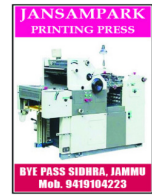




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PM Modi launches Rs 13,000-crore 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme for traditional workers



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme on the occasion of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti', under which traditional craftsmen and artisans will be provided loan assistance at a minimal interest rate without the need for collateral.

With a financial outlay of Rs 13,000 crore for a period of five years, the scheme will benefit about 30 lakh families of traditional artisans and craftsmen, including weavers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, laundry workers, and barbers.

The goal of the scheme is to enhance the accessibility and quality of

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'PM Vishwakarma' scheme blend of civilisational ethos, traditional craftsmanship: Dr Jitendra



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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said, 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme represents perfect blend of India's

civilisational ethos and traditional craftsmanship. The scheme offers the option of earning livelihood while at the same time sustaining India's age old Guru-Shishya Parampara, said the Minister.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was speaking here today during the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme

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I am confident PM Vishwakarma Scheme will bring revolutionary transformation in the lives of our Vishwakarmas: LG Sinha



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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the launch ceremony of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, virtually at the UT-level function organized in Srinagar.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for the transformative initiative.

He said the scheme will directly benefit thousands of artisans and craftspeople of J&K UT working with their hands and tools.

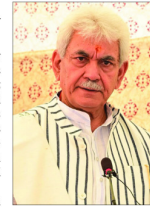
"Our outstanding artisans with creativity and

hard work have not only preserved the priceless heritage, diverse culture and traditions but also kept the wheels of socio-economic growth moving. These hardworking hands are the strength of the progressive society," the Lt Governor said.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme honours traditional skills of craftspeople and their exemplary commitment and dedication. It will ensure the Vishwakarmas are provided with financial assistance, skill upgradation and they are integrated with national and global value chains, he added. Traditionally, Vishwakarmas are

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We have strict policy of zero tolerance against corruption: LG



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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during this month's Awaam Ki Awaaz programme has expressed his gratitude to the citizens and civil society members of the UT for their overwhelming participation in Bhraashatchar-Mukt J&K Campaign.

"J&K Administration has strict policy of zero tolerance against corruption. It is heartening to see collective efforts to get rid of scourge of corruption and integrated approach to strengthen transparency and accountability in the system to build progressive, prosperous Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

He said the whole-of-society approach adopted by the UT Administration is instrumental in empowering citizens, mobilising people against corruption and reinforcing trust between the public and the Government.

The Lt Governor highlighted the significant role of Jan Bhagidari in creating a conducive environment for a progressive society.

"Amrit Kaal gives people a unique and historic opportunity to take a great leap forward and work with one resolve and one goal of building a strong, vibrant Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

India has emerged as a leading voice of the world and consensus on New Delhi G20 Summit Declaration is a testimony of its vital role in bringing all the countries together to

combat global challenges. With the successful conduct of G20 Summit, UT of J&K has also entered a new era of opportunities to tap its true potential, he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated Mukesh Kumar from Akhnour and Ramban's Rakesh Kumar for sharing their valuable suggestions for useful improvements in Bhraashatchar-Mukt J&K Campaign and accountable and responsive governance.

Probitry should become a way of life. More such alert citizens should come forward and make their important contribution in the fight against corruption, he said.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of National Award-winning teacher Reyaz Ahmad Sheikh from Anantnag and National Youth Brilliance Awardee Urfee Yousuf, a graduate student at S.P. College Srinagar for their dedicated service and contribution in the field of education.

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Anantnag operation enters fifth day



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The operation to flush out terrorists hiding in Gadole forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district entered the fifth day on Sunday as security forces widened the area of operation to neighbouring villages and fired several mortar shells towards the forest, officials said.

Security forces are using drones and helicopters for surveillance of the dense forest area 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. As the assault resumed on Sunday morning, the security forces fired several mortar shells towards the forest, they said.

They said there were several cave-like hideouts in the forest area and drones were being used to pinpoint their locations to carry out attacks on them. Drone footage showed a terrorist running for cover after one stock of hideout was hit by shells fired by security forces on Friday.

The security cordon has been extended to neighbouring Posh Kreeri area as a precautionary measure to ensure that terror-

1 Jawan killed, another injured in accidental firing in Bandipora

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An Army jawan was killed and another soldier injured when their colleague accidentally discharged his firearm in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district, police said on Sunday. According to a police statement, the accused army personnel has been detained and an investigation launched into the incident.

"There was an accidental discharge of weapon resulting in one fatal casualty and one injury to army personnel. The accused army personnel has been detained. Necessary legal action has been initiated," District Police Bandipora in Jammu and Kashmir posted on the X social media platform. More details are awaited.

ists don't slip into civilian habitation, the officials said.

The Northern Army commander on Saturday visited the site of the gunfight to take stock of the operational situation.

Lt Gen Dwivedi was briefed by the ground commanders on the high-intensity operations, in which hi-tech equipment is being used for surveil-

lance and delivery of fire-power, along with the high impact of precision fire being used by the forces.

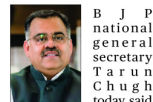
The Northern Army commander inspected the drone which has been used to survey the area and track the terrorists, the officials said.

They said Lt Gen Dwivedi reviewed the operation with senior police

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Opposition alliance following disruptive and divisive agenda: Tarun Chugh

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divisive and disruptive agenda on 'ghamandi' INDIA bloc has started coming into the open.

First, they ran down Sanatan Dharma and gave a disruptive call to finish the age-old culture of the country, then they announced to boycott senior media persons. It was a clear indication that this bloc wants to muzzle the free voice of the media. Earlier, the Congress had done the same thing during the Emergency and now the entire 'ghamandi' alliance was toying the

national general secretary Tarun Chugh today said that

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Chinar Corp commander LG Ghai reviews Anti-Infiltration grid on LoC

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A day after a major infiltration bid was foiled, Army's Chinar Corps Commander Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai visited the forward area along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu Kashmir's Baramulla to review the anti-infiltration and counter-terrorist grid on Sunday.

The Corps Commander Lt Gen Ghai visited the forward area in Uri Sector to review the anti-infiltration and Counter Terrorism grid along the LoC, the Army said. The Corps commander commended troops for maintaining the highest standards of combat readiness and operational preparedness. He also complimented the troops for the successful conduct of Operation Khanda in which three terrorists were eliminated on September 16.

In a joint Operation launched by the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and Intelligence agencies an infiltration bid was foiled on Saturday in the morning hours along LoC in Uri Sector during which three militants were eliminated.



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India's efforts to eradicate TB by 2025 role model for World: Dr Jitendra Singh

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A public-private partnership (PPP) with integrated strategy is essential to achieve a "TB-mukt Bharat" (tuberculosis-free India), Union minister Jitendra Singh has said.

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icopters showcasing the slithering and small team insertion and extraction techniques, free fall para jumpers and precision drill movements by AVDT.

The display will showcase the operational capability of the IAF with an aim to motivate youth to join the elite service, he said.

The spokesperson said the event will also aim to sensitise the general public to the hazards of aviation and how they can assist in aviation safety.

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Arrangements finalised for IAF's maiden Air Show in Jammu next week

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All necessary arrangements, including a tight security cover, have been finalised for the first-of-its-kind air show by the Indian Air Force here on September 21 and 22, officials said on Sunday.

According to a defence spokesperson, the air show at Air Force Station in Jammu will have the world-renowned IAF Air Warrior Drill Team (AWDT), the Akashganga

Daredevil Skydiving team, Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), Mi-17 helicopters and the IAF band.

Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft is also expected to showcase low-level aerobatics and manoeuvring during the grand and spectacular event, which is being jointly organised by the IAF and civil administration to mark the 76 years of accession of Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian Union and the diamond jubilee of the Air Force Station Jammu, the

spokesperson said. Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha will be the chief guest at the event, the official said, adding LED screens would be installed with live footage for the audience.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Saturday, reviewed the arrangements, including security, parking facilities, and seating arrangements, among others for the smooth conduct of the air

show, officials said. The Traffic Department was instructed to formulate a comprehensive traffic management plan and identify suitable parking areas, the official said.

The department will issue an advisory to avoid inconvenience to commuters, he added.

The Tourism Department has been mandated to carry out extensive publicity of the event as well as printing invitation cards and making



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MP Khatana meets HM, stresses for push to PMDP projects



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NEW DELHI, SEPT 19 : BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana met Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah and discussed various issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir including security situation, developmental scenario and providing jobs to the unemployed youth, here Monday. Khatana apprised the Home Minister Amit Shah about the security scenario and developmental works undertaken under Prime Minister Development Programme and other centrally sponsored

schemes. While praising the security forces and supreme sacrifices made by the jawans and officers of Army, police and CAPFs, Khatana said that army and J&K Police are on high alert and terrorists are making last ditch efforts to disturb peace in UT. He stressed the need for further strengthening the security grid as a desperate and bankrupt Pakistan is trying to up the violence in J&K to divert attention of their people from the failure of the Govt. MP Khatana said that Govt. of India has sanctioned various projects under PMDP and other central-

ly sponsored schemes worth more than one lakh crore. Some are almost complete and others nearing completion including Jammu Zoo, Tawi River Front, Jammu-Akhnour highway, tunnels on Jammu-Srinagar NH, Smart City project in Jammu and Srinagar and a little push needs to be given so that people reap the benefits of these projects. He stressed the need for providing employment opportunities to the unemployed youth and a decisive action against the drug mafia in the Union Territory. He reiterated the need for putting gamma scanners at strategic locations to check arms and drug smuggling besides free movement of anti-social elements. He also discussed setting up of Cold Storages by Govt and private players in the uncovered areas especially Kupwara district. MP Khatana also discussed the burning issue of smart meters, old age, disabled pensions and raising some battalions of CAPF and army especially for the unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir. Home Minister Amit Shah assured to redress the issues raised by the MP on priority.

Seminar on "Science, Technology and Innovation" organised at GDC Ramban

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RAMBAN, SEPT 19: A one day seminar on the topic "Science, Technology and Innovation" was today organised at GDC Ramban in collaboration with J&K Science Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science and Technology, Udhampur J&K. The Program was coordinated by Shruti Khanna, district coordinator JKSTIC, science and technology department Udhampur J&K (UT). The seminar was one of the series of activities planned by IIC of the college under the aegis of Principal Prof Archana Kaul. To systematically encourage the culture of innovation and the start-up ecosystem in the college, the college has established an institution's innovation council IIC. Its function is to engage faculty, students and staff in a variety of innovation and entrepreneurship-related activities, including ideation, problem-solving, concept creation, design thinking, IPR, project management, and management at the pre-incubation and incubator stages. There was a large number of student turnout and all faculty members participated in the event. The seminar included two expert talks related to innovation and entrepreneurship. Keynote speaker, Dr. Jagdish Singh Bali, agriculture extension officer Ramban, spoke in depth on, Agricultural Innovations and Entrepreneurship Opportunities, and Prof. Ajaz Ahmed, HOD economics, spoke on, The Role of Innovation in Economic Growth as potential areas of job prospects for stu-

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dents. Student members of IIC also made their presentations in the seminar. Prof Younis Ahmad compared the proceedings of the program while Prof Bal Krishan presented a formal welcome address. The student presentations were judged by Dr. Bharat Singh, Prof. Bansil Lal, Dr. Vinod Kumar, and Prof. Neetu Sharma. College students Shahid Rhanet Singh, and Suraya Partap achieved first, second, and third positions respectively. Going forward, the students will be oriented and trained to come up with innovative ideas in different fields, which will be incubated and processed through an idea management system for solving real problems. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof Vijay Sharma.

DC discusses action plan for implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' in Ramban district

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RAMBAN, SEPT 19: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Musarrat Islam today discussed the action plan for the implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to facilitate and honour traditional skills of craftspeople and their exemplary commitment and contribution in economic growth of the society.



ADC, Harbans Sharma, ACR, Gansul Haq, GM DIC, Ravinder Anand, ALC, Sushant Mahajan, DMO, EO Ramban MC, Superintendent ITI Ramban and other concerned officers attended the meeting. Discussing the salient features of PM Vishwakarma Scheme a transformative initiative of GOI, the Deputy Commissioner said that the scheme will directly benefit thousands of artisans and craftspeople of the district working with their hands and tools. It was informed that the scheme offers a range of benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training to 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%, incentives for digital transactions and marketing support. The Deputy Commissioner directed the stakeholders to extend the benefits of this scheme across the district and transform the lives of the artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools. It will ensure the Vishwakarmas

are provided with financial assistance, skill upgradation and they are integrated with the modern technology of different skills and craft related works. The Deputy Commissioner said that the Government has recognized more than 29 other crafts and brought them under the ambit of handicrafts and handloom sector. He directed the GM DIC to start the process of registration and issuance of ID cards as per guidelines in close coordination with Assistant Labour Commissioner and other departments.

DFSS hold protest against Canadian PM's controversial remarks

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JAMMU, SEPT 19: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a protest against the Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau for his extremely controversial remarks in the House of Commons.



The party workers burned the pictures of the Canadian prime minister. Najjar, who had been involved in Khalistani activities, was killed on 18th June outside Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia. Trudeau claimed that Canadian intelligence agencies have been looking into the murder. The personal image of the Canadian Prime Minister has also worsened, as only 27% see his performance as positive. In comparison, 56% of the Canadian population is unhappy with him, giving him a net favourable rating of -29%. Notably, the negative impression of Trudeau among the Canadian population was 39% in June 2021, which has risen sharply by almost 20 per cent in two years. Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The inaction of the Canadian Government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern. That Canadian political figures have openly expressed sympathy for such elements remains a matter of deep concern. The space given in Canada to a range of illegal activities including murders, human trafficking, and organized crime is not new. Trudeau made the allegations in the Canadian parliament without presenting any proof.

Trudeau's family has a history of siding with Khalistani terrorists. His father, Pierre Trudeau, had refused the extradition request of Khalistani terrorist Talwinder Singh Parmar in 1982. As per reports, in that year, the Indian government under then-PM Indira Gandhi had sought the extradition of Parmar, who was accused of killing police officers. However, the Pierre Trudeau-led government declined the request. The party president stated that Nijjar ran off to Canada in 1997 where he claimed refuge and was denied that he married a Canadian citizen to claim citizenship which was cancelled and till 2001 he was fighting in court in which the court declined to give him citizenship and addressing him as an Canadian citizen in the House of Commons only shows the deep level of frustration held off by the Trudeau. Canada should take action against the Khalistanis as it would only benefit them as no nation in the world has ever benefited from incubating terrorism. The party people who were present at the time of protest were Abbashek, Bantu, Vikky, Ashish, Prem, Nareesh, Kaku, Rampal, Vinay and various others were present.

Future generations will study 'Modi era' as 'golden period of Bharat': Vibodh

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RAJOURI, SEPT 19: BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta on Tuesday stated that future generations will study Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure as a golden period of Bharat, similar to how today's generation learns about the Gupta empire. Vibodh, who was addressing a party meeting at the BJP office in Rajouri stat-

ed that to advance women-led development, the government has introduced an important constitutional amendment bill. Emphasizing that no Prime Minister except Narendra Modi has the moral strength to pass the women's reservation bill aimed at increasing women participation in parliament and state assemblies, he asserted that the Nari Shakti

Vandana Adhinyam will strengthen our democracy. Vibodh further hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative vision, highlighting that under his leadership, Bharat has evolved as a key driver of global growth since 2014. From Chandrayaan 3 to a successful G20 presidency under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India's remarkable achievements across vari-

2-day orientation programme for freshers concludes at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, SEPT 19: Two day Orientation programme for freshers concluded at Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, here today. The Orientation programme was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GCW Udhampur to make the freshers aware about college teaching, functioning and other prospects for newly admitted students of semester 1 session 2023-24. Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal, GCW Udhampur briefed about the programme and said that it plays

an important role in student's transition to college life. The programme aimed at familiarizing the students to an unknown campus environment, its facilities and infrastructure. It helps them to find their way in the college for the next three years and also encourages them to get better adjusted to the college environment, she added. Students were also informed about the rules & regulations, campus safety and the academic calendar. Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal, GCW Udhampur, motivated the students and wished them Good Luck for their bright and glorious future. During the orientation programme, students were also informed about the various cells and their activities including IQAC, NCC, NSS, Cultural Cell, infrastructural facilities, E-lib, extracurricular activities, sports, e-learning resources, and the college culture. They were made to understand their role and responsibilities during college life. Therefore, in order to give the most accurate view of an institution, there must be both an academic and social component to the orientation program. The programme was attended by Prof. Anita Sharma, Convener, IQAC, Prof. Sumita Rao, P.W., Prof. Rajinder Singh, NSS PO, Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Dr. Kamal Deep Kaur, ANO NCC, Prof. Rukhsana Kousar, Prof. Tania Mahajan, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers and a large number of freshers.

UDHAMPUR, SEPT 19: As a part of fortnightly activities under celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti, the Department of Music in collaboration with Department of Dogri and Hindi of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur organized an intra-college singing competition on the theme Gandhi's favorite Bhajan and essay writing competition on the topic Truth and Non-Violence at college campus here today. Principal of host college Prof. Anjali Mahajan was the Chief Guest on the occasion. As many as 16 Students of the colleges participated in 'Gandhi's favorite Bhajan' competition. In the competition, Sonia Verma of Semester 5th was adjudged best singer, Printa of Semester 5th bagged 2nd position, while third position was given to Surbhi Sharma of Semester 5th. Besides

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Tamanna Devi and Manvai Chnayal of Semester 5th were given consolation prizes. The competition was adjudged by the panel of experts in music including Assistant Prof. Dr. Shalju Jasrotia, Assistant Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Lecturer (AA) Nitika Sharma. An Essay writing competition a total of 23 students participated and wrote multi-lingual essays on the theme 'Truth and Non-violence'.

Surbhi Sharma of semester V secured 1st position, while Sumiya of semester 1and Swati Gandotra of semester V secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Shalvi Dev of 5th semester and Komal of 3rd semester got consolation prizes. The essay writing competition was adjudged by Dr. Mool Raj, HOD Urdu, Prof. Mushtaq, HOD Hindi, Ms. Preeti Sharma from the department of English. A large number of students attended the event.

PM Modi scripted history yet again by paving way for Women Reservation Bill: Kavinder

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JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has scripted history yet again by giving nod to Women Reservation Bill paving way for the 'guaranteed' representation of women in Indian politics, a much sought after move indeed. This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta after starting the development work of lanes and drains here at Ward No 6, Rajpur Satwari. While addressing the gathering, the BJP stalwart said that the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill, which was approved by the Union Cabinet during the special session of Parliament, envisages 33 per cent quota in Lok Sabha and state Legislative Assemblies, which has long been demanded by several



political parties and leaders. "In the present Lok Sabha, there are only 78 women members who account for less than 15 per cent of the total strength of 543. Besides, several states have less than 10 per cent of women representing the electorate in assemblies", he said, adding that September 19, 2023 will be written in the annals of history with golden ink as no other leader in the country had courage or will power to take this revolutionary step.

Hailing the PM Modi for his courage and visionary outlook, Kavinder anti-

ipated that the Women's Reservation Bill would be cleared sooner rather than later, adding that only Prime Minister Modi has the focus and intent to get it done. He said that BJP had long been supportive of efforts to clear the Women's Reservation Bill as the same was evident through the policies of the Modi government which were largely based on women-led development.

The senior BJP leader said that PM Modi has the knack for doing things which no one else had guts or will power to do therefore one can say that this historic move has added another feather in the hat of PM, because already many groundbreaking decisions and moves had been taken by the Vishwaguru, who has steered the country to new heights of progress and development.

He said that under the ambit of his dynamic leadership already country has been witnessing colossal development especially the J&K which was conventionally marred with development deficit and is leading the country today in many aspects, just because of the prudence and intent of the Prime Minister.

Later, Kavinder met locals and listened to their issues especially the civic matters. He assured to resolve the same on priority by taking up with the authorities concerned.

Those present on the occasion include Vinay Gupta, Narinder Koki, Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman Cantonment, Amrik Singh, Avtar Singh, Monu Salathia, Harpal Singh Panch, Ashu Panch, Ramesh Kumar, Surjeet Singh, Lok Pal, Des Raj and Jeet Raj Chowdhary.

Community Outreach Program bridges gap between GDC Kulgam & GMS Malwan

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KULGAM, SEPT 19: In a bid to foster community engagement and provide exposure to students from Government Middle School (GMS) Malwan, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam, in collaboration with the Department of Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) today organized a community outreach program, here.

A group of 60 enthusiastic students, comprising both boys and girls, embarked on an educational journey that took them through the various facets of higher education at GDC Kulgam.

The students had a packed itinerary that included visits to vari-

ous departments and facilities within the college. One of the highlights of the visit was the tour of the college's well-stocked library and state-of-the-art laboratories in science departments. The BCA department, with its computer labs and language lab, also caught the students' attention.

The day's activities culminated in a formal session at the college's conference hall, where the students from GMS Malwan had the opportunity to express their views on their visit to the college. Many of them shared their excitement and aspirations about pursuing higher education.

This community outreach program was organized under the able guidance of Professor Sajad Ahmad Shah, Head of the

Department of BCA, and Professor Shahid Yousuf Gilkar, the NSS Program Officer.

The event was aimed to raise awareness about the importance of education and community engagement. During the event, a crucial session on drug abuse was conducted by NSS Program Officer Shahid Yousuf Gilkar. He emphasized the harmful effects of drugs and advised the students to stay away from substance abuse, highlighting the importance of making informed and responsible choices.

The community outreach program served as a bridge between GDC Kulgam and GMS Malwan, creating a space for students to explore their academic interests and build a strong foundation for their future endeavors.

Director Employment inaugurates 3-Month Skill Training Course at ITI Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, SEPT 19: Nisar Ahmad Wani, Tuesday inaugurated a 3-month skill training course for Computer Course on Financial Accounting (CCFA) with Tally at Industrial Training Institute Bandipora.

The programme was attended by Joint Director Employment Kashmir division Zeenat Ara, Assistant Director Employment Bandipora Arif Ahmad, Superintendent ITI Bandipora Suhail Ahmad, Career Counselling Officer, DECC, Bandipora, Mohd Yousuf Khan besides large number of students and job aspirants.

The Director while speaking on the occasion said that the CCFA with Tally training course will equip the youth of Bandipora with the necessary skills to excel in the field of financial accounting and management. He said that the course is designed to provide hands-on training in accounting principles and practices using the tally software, which is utilized in businesses and organizations.

The Director stated that the



training course will open doors to employment opportunities in various sectors, including finance, accounting, and auditing. He said that the course is an effort to promote self-reliance and entrepreneurship.

District Employment Office Bandipora said that the 3-month training program will cover a range of topics, including basic and advanced accounting principles, tally software proficiency, financial

statement preparation and analysis, GST (Goods and Services Tax) accounting, banking and financial management, besides soft skills and personality development.

The Director Employment further encouraged eligible candidates to enroll in the CCFA with Tally training course, highlighting the program's role in fostering economic growth and self-sufficiency among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP OBC Morcha to hold camps for registration of PM Vishwakarma Yojna in JKUT

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JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Sunil Prajapati, State President BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir met with G. Velladurai, Joint Director and Head MSME Jammu Kashmir in Jammu and discuss in full detail about implementation of PM Vishwakarma Yojna at ground level.

The PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojna is a government scheme introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 73rd Birthday. This program is aimed at providing support to small business owners, with a special focus on traditional artisans and craftspeople. It offers financial assistance to these small workers and artisans, while also providing them with training, information on advanced techniques, and skill-related guidance. The scheme has a substantial budget of



around 13 thousand crore rupees, showcasing a significant investment by the government. This substantial sum of 13,000 crore rupees will aid individuals in traditional businesses such as goldsmiths, blacksmiths, Potter, hair dressers, washermen, masons (raj mistres), and vendors. This scheme is specially announced for talented artisans in our country

who are facing major issues like lack of money, which stops them from living better lives despite their skills. This affects a lot of people who could contribute to society's progress.

This yojna will train and financially help skilled artisans who need support. By doing this, the government wants to make these artisans stronger financially and

help them contribute more to our society and country.

Prominent among others who Present on the occasion are Suresh Galgotra (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Anil Balgotra (State Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Ashok Varma (State Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Ashok Galgotra (District President BJP OBC Morcha).

J&K witnesses huge transformation under PM Modi: Slathia



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JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Former minister and Pradesh Vice President Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today said Jammu and Kashmir has undergone a huge transformation in the wake of progressive initiatives taken during the past four years with large scale investments pouring in for various sectors of infrastructural development.

"Rapid industrialization and infrastructure upgradation is the preamble for Naya Jammu and Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi", Mr Slathia said while addressing public meetings at Gangyal and Kunjwani in the run up to scheduled elections to ULBs and civic bodies, adding that this vision is being realised with sincerity of purpose.

He referred to the cherished agenda of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and said the BJP is

working towards realizing this vision by ending discrimination and ensuring holistic development of all the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

He said the BJP is a mass movement, standing for empowerment of the people and support from all sections of the society.

This is the biggest strength that enables the party to fight for the just cause of the people and stand steadfast in resolving issues confronting them. As a result of sustained efforts, the BJP has emerged as a force to reckon with, he added.

Slathia said the BJP's focus has been to usher Jammu and Kashmir to a new phase of progress and development with restoration of complete normalcy and peace remaining a focal point. The BJP is committed to address the issues of the youth, the marginalized and weaker sections besides women, he said while asserting that the party

has been ensuring to remove the disparity between regions and sub regions with regard to allocation of funds for development and opportunities to flourish.

Slathia said the BJP has paved way for the people to have access to all the privileges, rights and facilities available to their fellow citizens across the country after repealing Article 370. This is something which was not known in this part of the country due to wrong policies adopted over the decades by the successive governments.

He sought continued support of the people to the BJP, saying this will help in expediting the development to new heights besides assuaging people's aspirations.

Describing the grassroots level democratic institutions as key to improving civic facilities and the other utilities, Mr Slathia called for massive public participation in the elections to streamline the process of decision making as per aspirations of the people. This is a huge opportunity to shape the destiny of cities, urban and rural areas by empowering the people in a big way, he added.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Baldev Singh Baloria Deputy Mayor JMC Ex MLC Vikram Randhawa Rekha Mahajan District President BJP Jammu Pawan Singh Convenor ULB J&K Ayodhya Gupta Prabhari Jammu South R.S.Pura Ranjodh Singh Naalwa President Minority Morcha Naresh Singh Ranjit Singh Mandal President Kunjwani

Mission Youth conducts Psychosocial program at SP College, Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, SEPT 19: In its concerted efforts to address the critical issues of mental health and drug abuse among the youth of J&K, Mission Youth in its month-long awareness program today conducted a one-day psychosocial program at Sri Pratap

College, M.A Road, Srinagar.

The event brought together a gathering of a large number of students who are committed to raising awareness and combating these pressing societal challenges by becoming the role models of this Government initiative. The event was

graced by the presence of the Principal, Sri Pratap College as the chief guest. He emphasized the paramount importance of mental well-being in the lives of students. His thought provoking remarks felt the need for a holistic approach to education, which includes addressing the mental health concerns faced by young individuals. The event's proceedings commenced with a compelling introductory speech delivered by a Psycho-social Consultant from Mission Youth. This address offered a concise but insightful overview of Mission Youth's extensive initiatives and their dedication to empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

A pivotal moment of the program featured an expert from IMHANS (Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences) who threw light on the importance of mental health awareness and the battle against drug abuse. The session was both informative and inspiring, as it highlighted the critical role that awareness plays in safeguarding the mental health of our youth.

Revenue Team inspects areas around Ring Road in Sumbal



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BANDIPORA, SEPT 19: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad, a team led by Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak Tuesday conducted an inspection of the areas adjacent

to the Ring Road in Sumbal.

During the inspection, it was given out that the primary objective of the inspection was to assess the current condition of Ring Road and identify any areas that require immediate attention or improvement. The inspection included a review of the adjacent areas to iden-

tify any unauthorized encroachments or land use violations that might hinder the expansion or maintenance of the road.

The team on the spot stopped and sealed 02 illegal constructions taking place along the roadside and directed the concerned owners to ensure change of land use and other building permissions before starting any construction activity.

Moreover 03 other building owners were directed to complete the CIU and other necessary formalities at an earliest.

The Nodal Officer was accompanied by JCS Bandipora Shahir Ahmad, Tehsilidar Sumbal, besides a team of engineers, urban development experts, and local administrative officials.

Hold Assembly elections in J&K to address growing public issues: Manjit Singh



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SAMBA, SEPT 19 : Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister S. Manjit Singh has demanded holding of Legislative Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir to address growing public issues.

He also ascertained that there is strong resentment among the people against the traditional political parties for exploiting them at their vote bank.

He gave this statement during a joining programme here in Samba that was organized by Lovely Mangol.

More than 35 people joined the Apni Party in Samba District as they were impressed with the policy of unity and agenda of equitable development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, the Former Minister expressed hope that the party would strengthen at the grass root level with their joining.

In his address, he said that the people are joining the Apni Party with a hope that their issues would be addressed.

"These people were dejected by the previous Govts, and traditional political parties because they were used as vote banks. However, the plight of people did not change in the last seven decades. However, the Apni Party has emerged as a hope amid this darkness in the political system. Therefore, large numbers of people are continuously joining the Apni Party from all segments of society as they are impressed with the policies, and developmental agenda of the Apni Party," he said.

He said that the people have lost their hope from the present form of Govt in which bureaucracy has the upper hand and they do not work as per the expectation of the people.

"This situation has created an uncomfortable situation for the local population both in Jammu as well as in Kashmir. In these circumstances, the people have developed

a feeling of alienation and detachment with the Govt. Therefore, the holding of assembly elections is a must in J&K," he added.

He said that authorities have taken many unfriendly decisions which are against the interests of the local population, and create hurdles in development, and employment.

He referred to the controversy of Sarore Toll Plaza, the questionable process of acquiring land on Jammu-Pathankot highway in Samba for the construction of Expressway and making the commercial land holders unemployed with no scope for them to earn their livelihood.

He said that the people in Samba, especially women, are worried because of the spike in essential commodities and electricity bills.

"The cost of living has increased and it has overburdened the poor and middle class badly. The people want a change, and therefore, they have come in support of Apni Party even in Samba that is considered a strong fort of BJP," he said.

He also referred to various developmental issues, and issues that are being faced by the farmers in Samba district.

He further stated that the unemployment has increased in Samba where the drug addiction has increased despite pressure from the police department on the peddlers and frequent arrests and recoveries.

"The drugs have become a threat to the future generation and they should be contained," he demanded.

Sat, Dr. Pardeep, Neelam felicitates JKAS female qualifier

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JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Encouraging youth for cracking JKPCS exams, Former Minister Sat Sharma (CA) felicitated Sunali Ashok, who has secured rank in the recently declared JKPCS (JKAS) examination results.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, BJP Media Incharge, Neelam Nargotra, Ward Councillor, also accompanied Sat Sharma while felicitating the qualifier.

Sunali Ashok, daughter of Ashok Kumar and Rajni Kumari, has done Masters in Botany from Jammu University (2019) and is a resident of Kabir Colony, Ward 40, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Keshav Chopra, Rahul Nargotra, Sachin Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Abhishek Sharma, Krishan Lal Sangral, Mela Ram Bassan, Gyan Chand, Joginder Lal Digra, Rajinder Bangotra, Sardari Lal, local residents and political activists of the area were also present on the occasion.



Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma lauded Sunali Ashok for her achievement and advised her to work with honesty and sustained devotion to promote common man's welfare. He also congratulated her parents and teachers who motivated and inspired her for outstanding performance in JKPCS examination.

Sharma also wished her good luck for her future endeavors. He also stated that it is our duty to motivate such students who have achieved various milestones in their lives so that they also feel encouraged

to register more success in life. Terming selection of candidate as real empowerment, he said that such young officers can help the government in better implementation of development plans across UP.

Sunali Ashok attributed her success to her parents and teachers and stated that her success is the outcome of the support and love she got from family, teachers and friends. She also promised that she will work with full dedication to serve the society and nation. She also stated that she will put her best to improve

the system in UP.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that today, the women, with their sheer hard work have proved that they can achieve any goal with their determination. He wished her all good luck and asked her to discharge her duties as a social service to the needy and the underprivileged.

Neelam Nargotra, while wishing the qualifier all good luck for her future endeavors, thanked Modi ji's efforts for the women empowerment by citing the example of 33% women reservation bill in Parliament.

Religious tourism will touch new heights in J&K: Purnima



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JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir and former Deputy Mayor has asserted that religious tourism is going to touch new heights in the coming times in Jammu region. She expressed this in her address after inaugurating the development work of laying of ties and retraining walk at Chander Guffa Circular Road Jammu here

today. The project is estimated to cost Rs 8.98 lakh.

While speaking on the occasion Purnima Sharma said that while funds are no constraint for the Centre whenever it is a question of developmental activities in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, at the same time it must be ensured that every penny granted by the Centre is used specifically for the purpose sans any pilferage. She said that Tourism sector of J&K is also a vital component of J&Ks developmental

journey in which the religious tourism in the form of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine pilgrims has already been playing a vital role. Moreover, the opening of Sri Venkateswara temple has proved to be yet another milestone in expanding the religious tourism potential of Jammu.

The senior BJP leader said, "It is our collective responsibility to contribute to the task of socio-economic growth through various projects including those pertaining to religious tourism and to ensure desired results."

She congratulated the people living in the vicinity of Chander Guffa, saying that the improvement of the area will attract more tourists to this area that houses various religious destinations. She said that the Govt is strongly determined to expand the religious tourism corridor of Jammu thus paving the way for Jammu to become the top religious tourism destination in India.

Gandhi Jayanti: GDC Ramgarh organises Intra-College Slogan Writing, Painting Competitions

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SAMBA, SEPT 19: To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, Government Degree College Ramgarh today organized Intra-College Slogan making and painting Competitions on the theme 'Truth and Non-Violence, in continuation to the series of activities organized by the college under the aegis of India's Presidency in G20 and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event was organized under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College with an endeavour to rekindle the thoughts and works of the Father of the Nation.

In the College Making Competition, first position was secured by Anjali Dogra & Sonia Dev, second position was clicked by Chahat Satpal & Kirandeep Kour while third position was bagged by Mohit Singh.

In the Painting Competition, first and second position was secured by Shavi Malhotra and Tamana Attri respectively while third position was bagged by Vanshika Sharma.



Earlier, a large number of students participated in the events and expressed their emotions, feelings, ideas and innovative thoughts in an artistic form highlighting the thematic virtue(s) of this Global personality.

Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener of the events advised students to imbibe the golden principles 'truth and non-Violence in them. He appreciated the hard work & creativity of participants. She also stressed on the value and significance of Gandhi ji's weapons of non-violence and truth in the freedom struggle.

To commence the event, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Department of Statistics briefed the participants about the rules of the event and emphasized the importance of Gandhian thoughts and vision for enlightening the young minds to wade through these difficult times with the tools of truth and non-violence.

The faculty members who witnessed the events included Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Shivali Choudhary & Dr. Parmajit Kour.

M A Bichoo takes over as SDM Thathri

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THATHRI (DODA), SEPTEMBER 19: After taking over as Sub Divisional Magistrate Thathri, Masood Ahmed Bichoo, today interacted with the Officers of the Sub Division at an introductory cum developmental review meeting here in the Dak Bungalow.

The meeting was attended by Principal, GDC, Thathri, XEN PWD Div Thathri, XEN PMGSY Div Thathri, Tehsildars Thathri/Kahara/Chiralla, BDO Thathri/Chiralla, Treasury Officer Thathri, CDPO Thathri and others officers.

Masood Ahmed Bichoo, during the maiden interaction with the officers, desired to bring a positive impactful change in their working on the ground to achieve all round development of the Sub Division. He stressed on utilizing the available resources optimally to achieve the desired tangible results.



A threadbare discussion over the various ongoing work projects under different schemes was also held.

Accordingly, the executing agencies were asked to ensure that the ongoing works must be completed within the stipulated time frame.

He directed the EO MC Thathri to ensure the cleanliness of the town area and routine market checking.

Besides, he also asked all the concerned officers to maintain proper work culture and punctuality in their offices.

Grand opening of Provincial Level Volleyball Competition for U19 Girls in Doda

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DODA, SEPT 19: To promote awareness about the sport activities, the District Youth Services and Sports Department Doda organised the week-long inter-district provincial level volleyball competition for under 14, 17 and 19 girls. Today the U19 girls competition kicked off at the beautiful sports stadium, Doda under the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Jaffar Haider Sheikh.

The competition began after the successful conclusion of the under 14 and under 17 Girls category

yesterday. Today, the spotlight shifted to the under 19 girls category, where teams from almost all districts of the Jammu province except Ramban and Kishtwar showcased their skills.

The event was inaugurated with grandeur by Pran Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner. Joining him were Jaffer Haider, District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda Neeta Manhas, I/c ZPEO Bhalla.

In his inspirational address, the ADDC encouraged participants, emphasizing the significance of sports in the development of

best wishes to the participants for their future endeavors and commended the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Doda, for organizing this event in a unique and engaging manner.

Before the matches commenced, all dignitaries, officials, and participants united to take the sports pledge, reinforcing the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. As the competition progressed, one district Udhampur emerged as semifinalists by beating Poonch set to compete tomorrow at the same venue with the other semi finalists.

DC Doda flags in Shanti Yatra

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DODA, SEPT 19: In a joyous celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, the District Youth Services & School Education organized a rally 'Shanti Yatra 2023' in Doda.

The rally aimed to spread the timeless principles of peace and non-violence championed by Mahatma Gandhi. The journey commenced from ASSR, starting a symbolic journey that originally began in Anantnag district and wound its way to Doda through various destinations.

The Shanti Yatra was received by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan at the Dak Bungalow along with Chief Education Officer, Parshottam Kumar Goria and other officers. The primary objective of the Yatra was to create awareness about Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and demonstrate their relevance



in our modern world.

The participants marched through the streets of Doda, holding placards adorned with inspiring quotes from Mahatma Gandhi and chanting slogans advocating peace and harmony.

The rally's overarching goal was to inspire individuals to embrace the path of non-violence and actively contribute to building a more peaceful society. In Anantnag, the event was inaugurated at Govt Girls Model Higher Sec School (Ranibagh).

The Principal Secretary of School Education and Higher Education, Alok Kumar, along with other dignitaries, including Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, and Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, graced the occasion.

The Shanti Yatra-2023 aimed to foster harmony and understanding among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

The yatra involved students, teachers, and NCC/NSS volunteers from

various educational institutions across the district.

The Principal Secretary stressed the importance of education in promoting peace and prosperity, highlighting that education can unite people and bridge divides.

The Shanti Yatra-2023 included educational and cultural activities, with participants visiting

schools and cultural landmarks to promote unity and celebrate diversity. The journey traversed different regions of Jammu & Kashmir, engaging with students and communities along the way to spread the message of peace and harmony, creating a transformative experience for all involved.

This heartfelt Shanti Yatra in Doda not only celebrated the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi but also urged everyone to reflect on the importance of peace and non-violence in today's challenging times.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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Bring consensus for women empowerment

Finally, the new Parliament House began its proceedings with the entry of MPs. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre has described the occasion as the fresh beginning. The opening of the new Parliament House also coincided with the introduction of an important Bill for 33% reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies that made the event more historic. It was 27 years after it was first tabled, the women's reservation bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday as the very first agenda of the New Parliament after Prime Minister Narendra Modi led MPs to the new House following a farewell to the old in an hour-long event at the central hall of old Parliament. The government's decision to introduce Nari Shakti Vandan Bill for 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and state assemblies has already triggered a debate in political circles, with the opposition parties particularly Congress trying to stake claim over the introduction of this important Bill in the Parliament for the first time. The government claims the bill would strengthen its resolve on women-led development. The previous bill was passed by Rajya Sabha on March 9, 2010. The Rajya Sabha reported it to Lok Sabha and the bill became property of the Lok Sabha. It eventually lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha on May 18, 2014. On the first day of the special session, held in the old Parliament House on Monday, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled the many bitter-sweet memories of the building. Despite differences and disputes, he said in his speech, it witnessed Parivar Bhaav (a feeling of family). That sense of being part of a national collective, no matter the ideological positions, is fast waning. A breakdown in trust between the government and the Opposition is not unusual, but the persistent bitterness as well as the lack of traditional courtesies certainly are. What should set alarm bells ringing is any undermining of the customs and conventions that have shaped the values of our parliamentary system. Scripting a new chapter in the conduct of our MPs would rate high on every citizen's wishlist. The loss of public trust in Parliament's ability to function normally and be productive should be a matter of concern for every political party. A section of the people developing a distaste for a prized institution is a worrying sign. Acrimonious scenes and trivialisation of issues that demand informed debates serve no purpose. The citizens shouldn't be let down. The government should work against the possibility of a decline in the respect for the institution which would erode all that the new building sets out to represent. As of now, there has been a showdown between the ruling BJP and the opposition parties over Nari Shakti Vandan Bill. The opposition has called it as an 'election jujumla' of the BJP, saying the Bill will come into effect only after the first delimitation exercise post the next Census which won't be before 2026 and rotation of reserved seats for women after every delimitation. Whatever be the arguments of ruling as well as the opposition parties, they must bring a consensus on this important legislation and ensure women empowerment by reserving 33 per cent political seats in both the Houses of Parliament and the state assemblies.

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They are ready to plunge into poll mode. The CWC, the Party's highest policy-making body agreed on several contentious and sensitive topics and planned its future course. The meeting was the first after Mallikharjun Kharge became party president. The Gandhis had a strong presence, with Sonia, Rahul, and Priyanka attending the conference. Following three productive gatherings of the Opposition coalition in INDIA, the CWC, members voiced their backing for Rahul Gandhi's leadership and their intention to move forward with the Bharat Jodo Yatra 2.0. There was a sense of assurance and positivity in the air. The choice of Hyderabad as the capital of bifurcated - Telangana is significant as assembly polls are due in three months. The Congress has lost both bifurcated states - Andhra Pradesh since 2014. After considering the political, economic and security situations, the CWC, emphatically declared that it is fully prepared for the upcoming Assembly polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha. Congress presented itself as an alternative to the BJP with the support of the INDIA coalition. Congress leaders are optimistic about INDIA alliance. The Grand Old Party wants to play a primary role in the coalition and criticised the Modi government's failure on all fronts, particularly in Manipur and Kashmir. One of the 14 resolutions said,

Congress gears up for elections

The CWC reiterates the Congress party's resolve to make INDIA initiative an ideological and electoral success so that our country is freed from divisive and polarising politics, the forces of social equity and justice are strengthened, and the people get a Union Government that is responsible, responsive, sensitive, transparent and accountable." In essence, this will be the thrust of the poll campaign. This message serves as a reaffirmation of the Party's unwavering commitment to its alliance partners. There have been doubts about it because of the inherent contradictions among the players. The Party strategized for the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Mizoram. It took note of the challenges including differing views between the central leadership and specific state units on forming alliances and adjusting seats with some members of the INDIA coalition. According to internal assessments, the Party expects trouble from within its Punjab, Delhi, and West Bengal ranks. Party leaders in Punjab and Delhi don't support the rival Aam Aadmi Party. In West Bengal, the state leadership competes directly with the Trinamool Congress. In Rajasthan, the Congress and BJP are closely competing for power. Based on internal surveys, the Congress party has a slight advantage in Chhattisgarh and a stronger position in Madhya Pradesh. Party insiders also report that the Congress is gaining momentum in Telangana. The Party organised a two-day event to celebrate Hyderabad Day on September 17th, which marks the city's inclusion in India in 1948. Resolutions about legislative business in Parliament mainly centred on rejecting proposals to review the Constitution. The Party demanded the one-third women's reservation Bill and augmented reservation limits for SCs, STs, and OBCs. These measures aim to win over various voter groups. The CWC also opposed a proposed Bill to amend the salary, allowance, and service conditions of the Chief Election Commissioner and the two Election Commissioners. They argued that the bill may harm the independence of the Election Commission. The CWC has opposed the BJP's proposal of 'one nation, one poll,' citing it as unconstitutional. Nevertheless, the Modi government has established a committee, led by former President Ram Nath Kovind, to explore the feasibility of conducting coexistent elections for Lok Sabha, state Assemblies, municipalities, and panchayats. One resolution criticized the heartlessness of the BJP for celebrating Modi's G20 achievements during a crisis in Jammu and Kashmir, disrespecting the sacrifice of security personnel. Meanwhile, the Congress is careful and avoids controversial topics by stat-

ing that they believe in the principle of sarva dharmas sambhavana. Significantly, at a public rally in Madhya Pradesh, Prime Minister Modi recently accused INDIA bloc of trying to eliminate Sanatana culture and making it a political agenda for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. At the public rally following the CWC, Sonia Gandhi made six promises for the upcoming Telangana elections. Sonia has announced several benefits, which are as follows: 1. Women will receive a monthly sum of Rs 2,500. 2. Farmers and tenant farmers will receive an annual amount of Rs 15,000. 3. Home loans who need them. 4. Homeless will receive house sites and a sum of Rs 5 lakhs. 5. Programs to support the development of young people. 6. Medical assistance to all needy citizens. These benefits were aimed at attracting voters with freebies. The Congress, however, has yet to reveal its own narrative, while it is clear that ideology is the central plank. The Congress has to work hard to improve its position. The success of the Party will depend on several factors, including seat sharing, candidate selection, Alliance, resources, and worker support. But the worker's morale has been boosted. (The writer is a popular columnist, views expressed are personal)

FOCUS ON PUTTING A HALT TO STUDENT SUICIDES

The spate of suicides by students aspiring for premium undergraduate degrees has shocked the nation lately. Several commentators have naturally expressed alarm at such tragic curtailment of bright lives in their primes. (Pioneer, September 3). To address the menace, measures have also been suggested for reducing examination stress and for the expansion of career opportunities in diverse fields to save pupils from the gloom of severely limited options presently. Along with this, curbs on coaching institutes that maximise admissions without taking into account the aptitudes and talents of half-informed parents and pupils have also been rightly advocated. These are promising but inadequate measures for addressing the plague of depression and despondence afflicting a section of our bright adolescents increasingly. Indeed, a broader understanding of the malady of youth suicides is crucial to escape partial solutions and the predicament of applying remedies that only worsen the disease inadvertently. The Mental Plague To begin with, we need to acknowledge that the rise in suicides today is not confined to students alone but appears among youngsters (aged 15-29 years) as a whole and, at a slower rate, in our total population too. Secondly, this phenomenon is not confined to India and is being witnessed even more alarmingly in countries like the USA, Russia, the UK etc., among girls and

young women. Thus, the number of student suicides, in India, rose from 9905 to 13089 between 2017 and 2021. However, suicides in our population as a whole rose from 10.5 per lakh to 12 per lakh over the same period. Even more significantly, the proportion of youngsters' suicides among all suicides rose most sharply and constitutes a third of all suicides now. These figures, however, tell us only about registered suicides, as per the National Crime Records Bureau website and are expected to report only about a fifth or even a tenth of actual cases. More significantly, the trend of rising suicides among Gen Z (born between 1995 and 2010) and Gen Alpha (born in the last decade) has been even worse in the West than in emerging economies. A lot is happening in youth culture lately that is worrisome and demands understanding as well as action from the government as well as civil society. The Paradox Suicides youth graph on the outside, youngsters' worlds seem much more happening and comforting in all coun-

tries now. Many advancements are striking in youths' upbringing today including a rise in welfare support from the state, the arrival of many more gadgets and conveniences as well as greater respect and freedom for youthful ways across cultures. Besides this general improvements in living standards, life expectancy, literacy and awareness etc. and the expansion of 'freedoms' in the post-modern world (including slow improvements in pedagogy and teachers' and parents' attitudes towards students), over the past two generations, were also expected to reduce stress among students and youth in general. Contrary to expectations, however, clear signs of rising ailments, mental health issues and suicides among the young have emerged, as signalled above. This paradoxical trend has been explained often concerning the increased suffering brought by an explosion of expectations, created by greater exposure to social media that enveloped young lives, especially after the late 2000s, even in the countryside. Within India, simultaneously, the entry of an aggressive coaching culture, even in Mofussil towns, and the gaping lack of decent jobs for educated youth further added to the gloom around our struggling youth. Deeper Causes But anxieties spawned by social media exposure and bleak employment prospects are not the only ills overwhelming our youth today; the multiplication of lethal drugs, eroding family ties and relationships, rising divorces and incidence of childless couples, ail-

ments related to junk foods and sedentary, air conditioned living and the general egotism amidst receding 'faith' especially among youth, all seem to be constructing increasingly fragile adolescent psyche. More indirectly, the rise of woke ideologies in post-modern settings (identifying every conceivable minority and victim card, and breakdowns in the face of presumed micro-aggression) have also played a role in the 'coddling' of young minds. Lastly, we need to reflect and register whether soft parenting and teaching themselves (which were promoted to alleviate stress among pupils) could be aggravating mental fragility and promoting suicides for reasons our ancestors would never have. Remedies What remedial action can we propose in this dire context? A major strategy to try would be revamped pedagogy or education that gives formal and credited stress on character building through meditation and fitness training as well as free use of biographies and bio-pics (self-chosen by pupils from libraries or online) in pupils' assessment and every level. Secondly, career guidance and counselling (including free online consultancy with accessible reputed professionals) need to be made available in all senior schools to save students from unformed career choices. Thirdly, reasonable curbs on anonymous trolls on social media platforms and reappraisal of laws and customs eroding family ties also need serious consideration.

G20 Summit: Towards a just world order

The just concluded G20 meeting in Delhi has been an unqualified success. India, while fulfilling its responsibility of holding the G20 Presidency, has demonstrated an inspiring championship of the issues of the Global South. The path of the G20 summit, from Indonesia last year to India, to Brazil later this year and from there to South Africa, augurs well for the rightful assertion of the Global South within the international community. Like most other international bodies, the G20 carries with it a cause of concern - as it contains the world's most powerful and influential in its origins. The path of the upcoming summits, as it traverses through the nations of the Global South, however, provides hope of giving momentum to the next phase of decolonisation. The first phase of decolonisation, which concluded by the middle of the last century, saw strong momentum embodied by nationalist struggles lead-

ing up, with a few notable exceptions, to the physical ouster of occupiers and the first steps of liberation of the Global South. From quite early on, the Global South realised the need to build collective energies to counter the hegemonies of the Global North, and this saw the Bandung Conference in 1955 and the Non-Aligned Movement that continued to the early 1990s. With a hiatus brought about by the end of the Cold War, we see today renewed recognition of the need to resist the continued hegemony of the Global North. In that context, the decision to welcome the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 will shape the ideas of planetary futures. Powered by the suffering of plundered pasts, popular momentums and a youthful future, there can be little doubt that the peoples and states of the African continent will eventually define the future of equality and justice together with the other nations of the Global South. The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, adopted as a consensus

document, shows four key departure points. These include the issue of climate justice, the expressed need for debt restructuring, the agenda of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls and the war in Ukraine. Climate action also presents a significant arena for decolonisation. Peoples and nations of the Global South have contributed the least to the climate crisis and yet suffer the most. Within the G20, the G7, in particular, carry the historical responsibility for most damage and, therefore, must shoulder the burden/ weight of reparations and compensation for damage. Indeed, climate justice needs to adopt the principle of common but differentiated responsibility. The document spells out the need for adequate climate financing by the Global North. The Delhi Declaration brought a sharp focus on global debt vulnerabilities, especially as related to low- and middle-income countries. Progressive opinion has long pushed the agenda of debt cancellation, as the positive impact on peo-

ple from the Global South would be immense. As a reiteration of the feminist sentiment to consign patriarchy to the dustbin of history, the Delhi Declaration has called for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. While legal frameworks for women's rights exist in most countries, achieving gender equality in social and economic spheres remains challenging. This could be the defining moment for women of the world with the G20 endorsing the vision of a feminist future. Challenges remain. Most important is whether the agreements coming out of G20 will go beyond the symbolic and escape the subterfuge of greenwashing and market solutions, which have proven only to benefit business owners. Symbols, rhetoric and broader participation must translate into tangible and urgent ground action. Such legacies live only when the most vulnerable see their realised. (The writer is executive director of Action Aid Association. Views are personal)



Grew up listening to Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle songs on jukebox: Singer Ali Campbell

Popular singer-songwriter Ali Campbell says he grew up listening to iconic playback singers Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle as Hindi music would often be played in cafes in the British city of Birmingham, which has a thriving immigrant population. The city has people mostly from Jamaica, West Indies, India and Pakistan and Hindi music and reggae were very popular when he was young, said Campbell, who is set to tour India later this year.

It was the kind of cultural mix that I grew up with, the former frontman of popular British reggae-pop band UB40 told PTI in an interview over phone.

The 64-year-old musician is set to hold concerts in Delhi on October 25, Mumbai on October 27 and Bengaluru on October 27 as part of his 'The Goldies' tour with UB40 featuring Ali Campbell, the band that he formed after leaving the original group in 2008.

"I grew up in an immigrant's area like Birmingham where predominantly Jamaicans, West Indians, Indians and Pakistanis lived.

As a child, I remember watching old Indian movies such as 'Mother India' and 'Pyasa'. We were accustomed to listening to Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Mohd Rafi and other beautiful Indian singers as these songs would



hold on the jukebox in cafes where we spent our youth," he said.

With Indians from Punjab migrating to the UK, Bhangra, the traditional folk dance of India's northern state, also picked up in a big way in the '90s so much so that Campbell even got a 'Bhangramuffin' T-shirt made in the

style of the raggamuffin T-shirts popularised by reggae aficionados.

Campbell has been to India before for a Bollywood music award event in the '90s. Through his upcoming three-city tour, he hopes to get a taste of the country once again.

Mona Singh on quitting TV consciously: I don't have the patience anymore to play one character for years now

Actor Mona Singh consciously decided to leave television in 2016, after her stint in the daily soap 'Kavach'. Kaali Shaktiyon Se, and she is happy that she made this move.

"My journey has been spectacular, from TV, hosting, theatre, movies, to now OTT medium. I am loving this whole new change. This is the only way for actors to stay relevant," says the actor, recently seen in the second season of 'Made in Heaven 2'.

Talking about her choice to transition into OTT leaving daily soaps, Singh laughs and says, "The only reason is that I have been spoiled badly for choices on OTT," adding, "When you say yes to a show on OTT, you invest a few months and then you move on to the next. But, that doesn't happen on TV, and I don't have the patience anymore to play one character for years."

The 41-year-old's journey on the small screen began with the iconic role of Jassi in TV soap Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahin, and when the show concluded, she didn't pounce on another television show, because of the fear of typecasting. She says, "When Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahin ended, I knew that I couldn't jump into another daily soap immediately because everything would be compared to Jassi. To break free from this image, I consciously opted for hosting and participating in reality shows and theatre. Just to not set the image of Jassi, but also to let people know that this is also something that I can do. Then, I did a few daily soaps but I hardly did any." Her hiatus from daily soaps paid off when she made her OTT debut with Yeh Meri Family in 2017. This transition was smooth, and she emphasises, "I did not face any difficulty or tag of a TV actor in finding work. I just had to wait it out for a good role to come my way."

I SUBCONSCIOUSLY COME UP WITH STRONG FEMALE CHARACTERS: VISHAL BHARDWAJ

The generational oppression that women have faced makes him 'feel guilty' as a man, says filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj, who believes it is his duty as a storyteller to speak up against injustice whether it is political or social.

Right from the beginning, Bhardwaj's stories have featured women with agency, be it Tabu in 'Maqbool', Kareena Kapoor Khan and Konkona Sensharma in 'Omkaara', Priyanka Chopra Jonas in '7 Khoon Maaf' or Sanya Malhotra and Radhika Madan in 'Pataakha'.

The filmmaker is making streaming debut with 'Charlie Chopra & The Mystery of Solang Valley', a web series that revolves around the titular female detective. Bhardwaj hopes to develop a franchise around the character.



"We have oppressed females as a gender for thousands of years and I feel guilty for that as a man... Thank God we evolved as a society, there were laws, but

we didn't change in India too much from inside. Even in films, she remained a mother, sister, wife, she didn't have her own agency.

"As a filmmaker, you don't have a gender, you are just there to speak (up) against injustice, that can be political, social and within yourself. A filmmaker is a rebel, a journalist, it is his duty to do these things with entertainment. So, maybe this thing must have played in my subconscious (mind) that I came up with strong female characters," Bhardwaj told PTI in an interview here.

The National Award winner said while strong women characters come naturally to him when he writes, he has to make an effort to create "good male characters" to secure finances.

"Otherwise, they don't give you money on female-oriented things," he said, adding that now there are women actors who have changed the landscape of the film industry. "...Like Tabu, Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone, they are bringing their own niche. They are bringing money like superstars," he said. Headlined by "Jubilee" star Wamiqa Gabbi, the SonyLIV series 'Charlie Chopra & The Mystery of Solang Valley' is the official adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel, 'The Sittaford Mystery'. There is no trick when it comes to bringing a book to screen, said the 58-year-old director, who has adapted William Shakespeare's tragedies 'Macbeth', 'Othello' and 'Hamlet' into critically-acclaimed movies.

Tamannaah Bhatia supports boyfriend Vijay Varma at Jaane Jaan screening, couple happily poses together



A special screening for Vijay Varma's upcoming film 'Jaane Jaan' was held in Mumbai on Monday. Supporting him was his girlfriend and actor Tamannaah Bhatia. She joined him for the screening and the two went on to pose together for the cameras. 'Jaane Jaan' will release on Netflix on September 21.

Vijay wore a printed mustard suit paired with a black shirt. Tamannaah joined him in a denim dress. She was also seen chatting with Varun Dhawan who was one of the many celebrities at the film screening. A fan commented on a paparazzo video of them on Instagram, "They look so good together @tamannaahspeaks @itsvijayvarma." Another reacted, "Such a cute couple." One more said, "Nice one". "Cutest couple, God bless them," read a comment.

Deepika on starring in SRK's 'Jawan' Whenever he wants I will always be there

Actor Deepika Padukone on Friday said she never thought about the length of her role in Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Jawan' as she has a lot of love for the actor and would always be there for him.

Deepika, who made her debut opposite Shah Rukh in 'Om Shanti Om' in 2007 and has collaborated on films like 'Chennai Express', 'Happy New Year' and 'Pathaan', had an extended cameo as Aishwarya Rathore in the Atlee directorial, which has become a blockbuster at the ticket window, raising close to Rs 700 crore in worldwide gross.

At the film's success press conference, Shah Rukh joked that he and Atlee "foiled" Deepika into believing that she had a cameo in the film when she was one of the



main characters.

"Deepika is feeling the most awkward, I will tell you why, because she feels, 'main to dosti me chhota so role karne aa gayi thi', but between me and Atlee, we fooled her and shot a full-length movie with her.

"When she saw the film she was like, 'Oh I am one of the main characters...', but thank you Deepika from the

bottom of our heart for being part of this film," he said, calling the actor "a deity".

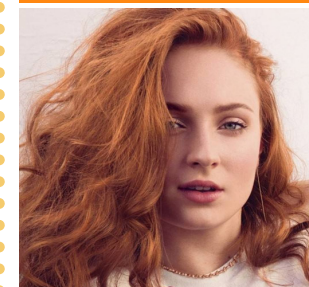
Deepika said the team of 'Jawan' approached her with the part when she was shooting for Nag Ashwin's 'Project K', now titled 'Kalki 2898 AD', in Hyderabad.

"They narrated the whole story to me and told me this very important part of Aishwarya and for me, it was not about the length of the role. It was the impact that this character is going to have on the entire film. So it was two-fold for me, one is everyone knows my love for him (SRK). Whenever he wants, I will always be there.

"But also, the movie was so special that as any actor, not just me, if offered the part, they would say yes to it because it was about the vision. I think all of us, everyone here has invested in that vision. It's not about how big or small your role was. It was about the story we were telling, the impact that this movie was going to have on the lives of this amazing audience."

'Jawan' features Shah Rukh in the role of Vikram Rathore and his son Azad.

Sophie Turner seen smiling on set for new show amid Joe Jonas divorce



Sophie Turner is in the process of shooting her new show 'Joan' in Spain. The actor recently made media headlines after announcing her separation from singer Joe Jonas post four years of marriage. As per pictures reported by Page Six, Sophie was seen smiling on the sets of her new show in Spain on Thursday.

Sophie seen on Joan set

The pictures obtained by Page Six saw Sophie Turner arrive on set in a light mood. The actor was seen in a bright red lipstick and dramatic eye makeup for the shoot. She sported a blue bodysuit and high-waisted jeans that was paired with a large black belt and golden hoop earrings. The actor plays jewel thief Joan Harrington in the show. The actor has been shooting for the show for the past four months.

A few days ago, pictures of Sophie kissing co-star Frank Dillane during the shoot went viral. In the pictures and videos that were soon shared on X, Frank was seen with his arms wrapped around Sophie as he picked her up. They were also seen splashing water on each other as they laughed. Sophie was seen in a teal swimsuit for the day.

Earlier this month, Joe Jonas filed for divorce from Sophie after four years of marriage and two children. The news came as a shock to many fans. She posted the official statement of her separation from Joe on her Instagram. It read, "Statement from the two of us: After four wonderful years of marriage we have mutually decided to amicably end our marriage."

'JAWAN' STANDS FOR HONESTY GOODNESS AND LOVE SAYS SHAH RUKH KHAN

'Jawan' represents every Indian and it is an emotion that stands for 'honesty, goodness and love', Shah Rukh Khan said on Friday, decoding what the film, which has become the superstar's second blockbuster of the year, means to him and the team.

Critics have praised 'Jawan', directed by Tamil filmmaker Atlee, as one of the most politically-charged film of SRK's career for the way it handles issues such as farmers suicides, corruption and

healthcare woes through a father-son story.

At the film's success press conference, Shah Rukh said the director has put in so many layers in the narrative that will emerge gradually.

"I'll tell you what 'Jawan' is to all of us... I think 'Jawan' is a feeling which every Indian has. I think 'Jawan' is an emotion. 'Jawan' is an Indian soldier. 'Jawan' is an Indian mother. 'Jawan' is an Indian girl. 'Jawan' is an Indian vigilante. You have to understand that 'Jawan' many

times is very weak because it is all of us, and many times he is ready for a fight.

"'Jawan' is many times wrong, but many times he is also right. 'Jawan' sometimes will live in the darkness, sometimes 'Jawan' will be the one emanating the light. And finally, all of us, the entire India is 'Jawan' who is upright. Please remember that, honestly, goodness and love that's what 'Jawan' stands for," the 57-year-old actor said.

The pan-India film also

stars Nayanthara and Vijay Sethupathi as well as Deepika Padukone in a special appearance. It hit the screens worldwide on September 7 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

Shah Rukh, who had a superhit with 'Pathaan' in January, said that film released on an auspicious day like the Republic Day and now 'Jawan' has come out on Jannamashtami.

"We have a new year coming and on Christmas, I'll bring 'Dunki'. Saare national integration rakhta hoon,

waise bhi jis din meri film release hoti hai, uss din Eid hoti hai," he quipped.

The actor returned to the movies after a gap of four years with 'Pathaan' and he said when he was "nervous" before he started shooting for 'Jawan'.

"I take everything with positivity, I was nervous (initially) because I had not worked for a while and for me to get back on a set, after a period of three years, itself was very new.

"I was feeling very different.



Gandhi Jayanti celebrated in Govt SPMR College of Commerce



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JAMMU, SEPT 19: Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in PG Department of Commerce (M.COM) Government SPMR College of Commerce today.

Speaking on the occasion, the College Principal Prof. Surinder Kumar enlightened the students about the pivotal role of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom movement, his principles and legacy.

He further acquainted the students about various career options available after completion of PG

course and appreciated the coordinated efforts of teachers and students for organizing such an event.

A series of activities were conducted to commemorate the occasion. The first activity was an Essay writing competition on the topic "Relevance of Gandhian Principles in today's world."

The first position was bagged by Purni Gupta (4th Sem), followed by Taniya Sharma (2nd Sem) and Ashw Kumar (4th Sem) at second position and Surbhi Vaid (4th Sem), Jasmine Bharti and Iqra

(2nd Sem) at third position. Second activity performed was Collage making on the topic "Life lessons of Gandhi Ji" in which first position was secured by Pushp Preet Kour (2nd Sem), second position by Rupali Manhas (4th Sem) and third position by Rahul Ahirvar and Mirran Bandal (4th Sem).

And the last activity was a Singing contest on "Patriotism" in which first position was obtained by Maheshwar Sing Chit (2nd Sem), followed by Tania Chib at second place (4th Sem), and Riya Mehra (4th Sem) at the third place. Consolation prize was given to Kartik Kohli (4th Sem).

All these activities filled the atmosphere with reverence and inspiration. The faculty members present at the event were Prof. Barbara Kaul (HOD Commerce), Dr. Monika Malhotra (IQAC Convener), Dr. Sakshi Sharma (HOD M.Com), Dr. Kanwaljeet Kaur and Dr. Ramandeep Kour. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Ayushi Jain (2nd Sem) under the guidance of Dr. Sakshi Sharma.

PM Vishwakarma Yojana will prove to be a boon for craftsmen: Ritika

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JAMMU, SEPT 19: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan today hailed Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, designed to provide financial support and advanced equipment to traditional craftsmen and artisans. She termed the move significant aimed at uplifting traditional artisans and craftsmen. She said skill training beneficiaries will receive basic skill training with a daily stipend of Rs 500 during the training period and after completing their training, artisans will be provided with a tool kit worth Rs 15,000.

Ritika further said that scheme offers collateral-free loans of Rs 1 lakh in the first phase and up to Rs 2 lakh in the second phase at a low-interest rate of 5 percent besides Artisans will be issued Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma identity cards.

The Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana covers arti-



sans and craftsmen working in 18 traditional disciplines, including carpenters, boat makers, blacksmiths, locksmiths, goldsmiths, sculptors, cobblers, masons, woodworkers, and more, added Ritika.

Ritika praised the stipend offered to artisans during their training, highlighting its potential to provide employment opportunities. She emphasized the scheme's importance and its potential to elevate traditional craftsmen to new heights

of development.

She hailed the scheme as a boon for traditional craftsmen, offering financial strength and skill enhancement.

She noted that the government has allocated Rs 13,000 crore for five years under this scheme, benefiting 18 categories of workers besides incentives for digital transactions and international branding and packaging support to expand sales potential. Ritika said that this scheme will prove to be a boon for crores of craftsmen and artisans of the country in the coming times. Craftsmen and artisans living in rural areas will benefit from this scheme. She said scheme will be beneficial to keep the age-old tradition, culture and diverse heritage of country alive and prosperous through local products, arts and crafts.

This is a big opportunity for those who were not able to start employment due to lack of capital and skills, added Ritika.

Seizing properties of 4K terrorists to yield remarkable results: Sham Langer

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JAMMU, SEPT 19: Sham Lal Langer, Convener Trade Cell Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K (Convener), Dr. Sakshi Sharma (HOD M.Com), Dr. Kanwaljeet Kaur and Dr. Ramandeep Kour. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Ayushi Jain (2nd Sem) under the guidance of Dr. Sakshi Sharma.

Don't miss this chance to witness the skies of Jammu & Kashmir come alive. The event welcomes the general public at the Airforce Station through the Peer Baba gate by or before 8:45 am to witness the thrilling display by the airmen.



In a statement issued to media here today Sham Langer asserted that this initiative reiterates the strong determination of the Union Territory Administration to wipe out terrorism once for all by adopting every available solution or tool that augments the fight against already decimated terrorist activities in this sensitive region. He said that the accelerated pressure building tactics on

terrorists will definitely deliver commendable results very soon.

The senior BJP leader said that seizing properties of the terrorists and their supporters presently in hiding is the best cost-effective way to hit such anti-national elements below the belt.

He stated this while referring to the sporadic incidents of recent terror strikes in which army and police officers achieved martyrdom to keep the people of this UT and the nation secure.

Sham Langer said that terrorists and their supporters should not be spared at all as perpetrators of such heinous crimes deserve no leniency or mercy at all in a civ-

ilized world. He said that the root cause of terrorism in J&K was the deliberate nurturing of hate among communities by the successive Congress, National Conference and People's Democratic Party governments to grab the power at the cost of blood of the innocent youth in the Valley. Accusing the aforesaid governments of providing tacit support to the terrorists and the anti India elements, he demanded that Govt should also investigate their anti-national role in this game of blood bath

and bring them to justice so that they too face the legal action for their misdeeds of playing with the security and integrity of the nation.

Jammu Airshow: In full action, IAF Planes to fill Jammu skies on September 21-22

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 19: The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with Air Force Station Jammu, is set to host a spectacular Air Show & Air Awareness Campaign at Air Force Station Jammu on September 21-22.

This extraordinary event will feature acrobatic displays by fighter jets, para jumping displays, com-

bat displays by Garuda Commandos, helicopter flying showcases and superior drill moves.

The air show will dazzle the spectators with the thrilling stunts of the Surya Kiran team, the sleek and speedy Hawk 132 jets and the versatile and powerful Mi17V1 helicopters. Audiences can expect approximately one and a half hours of non-stop action in the skies. Key collaborators of the

event include Jammu Tourism, Jammu District Administration, and the Information Department, all working together to bring this first-of-its-kind show to Jammu.

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Election training held for POs at Ramban



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RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 19: District Election Department, Ramban today conducted a day-long training programme for Presiding Officers (POs) including P1 and P2 in view of upcoming Municipal Elections at Conference hall, Maitra, Ramban. Deputy District Election Officer, Lal Chand presided over the

training session which was conducted by the State Level Master Trainer (SLMT).

State Level Master Trainer, General Manager, DIC, Ravinder Anand, District Level Master Trainer, ZEO, Firdous Ahmad and other trainers and officials of Election department imparted training to the participants.

The training was

attended by POs and other concerned election officials. The POs were informed about their role and responsibilities, elec-

tion management, EVM management, conduct of polls, and provisions of the model code of conduct imposed after notification of Elections. A question answer session was also held to clear the doubts of the participants about the proce-

dures and rules for the conduct of free, fair, and transparent Elections in the district.

Emphasizing on the importance of MC election, Langer stressed to strengthen democracy at grassroots level, the Dy. DEO stressed that Presiding Officers need to prepare themselves fully for the conduct of free, fair and transparent Municipal elections.

Women's Reservation Bill a significant milestone in India's journey towards more inclusive & equitable society: Nitish

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JAMMU, SEPT 19: Nitish Mahajan, Co-in-charge Social Media Department, BJP, J&K, today applauded the visionary approach of the Modi government in ensuring the empowerment of women through the approval of the Women's Reservation Bill. The bill guarantees the reservation of 33 per cent seats for women in both the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies, a significant milestone in promoting gender equality and inclusivity in our democratic institutions.

"With this historic decision, the Modi government has showcased remarkable moral courage, standing resolute in its commitment to meet the aspirations and demands of Indian women. This significant achievement symbolizes the government's unwavering dedication to the betterment and equal representation of women in decision-making processes," Nitish said while addressing a meeting here today.

The BJP leader applauded the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and the entire Cabinet for their foresight and determination in recognizing the need for this legislation.

The Women's Reservation Bill is a testament to the government's strong belief in gender equality and its understanding that an inclusive society can only be formed by providing equal opportunities and representation to all citizens, he added. Nitish emphasized that this progressive step will reshape the political landscape of our country, ensuring that women's voices are not only heard but also respected and amplified.



It will pave the way for a more balanced and diverse political arena, where women from all strata of society can actively participate and contribute, he added.

The senior BJP leader reiterated that the approval of the Women's Reservation Bill is a significant milestone in India's journey towards a more inclusive and equitable society.

It is a testament to the Modi government's relentless pursuit of women's empowerment and their commitment to ensure equal representation in our democratic institutions, he added.

MIER College conducts NukkadNatak on protecting Ozone Layer



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JAMMU, SEPT 19: To celebrate World Ozone Day, the Environment Unit of MIER College organized a NukkadNatak on the theme 'A World without the Ozone Layer' at Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

The natak was performed by a

group of about 35 students of the college who highlighted the importance of the ozone layer and spread awareness about ozone depletion. The students urged the masses to reduce emissions from automobiles and to minimize the use of modern equipment like refrigerators and air conditioners which release chloro-

fluorocarbons in the atmosphere which in turn are responsible for ozone depletion. The play demonstrated how the ozone layer shields the planet from the sun's dangerous ultraviolet rays, which can cause skin cancer in people. The natak also emphasized several methods for preserving the ozone layer. The dramatization of this subject by the students was very effective in spreading awareness of the significance of the ozone layer in the community.

The locals thanked the students and the College for addressing this pressing issue and enlightening the youth. Mrs. Suman Gupta, In-Charge Environment Unit expressed her gratitude to the audience and the participants.

TB Mukth Bharat Abhiyan: District Health Society Kishtwar organises awareness program on NTEP

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 19: A program involving Nikshay Mitras from the Health Department and District Administration was held today to promote Pradhan Mantri TB Mukth Bharat Campaign.

The event was held under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav and the supervision of CMO, Dr. Mohd Yaqoob Mir.

The event was skillfully organized by the dedicated team of the

District Tuberculosis Centre. Notably, the newly registered Nikshay Mitras, who have taken up the responsibility of supporting TB patients by providing Nikshay Poshan Baskets to them, were acknowledged at the event.

The primary aim of this program was to raise awareness about Tuberculosis (TB) in alignment with the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP). Distinguished officers and officials from various departments, including the Health Department, active-

ly participated in the event, during which 21 TB patients were provided with essential food kits.

The event echoed the resounding slogan, "TB Harega Desh Jeteega, TB Mukth Bharat" (TB will lose, India will win), underscoring the urgent need to eradicate TB from our nation and work towards a TB-free India.

The CMO appealed to the general public and District officers to come forward, adopt TB patients, and unite in the collective effort to eliminate TB from the District.

DC Rajouri reviews progress of Capex Budget works being executed by RDD

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 19: To expedite progress and elevate the quality of rural development in Rajouri, the District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today led a thorough review of the Rural Development Department (RDD) sector within the district.

The DDC thoroughly evaluated the advances made in under different developmental initiatives. These encompassed a wide spectrum of projects, including those funded through the district capex budget, PRI, BDC, DDC grants, as well as schemes such as PMAY and Awas Plus, among others.

The main focus during was on the progress and in tendering and allotment processes. It was noted that nearly all projects have progressed to the tendering stage, and Deputy Commissioner Kundal issued strict directives to all Block Development Officers (BDOs) for the timely execution of works on-site. Additionally, instructions



were conveyed to the Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Wing (XEN REW), to improve the allotment status of various works within the capex budget.

Underlining the urgency of expeditious progress, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasised the paramount importance of ensuring that the benefits of government schemes and initiatives are delivered effectively at the grassroots level.

DC issued directives to all concerned BDOs to diligently adhere to predetermined timelines and maintain unwavering standards of work quality. Furthermore, he stressed the need for transparency and accountability in the distribution of developmental benefits to the intended beneficiaries.

Deputy Commissioner reiterated the unwavering commitment of the Government to the holistic development of Rajouri. He called upon all stakeholders to wholeheartedly collaborate, highlighting that united efforts are the cornerstone of achieving shared aspirations. The Government's relentless pursuit of providing enhanced infrastructure and facilities to the public remains steadfast.

The review conducted by the District Development Commissioner represents a significant stride towards realizing the full developmental potential of Rajouri district. It reaffirms the administration's dedication to progress and its pledge to uplift the lives of residents, leaving no one behind.

Ten-day Ganesh Chaturthi festival commences at Shri Raghunathji Temple

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JAMMU, SEPT 19: The vibrant and auspicious Ganesh Chaturthi festival has commenced with great fervor and devotion at Shri Raghunathji Temple, marking the installation of the idol of Bhagwan Ganesh in the temple premises. The festival, celebrated with immense enthusiasm, commenced on Tuesday will continue for ten days.

On the occasion, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust and a former IPS Officer, performed the traditional Puja Archan and Bhagwan Ganesh at Shri Raghunathji Temple during the installation ceremony.

The Temple along with Temple Priests and devotees offered heartfelt prayers for the peace and prosperity of the Union Territory. He said Bhagwan Ganesh, revered as



the embodiment of wisdom and the remover of obstacles, holds a special place in the hearts of devotees. He said this festival aims to seek blessings from the deity for a harmonious and obstacle-free life.

The Head Priest of Shri Raghunathji Temple further elaborated on the festival's significance, highlighting how it instills a sense of spirituality among the devotees. He emphasized that this ten-day long festival serves as a reminder of the values of faith, unity, and devotion, bringing communities together in joyous celebration.

Izel- the beauty Salon and Spa inaugurate its first wellness studio in Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19: IZEL Wellness spa and salon is a sanctuary for health improvement and beauty care. Its newly opened Opposite Hotel Ritz Manor, Channi Himmat. It offers a wide range of health and medical therapies and treatments, coupled with a luxurious spa and salon experience. Our mission is to provide top notch services for health improvement and beauty care under one roof.

Whether you are seeking relaxation, rejuvenation or simply wish to explore our diverse offerings, IZEL wellness spa and salon is the perfect destination. Let's join our pursuit of promoting health and wellness.

We offer special inauguration discounts for visitors during this month. The world class, state of art studio is inaugurated by Ms. Shiveta Jamwal, Proprietor, here in Channi Himmat just opposite Hotel Ritz Manor.

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3 month Skill Development Course takes off at GBHSS Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 19: The District Employment and Counseling Centre (DEACC), in collaboration with G.K. Educational Trust, today started a 3-month long Skill Development Training Course in 'Tally & Excel' here in Government Boys Higher Secondary School to facilitate the aspirants to enhance their skills.

Under the programme, participating candidates are being provided free of cost Skill Training along with monthly stipend of Rs 1000. The candidates will also be assisted in getting employment opportunities after completion of the course through job fairs and other means.

The training programme was inaugurated by Joint Director Employment Jammu Division, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik in the presence of Deputy Director Employment, Idrees Lone, GM, DIC Mohamad Ashraf, District Employment Officer, Vinod Shant and other officials and faculty members of IIT Kishtwar and Polytechnic College. The



event was attended by over 600 students of GHS Boys School, IIT Kishtwar and Polytechnic.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director discussed the utility of Tally software in managing day to day finances and GST aspect of every commercial establishment.

He also talked about the importance of entrepreneurship where anyone can start from a small initiative and make it big with his persistence and learning in the process. He also discussed the training initiatives being taken by the department in collaboration with private players like Tech Mahindra Foundation and Larsen & Toubro in different sectors for upskilling. He also emphasized that our department is actively reaching out to the unemployed youth and is guiding them on their path towards securing a sustainable livelihood by organizing Job Fairs, Career Counseling Sessions, Awareness Camps, implementing Self-Employment Schemes and more recently Skill Training Programmes. The Deputy Director

Employment emphasized that this course is not just about technical skills. He addressed it to be a first step in the lives of the candidates in their journey of skilling. This training will be further substantiated by other training courses in future. He also motivated students to take advantage of the programme and learn with all zeal and zest. Moreover, he said that we have to work together to empower our youth, build a skilled workforce, and create a brighter future for all.

The GM DIC talked about taking initiatives and becoming job providers rather than becoming an employee. A job provider is more beneficial for any society than being an employee. Raghuvar, Project Director (GK Education Trust) highlighted the importance of the course and lauded the skilling initiative by the department. He also talked about the opportunities that will be presented to candidates after course completion.

The program ended with a vote of Thanks from Vinod Shant, Employment Officer DE & CC Kishtwar.

Ramban: Rs 1.90 crore released as Lower Education Assistance in favour of wards of Registered Workers



J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, SEPT 19: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam today released Rs 1.91,39,500 as 'Lower and Education Assistance' in favour of 4463 children of Workers registered with Jammu and Kashmir Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board in the district.

The released amount has been transferred to bank accounts of the beneficiaries through DBT mode. Speaking on the occasion, He advised the labour card holders to get their card renewed well in time to take benefits from beneficiary oriented schemes of the department.

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The Special Demolition Drives will continue within LCMA Jurisdiction especially in Green Belt (200 mts) and the violators will be dealt under law. Therefore, people within LCMA

the DC said that the Labour Department has implemented a range of welfare schemes which have been launched by the Government to provide financial assistance to registered construction workers for the education of their children and welfare of their families.

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Bharat Bhushan, Divya Jain highlight significance of Poshan Abhiyan



J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19: In a dedicated effort to promote the "Poshan Abhiyan" (Nutrition Mission), a significant nutrition was organized at Jeevan Nagar. The event saw active participation from the community, spearheaded by Supervisor of Anganwadi, Meenakshi, and her diligent team of Anganwadi workers.

On the occasion, Vice Chairman of Cantonment Board, Chairman of CDPO, and Mandal President of Gandhi Nagar, Bharat Bhushan, presided over the meeting. While Divya Mahajan, President of BJP Mahila Morcha, Jammu South, also

played a pivotal role in advocating for the cause.

The event witnessed a remarkable turnout, with a large number of beneficiaries from Anganwadis in attendance.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan urged the general public to consider enrolling their children in Anganwadis, where they can receive quality education and nutrition without the burden of hefty fees. "The Anganwadis are not just centers for education but also nurturing talents and abilities, as evidenced by the beautiful and educational toys created by the children themselves," he added.

Divya Mahajan took the opportunity to shed light on the significance of the Poshan Abhiyan, particularly emphasizing the nutritional value of homemade food and the adverse effects of packaged food on health.

She articulated, "We want society to embrace the wisdom passed down through generations by our Nani and Dadi, emphasizing solutions that are not only cost-effective but also beneficial for future generations." She urged the general public to consider enrolling their children in Anganwadis rather than expensive private schools, highlighting the burden on families due to the latter's hefty fees.

The event showcased the incredible talent and abilities of Anganwadi workers, who had crafted an array of soft toys resembling vegetables like carrots and cauliflower, as well as educational clay toys. These child-friendly creations not only captivated the eye but also served as valuable educational tools.

Divya Mahajan reaffirmed her commitment to initiatives that promote the health and well-being of children and families within the community, aligning with the broader objectives of the "Poshan Abhiyan."

Panthers condemn withdrawal of security from Srinagar Office

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19: Vilakshan Singh President, J&K National Panthers party has strongly condemned withdrawal of security from party office at Srinagar. Singh said that J&K National Panthers Party is one of three recognised parties in J&K. He said that JKNPP is being made to pay costs for raising the voice of Dogras. He said that the government has failed to provide accommodation to JKNPP despite the representations made in this regard. He said that in Srinagar, the party was running its office in a rented accommodation and security was deployed at the party office keeping in view the threats from the terrorists. Singh said that JKNPP has always stood up for complete integration of J&K with India and due to the said reason its leaders, particularly in Kashmir, are on the hit list of the terrorists. Singh said that by removing the security from the Srinagar Office of the party the government has put the lives of

leaders of J&K National Panthers Party under severe threat. Singh said that target killing has seen rise in Kashmir valley in the recent past.

Singh said the leaders and parties advocating talks with Pakistan even after martyrdom of brave Army and police personnel are enjoying security cover but the party which has always stood by its Army and police has been deprived of the security cover and lives of its leaders have been put in jeopardy. Questioning the timing of the withdrawal of security from Srinagar Office of the party, Singh said that ULB elections and panchayat elections are going to be held soon and to demoralize the leaders of J&K National Panthers Party security has been removed from its party office.

DC Pulwama chairs DLRC meeting; stresses on Priority Sector Lending & Self Employment schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, SEPT 19: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting at Circuit House, Pulwama.

During the meeting, the DC took a sector wise performance review of the Banks regarding the implementation of different Government initiatives with respect to employment generation. He also reviewed the achievements of Banks in lending to the priority sector.

Disbursement of pending cases of loan in Agriculture, Handloom, and other allied sectors were also reviewed by the Chairman DLRC and banks were asked to focus on lending in priority sectors.

During the meeting, the DC held threadbare discussion with regard to the priority, non priority, agri sector, number of cases sponsored by the intending departments, cases sanctioned,



cases disbursed and cases pending for disbursement. Besides, a review of implementation of Mumkin scheme, Tejaswani, NRLM, Svannidhi and other schemes was also done with clear directions from the chair to process cases within a fixed and minimum timeline. The DC impressed upon the bankers to put in

institutions to spread awareness with regard to the welfare schemes sponsored by them among masses so that people can avail benefit for their socio-economic development.

Chairman DLRC directed concerned officials to organise the financial literacy camps in every block of the district and stressed upon the bankers and concerned officers to adopt a public friendly approach and work in coordination so that good results are achieved at the grass roots level.

While stressing on Digital literacy, DC stressed on the bank officials to hold regular camps and ensure all the individuals are brought within the ambit of Digital banking. The meeting was attended by ACR Pulwama, CPO Pulwama, Lead District Manager, Cluster Head JK Bank, DDM NABARD, representatives of various banks, District Coordinators and Heads of various Government Departments.

DLSA organises Awareness programme on NALSA at Bandipora



JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPT 19: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora in collaboration with Education Department Bandipora Tuesday organized a Legal Awareness programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme at Govt Boys High School, Kehnusa, Bandipora.

The programme was carried out under the supervision of Chairman DLSA (P), District & Sessions Judge Bandipora, Amit Sharma, Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA, Bandipora was

also present on the occasion.

The programme aimed at generating awareness among the masses regarding providing proper opportunities to the children so as to make them grow into responsible citizens of tomorrow and to open up all opportunities including the legal services for every child to unfold its personality and rise to its full stature, physical, mental, moral and spiritual.

At the outset, Secretary DLSA highlighted the objectives of organizing this awareness programme. She shed light on the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of every child and rights

that should be afforded to children.

She also apprised that children are safeguarded against all forms of abuse, neglect and exploitation; safeguards for children in the criminal justice system; protection for children in employment; protection and rehabilitation for children who have suffered exploitation or abuse of any kind.

The resource person of the programme, Bilal Ahmad Bhat Deputy Chief LADC Bandipora while addressing, gave information on the constitutional assurances. He said that the development of the nation can be achieved by the development of the children of the nation and it is necessary to protect the children from exploitation as well.

He also deliberated on the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, & the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

The programme witnessed the presence of staff members of DLSA Bandipora, staff members & students of the said institution and Para Legal Volunteers.

DC Bandipora chairs DLC meeting on CLU; approves 8 cases

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPT 19: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Tuesday convened a meeting of the District Level Committee regarding Change of Land Use (CLU) cases in the district. During the meeting, detailed discussion was held regarding comments submitted by various departments for the issuance of NOCs of pending cases of CLU in the district. As many as 19 cases were put up for discussion, after thorough deliberation on various



aspects of the policy, 8 cases were approved by the committee, 5 were rejected and 6

cases were reverted to applicants to get some observations cleared.

The DC directed the concerned departments to submit quality comments/concrete NOCs within stipulated time as per the provisions of PSGA Act to ensure timely disposal of CLU.

Dr Owais emphasised that since CLU cases involve comments from various departments, there is an increased need for inter-departmental coordination. The DC directed officers to stick to the deadlines and conduct the joint site inspections of the cases.

Jurisdiction are time and again warned not to resort to any kind of illegal construction/encroachments within LCMA Jurisdiction especially Green Belt (200 mts).

Moreso, people residing within LCMA residential area are requested to get proper building permission from the competent Authority before taking any construction work in hand, otherwise, strict action shall be taken against them.

Illegal constructions: LCMA demolishes various illegally raised structures in Srinagar areas

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPT 19: In order to curb the menace of illegal constructions, the Lake Conservation & Management Authority through its Enforcement Wing today conducted a Routine demolition drive in the area of Brein, Ishber Kral Mohalla, Harwan, Tailbel, WFR and Dal.

During the drive several illegal constructions were demolished/

removed which includes 01 tin Shed, 03 Hut, 01 tin walling, 01 3rd storey, 01 2nd storey, 01 shop and 01 Single storey.

Besides, legal action has also been initiated against the violators. The Special Demolition Drives will continue within LCMA Jurisdiction especially in Green Belt (200 mts) and the violators will be dealt under law. Therefore, people within LCMA

"Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam" open gateway for the women power: Rekha Mahajan



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Thirty-three percent reservation to women in Parliament and Assemblies has the potential to be a "game changer" as not only will such a step change patriarchal mindsets but also boost pro-women legislation, "Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam" open the gateway for the women power said BJP District President BJP Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan

during the celebrations organized by BJP Mahila Morcha District President Jammu South Divya Jain along with BJP team members.

Rekha said, that being the first women District President of Jammu South from the union territory of J&K, wholeheartedly welcomes the historic decision and women now understand that all they required was an equal opportunity to compete, equal access to resources, and an acknowledgment

of their achievement. When the Prime Minister speaks of women-led development, it's a tectonic shift in narrative terms. Women are not pleading, they're leading, Rekha said. The BJP, which is the leading party in the ruling NDA, had in its pre-election manifesto said that it is committed to 33 percent reservation in parliamentary and state assemblies. She said it's a historical move in favor of women's empowerment. Rekha, glorified the gov-

ernment's decision, hailing it as a step towards justice and women's empowerment. She underlined that this move aligns with PM Modi's vision and will propel the nation in the right direction. Rekha expressed gratitude to the Central leadership, stating that the 33 percent reservation for women is a gift from the Prime Minister that will empower women to shape the nation's laws in Parliament.

BJP leader, Rekha Mahajan, salutes this historic move towards greater gender representation marks a significant milestone in Indian politics, reflecting a commitment to fostering inclusivity and empowering women in legislative bodies and the Women's Reservation Bill is a significant piece of legislation aimed at promoting gender equality and women's participation in politics. The preparations suggest that the BJP and the government are keen to

Indian Army enhances education in J&K under Operation Sadhbhavana Project

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Teaching is a great way of contributing towards the society and enhancing the skill of the young students.

In the quest for good quality education among the students and to improve the education ecosystem by creating a knowledge grid across the Jammu and Kashmir region, Indian Army organised tuition classes for the students at Shergwari under Operation Sadhbhavana Project with effect from 03 Jul 2023 to 18 Sep 2023.

The 75 days long classes were conducted for school students so as to prepare them for future board exams and also with an aim of providing good quality education for



all mandatory subjects which included English, Social Science, Mathematics, Science and Personal Development to the students and to supplement the education system by creating a knowledge grid across the Kishtwar district.

A total of 50 students

from various regions of kKishtwar attended the classes.

The classes were conducted under close supervision of the Indian Army by adhering to disciplined and suitable schedules. Speaking on the closing ceremony, the students expressed their gratitude

towards the Indian Army for the noble initiative and said that such activities will help build bonds of strong friendship between Indian Army and the people especially the youth.

They also requested the Indian Army to organize similar capsule courses in future.

Spiritual preachers, women must start campaigns against drug abuse to prevent youth from self-destruction: Zorawar

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19 : Making a fervent appeal to the women and spiritual preachers to come forward and join hands in making drug awareness campaign as mass movement here in Jammu and Kashmir, especially, in Jammu Province, BJP leader and Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that drug mafia is making all attempts to trap younger generation including School and College going students in their evil net there by spoiling the future of nation.

While addressing a large gathering of women and spiritual preachers during a religious function "Shrimad Bhagwat Katha" organized at Baba Sidhgoria Temple in Paloura here, organized by Mahant Kuldeep Singh ji Maharaj, Team Jammu chief, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that its volunteers will leave no stone unturned to take on its fight against drugs to all nook and corner of Jammu region.

"School going children and College youth need to be involved in a big way for spreading the message at the grass root level. And for that, mothers have to



take the lead to make aware their wards about the ill and dead effects of drug abuse," highlighted Zorawar Singh Jamwal and made a passionate appeal to women and spiritual preachers to join hands and take the responsibilities in their respected localities to strictly counter suspicious activities of drug peddlers. Team Jammu chief, said, "Time has come for the women who being wife, sister and mother to start pro-active campaigns with a spirit of love and compassion that will surely help in preventing self-destruction of those who have fallen prey to drug-addiction. The time is giving alarming

bells to come out from homes and reach out to vulnerable segments in a big way." BJP leader and Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that, "Women have to shoulder the responsibility of inculcating the practice of Sanatan in their siblings since childhood, which would enlighten them about good and bad from their tender age and would help them making a bright future."

City SP, North, Kulbir Handa in his address, expressed views on the glaring issue of Drug Abuse, which is affecting the youth, both boys and girls and underscored the duty of parents and especially mothers who have a

very considerable role in shaping the future of younger generation. He also cautioned the city residents to have watch in their respective localities about the suspicious movements of unscrupulous elements who are spreading drugs among youth and wherever such activity is detected, people must inform local police for strict action.

SHO, Police Station, Janipur, Inspector Sikandar Singh Chauhan informed the gathering the steps taken by police to curb the drug menace and number of cases registered, drug peddlers arrested besides the narcotics seized by police department.

MLA Ajitpal Kohli holds meeting with DC, SSP, Municipal Commissioner in Patiala

PATIALA, SEPT 19 : Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Ajitpal Singh Kohli held a comprehensive discussion with the Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), and the Municipal Commissioner in Patiala to review ongoing development projects, upcoming initiatives, traffic management, and measures to curb crime in the city.

During the meeting, which was also attended by MLA Gurlal Ghanour, Mr. Kohli emphasized the need for a thorough assessment of all development projects and upcoming initiatives in the city. He highlighted that, in line with the directives of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan, the Punjab government would expedite all pending development projects that suffered from the neglect of previous administrations. Kohli asserted that under the new policy guidelines issued by Chief Minister Maan, no compromise would be made in the quality of work, ensuring that all projects are executed diligently and efficiently for the benefit of the citizens. Regarding traffic management, Mr. Kohli disclosed that the old bus depot in Patiala would no longer serve any purpose for other ventures and would be exclusively dedicated to bus services. This move is part of an effort to streamline transportation in the city.

In his discussion with SSP ACP Varun Sharma, Mr. Kohli received updates on law enforcement activities aimed at maintaining law and order. He stressed the importance of stringent measures against drug trade in Patiala, pointing out that the city currently lacks any designated spaces for narcotics peddlers.

MLA Ajitpal Singh Kohli also conversed with Municipal Commissioner Aditya Upal about the ongoing projects led by the Municipal Corporation. He assured the residents of Patiala that their interests would remain paramount in all civic projects, ensuring that they face no inconvenience due to these undertakings.

| NORTHERN RAILWAY | |
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| E-Auction Notice The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firuzpur, on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction for the following works over Firuzpur Division: | |
| 1 Auction Catalogue No. | FZRPARCEL-48 |
| Auction Date & Time | 03-10-2023 at 10:30 Hrs |
| Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 12032-F1, 12470-F1, 12474-F1, 12550-F1, 14036-F1, 14038-F2, 14036-F1, 14505-F1, 14505-F2, 14505-F1, 14612-F1, 14674-F1, 14674-F1, 19326-F1, 20986-F1, 22402-F1, 22430-F1 & 22480-F1. | |
| 2 Auction Catalogue No. | FZRPARCEL-49 |
| Auction Date & Time | 04-10-2023 at 10:30 Hrs |
| Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 12014-F1, 12020-F1, 12242-F1, 12412-F1, 12460-F1, 12462-F1, 12752-F1, 14616-F1, 14630-F1, 14682-F1, 19108-F1, 19614-F1, 22466-F1, 22706-F1, 12414-12413-VP & 12472-12471-VP. | |
| 3 Auction Catalogue No. | EAFZR-MA23-11 |
| Auction Date & Time | 04-10-2023 at 11:00 Hrs |
| Name of work : Allotment of Commercial Publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping on exterior of coaches of Train No. Group rake link 12422, 12452, 12462, 12414, 12408, 14612, 14610 & DMU Trains in Kashmir Valley. | |
| 4 Auction Catalogue No. | FZRPARCEL-50 |
| Auction Date & Time | 05-10-2023 at 10:30 Hrs |
| Name of work : Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./SLR compartment: 12206-F1, 12414-F1, 12486-F1, 12536-F1, 14504-F1, 14504-F1, 14508-F1, 14508-F2, 14508-F1, 14605-F1, 14632-F1, 14632-F1, 14632-F1, 14633-F2, 14633-F1, 14634-F1, 14634-F2, 14634-F1, 14650-F1, 14654-F1, 14654-F2, 14654-F1, 15212-R1 & 19804-F1. | |
| 5 Auction Catalogue No. | FZRPARCEL-51 |
| Auction Date & Time | 06-10-2023 at 10:30 Hrs |
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**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 198 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

| S. No. | Name of work | Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.) | Earnest money | Validity of Rates | Bid validity |
|--------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Replacement / Repair of damaged components along with allied works of 300HP x 1.00 lakh GPH x 122mtrs Head HC pump set of unit No. 01 installed at CPS Company Bagh. | 200/- | Rs. 2700/- in the shape of CDR / FDR | 180 days | 180 days |

Date of Publishing : 18-09-2023 02.00 pm.

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **18-09-2023 (02.00 pm)**.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **18-09-2023 (02.00 pm) to 27-09-2023 (02.00 pm)**.
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on **28-09-2023 (02.00 pm)** or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bidder should make payment for cost of bidding document in shape of single window challan of JMC / online payment through the JMC website link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html> in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L₁ bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L₁ bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The original documents when submitted by L₁ bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days from last date of receipt of Bid. No exemption of any kind shall be allowed on this.
- Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.
- The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of **180 days** from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work / inspect the parts to be fabricated before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact measurement and site conditions.
- Special conditions as per Finance Department order No. OM A/24 (2017)-651 dated 07-06-2018.**
 - Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of financial bids.
 - The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary challan / receipt.
 - Similarly, instead of insisting on actual call deposit receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the concerned department should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the work or issuing the supply order, the original CDR/FDR should be obtained and kept on record.
- Other details, instructions and terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the bidding document.

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(NOTICE INVITING TENDER)
(SHORT TERM)**

For and On behalf of Managing Director JKPTCL (JKPDD) J&K, fresh tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer TLMD-IV Jammu through e-tenders mode from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Central or State/UT Government Departments/PSU, CPWD, Railways and MES for the below mentioned work -

| Name of The Work | Estimat ed Cost | Earnest Money | Cost Of Tender Documents | Class of contractor |
|--|--|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| Strengthening of tower foundation by given heavy angle support to tower leg A by way of digging and grouting with cement concrete of Loc. No. 31 of 220KV D/C Barn-Kishenpur Transmission Line | Rs.4.93 (lacs) | Rs.9900.00 | Rs. 500.00 (Five hundred Only) in form of Demand Draft in Favour of Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu | A,B,C,D CIVIL CONTRACTOR |
| a Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document | The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded from http://jktenders.gov.in from 18-09-2023 after 17:00Hrs. | | | |
| b e-Bid submission startdate | 18-09-2023 1700 Hrs. onwards. | | | |
| c last date & Time for e-Bid submission | 28-09-2023 up to 1600 Hrs. | | | |
| d Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time | 30-09-2023 at 1400 Hrs. | | | |
| e Online financial e-Bid opening date & time | Date and time for financial e-Bid opening will be communicated only to the Technically Qualified Bidders. | | | |
| f Estimated cost | Rs.4.93Lacs | | | |
| g Venue of opening of technical & Financial-Bids | Office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K. | | | |

**Period of Completion: 90days after the issue of LOA
Position of Funds: Funds are available.(Under Capex)
Accord of TS: Accorded**

Accord of AA : Under Process

- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee pledged to the Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.
- To submit Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD to TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K before the opening of the Commercial & Technical e-Bid.
- The date and time of opening of financial e-Bids shall be notified on Web Site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This will be conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on same Web Site in the Office Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV JKPTCL, Jammu J&K. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representative, who chooses to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. The bidder's representative attending the opening shall have to produce an authority letter issued by the firm.
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender document in form of Bank Draft in favour of Executive Engineer TLMD-IV JKPTCL, Panama Chowk Jammu and Bid security (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR / FDR payable in favour of TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K and shall have to be valid for six months or more after last date of receipt of Bid.
- Submission of hard copies for all the bidders is not required only L-1 (successful bidder) shall submit the hard copies after opening of financial bid. The refund of EMD to the technically disqualified and lowest fourth bidders onwards shall be made after 15days from the date of opening of price bid. The refund of EMD of second and third bidders shall be made after award of work and site mobilization by the successful bidder. The EMD of the successful bidder (L1) after the completion of work shall be held back by the Department and will be released after one month of defect liability period.
- The successful bidder L-1 should submit hard copies along with original instruments in respect of Bank Receipt, EMD and other relevant documents must be delivered in the Office of the TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K. The Technical Bids and Financial Bids will be opened online in the office of the TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified; the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed to work as a Contractor within a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
- No bidders shall withdraw his bid assigning any reason, once he has uploaded his bid. Otherwise his CDR shall be forfeited.
- The intending tenderer are advised to visit work site before quoting.
- The TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Jammu, Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K reserve the right to reject any or all the e-bid documents without assigning any reasons thereof.
- Executive Engineer TLMD-IV, JKPTCL Ambedkar Chowk Railway road Jammu, J&K reserve the right to terminate the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reasons.

NO:TLMD-IV/J/1950-52
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"Folk Festival" organised at Govt College for education Jammu by JKAACL

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19: J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages with an aim to provide the staff and students a glimpse of rich cultural folk traditions of J&K, organised a Folk Festival in the Government College for Education, Jammu.

The special series of programmes being organized by JKAACL aim to revive the rich and vanishing vernacular culture of Jammu region. The youth of the region are being encouraged to participate in these programmes to witness the grandeur of the regional heritage.

Aekta Gupta, the College Principal was the Chief Guest. At the outset, Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer welcomed the students and Staff members of the college on behalf of the Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh, on whose initiative these programmes are being organised. He said that



such programmes are being organised to introduce the youths of the region to the cultural traditions of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the Festival, folk forms like Geetru, Karkaan and other Dogri Folk songs were presented by top artists. The students were briefed about each folk form. They were told that Geetru (presented by V.D. Sureshtha & Group) is a dance-song of Dogra-Pahari region of Jammu generally performed on the occasion of

Festivals, feasts and weddings by the rural folk parties. Boys and Girls both participated in this traditional dance-song form in their traditional costumes. About Karkaan, presented by GiridharLalk Party, the audience was told that it is a folk song or ballad sung in honour of great souls who sacrificed their life in the general interest of the society.

Generally these songs are sung by folk singers called Gardies at the time of religious gathering

such as Gagail, Jaatoret. The most popular and famous Karkaan across Duggar are those of Baba Jitto, Data Ranu and Raj Bahurull.

Dogri Folk songs were presented by VishakhBhardwaj and Shakti Lalotra, who with their melodious voice enthralled the audience.

After the conclusion of the event the College Principal Aekta Gupta thanked JKAACL specially Bharat Singh, Secretary for organising an enthralling event at their College. She said that such programmes connect one to its roots and help in preserving the rich cultural treasure of the region. The program was ably conducted by KomalBharti. The Cultural Academy's efforts in promoting cultural sensitivities are receiving great appreciation from the art and culture connoisseurs of the region. Anil Tickoo, Assistant Cultural Officer JKAACL was the incharge of the program.

Doda Admin introduces various Safety Measures for Passenger Transport

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, SEPT 19: To enhance passenger safety, the District Administration Doda has introduced several measures to improve transport safety. On the directions to District Road Safety Committee (DRSC), led by Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan (Chairman District Road safety Committee), the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) has issued a mandatory directive to all private schools in the district, making it compulsory for them to install CCTV cameras in their buses used for student transportation. This move aims to ensure the safety of students during their journey within the town and surrounding Routes.



Consequently, all private schools in the district have now equipped their buses with CCTV cameras to monitor the students during transport.

As per the directives from the MVD Department, the passenger vehicles, especially Maruti-Eeco and other vehicles, have already integrated with speed limit devices & GPS. These installations help control the speed of vehicles while travelling and provide real-time tracking of their locations. A demonstration was conducted to showcase the functionality of these systems. Notably, when a vehicle reaches a speed of 50 km/h, the system automatically intervenes to control the speed and prevent further acceleration.

In a thorough assessment of the

newly installed speed limit devices, the MVD Department conducted extensive tests during long drives. Officers and officials from the department were present to oversee the testing process, ensuring the proper functioning of these systems.

The MVD also carried out inspections in the town to assess the functioning and maintenance of the CCTV cameras and GPS systems installed in school buses. It was confirmed that all schools have implemented the orders of CCTV camera installations.

Parents, students, bus drivers, and school administrators have expressed their appreciation for the proactive safety measures undertaken by the District Administration in Doda. These measures are aimed at preventing any untoward incident during student transportation.

The District Administration in Doda remains committed to improve passenger safety and has initiated actions such as installing CCTV cameras in school buses and implementing speed limit devices in Maruti Eco Vans. These measures are part of a broader effort to ensure secure and reliable transportation for the community.

Anemia Testing Camp held at Panchayat Parladhpur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPT 19: An Anemia testing camp under 'Test, Treat and Talk' theme was today organized under Poshan Maah 2023 at Panchayat Parladhpur.

The programme was conducted under the theme of the Poshan Maah 2023 i.e. "Suposhit Bharat, Shakshar Bharat and Sashakt Bharat" by Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Satwari, Sachin Sharma, District Programme Officer Jammu, Renu Bhasin was the chief guest, while Dr



Sameer Koul, BMO Sohanjana and Armarjeet Kour, Sarpanch Parladhpur were the special invitees. PRIS, Officers from Health Dept, Supervisors, Anganwadi Workers, Locals and a large number of beneficiaries of POSHAN Project Satwari attended the pro-

gramme. A detailed Lecture on causes, symptoms and treatment on Anemia and importance of testing was delivered by BMO Sohanjana. Different nutrition items were also displayed which were prepared in the Anganwadi Centres. Further, a skit on Poshan was presented by Anganwadi Workers and a Pledge Taking Ceremony on Poshan was also administered to all the participants. DPO Jammu emphasised on providing healthy Nutrition to the beneficiaries including millets and locally produced fruits and vegetables to ensure well being of the beneficiaries. Vote of Thanks was presented by CDPO Satwari who highlighted the importance of Poshan (Nutrition) and adoption of healthy Nutrition to improve the Nutritional status of beneficiaries of Anganwadi Centres.

Slogan-Cum-Poster Presentations on theme Truth and Non-Violence at GDC Vijaypur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, SEPT 19: As a part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations 2023, Degree College Vijaypur organized a Slogan-Cum-Poster Making activity on the theme Truth and Non-Violence under the aegis of Nasha Mukta Bharat and Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K.

Nearly 20 students of the college participated in slogan cum poster presentations and explained beautifully the thoughts and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Earlier, the event commenced with the welcome address by Prof. Poonam Kundan (HOD Environmental Sciences). She briefed about how Gandhi Ji's ideas are still relevant today. She said that Gandhi ji overcame personal inhibitions and prejudices in his life and bravely challenged injustice and discrimination through non-violent meth-



ods. Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta while speaking about the theme, said that the twin cardinal principles of Gandhi Ji's thought are truth and non-violence. The ideas of truth and non-violence, which underpin the whole Gandhian Philosophy, are

relevant to all humankind, she said.

The whole program was coordinated by Dr. Shitala Sharma and Prof. Poonam Kundan. Refreshments were also distributed among all the participants.

DC reviews progress on PMGSY road projects in Kathua, Billowar divisions

Asks authorities to expedite pace of works, achieve targets within timelines

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 19: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of works under PMGSY sector here in the DC office complex.

It was given out that out of total 256 works including 134 for Kathua Division and 122 for Billowar have been approved to provide road connectivity in uncovered areas of the twin subdivisions. Taking the appraisal of the progress achieved by the two PMGSY divisions, the DC was informed that 97 schemes out of total 122 have been completed in PMGSY Division Billowar and remaining 25 schemes would be completed within the set timelines. Similarly, Executive Engineer



PMGSY Kathua apprised the Deputy Commissioner that out of total 134 schemes, 123 works have been completed. He further informed that work on another 11 schemes is going on that would also be completed before the cut off dates.

The DC directed both the Executive Engineers to pace up the speed to complete all works in a time bound manner besides calling for removing bottlenecks to achieve maximum target works

within stipulated time.

Regarding the pending works, the DC called upon the concerned officers to fix responsibility of the contractors to avoid unnecessary delays on their part. He also laid thrust on adhering to the quality standards of all works taken up by the executive agencies to get durable assets.

The meeting was attended by CPO and other concerned officers of PMGSY Kathua and Billowar divisions.

DC Kulgam chairs DLRC meet; reviews performance of Banks

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 19: To review the performance of Banks and line departments for quarter Q1, Ended June 30.06.2023 under Annual Credit Plan and Govt Schemes, a District Level Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) meeting was today held at mini-secretariat here under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi U Din Bhat.

During the meeting, LDM Kulgam apprised the chair that deposits of



Banks increased from Rs 2119 crore. Crores as on 30.06.2022 to 2236.49 crore witnessing growth of 5.25 % during current financial year. Advances have grown from Rs. 1818.22 crore to 2050.63 crore witnessing 11.33% growth during

branches in Kulgam with 50 ATMs, and the chair was also briefed about the extension plan of branches and ATMs.

The DC instructed the DC to expedite installation of ATMs at Frisal, Aharbal, Chowgam and other places as per norms. DC while reviewing sector wise achievements stressed upon Banks to improve credit dispensations in the priority sector including Agriculture, MSME.

He also instructed the concerned to give more focus to housing and education sectors.

DC felicitates winners of District Logo & Digital Graffiti Design Contest in Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPT 19: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai extended her warm congratulations to the winners of the District Logo Design and Digital Graffiti Design Competitions, which were held online on the JK My Gov Portal.

Dr Saloni Rai commended the winners and runners-up for their remarkable achievement and offered her best wishes for their future endeavor.

She also encouraged them to actively participate in similar competitions in the near future. It is



pertinent to mention that the District Logo Design and Digital Graffiti Design Competitions were organized by the District Administration Udhampur online through the JK MyGov Portal during

the Digital J&K Week 2023.

In the District Logo design competition, Bhav Rajwani clinched first position while Abhinav Behal and Sourabh Jasrotia bagged 2nd and 3rd position respectively.