guests and said that the prime aim of conducting suchEvents is to create awareness among the young neers budding engineers on importance of Engineer's Day. As the Engineers are considered as back bone of

Every Nation, which can be measured by the country's infrastructure. Which makes every citizens life worth living?National Engineers' Day is celebrated on the of September, 15 each year. This day is dedicated to honouring the remarkable contributions of engineers to society, acknowledging their innovative spirit, and highlighting the critical role they play in shaping the world.

This date holds special significance as it marks the birth anniversary of one of India's greatest engiand visionaries-MokshagundamVisvesvaraya.The Event was adjudged by Prof K.R. Sharma from Mechanical

Engineering. The Event was inaugurated by Er.Dinesh Gupta, Dean .Academics(ycet), During the event, four teams participated. The Management, appreciated the efforts of Civil Engg department for their keen initiative ,support in making the Event highly fruitful and successful.. Theevent was coordinated by Er. Ankita Singh, Steel Club Coordinator of Civil Engineering Department and Student CoordinatorsMr. Priyanshu Sharma, Ms.Palvi Sharmafrom 7TH Semester of Civil Engineering Branch. In the competition, The consolation prize was bagged by Vinay Basson, Nikhil Singh and Nikhil Angral civil 5th.

Govt to set up mental health authority in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Sep 18: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to establish Mental Health Authority and all the mental health establishments for which the concerned professions in the Union Territory will be registered with it.

As per a notification issued by Health and Medical Education Department, a copy of which lies with the news agency, the Mission Director National Health Mission J&K shall be the as a Medical Advisor to CEO. Chief Executive of the Mental Health Authority.

The rules for the new Mental Health Act have also been framed and these rules may be called 'The Jammu and Kashmir Mental Healthcare (Mental Health Authority) Rules, 2023', and shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

Authority shall have its Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College Srinagar/ Jammu and Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K as members for the selection purpose. As 'Selection Committee', they shall be responsible for nomination/selection of non-official members of the J&K Mental Health Authority.

Every member selected/nominated under rule 6 shall hold his office for a period of three years and shall be entitled to

sitting allowance, travelling expiry of the period of validallowance, daily allowance and such other allowances as are applicable to non-official members of similar commissions/committees of the J&K

As per the rules, the Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K would be the Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Authority, while a senior MBBS doctor with a Masters in Health Administration or Master in Hospital Administration would be nominated

The Mental Health Authority with the approval of the government shall determine the number, nature and categories of the officers and employees required for the discharge of its functions.

According to the notification, every mental health establishment in the Union Territory, except the mental health establishment under The Mental Health the control of the Central government shall be regis-Chairperson, while the tered with the Mental Health Authority of J&K UT.

Every such establishment as referred to in sub-rule (1) shall apply for registration along with details given there in Form B, and a fee of Rs 20,000 by way of DD in favour of Chairperson, J&K Mental Health Authority. The provisional registration certificate granted under sub-rule (3)of rule 10 of the non-official Act shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of

> For renewal, one should apply within 30 days of the the Act. KNO

ity. The renewal fee for the authority shall maintain a digital register of all such establishments and professionals, category-wise including clinical psychologists, mental health nurses and psychiatric social workers as mental health professionals. The rules have been made

for the proper implementation of the Mental Healthcare Act 2017 in J&K. Now the mental health establishments in J&K would be audited and inspected to ensure transparency, while the Mental Health Authority would maintain accounts of its income, expenditure, and online register as well.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (2) of Section 121 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (10 of 2017) has made the rules. The Authority shall also ensure/conduct an audit of registered Mental Health establishments in the UT or authorise one or more persons from the office of the concerned Deputy Commissioner, a representative from the Human Rights Commission of the JKUT or psychiatrists in government service or private practice for the

The Authority may conduct inspections and inquiries of any mental health establishment, suo-moto or on a complaint in respect of non-adherence to minimum standards as specified under

purpose

Kulgam man grows Mushk Budji rice variety on rooftop without soil Stresses embracing change in view of a growing population, shrinking agri land

JI NEWS SERVICE

Kulgam: Sep 18: In a remarkable feat of innovation and agricultural experimentation, a man in south Kashmir's Kulgam district has successfully grown the premium short and bold local land-race of rice, Mushk Budji, on the rooftop of his three-storey house using hydroponic techniques, without a speck of traditional soil.

The Mushk Budji rice, renowned for its exceptional aroma and culinary qualities, commands a price of Rs 20,000 per quintal.

who embarked on this remarkable agricultural but through this technique, experiment, expressed his excitement about the cate Mushk Budji variety groundbreaking results. "I in any corner of Kashmir." conducted this trial with the utmost care, and I am proud to say that I achieved a 100 percent success rate tion and shrinking agriculwith it," Zahoor told the tural land due to urbanisanews agency.

importance of experimen- I conducted this trial with tation and embracing the realisation that our novel approaches to farm- land is diminishing, and ing, saying, "We need to explore new horizons in he said. agriculture to learn and

Zahoor Ahmad Reshi, that paddy requires waterlogged conditions to thrive, we can cultivate the deli-

Reshi stressed on embracing change in the face of a growing population. "We must introduce He emphasised the new methods in every field. it proved to be successful."

What sets his hydrogrow. It is a common myth ponic paddy cultivation

to organic practices, as he proudly stated, "I have used biology in it and avoided chemical fertilisers." He urged his fellow farmers to follow suit, especially given the recent Geographical Indication (GI) tag recognition received

enhanced its value. One of the key advantages of hydroponic farming, as pointed out by Zahoor, is its potential for substantial yields make it a lucrative

variety, which has further

apart is his commitment option for farmers. Additionally, the products command higher prices due to their perceived high quality and chemical-free nature," he remarked.

Zahoor advocated for a shift towards "rejuvenative agriculture", highlighting the detrimental effects of by the Mushk Budji rice pesticides and fertilisers on human health and the environment. "Organic farming is the need of the hour," he urged, underlining the significance of growers seeking expert profits. "The year-round advice to embark on innocrop production and higher vative farming ventures.

Haphazard developmental activities without environmental safety consideration posing threat of floods in Kashmir: NIDM report

JI NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, Sep 18: Haphazard developmental activities, including economic and infrastructure projects without sufficient consideration for environmental safety and sustainability was posing a threat of floods in the valley, reveals a report by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

In its report titled, "Kashmir Floods 2014-Recovery to Resilience", a copy of which lies with the news agency. NIDM emphasized that the valley was prone to natural calamities, particularly floods

"Most of these developmental activities are usually undertaken with utter disregard to environmen-

tal, geological, geomor- and infrastructure factor, region. However, it is still utilization of State Disasconditions of the region. The ongoing construction tions, prioritization of critiboom is being fed by indiscriminate mining of sand. gravel, and boulders from riverbeds, which intends to ery and rehabilitation," it weaken the existing flood said. control infrastructure which, in turn, makes the pitched for building a robust

The report added, "There against illegal construction areas, and a need for revising the construction poli-

rivers more vulnerable to

flash floods," it said.

identification of vulnerable areas by mapping hotspots.

"It should be done keep-

debris management after the floods, rescue operacal areas and marginalized populations for providing them with immediate recov-

NIDM in the report has early warning system to prevent floods in Kashmir.

It said there was a need is a need for relevant laws for the installation of flood forecasting and early warnespecially in the low-lying ing systems at appropriate locations along with regular monitoring.

'The task is being taken The report also said that up by several departments there was a need for the such as IMD and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department; their efforts have improved the early ing in mind the population warning system in the

a long way process and the flood early warning system needs more improvement if looked at from the perspective of a deluge like 2014," the report said.

NIDP emphasized the need for public awareness and soliciting public existing Centre for Disasinvolvement in flood risk reduction.

"Moreover, communitybased disaster risk reduction plans must be prepared on a priority basis, as the community is regarded as one of the first responders during a disaster Such initiatives could lead to longterm vigorous changes and erty can be minimized," it

for improvement in the KNO

funds to augment available resources and ensure their utilization for intended disaster preparedness and relief.

"As per the erstwhile State/UT DM Policy, the ter Management at Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (J&K IMPARD) was to be upgraded to State Institute of Disaster Management (SIDM), which has not been done till date SIDM aims at fulfilling the need of capacity-building and function as even loss of lives and prop- a technical, training, planning, and analysis, wing of the State Disaster Manage-NIDM has also called ment Authority," it said.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Success of G20...

and P20 – a summit of Speakers of Parliaments of the G20 countries, will be held soon. The world has found a friend in India, Modi said.

Referring to the old Parliament building where he was speaking, Modi said while foreign rulers had decided to build the structure, it was constructed by the hard work, sweat and money of the people of India.

Before Independence, this building was called the Imperial Legislative Council. After Independence, it became Parliament building, he said.

In these 75 years, many democratic traditions have been formed and everyone in the House has contributed to it, We may go to the new building, but the old building

will also inspire generations to come," the prime minister noted, adding this is an important chapter of India's journey.

Parliament's session may...

opposition members during previous sessions, causing

He highlighted India's Chandravaan-3 mission, the of 'PM Vishwakarma Mission' and inauguration of internadevelopments which have inspired the country and filled it with pride have taken place.

There is an atmosphere of festivity and enthusiasm, and the country has been filled with renewed self-confidence, he said, asking parliamentarians to give maximum time to the short session. There will be a lot of time left for "rona dhona" (whining),

he said in a jibe at the opposition which has been criticising the government over the session, which is unusual for its timing. The journey of 75 years will now continue from a new

destination, the prime minister said, urging members to pitch in with a new resolve, energy and confidence The country has to become developed by 2047, and all new decisions for this will now be taken in the new build-

ing, he noted. It will be a valuable session, he said, adding that the shift to the new building will happen on Ganesh Chaturthi and that Lord Ganesha is revered as the God which removes all obstacles

There will be no obstacle in India's development journey and the country will fulfil all its resolves and dreams. the prime minister said

Citing success of India's moon mission, he said it will bring innumerable possibilities and opportunities to the country's doorstep. It is a source of inspiration and pride,

Referring to the success of the G20, he said it reflected India's true federal spirit as events were held in over 60 cities. It became a celebration of India's diversity, he said.

It will also give pride to India that it became the voice of Global South, with the African Union being admitted as a member. The Summit declaration was adopted unanimously, an indication of India's bright future, he asserted. (Agencies)

Lets move to new...

"Today we have an opportunity to connect with the past. We are leaving this building with hope for the future. I am confident that as we enter the new Parliament building. we will go there with new hope and confidence," the prime minister said. "Today is the day for remembering the 7,500 MPs who have served here... I salute every brick of this building," he said.

Stressing on the historical importance of the old Parliament Building, PM Modi recalled that while the construction of the old Parliament Building was given by foreign rulers, it was constructed through the sweat, hard work and money of Indians. "Today, we are taking leave from this historic building. Before Independence, this was the Imperial Legislative Council and after Independence, it became the Parliament building," he said. "We may go to the new building, but the old building will also inspire generations to come. This is an important chapter of India's journey," Modi said. (Agencies)

LG visits family...

The Lt Governor expressed his condolences to the family members of the martyr and assured the family of all assistance and support from the UT administration.

our braveheart," the Lt Governor said.

DySP Humayun Bhat laid down his life during an antiterror operation in Anantnag.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Vijav Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and Sh Sujit Kumar Singh, DIG CKR Srinagar were also present.

SEC notifies schedule for...

per sub rule 4 of Rule 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996 (SRO 690 dated 25.10.2019), the Electoral Roll of constituencies of the Panchayat Halga shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of J&K Panchayati Raj Act 1989 and the procedure prescribed by the Election Authority

The Panchayat Electoral Rolls have been updated/revised with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date and the final Panchayat Electoral Rolls have been published on 10.02.2023. Likewise, the term of the present Panchayats is finishing on 09.01.2024 and as per section 42 of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Elections to Halqa Panchayat shall be held one month prior to the expiry of

The document added that the State Election Commission "unprecedented" success of its G20 presidency, the launch has, in view of the upcoming elections to constitute new tional convention centre Yashobhoomi, asserting that many the left out voters/voters to get their names added, deleted, disturb peace must be isolated by the society, he added. corrected, transposed with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date.

Therefore the names in the last updated Electoral Roll published on 10.02.2023 with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date shall be put in public domain for preparation of 2nd Supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023. The qualifying date for the current updation of Panchayat Roll shall, however, remain same as 01.01.2023.

For any assistance in this behalf, the concerned District Panchayat Election Officer (DEPO), Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and Panchavat Election Booth Official (PEBO) may be contacted. Their details are available in the offices of the concerned District Panchavat Election Officer and also on the official website of J&K, State Election Commission @

Anantnag anti-terror...

out attacks on the militants.

The Union Territory's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has vowed to avenge the death of the three officers in the encounter According to officials here, drone footage showed a

charred body lying near one of the hideouts destroyed during

the anti-terror operation over the past five days. Any further information about it can be made available only after security forces sanitise the area, they said. Security forces are using drones and helicopters for surveillance of the dense forest area with several cave-like

hideouts where terrorists are believed to be holed up since Wednesday after killing two Army officers and a deputy superintendent of police in the initial exchange of fire, the officials said. The security cordon has been extended to the neighbour-

ing Posh Kreeri area on Sunday as a precautionary measure to ensure that terrorists don't slip into civilian areas, they

Addressing a function here late on Sunday evening, the Lieutenant Governor said every drop of the martyrs' blood will be avenged and the terrorist handlers will have to pay a heavy price. "We have complete faith in our soldiers... The entire nation stands in solidarity with the jawans," Sinha said.

He claimed that the attack on security forces in Anantnag was a result of the frustration among the terrorist ranks due to the successful conduct of the G20 Summit and the crackdown on conflict profiteers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha said the time had come to end terrorism and the ecosystem that has suppressed the common man in Jammu ent. and Kashmir.

Top officials of the security grid in Kashmir, including the director general of police GP and General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Army's 15 Corps, have been monitoring the operation. The Northern Army commander visited the site of the gunfight on Saturday to take stock of the operational situation.

The police believe two to three terrorists are trapped in the forest area.

Additional Director General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar late Friday night said the operation was launched

"The entire nation stands in solidarity with the family of based on specific input and claimed "two to three trapped terrorists will be neutralised.'

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer, 19 Rashtriva Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were killed by the terrorists on Wednesday.

Three detained in...

that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases on the recommendations of the police, the officials said.

They said a dossier was prepared by police against the trio and submitted to the deputy commissioner of Kishtwar who approved their detention under PSA.

After getting the necessary approval, the three OGWs were detained and shifted to jail, the officials said. (Agencies)

It is responsibility...

laid down their lives in combating terrorism. I assure the people that we will make J&K terror-free. This is our resolve," the Lt Governor said.

He called upon the citizens to discharge their duties and contribute in the development of J&K.

Development should become a powerful people's movent in all 20 districts and the elements n

He said the conflict profiteers who kept the people of J&K away from mainstream development, those who built their houses in foreign countries and sent their children abroad for studies think that they only have all the rights on government resources

We have been successful in breaking the backbone of ecosystem of conflict profiteers and will strike the last nail in the coffin of these subversive forces, the Lt Governor said.

Speaking on PM Vishwakarma scheme launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Lt Governor said the scheme provides the benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000. training of artisans. Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%, incentive for digital transactions and marketing sup-

port, he said. J&K is the biggest beneficiary of the reformative schemes introduced by the Central Government in the last few years. We will make every effort to extend the benefits of this Scheme across the UT and transform the lives of the artisans and craftspeople of Jammu Kashmir working with their

hands and tools, the Lt Governor said. It will be ensured that the eligible beneficiaries are being identified at panchayat level, their ID cards are prepared at District level and the final list will be notified at UT level.

he added On the occasion, the Lt Governor lauded the public representatives and District Administration for commendable efforts to create smart facilities for the people and inspiring other districts as well to follow in their footsteps. I am confident very soon the dream of Smart City Budgam will be realized, he said.

He said the administration has also initiated the process

of establishing Cluster University in Budgam. "Deputy Commissioner Budgam has proposed the land for Cluster University in Budgam. Divisional Commissioner. Kashmir is working on the proposal and I am hopeful that very soon we will lay the foundation of Cluster University Kashmir in Budgam," the Lt Governor said.

Sh Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council, Budgam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for granting the sanction and approval for the establishment of District Hospital Complex at Budgam in a short period of time.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; PRI members. senior officers and citizens from all walks of life were pres-

4 chargesheeted for...

verification was initiated and the allegations were prima facie established and subsequently, the instant case was

registered for in-depth investigation, the spokesperson said. He said relevant records and statements of witnesses were recorded and scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence was gathered, which revealed that 53 unem-

ployed youth were duped of Rs 41.9 lakh. However, investigation is continuing to get more leads

for thoroughly busting this deep-rooted employment racket, the spokesperson said.

While celebrating...

waiting for an enabling milieu to happen. And that enabling milieu had to come from the level of the policy makers, from the level of the political leadership and that happened after Prime Minister Modi came in," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a known Diabetologist and Professor of Medicine, said the 'Anusandhan National Research Foundation' (NRF) will have 70-80% of its funding from non-government sources

90,000 visit Shankri...

emphasised that such temple fairs play a crucial role in exchanging cultural and traditional values and spreading the message of brotherhood, peace, and prosperity.

Stressing that these melas are an indispensable part of Jammu's culture, they said it is important to preserve them as they represent the region's rich culture and traditional

Visitors to the three-day mela witnessed exhilarating performances, including folk music and dance besides themebased skits depicting the cultural traditions the region folk artists, officials said.

Numerous departmental stalls, temporary sweet shops, toy shops and other fun items set up by local and outside vendors were the main attractions for the general public visiting the fair, they added.

Cyber Crime Investigation...

up the new assignment in the federal agency, consequent upon the approval of the competent authority for his induction as SP in NIA on deputation basis.

The deputation of the officer will be for a period of five years from the date of the assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the order said.

LG chairs a high-level...

bring male-female literacy rate at par. The Banks were directed to provide necessary financial assistance for employment and livelihood generation programmes for vouth and women

He further emphasized on promoting Farmers Producers Organisation and exploring avenues for Cooperatives in all The Lt Governor impressed upon the officers to adopt a

proactive approach and make dedicated efforts to identify the eligible beneficiaries under PM Vishwakarma and other such schemes. The Lt Governor also sought the progress of Transit Accommodation for the employees in Budgam, and passed

The meeting also discussed the arrangements being made by different departments in view of Gandhi Jayanti. The Lt Governor called for active participation of officials and every

explicit direction for the completion of the project by Octo-

section of the society in all the events. Sh Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam gave a detailed overview of the development scenario in the district. He also apprised the Lt Governor on the progress made

under Nasha Mukt Abhiyaan, Jal Jeevan Mission, Multi

Dimensional Poverty Index- Ambitious Plan, Restoration of Heritage Sites etc. The chair was apprised that 8342 farmers are registered

on Daksh Portal in the district. Earlier, the Lt Governor interacted with various public delegations and assured them of appropriate action on the

genuine demands and issues projected by them. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh. Sujit Kumar, DIG CKR Srinagar and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Lt Governor's greetings...

of this festival which marks the birth of Lord Ganesha, supreme god of new beginning, intellect and wisdom, also symbolizes the cultural unity of our country bringing people of all walks of life together. May lord Ganapati remove all obstacles and sufferings and bless us with joy, prosperity and peace".

Vomedh founder Rohit Bhat felicitated by Maharashtra Chief Minister



iammu, Sept 18: Rohit Bhat, Founder and President Vomedh was felicitated by Chief Minister of Maharashtra in the presence of Honorable LG of JK UT in a glittering program at SKICC, Srinagar yesterday.

The program was organised by Pune based NGO Sarhad. Sarhad works in strife torn border regions especially Kashmir and has been applauded for its commendable

work by PM Modi and Late President APJ Abdul Kalam. Rohit expressed happiness over the recognition. "Special recognitions like these boosts the morale of not just the recipient but the entire team and they are collectively motivated to contribute more. It also inspires the aspiring youth to go beyond the beaten paths and dream big. I thank my family, team and well-wishers on this occasion', he said after the program. On the 73rd birthday of PM Modi, the program

was organised to felicitate 73 individuals from J&K for their distinguished services in their respective fields. Rohit was felicitated for his contribution in the field of theatre and culture. The program named Hum Sab Ek Hain marked the formal inauguration of the friendship chapter between J&K and Maharashtra. A special diamond ring was gifted as part of the felicitation which signified that the recipient is a diamond. The ring has Bharat inscribed on it and carries soil of all the parts of India.

Rohit is a prominent theatre director having founded Vomedh 16 years ago. He has produced and directed over 12 plays and scores of short plays. He has co-directed an award-winning short film. He is also co-director of the 2 reputed International Film Festivals in J&K namely Jammu Film Festival and The International film festival of Srinagar (TIFFS). Interestingly the second edition of TIFFS is scheduled from 25-26 Oct in Srinagar and one of his most famous plays Ek Aur Birbal is being staged in Jammu on 23rd Sep.

Abhay Bakaya demands basic amenities for resettled families at ward no 71 in Majeen



JAMMU, SEPT 18: April Party Wing State General Secretary, and Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya today demanded basic amenities for families which were evicted and resettled at ward number 71, Mohalla Majeen in Sidhra, Jammu District.

A meeting was organized at the above said area in which the residents and the Apni Party leaders consisting of State General Secretary and Spokesperson of the Party, Abhay Bakaya; Apni Trade

Jammu, Raj Sharma, District President Apni Trade Union, Anirudh Vasist and others were also present. In this meeting, a threadbare discussion was held with regard to the poor developmental conditions and poor basic amenities for the people who were evicted from the state land from another ward and settled here at ward number 71 on 2 marla plots for each family by the authorities concerned.

Addressing the meeting, Abhay said that these families were resettled by the authorities, but they were not provided the basic amenities that were important for the survival of the people in a residential colony like proper roads, lanes, drains, electricity and clean drinking water.

He demanded that these people should be provided the basic amenities and they shall not be forced to suffer in absence of any kind of development in their locality.

Meanwhile, the Apni Trade Union Provincial President Jammu, Raj Sharma also spoke on the occasion, and referred to the inflated electricity bills following the installation of smart meters. He appealed to the Govt to roll back the decision as the people from all sections of society have collectively opposed the installation of smart meters.

Besides, District President Apni Trade Union, Anirudh Vasist highlighted the concerns of the people of Sidhra. "There is no proper development, proper sanitization and garbage collection because of which the people are suffering," he said, criticizing the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Road projects opening new opportunities for economic growth & development: Col Mahan

Dedicates 1.2 km road worth Rs 1.2 Crore to Plahi residents



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JAMMU, SEPT 18: The isolated habitation of Sialnoo falling under Plahi Panchayat of District Kathua has made history as it is now connected through a newly constructed macadamized road. The road, spanning 1.2 kilometers, has been built at the cost of Rs 1.2 Crore.

Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua and local DDC Member inaugurated and dedicated the said road to residents of

Col Mahan Singh in his address said these developments will not only facilitate easier transportation and connectivity but also open up

new opportunities for economic growth and development. He said the completion of the 1.2-kilometer road in Sialnoo and the initiation of the Thana to Kalotra Mohalla project in Plassi Panchayat reflect the dedication and proactive approach of the local administration in addressing the infrastructure needs of the community.

Col Mahan said "With these new road projects, the residents of Sialnoo and Plassi Panchayat can look forward to improved connectiv-Sialnoo, a three sided land lock vility, accessibility to essential serviclage on the bank of Raniit Sagar es, and enhanced socio-economic a significant milestone in the histo- improving infrastructure and ry of the region and represent a step towards progress and prosperity."

its dedicated Sarpanch and efficient PRI members, expressed their gratitude to Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, and the local DDC Member for their visionary leadership and support in making these projects a reality.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of Sarpanch Plahi Poli Devi, Sarpanch Plassi Ramesh Chander, PRI members, BJP functionaries, including Angrez Singh, Hoshiar Singh, Kartar Singh, Varinder Pathania, Er Bharat Gupta PWD XEN Basohli, and local residents in large numbers.

Following the inauguration, Col Mahan Singh kick-started the work on the Thana to Kalotra Mohalla project in Plassi Panchayat of Basohli Block. This project, spanning 1 kilometer, will be executed by PWD Division Basohli at the cost of Rs 50 Lakh under the Capex Sector

The DDC Chairman asserted that the road connectivity projects in Plahi (Basohli) underline the comdevelopment. These initiatives mark mitment of Modi Government in enhancing the quality of life of people residing in remote and far-off

Ajaz Kazmi demands regularization of the daily wagers in J&K

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JAMMU, SEPT 18: Apni Trade Union, J&K President, Ajaz Kazmi has demanded regularization of the daily wagers who have been serving in different Govt Departments for the last more than two decades.

Addressing a meeting cum joining programme in Udhampur; Kazmi said that it was a matter of great concern for the daily wagers who served in departments during the difficult times, were retired without benefits of the Govt schemes as an employee. The meeting cum programme was organized by District President Apni Trade Union, Udhampur Vijay Sharma.

"Their constitutional rights were violated by the Govt on the behest of some of the bureaucrats who do not want the regularization of the daily wagers. Over 62000 daily wagers have been working in Govt Departments and they kept the system running even during covid19," he said.

He also referred to the issues of transporters, businessmen, and unemployed youth in Jammu and Kashmir during the meeting that informed him that the unemployment and underdevelopment has increased in Udhampur.

"The claims of development in Udhampur and its villages seem false as ground reality is opposite to what is being projected. As far as employment is concerned, the educated youth are compelled to do labour work to earn their livelihood," he said.

He further highlighted the issues of the business men and traders while asking the Govt to address the concerns of the concerned people.

He also demanded that the formalities for the old age pension should be eased so that the left out old age pensioners can be given the benefit of the scheme.

"These old age pensioners have to stand in queue at the age when they

PM Modi ensured artisans, craftsmen's

are supposed to take rest. Many of them have multiple serious illnesses. Therefore, the adamant attitude of the authorities should change formalities and ease the system in favour of old age pensioners in J&K," he added.

On this occasion, Sat Pal Chalotra, and Vijay Sharma also addressed the meeting and highlighted various issues in Udhampur. District President, Udhampur Youth Wing of Apni Party, Ajit Sharma was also present on the occasion.

Raghav Sharma, Abishak Anthal, Anil Sharma, Rohit Rajput, Kishore Singh, Surab Kumar, Jagdish Kumar, Askar Ali, Pawan Sharma, Ravi Kumar, Fayaz Ali, and others joined Apni Trade Union, while expressing their faith in the party leadership.

Ajaz Kazmi welcomed them into the party fold, and hoped that their joining would strengthen the party at the grass root level.

The Plahi Panchayat, along with areas of Jammu and Kashmir. Air Show and Awareness Campaign at Air Force Station Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 18: To commemorate 76 years of accession of J&K into Indian Union and to celebrate Diamond Jubilee of Air Force Station Jammu, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and UT J&K Administration are organizing an air show at Air Force Station Jammu on 21 and 22 September 2023. The show comprises aerobatic display by Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), Mi-17 Helicopters, display by Air Warrior Drill Team (AWDT), Aakashganga Daredevil Skydiving Team and musical performance by IAF band. The marquee event will showcase precise and synchronized flying performance by the nine aircraft team, flying Hawk Mk-132. In addition, slithering and small team insertion and extraction techniques



by Mi-17 Medium Lift Helicopters, Free Fall by Para Jumpers and pre-Warrior Drill Team will also be dis-

played. The event aims to motivate youth to join IAF. It will also assist cision drill movements by Air in sensitizing the viewers about the importance of aviation safety.

upliftment by Vishwakarma Scheme: Purnima JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU. SEPT 18: Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor on Monday said that BJP Government under the stewardship of PM Narendra Modi is committed to welfare of marginalized sections of society and that is the reason behind continuous endeavors of this dispensation to achieve the aforesaid target.

In a statement issued to media fraternity, the BJP Spokesperson categorically mentioned about the launch of Rs 13,000-crore PM Vishwakarma Scheme for traditional artisans and craftsmen which is expected to become instrumental in raising the living standard of the aforesaid category of people while providing them avenues through monetary bounties. She said that

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JAMMU, SEPT 18: An

impressive Kavi samme-

lan has been organised by

the Department of Hindi,

University of Jammu and

Sangh, Jammu in connec-

tion with Hindi-diwas

The programme was presided over by Dr.

Ashok Kumar. In his

address, he said, "It is

imperative for a writer to

take a side with a philoso-

phy, but he or she has to

see the direction in which

things are going." The

senior writer, Rajiv

Sharma spoke at length

on the programme. He

eulogised the creative

process of the poets

Dr. Rajkumar, Ashok

included in the program.

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Hindi Lekhak



by ensuring hassle-free loans to the craftsmen and artisans, PM Modi has made a revolutionary change for the communities earning livelihoods by way of using their talent to make useful things and artifacts.

"This is first time in the history of India that a Prime Minister is taking personal interest in uplifting the marginalized sections of society", she said adding that the aforesaid

JU Dept. of Hindi organises Kavi Sammelan

scheme promises collateral-free enterprise development loans at a concessional interest rate in two tranches of Rs 1 lakh (first tranche for 18 months repayment) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche for 30 months repayment), giving a lifetime opportunity to workmen community. which these artisans were longing for so long.

PMVishwakarma "Under Scheme, artisans and craftspeople will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card and handsome credit support besides providing skill upgradation, toolkit incentive, incentive for digital transactions and marketing support", she maintained while claiming that Modi Government is instrumental in providing all kind of support to the people of the country which they were devoid of since decades.

Presiding Officers, Pos imparted training at Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE

SEPT POONCH, Government Degree College (GDC) Poonch witnessed the inauguration of a comprehensive training program today, aimed at equipping Presiding Officers, Polling Officer 1, and Polling Officer 2 with the necessary knowledge and skills for the upcoming Municipal Election in 2023.

The training session was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa

Malik, who emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency in the conduct of elections.

Under the guidance and overall supervision of District Election Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, the training session focused on familiarizing the polling officers with the election procedures to be adopted on the polling day and the preparations required prior to the polling.

The attendees were provided with comprehensive awareness about the functioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and were educated on the statutory and non-statutory forms by the highly experienced Master Trainer, Mohd Qasim Malik, Senior Lecturer.

Addressing the gathering, ADC stressed the significance of maintaining the highest standards of integrity and impartiality throughout the electoral process.

He urged the polling officers to ensure a smooth and successful election that upholds the democratic principles.

Kumar, Mohammad Kalvan. Pawan Khajuria, Sanjeev Bhasin, Dr. Parshottam Kumar, Rajiv Sharma, Devendra

Sheikh Kumar, Bhagwati Devi, Amita Mehta, Maharaj Krishn Santoshi, Bindiya Tickoo,

Arun Bajaj, Hina Mahajan, Dr. Vikram Sahi, Soniya Upadhyay, Mehnaz Begum, Swarndeep, Anila Singh, Tanuj Syal, Iqbal Khullar Dimple Verma and regaled the audience with their poems on different

social issues.

The programme was directed by Mohammad Kalyan. Dr. Vandana Thakur presented a formal vote of thanks. Earlier, Dr. Parshottam Kumar presented the wel66 THOUGHT OF THE DAY 99

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

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HIGH INFLATION-A CAUSE OF CONCERN

ndia is heading for General elections to be held in April-May next year. ▲ During the last Parliamentary elections, the BJP-led Narendra Modi government had assured 'Ache din' to the people of this country. There is no doubt that the Central government has taken some unprecedented and tremendous decisions for the welfare of the people but high inflation remains a cause of concern for those sitting in the power corridors and the people who are directly reeling under it. If one goes by the reports, the country's benchmark inflation measure, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), grew at 6.8 percent in August, lower than the 7.4 percent print in July but higher than the 6 percent upper limit of RBI's tolerance band. Wholesale prices, as measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), contracted by 0.5 percent in August, making it the fifth consecutive month of contraction. Lest there is confusion, it is important to reiterate that the widely divergent trends in CPI and WPI are not a reflection of prices in wholesale and retail markets. The two indices have very different compositions. For a common man, food prices remain a key concern. In simple terms, inflation continues to remain a problem for critical food items such as cereals and pulses, and it is benign for non-food, non-fuel items. Since last year, quite unpredictable weather conditions have hit the production of vegetables, milk and cereals, thereby leading to inconstant prices of these products. A weak monsoon in several parts of the country and rising crude prices are likely to keep up the pressure on food prices. Food inflation was up 9.94 per cent in August, after a rise of 11.51 per cent in July. Vegetable inflation eased to 26.14 per cent from 37.34 per cent. The consumers have been feeling the pinch as it is directly burning a big hole in their pockets. Ironically, the growers are not the beneficiaries of the price escalation. Unfortunately, the government does not have any check or control over the prices of products in the market. Consequently, the middlemen continue to have a field day. The cost of lunch or dinner has increased significantly in the last few months. If one looks at the ratings agency CRISIL report, it was the high prices of tomato which led to increasing prices of cooked food at the restaurants or eating joints. The tomato crisis of July-August exemplified the inherent unfairness in the farming sector. The prices skyrocketed as weather variations led to crop damage. In north India, these touched Rs 300 per kg. These prices have now come down but it has left no major change in the prices of cooked food. The irony of the subject matter is that farmers remain the net losers if prices surge or crash. For the BJP government at the Centre, the high inflation is also the major cause of concern. They are now trying their best to rein in inflation and they should make it a priority if they really want to outscore the opposition in the next general elections.

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After Look West, Modi govt now Acts West too

BY SANJAYA BARU

n a curious departure from standard practice the Government of India agreed to sign on to what has been called the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). The external affairs ministry's longstanding term for the region west of India has been West Asia. The reference to the "Middle East" suggests that the initiative was American. It need not have been. The regional signatories to this agreement, namely India, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have not just adequate resources among themselves, but long-standing historical trading links for them to have implemented this sea-land connectivity project, along with the European Union, on their own.

The United States did not even exist when Indians, Arabs and Europeans were busily trading among themselves across this space, from the ports of the Indian peninsula through the deserts of Arabia and on to the ports of southern Europe. By placing its stamp on the corridor project, the United States has merely asserted its geopolitical interest. The geo-economic roots of this sea-land link run deep into history.

Historians have long reminded us of the Indian sub-continent's trade links with West Asia and Europe, spanning all the way from the ports of the Konkan to the markets of Venice. Every time I hosted a visitor to Hyderabad who would want to buy pearls, I would ask if the person ever wondered why landlocked Hyderabad is famous for pearls. Few ask themselves this question as they head to the city's pearl shops. The answer lies in the trading links between the Deccan and the Gulf. from where Bahraini and Iraqi pearls, and the famous Basra pearls, were shipped for sale in the markets of opulent Hyderabad.

The trade ebbed and flowed with time but declined rapidly after Independence when India chose to pursue a more



inward-oriented development model that neglected trade opportunities. The opening up of the Indian economy in 1991 by Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao was initially followed up by what has come to be known as the "Look East" policy.

Within a decade after India chose to "Look East", India's trade with the countries of East and Southeast Asia more than doubled. By 2001, the trade with this region, including the countries of the Asean bloc, China, Japan and South Korea, exceeded India's trade with the European Union.

Having observed the success of the Look East policy, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced in July 2005 a "Look West" policy, with a focus on West Asia, including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain. A meeting of what was called the Trade and Economic Relations Committee (TERC), chaired by the Prime Minister, and including the Cabinet ministers for external affairs, commerce, industry, finance, agriculture and the deputy chairman of the Planning Commission, authorised the launch of free trade negotiations between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

The Prime Minister noted at the time that the India-West Asia relationship was built not just on the more recent post-war and post-Cold War relationships, but on ancient economic and cultural links, on the one hand, and a new forward-looking equation with the region, on the other. The launch of nego-

tiations for an India-GCC free trade agreement would only be a starting point. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told members of the TERC: "The Gulf region, like Southeast Asia and South Asia, is part of our natural economic hinterland. We must pursue closer economic relations with all our neighbours in our wider Asian neighbourhood. India has successfully pursued a 'Look East' policy to come closer to the countries of Southeast Asia. We must, similarly, come closer to our western neighbours in the Gulf."

This trade policy initiative was followed up with Prime Minister Singh inviting King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia as chief guest at the 2006 Republic Day parade. In the months that followed, the Indian Navy launched its own "Look West Policy" of increased maritime engagement of the Gulf states, recalling the longstanding maritime links that the subcontinent had with the Gulf. Defence relations were established between India, Oman and Saudi Arabia, with then defence minister A.K. Antony becoming the first Indian defence minister to travel to Riyadh in 2012.

After the East Asian and Southeast Asian economies emerged as India's biggest trade partners, overtaking Europe and the United States, the GCC countries followed suit, with the UAE and Saudi Arabia emerging as major trade partners. Apart from the economic dimension to both these outreach efforts, there has always been a strategic

dimension which has now become the focus of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new and important initiative, IMEC. Prime Minister Modi deserves compliments for his vigorous follow-up of P.V. Narasimha Rao's "Look East", with his own "Act East" initiatives, and now this follow-through of Dr Manmohan Singh's "Look West" with very robust "Act West" initiatives.

However, while India has always taken pride in having its own equation with its wider Asian neighbourhood, an impression has now gained ground that in many regional foreign policy initiatives taken by India, the United States somehow manages to cast its shadow. If India's relations with East Asia are being shaped by US-led frameworks such as the "Quad", relations with West Asia are being placed within initiatives like the U2I2 (United States, UAE, India and Israel) and IMEC. It is not clear why India should appear as if the United States is chaperoning it around its own neighbourhood.

I had many opportunities to interact with the representatives of the Gulf states during my tenure at the International Institute of Strategic Affairs, having an office located in Bahrain. Every so often I would be told by my Arab interlocutors how they preferred their region to be referred to as West Asia rather than the Middle East. Some dismiss this sentiment as an obsession with terminology. It is not. India has a view of the world from where it is located. Its economic and cultural links in all four directions go long back into history.

One does not expect a government of the Bharatiya Janata Party to so easily replace West Asia with Middle East in what is clearly an important strategic outreach.

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Top bizmen felled by hubris & lust...

BY KISHWAR DESAI

hat has surprised many in recent months is that some corporate bosses in the UK are not behaving with the propriety they should be. Harassment at the workplace has been in focus with three high profile cases coming to light regarding behaviour of corporate bosses towards their colleagues — and yes, some of these allegations do appear to be sexual in nature.

How can this happen one may ask—especially these days when so much has been written and said about the "me too" movement? If good behaviour is not possible—then surely certain exposure on social media should be a deterrent? And what about the rules at the work place?

Bernard Looney, the chief executive at BP (British Petroleum) is the latest to resign over an investigation launched into alleged relationships he may have had with colleagues. This follows closely after Tony Danker, the head of CBI (possibly the largest business lobbying group in the UK) being fired over his behaviour at work, and then Crispin Odey, a Tory donor and hedge fund founder facing allegations from 13 women. He has been forced to quit from his own hedge fund.

All of this seems to belong more to the last century than this one. Today even little kids know there will be consequences if anyone (male or female) oversteps the line at the work place. But people at the top may imagine that they are immune. It is a sad moment indeed to think that some British institutions still do require basic freedom from bullying and harassment.

Meanwhile, yes, it does seems the rate of inflation has come down but just a smidgen. At least, the Bank of England is not increasing interest rates. Enough damage has been done to house prices (falling) and mortgage rates (rising). But that has been the story much of this year.

So as expected mental health issues are coming to light more and more and Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD) has many in its grip with over 6,35,000 young people, men and women, being in psychiatric care of some kind.

While money is tight — the job market has also been tight for some time. Students are particularly impacted as there have also been strikes by college lecturers who have refused to grade exams. This has further delayed results, and so there is more uncertainty. Things are particularly tough right now for the young — and one can only hope that Christmas round the

corner will bring its usual cheer.

Well, it's good to know that the "youth icon", Prince William, the Prince of Wales is off to the US. He is publicising his environmental prize, Earthshot. He raises money from eager and helpful donors (who no doubt enjoy the royal connection), but he has been dedicated to this task. After all, his grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh, was and his father King Charles continues to be also active in promoting charitable causes. William is popular across the pond. But the question journalists are asking is whether he will encounter his brother Harry, who is disaffected with the family. Of course, Kate, the Princess of Wales, is even more disaffected with Meghan. Hence what people are looking forward to is not publicity for a good cause, i.e., the environment, but another fight in the family. If it does not happen, no doubt some cold vibes between the erstwhile "Fab Four" will be conjured up by our inventive media. It will provide a diversion from all the problems we are facing. We shall wait with interest!

Cricket may be the religion in India but it is no longer here. It is football or soccer (to distinguish it from rugby), which is the mania. Back in the Sixties, professional clubs were locally owned and players were modestly paid. Fans

were fanatical about their teams. Now football is a massive business. Clubs are rich, players come from around the world and get paid thousands of pounds per week. Fans are, of course, there but, with social media, they constantly review their team's success and shout when they fail. One of the great football clubs of all time, Manchester United (ManU) illustrates this story. It was for many years the best club, not just in England but in Europe. It has an immensely loyal fan base. Once upon a time in the Fifties, it was bought by the local butcher. Now owned by an American family who bought it in 2005 for £790 million. Now they want to sell. Their fans deride them as the Club has not won any prizes for some years. Yet the name ManU is valuable. A Qatar family has offered £5 billion. The fans are impatient to get rid of the Glazer family but there is a lot more haggling going on.

Just note however that whatever trouble the country may be in, there is a corner of England where the value of a club has gone up more than six times in 18 years. Not bad going!

(Kishwar Desai, is the chair of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Trust, which is setting up the Partition Museum at Town Hall, Amritsar.)

Why stoop to sterile jokes on successful G-20 summit?

BY BIJU DHARAMAPALAN

Pay to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a distinguished philosopher, scholar, and the second President of India. He was also a prominent educator and believed deeply in the value of education. The significance of Teachers' Day lies in appreciating the immense contribution of teachers to society. Teachers are the main pillar that keeps our nation moving forward. They not only provide knowledge to the students but also groom next-generation citizens.

The quality of the society can be deciphered from the contribution of good teachers.

On teachers' day, students express their gratitude and respect for their teachers through various activities, such as organizing cultural programs, presenting cards and gifts, and delivering speeches. Many educational institutions also organize events and functions to honour their teaching staff. In between these celebrations, we often forget the philosophy of education emphasized by Dr.Radhakrishnan. Teachers' Day is a time to reflect on the current education scenario in the country and the changing roles of a teacher.

The educational philosophy proposed Dr Radhakrishnan by was deeply rooted in the belief that education is not merely a process of acquiring knowledge, but a means to cultivate a holistic and enlightened individual. Radhakrishnan believed in the holistic development of an individual. He emphasized that education should nurture not only intellectual growth but also moral, emotional, and spiritual development. He emphasized the importance of teachers in shaping the intellectual and moral character of students. This emphasis on character formation was central to his vision of education.

Unfortunately in today's education, teachers have taken a back seat in delivering moral values to students.

The human touch between teacher

and student is hardly seen in their relationship. There was a time when a teacher donned not only the role of a knowledge provider but also a parent. They could even remember the details of family members of their students. Even if a student bunks off the class, teachers used to catch these fellows from movie halls and parks. But with changing times, this culture has drastically shifted, mostly because of the attitudinal change that happened to parents.

Similarly, during earlier periods teachers not only discussed the syllabus but also many topics related to values in life.

Most of the time these values get

Most of the time these values get imbibed into the sub-conscious mind of the student that helps in grooming a good future citizen. Every student remembers these values taught by teachers till the end of life.

With the mushrooming of private educational institutions, even the management and teachers forget the importance of values. The only thing these institutions focus on is to make students successful in competitive examinations and making money. Even teachers have become corrupted because of this. They act in a partisan manner to satisfy the needs of the management, fearing loss of jobs

The hands of these teachers are tightly bound by the management and they don't enjoy the academic freedom their predecessors enjoyed two decades back.

The higher number of crimes that involve educated people, and increasing malpractices in every sector by the educated people point to our faulty education system. When someone points out a corruption charge in society, be it against a politician or a government employee, it indirectly points to a teacher who moulded them. Value-based education is the need of the hour. Education coupled with moral values empowers individuals to make ethical decisions, even in complex or ambiguous situations

for the betterment of society.

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Planting saplings not enough adopt and nurture plants like kids: Jackie Shroff

Teteran film actor and social activist Jackie Shroff feels social media can play a bigger role in creating awareness about the burning issues particularly those related to the environment that the world is facing today. The actor who has been promoting sustainability and green living for a long time was recently roped in for the Planet India campaign which showcased powerful stories of India's climate and nature heroes.

In an exclusive interview with Aditya Kant and Chandrani Banerjee, Jackie Shroff maintained that while it was good that several volunteers and people from different cross-sections of life were coming forward to plant more trees, it was equally important that the plants are taken care of and looked after well.

Expressing his concern about the lack of awareness amongst the masses about the growing pollution, the actor feels that everyone needs to do his bit to make an impact and create a better world for the coming generations.

"Plants are to be looked after like our kids. It really hurts me when I see saplings and plants being discarded in the surroundings. Will we ever do this to our kids? The time has come when each one of us need to adopt plants in our surroundings like our children. We need to nurture them for our future generations," said Shroff.

Jackie Shroff will be highlighting the stories of young Indians who are rewriting the narrative of climate change. The campaign has brought together international and Indian filmmakers. These filmmakers will show



inspiring stories of how people and communities across the country are indulging in innovation and ingenuity

vis-à-vis the climate crisis. "Planet India is a way for us to get inspired by these amazing innovators," he adds.

Dali & Cocky Prince actor Kim Min Jae enlists in military

n Monday, actor Kim Min Jae officially joined the mandatory military service in South Korea. His agency, Nyam Nyam Entertainment, was quoted by Koreaboo, "Kim Min Jae will enlist in the military today. We ask for your warm support and encouragement to Kim Min Jae, who will faithfully perform his duties and return in good health." Kim Min Jae took to his Instagram handle and posted a photo of his hair that he cut off for the buzz cut, required in the military. In his next story, he also added, ""I will return in good health." On the other hand, his agency also shared a photo of the actor enlisting in the army division. The actor's Dali and Cocky Star co-star Hwang Bo Ra penned a note for him on Instagram. She posted a glimpse of his



buzzcut look from their video call and wrote, "Ah, our Min Jae video called because today is his enlistment date. I felt like tearing up like I was sending my younger brother [off to the military] after seeing his buzz cut. I met him through a project, but he's a younger support you have given me and will brother I feel affectionate for. He's returning March 2025. After you return, let's sweep the Korean film [industry]. Love you, come back safely." Reportedly, the actor will be enlisting in the military band after completing basic military training.

Talking about his enlistment, the actor told fans, "Today, I have something I want to tell you directly. I think many people were curious, but I will enlist in the military on September 18 to fulfil my mandatory national defense duties." "I will be enlisting in the military band, and I feel very sad that I will not see you all for a while, but I am also excited and grateful because I will be able to experience and learn more through my time in the military. I will not forget the precious thoughts and

return as a stronger person in order to repay your love," he wrapped up and promised to return stronger. Rumours about Kim Min Jae's enlistment were doing rounds for some time. Amid this, during the Dr Romantic 3 media conference in April this year, actor Han Suk Kyu first broke the news of Kim Min Jae. He said, "When I met Kim Min Jae during Season 1, there was a point where I told him, 'Hurry up, and go to the military,' but he is going to the military in July." Kim Min Jae who had not announced his enlistment plans, said, "I think this will become the last project of my 20s."

He later clarified to Soompi, "I'm not enlisting in July and the date has yet to be finalized. I think I'll go [to the military] within the year."

Katy Perry claimed she knew the 'real truth' about Russell Brand years before expose

llu Arjun spends some quality time with son Allu Ayaan Telugu superstar Allu Arjun, when in character, is known for his swag and attitude. But apart from his style, the actor also has a softer side which he revolves around his family, particularly his son Allu Ayaan.

Allu Arjun spends some quality

time with son Allu Ayaan

Taking some time off to enjoy some quality father-son time, the 'Pushpa' star shared a picture of his son with what appears to be burgers and a coke in front of him. The post was accompanied by popstar Justin Bieber's iconic song 'Baby' playing in the background.

Allu Arjun took to his Instagram, and captioned the post: "DAD & SON TIME."

Though he has a busy schedule, the actor never wastes a moment to have some time with his family, always showing his softer side to Allu and his wife Sneha Reddy.

Allu Arjun is not entirely open about his personal life, though he does tend to share details when he can on social media.

Currently, the star is geared up for his upcoming sequel to his 2021 hit 'Pushpa: The Rise' with the new sequel 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', which is slated to come out on August 15, 2024.

Earlier, the actor had spoken about 'The Rule', saying that the film plans to be bigger and more exciting than the previous outing, complete with better action scenes, story-telling and a finale.

The Sukumar directorial is nearly finished with its filming process and is entering the post-production phase. Apart from that, the 'Sarrainodu' star is also planning to make his Hollywood debut at an unknown date and an unknown project.

raty Perry previously seemingly dropped a hint about Tundisclosed aspects of Russell Brand's life, claiming she knew the "real truth" about him, years before sexual abuse allegations against him emerged. In a 2013 Vogue interview, which has resurfaced amid the ongoing controversy around Brand, Perry discussed her marriage with the comedian, describing it as "controlling" and "hurtful.'

Perry revealed that she was deeply in love with Brand when they got married in India on October 23, 2010.

However, their relationship lasted just 14 months, ending with a breakup text from Brand on New Year's Eve in 2011.

Initially, Perry blamed herself for the separation, until she discovered what she referred to as the "real truth" about Brand.

Perry shared her perspective on Brand's changing behavior during their relationship, stating that initially he sought an equal partnership.

However, he struggled with her taking on a more dominant role, particularly when she was in



charge during their tours.

Perry implied undisclosed information, hinting at something hidden, stating, "I felt a lot of responsibility for it ending, but then I found out the real truth, which I can't necessarily disclose because I keep it locked in my safe for a rainy day.

I let go and I was like, This isn't because of me; this is beyond me.' So I have moved on

from that."

What is the 'real truth'?

Perry did not specify the nature of this undisclosed truth, but speculations connected it with the recent allegations against Brands.

One of the unnamed accusers has come forward, stating that she experienced an emotionally abusive and controlling relationship with Brand when she was just 16, and he was 31.

She alleged that Brand assaulted her and repeatedly referred to her as a "child" during their romance.

Brand denied all of these "extremely disturbing" allegations in a video, clarifying that during his promiscuous period, which he extensively documented in his books, all his relationships were consensual.

Brand further emphasised his strong refutation of these "very, very serious" criminal accusations, noting that there are witnesses whose accounts directly contradict the narratives presented by the mainstream media outlets involved in what he perceives as a coordinated attack.

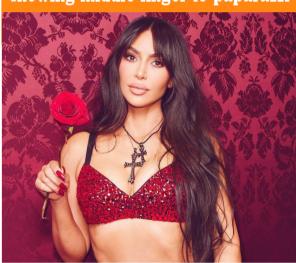
Rowoon exits group SF9 after nearly 7 years, pens note, apologises to fans: I may receive hate..

owoon debuted with SF9 in 2016. So far he has featured in School 2017, About Time, Where Stars Land, Extraordinary You, Tomorrow and Destined With You. SF9 member Rowoon has exited the group and will now "focus on individual activities including acting". As per Soompi, SF9's agency FNC Entertainment on Monday shared a statement about Rowoon and the group's activities. Later, Rowoon also penned a long note for fans and apologised.

The statement read, "Hello, this is FNC Entertainment. This is an announcement regarding SF9's activities. SF9, who debuted in 2016 and has been active as our agency's artist for seven years, came upon the expiration of their first contracts on September 18. All members of SF9 previously renewed their contracts with our agency, and they will now take another leap forward with eight members excluding Rowoon." "Rowoon will focus on individual activities including acting. Although the directions of their activities are different, Rowoon, who will remain as the ninth member of SF9, along with the other eight members will cheer each other on and each put in their full effort on their own paths in order to impress fans. We ask that fans continue to show lots of support for SF9 and Rowoon. Thank you," concluded the statement.

According to Soompi, Rowoon penned a handwritten letter on SF9's official fan cafe. He wrote, "Hello, this is Rowoon. I think I thought a lot about what words to start with. It honestly also feels a bit scary to write for the first time in so long. I think I've become slightly more familiar with being more strict on myself while taking on scheduled activities and taking on new challenges." "There was also frustration in not being able to solve big or small misunderstandings one by one, and while thinking that one day my sincerity would be delivered, the days passed by while I focused on the work I immediately needed to do.

Kim Kardashian scolds son Saint for showing middle finger to paparazzi



im Kardashian did not let son Saint get away with his rude behaviour recently, when they $oldsymbol{1}$ were both followed by paparazzi. As per a report by Page Six, when Saint, 7, made a rude hand gesture to photographers after leaving his basketball game in Los Angeles, Kim looked stern and scolded him immediately after.

Kim scolds Saint

As per the Page Six report, Kim was seen walking with her son Saint after leaving his basketball game in Los Angeles on Friday. During this brief encounter with the photographers, Saint showed his middle finger to

This gesture did not escape the attention of Kim, who immediately made a stern reaction and scolded him. She also tried to cover his face with her hand. Kim wore a strapless top and paired it with high-waisted jeans for the day-out. Meanwhile, the 7-year-old was seen giggling right after holding up his middle finger. Even after Kim tried to cover his face, Saint could not stop gig-

North West viral video

Just a few days ago, it seemed like the other way around for Kim at the Beyoncé concert. A TikTok video went viral on the internet where Kim's daughter, North was captured scolding her during the concert. In the video North was seen eagerly waiting for her mother to take a photo with the superstar. She then noticed that Kim was engrossed in a conversation with Beyoncé's husband, Jay-Z. North was seen looking exasperated and this was caught on camera.

RANBIR KAPOOR SUITS UP FOR NEW ANIMAL

he team behind the upcoming action thriller film Animal has released a new poster featuring actor Ranbir Kapoor. Taking to Instagram on Monday, T-Series announced the release date of the teaser of Animal.

Ranbir stars in new poster of Animal

In the poster, Ranbir wore a blue suit as he smoked a cigarette while holding a lighter. He wore dark sunglasses and sported long hair as he looked away from the camera. The

date of the teaser release is September 28, 2023, at 10 am. The film, helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, will release worldwide December 1, 2023. Sharing the poster, T-Series captioned it, "He is elegant...He is Wild...You will see his rage on September 28th. Animal Teaser On 28th Sept @Animal TheFilm #AnimalOn1stDec."

About Animal The film will hit theatres in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. Animal is produced by

Bhushan Kumar & Krishan not releasing the film on Kumar's T-Series, Murad Khetani's Cine1 Studios, and not going to explain to you Pranay Reddy Bhadrakali Pictures. This film also stars Anil Kapoor, ered because it might bore Rashmika Mandana, Bobby you. For example, there are Deol, and Tripti Dimri. The team of Animal wrapped up the shooting of Animal in July

Why release date of Animal was delayed

Earlier, talking about the film's postponement, Sandeep had said in a video, "The only reason why we are

August 11 is the quality. I am Vanga's how the post-production work of the film is being layseven songs in the film and when the seven songs are multiplied by 5 languages it becomes 35 songs."

"35 songs, different types of lyricists, different sets of singers, it's going to take a little more time than what I have actually planned for. The kind of lyrical value that

we have achieved in Hindi, I need to give the same kind of lyrical value in all different languages and for that, I really need to spend time to get into all different languages. When it gets released I don't want to give the feeling that it is a Hindi-dubbed Tamil film or a Hindi-dubbed Telugu

So for that, we are taking time and there's no other reason. All I can promise you is that we will come with the best quality on December 1," he had added.



Chairperson DDC Kishtwar chairs Quarterly General Council meeting

Reviews sector wise physical, financial progress under District Capex, ADP, other plans



JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPT 18: Chairperson District Development Council, Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur today chaired the quarterly General Council Meeting here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by the DDC Vice Chairperson, Saima Deputy Lone; Commissioner, Dr. Devansh CEO General Yadav: Council/ADDC, Sham Lal; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal all BDC Chairpersons, DDC Councilors, besides district and sectoral officers. Before the meeting started, a 2-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to local Martyr

who recently sacrificed their life for the nation, and the father-in-law of the DCC Chairperson, who passed away last month.

At the outset, the CEO General Council, Sham Lal welcomed the members of the general council and apprised them about the objectives of the meeting.

The chairperson Pooja Thakur reviewed the sector wise physical and financial status of the works taken up under District Capex, Area Development Plan & DDC, BDC and PRIs plan for the FY

During the meeting, the council was apprised about the action taken report (ATR) of the grievances raised in the previous general council meeting. The officers of concerned departments explained the progress on the Rifleman Ravi Kumar and others grievances pertaining to their

The majority of the grievances have been redressed whereas redressal on the rest of the grievances is under progress and will be completed in a time bound manner, informed the CEO General Council during the meet-

Also, during the meeting the block wise issues and grievances related to the various departments PHE, Health, JPDCL, Education, PWD etc were highlighted by the DDC and BDC members which were noted down by CEO General Council. The necessary directions were given to the concerned officers for immediate resolution of these highlighted

Meanwhile, the Chairperson stressed upon the concerned executive agencies to expedite the pace on the ongoing developmental projects in the district and ensure the projects taken up under the FY 2023-24 are completed ahead of the ensuing winters.

She also stressed upon the executing agencies to mobilise the men and machinery at work place at full capacity to achieve the tar-

The DDC Chairperson exhorted upon all the departments to work in tandem to ensure the encumbrances which are hampering the developmental works are removed and projects are completed in a timely manner.

DC inspires trainees at ITI **Rajouri Convocation Ceremony**

Youth Empowered with Skill-Based Training

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motivation. He

emphasized the pivotal

role of skill-based train-

ing in shaping the future

of youth, highlighting the

necessity of practical

knowledge and hands-on

experience.

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 18: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led an inspirational Convocation Ceremony in the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Rajouri, reinforcing the district administration's unwavering commitment to empower youth through skill-based training and education.

Among the others present were ITI Principal, Ujjawal Mahajan; Ashish Langer, Yasmeen Kouser, Dr Anuja Jasrotia and others from the region, whose presence added significance and encouragement to the event.

The ceremony celebrat-During the program, ed the excellence of top-DC engaged with the performing trainees from trainees, fostering an atmosphere of guidance various trades. This

acknowledgment only underscores the institution's commitment to nurturing talent but also honors the remarkable achievements of these talented individuals. ITI Rajouri leads the charge in empowering

youth by offering training

in diverse fields, includ-

ing a Technician course

thinking program aligns with the nation's vision of creating a skilled workforce and equipping youth with the tools they need to succeed in a rapidly evolving world. The presence of Deputy

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Commissioner Kundal and his insightful words resonated with attendees, emphasizing the significance of skillbased education in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The ITI Rajouri Convocation Ceremony serves as a beacon of hope and opportunity for the youth of Rajouri, representing a significant stride toward a brighter and more empowered

J&K Pollution Control Committee celebrates 'World Ozone Day-2023'



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC), Kashmir celebrated World Ozone Day 2023 under the theme 'Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone laver and reducing Climate Change'.

The event was inaugurated by Regional Director JKPCC Kashmir, Rafi Ahmad Bhat.

Speaking on the occasion, he deliberated upon the importance

preservation of Ozone layer and stressed that while global efforts have yielded positive impact of Montreal Protocol leading to ozone healing. India too has played a proactive role in phasing out production and consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS).

He said however, depletion in the Ozone layer is a serious issue and needs to be taken care of at individual as well as collective levels by creating and spreading awareness and adopting LIFE Mission (Life style

Gazzala Hassan, Scientist "B" JKPCC underlined the importance and gave in-depth details of how Montreal Protocol achieved universal ratification, most successful environmental programs in action, and an international environmental agreement to protect Earth's Ozone layer by eliminating the use of Ozone Depleting Substances.

She brought the picture of the bad ozone that is created by human activities and stressed upon reduction of vehicular emissions, responsible for the ground level ozone conditions. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat Scientist 'A' of JKPCC delivered an insightful talk on the chemical phenomenon that lead to Ozone depletion and about the overall significance of Ozone layer. During the Event, a documentary related to the Subject was also run which was appreciated by the participants. Zahoor Ahmad, Scientist 'A' of JKPCC also delivered a speech and appealed for action by

Gandhi Jayanti: GDC Ukhral organises seminar on "Non-Violence as Weapon of Indian Freedom Struggle"



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: A one day seminar on the theme "Non-violence as Weapon of Indian Freedom Struggle" was today organized by NSS Unit of Government Degree College Ukhral to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Department of Political Science, Career Counselling Cell and IQAC also collaborated in holding the event.

Prof. Zakir Hussain Naik, NSS Programme Officer and HoD Political Science, presented the welcome address. He highlighted that the objective of organising this seminar is to delve into the concept of Truth and Non-Violence as the potent force of Gandhiji for the freedom struggle of India.

Around 15 students presented their papers on the occasion. All the participants expressed the view that the Non-violence was one of the greatest weapons of Gandhiji in liberating India from British colonialism.

Anand Singh, Army Officer from 12 RR was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In his address, he emphasised upon the students to cherish the noble values of Truth, Love, Nonviolence and Peace. He appreciated the students for their marvellous presentations and College Administration for organising this seminar.

The Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Shallu Samyal, presided over the function. In her presidential speech, she said that Mahatma Gandhi was the most widely recognized figure of the Indian National Movement and saluted his role in the non-violent freedom struggle of

She impressed upon the students to pursue the values and thoughts of Gandhiji in their life which are based on truth and non-

The best three paper presenters were given awards and the Certificate of Participation was given to all other participants. The Jury members for today's programme were Dr. Shafiq Ahmed Katoch, Prof Iftikhar Hussain Lone and Prof Suresh Chander.

The seminar was attended by all the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college including Dr. Shafiq Ahmed Katoch, Prof Iftikhar Hussain Lone, Prof. Ishfaq Hassan Mir, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed Hajam.

Prof. Suresh Chander, Convener Career Counselling Cell, presented the formal vote of thanks to all the guests and participants.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Ishfaq Hassan Mir, while the technical support was provided by Akash Verma and Faroog Ahmed Katoch. The program culminated with recitation of the National Anthem.

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JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: District Development Council Chairman, Bharat Bhushan today chaired a meeting to review the performance of the health sector in the district. DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh and other DDC members were also present at the meeting.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chief Medical Officer delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the steps taken to make every panchavat free of tuberculosis. It was stressed that individuals experiencing prolonged coughing should avail of free TB testing at local government health facilities.

During the discussion, the Chairman highlighted the need for the uninterrupted power supply system at Sub District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Health Sub Centres.

The issue of pending registration and the utilisation of ambulances was raised by several DDC members. In response, the Chief Medical Officer informed that the matter has been brought to the attention of the Regional Transport Officer and would be resolved shortly. The status of land acquisition for establishing new Primary Health Centres and Health Sub-Centres was also reviewed. The DDC expressed the urgency of resolving this matter in collaboration with the Revenue Department and expediting the land transfer

All DDC members expressed their appreciation for the diligent work of the Block Medical Officers and their respective medical staff.

DDC member from Maira Mandrian, Suresh Sharma, raised concerns over staff shortage at Community Health Centre Maira Mandrian and CHC Chowki Choura. He also noted that CHC Chowki Choura has been designated as a 24/7 trauma hospital but was not functioning as such.

Additionally, he highlighted issues related to incomplete hospital infrastructure.

The Members also requested the stocking of anti-venom and antirabies vaccines in all medical facilities for the benefit of the local public. Other health-related concerns raised by DDC members were duly noted and addressed by the Chief Medical Officer, who assured appropriate action and follow-up.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Jammu, Ramesh Chander; Chief Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Harbaksh Singh, along with other concerned officers from the Health Department and district adminis-

DC reviews working of Cooperative **Department in Rajouri District**



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, SEPT 18: To devise a vibrant action plan for the efficiency and impact of cooperative initiatives in the district, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today led a detailed review of the functioning of the Department.

The review encompassed several vital aspects, including the establishment of new cooperative societies, the recovery of Non-Performing Asset (NPA) amounts from Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), and a thorough assessment of the implementation of various initiatives under the "Sehkar se Samriddhi" scheme.

The meeting provided a valuable platform for stakeholders to dis-

cuss strategies for the formation and strengthening of new cooperative societies. The focus was on creating a robust network of cooperatives that could foster economic growth, self-sufficiency, and equitable development within the

Another pivotal point of discussion revolved around the recovery of NPA amounts from PACS. The need for timely and efficient recovery mechanisms was emphasized to ensure the financial health and sustainability of these essential entities. Deputy commissioner Vikas Kundal also conducted an extensive review of the implementation of various initiatives falling under the "Sehkar se Samriddhi" scheme. These initiatives play a crucial role in uplifting the socioeconomic status of the rural population, and their effective execution is integral to the development of

The comprehensive review session was marked by productive discussions, strategic planning, and a shared commitment to realizing the full potential of the Cooperative Department.

It reinforced the dedication of the district administration to promoting economic prosperity, rural development, and financial inclusivity.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Adnan Rather; Assistant Registrars and Cooperative Marketing Managers.

Students of GDC Sunderbani take Swachhta Pledge Swachhta Pledge to supervision of Dr. Mohd and clean. Thus clean

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: In continuation to Gandhi Jayanti celebration, NSS unit Government Degree College Sunderbani, in collaboration with Road Safety club of the College, organized

spread awareness and to reaffirm the need for a mass movement to adopt better sanitation and hygiene practices.

Students and staff of the college took part in the pledge. The program

Azam and he appreciated the efforts of the members of all the committees for organizing the programme. Such programs sensitize masses and develop interest among the masses for was organized under the making their locality neat Prof. Sham Lal.

India would be the best tribute India can pay to Mahatma Gandhi.

The programme was coordinated by Sheraz Kousser NSS PO, Prof. Beant Singh convenor Road Safety Club and

Divisional Commissioner reviews developmental scenario in Udhampur District

Urges for rationalization of staff in schools, power supply reliability



JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPT 18: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today took a comprehensive review of the developmental scenario in Udhampur, including the execution of ongoing projects and proposed works under different programmes, here at a meet-

The meeting, held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex Udhampur, assessed the status of the flagship programs, schemes, progress achieved under the District Capex Budget, centrally sponsored initiatives, Area Development grants, land matters, and other pertinent concerns in the district.

District Development Commissioner, Saloni Rai, SSP, Dr. Vinod Kumar; ADDC, Ghan Shyam Singh; ADC, Joginder Singh Jasrotia and district heads of various departments attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner extended a warm welcome to the Divisional Commissioner and proceeded to provide a sector-wise PowerPoint presentation detailing the ongoing developmental initiatives, flagship programs, and schemes being executed by different departments in the district. She also presented updates on significant projects Chenanithe Sudhmahadev road NH-244, the Devika project, integrated tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev, Government Medical College Udhampur, and associated hospital, as well as financial progress under the district Capex Budget for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: The seven

days Divisional level training pro-

gramme on Scientific Beekeeping

under National Bee-keeping and

Honey Mission (NBHM) organised

by the department of Agriculture

and Farmers Welfare Kashmir con-

cluded today at Agriculture

The concluding session was

attended by Joint Director

Extension, Joint Director Inputs,

Director Rakhs and Farms, Chief

Agriculture Officer Srinagar,

Beekeepers, students and other

Speaking at the concluding ses-

entomologist,

Complex Lalmandi Srinagar.

Assistant

stakeholders.

The UEED department was instructed to ensure the completion of pending Devika project work, including restoration and house-to-house connections by October 15, 2023. Additionally, the ADDC was tasked with prepar-

ing a pert chart to monitor daily

work progress.

The Divisional Commissioner also sought details about the progress on the Chenani-Sudhmahadev road NH-244, integrated tourist facilities at Mantalai Sudhmahadev, Government Medical College Udhampur. He emphasized the need to expedite these ongoing projects to meet stipulated time-

Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner conducted an extensive review of financial progress under the District Capex Budget for 2022-23 and 2023-24, besides assets created under flagship schemes.

The performance of Departments spanning Horticulture, National Rural Livelihood Mission, National Livelihood Urban Mission. Agriculture, Education, Health, Social Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, SBM-G, Jal Jeevan Mission, PMGSY, PWD, was thoroughly scrutinized.

The Div Com urged departments to mobilize resources for effective scheme implementation, providing entitlements to 100% eligible beneficiaries. He stressed the importance of interdepartmental coordination for enhanced grassroots

Additionally, the JPDCL department was directed to improve power supply reliability, and the education department was tasked with rationalizing teacher-student

07 Days Divisional level Training programme under (NBHM)

on Scientific Beekeeping concludes at Lalmandi Srinagar

Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad

Igbal expressed satisfaction and

asked the participants to take

maximum benefits from what they

have learnt from the training pro-

gramme and implement the latest

He said such programmes are

aimed to provide practical training

to the participants and equip them

Director Agriculture said that

including Bee-keeping,

there is a vast potential in small

scale agriculture cottage indus-

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Beekeeping.

technologies on their own units.

Director

sion.

Programme aimed to provide practical training to the

Participants & equip them with necessary skill in Beekeeping

Agriculture

skills in

ratios. The emphasis was on generating employment through sectors like Agriculture, Horticulture, and Animal Husbandry.

The progress of PMGSY and PWD projects was reviewed, with a directive to expedite work to meet government targets. Quality checks were emphasized to maintain project integrity.

District heads of various departments briefed the Divisional Commissioner on the status of schemes within their purview, with a continued focus on interdepartmental collaboration.

Finally, Divisional the Commissioner highlighted the importance of creating awareness about self-employment schemes among unemployed youth and encouraged departments to organize awareness programs for this

In a separate meeting, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the working of Revenue depart-

Attendees included Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai, SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar, ADC Joginder Singh Jasrotia, ACR Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, all SDMs, and Tehsildars.

The meeting included discussions on different aspects, such as digitization of Jamabandies, qualidigitized checks of Jamabandies, digitization and georeferencing cadastral of maps/Mussavis, recreation of Mussavis, Swamitva status, online services, Revenue court cases in RCCMS, land transfer to BSNL, land acquisition cases, Capex review, encroachments, relief cases under SDRF, change of land use cases, and the status of public services under the Guarantee Act.

Tehsildars were directed to complete village-wise quality checks of Jamabandies within seven days, and ADC was tasked with clearing departmental enquiry pendencies within a month.

The meeting concluded with an emphasis on adhering to established rules, laws, and service delivery within stipulated timelines, as prescribed in the PSGA. SDMs and Tehsildars were instructed to prioritize the resolution of all pending cases.

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coming times and ensure that

more and more educated youth

take part in such training pro-

grammes and benefit from the

Later, a certificate distribution

ceremony took place where the

certificates were awarded to the

trainees who completed the pro-

departmental initiatives.

gramme successfully.

opment of the agriculture sector.

DC Jammu forewarns strict action against unfair practices in ration supply

Reviews working of FCS&CA Department



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today reviewed the status of ration supply and delivery in the district here at a meeting with officers of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) department. Assistant Directors, TSOs and Inspectors were in attendance during the meeting.

During the meeting, the DC emphasised crucial elements in the ration supply chain, including the need for timely distribution, the exclusive use of electronic weighing machines, biometric verification, issuing purchase receipts, eliminating manual paperwork and vigorously implementing the One Nation One Ration Card initiative. The DC examined every step of the ration

distribution process, emphasising its significance for the public. The DC reviewed the status of all categories of beneficiaries such as AAY, PHH and NPHH.

The DC expressed serious concern towards allegations of unfair practices like pilferage, adulteration, and under-weighing. He made a commitment to carry out unannounced inspections and impose strict penalties, with a particular focus on maintaining accurate records.

Tehsil Supply Officers and Inspectors were entrusted with the responsibility to ensure fair practices within their respective areas of jurisdiction. Additionally, the DC emphasised the necessity of educating consumers about their rights, aiming to create awareness among the public.

03 Days Capacity Development Programme concludes at NIESBUD Centre Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: The three days Capacity Development Programme for existing entrepreneurs for scaling up their business activities under SANKALP concluded here at National Institute of Entrepreneurship Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Srinagar Centre.

This was the second programme as part of the series of programmes to be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir in coming

Principal Government Polytechnic College (Women), Bemina Srinagar earlier inaugurated the

programme and also briefed participants about the importance of such programmes.

provided He also insights on the programmes conducted by NIESBUD in Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme was organized to support young entrepreneurs and educate them about sales, marketing and business communication. The three days pro-

gramme covered the areas on e-commerce, market linkages, awareness regarding government schemes, entrepreneurship development, soft and hard skills, product value additions, bank linkages and application procedures for loans etc.

The experts from NIES-BUD provided the basic expertise on how to overcome various challenges which the entrepreneurs are facing during market-

ing and packaging etc. Dr. Aijaz Mir representing NIESBUD, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, in the UT of J&K, thanked the participants, the college administration and the experts for making the workshop a success and also assured further handholding and support for these entrepreneurs and other aspiring entre-

SWD hosts Camps for Social Welfare pension cases across Jammu District

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Social Welfare Department has organised special camps across the district to help the applicants of the Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) Pension Scheme, which provides financial assistance to the elderly, widows, destitute and persons with disabilities. The camps aim to facilitate the applicants in completing their documents and verifying their eligibility for the

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya is keeping a close eye on the day-to-day progress of these camps and has ordered that they be treated as a top priority. He visited one such camp at Parade Ground today and spoke with the public. He has instructed

the camp officials to assist the Officer office is hosting these public with full sincerity in the spirit of public service.

there were around 17,800 application the applicants. The tehsil-wise tions pending due to deficiency of documents at the applicant's end at the beginning of the special campaign.

The camps have been attended by thousands of participants, resulting in a sharp decline in the number of pendencies from 17,800 to roughly around 7,500. The department is not withholding any eligible application and upon full verification, applications are being approved instantly.

The camps are being organised tehsil-wise and block-wise at 23 locations across Jammu district from September 14 to September 21. Each Block Development

camps, where the staff of the Social Welfare Department is pro-According to the department, viding guidance and assistance to camps are being held at Parade Ground Jammu, Tehsil Office Gole, Panchayat Ghar Nadora, Panchavat Ghar Jagti and Panchayat Ghar Dansal.

The Social Welfare Department has appealed to the eligible persons to avail the benefit of these camps and complete their documents as soon as possible. The camps are running between 11 am and 4 pm in specified locations. The last date of the camp is September 21.

Further information about these camps can be obtained by contacting the respective tehsil or BDO

DLRAC meeting held at Shopian



JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPT 18: A District Level Rural Self-Employment Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting for the first Quarter ended 30th June, 2023 was today held at Shopian to review the performance of the J&K Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute Shopian.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner

(ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz. At the outset, Director, RSETI, Nazir Ahmad presented the progress of RSETI Shopian during the first quarter of FY 2023-24. RSETI Shopian has given training to 150 candidates during the quarter with a settlement ratio of 55 percent and credit linkage of 54 percent. This is against a target of 450 candidates for 17 different batches. Speaking on the occasion, ADC stressed upon better

coordination among departments for conducting more awareness camps in the district and enrolling more youth for training and Credit linkage so that maximum youth are provided with benefits under various Self employment schemes.

He stressed upon both banks as well as sponsoring agencies to play a vital role for achieving the set targets under various sectors for setting up income generating units.

ADC also emphasized upon concerned for making sure placements of candidates after the completion of the training programme so that they could be able to earn their livelihood.

The meeting was attended by District Heads of allied Departments; Lead District Manager, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Officer KVIB, Cluster Head J&K Bank, District Programme Manager, NRLM and other Branch Heads of various banks and dis-

Saurabh Bhagat visits Baramulla; Reviews progress on state of the art CIIIT institute



JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, SEPT 18: Commissioner Secretary, Skill Development Department, Saurabh Bhagat, today paid a visit to Government Polytechnic College Kanispora Baramulla.

Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Director Skill Development, Sudharshan Kumar, Joint Director Planning, M.Yosuf Rather and other concerned officers. He had comprehensive evaluation of the Centre for Invention,

Innovation, Incubation, Training (CIIIT), established in collaboration with the Government of India and Tata Technologies Limited. During the visit, Saurabh Bhagat was provided an in-depth presentation by the Head of Department at CIIIT, Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat, elucidating the operations of 200 crore rupees CIIIT facility, only the second of its kind in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Notably, the institute offers a range of technological courses including IoT (Internet of

Things), Innovation and Design, Mechatronics. Manufacturing, among others, with the primary objective of preparing students for the indus-Commissioner Secretary was

apprised of the institute's collaborations with esteemed institutions in the region, such as Kashmir University, Islamic University, and SSM College of Engineering, to extend training programs to their students. Commending the institute's efforts in skill development, Saurabh Bhagat emphasized the importance of the state-of-the-art training centre in Baramulla, geared towards providing advanced, job-oriented skill training in north Kashmir. He asked the District Administration officials and the institute heads to enhance admissions and expand the reach of skill training programs and the plan for the same to be framed and submitted to the directorate office in one week's

DC felicitates newly Qualified JKAS candidates of Reasi District

REASI, SEPT 18: In a momentous District Administration today organized an Interaction-cum-Felicitation ceremony for the brightest minds of the District, who qualified JKAS exam 2023.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Babila Rakwal, ACR Anshumali Sharma; SDM Mahore, Mazahir Hussain Shah and other officers interacted with the selected candidates who shared their experience about qualifying the prestigious Civil Services Examination.

The DC congratulated the selected candidates and expressed hope that their success would motivate others to aim high and achieve Hussain from Dubri, Mohammad



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their goals. The candidates who Anjum from Gangote, Arjun Singh from Chassana, Dr. Abhinandan

Fleet of 25 trucks carrying 1500 cattle along with 30 Nomadic families flagged-off from Anantnag

JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG. SEPT 18: In order to avoid traffic jamming on national highways due to the annual movements of the cattle during the Autumn season from Kashmir to Jammu Division, Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with Sheep Husbandry Department & JKSRTC began transportation of Tribal people along with their cattle to their destinations in Jammu division.

In this regard, 25 trucks carrying 1500 cattle along with 30 families were flagged-off today



from Sarnal Anantnag by ADC Anantnag, Gulzar

Ahmad Bhat. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the ADC said that the novel initiative has been taken to ensure that no animal flocks move on national highways during the autumn season, adding that the process shall continue for a month in the first initiative and would be extended for another 15 days if need arises. District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Mohammad Rafiq Shah, who is designated as nodal officer said that 48k animals have been registered with the Sheep Husbandry Department Anantnag as on date for transporting to Jammu Division.

Ayushman Bhava, SBA campaign

Cleanliness drive, Health awareness camp conducted at GHSS Bijarni

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPT 18: As the part of the ongoing Ayushman Bhava campaign and to mark the celebration of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to achieve universal sanitation coverage, a health awareness programme and cleanliness drive was today organized by the staff of HWC-SC Bijarni (Block Ghat) in

the local Government High School. Besides the health staff, the programme organized under the supervision of Block Medical Officer Ghat, Dr. Ab Gafoor Ahmed, was attended by school staff students and prominent public of the area.

Alongside the Swacchta Bharat Abhiyan, the participants were made aware about the ongoing Ayushman Bhava campaign launched by the GOI. They were imparted awareness regarding ABHA I'd, AB PMJAY Sehat, NCDs, TB/Anemia Mukt Bharat, IMI 5.0 Vaccination, Jan Sabha, Tele Consultation, Health & Hygiene etc. Moreover, Sewa Pakhwada cleanliness drive was also organized at HWC Sub Centre Bijarni.

The aim of conducting the programme was to instill a sense of

responsibility among the masses towards keeping the area clean and green besides to educate them about the various health schemes run by the GOI.

On this occasion, Faizan A Tramboo from the health department administered the pledge to the participants on Swacchta Bharat Abhiyan and urged them to act as the ambassadors of the campaign in their areas.

The programme was jointly managed and coordinated by the Principal, Staff of GHS Bijarni and HWC- Sub Centre Bijarni, which ended on a positive note.

Sri Pratap College kick-starts Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: Sri Pratap College kickstarted Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, with Principal of the College, Prof (Dr) Ghulam Jeelani Oureshi formally inaugurating the event.

The celebrations started with Cleanliness Drive of the College campus under the ambit of Swatchhta Abhiyan.

During the opening ceremony, the Principal



of the College deliberated upon the Gandhian ide- ology of non-violence,

peace and cleanliness. He impressed upon the participants to take upon the responsibility of making the campus and the surroundings clean and green. 80 NSS volunteers and NSS programme officers participated enthusiastically in the cleanliness drive and collected 40 kgs plastic waste from the campus.

The waste was finally handed over to Srinagar Municipal Corporation for proper scientific disposal at their end.

YSS Ganderbal kicks-off Inter Zone District Level Kho-Kho competition for Girls



JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPT 18: Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal organized a spectacular Inter Zone District level Kho-Kho competition for girls at the picturesque ground of GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from all four zones of the district. The officials and the student players took a Panch Pran Pledge before the commencement of the event.

The competition was intense in which all the student players showcased their talent and had a fantastic experience while taking part in such competition.

The efforts of the meritorious teams were recognized by the senior officials of the department by felicitating them with the well-deserved trophies after the culmination of the activity.

Sports events like these play a crucial role in promoting fitness and teamwork among students.

5-Day Capacity Building Workshop for frontline workers of ICDS POSHAN takes off at Banihal

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPT 18: Poshan (ICDS) Ramban in conjunction with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Foundation and supported by the J&K Association of Social Workers organised a 5-day transformative capacity-building workshop for the frontline workers of ICDS Project Banihal.

The workshop kicked off today in Banihal CDPO Office.

Ten nominated Master Trainers from the Banihal Poshan ICDS project are participating in the workshop.

The workshop's primary objectives include acquainting Trainers with the concept and significance of creating optimal learning environments and designing Centers (AWCs). Anganwadi Additionally, it aims to foster a comprehensive understanding of Free Play and the Four Corners approach, with the ultimate goal of equipping frontline workers to pre-

beneficiary children for school, thus enriching the local community. The workshop is being attended by Dr. Rashim Pal, serving as a Resource Person and ECCE Specialist, Upti, Project Manager from CII Foundation, Tariq Ahmed, Project Coordinator from CII Foundation, J&K Chapter, and Sajjad A Mandloo, Project Manager from J&K Association of Social Workers, along with other dedicated team members. The inauguration of workshop was led by Project Officer ICDS Ramban Jhangir Hashmi. He conveyed heartfelt appreciation to the CII Foundation for its dedication and support. "This workshop marks a significant milestone in the continuous development of our frontline workers," Hashmi emphasized.

Hashmi expressed unwavering confidence in the department's ability to build the capacity of these Trainers.

They, in turn, will be well-pre-

pared to disseminate invaluable knowledge and practical expertise to their fellow Poshan (ICDS) field functionaries in Ramban District, contributing to the betterment of our local communities. Later during a sensitisation session, PO Poshan (ICDS) Ramban, Jahangir Hashmi, sensitized CII Foundation experts, including Dr. Rashim Pal, Upti, Khursheed and Sajad to the essential training needs of ICDS frontline workers in Ramban, underscoring the collective commitment to empowerment.

This transformative initiative builds upon a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with ICDS J&K in October 2022, marking the commencement of capacity-building efforts for Anganwadi frontline workers across three districts. Notably, out of the four projects adopted by CII Foundation in Jammu & Kashmir, two are rooted in Ramban District, with one each in Anantnag and Baramulla.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations: S.P College organizes Awareness programme on Psycho-Social Counseling for Youth



JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: As part of on-going Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations 2023, the NSS Units of Sri Pratap College, Srinagar in collaboration with Mission Youth,

J&K today organized one day awareness programme on Psvcho-Social Counseling for Youth on Mental Health and Drug Addiction,

Senior Resident at IMHANS.

The event was formally inaugurated by Principal of the College, Dr. Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi who impressed upon students to take up the responsibility of removing the stigma and taboos associated with mental health issues. He urged the students to come forward and open up about any kind of anxieties they face.

The speaker of the event spoke at length about the identification marks of suicidal tendencies, drug abuse, Depression and other mental health disorders.

150 NSS volunteers enthusiastically participated in the event. Later the speaker had a one to one conversation with the students who were facing stress and anxiety related issues.

The event was jointly coordinat-The Resource Person for the ed by NSS Programme Officers, Dr event was Dr. Maria Zahoor, Javaid, Dr Nadia and Dr. Raashid.

DC Srinagar finalises arrangements for smooth conduct of JKSSRB exams

Over 5000 candidates appearing in examination at various designated centers in District

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 18:- In connection with the JKSSRB OMR based written examination scheduled to be held in the month of September and October 2023, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner discussed Othreadbare the arrangements to

be put in place for the smooth con-vided to the JKSSB for transportaination.

The examination is being held at various centers in the District in which over 5000 candidates are appearing.

During the meeting police department was directed to ensure adequate deployment of Police per-Similarly, sonnel. Traffic Department to ensure proper traffic arrangements in and around the designated examination centres. While proper Escort be pro-

duct of the SSB forthcoming exam- tion of material to the exam centres through the Vehicles of RTO for transport of the material.

Likewise, PDD was asked to ensure uninterrupted power supply at the Centers.

During the meeting, it was decided that section 144 Crpc shall be imposed around the examination centres.

While supervisors and duty magistrates were also deployed to ensure smooth and hassle free conduct of examination.

DC reviews progress of JJM works in Kathua District



JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPT 18: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of concerned officers and contractors to review the progress achieved under flagship Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

At the outset, Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic R. K Gupta apprised Deputy the

Commissioner about the financial and physical progress achieved under the Mission.

The DC, while interacting with contractors executing the JJM work, emphasised upon them to complete all assigned works within stipulated timeframes. He further called upon the executing agencies to ensure no laxity in execution of the works and asked for penalizing the defaulters. Underlining the

need for quality asset creation within set timelines, the DC called upon the engineers to take PRIs on board for proper monitoring of the assets being created in their respective areas. He further called for speeding up the works to rule out any chance of carrying forward any financial liabilities.

Issues such as construction of Overhead tanks, slow sand filtration plant and Rapid Sand filtration plants remained the focal point of concern wherein DC passed directions to all concerned to mobilize men and machinery for achieving progress before the cutoff timelines. Earlier, SE Hydraulic gave a brief account of the works undertaken wherein he informed about the status of all allotted works, including OHTs, Regarding Slow sand filtration plant, Rapid Sand filtration plant. CPO Kathua Uttam Singh, XEN PHE Kathua and other concerned officers were also present.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, SEPT 18: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Battal Manwal, Jagnu, Ramnagar, Basant Garh and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 19 from 6 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Bhudhal Town, Gabbar, Kewal, Phalni, Nagathub and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 19 from 7

Likewise, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 21 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 22 from 7 am to 1 pm.

HP assembly session begins with paying tributes to ex-member

SHIMLA: The Monsoon Session of Opposition should not insist on Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly began with paying of tributes to former MLA Khub Ram and demise of 441 people in the recent monsoon rains.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh member of assembly Khub Ram and as many as 441 people died in the rainfall. Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, Lokender Kumar, Speaker Kuldeep Pathania also paid tributes to the members. The house also observed silence to mark respect to the departed souls.

Soon after, obituary references Opposition members demanded to adjourn the entire business to discuss the issue of rain fury. Speaker Kuldeep Pathania said he had received from BJP members this morning under rule 67. He said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu would move a resolution on the same issue to be discussed in house by Monday. The Speaker said the issue would be allowed under 102 rule in the house, therefore, the

raising the issue under rule 67.

Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur said issue brought by the Chief Minister was different to that the BJP members have raised under rule 67 therefore the busi-Sukhu said the state lost former ness listed for the today should be adjourned and house should discuss the issue of death of so many people immediately. The Speaker did not allow adjournment motion of BJP under rule 102 instead of 67 stating that the government had already raised the same issue and it was listed in the agenda of the house for today.

Amid the protest of the Opposition, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presented the resolution. He was disrupted by the opposition members by shouting slogans seeking discussion under rule 67. Later , Opposition Members staged a

walkout when the Chief Minister was presenting the resolution. Condemning the walkout of opposition, chief minister said they are demanding special session on the issue ,however, now when their adjourned motion was allowed they walked out from the house. He said during previous monsoon session speaker allowed the discussion under rule 102 when Congress have brought the discussion under rule

Opposition Leader was informed in the all party meeting Sunday that government is coming with the discussion on the issue under rule 102

Chief Minister said as many as

441 people had died and 75000 tourists were stranded in the state. He said Government acted swiftly during the rain fury and evacuated all the tourists within 72 hours. Parliamentary affairs' minister Harash Vardhan Chauhan said BJP members are trying to take political mileage of this issue and failed to look at the sensitivity of the issue.

despite they brought the issue under rule 67.

Discussion under rule 102 is continuing in the house in absence of opposition members till lunch

No 'median line' in Taiwan Strait China asserts after sending 103 warplanes around Taiwan

BEIJING: China on Monday dismissed the existence of a "median line" in the volatile Taiwan Strait after Taiwan's defence ministry said it detected a record 103 Chinese warplanes flying around the self-ruled island in a 24-hour period. "First of all, this is not a question about foreign affairs. I suggest you refer to competent Chinese authorities for specifics," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning said without commenting on Beijing's latest military provocation.

"Let me say that Taiwan

cial session of Parliament.

RS's panel of vice-chairpersons reconstituted

giving 50 pc representation to women

NEW DELHI: Rajva Sabha Chairman and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday reconstituted the panel of vice-chairpersons giving 50 percent repre-

The decision was taken during the first day of a spe-

"The House members are informed that the panel of vice-chairpersons has been reconstituted with effect from September 13, 2023. Honourable members will be

happy to note that 50% of the vice chairpersons happen to be women," said Dhankhar. Announcing the names

of the new panel of vice chairpersons Dhankhar said the number of women MPs in the panel may go higher

in future. The eight-member panel will now have four

women members, including BJP MPs Kanta Kardam,

Sumitra Balmik, and Geeta alias Chandraprabha and

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sentation to women parliamentarians.

Biju Janata Dal's MP Mamata Mohanta.

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There is no so-called "median line" in the Taiwan Strait," Mao asserted when a reporter sought her response to Taiwan's defence ministry's statement that 40 of the 103 Chinese People's Liberation Army warplanes crossed the "median line" on the Taiwan Strait in a 24-hour span between Sunday and

Monday. China views Taiwan - a democratically governed island of 24 million - as part of its territory, despite having never governed it.

The ruling Communist Party of China has long is part of China's territory. vowed that the island

must be unified with the Chinese mainland, by force if necessary, while Taiwan strongly rejects China's territorial claims

According to a flight map provided by Taiwan's defence ministry, 40 of the 103 Chinese warplanes crossed the "median line" on the Taiwan Strait and entered Taiwan's selfdeclared air defence identification zone (ADIZ). Those 40 incursions were made by 10 Su-30 fighter jets, 12 J-10 fighter jets, four J-

11 fighter jets, 10 J-16 fighter jets, two Y-20 aerial refuelling aircraft, and two KJ-500 airborne early warning and control planes, it said. The ministry said it had tasked combat air patrol aircraft, navy vessels and landbased missile systems to respond.

The number of incursions marked a new high in recent times, posing a "serious challenge" to security in the Taiwan Strait and wider region, the ministry said.

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App. Cost. (in R	s.)	25,36,964.96				
Earnest Money	(in Rs.)	50,700.00				
Completion period		03 Months				
Opening of ten	der	10.10.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.				
Website Partic	ulars	www.ireps.gov.in				
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The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpu for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction for various lots over Firozpur Division as per detail given below:-

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ABVP releases 21 point 'WoManifesto' for DUSU polls

NEW DELHI: The student wing of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) on Monday released its manifesto for the upcoming Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections.

The manifestor was released in the presence of all four ABVP candidates for DUSU, including Tushar Dedha, Sushant Dhankar, Aprajita and Sachin Baisla, along with state secretary Harsh Attri and national media convener Ashutosh Singh.

This comprehensive 21-point manifesto, titled 'WoManifesto' focuses especially on women and reflects ABVP's commitment to addressing a wide array of issues that concern the student community. In its manifesto the ABVP has stated that it is dedicated to ensuring fairness in education costs by advocating for the 'One Course, One Fees' principle. It has also promised to work towards the implementation of dedicated university special buses for the convenience of stu-

According to the manifesto ABVP is committed to increasing scholarships for students from marginalised backgrounds and aims to facilitate affordable metro travel for students through concession passes. The ABVP has promised to prioritise the construction of new hostels and girls' hostels in every college. It has also promised to introduce an 'Earn While Learn' policy to provide students with opportunities to earn while pursuing their education. Focusing on the transgender students, the ABVP in its manifesto



has stated that recognises the importance of inclusivity and will work on special scholarships for transgender students.

Addressing the press conference ABVP's candidate for the DUSU president Tushar Dedha said, "Previous ABVP-led DUSUs have diligently addressed student concerns. We are committed to addressing issues like fee hikes, expanding hostel infrastructure, and prioritising mental health."

The organisation's candidate for the post of secretary Aprajita emphasised ABVP's commitment to women's empowerment, mentioning initiatives like 'Mission Sahasi' for self-defence training and 'Ritumati Abhiyan' for sanitary pad distribution. She said that ABVP aims to further these efforts through measures like restoring and renewing sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators in all colleges, full-time gynaecologist and psychologists in the WUS health center in DU, pink booths near every hostel, installation of CCTV cameras inside and outside college campuses, gender sensitization camps, strengthening Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in colleges, hiring female trainers in sports and co-curricular activities, girls' common room in every college, etc.

ABVP's Delhi state secretary, Harsh Attri said that the organisation's manifesto is solution-oriented, emphasizing a three-fold approach for the DU curriculum. review, rational debate and revise. "Additionally, the manifesto includes demands for improved amenities such as water coolers at every 100 meters of Chhatra Marg, sanitation in every college. 'Mindfulness' Centers in DU, effective implementation of 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat' Programme, special arrangements for the commute of Divyang students, and meaningful employment opportunities along with professional development training through an effective place-

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

e-NIT No. 111 of 2023-24

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

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1.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of HC Pump set of 5000 GPH x 170 mtrs head capacity as standby including P/F of connection cables, NRV, service cables etc. and allied works at T/well cum P/s Tootein Di Khui under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	6.50	500/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.13 lac	180 days	180 days
2.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of HC Pump set of 10000 GPH x 250 mtrs head capacity as standby including P/F of connection cables, NRV, service cables etc. and allied works at D/well Sidhra Old under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	8.50	500/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.17 lac	180 days	180 days
3.	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of HC Pump set of 5000 GPH x 200 mtrs head capacity as standby including P/F of connection cables, NRV, service cables etc. and allied works at P/s Palpad under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing).	6.00	500/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.12 lac	180 days	180 days
4.	Upgradation of 250 KVA LT transformer from existing 100 KVA transformer including allied elect. & electro-mech. Components at D/well Majra Kotli under UT Capex Budget-2022-23 (Ongoing). Publishing: 16/09/2023	7.00	500/-	02% of the est. cost i.e 0.14 lac	180 days	180 days

- 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 16/09/2023
- 2. The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 16/09/2023 (02:00 P.m) to 26/09/2023 (2:00 P.m).
- 3. After opening the tender Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table (and for DIC/SSI registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K Govt.) payable at Jammu pledged in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mech. Rural Division Jammu.
- 4. Bid security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year from the date of issuance of tender. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of Treasury Challan/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu payable at Jammu.

SD/-(ER. NARINDER SINGH) **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH. RURAL **DIVISION JAMMU**

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TOYCATHON 23 promotes creativity, innovation skills, awareness of local materials and traditions by igniting young minds: Advisor Bhatnagar 1,23000 registrations were

Addresses Grand Finale of TOYCATHON 2023 at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that creativity and critical thinking are important aspects for developing scientific temper among the young students of our schools who can torch bearers of change for future generations. The Advisor made these remarks while delivering the keynote address on the Grand Finale of TOYCATHON 2023 held at State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) complex Bemina here, in which students from various schools of Kashmir division participated.

The students of schools from Jammu division participated in the TOYCATHON virtually from Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo,

Addressing the huge gathering of young innovators and students, Advisor Bhatnagar stressed on the importance of creativity and critical thinking among the young minds. He highlighted that this unique programme was aimed at exploring rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir through redesigning and rediscovering toys and games, with innovative ideas conceived by the school children.

He added that the TOY-CATHON 2023 promotes creativity, innovation skills, awareness of local materials and traditions by igniting out young minds.

The Advisor said that this Toycathon was an event of learning by experimentation and creative activity by focusing on developing toys and games that reflect the innovative ideas, use of regional resources and revival of our local heritage. He empha-



highlighting the role of such ini-

tiatives in shaping a brighter

future for our nation. During the

Grand Finale, the Advisor also

interacted with every participant

of the TOYCATHON and spoke in

length with them about their

Bhatnagar said that these mod-

els are very unique and rather

than being innovative toys, they

also reflect the practical prob-

lems of our society mainly con-

cerning the environment, agri-

culture and other day to day

Addressing the gathering,

Principal Secretary, Education,

Alok Kumar said that this TOY-

CATHON showcased the poten-

tial of our students and their

mentors, and is a testament to

what we can achieve together.

He highlighted that this unique

programme will setup an ecosys-

tem for development of toy

Parikshat Singh, in his welcome

SCERT,

industry across the region.

Director,

While interacting with the

Advisor

models and designs.

young innovators,

sized on the importance of nurturing creativity and talent of our youth.

"Innovation is key to progress, and TOYCATHON like events provide a platform for our young minds to unleash their creativity and contribute to the growth of our nation", Advisor Bhatnagar

The Advisor further said that our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has given new route to education system of our country by NEP-2020 and by this policy our country will be among the best in the world in days to come. He also said that our Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha gives utmost importance to education sector and remains one of the focus areas of his administra-

He emphasized on the aspect of developing an attitude among the school children by which they can get curious about the boundaries of knowledge and be able to challenge them.

He added that the students should be taught about problem solving approach for our society and our teachers should develop problem solving teaching approach among themselves while teaching at respective lev-

The Advisor also said that every student has a unique address, said that more that

received for this event and more than 5400 competitions were organised across the UT at School, District and UT levels. He highlighted that this event will be a platform for development of toy industry. He remarked that the business models of these designs showcased in the Grand Finale will be worked out for handholding. Similarly, the Grand Finale of TOYCATHON 2023 was also held at Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, potential among them and it is Jammu, in which students from our teachers and mentors various schools of Jammu diviresponsibility to bring that sion participated, who showpotential out of their students. cased their unique and innova-He appreciated the organisers, tive toys and models on the occateachers and mentors for organising this unique programme,

TOYCATHON Pertinently, 2023 with theme 'Promotion of innovative ideas and revival of local heritage' was held in three categories i.e class 6th to 8th, class 9th to 10th and class 11th to 12th. The modalities of event were launched on 12th May, 2023 with an opening date for registration and submission of ideas of toys and games for the students. TOYCATHON involved three tier competition starting from School level competition, District level competition and UT level competition - the Grand Finale.

TOYCATHON, is an initiative of Government of India to crowd source innovative ideas for toys and games based on Bhartiya Sanskriti, Ethos, Culture, History, Technology, Ethnicity, National Heroes and important events, providing students with the opportunity to propose toys and games that will greatly explore the hidden talent of potentialities and abilities of children to understand the ethos and values of Indian Culture as envisioned Educational Policy 2020.

Chairperson DDC Ganderbal inaugurates JK Bank ATM at Chountwaliwar

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GANDERBAL, SEPT 18: Reaching out to far-flung areas, Jammu & Kashmir Bank commissioned an automated teller machine (ATM) at Chountwaliwar in Ganderbal district today.

Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq inaugurated the cash dispensing terminal in presence of Bank's Zonal (Budgam/Ganderbal) Saadut Hussain, PRIs, and residents amid a good gathering of valuable customers, besides

other Bank officials. During her speech at the inauguration ceremony, Chairperson DDC expressed her delight at the addition of the new banking facility in the area. She emphasized the importance of easy access to banking services for the overall development and welfare of the district.

The Chairperson also commended the Jammu and Kashmir Bank for its

efforts in expanding its network and reaching out to remote areas. The newly inaugurated

ATM will provide convenient banking services to people Chountwaliwar and the surrounding areas. It will enable residents to withdraw cash, check their account balance and perform various other transactions without having to travel to distant bank branches.

The

commitment to providing efficient and reliable banking services to the people of Chountwaliwar.

The DDC Chairperson asked the JK Bank authorities to expedite the process of opening of branches and ATMs in different locations of the district which include Baba Wayil Gutlibagh, Theeru-Dangerpora and ATM at Watlar. Those present on the occasion expressed their gratitude to the DDC Chairperson

officials from Jammu and Kashmir Ganderbal and Bank's Bank expressed their management.

Students of GDC Sunderbani take Swachhta Pledge

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 18: In continuation to Gandhi Jayanti celebration, NSS unit Government Degree College Sunderbani, in collaboration with Road Safety club of the College, organized Swachhta Pledge to spread awareness and to reaffirm the need for a mass movement to adopt better sanitation and hygiene practices.

Students and staff of the college took part in the pledge. The program was

organized under the supervision of Dr. Mohd Azam and he appreciated the efforts of the members of all the committees for organizing the programme. Such programs sensitize masses and develop interest among the masses for making their locality neat and clean. Thus clean India would be the best tribute India can pay to Mahatma Gandhi. The programme was coordinated by Sheraz Kousser NSS PO, Prof. Beant Singh convenor Road Safety Club and Prof. Sham Lal.

DC B'la discusses Action Plan for conducting Tourist Festival at Ladoo Ladoora

Dist Admin committed to promote Eco-tourism in the district: Dr Sehrish

JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, SEPT 18: In view of conducting Tourist Festival at Ladoo Ladoora Rafiabad on 20th September, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today convened a meeting with all the concerned officers at DC Office Complex here to finalize its action plan. A threadbare discus-

sion was held on the subiect wherein various strategies were discussed for conducting grand tourist Festival at the venue.

On the occasion, Dr Sehrish directed officers to ensure that all necessary arrangements and provisions of services are put in place/ made for the smooth and hasslefree conduct of the Festival.

During the meeting, all the concerned depart-



ments were earmarked for making their respective arrangements.

Provision of uninterrupted transport facilities to the venue. Parking management, supply of drinking water, security arrangements, availabilitv of first aid and other logistics was entrusted upon all the concerned departments.

The DC asked the departments to promote the tourist destinations, cultural heritage and other monuments through social media platforms. Furthermore, Dr Sehrish observed that the tourism potential of the district is vast and unique and asserted that the District Admini-stration is committed to ensure all the necessary

resources, besides open-

ing up new economic

infrastructure

avenues for fulfilling the aspirations of the people through the tourism industry.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sop-Shabir Ahmad Raina: Assistant Commissioner Develop-ment, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Presiding Officers, Pos imparted training at Poonch

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POONCH, SEPT 18: Government Degree College (GDC) Poonch witnessed the inauguration of a comprehensive training program today, aimed at equipping Presiding Officers, Polling Officer 1, and Polling Officer 2 with the necessary knowledge and skills for the upcoming Municipal Election in 2023. The training session was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa

Malik, who emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency in the conduct of elections. Under the guidance and overall supervision of District Election Officer Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, the training session focused on familiarizing the polling officers with the election procedures to be adopted on the polling day and the preparations required prior to the polling.

The attendees were provided with comprehensive awareness about the functioning of Electronic Voting

Machines (EVMs) and were educated on the statutory and non-statutory forms by the highly experienced Master Trainer, Mohd Qasim Malik, Senior Lecturer.

Addressing the gathering, ADC stressed the significance of maintaining the highest standards of integrity and impartiality throughout the electoral process. He urged the polling officers to ensure a smooth and successful election that upholds the democratic principles.

Youth Services & Sports Department's Water Sports Activities commence in Srinagar

Water sports is gaining popularity in Kashmir with each passing day: JD YSS

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: The Inter-School district level selection trial in swimming Youth Services & Sports Department for boys of different age groups was on Monday inaugurated by Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Department Kashmir, Waseem Raia here. Hundreds of youth from different Government and Private Schools of Srinagar district participated in the trials on day 1st. The trials shall continue till 20th of the

Srinagar. A contingent of girl students shall also participate in the trials of the sport on the concluding day of the camp.

Jt. Director while sharing his good wishes with the participants of the activity, assured that the Department would put in all the possible efforts to involve a maximum number of youngsters in various activities of water sports in the coming days. "Great for fitness sports have a visible impact on

current month at Nehru Park mental and physical wellbeing of a person. Water sports is gaining popularity in Kashmir with each passing day and with the efforts of YSS and J&K Sports Council our youth are shining in the sport not only at the National level but at International level as well" he added. JD YSS and other officers paid a visit to different sections of the Water Sports Excellence Centre at Nehru Park and expressed happiness over the and fun, research shows water establishment of such a great and state of the art facility.

AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme emerging as a boon for public: More than 5.50 lakh patients avail treatment at a cost of nearly Rs. 1,225 Crores since launch of scheme in December 2020

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 18: The AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme in Jammu and Kashmir has proven to be a tremendous benefit to the public. Since its launch in December 2020. over 5.50 lakh patients have received treatment, amounting to nearly Rs. 1,225 Crores in healthcare expenses cov-

This initiative, under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana SEHAT (AB PM-JAY SEHAT) scheme, aims to provide Universal Health Coverage to

and Kashmir. Launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on December 26, 2020. it offers an annual health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across both public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

Remarkably, Jammu and Kashmir is the only state or UT in India to implement such a comprehensive scheme, ensuring healthcare access for all residents, regardless of their socio-economic status. The UT boasts a total of 235 empanelled hospitals, both

all the residents of Jammu public and private, under the scheme. Additionally, national portability enables beneficiaries to receive treatment at nearly 28,000 empanelled hospitals across the country.

> The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has diligently followed the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation.

This includes using the Model Tender Document issued by NHA for transparent selection of insurance companies and adopting Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version) for implementation. The IT solutions developed by the National Health Authority are integral to the scheme's operation.

Since the launch of AB PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, the Government of J&K has paid Rs. 982.59 Crores in premiums to insurance companies. In return, insurance companies have disbursed a total of Rs. 1,226.68 Crores in claims to empanelled hospitals (Rs. 638.81 Crores to public hospitals and Rs. 587.87 Crores to private hospitals) for the treat-

ment of beneficiaries. A total of around 5.50 lakh

patients have availed treatment for various conditions under the scheme which, inter-alia, include 20,940 Cancer patients (amounting to Rs. 171.01 Crores), 19,177 patients with Cardiac ailments (amounting to Rs. 160.87 Crores) and 9,710 patients suffering from Chronic Kidney Diseases (amounting to Rs. 90.57 Crores).

In the absence of such a scheme, most of the patients suffering from these Life Consuming and Life Threatening diseases could not have afforded such treatments which required prolonged medical management. The scheme's insurance model shifts the risk to insurance companies, as evidenced by them paying nearly Rs. 244 Crores beyond the premiums

to the empanelled public and private hospitals. This model has not only strengthened the healthcare system within the UT but has also significantly reduced outof-pocket expenses, preventing catastrophic payments and poverty for families in

need of hospitalization. It has

also positively impacted the

health-seeking behavior and

satisfaction of beneficiaries,

creating employment opportunities in both government and private hospitals.

For enhanced patient satisfaction, a feedback system using QR codes and a 104 Call Centre has been implemented. Impressively, nearly 99% of patients providing feedback have rated their treatment experience as Excellent or Good.

However, it's worth noting that there have been attempts to discredit the scheme through misinformation. Such allegations are intended to disrupt the services and shall be dealt with strictly.

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