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LS passes Women's Reservation Bill, 454 members vote in favour

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, SEP 20

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Women's Reservation Bill which provides for a 33 percent quota in the lower house of parliament and the state assemblies for women.

As many as 454 members in the People's

cleared in the new Parliament building.

"In order to enable of Delhi to be reserved for technicalities. greater participation of women," according to the



House voted in favour of resentative in policy reasons of the Constituthe Bill while 2 members making at the state and tion (128th Amendment) national level, it is decid- Bill, 2023. The Constitution (128th ed to introduce a fresh Amendment) Bill, 2023 legislation for Consti- Ram Meghwal on Tues-(Women's reservation tutional amendment to day moved the bill for Bill) is the first legisla- provide for, as nearly as consideration and pastion to be passed by the may be, one-third of total sage in Lok Sabha in the Lok Sabha in the ongo-seats in the House of the new Parliament building. ing special session of the People (Lok Sabha), the

Law Minister Arjun

Replying to the discus-Parliament. It is also the legislative assembly of sion on the bill, the Minmaiden legislation to be every state and the Leg- ister on Wednesday said islative Assembly of the that he will not allow the National Capital Territory legislaiton to get stuck in

women as public rep- statement of objects and that implementation of Thursday.

the Women's Reservation Bill will take more than 5 years or even more, Home Minister Amit Shah clarified that it will be implemented soon after Census and delimitation post general elections scheduled early next year.

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi initiated the discussion on the bill on the part of the opposition and supported the bill, but pitched for making arrangements for quota to women from SC, ST and OBC communities by holding a caste census.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also demanded a caste census and immediate implementation of the quota

The women's reservation bill will be taken up Amid apprehensions by the Rajya Sabha on

Agriculture vital and sensitive sector for economy, survival of humanity: LG Sinha

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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that agriculture is the most important and sensitive sector for economy and vital to survival of human-

He was addressing the 25th Foundation Day celebration of SKUAST-Jammu at Baba Jitto Auditorium.

Congratulating the University has achieved on the occasion, Sinha highlighted the reforms to meet modern work-Agriculture and Allied entrepreneurship-driven strong inter-disciplinary gies, skills and research for ecosystem.

In last three years, the farming, he said.



"Agriculture is the most Vice Chancellor, faculty several milestones. It important and sensitive said. members and students has focused on designing sector for economy and viable and sustainable vital to survival of humaninnovation ecosystem in ity. To tackle wide range of introduced in 2020 to Agriculture and Allied impacts on people's lives to further strengthen the revamp SKUAST-Jammu domain, along with three due to diverse challenges 29 projects being implenew faculties in Agriculforce requirements in tural Engineering, Dairy Universities must be con- to develop mechanism Technology and Horti- nected to global nervous to acquire tools to solve Sectors, to contribute in culture and Forestry, to system to quickly adopt tomorrow's problems for stimulate the synergies the latest knowledge," the ensuring food security, research and to develop between latest technolo- Lt Governor said.

rapid structural changes in Lt Governor shared the resources. policy reforms and tech-

nological interventions made in the last few years to rejuvenate the Agriculture and allied sectors.

Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) has brought a culture change in farming, agriculture innovation, to acquire and apply knowledge. It has stimulated engagement among change agents to establish full-fledged agri-business incubation centre for new startups, the Lt Governor

He said the knowledge-research capital of SKUAST should be tapped worldwide, Agriculture mented under HADP, nutrition and sustainable At SKUAST Jammu, the management of natural

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Jammu CB charge sheets cheat defrauding unemployed youth on pretext of govt job

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The Economic Offences that he was an influential Wing of Jammu Crime man and would get all of Branch on Wednesday them employed in MES charge-sheeted a fraud- (Military Engineering Serster in the Court of vices), Railway or Bank. law for defrauding the complainant and other accused as per the comunemployed youth on plainant collected huge the pretext of arranging amounts of Rs 5.50 lakhs Govt. jobs either in MES, from the complainant and Railway or Bank after he other victims and later induced them that he was cheated them.

an influential person.

area of Tehsil Khara

to poor families and are against the accused unemployed. The accused

Sher Ali of Dangdevpur, Tehsil Mahreen, District Kathua motivated them

On this pretext, the On receipt of the com-

The 104 Page plaint, he said that a prechargesheet was pro- liminary verification was duced in the Court of law initiated and the allegafor judicial determination. tions were prima-facie The Crime Branch established and subsespokesman said that the quently, the instant case case was registered on a was registered for inwritten complaint lodged depth investigation. Relby Manzoor Ahmed of Nan evant record was seized, Dhryouth, Tehsil Khara, statement of witnesses District Doda wherein it recorded under section was alleged that the com- 161 Cr.PC and 164 Cr.PC, plainant and other victims Scientific, Circumstanare residents of far flung tial and other Material evidence was gathered District Doda belongs and offences of cheating

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Week-long Anti-Militancy operation in Anantnag ends

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The week-long antimilitancy operation in the dense forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district has concluded, the Army said on Wednesday.

At least six people, including an Army Colonel, a Major, a Deputy Superintendent of J&K Police, and a top Lashkar-

Centre orders premature

repatriation of IPS officer

to AGMUT cadre

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killed during the week- were killed in the initial in Anantnag. long operation in the gun battle on September Gadole area of Kokernag. 13. The Army said the joint conducted from Two decorated Army offi- operation by the police

The Centre has ordered premature as IG CRPF. The Centre has asked DG

repatriation of Inspector General of CRPF to intimate the date of relieving

CRPF Vidhi Kumar Birdi to his parent of the officer. KNO

cadre of AGMUT.

e-Taiba commander, were cers and a police officer and Army has concluded

"A joint operation was

In an order, a copy of which lies with

the news agency, the Ministry of Home

Affairs has ordered premature repa-

triation of Birdi to his parent cadre of

Birdi, an officer of the erstwhile J&K

cadre, was presently on deputation

Amrit Kaal is the period of India's cultural renaissance: LG Sinha

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the foundation day of J&K Shri Kashi Vidwat Parishad, Jammu, today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated all the members of the association for their dedicated endeavors to promote ancient values, glorious and rich composite culture, promotion and system.

energy field which gave and enriched the world, values. the message of one world, he added. one family and vision to saints and mystics. They Lt Governor said.



devoted their entire life to development of Sanskrit awaken the conscience of Shri Kashi Vidwat Parito enrich the knowledge the people, foster social shad, various organizareforms and provided a tions and individuals to "India has always treasure of knowledge in further strengthen their been considered as a mathematics, chemistry, efforts for the promotion living guide and a vibrant medicine, literature & arts of Sanskrit and ancient

respect all religions, sects of ideals and values of our comparison to rest of the and spiritual streams. great civilization and it has world in technology and Ideals of humanism, com- the potential to provide munal harmony and peace solutions to modern-day are core of our ancient challenges, such as Atharvalues," the Lt Governor vaveda's teaching on ecosaid. He said the welfare logical balance, protecting of the world was the prime the environment, living in zen must feel proud to be objective of our sages, harmony with nature," the

He called upon the J&K

He said the ancient "Sanskrit is the source India was far ahead in research.

"Amrit Kaal is the period of India's cultural renaissance. Entire World is watching us. Every citipart of this journey

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"You kept space department behind veil of secrecy": Jitendra Singh replies to Jairam Ramesh

NEW DELHI, SEPT 20

Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh launched a scathing attack on Congress leader Jairam Ramesh over the debate on Science and Chandrayaan-3 in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Jitendra Singh said "You had kept the space department behind the veil of secrecy. You had regimented it. You had going bad. disallowed the industry to reach where we are of industry. today and that has hap-



to indulge in this and that mentioned a new setup was also set in called NSIL is why the progress got called 'in-space' which halted. It took us 75 years facilitates the engagement

pened after the quantum ups were there before Jitendra Singh added. leap of the last few years." 2014, today we have 150

by a person from the cor-Union Minister also porate sector. A new PSU (New Space India Limited) in order to engage in collaboration. This is what "Only four space start- has given the outcomes,"

"Anusandhaan, out of Jairam Ramesh took a and that has been possible the 52000 crore budget dig at the Centre in the because a new arrange- that has been envisaged Rajya Sabha and said that ment has been set up. An for 5 years in Anusandhan leadership is not about interface is set up which is National Research Fountaking credit when things known as 'in-space' which dation, as much as 36000 are going good, and run-facilitates the engagement crores, almost 70 percent ning away when things are of industry and is headed going to come from non-

government sources and it has happened only 6 months back, who was the PM, I don't have to say," he added.

Jitendra Singh also noted that these steps will pave the way, for greater involvement of the indus-

"There are 424 satellites launched since the 1990s and out of 424 as many as 389 satellites have been launched in the last 9 years. Which was the govt and who was the PM? We have so far earned 174 million US dollars from the launching of foreign satellites. Out of these, 157 million dollars have been earned in the last 9 years,' Jitendra Singh said.

In between his speech, Jitendra Singh pointed out to Chandrayaan-3 Project director Palanivel Veeramuthuvel and praised him in the Upper House

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Chief Secretary for 100% segregation of waste at source by October

taken.

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, SEP 20

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday impressed upon the Local bodies including the Municipalities to segregate 100% waste at source for its scientific treatment and overall cleanliness of the areas coming under jurisdiction.

Dr Mehta made these remarks while chairing a meeting to take stock of the proposed action plan formulated to save our water bodies in compliance with the recommendations of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The meeting was attended by ACS, Jal Shakti Department; Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Commissioner, JMC/ SMC; Chief Engineer, I&FC and handover it to the the Revenue Department. besides others concerned. collection agencies sepa-

Dr Mehta took note of rately. He also asked the



the measures taken so department to enhance its far to stop the untreated capacity in terms of treatsewage flowing into our ing such waste in a proper water bodies to prevent scientific manner. their pollution. He direct-Dr Mehta observed that ed the H&UDD to ensure the landfill sites should be that the waste collected by made attractive and odour local bodies is segregated free. He also underscored at source so that optimal the need of incentivizing recycling can be underits establishment for the

locals so that they do not He maintained that feel any kind of relucample awareness should tance. He advised them be created among the to identify the sites from public so that they are the chunks of government able to segregate the waste land recently retrieved by

He also made out that CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

No statutory vacuum, robust mechanism in place for regulating media channels: Centre to SC

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, SEP 19

Asserting that there is no statutory vacuum, the central government has told the Supreme Court there exists a robust mechanism for regulation of content of private television channels.

In an affidavit filed before the top court, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has said the Union of India has always protected journalistic freedom and encouraged the policy of promoting self-restraint and self-regulation in the field of journalism.

The government said this was meant to ensure that media houses and journalists

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Arrangements for Eid Milad-un-Nabi discussed in Ramban



RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 20

Eid- Milad-Un-Nabi (SW).

on the provision of unin-cess, unity and joy. terrupted power and water supply, and clean- the FCS&CA, Municipal, liness around major Food Safety and Legal Mosques. He directed the Meteorology departments concerned authorities to to conduct market checktake measures to ensure ing to ensure availability a seamless availability of of quality food and other the essential services.

cooperation to the district places. administration, underlining the significance attended by ADC, Harof communal harmony bans Sharma, ACR, Giasul

ing, the DC emphasized cers from the FCS&CA, Jal that festivals are a reflec- Shakti and Power departtion of the communal har- ments, Municipal Council mony and vibrant diversiectc.

ty that defines our nation. He underscored the importance of festivals Deputy Commissioner, as occasions to celebrate Ramban, Mussarat Islam devotion, share compastoday chaired a meeting sion and express love for of line departments and one another. He extended community leaders to dis- his heartfelt best wishes cuss the arrangements for to all, expressing his hope that the festival would be The discussion focused celebrated with great suc-

The DC also directed essential items at genu-The Community lead- ine rates in the market ers were principal par- besides ensuring the ticipants of the meeting cleanliness and sanitawho also assured their tion in the markets, espeunwavering support and cially around the religious

The meeting was during festive occasions. Haq, CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal, Addressing the meet- and various senior offi-

GDC Ramgarh organises symposium on 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan'



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dents of the College par-reach out to target groups ticipated in the Sympo- as they are in need of love, sium and expressed their care and proper guidance. views and opinions about how the problem of drug nized by the NSS Program abuse can be handled. The Officer, Dr. Shamsher first position was secured Lal. The event was conby Deepika Kundal of BA ducted by Tamana Attri Semester-V, second posi- of BA Semester-V. The tion was secured by Suna- faculty members who ina Bhardwaj of BA Semes- were present includeter-III and third position Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. was secured by Tania Seema Sharma, Dr. Sand-

nized under the super- Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Shivali vision and leadership Choudhary, Priya Sharma, of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Priya Andotra, Principal of the Sharma and Sunil Kumar.

Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Convener, IQAC said that the The National Service Nasha Mukt Abhiyaan has Scheme (NSS) Unit- been launched to involve Prabha of Government youths in the fight against Degree College Ramgarh the drug menace. She on Wednesday organized further said that it is the a Symposium on 'Nasha responsibility of all to Mukt Abhiyaan' under accept those people who Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. are on the wrong path and A large number of stuguide, counsel them and

The event was orga-Charak of BA Semester-III. eep Kumar, Dr. Shamsher The event was orga- Lal, Prof. Risha Kumari,

Doctors found absent from duty at Govt Gandhi Nagar Hospital; DC Jammu orders inquiry

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negligence or corruption.

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today conducted an unannounced inspection of Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar today, assessing patient care facilities and staff attendance.

During the surprise visit, it came to light that some doctors were not present on duty. The Deputy Commissioner promptly ordered an official inquiry and simultaneously issued show cause notices to the doctors. Addressing the hospital staff, the Deputy Commissioner reaffirmed his strong commitment towards promoting punctuality, efficiency and the seamless functioning of the hospital. He emphasised the importance of upholding the highest standards of duty in serving the public and vowed to root out any form of

Weekly Block Diwas: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri listens to public grievances at Border Block Seri

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 20

Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, spearheaded a successful Weekly Block Diwas sesthe pressing concerns of the public.

bringing to the forefront greater good. a wide range of issues in government instituduring the event were agri- concerned authorities. culture camps to be organ-

sion related issues, among

Speaking at the gather-In an exemplary display ing, Deputy Commissioner of responsive governance, Vikas Kundal affirmed the Deputy Commissioner unwavering commitment of the District Administration to ensuring that essential services reach sion at border block Seri, the citizens at their doordedicated to addressing step. He recognized the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in achieving The event saw a vibrant the developmental goals exchange of ideas and of the district and encour-

In a remarkable display affecting their daily lives. of efficiency, the DC issued These included road main- immediate directives to tenance, staffing shortages concerned departments to expedite the resolution of tions, water scarcity, and highlighted issues. Severhealthcare infrastructure al matters were promptly improvements. Specific resolved on-site through issues which were raised the dedicated efforts of

Responding to water ised, scarcity of water scarcity issue across Seri across different panchay- Block, Deputy Commisats of block, Requirement sioner Vikas kundal has of one dental chair at Seri, instructed the Executive appeal, he emphasized the the block also lauded discussed but also swift- REW, Zahir Khan and issues related to irrigation Engineer (XEN) of the significant advantages that and flood control, Pen- Jal Shakti Department can be harnessed through

concerns, with citizens aged them to persist in ation. Simultaneously, and their representatives their endeavors for the recognizing the need for revision and the vital spea dental chair in Seri, the Deputy Commissioner has directed the Chief Medical Officer to expedite its procurement and installation,

> The Deputy Commissioner has also taken a proactive stance in informing the public about crucial border welfare schemes such as BADP, SSY, and SRE. In a compelling

residents to quality health-

sures to address the situ- more, the DC highlighted September 23rd and 24th, underscoring their importance for the community.

ensuring the access of the neer (XEN) of the Power of the receiving station at of the district. Gagriote has been comregarding power supply.

to take immediate mea- these schemes. Further- PMAY, with only a few pending. DC has assured the upcoming summary swift resolution of these time-bound manner has pending cases, reaffirming reinforced faith in responcial camps scheduled for the commitment to ensure sive governance in Rajouri every eligible beneficiary receives PMAY benefits. The DC emphasized the

> The Executive Engiprogress and cooperation Development Department among all stakeholders to BDC Seri, Neena Sharma; (PDD) has confirmed that ensure an improved qual- ADC Sunderbani, Vinod the technical assessment ity of life for the residents

> pleted and it will resolve Diwas, conducted at Seri, Augil Nuvaid; DSWO Abdul the problem of the area achieved resounding success as numerous public Most Sarpanches of concerns were not only Rajinder Sharma; XEN the extensive coverage ly resolved. The public other district and sectoral of deserving cases under lauded the Block Diwas officers.

the tireless efforts of the district administration in finding solutions to their problems. This platform has proven invaluable for direct interaction between the public and district authorities, fostering a sense of satisfaction among all participants. The commitment of the Deputy Commissioner to addressing the grievances of the citizens in a

Among the others who were present during the importance of ongoing event were DDC Member Seri, Sangeeta Raina; Kumar Behnal; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; ACP, The Weekly Block Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Raheem; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; CMO, Dr.

CBC organises 02 day Integrated **Communication & Outreach** program at Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 20

Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information about the programme. and Broadcasting, Governorganized a two day Inte-Government Degree College Shopian.

tional Deputy Commis-Zakir Hussain Faaz.

The program was organ- lance Week 2023. ised on the theme of '9 means of a photo exhibiprinted awareness mate- mentation. rial. Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Offi- information dissemination tion Officer, among others.

and briefed the audience the rightful beneficiaries.

ment of India Wednesday themes to be covered dedicated to the awareduring the two day event, grated Communication he said that the programme and Outreach Programme will cover major flagship (ICOP) at Imtiyaz Memorial schemes like Ayushman Bharat, PM KISAN, Mission LiFE, Nasha Mukt Bharat tember 2023. The programme was Abhiyan and National inaugurated by the Addi- Education Policy (NEP- resource person designat-2020) apart from themes sioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. like G20 Presidency, 6th of Education and Train-POSHAN mah and Vigi-

In his keynote address, Years: Seva, Sushasan and Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, the key aspects of the land-Garib Kalyan' by CBC's ADC Shopian, appreci- mark initiative. Zeenat-un-Field Office, Anantnag to ated the Central Bureau Nisa from Poshan Project, showcase India's match- of Communication for Shopian delivered a lecless achievements in dif-reaching out to the people ture on the nutritional supferent fields during the of Shopian, especially the port and preschool educalast nine years. Informa- youth. He exhorted the tional programs run by the tion about various public students to play a proac- POSHAN project. welfare schemes of the tive role in the developgovernment, especially ment of the community ny was attended by Prof. those for youth are being while stressing on the (Dr.) Mohammad Shafiq, shared with the people by need to spread awareness about the public welfare Mohammad Mushtaq, tion, informative stand- schemes among masses Chief Education Officer, ees, expert lectures and for their successful imple-

cer CBC in his inaugural about these public welfare address gave a detailed schemes and programmes overview about the man- is of vital importance to The Central Bureau of date and activities of CBC ensure the benefits reach

The first day of the pro-Outlining the major gramme was primarily ness about NEP 2020 and Poshan Abhiyan in view of the nationwide celebration of the 6th Rashtriya POSHAN mah during Sep-

> Bilal Ahmad Bhat, ed by the District Institute ings (DIET), Shopian gave a detailed presentation on the NEP-2020 highlighting

The inaugural ceremo-Principal GDC Shopian, Mohammad Iqbal, Principal DIET, Shopian Showkat Dr. Zakir said that the Hussain, District Informa-

Kishtwar admin gears up to host Warwan Festival-2023

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today briefed the press on the much anticipated Warwan Festival being hosted amid the picturesque valley of Waran.

Talking to media persons here in his Office Chamber, Dr. Devansh Yadav commended the on an exploration of the Warwan area.

and enthusiasm exhibited Kashmir and the Kishtwar weekend of unforget-Yadav announced a pivot- a deeply satisfying expe- the breathtaking landal partnership. The Direc-rience amidst its natural torate Tourism Jammu wonders. has pledged its unwaversteadfast district adminis- mesmerizing performanc- war.



tration of Kishtwar.

Dr. Devansh Yadav extended an enthusiastic resounding success of invitation to both local last year's Warwan Festi- residents and visitors from val, orchestrated under across the Union Territory the adept guidance of to partake in this year's The festival proved to be Festival, scheduled on the enthusiasts to embark 24th of September 2023.

strategic significance as of the Kishtwar district. Acknowledging the it draws tourists from

ing support, cementing DC Kishtwar informed that extraordinary occasion the Warwan Festival as an Renowned vocalists Kabul to celebrate the pristine annual highlight, a collab- Bukhari and Naseem Ul beauty and cultural diverorative initiative between Haq are all set to captivate sity of Kishtwar's Warwan the Directorate and the festival-goers with their region," stated DC Kisht-

es. In addition to these musical delights, adventure enthusiasts will have the chance to partake in thrilling activities such as river rafting and trekking. For those seeking culinary delights, an array of food courts offering delectable local cuisine promises to tantalize the taste buds of festival visitors.

With an array of exciting events planned during these two captivating days, the festival promises an enticing opportunity for avid tourism and the local administration. edition of the Warwan adventure enthusiasts. Attendees will have the a remarkable endeavor, upcoming weekend, spe- privilege of immersing as it beckoned tourism cifically on the 23rd and themselves in the serene beauty of lush meadows, During the press brief-tranquil rivers, and the unspoiled natural won- ing, the Deputy Commis- heartwarming climate of ders hidden within the sioner also observed that the high-altitude heaven remote expanses of the Warwan Festival holds that is the Warwan region

overwhelming response both the Anantnag side of beckons all to relish a by attendees, Dr. Devansh District, promising them table experiences amid scapes and solitude of this remarkable corner of While giving details, the our UT. "Don't miss this

DIC organises seminar cum awareness camp on PMEGP at GDC Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 20

District Industries Centre, Ramban today organised a seminar cum awareness camp on Prime Minister's **Employment Generation** Programme (PMEGP) here in the Government Polytechnic College to create awareness about the flagship self-employment scheme being implement-Commerce Department in the district.

At the outset of semi-College Vivek Mahajan besides asking the participants to avail the advantage of this awareness programme on PMEGP which also elaborated the incenhas been launched by the tives offered under the Government to facilitate PMEGP scheme through a the youth to become self- PowerPoint presentation. reliant under Atmanirbhar He sensitized the partici- ing to step ahead to avail Bharat Abhiyaan.



ed by the Industries & District Industries Centre of enrollment with DIC. Ravinder Kumar Anand being implemented by the nar, Principal Polytechnic Department to encourage the youth to become delivered a welcome note job creators instead of job seekers.

Block Investigator DIC Ravi Danaishwar Singh pants, General Manager Forms besides the benefits PMEGP.

The students of Governhighlighted the schemes ment Polytechnic College were told about various benefits and subsidies they can get to start their own ventures by availing financial assistance under the PMEGP scheme in manufacturing and service sec-

were motivated by the scheme and they were willpants about procedure and benefits after completion Welcoming the partici- uploading of application of their courses under the

The aspiring students

DC Kathua reviews status of Rural **Development Sector Works, Schemes**

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 20

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting to review the implementation and progress achieved under the Rural Development sector schemes in the District.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC, Water Ponds and the same of PMAY houses taken up Ankur Mahajan; Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh; Assistant Com-XEN REW, BDOs,, and other concerned officers.

completed.

Regarding the progress per given timeframe. of Amrit Sarovar works, the ACD informed that impressed upon BDOs to ensure timely work comwork is in progress on 185 ensure early completion pletion.



will be completed before under their jurisdiction. the timeline.

While reviewing the establishment of Plastic missioner Development, scheme wise works taken Waste Management units Kishore Singh Katoch; up by RDD, the DC laid in the district, the DC thrust on early comple- called upon BDOs to work tion of already tendered out a plan for arranging During the meeting, works so as to achieve set necessary machinery ACD apprised the DC targets within given time- and other logistics to be that a total of 2082 Capex lines. The DC also passed installed at identified locaworks were ear marked directions to BDOs and tions. He also asked for under DDC, BDC and PRI XEN REW to cancel the regular review of works grants out of which ten- allotment of defaulting undertaken by BDOs so dering of 1823 has been contractors who have as to keep a check on failed to start the work as the pace of progress and

While discussing the

necessary directions may Besides, the DC also be given to expedite the

Kathua: Seasonal Fish Seed stocking Div Com Kashmir reviews in Ranjit Sagar Reservoir begins

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 20

Director Fisheries Farooq Ahmed Dar today kick started the annual stocking of fish Seed of different varieties into Ranjit Sagar Dam Reservoir here at Reservoir Fisheries Development Project (RFDP) Satwain here today.

Joint Director, Central Mohammed Man-Fish Seed Farm Gopal stocking exercise. Krishan, AD Fisheries Pawan Paul Sharma, AD ies Farkhanda Wani, PRI ment of Fisheries the total and Andhra Pradesh. members and other con-

ies of Indian Major Carps during the year 2022-23,



fish Production of UT has

zoor Wani, CPO National first leg of the annual ous water bodies of UT as a part of fish conservation While speaking on the measure. Besides, 1.7 lacs occasion, the Director of Trout seed is exported Fisheries Ramban Fyaz said with the handhol- to other states of the coun-Ahmed Fyaz, AD Fisher- ing efforts of the Depart- try viz. Sikkim, Tamil Nadu

For effective utilisation cerned were also present. reached to 26900 tons of Community ponds/ On the occasion, fish which includes 1990 tons Amritsarovars, the depart-Seed of different variet- of Trout. He informed that ment has stocked 497 ponds with 14.31 lakh of (IMC) and exotic carps about 150 lac of Trout seed quality carp fish seed this like Rohu, Mrigal, Catla, and 630 lac Carp fish seed year. An amount of Rs. Common carp and silver has been produced. Out 19.06 lac has been realised carp. Approximately 5 of the total seed produced by the concerned Panhave been stocked in the has been stocked in vari- nity ponds during the year the scientific study of the during the year 2022-23.

reservoir for assessment The Director said the of its yield and potential"

National level Fish Seed he added. farm established by the Department for Carp Seed Production at National Fish Seed Farm, Kathua is is by way of stocking with catering to the local fish quality, disease resisseed demands besides tant and a variety of fish playing a significant role in enhancing fish produc- adopting conservation tion in the region. "The Ranjit Sagar res-mentation with fish Seed

ervoir is being auctioned during the year 2022-23 highest revenue to the tune of Rs. 133.51 lac has been generated. The development of reservoir fisheries in Ranjit Sagar reservoir besides augtion in the UT has also in upliftment of the socio the Ranjit Sagar reservoir on a sustainable basis, the lakh fry and advanced about 8.40 lac of Trout chayats from the auction department has requested fries of different species and 51.30 lac of Carp seed of fish from these commu- ICAR-CIFRI for taking up fishermen under PMMSY

The Director said the best way of consumption of natural water resources Seed. The department is measures by way of augas a major method in addifor its fishing rights and tion to watch and ward for curving illegal fishing, he added.

The Director further informed that a total of 25737 registered fishermen who derive their livelihood through fishing in menting the fish produc- natural water resources of J&K have been covered played an important role under Group Accidental Insurance Scheme during economic condition of the 2023-24. About 16000 locals. To further exploit fishermen have been proposed to be covered under the scheme Livelihood and Nutritional support to the

arrangements for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W), following Friday

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 20

The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Wednesday convened a meeting of Officers to review arrangements for the forthcoming religious occasions of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W) and Friday following in Kashmir Division. Addressing the meeting Aasar-i-Sharief Haz- visiting shrines. ratbal, Jenab Sahib Soura, Aasar-i-Sharief Kalashpora, prominent places.

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Maha-

jan, today conducted a

whirlwind tour of Khel-

lani Block and conducted

surprise inspections of

Government Higher Sec-

ondary School (GHSS),

Trauma Hospital and

under construction 1.5 KM

tunnel on NH244.



He specifically laid focus facilities. on the smooth arrange-Aham-i- Sharief Bandipora, ments at shrines especially Kabamarg Anantnag and at Hazratbal shrine Sri-Budgam besides other tation, establishment of to make all the necessary ing water tankers, unin-districts.

DC conducts whirlwind

tour of Khellani Block

all the officers to ensure services much to the con-smooth transportation of better quality facilities at venience of the general devotees by SRTC buses, the major Shrines includ- public, especially devotees parking places, security arrangements and other

The Deputy Commissioners and other officers also briefed the meeting Peth Makhama Beerwah nagar with respect to sani- about the arrangements put in place for the celebra-Health Camp, reparation of tion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi He directed the Officers roads, availability of drink- (S.A.W) in their respective

Probe started into alleged illegal dumping by NHIDCL **Contractor amid** environmental concerns in **Mughal Maidan**

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

Allegations and reports have surfaced regarding the alleged illegal dumping of muck and material by the contractors associated with the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for Package 5.

This purported activity is said to be taking place during late-night hours in the Mughalmaidan area. Such actions, if proven true, would constitute a serious violation of environmental laws and would be contrary to established guidelines for muck disposal.

In response to these allegations, Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav has constituted an Inquiry Committee to investigate and verify the claims of

illegal muck dumping. As per the order, the committee comprises SDM Chatroo, Tehsildar Mughalmaidan, District Mineral Officer (DMO) Kishtwar, District Pollution Officer Kishtwar, Station House Officer (SHO) Chatroo. The inquiry Committee will assess the accuracy of these claims and will ascertain if any environmental laws have been violated. Additionally, the committee will recommend appropriate penalties and actions as per the relevant laws and procedures.

The committee is expected to complete its investigation and submit its report within 15 days from the date of the order.

The initiative underscores the commitment of the authorities to uphold environmental regulations and ensure that any violations are swiftly addressed. The responsible parties will be held accountable for their actions.

Meanwhile NHIDCL has been directed to stop works where such muck disposal is occurring.

DC Bandipora presides over Mega Block Diwas

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 20

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday presided over a mega Block Diwas for Block Bandipora at Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, here.

The block diwas programme was attended by ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ADC Bandipora, Umar Shafi; President Municipal Council Bandipora, Basharat Najar besides councilors of all the wards of Municimembers of Traders Federation, Civil Society and of Town Bandipora.

the DC was apprised tutions. regarding ongoing devel-

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 20

Deputy Commissioner

Rajouri, Vikas Kundal

today kick started work on

two crucial water supply

schemes under the Jal

Jeevan Mission. On this

occasion, Deputy Com-

missioner Vikas Kundal

also addressed the gath-

ered locals and extended

The project named

Dabbar Potha B Water

Supply Scheme, involves

an estimated cost of Rs

6.24 cr. It aims to provide

functional household tap

connections (FHTC) to a

gallons GSR (Ground-Lev-

his congratulations.



Bandipora town including marriage hall, slaugh- reach the people of Ban- on the occasion.

Jal Jivan Mission: DC Rajouri kick

villages Dabbar Potha and Gagriote

total of 435 households. aims to provide FHTC ernment's commitment to

linked to the water supply awaiting connection. the objectives of the Jal

ing 5000 gallons RSFP GSR, and eight 10,000 gal-the development journey

The Deputy Commis-

emphasized the impor-

Scheme has an estimated life of the entire commushera, Vipin Kumar were

cost of Rs 9.45 crore. It nity. He reiterated the gov-present on the occasion.

The other project- tance of these projects in Nowshera, Kartar Singh

Currently, 196 house- to 584 households, with

holds have been connect- 234 households already

ed, with 239 more to be connected and 350 more

system. The scheme uti- This scheme relies on 2

lizes a combination of Borewells, 15000 gallons

storage facilities, includ- RSFP, two 20,000 gallons

(Reverse Osmosis Filtra- lons GSR for water supply

el Storage Reservoirs), 2 sioner congratulated the

No. 20000 gallons GSR, local residents for their

and 1 No. 5000 gallons continued support and

Gagrote Water Supply enhancing the quality of

tion Plant), 3 No. 10000 and storage.

starts work on 2 WSSs at border

pal Council Bandipora, assessment of infrastruc- ter house besides issues ture projects, healthcare related to new bus adda, facilities, sanitation, traffic status of PMAY (U) scheme other prominent citizens management, and macad- were also brought into the enjoy the highest quality amization process besides notice and threadbare of life. Among others, JD During the program, review of educational insti- discussion with the con- Planning, Tehsildar Bandicerned were held on the Dr Owais patiently lis- occasion. The DC directed opmental projects. The tened to the issues and the concerned to expedite MC Bandipora, ExEn R&B DC conducted a thorough demands raised by the the pace of execution of Bandipora, and concerned review of the ongoing participants. The demands works to ensure that the officers of all line departdevelopmental works in included children's park, benefits of these projects ments were also present

provide clean and acces-

sible drinking water to

all residents, in line with

Jeevan Mission. The ini-

tiation of these projects is

a significant milestone in

of the region, promising

a brighter and healthier

future for the people of

Sangeeta Raina; BDC

Seri, Neena Sharma; ADC

and EXEN Jal Shakti Now-

DDC Member Seri,

Rajouri.

dipora at the earliest. The concerned authorities were further directed to remove all the bottlenecks, which act as hindrances in development works in the town. Furthermore, Dr Owais addressed concerns related to pending works and emphasized the need for their swift resolution. He sought assurance from the concerned authorities that no stone would be left unturned to bring these initiatives to fruition.

Addressing the particiattendance record, Mid pants, the DC said that the Day Meal and other essendevelopment of Bandipora tial records of the instituis not just a responsibility but a mission. He said that we collectively should be dedicated to ensure that the people of this district pora, District Information Officer, Executive Officer gestions to improve the January 2024.

DC Bandipora flags-off 3-day Trekking

In order to promote a pora to Gurez Valley.

The expedition comprising boys contingent of different age groups is being organised by Youth Services and Sports department Bandipora.

The flag-off ceremony was attended by ADC Bandipora, Umar Shafi Pandit, DYSSO Bandipora Nazir Ahmad besides officials from district youth services and sports department.

The DC was informed that the adventure initiative, organized under the banner of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' brings together 55 young male students from all five educational zones of Bandipora. He was further informed that the students are going on a journey of discovery and camaraderie, as they would be trekking through the landscapes of Gurez.

expedition to Gurez JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 20

sense of adventure and exploration among youth, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday flagged-off a three day trekking expedition from Mini Secretariat Bandi-

ipate in learning activities, important part of the presuse smartphones and the tigious alternate National technology to clear their Highway 244, which shall At GHSS Khellani, DC doubts in their subjects considerably reduce the Mahajan checked the and maintain discipline travel distance from the within the school prem-region with a comfortable

ises and in their lives. duce the record of leaves West Portal of the tunnel of the Principal and of and instructed the engi-

learning environment. The DC emphasized the The Deputy Commis- quality & timely comple- to maintain hygiene and sioner also motivated the tion of the ambitious cleanliness in all the gov-

drive towards the capital Later, the DC inspected cities. The alternate NH tion. He also interacted Khellani Tunnel to have 244 will also benefit in the with the students and the a firsthand appraisal of socio-economic developstaff of the institution. He the progress of work. He ment of the region apart directed the CEO to pro- inspected the East and from boosting tourism in the District.

Meanwhile, the DC conthose not available in the neers to expedite the ducted a thorough inspecschool. The purpose of work so that the tunnel tion of Trauma Hospital the visit was to assess the is commissioned within Khalleni. The CMO was overall condition of the the stipulated time. It instructed to ensure the schools and ensure that was informed by the GM availability of doctors and all necessary facilities are NHIDCL, NS Gill that more health staff in the hospiprovided to the students. than 65% of the work on tal for timely patient care The DC encouraged the the 1.5 Kilometre Khellani and treatment. The BMO teachers to focus on tunnel is complete and is was instructed to upgrade teaching methodologies likely to be dedicated to and improve the quality of and gave valuable sug- the public by the end of health services in the hospital.

Besides, the DC asked students to actively partic-project. The tunnel is an ernment institutions.

Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament for U 19 Girls concludes in Doda



DODA, SEPTEMBER 20

here today.

sports activities.

The inter-District Divi- Sharma, Joint Director runner up, respectively, sional Level Competition Youth Services & Sports, while in under-17 girls of Jammu division in the Jammu, while Jaffer category Kathua emerged disciplines of Volleyball Haider Sheikh, DYSSO winner, while Poonch (girls UAG 19) concluded Doda was the organizing and first and and 2nd at Sports Stadium Doda, secretary of the competi-runner up, respectively. In all, around 350 girl ers were provided rooms ated by various officials participants drawn from in the reputed hotels at of the department of eight districts of Jammu, the district headquarter, YS&S Doda. On the con-Udhampur, Samba, due to the non availabil- cluding day of the tourna-Doda, Kathua, Rajouri, ity of the sports hostel. ment Today, Samba beat Poonch and Reasi par- According to the orga- Udhampur by 2:0 and ticipated in the volleyball nizers, the main objec- won the 3rd place. In competition to display tive of the competition the finals, Jammu locked their skills and talents in was to select the teams of horns with Reasi. Reasi

Chander Chibber, Direc- girls category, Rajouri, to the teams.

tor Youth Services and Poonch and Udham-Sports, and under the pur emerged as winner, guidance of Suram Chand first runner up and end tion. The out station play- The matches were offici-Jammu division for their beat Jammu by 2:0 and The competitions were further participation in lifted the U/19 trophy. organized under the State Level competitions. The DYSSO handed over patronage of Shubash Earlier, in under-14 the trophies, certificates

NIA intensifies crackdown on Khalistani Terrorists, announces cash rewards on five BKI operatives

NEW DELHI, SEPT 20

Stepping up its crackdown on Khalistani terrorists, the NIA on Wednesday announced cash rewards the arrest of five Babbar sion of terror acts and tives in various countries Khalsa International (BKI) activities, besides rais- to further their terror operatives, including Haring funds for the BKI, activities in different parts Sandhu alias "Landa". The rorist hardware and nar- dent of Maharashtra, is federal agency announced cotics into Punjab and a Pakistan-based "listed known as Twitter. a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh also through extensive individual terrorist" and each for Rinda and Landa extortion from business- member of the BKI, while and Rs 5 lakh each for Parmen and other prominent Landa, Khaira, Satnam minder Singh Kaira alias individuals. "Pattu", Satnam Singh alias "Satbir Singh" alias in cases relating to com-Singh alias "Yadda".

in a case registered early spokesperson said. this year related to the

"The wanted terrorists for information leading to are accused of commis- lished a network of operawinder Singh Sandhu alias a banned terror outfit, of India," the official said. "Rinda" and Lakhbir Singh through smuggling of ter-

"They are also wanted "Satta" and Yadvinder missioning of targeted tion leading to the arrest mation about properties/ killings as well as targeting of the five wanted terror-A spokesperson of the of law enforcement agenists can be shared with the National Investigation cies in order to create an NIA headquarters in New Agency (NIA) said these environment of terror in Delhi or the NIA Branch friends and relatives, five terrorists are wanted the state of Punjab," the Office in Chandigarh," the please WhatsApp," the

The official said inves- ing the telephone and mobile number.

BKI's terrorist activi- tigations have shown that WhatsApp numbers. ties aimed at disturbing the five terrorists have India's peace and commubeen engaged in recruitnal harmony and spread- ing new members of the ing terror in the state of BKI by promising them monetary benefits.

"They have also estab-

Rinda, originally a resiand Yadvinder are residents of Punjab.

"Any specific informaspokesperson said, shar-

Meanwhile, the NIA released two lists of 54 individuals with their photographs who are wanted in the investigation of two cases, registered last year, to dismantle terror-gangster networks in the country. The lists, one naming 11 persons and the other 43 persons, were shared by the NIA on its official account on X, formerly

The list included several wanted gangsters, including Goldy Brar, Lawrence Bishnoi, Anmol Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh Gill.

"If you have any inforassets/business owned by them in their name or in name of their associates, agency said, sharing the

Despite tourism boom in Kashmir; negative travel advisories by many countries still in vogue

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SRINAGAR, SEP 20

At a time when the government is making serious efforts to revive foreign tourism in Kashmir, manty countries continue enforc- Jammu and Kashmir. ing their travel advisories against Kashmir.

As per news agency, earlier this month, the British government's Foreign, Commonwealth formally advised against & Development Office travel. (FCDO) has also issued a fresh advisory asking British nationals to not travel to Kashmir.

In its advisory FDCO had advised its citizens removing the advisory. against all travel to the region of Jammu and Kashmir (including Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonmarg, the city of Srinagar and Jammu-Srinagar National Highway) "except for

Ladakh."

In August, Australia also updated its advisory with- last year. out making any changes in

which it said "All the districts of Kashmir valley as well as Kargil district are countries.

against for many years, has also not yet considered

These advisories have broke the recent records countries of the world.

recorded foreign arrivals Kuthoo.

its travel advisory against ment this year held a G20 it to visit the valley, which summit in Srinagar during In May, France also which the government and issued a fresh advisory in tourism stakeholders also pitched for the removal of advisories by European

> Tourism Kashmir.

"Pre-90s foreigners constituted a good number out of total arrivals. Natucome when the valley rally, these advisories are Lieutenant Governor of receiving maximum for-foreign tourism. Though administration is pursuing eign tourists from different we had a good flow of USA and some European This year till August ernment should ensure advisories for Kashmir. travel by air to and from 31, 30647 foreign tourists removal of these advi- KNO

the city of Jammu and have visited the valley. sories," said president travel within the region of This is more than 35 per- Travel Agents Association cent to what the valley of Kashmir Farooq Ahmad

He said despite these Pertinently, the govern- advisories, still some make has helped the tourism sector in good publicity in foreign countries.

"G20 was a great step and it proved beneficial as our foreign tourist arrivals have increased this year. claimed that the foreign We are hopeful that our The United States of arrivals could improve if foreign tourists re-bond America, which has been these countries remove with Kashmir. The valley issuing travel advisories travel advisories against has been their first preference given its beautiful landscape and adventure,' Kuthoo said.

> Earlier last month, having an impact on our Manoj Sinha said that the foreign tourists, the gov- nations for lifting travel

Deaths by falling from walnut trees can be avoided by educating farmers, using scientific methods, say experts

SRINAGAR, SEP 20

Falls from walnut trees if the farmers are educated 15), Mohammad Akbar are turning out to be a fre- and more scientific meth- Sheikh from Gulgam Kupquent cause of morbidity ods are used like the man- wara (Sep 11), Mohammad and mortality in Kashmir, ufacture of tree stands at Yousuf Khan from Rafiespecially during the harand September months.

Over the years, mostly young people who also tims of the fall. Experts the crude traditional meth- trees. ods applied in walnut harvesting.

walnut trees are "occupa- from Bijhama Baramulla them paralysed for a life-

about 30 feet height, use of abad Baramulla (Sep 05), gears," he said.

happened to be the lone threshing season, several dipora (Aug 26.) bread earners of their persons have lost their believe that this is due to due to falling from walnut not been reported.

tional hazards" in Kashmir. (Sep 19), Abdul Gani Dar time. "Many lives can be saved from Pinglish Tral (Sep

vesting season of August non-slip boots, use of head- Ali Mohammad Waloo (Sep 01), and Mohammad In the ongoing walnut Ashraf Dar from Hajin Ban-

Many other persons families have become vic- lives while several have have received injuries received critical injuries while several cases have

Another official said that As per the data available during the fall from walnut modity fetching around with KNO; those who lost trees, most people suffer An official at the hortitheir lives after falling from injuries in the head, brain, culture department told walnut trees this season spinal, chest, abdominal the news agency that the are Manzoor Ahmad Najar and limbs, leaving most of KNO

The farmers should be provided with nets so that if there is a fall, a person will fall on the net, and the casualties can be avoided, another official said.

As per the official data. gear, chest and abdomen from Nowgam Bandipora around 2.66 lakh metric tonnes of walnuts are cultivated on 89,000 hectares across Jammu & Kashmir.

Walnuts constitute almost 98 percent of the dry fruit that Kashmir produces a year. Kashmiri walnut is an export com-Rs 120 crore a year. It is exported in the form of nuts as well as the kernels.

2 drug peddlers arrested in Kulgam: Police

SRINAGAR, SEP 20

Jammu & Kashmir Police in Kulgam on Wednesday said to have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession. A police party of Police station Kulgam during Patrolling at Poniwah Chowk intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully, a police spokesman said in a statement issued

During search, 4Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance concealed in a Nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Bhat resident of Poniwah, police said.

Meanwhile, a police party led by SHO Police station Qazigund at a specific checkpoint established at Levdoora intercepted a person who after noticing the police party tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, O3Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance concealed in a nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Soeyb Khan son of Liyaqat Khan resident of Wazir Gunj UP, police added.

Both the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated, police said.

"We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law," police said. KNO

Our doors open for Jamaat, Hurriyat: Altaf Bukhari

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SRINAGAR, SEP 20

Former minister and Apni Party president, Syed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that his doors are always open for anyone, who believes in Indian constitution and is not involved in drug abuse & terrorism.

"The doors of our party are always for anyone, be it Jamaat-e-Islami, Hurriyat or anyone, who believes in Indian constitution, don't believe in communal politics and is not involved in drug abuse and terrorism," Bukhari said as per the news agency.

Reacting to the statement of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, he said that democracy allows the people to elect their representatives. "The Lt Governor has the right to speak anything, but the fact is democracy exists because of the people only," he said. KNO

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Agriculture vital and...

and work on new technology and farm innovation to bers, staff and students were present. create a competitive advantage for J&K and the country to build a sustainable future for the world.

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration has made it clear that climate-resilient crops, accelerated innovations and investment to increase productivity, reducing waste will be the top priority for food security and bringing transformation in the lives of farmers, the Lt Governor said. Sustainable and Climate-Smart-Agriculture are the

way forward. We must motivate farmers to adopt niche, less water-intensive and high-value crops, he said.

The Lt Governor encouraged young scientists to look for new opportunities, new interventions and inventions for sustained growth of ecological capital, maintain harmony between the market and the soil and ensure that the agriculture sector continues to serve as a strong base for our development.

He also highlighted the endeavors of the UT Administration for creating better market linkage to the farmers and promoting diversification, allied activities and high-density farming.

70 percent of J&K's population is dependent on agriculture and allied sectors.

"Our dedicated focus on training, access to extension services, financing and marketing institutions are benefiting the farming community. It is being ensured that the financing benefits reach the farmers and the youth and women engaged with the sector," he added.

The Lt Governor emphasised on assessing the progress achieved in programmes like Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, identifying the gaps and taking corrective measures in this regard. It should be ensured that more farmers are registered on Daksh portal, he added.

He also lauded the significant contribution of SKUAST-Jammu to the G20 Summit and asked the University to prepare a roadmap for the next 25 years.

Dr. B N Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu highlighted the remarkable achievements of the University and underlined the importance of the Holistic assured that all the Sanskrit vacant posts will be filled Agricultural Development Program in transforming

Earlier, the Lt Governor inaugurated various facilities at the University including Silver Jubilee Park, Apartment and Faculty Club and unveiled the Rajat Jayanti Smarak to mark its 25th Foundation Day.

He also launched the Green Education Program, International Helpdesk and Academic Management System (AMS) Portal.

SKUAST-Jammu were felicitated for their dedicated service to the University. Jammu, International Helpdesk Brochure and Com-

memorative Souvenir were also released.

Council, Jammu; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Parishad, Varanasi; Sh Suresh Sharma, Chairman, Shri The Lt Governor impressed upon the Agriculture sci- Agriculture Production Department; Vice Chancellors Gandhi Sewa Sadan Jammu, senior officers and eminent tion of the broadcast of irresponsible reporting and entists and Universities to adopt whole-farm approach of various Universities, HoDs, scientists, faculty mempersonalities were present.

Jammu CB charge...

for luring the complainant and other unemployed youth victims on the pretext of arranging Govt. jobs have been established. (Agencies)

Week-long Anti-Militancy...

September 13-19 by #IndianArmy and @JmuKmrPolice in the area of Garol, Anantnag, based on specific intelligence inputs regarding the presence of terrorists. The first contact was established on September 13, resulting in a firefight and a prolonged operation that continued until September 19. Two terrorists have been eliminated along with the recovery of O2xAK rifles, O1xPistol, and other war-like stores," the Army's Srinagar-based Chinar Corps posted on X.

"#ChinarCorps salutes the supreme valour & sacrifice of Col Manpreet Singh, SM, DySP Humayun Bhat, Maj Aashish Dhonchak, SM and Sep Pardeep Singh, who laid down their lives in service of the nation in the highest traditions of the Indian Army and JKP. Joint operations have been concluded," it added.

On Tuesday, Additional Director General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar said the operation in the forest area had not been called off as large stretches were yet to be searched for unexploded shells and possibly the body of another militant. (Agencies)

Amrit Kaal is the...

and each one of us has equal opportunity to contribute so that our great country can regain its old glory of 'Vishwa Guru'," the Lt Governor said.

Responding to demands projected by the various dignitaries present on the occasion, the Lt Governor within one year. It is being ensured that National Education Policy is implemented in letter and spirit, and Indian Philosophy is taught in every university, he

On the establishment of Sharda University in J&K, the ronment. KNO Lt Governor called for preparing a feasible and viable roadmap for the University and assured all the neces sary support in this endeavour.

Citizens from different walks of life were felicitated On the occasion, the former employees of the on the occasion for their significant contribution in

Sh Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Publication on Startups success stories of SKUAST- Corporation; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Ramnarayan Dwivedi, Mahamantri Shri Kashi Vidwat

"You kept space...

tists but we do celebrate women scientists also men- and the rules framed thereunder. tioning Kalpana who was the Joint director of India's

moon mission. "When we started our space programme in the earlymid '60s, on one hand, you had Sarabhai deprived of transport and other hand, the Soviet Union and the USA were preparing to land humans on the moon. That was the gap. Some friend here was saying that the scientists are not getting their salary, something must have happened that success is coming now not then," Jitendra Singh said.

Jitendra Singh further targeted the Congress and said "If you see back in the science archives, Vikram Sarabai is carrying launcher vehicle on the bicycle carriage, who was the PM at that time? Which government was there? There was never any shortage of talent among our scientists. They had loyalty and the passion to work hard. But there was a lack of compatibility and that has now been completed." (Agencies)

Chief Secretary for 100%...

no waterbody of J&K should be polluted. He stated that these bodies are our priceless resources and should regulations that may be framed independently by the be protected for future. He asked for ensuring that people residing near rivers, lakes, canals etc have at least septic tanks for treatment of sewage. He also asked for creating oxidation ponds besides sewerage schemes in all the congested areas especially at Srinagar and Jammu where people don't have the provisions to create their own septic tanks so that untreated waste is not released into the environment.

Municipal Corporations like Mumbai, New Delhi, Indore, Ahmedabad etc for learning from their experiences. He asked them to study all the successful models there to adopt the most suitable ones in the UT. He nels etc. which are also registered and licensed by the asked them to ensure that the directives given by the NGT are fully implemented for safeguarding the envi-

No statutory vacuum...

acknowledge their vital role and responsibilities towards the society and elevate their standards of practice though self-devised methods.

government's statutory mechanism kicks in, the affi-plaints Council," it said. (Agencies)

"There is no statutory vacuum, in so far as regulagrievance redressal mechanism for the viewers is concerned. It is respectfully submitted that the answering respondent has a robust mechanism of regulation of the content of private television channels as laid down of the Parliament and said that not only men scien- under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act

"As such, the Central Government, since inception, has purposefully imposed a self-restraint on itself and has adopted a regime of forbearance so as to promote a mechanism of self-regulation by media houses and journalists," the ministry said in its affidavit. The affidavit was filed in response to a plea by the

News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) against the January 2021 observations of the Bombay High Court. The high court had said media trials amounted to contempt of court and urged the press not to cross the

proverbial "Lakshman Rekha", as it found the coverage of actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death case by some news channels "contemptuous". It had observed that existing self-regulatory mecha-

nisms could not take the character of a statutory mecha-

The I&B Ministry said in the affidavit the government's approach was, however, misunderstood by voluntary federations like News Broadcasters Association (NBA), now known as News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA), which insisted that instead of statutory

central government under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, the government ought to recognise it as a sole authority in the area of news broadcast. "NBDA thus claimed a monopolistic right over the

grievance redressal mechanism over the entire industry through its in-house self-regulatory mechanism," it said The ministry told the apex court that as on August

31, 2023 there are 394 news channels which are regis-The Chief Secretary also advised them to visit the tered and licensed by the central government under the uplinking and downlinking policy guidelines. "Further there are 511 non-news channels like enter-

tainment channels, sports channels, devotional chan-Central Government under the Uplinking and Downlinking Policy Guidelines," it said.

The affidavit said as far as general entertainment channels are concerned, there is one major organisation called Indian Broadcasting Foundation having 313 members (as on April 2023).

'The said IBF has set up a Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) as a self-regulatory mechanism to examine the complaints relating to content being This, it said, ensures there is minimum interference telecast in this category of broadcasters. Justice (Retd.) by government authorities in the functioning of media. Gita Mittal, former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir Chairman J&K Shri Kashi Vidwat Parishad, Jammu; Sh It is only in cases involving national security that the High Court is Chairman of Broadcasting Content Com-

Block Diwas program held at 4 Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) locations across District Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, SEPTEMBER 20

To assess the public issues, demands and grievances, Block Diwas cum public outreach programs were held today in parts of Doda

The district administration listened to the public and up-gradation of old about their genuine issues, The concerned line depart- road connectivity, blackintervene and resolve the of health services centres, and grievances at an ear- collection centres and Chand.

The block diwas program was at Panchayat panches and BDC Chair-Ghar Nalthi, Block Bhaderwah, Sub District Bhader- tions during the public outwah; Panchayat Trithloo, Tehsil Bhalessa, Sub Dividivas program was attendsion Gandoh; PWD Guest ed by a large gathering of local people who raised House Baggar, Sub Division the local people to project their genuine issues and Assar and Community Hall their genuine demands in Bhella, Tehsil Bhella, Sub front of the district officer, Division Thathri.

During the long day pro- up for early disposal. ceedings of the block diwas poles, installation of new tehsildar Fareed Ahemed. ised in tehsil Bhellesa.



transformers, construcmuch more.

The PRIs, Sarpanchs, persons led public delegareach program. The block

The block divas event at these places, a number held at PWD Guest House of issues, demands and Baggar, Sub Division Assar grievances were addressed witnessed a large gather-The main highlighted mating. They raised a range public outreach program which were disposed of by and electricity supply, officials on the spot in pres-

Weekly block divas event was also held at pandemands and grievances. tion of school buildings, chayat Ghar Nalthi block Bhadewah was presided ments were directed to topping of roads, opening over by the ADC Bhadewah Dilmir Choudhary public issues, demands Anganwari centres, seed and BDC Chairperson Omi

> The block divas program at Panchayat Trithloo, Tehsil Bhalessa, Sub Division Gandoh and Community Hall Bhella, Tehsil Bhella, were also attended by a large gathering of the grievances. The block divas event at Panchayat and the same were taken Trithloo, Tehsil Bhalessa, Sub Division Gandoh was chaired by the SDM Ashraf Pervez.

Gulshan Kumar, Tehsildar Bhella, and other officers remained presters raised during the of issues and grievances, ent in block Diwas held at community hall Bhella. A were the shortage of water the concerned officers and mega rally regarding the celebration of Meri Maati installation of electric ence of SDM Lekh Raj and Mera Desh was also organ-

Block Diwas held across Kulgam

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 20

The District Administration Kulgam today organized public outreach programmes under weekly Block Diwas in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D.H Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

To take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat presided over the grievance redressal camp at

and people of these areas The DC after giving action taken on various apprised the DC about patient hearing to the grievances and issues their issues and griev-public addressed some raised in previous Block



demands of their areas.

Pahloo, Kandipora and them about various wel- issues and grievances. fare schemes and ongoing

ances besides projecting of the immediate nature Diwas.

various developmental of grievances on the spot. He also added that Officers and heads of timely redressal of public Kulgam. The grievance departments responded grievances is the priorredressal programme to the queries and grievity of administration and witnessed participation ances of the people per- instructed the officers to of people from Hadigam, taining to their depart- ensure prompt response Bugam, Mohammadpora, ments and intimated in mitigation of public

Earlier, ACD Kulgam Public representatives developmental projects. also briefed about the

DIPR Cultural Wing aware GGHSS Rehari students about prevention against Dengue



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

program and Nukkad gram. Natak at Government

participated in the event and presented a colorful Jammu Cultural Wing of Cultural program. Stu-Department of Informadents and teachers of the tion and Public Relations school also presented a organized a cultural colourful Cultural pro-

While speaking on the Girls Higher Secondary occasion, Principal of School Rehari Jammu the School, Jyoti Parkash on the theme 'Dengue'. Shastri shared his views ducted under the super-Artists of the Cultural on the topic and also vision of Cultural Officer,

tion Department Jammu Unit of Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing the program in the school.

Besides officials of the Information Department, a large number of audiences witnessed the program.

The program was con-Wing of the Informa- appreciated the Cultural Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

arrangements finalised at Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 20

in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today chaired a meeting of officers to finalize the arrangements for the smooth celebration of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW)

The DC stressed upon the officers for providing all the requisite facilities to the devotees visiting Asar Shareef Pinjoora Shopian, Arhama, Jamia Masjid and other mosques during the Milad days across the dis-

He further stressed for close coordination uninterrupted arrangeport management, Medi- rates in Markets.



care, water, sanitation facilities etc.

checking teams headed and synergy among line respective jurisdictions MC, Ex. Engineer PDD, departments for ensuring for proper market checking to keep availability of ments of electricity, trans- essentials on reasonable authorities of Auqaf Com-

Among others, the meeting was attended by The DC also directed ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain for constituting a market Faaz; SDM, Zainapora, ACR, ACP, ARTO, DIO, by Tehsildars in their DSHO, Tehsildars, EO AD Fisheries besides concerned from management

Revenue office inspections: DC Pulwama visits Tehsil Office Rajpora

PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 20

Continuing the inspection to government offices in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr.Basharat Qayoom today visited Tehsil Office Rajpora, reaffirming the administration's dedication to improving online services and enhancing the efficiency of government operations.

lous attention to various meet the evolving needs of trative processes. the local community.



prehensive inspection of scrutinized to enhance istration is determined the Tehsil Office Rajpora, responsiveness to citizens' where he paid meticu- concerns and complaints. Inspection of various aspects of the office's sections within the Tehsil functioning. This visit was Office aimed to identify

aimed to ensure that the areas for improvement office is well-prepared to and streamline adminis-Dr Basharat under-A thorough review of scored the administra- was directed to get face-

all the sections including tion's commitment to lift of the office interiors revenue documents and modernizing government and premises done and records was undertaken services and making them to make it citizen friendly to ensure accuracy and more citizen-centric. In an and accessible to speciallyefficiency in the revenue era where digital access abled.

to harness technology to facilitate ease of access to services.

The DC directed officers and officials to ensure timely disposal of grievances and provision of all services within the timelines of PSGA. Tehsildar

DDC conducts public outreach cum grievance redressal camp in Basantgarh- Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 20

District Development Commissioner (DDC) tive public outreach cum grievances redressal camp today at Basantgarh.

The event witnessed the participation of key officials and members of the community, including Ashri Devi, DDC Councillor, Kewal Singh Parihar, BDC Chairman, ADDC Ghan Sham Singh, ACD Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, along with various District and Tehsil heads from different departments, PRI members, and residents from neighboring panchayats, all gathered for the weekly Block Diwas.

a diverse range of issues shortages in government tiatives to improve their educational institutions, financial well-being. land compensation con-

Saloni Rai led a proac- condition of the Ramnagar to Dudu road, the need for from different Panchayats new Anganwari Centres, within the block, as they footbridge construction, voiced their grievances uninterrupted power and sought swift resolusupply, tourism develop-

maintenance. During the proceedings, PRIs and locals raised various issues, some of which sincerity in addressing were promptly addressed on-site, while the remaining concerns were forwarded to the relevant upon the community departments for resolution. DDC encouraged departmental officers to inform the public about Participants presented beneficiary-oriented schemes and urged people and demands, such as staff to make use of these ini-

cerns, the deteriorating active participation from on the occasion.

people and PRI members tion. DDC emphasized the ment, electrification of un-need for officers to priorielectrified areas, and road tize alleviating the hardships faced by the public and stressed the impor-

tance of dedication and genuine public grievances within specified timeframes. She also called to support officers in the speedy execution of development projects.

In the conclusion of the event, DDC distributed smart Kisan credit cards and agricultural equipment among beneficiaries and Self-Help The event witnessed Groups (SHGs) present

DIET Kishtwar organises 'School Leadership and Management' workshop for HOIs

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIET) Kishtwar hosted a five day workshop on School Leadership and Management for the Heads of Institutions, with reference to the implementaseni, Drabshalla and Inderwal attended the programme.

The DIET In-Charge Principal inaugurated and validated the program , The Principal laid emphasis on the importance of transforming schools as per the guidelines of New Education policy.

tion of New Education Policy ship Programme was facilitat- delivered lectures on dif-(NEP) 2020. As many as 67 ed by Zakir Hussain, Assistant ferent topics as per sched-HOIs of zone Kishtwar, Nag- Commissioner Development ule.

(ACP), Dr Rabia Naseem Mughal, Sr. Academic officer, SCERT Kashmir division through virtual mode.

The Resource persons from DIET Kishtwar were Riaz Ahmed Giri, Sr. Lecturer; Riaz Ahmed Butt, Sr. Lecturer, Humaira The Educational Leader- Ayoub Sr. Lecturer. They

DC Ganderbal flags-off Millet Walkathon from Mini-Secretariat

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 20

The Department of Food Safety Ganderbal in collaboration with Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal today conducted a spectacular Yoga event under the banner of Eat Right Millet Walkathon.

flagged-off by the Deputy sphere. Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir along with President Municipal Council Ganderbal, Advocate Mohammad Altaf ticipated.

dium Ganderbal where society.



an impactful Walkathon was also held in which the participating students executed various Asana in The Walkathon was a serene and calm atmo-

The event provided the students a great opportunity for Physical and Mental wellbeing.

Speaking on the occafrom Mini-Secretariat sion, the DC stressed the Ganderbal in which over need for adopting health-400 Students of the disier lifestyles and stated trict enthusiastically par- that the Millet Walkathon and Yoga Session were The Walkathon cul- collective steps towards minated at Qamaria Sta- a healthier and happier

Jal Shakti Department Kishtwar launches Helpline to address Public Grievances

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

In line with the direc-

tives issued by the Dis-tion. trict Development Commissioner, Dr Devansh this helpline reflects the Yaday, the Ial Shakti department's committaken a proactive step to enhance public engage- It provides a direct ment and streamline channel for citizens to grievance resolution voice their concerns and

Ial launched the Helpline Department. Number 9858031777 for the public of Kishtwar urged the public to where they can register utilize this helpline to their grievances. This report their concerns, dedicated helpline has offer suggestions, and been established to seek assistance in mataddress and listen to ters related to water public grievances con- supply, sanitation, and cerning the Jal Shakti related services. The aim Department.

committed to ensure the department and the the prompt and effec- community it serves.

tive resolution of these grievances to improve the overall service delivery and public satisfac-

The introduction of Department, Hydraulic ment to transparency, Division Kishtwar, has accountability, and citizen-centric governance. seek redressal for issues Shakti has related to the Jal Shakti

The department has is to foster better com-The department is munication between

DDC Ganderbal chairs Mega Block Diwas at Lar

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 20

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a Mega Block Diwas function at CFC building Lar to listen to the developmental issues of the people at their door-

Addressing the gathering, the DDC said that the District Administration is committed to ensure equitable development of all areas so that none is deprived of basic facilities in the district. He said that various schemes are in place, which are aimed at providing socio-economic support and self-employment opportunities to the unemployed educated youth and urged locals to take benefit of such schemes.

NORTHERN RAILWAY er Notice No. 183-2023-24-ADEN-I-ASR, 221 & 222-2023-2 & 224-2023-24-ADEN-II-ASR Date: 20.09.2023 Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on **www.ireps.gov.in** with closing dat

12.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any suc manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against This tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only paymen modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. an

Tendering Section Single Bid System Open Works **Date of Uploading Tenders Bid Starting Date Bid Closing Date/Time** 28.09.2023 28.09.2023 12.10.2023/ 15.00 Hrs 12.10.2023/ 15.00 Hrs 19.09.2023 S. No. 1, Tender No: 183-2023-24-ADEN-I-ASR, Details of Tender: Under groun

ng of 700 mm internal dia Sewer/ Water Supply carrier Pipe Line passing throug 1100 mm MS encasing pipe and 1400 mm internal dia M.S. Heavy Duty casing pipe under the Railway Track at Km (EP) 6/8-10 on ASR-VKA section under ADEN-I/ASF Advertised Value (Rs.): 92,09,402.26/-, Earnest money: 1,84,200/-, Validity o Offer: 60 Days, Period of Completion: 06 Months, Similar nature of work Construction of bridge with pipe & box pushing technique/crossing of under grour

S. No. 2. Tender No: 221-2023-24-ADEN-JUC. Details of Tender: Construction of service buildings in c/w Provision of Elec. Interlocking in place of panel interlocking a SRX & HMR stations on JUC-ASR section. **Advertised Value (Rs.)**: 1,50,74,301.37/-Earnest money: 2,25,400/-, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Period of Complete 08 Months, Similar nature of work: Construction of Building/quarters

S. No. 3, Tender No: 222-2023-24-ADEN-JUC, Details of Tender: Misc. P-Way Works for the track maintenance in the section of SSE/P-Way/JUC under ADEN-JUC Advertised Value (Rs.): 38,10,286.43/-, Earnest money: 76,200/-, Validity of Offe $60\, \mathsf{Days}, \textbf{Period of Completion}: 09\, \mathsf{Months}, \textbf{Similar nature of work}: \mathsf{Nil}$

S. No. 4, Tender No: 223-2023-24-ADEN-II/ASR, Details of Tender: Repair 8 Maintenance of level crossings in the section under ADEN-I/ASR and ADEN-II/ASR Advertised Value (Rs.): 54,59,390.22/-, Earnest money: 1,09,200/-, Validity o Offer: 60 Days, Period of Completion: 09 Months, Similar nature of work: Any Civ

S. No. 5, Tender No: 224-2023-24-ADEN-II/ASR, Details of Tender: Under ground crossing of 1100 mm internal dia Sewer/ Water Supply carrier Pipe Line passing through 1400 mm MS encasing pipe and 1600 mm internal dia M.S. Heavy Duty casing pipe under the Railway Track at Km (EP) 6/20-22 on ASR-KEMK section. **Advertise** Value (Rs.): 80,65,590.65/-, Earnest money: 1,61,300/-, Validity of Offer: 60 Days Period of Completion: 06 Months, Similar nature of work: Construction of bridge with pipe & box pushing technique/crossing of under ground cable/pipe line etc.

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

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Souring Indian-Canadian relations

India-Canada relations seem to be turning bitter day-by-day following the **L**unproven allegations of the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that there was a 'potential link' between Indian government agents and the killing of pro-Khalistan terror accused Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia on June 18. Nijjar has been accused by India's National Investigation Agency of making efforts to revive terrorism in Punjab. The allegations and counter-allegations have witnessed subsequent measures taken by two countries including expulsion of each other's diplomats and issuance of travel advisories for their respective citizens. In retaliation to Canadian travel advisory, Indian government has also issued a fresh travel advisory asking all Indian nationals in Canada and those contemplating travel there, especially Indian students, 'to exercise utmost caution in view of growing anti-India activities and politically condoned hate crimes and criminal violence, taking the relations of two countries to a new low. The world leaders have described the irresponsible statement of the Canadian Prime Minister as 'shocking action' fraught with serious repercussions. Reasons are clear: there has been no charge-sheet or trial in the case. It has taken just three months for Canada to conclude that there was a 'potential link' between Indian government agents and the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. On Monday, the Canadian Prime Minister while addressing the House of Commons claimed that their security agencies were 'actively pursuing credible allegations', adding that 'any involvement of a foreign government in the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil is an unacceptable violation of our sovereignty.' After Trudeau's statement, Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly announced that a top Indian diplomat had been expelled from Canada. It received counter action from India which also removed the Canadian diplomat bringing the relationship of two countries on the edge. Such alacrity was conspicuous by its absence when Canada witnessed the worst terrorist attack in its history, the Air India bombing on June 23, 1985, that killed all 329 people aboard, mostly Canadians of Indian origin. No urgency was shown to make an announcement in the House of Commons about the culprits or the probe within three months of the bombing. Canada not only failed to prevent the attack but also conducted a shoddy investigation only one person (Inderjit Singh Reyat) was convicted in the case, and that too on the charge of perjury. In a damning report, the Justice John Major Commission said, 'The level of error, incompetence and inattention which took place before the flight was sadly mirrored in many ways for many years, in how authorities, Governments and institutions dealt with the aftermath of the murder of so many innocents...'There is a word across the world that Trudeau has become a victim of dirty politics because it jumped to conclusions without a trial and it exposes his attempts to pander to radical groups threatening India's territorial sovereignty. After New Delhi expelled a Canadian diplomat in retaliation, the Canadian government has virtually changed its stance and the

firmness in Indian action was must to make

Ottawa mend its ways.

Flawed approach to development

D JEEVAN KUMAR

orld leaders have gathered in New York City for the 78th session of the High-Level Week at the United Nations General Assembly September 17-23. Leaders and other senior representatives of the UN's 193 member states convene world and what needs to be done to set things right.

The international community has rarely faced such an unprecedented now-from extreme poverty, climate change, and unconstrained artificial intelligence to Great Power tensions, destructive con- summit is that only 15 flicts, and a growing global per cent of the Sustainyouth population in urgent able Development Goals' need of new skills, oppor- targets are on track to be tunities, and, perhaps most importantly, hope.

point to the deadline set poverty.

Agenda for Sustainable Development, world leaders will adopt the SDG Summit's Political Declaration, which seeks to provide high-level guidance on "transformative and (UNGA), taking place from accelerated actions" for all countries delivering on the seventeen SDGs. Guiding this effort is

the UN document, Global annually in New York to Sustainable Developdiscuss the state of the ment Report 2023. This report outlines necessary shifts, not only in energy sources, consumption patterns, and supply chains but also in values, hearts, array of challenges on a and minds. Drawing on the colossal scale requiring latest data and scientific global leadership as it is insights, the report offers ways and means to pursue these shifts.

ing message from the achieved by 2030, leaving over 500 million people Marking the halfway likely to still live in extreme

Unfortunately, a sober-

tions about the fundamen- and economic growth. are essentially concerned the West and the unsustal concept of sustainable development (SD) and the implementation of the SDGs: Is something seriously wrong with the way in which Sustainable Development (SD) has been conceptualised and is being implemented through the SDGs? Here is a checklist of what is fundamentally wrong both with SD and with the SDGs:

1. The concept of sustainable development itself, which came to the fore mainly with the Brundtland Report, "Our Common Future" (1987), has been primarily framed within mainstream economic theory. Within the framework of orthodox, neoclassical economics, in particular, this idea has been largely perverted to signify a quantitative compromise between economic growth and the need for environmental protection.

approach attempt to mesh two conflicting goals: rising and policy imple- is its lack of attention to

This raises several quese environmental protection mentation regarding SD excessive consumption in SD places a premium on economic growth over the environment. This approach believes that only minor adjustments to the market system are needed to launch an era ical collapse. From climate of environmentally sound development, which will result in the realisation of the SDGs.

3. The SD-and-SDG approach perpetuates and reaffirms questionable policies in their ethnocentric, technocentric, and anthropocentric qualities. While past approaches have failed to meaningfully address the needs, values, and cultural differences of developing countries, the tains of minerals, drilling/ current approach repeats these mistakes.

should be considered a ucts", while destroying major concern by itself the fragile planetary ecoloand a crucial condition for the overall sustainabil-2. SD and the SDG ity of the economy and society, mainstream theo-

INFLATION

4. While Sustainable

with the sustainability of capitalist growth and profitability.

5. Capitalism is, overwhelmingly, the main driver of planetary ecologchange to resource overconsumption to environmental degradation, the engine that has powered three centuries of accelerating economic development and revolutionising technology, science, culture, and human life itself is, today, a roaring out-of-control locomotive mowing down continents of life, clawing out mounpumping out lakes of fuels, and devouring the planet's last accessible resources to Human Development turn them all into "prodgies built up over aeons of

> 6. Perhaps one of the greatest failures of SD

time.

tainability of this practice. Maximisation of profit and environmentally sustainable and equitable consumption cannot be achieved simultaneously.

7. SD and the SDGs do not look at the concentration of power and wealth in the hands of a few. This is where the real lack of sustainability rests.

Will the SDG Summit's Political Declaration in UNGA-78 amend the fundamental assumptions upon which SD and the SDGs are based? Unless we modify our ideas about of forests, dredging oceans both production and consumption and the socioeconomic relations that perpetuate inequality and inequity, the world will continue to be plagued by large deficits in the realisation of the SDGs in the run-up to 2030.

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Inflation fight undermined

AJIT RANADE

ndia's official inflation rate for the month of August is 7.44 per cent the previous month. It is still above the 6 per cent maximum rate which is the red line for the Reserve Bank of India.

Ever since the monetary policy shifted to inflation-targeting in 2016, the permissible band of inflation is 2-6 per cent for the consumer price index (CPI). This is the seventh time in the past 12 months that the monthly inflation rate is above 6 per cent.

Is that not disconcerting for the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)? It needs to tighten money supply further to reduce inflation. But it has chosen to keep the interest rate unchanged, hoping that inflation will come down by itself. The RBI Governor has indicated that inflation will remain high for some time.

India's consumer price index consists of a weighted average naturally the overall inflation is high. Food inflation is currently running at 10 per cent, thanks to rising prices of vegetables, oilseeds, pulses, milk, and even

The government has used a combination of banning exports Since this affects India's imports or levying a hefty export tax on a variety of agricultural products, including wheat, rice, sugar and decline from 83 to 85 to a dollar. more than 48 months, is cost-

onions. This affects the earnings of farmers who were eyeing lucrative profits from exports.

For instance, India exported **L**6.83 per cent, down from 7.4 million tonnes of parboiled rice in 2022, but now there is a stiff 20 per cent export duty in place. India accounts for 40% of the world's rice exports, and thanks to India's curbs, this has created additional scarcity in the world. India's export curbs have affected importing countries like China, Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Nigeria. In Philippines, a minister might have to resign due to the steep prices of rice. Has the ban or export tax reduced rice inflation in India?

Not really, because apparently, broken rice (on which the export

tax applies) is headed for ethanol production. Using food to create fuel for cars is a controversial policy, especially when the world is experiencing high food inflation. The FAO's allrice price index rose by 9.8% in August and is now at a 15-year high. Such inflation is bound to seep into India. The ethanol crops for fuel production.

anticipates high prices. Due to supply cuts by Russia and Saudi Arabia, oil prices have crossed \$85 a barrel, and will stay high. adversely, there is a possibility that the rupee will further

The oil import bill can only be ing the exchequer cumulatively beaten by more than expected exports of software and IT services. This is easier said than done, since there is a palpable slowdown in the software sector. Of course, the medium to longterm outlook for India's software services remains very strong, as indicated by Nasscom, the

industry body.

Apart from food inflation, oil prices, and a slipping rupeeof around 450 items in the conpolicy is motivated by trying to dollar exchange rate, one major central government. The write-Incentives, and also protection sumption basket (different for save precious dollars that we contributor to the inflationary off could be one contributory from imports. rural and urban consumers). But spend on the import of crude trend is the size of the fiscal defi-factor leading to the lower badalmost 49 per cent of the weight oil. But if domestic food inflation cit. India is running a high defi-loan ratio and improving health good or bad, have fiscal impligoes to food and related items. is the price to pay, we have to cit, and its national debt is also of the banking sector. But what cations, which not only jeop-Hence, if food inflation is high, think carefully about using food rising. All attempts at controlling cannot be denied is that fiscal ardise sustainability of the debt the deficit seem to be futile. Of Going beyond food inflation, course, during the pandemic, the outlook for crude oil also the deficit had to rise, since the government had to use emergency rescue measures in terms of free food, subsidised loans and ample liquidity. But some decisions can raise eyebrows.

For instance, the free food grain scheme, now running for

Rs 4.5 lakh crore. The cabinet recently announced a Rs 1.7 lakh crore revival package for BSNL, the debt-ridden telecom company. In the past seven years, as per an answer to a parliamentary question, nearly Rs 15 lakh crore worth of bad loans have been written off by public sector banks. This has fiscal implica-

tions, since equity capital has to

dire than is acknowledged. If we perennial fiscal dominance compare the debt service ratio, i.e., how much of the government's revenue goes simply to tary policy. Even that is showing paying interest on the rising debt mountain, India is way above the median for all countries. Due India.

spending is too stretched and

rate tends to remain high, leading to a disadvantage for crucial sectors like housing, real estate and, indeed, all industrial proj-

India tried very hard to curtail deficit-spending tendency, by trying to make it illegal to exceed a certain limit. The Fiscal Responsibility legislation passed by parliament in 2003 made it illegal to exceed 3% of GDP as the fiscal deficit limit. The stark reality is that in not even a single year has India not breached this limit. So much so that the FRBM law has been rendered toothless. A review of the law was conducted just before the pandemic, and that too won't be of much use, since debt and deficit levels are far above what is healthy for the economy.

It is true that in a noisy and competitive democracy, there is a clamour for more spending by vocal groups and vested interests. On top of this, there is the increasing tendency to offer freebies. Plus, the new industrial policy, which offers be infused into the banks by the schemes like Production-Linked

All of these measures, for and fiscal stance, but also add to leading to inflationary pressure. inflationary pressures. The large India's fiscal situation is more and heavy overhang of India's (and burden) cannot be undone merely by tightening the moneforbearance. The inflation fight is indeed a very difficult one in

to the high deficit, the interest (The writer is a noted economist)

G20 Summit:Towards a just world order

SANDEEP CHACHRA

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 momentums embodied by nationalist struggles leading up, with a few notable excep-

tions, to the physical ouster of occupations 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 conthe G20, the G7, in particular, sensus document, shows four carry the historical responsibilkey departure points. These ity for most damage and, thereinclude the issue of climate fore, must shoulder the burden/

justice, the expressed need for weight of reparations and comdebt 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

pensation 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 middleincome countries. Progressive opinion has long pushed the agenda of debt cancellation, as

the positive impact on people 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 them realised.

(The writer is executive director of Action Aid Association. Views are personal)

Indian Army organises Nb Sub Hans Raj **Memorial Cricket Tournament in Poonch**

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, SEPT 20

Amidst enthusiastic cheers, the grand opening ceremony of Nb Sub Hans Raj Memorial Cricket Tournament' was organised at Jhallas in Poonch (J&K). The cricket tournament is being organised by Indian Army in association with United Himayat Committee nurturing the



young talent of the region Nb Sub Hans Raj who in service of nation on in memory of son of soil, made supreme sacrifice 16 May 2002. The tour-

nament will feature six teams from nearby villages which would compete in a friendly matches. A diverse array of residents flocked at the Jhallas Cricket Ground to cheer for their teams and remember their son of soil Nb Sub Hans Raj. The tournament also aimed to encourage youth of the region to stay away from drug nexus and pursue their dreams of being a sportsman from

Indian Army organises Kho-Kho Game at GHS, Dedna, Kishtwar





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Er. Gulam

Ali Khatana

nominated to

PSC of Energy

for IInd term

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BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has

been nominated to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy for the second term.

In a letter issued by

Deputy Secretary, Govt

of India, Lok Sabha, S.

Lakshmikanta SIngh, said

Departmentally Related

Standing Committee on Energy (2023-24) has

been constituted w.e.f.

13th September, 2023 and

you have been nominated

as Member of the Com-

mittee. Shri Jagdambika

Pal, MP is Chairperson of

the Committee.

Chairman TMF

pays homage to

Martyr Pardeep

Chairman Team Mask

Force vijay Sharma in

a press release paid

homage to Sepoy Pardeep

Singh ,martyred during

Anti-terror operation in

Anantnag. Lt.Gov.Manoj

sinha in a press release

said he bows to the

exemplary courage and

sacrifice of our Braveheart.Sharma said we will

always remain indebted

to his Martyrdom. Entire

nation stood firmly with

his family in this hour of

grief. The mortal remains

of Martyr sepoy Pardeep

Singh will be sent to his

hometown for last rites

with full military honour.

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Singh

Continuing the effort of participate in constructive in Kishtwar (J&K). The activities.

residents of Cherji region who witnessed the Kho-Kho game lauded the initiatives and expressed that nurturing sporting talent such initiatives by Indian of local youth and encour- Army will aid in developaging the young minds to ing sportsmanship spirit amongst the youth and activities, Indian Army engage them in construcorganised Kho-Kho game tive and nation building among the students of activities. A total of 32 stu-Govt High School, Dedna dents attended the sports

Rectification of 'Tarnah Bridge' to take more than months' to complete: RTI Reply

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In response to an application under Right to Information Act, the National Highway Authority of India(NHAI) has informed that rectification of damaged portion of Tarnah bridge at National Highway between Jammu to Lakhanpur would take that has been completed more than five months to on this damaged Tarnah complete.

While replying the completion time to be taken for repair works of damaged Tarnah bridge , Project Director, NHAI -Project Implementation Unit Jammu vide his office letter no PD/JMU/ RTI/2023-24/1912 dated 19/09/2023 has stated " Tarnah Bridge Rectification for damaged portion is likely to be completed by Feb-2024".

the reply that causeway has been made operational for Light Motor Vehicles(LMV) Traffic.

Regarding the query related to estimated cost for the repair work of the damaged bridge, the reply served by the NHAI reveals that no estimation cost has been prepared by

NHAI's reply could not provide a clear information regarding the total percent of repair work bridge in Kathua.

"Bridge rehabilitation Online RTI application of can be commenced only Jammu based RTI Activist, after completion of mon-Raman Sharma regarding soon period" the NHAI reply reads. RTI Activist Sharma had submitted this online RTI application on 21/08/2023 using online RTI portal (rtionline.gov.in) to find out the estimated completion date of repair works and estimated amount to be utilized by NHAI for repair works of Tarnah bridge that was damaged in July 2023 due to heavy flood in It has also apprised in river Tarnah after continuous rain. This is a very significant bridge at National Highway between Jammu to Lakhnapur.

Revival of militancy in Rajouri, Pir Panchal, Kokernag gunfight indicates present security situation in J&K: Omar



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, SEP 20

National Conference (NC) Vice President and

ing in Jammu, Omar, as of India while the senior per the news agency said government lawyer in that the security situation the Supreme Court (SC) in J&K is known to all as recently stated that the the militant activities are decision was necessary taking place in the areas as the people were feelwhere the militancy was ing isolated than other

and encounters in ant Governor Manoj Rajouri, Pir Panchal and Sinha in Uttar Pradesh other places, the militan- has recently stated that population, except a few cy was completely elimi- he will continue to be BJP workers are happy nated in these areas. In there in J&K till it is fully Srinagar, an attack took merged with the union of place the day before yes- India, it is hard to under- things. 80 per cent of the terday. This is the secu- stand whom shall we people want elections to rity situation at present," believe now," he added.

erstwhile J&K state, Omar Kokernag continued Abdullah on Wednesday for seven straight days said that 80 per cent of in which four including the population in Union three officers laid down Territory are disappoint- their lives. Howe has the be ensured in five years ed and anguished over situation improved," he

About Article 370 abro-"You have seen attacks "However, the Lieuten-

the people.

"We have the right to speak against the smart meters, but the PSA is being slapped on those who speak over it," he

among 80 per cent of the as they managed to earn from transfers and other be held as they don't like he said, adding that the Meanwhile, Omar stated BJP at all," he said.

Indian Army commences Beautician Course for Women at Gandoh, Doda

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As a part of ongoing out-

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reach and helping Awaam to increase employability of youth and generate self-employment undertaken by the Indian Army a Beautician Course has commenced at Gandoh in District Doda (J&K) for a duration of one month with effect from 19 Sep 2023. A total of 26 women from nearby villages have been registered for Beautician Course. The primary aim of this course is upliftment and empowerment of women economically disadvantaged strata of society from this area through skill development and employment generation. Indian Army encouraged the interested women to join the



Indian Army to help them of National goals of Skill find gainful employment Generation and Employand skill development. ment Generation. Beauti-This project will help the cian Course will give them women folk to develop an opportunity to earn an their skills to help them honourable alternative becoming financially selfreliant. Indian Army said them in their financial that the project will be upliftment. It will also of immense help in mini- help them in improving Beautician Course and mizing unemployment of their standard of living advised them to make the women and generate self- and generate a sense of best use of facilities being employment thus con-financial security and wellprovided to them by the tributing in attainment being.

livelihood and will assist

Biggest ever JUMLA in last 9 years; Women Reservation Bill can't be implemented in more than 10 years: AAP

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Sensing fear of loss in 2024 and negative tendency of women against ruling dispensation due to sky rocketing prices of LPG & kitchen items as reflected in Himachal Pardesh, Karnataka and Delhi MCD the BJP which is infamous over throwing JUMLAS to befool the masses & divert their attention from the burning issues, has thrown biggest ever JUMLA to woo the women folk in the name of Women Reservation Bill in Lok SABHA, for 33% reservations to women in Lok Sabha,

Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar the masses that BJP Agya Kour, S.S. Jamwal, Ashni Mattoo, S. Ranhas to be kept into contion of seats in various which process may take more than 10 years.

Rao, S. Ravinder Singh, has smelt rat of eating Sarpanch, Amit Langer, humble Pie in ensuring 5 state Assembly Ram Pal Khajuria, Sand- elections in Nov/Dec, eep Parihar, Romesh Lal 2023 in MP, Rajasthan, Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Chhattisgarh, Telangana & Mizoram etc and that jodh Singh & Sukhdev is why they are turning Kumar Sangral, main- every stone to divert tained & added that the the attention of women bill first need be ratified folk and make best use by 50% Assemblies in of their emotions for the country and then electoral gains. The outcome of next census AAP leaders have cautioned the women folk sideration for delimita- across the country to see through the game states in the country and not fall into the trap of BJP which they lav at the time of elec-The AAP leaders tions and later call it a further said that fresh JUMLA. Their sympa-JUMLA has obviously thy with the women is Assemblies & Munici- been thrown for fear well known in case of palities etc which can't of tendency of loss women wrestlers, Hathimplement in more in 2024 and to befool ras episode and Manithan next ten years for the women folk across pur naked parading of implementation, the the country feeling & girls & women, the AAP Sr. AAP leaders, S/Sh. taking it guaranteed leaders asserted and Major General Retd, that the memory of appealed to teach them R.S. Jamwal, Farooq masses is weak & can a lesson for times to Ahmed Banday, Ram be swayed easily. The come to save the honor Singh Chauhan, Nirmal AAP leaders cautioned and dignity of women.

Indian Army organises Quiz **Competition for** school students at Kuchalna, **Kishtwar** JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR: 20 SEP 2023

In its efforts to connect with and simulate the young minds and create awareness amongst the youth, Indian Army organised a Quiz competition for the students of Govt Middle School, Kuchalna in District Kishtwar (J&K). The children participated with zeal and enthusiasm. A total of 32 students participated in the event. The heartwarming talent and knowledge expressed by the young students was evidence to the new found way of life in the region. The teachers and children lauded the initiatives of the Indian Army for building up the confidence among them and they were overjoyed to participate in such an

Our doors open for Jamaat, **Hurriyat: Altaf** Bukhari JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEP 20

Former minister and Apni Party president, Syed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that his doors are always open for anyone, who believes in Indian constitution and is not involved in drug abuse &

"The doors of our party are always for anyone, be it Jamaat-e-Islami, Hurriyat or anyone, who believes in Indian constitution, don't believe in communal politics and is not involved in drug abuse and terrorism," Bukhari said as per the news agency. Reacting to the statement of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, he said that democracy allows the people to elect their representatives. "The Lt Governor has the right to speak anything, but the fact is democracy exists because of the people only," he said.

Ravikanta Babu, DDG (E),

ADG PIB, CBC J&K holds IMPCC meeting

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Additional Director General (Region) PIB and CBC J&K and Ladakh, Sh. Rajinder Chaudhry today said, the coordination & cooperation among the Media Units of & Broadcasting based in J&K, J&K DIPR, DPR Defence and Central Government Departments is the need of the hour for effective communi-Government of India initiatives, policies and programs. Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC) organised by Press Information Bureau, Jammu.

Chaudhry said, better social media handles is ergy among the units is emerging as the most powsignificant in achieving the erful medium for effective better media coverage. Sh. Chaudhry emphasized, the publicity should not be seen initiatives, policies and proas an event based activity but has to be a sustained be converted into concrete stories in collaboration with media units.

emphasised that the activities of the Media Units and

the Ministry of Information events through proper plan- wakarma, Meri Maati Mera ning using the best available Desh and other events of resources. He also stressed that the Central Government Departments can use their exhibits during the Multimecation and publicity of the dia Exhibitions organized by and Ladakh, Ms. Ayushi Puri Daksh Communications Offi-Central Bureau of Communication for their promotion main activities of CBC in J&K.

the amplification of the mental stories. In his address, Rajinder events through respective

policies of their respective

departments.

media platforms for quick, fast and accurate delivery of

coverage is given to the coverage to G20, PM Vish- al, PRO Defence Jammu, Sh. asm among the masses.

national importance.

Deputy Director, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu & Kashmir K Nair, PRO IIM Jammu, Sh. provided an overview about Sh. Chaudhry said this while and for informing people She emphasized, the coopchairing a meeting of the about the programs and eration is inevitable between ed by the students of Indian the departments in giving Institute of Mass Communi-Sh. Chaudhry also said, as to develop good develop- called upon the media units

Doordarshan/AIR, Prof. Anil Soumitra, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, Pankaj Rastogi, Regional Director, NBWED, Dr. Nasir-ul-Rashid, Sr. Scientist IIIM-CSIR Jammu, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director, DIPR Jammu, Sh. Vivek Pathak, Assistant Director DDK Jammu, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Program Head AIR Kathua, Sh. Pawan Khajuria, PEX AIR Jammu, Sh. Shalin cer IIT Jammu, Sh. Sachin, Social Media Head, JKDIPR. The IMPCC was also attendmeaningful information so cation, Jammu. The meeting to focus on better synergy, Assistant Director, Door- cooperation and improvedarshan, Jammu, Sh. Vivek ment in quality content with media integration and syn- important as social media is Pathak provided the details respect to highlighting the of the activities of DD News initiatives and welfare proin Jammu Division and grams of the Central Governcommunication and for pro- Media & Communication ment. During the meeting, motion of the government Officer, PIB Jammu, Sheikh various action points were Mudasir Amin provided an also worked out and sugoverview of the activities of gestions were put forth for Sh. Chaudhry also asked PIB in Jammu Region. The assisting the various departongoing process and the the participating depart- meeting was attended by ments in formulating coverideas must be shared, to ments to utilize social representatives of various age and feedback strategies. media units, defence and The meeting emphasized different departments of on the strategy to achieve the information and achieve- Government of India based this objective, by designing Sh. Chaudhary further ments in a professional in Jammu, including Brig. their publicity programmes A. Sridhar, BGS (IW), HQ in a more attractive way so Sh. Chaudhary appreci- Northern Command, Lt. Col- as to highlight the schemes Central Government Depart- ated the efforts of the media onel Rohan Mahajan, GSO-1 through success stories to ments must be shared well units of MIB based in J&K (Media), HQ Northern Com- attract the public attention in advance so that a good and J&K DIPR for giving best mand, Lt. Col. Suneel Bartw- to generate greater enthusi-

former chief minister of Bharatiya Janata Party said. (BJP) and the situation ment is busy in making to the government was baseless statements.

eradicated completely.

government has been that all the daily wagers busy showing tourists will be regularized if NC and G20 events while the is voted to power. "The people are being killed inside their offices.

"The encounter at

made to merge J&K compeople of the country.

daily wagers would have been adjusted as we took steps for their regularization. If voted to power, we will start the process again and regularization of the daily wagers will of our tenure," he said. He added that the elections are being delayed has worsened on the gation, Omar said that because 80 per cent of ground, but the govern- the decision according the people are disappointed and anguished over BJP, saying that Addressing a gather- pletely with the union from smart meters to unemployment, everything has disappointed

"I can only find anger

RAMBAN, SEPT 20

Kiran Bala D/o Madan Singh was born on 12 Feb 2002. She is a determined and hardworking student hailing from the village Sawani, Ramban district in Jammu & Kashmir. Since Childhood, Kiran's dream was to pursue education and uplift her family and



community. Despite of Govt Model High Second- learning. Kiran Bala has numerous hurdles, from ary School, Ramban in immersed himself in her lack of resources to soci- 2020 with flying colours. studies, eagerly absorbing etal pressure discourag- Kiran's unwavering spirit the knowledge that would ing girls from pursuing fueled with determina- shape her future career. education, Kiran com- tion caught the attention pleted her higher second- of Indian Army who sup- as a beacon of hope and ary school education from ported her to prepare and inspiration for her com-

Sadbhavana. She worked hard and qualified for the Radiology at Mewar University, Gangrar, Chhitorgarh (Raj). The institution is equipped with state of art laboratories, experienced faculty and a nurturing environment that fosters growth and

Today, Kiran Bala serves

munity. She is not only pursuing her goals but has also opened doors for scholarship to pursue a countless others to follow Bachelor's of Science in their dreams despite the challenging circumstances. Her story reminds us that even in the most adverse conditions, human spirit can shine with determination, resilience and a commitment to positive change. It's pertinent to mention that the Indian Army's Education Assistance program has been a lifeline for students like Kiran Bala, who have the potential but lack the financial means to pursue

CBC Udhampur organizes Multimedia Exhibition on Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan at Basantgarh

JI NEWS SERVICE BASANTGARH, SEPTEMBER 20

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Ms. Saloni Rai today paid a visit to the inaugural ceremony of the three day Multimedia Exhibition organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Basantgarh, district Udhampur on Seva, Sushasan & Garib & Ek Bharat Shrestha

been implemented in Bas- out of it. antgarh, a far-flung area in



of Information & Broad- building especially the SDM informed. casting, Government of students, the future of this

Grameen and Urban, JJM nation and the building of benefits in real-time.

Kalyan, G20, Mission LiFE etc. as the government network of roads to the is trying its best that the unconnected areas of the Bharat on the sidelines of benefits of the schemes country, the government Block Divas. The three day must reach the last man is spending thousands of Multimedia Exhibition is in the queue. He further crores on the construction being organized by Central said, it is the responsibil- of roads so that uncon-Bureau of Communica- ity of every citizen of India nected areas are contion, Udhampur, Ministry to contribute in nation nected to the mainstream,

Sh. Khursheed Yousuf, nation who must ensure Field Publicity Officer, Sub- Divisional Magis- that the vital information Central Bureau of Comtrate Basantgarh, Wahid regarding Government of munication, Udhampur Manhas who was also India Schemes, Policies said, the government of present during the inaugu- and Programs must reach India is steadfast to end ral ceremony said, almost their families and the soci- the communication gap all the welfare schemes of ety so that the people will and organise these Mul-Government of India have be able to get the benefits timedia Exhibitions especially in the far-flung areas With the development to inform people about district Udhampur be that of highways across the different schemes so that the PMAY, PMGSY, PMAY length and breadth of the they will be able to obtain

Sh. Soumit Sapolia, Branch Head, JK Bank, Pradeep Singh from Agriculture Department, Dr. Surinder Kumar of Sheep Husbandry Department, Rakesh Paba of Fisheries Department, Dr. Sunil Bhaderwaj, Animal Husbandry Department, also addressed during the event and informed about various schemes of their respective departments provided by the govern-

Besides students, locals, the event was attended by Principal HSS Basantgarh, Rajinder Kumar & TA (S) CBC Udhampur, Gurnaam Singh.

During the event, on the spot quiz competition was organised on Seva Sushasan & Garib Kalyan and patriotic songs were sung by the students. Empanelled Private Registered Troupe of CBC, J&K and Ladakh presented Cultural Programmes during the day long event. Prizes were later distributed among the winners of quiz competition.

SSH protests against delay in repairing irrigation canal at **Kole Kothe**



JAMMU, SEPT 20

Shiv Sena Hindustan go to school, people have activists led by Pt Rajesh to take off their clothes Kesri today demonstrat- to move outside their ed against the Irrigation homes. Kesri requested Department at Village the government to get Kole Kothe of RS Pura canal repaired as soon Block, where due to the as possible so that the broken canal or when life of the people can it rains, the canal water be made easier because enters residential areas these people are very making it difficult for poor and with lot of diflocal villagers to move ficulties manage family out of their homes. It gets affairs and being border gathered in the houses area, they do not have due to which people face much resources for work. problems in commut- They depend only on the ing. Children cannot go milk of animals, so the to school. People's tied government should pay animals remain lying in attention repairing of the water. The whole vil- canal as soon as possible. lage is worried over this. Prominent among those Kesri further said that present on the ocassion for many years, requests include Balveer Kumar, were made to the govern- Balwant Fauji ,Raj Kumar, ment to clean the banks Suresh Kumar, Darshana of the canal, necessary Devi, Rajni Devi Poli Devi, repairing of canal so that Neeru Devi and dozens of water does not accumu- other Shiv Sainiks and villate in the streets because lagers.

when it rains, more water accumulates due to which children are not able to

"Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam" transformative moment in nation's history: Ritika

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPT 20

Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan Wednesday appreciated PM Modi Govt for " introduction of the Women's Reservation Bill terming it a transformative moment in the nation's history.In Ritika said Women's reservations in legislatures would empower women nation's democratic edilaw will address historical a cooperative and collaborative political endeavour towards national 'have proved that they



a handout issued here, in their mighty, capable and dependable hands. Therefore the "Women Reservation Bill", needs and strengthen the to be viewed as "Women Empowerment Bill". fice. "The transformative There is now proof that women have shattered injustices and give voice social myths, been more to the aspirations of half approachable, controlled of our population," she the dominance of alcosaid. She said undoubt- hol, invested significantedly this is beginning of ly in public goods like drinking water, assisted other women in finding better ways to express renewal. Ritika also hailed themselves, reduced cornaming women reser- ruption, given nutrition vation as "Nari Shakti outcomes priority and Vandan Adhiniyam. She altered the reform agenda said that once the Nari at the grassroots level, Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam added Ritika. Women is passed, the number of are more inclined to priseats for women in Lok oritise health care, edu-Sabha will increase to 181. cation, and welfare pro-She said women today grammes. Also, they are more inclined to advocate have got the required for inclusive policies that ability, strength and aid marginalised groups, courage to take the reins added Ritika.

ised a Quiz competition for knowledge expressed by the to participate in such an event.

BJP to reach out to last person in society: Slathia

JAMMU SEPTEMBER 20

Former Minister and Pradesh Vice President Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today said that the mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not only to steer the nation to highest pinnacles of progress and development but also to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes percolate down to last person in the

society.

"The Prime Minister's (self-reliant) Bharat is tion. Sashaktikaran (empowerreligion, region or caste, as per his cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", Mr Slathia said, while addressing meeting of Ward No 73 Gadigarh, Ward No 58, Digiana and ward No 57 Model Town public meetings in the run adding that it is with this mantra that every BJP Karyakarta is reaching



ment for their welfare, most successful Covid conlisten to their problems tainment campaign under and make every effort in the leadership of the or issues with appropriate the pandemic inflicted the venom has gained vision of Atma Nirbhar forums in the administra-world. While several the intensity. However,

ment) of all, irrespective of to the path-breaking ini- world's fifth economy, nottiatives like Ayushman withstanding the fact of it becomes dearer to the Ration Card, StartUp, Dig-the country. Over 81 crore mission, he added. ital Bharat, Beti Bachao population is getting free Beti Padhao, Jan Dhan rations for nearly three Yojana, Izzat Ghar programme and much more, of the concern of the BJP saying these schemes towards the compatriots, have changed the lives of he added. the people. He said the up to scheduled elections health cover of Rs 5 lakh ment of the Prime Minis- Pawan Singh Convenor to ULBs and civic bodies, each is available to over 50 ter to public welfare keeps ULB J&K Ayodhya Gupta crore families across the every worker on mission Prabhari Jammu South country, which includes the entire population of like a family. This inspir- Nalwa President Minorout to the people, aware Jammu and Kashmir, as a ing ethos of the BJP since ity Morcha Naresh Singh them about the schemes special dispensation. He its inception from the Ranjit Singh Mandal Presitailored by the govern- made a mention of the Jana Sangh era is a major dent Kunjwani

getting these resolved by Prime Minister, saying this taking up the grievances was unparalleled across major economies crashed, Slathia referred in detail India made a mark as the orchestrate campaigns Bharat, One Nation-One multiple challenges facing years now and this speaks

and the self-styled socialists, which is why they are channelizing all their negative energies towards maligning the party of the people, for the people and by the people. Earlier, the momentum of opposing the BJP was feeble but after these parties were almost rooted out from the ground by the people due to their self-centric, anarchistic, opportunistic and dynastic politics, the more these parties against the BJP, the more people for its Nation First

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Baldev Singh Baloria Deputy Mayor JMC Ex MLC Vikram Randhawa Rekha Mahajan Dis-Slathia said the commit-trict President BJP Jammu mode to be amid them R.S.Pura Ranjodh Singh

Kavinder congratulates Hindi Pakhwada on passing of Women **Reservation Bill in LS** Flays Cong's seven-decade failure in empowering women



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Kavinder Gupta, a senior BJP leader and former the Congress for attempt-Deputy Chief Minister, ing to take credit for the congratulated the women passage of the Bill. He of Bharat on the historic pointed out that the Conpassage of the Women gress had failed to pass Reservation Bill in the this law in the past seven Lok Sabha today with 454 votes and a two-third majority. In a statement issued

here today, the senior BJP leader expressed his support for the Women Reservation Bill and commended the BJP-led government, specifically Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for achieving what the opposition, especially the Congress, has failed to do in the past seven decades. He argued that the BJP's success in passing this Bill disproves the opposition's claims that the party only makes promises without taking any action.

its promises, including the construction of Ram

restoring the rich ethos of Bharat through this legislation.

Gupta also criticized decades, while the BJP has been actively pushing for it for quite some time. He blamed the Congress and its allies for obstructing the bill's progress in the

Furthermore, expressed his optimism about the positive effects of the bill. He believed that with one-third women members in the new Parliament, the functioning of the highest temple of democracy will be both decent and efficient. Kavinder drew a paral-

lel between the presence of women in households and their positive influ-Kavinder highlighted ence on creating a respectthe BJP's fulfillment of ful and enjoyable environment. He expressed his hope about the prospects Mandir and abrogation of and opportunities that Article 370. He applauded this Bill opens up for the the BJP for reviving and women of Bharat.

organized at CUJ



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The fifteen days Hindi Pakhwada is being orga-September, 2023.

various competitions like Samba), second prize, Students from various Dogra, Government Coltitions.

Director Hindi Cell, Heads CUJ). and Faculty of the depart-

competitions. First prize in the jury.

Jagriti Gupta (Education Department, CUJ), second prize, Navratri Khajuriya (Mass Communication nized by the Department and New Media Departof Hindi of Central Uni-ment, CUJ), third prize versity of Jammu (CUJ) Sukanya Kumari (Govunder the leadership of ernment College, Bish-Vice Chancellor, Prof. nah), first prize in poetry Sanjeev Jain from 14-29 recitation competition, Nikhil Singh (P.P. Dogra, During the occasion Government College, speech, poetry recitation, Ankit Mishra (Education essay writing and story Department, CUJ), third writing were organized. prize Ravindra Singh (P.M. government colleges of lege, Samba) First prize in Jammu division and Cen-story writing competition, tral University of Jammu Shweta (Department of participated in large Mass Communication and numbers in these compe- New Media, CUJ) Second prize, Sonam Kapoor Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Education Department, Sanjeev Jain, today inau- CUJ) Third Prize, Keshav gurated the 'My Signature (Biology, CUJ) First Prize in Hindi' campaign by in Essay Writing, Krisigning the first sign. Prof. shika Gupta (Depart-Yashwant Singh Registrar, ment of Biology, CUJ), Mohammad Iqbal Finance second prize was won by Officer, Prof. Bharat Palak Kumari (Education Bhushan HoD Hindi and Department, CUI), third Other Indian Languages, prize was won by Ansh Dr. Priyanjan Assistant Dev (Biology Department, Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dr.

in speech competition,

ment of Hindi and Other Ajay Kumar Singh, Dr. Indian Languages also Naresh Sharma, Dr. took the campaign for- Parveen Kumari, Dr. ward by signing in Hindi. Bijendra Kumar, Dr. Van-Prof. Bharat Bhushan, dana Sharma, Dr. Ratnesh Head of the Hindi Depart- Kumar Yadav, Dr. Arvind ment, conducted these Kumar Yadav played roles

Disability Assessment Camp held at SDH Marh

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

Today under the guidance of CMO Jammu Dr. Harbaksh Singh a Disability Medical Camp was organized at SDH Marh by

like Ortho 15, ENT 02, Medicine 01, Opthalmic 05, ENT 02. The medical team which conducted the camp included Dr Vikrant Sharma (Consultant Ortho), Dr Kailash Chander (Consultant BMO Marh Dr. Jyoti Bhau, Physician), Dr Sandeep which was also attended Raina (Consultant Paed.), by Surinder Kumar Chair- Dr Arti Khajuria (Consul-

able in various sections the beneficiries were given vided Disability Certifi- people.

cates in their vehicles by BDC Chairman and BMO Marh. Surinder Kumar BDC Chairman Marh thanked the health officials for conducting the camp and poviding the certificates on spot. He

man Block Development tant Eye), Dr Anuj Khaju- on spot Medical Disability assured the beneficiaries Council Marh. In the ria (Consultant ENT). The certificates and few who that he will leave no stone camp 31 patients were camp was organized 3rd were not able to move unturned to provide the screened and found distine in the block where were examined and pro-basic facilities to the needy

Indian Army organises Quiz **Competition for** school students at

Kuchalna, Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR: 20 SEP 2023

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Kishtwar (J&K). The children

the students of Govt Middle young students was evidence School, Kuchalna in District to the new found way of life in the region. The teachers and children lauded the initiatives and simulate the young minds enthusiasm. A total of 32 stu- of the Indian Army for buildand create awareness amongst dents participated in the event. ing up the confidence among the youth, Indian Army organ- The heartwarming talent and them and they were overjoyed

Latish Sharma organizes workers meeting at Bahu Fort

Absence of democratic system in J&K causing hardship to people: Bhalla

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla Wednesday expressed serious concern over the difficulties confronting the people in the absence of a democratic system in J&K while slamming the government for snatching the rights of people. This was stated workers meeting at Bahu talissues concerning people". by the government. Fort Ward-48 organized by Latish Sharma. Prominent urged the party leaders to among those present on work hard to strengthen the the occasion include Diwan Congress at the grassroots Chand, Bikram Langeh, Leela Jamwal, Mulakh Raj, Rahul party "is an instrument of ser-Kumar, Ruffi Kumar, Mangat vice to the people".He urged Ram, Rajiv Kumar, Satish his party cadres to gear up Kumar, Chaman Lal besides for the challenges. He said others. Expressing confi- Congress is fully prepared dence that the Congress will for ULB, Panchayat, Assembounce back in a revitalized bly and 2024 Parliamentary form on the J&K's political elections, besides it is fully scene, Bhalla said that the capable to defeat the diviparty will continue to push sive agenda and misleading for peace with dignity and politics of BJP. Congress shall will form next government in the Union Territory of J&K anti-people policies of BJP . He said that leadership has Govt and vigorously fight for started working on a revival restoration of democratic known as a smart meter, and plan and the cadre is being setup in J&K,"he said.He revitalized to carry on the stated that BJP's divided and party's political campaign rule policy and misleading with renewed vigor.

Speaking on the occasion, of snatching the democratic and Kashmir and said anti-



In his address, Bhalla level and stressed that the continue to fight against the politics stands exposed with the result people have decid-

Bhalla accused the Centre ed to throw BJP out of power. Bhalla asked the Centre to rights of the people of Jammu pave for holding elections in J&K without creating hurdles. people decisions of Govt He said BJP government has need of dialogue and politiwere aimed at diverting atten- abandoned J&K people of cal approach as the only way tion from "real" issues.He their democratic rights to rule accused the Centre of failing J&K directly and do whatever the people on all counts. He suits it (BJP) be it enacting difsaid J&K was divided into two ferent laws from time to time durable peace is restored in Union Territories against the or be it punishing people J&K and people start living a wishes of the people and they under the garb of imposing normal and peaceful life," he were now being denied their many taxes or be it underdemocratic rights by "the mining the institutions to BJP aiming to hide its wrong run away from transparency policies and utter failure". The and accountability. Congress Congress shall continue to Party has fought for the rights by inspired fragmentation of fight for the democratic rights of people and it will contin- votes in a particular region of the people and ensure ue to fight for restoration of of J&K," he said. Sharma said justice, he said. He slammed democratic set up and safevarious anti-people decisions, guarding just rights of people, mir are eagerly waiting for terming it "BJP's deliberate Bhalla added and told the BJP move to divert the attention government to shun the path will teach a lesson to BJP in of the people from real issues of confrontation with the J&K and will definitely show especially rising unemploy- people, who are feeling iso- this party its place in the next ment, unprecedented price lated and disappointed over elections.

by Bhalla while addressing hike and other developmen- the way they are being treated

Bhalla slammed the government for failing to address extreme joblessness, economic losses, lack of development, failed back to back village initiatives after spending huge amount and many anti people measures in terms of imposing taxes, toll plazas and new drama of installing smart meters and said people are being punished on one pretext or the other aiming to hide utter failure on the part of BJP Government. Highlighting a specific issue, Bhalla said: "Every household has been provided with a blood-sucking machine even as people protest, the Government remains indifferent. Those who used to pay a nominal amount for electricity are now burdened with hefty bills."

Speaking on the occasion, Latish Sharma stated that the party has always held the out of the unending crises J&K is facing for many decades. "It will continue to pursue it till said. "The J&K needs humane handling and promotion of genuine democratic process which cannot be achieved people of Jammu and Kashassembly elections and they

Shree Anna Mela Jammu to be held on 29th Sep 2023 in association with IIM Jammu & DICCI

JAMMU SEPT 20

In a groundbreaking move towards enhancing agricultural incomes and promoting millets, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)in collaboration with Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu & DICCI, convened a high-level meeting on 18th Sept 2023 at Campus, Jagti under the able leadership of IIM Jammu Director, Prof. B.S. Sahay. The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including Shri Gaurav Gupta from Theta Foundation for Development, along with several eminent dignitaries from industry, Industry bodies and experts.

The primary objective of this momentous gather-Conference dedicated to and Industry associations,



IIM Jammu permanent and FPOs in the Union Ter- vations, and best practices ritory of Jammu and Kash- for the promotion of milmir. Scheduled for September 29, 2023, at Hotel Radisson Blu, Jammu, the conference is expected to provide a stage for fostering exchange and collaboration opportunities within the realm of millets. It will witness participation from top Bureaucrats, Heads of the Educational Institutes, Government leaders, Researchers, ing was to plan a Regional Farmers, Entrepreneurs,

lets and the growth of FPOs. The conference will Mr. Abhimanyu from Jai witness the distinguished Organics, Cmdr Kesapresence of eminent personalities from the field of Administrative Officer administration, Industry, (CAO), IIM Jammu and Dr. and Famer's collectives. Vivek Sharma, Chief Inno-Shri Milind. P. Kamble, vation Officer, IIM Jammu. Founder of DICCI and Chairman of the Board of out a plan to discuss and Governors of IIM Jammu finalize the way forward will also grace the occa- regarding the upcoming

The meeting was attended by Shri Aagam wide coverage through the promotion of Millets to discuss strategies, inno- Jain, General Secretary, your media publications.

Laghu Udyog Authority, Shri Arun Manas, J & K State Agro-Indo Development Corporation Ltd (Online), Shri C.M. Sharma, LEAD Network, Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, In-charge Incubation, SKUAST, Shri Kamal Kaul & Mr. T.S. Reen, from Federation of Industries, Shri Manik Batra, Shri Bhupesh Gupta & Shri Amit Khajuria of ASSOCHAM, Shri Kanav Padha, Jammu and Kashmir Angle Network, Sh. Gagan Jain from NUTRAJ, van Baskkaran (R), Chief The participants chalked

Conference. Request you to extend

CUK's IT deptt celebrates Engineer's day

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, SEPT 20

The department of Information Technology, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) conducted an "Induction Programme" for the newly admitted students of B. Tech CSE Programme at Tulmulla campus here. The event was attended by the faculty members of the IT and other Departments. During the event, the students were made familiar with the functioning of the university. Addressing the students, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Najar, OSD Examination, stressed the need for engineering students to work hard and come up with the out-of-the-box and innovative solutions for the problems confronting the society. Dr Yash Paul also welcomed the freshers and briefed them about the role of engineers towards

the upliftment and develop-

Date:20/09/2023

ment of society

Aseem Foundation's Abhilasha

Program inspires hundreds

towards Law Careers

of students in border regions

ASEEM

Abhilasha: Career in Law

Women Reservation Bill will empower women of Bharat: Purnima

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEP 20

Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson for BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor, expressed her utmost satis-

faction as the Lok

Sabha successfully passed the long-awaited highlighted the various to work tirelessly towards Women Reservation Bill. This historic legislation marks a significant milestone in women's empowerment efforts undertaken by the BJP-led government.

In a statement issued here today, Purnima commended the Lok Sabha for recognizing the urgency and importance of elevating women's representation in decision-making bodies. She stated, "The passing of the Women Reservation Bill is a testament to the BJP's unwavering commitment towards gender equality and wom-

agenda of "Sabka Saath,

Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vish-

legislation will pave the ing schemes will have on way for a more inclusive the overall development of

equal opportunito nation-building." Advocate Purn-

ima Sharma also flagship schemes initiated by the Modi government in empowering women across the country. She emphasized the notable initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana,

Ujjawala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, etc. which have socio-economic fabric of the nation.

and progressive society. She stated, "These society where initiatives reflect the Modi women have government's sincere commitment to uplift the ties to contribute status of women in Bharat. We firmly believe in the potential and capabilities of our women, and the BJP government will continue

Purnima expressed grat-

expressed optimism about women's empowerment, the meaningful impact that as it is crucial for building the Women Reservation a progressive and inclusive en's empowerment. This Bill and these empower- nation.

their empowerment."

itude to the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister, and the BJP leadership for their relentless efforts in fulfilling their promise to empower women. She acknowledged that while this is a significant step forward, there positively impacted the is still work to be done to lives of women and brought ensure gender equality in them into the mainstream all spheres of society. She urged the public to support and actively participate in The senior BJP leader initiatives that promote

350+ students from border areas of J&K benefited from this session

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 20

In a bid to illuminate career pathways in the explore careers in law.

sha is set to replicate the times of the COVID-19 endeavor next Wednes- pandemic. day, with another group

regions, where access to opportunities can be limited, potentially hampering students' growth.

What sets Abhilasha legal field, Abhilasha, an apart is its consistent initiative by Aseem Foundedication and its impresdation, conducted an sive ability to raise awareinspiring session today ness. The initiative has that drew participation made remarkable strides, from approximately 400 including empowering students representing young girls from Afghanieight different schools. stan to pursue careers The event served as an in the IT industry and enriching experience for training over 400 border young minds eager to school teachers to effectively utilize e-methods for Building on the success teaching, a vital resource of this session, Abhila- during the challenging

Aseem Foundation of eight schools eagerly takes pride in being part anticipated to join in the of this transformative educational exploration. journey, with Abhilasha Abhilasha, in its poised to continue shapremarkable journey since ing brighter futures for 2013, has been unwaver- students in the border ing in its commitment to regions. The initiative's engage and educate young dedication to education individuals about diverse and career opportunicareer opportunities. ties exemplifies its com-The initiative has particu- mitment to empowering larly focused on border youth.

Billawaria inaugurates renovation work of Community Hall at Gangyal

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPT 20

Continuing the campaign to provide better development as well as basic facilities to the people, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated the renovation work of the community hall near Shri Durga Mandir at ward 56, Gangyal in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. This development work will be done under the super- Deputy Mayor Jammu Bil- the Community Hall. The vision of Jammu Munici- lawaria said that he has Deputy Mayor further said pal Corporation (JMC). been working towards that after the renovation Speaking on the occasion, redressing the problems of the community hall, Deputy Mayor Jammu, faced by the people of the local residents will Baldev Singh Billawaria weaker and backward get more facilities. The said that it is a pleasure sections of the society Deputy Mayor said that for me to inaugurate the and it is indeed a matter people will now be able to renovation work of the of satisfaction for him that do their religious or social community hall near Shri he has been able to make work in a better way in the Durga Mandir Gangyal. some kind of expansion. community hall. Address-Deputy Mayor Jammu The Deputy Mayor said ing, the people about the said that this was an old that an amount has been welfare schemes of the demand of Shri Durga earmarked for this work, Central Government, the Mandir Gangyal Commit- but if needed, more funds Deputy Mayor said that tee and local residents will be made available to the Bharatiya Janata Party which was fulfilled today. complete other works of (BJP) is working on the



was and Sabka Prayas" and for the upliftment of every section of the society. The Deputy Mayor said that the BIP government has worked to give a new direction to the country during its tenure. The main objective of the BJP party is to get the development work done in every area equally with full honesty. Shri Durga Mandir Gangyal Committee and local residents expressed gratitude to Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria for renovation work of the community hall and expressed their full support to BJP in the upcoming elections. Mandir Committee President Puran Verma, Major Ram, Ranjit Singh, Rakesh Sangral, Om Nath, Suresh Mishra, Sunny Sharma, Rajinder Choudhary, Master Kasturi Lal and others dignitaries were

of GCW Gandhi Nagar observes pen dow strike

College Teachers Association



JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

GCW Gandhi Nagar College participated in a twohour pen-down strike, organized by the College Teachers Association (CTA), in protest against what they perceived as overbearing actions by the District Administration in Doda. During this from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, college came together in solidarity.

The primary grievances motivating this collective action were twofold. First- Officer, both of whom ly, the educators opposed were accused of causing the introduction of mul- financial distres

tiple attendance monitoring systems, specifically the Adhbhut Doda App, in addition to the preexisting BAS (Biometric Attendance System). This perceived redundancy in attendance tracking was a point of contention.

Secondly, the strike was

a response to the alleged withholding of salaries strike, which occurred for faculty members in colleges across District all faculty members of the Doda. The responsibility for this action was attributed to the District Commissioner (DC) of Doda and the District Treasury

Amit Shah hails PM Modi's historic step to introduce Women's **Reservation Bill**

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Union Home and Coop-

towards enhancing their

As a result, this bill has eration Minister Amit Shah been named the Nari Shakti on 19th September, the Lok wholeheartedly commended Vandan Bill. Amit Shah Sabha chamber of the new ducing the Women's Reserva- elevated the worth of Indian introduction of the Nari tion Bill in the Lok Sabha. He culture and the nation's Shakti Vandan Bill. stated that alongside granting democracy by implementing

Devta' as mentioned in the scriptures.

It is worth noting that

isn't merely a slogan for the said Shah. NDA government, but rather, it stands as the government's unwavering resolution. "On behalf of millions of councongratulations to the Prime reliance and development. Minister on this historic

ister Modi has also worked Pujyante, Ramante Tatra that women's empowerment all the sisters and mothers,"

will also play a pivotal role in Prime Minister Modi for intro- emphasized that Modi ji has Parliament House saw the trymen, I extend heartfelt propelling India towards self-

all over India are rejoicing in symbolism, the Congress women will not only have the ment. This showcases the ervation. right to reservation, but they steadfast dedication of the

the presentation of the Nari has never displayed genuine Once this bill becomes law, Shakti Vandan Act in Parlia- commitment to women's res-

They either let the laws Modi government towards lapse or their allies obstructempowering women. Regret- ed the introduction of the tably, the opposition seems Bill. Their duplicity will Sharing his sentiments on unable to accept this reality. always be evident, regardstated that alongside granting democracy by implementing democracy by implementing rights to women, Prime Min-the principle 'Yatra Naryastu Modi ji has demonstrated gratitude to him on behalf of ter) Amit Shah wrote - People ening is that, except for mere employ to claim credit.

Is Black Rice Good For Weight Loss? Let's Find Out

HIRAL PATEL

lack rice has many names, such as forbidden rice, purple rice, and emperor's rice. There are over twenty variants of black rice. This rice has a fantastic taste and is also very nutritious. It belongs to the species Oryza Sativa L.

Black rice is considered one of the most beneficial due to its lesser calorie and carbohydrate content compared to white rice. Additionally, it contains abundant dietary fibre, making it perfect for those trying to manage their weight.

With overweight and obesity becoming a primary concern in today's world, one must take measures to reduce their weight and body mass index (BMI). Therefore, regular physical exercise is necessary, and one must be mindful of what one eats.

Interesting Facts about Black

made its way to the rest of the its characteristic black colour. world several centuries ago. In the past, it was reserved for the aptly named "forbidden rice".

Nowadays, people acclaim tates weight: it for its health benefits, and people looking to lose weight Rich in Proteins can replace white rice with black rice. Despite its tricky texture, it

Nutritional Properties of Black

As per USDA, the nutritional properties of one hundred grams of raw black rice are:

Nutrient Amount Energy 356 kCal Protein 8.89 g Total Lipid 3.33 g Carbohydrate 75.56 g Iron 2.4 mg

protein in comparison to other tate weight loss. types of rice. In addition, it is rich in iron, calcium, potassi- Promotes Metabolism um, anthocyanins. carotenoids, amino acids, fatty acids, antioxidants, flavonoids, etc.

The abundance of these management. and development stages.

you want to lose weight successfully. Instead, opt for options low in fat and rich in dietary individuals as it meets these requirements.

Is Black Rice Good for Weight

rice. It is rich in nutrients and intake. loaded with antioxidants, such Black rice, native to China, as anthocyanins, which give it Full of Anthocyanins Pigment

> Eating black rice regularly can help you achieve a healthy understand how black rice facili-

Research shows that adequate protein consumption can help is still a favourite among health lose weight. Black rice is especially beneficial for this purpose, as it has a higher protein content than other types of rice.

When one consumes proteins, the body burns fat for cyanins. energy. This process is known as Dietary-induced Thermogenesis Rich in Antioxidants (DIT). It results in the release of heat from the food we eat.

energy expenditure, which can black rice protein is an excellent

The nutrients in black rice Note help boost metabolism, which is integral to successful weight grain high in fibre and nutrients, into their nutrition.

makes it highly beneficial for having a higher metabolic rate black rice can help you feel full pressure on the brain, reduce just a single tap. health. It significantly helps the can make it easier to lose weight and satisfied, which may help free radical damage and prohuman body during the growth in less time, as the calories burn you eat less and reduce your mote a healthy mind. faster. Additionally, having a overall calorie intake. Black rice According to one study, higher metabolic rate helps is also a good source of antioxi- Helps with Constipation and reducing the consumption of reduce fat and bad cholesterol, dants and other nutrients that Eases Digestion high-calorie foods is crucial if which can lead to weight loss.

Eating black rice can make fibre. Black rice is an ideal food one feel full for a longer period diet could bring many benefits, tion, aiding in smoother bowel choice for obese and overweight and thus reduce cravings.. including weight loss. Here are movements. Dietary fibre intake can also lead seven other reasons to try cookto better digestion and regular ing with black rice right away: bowel movements.

those who are obese or over-Weight loss is one of the weight can lose weight if they source of anthocyanins, can thin, two carotenoids known weight and shed those extra potential benefits of eating black increase their dietary fibre potentially reduce one's risk of for their role in supporting eye pounds. Source: Healthifyme

Anthocyanins, antioxidants, are great boosters of weight loss, and the black colour of black consumption of royals due to its weight and maintain it on a long-rice comes from this pigment. Reduces Inflammation nutritious value and thus was term basis. Let's dig deeper to Studies have proven that anthocyanins, derived from plants, can positively reduce weight, prevent cardiovascular issues, and more.

Therefore, black rice can help with weight management tion, particularly chronic inflamand promote overall wellness. So eating it can help to manage one's weight, and although the Reduces Risks of Cardiovascular colour changes to purple after Diseases cooking, it still contains antho-

Antioxidants found in black rice have the potential to burn This heat increases our fats, bad lipids, and triglycerides, which can help you rapidly Black rice has the highest option to promote DIT and faciliis a great way to benefit from the with cardiovascular issues. many health advantages, such as weight loss.

making it a healthy addition to can help support overall health.

Health Benefits of Black Rice

Adding black rice to your

One study has found that Cancer-protective Properties

developing cancer. Additionally, health. These antioxidants help benefits from black rice con-radiation. sumption.

Chronic inflammation can be potentially harmful to one's health and can damage cells and organs. However, the antiinflammatory properties of black rice can help reduce inflammamation.

Consuming too many calories and unhealthy carbohydrates Note can have a detrimental effect on heart health and can even lead to cardiovascular diseases.

However, black rice is an excellent alternative, as it is low in calories, is a good source of lead to weight loss. Therefore, reduce belly fat. Therefore, con- complex carbohydrates and can suming food rich in antioxidants help reduce the risks associated

Enhances Brain Health

Those who experience difficulties with mental capabilities Black rice is a type of whole should incorporate black rice

essential minerals in black rice Studies have suggested that a weight loss diet. The fibre in properties that can minimise the the health details you need with

The high fibre content in black rice helps promote smooth digestion and gut health. Additionally, it can reduce constipa-

Strengthens the Retina and **Improves Sight**

Black rice being an excellent amounts of lutein and zeaxan-cial, as it can help to manage

those diagnosed with cancer in to protect the cells in your eyes its early stages may get some and to reduce the effects of UV

> Keeps Type 2 Diabetes at Bay Black rice is an excellent option for those looking to prevent or manage diabetes, as it is low in calories and high in complex carbohydrates and carbohydrates dietary fibre.

In addition, this food helps keep blood sugar levels stable by allowing the body to experience a slower, more gradual increase in glucose and insulin rather than an unchecked spike.

Being overweight is often the cause of many chronic illnesses, such as heart strokes and diabetes. Consequently, effective weight management is key to maintaining your health. Adding black rice to your diet is a great way to gain dietary fibre and anthocyanins, two essential elements for weight loss. With the HealthifyMe Pro 2.0 app, you can easily keep track of all your health information, from the number of calories you consume to your cholesterol levels. This rice has high antioxidant In addition, you can access all

Conclusion

Maintaining good health is essential for a happy life. It doesn't necessarily mean one has to be physically attractive; instead, one should be fit and healthy. Obesity and being overweight, the everyday problems of today, require people to take action to reduce their weight. A great way to start is to make changes to one's diet.

For example, adding black Black rice contains high rice to their diet can be benefi-

NEWS

Can walking 6,000 steps a day improve heart health in the elderly?

alking between 6,000 to 9,000 steps daily may significantly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in older adults, a new

According to the study published in the journal Circulation, researchers found that individuals walking between 6,000 to 9,000 steps daily had a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, including heart attacks and strokes, by 40 per cent to 50 per cent. The study analysed data from over 20,000 people in the US and 42 other countries, in which the average age was 63.2 years, plus or minus 12.4 years, with 52 per cent being women, reports Medical News Today.

The study found that for every 1,000 steps added, there was an incremental reduction in CVD risk.

"There was no upper limit at which there was no additional benefit in our study. Each incremental increase was associated with lower heart disease risk in older adults," said Dr Amanda Paluch, a physical activity epidemiologist and kinesiologist at the USbased University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The study discovered a progressive reduction in CVD risk for people who walked up to 15,000 steps per day. Moreover, the study suggests that people who want to reduce their risk of CVD should set goals that feel more attainable than the commonly cited 10,000-steps-a-day target, which is not based on scientific research. However, the study found no association between increasing one's steps and lowering CVD risk for younger adults. Dr Paluch believes this is not surprising given that CVD is primarily a disease of the elderly. According to the study, only 4.2 per cent of younger adults had a subsequent CVD event, compared to 9.5 per cent of older adults.

"This does not mean that younger adults shouldn't be exercising for their cardiovascular health," said

"For younger adults, being physically active benefits many of the precursors of cardiovascular diseases, such as high blood pressure, obesity, and type 2 diabetes. These conditions are more likely to develop in younger adults, and are important for early prevention of cardiovascular disease," she added.

British-Indian doctor saves man's life twice on flight to India

British-Indian doctor battled for five hours to save a fellow passenger, who almost died twice during a 10-hour Air India flight. Vishwaraj Vemala, a consultant hepatologist at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, was flying from the UK to Bengaluru with his mother when a 43-year-old man suffered a cardiac arrest. Vemala attempted to resuscitate the passenger, who at the time did not have a pulse and was not breathing.

"It took about an hour of resuscitation before I was able to get him back. Luckily, they (the cabin crew) had an emergency kit, which included resuscitative medication to enable life support," Vemala said while sharing his experience. Apart from oxygen and an automated external defibrillator, Vemala, with the help of other passengers, managed to get hold of a heart-rate monitor, blood pressure machine, pulse oximeter and glucose meter to keep an eye on the patient's vital signs. The passenger then went into cardiac arrest for a second time, and this time it took longer to resuscitate him.

"In total, he was without a good pulse or decent blood pressure for nearly two hours of the flight, alongside the cabin crew, we were trying to keep him alive for five hours in total," Vemala said in a statement released by University Hospitals Birmingham. Concerned for the passenger's chance for survival,

Vemala and the pilot tried to get permission to land at the nearest airfield in Pakistan, but their request Instead, they were able to arrange for landing at

the Mumbai airport, where an emergency crew was waiting for them on the ground. By the time the flight landed, the passenger was

resuscitated and was able to speak.

Black Grapes for Diabetes – Healthy or Risky?

MEHAK SHAH

espite their diminutive size, black grapes are a surprisingly potent Diabetes - An Overview source of nutrition. Containing polyphenols, antioxidants and flavonoids, the humble grape may help prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes.

At first glance, it might seem that the natural sugars in fruits sugar absorption in your bloodsuch as grapes might cause a stream, increasing blood sugar spike in blood sugar levels, especially for those with dia-However, studies indicate

that eating black grapes may and eye problems. actually help to manage the offer a range of health benefits.

olates, white sugar, and baked as is engaging in regular physi-

fructose slowly, there is no significant spike in blood glucose levels when eating fruits.

goods. Since the body absorbs

When you have diabetes, your body either does not produce enough insulin(Type-1) or cannot effectively use the insulin it produces (Type-2). As a result, it leads to more levels. Over time, high blood sugar levels can cause serious health issues, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease,

Managing diabetes involves condition. Not only are they making healthy lifestyle choicdelicious and cooling, but also es, such as eating healthy, exercising regularly, and monitor-Fruit contains a type of sugar ing blood sugar levels. Eating cal activity. If you have diabetes called fructose, which is dif- a nutritious diet that includes and wish to include grapes in Grapes and Diabetes - The Effect ferent from the other kinds of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, your diet, you can speak to a sugar found in things like chocand lean proteins is essential, registered dietitian at Healtheating fruit, such as green and



For those with diabetes, ifyMe for individualised advice. purple grapes, is recommend-

ed. Despite the negligible risk those with diabetes. of elevating blood sugar levels, the body needs carbohydrates Fibre and Antioxidants Improve to generate energy which grapes provide.

rich in beneficial micronutrithat can help prevent diseases. Thus, they make a great source of both micro and macro nutrients for people with diabetes.

Glycemic Index

Grapes have a relatively low er whole fruit, smoothie, or diabetes manage their blood sugar levels. It is due to the multitude of phytonutrients grapes red, and blue-purple, benefit while grapes are tasty, they are

Insulin Resistance

Furthermore, grapes are black grapes, especially for satisfy it. Rather than eating those with type-2 diabetes, can ents, like vitamins, minerals, be beneficial as it can decrease and various phytochemicals insulin levels, fasting blood fast acting sugar products, sugar, and Ha1C (the threemonth average of one's blood sugar).

Even though grapes contain natural sugars, which could affect blood sugar levels, they also have fibre that can help glycemic index, ranging from slow sugar absorption into the 43 to 53. Eating grapes, wheth- bloodstream. Furthermore, grapes contain antioxidants extract, can help people with and other compounds that can contribute to better blood sugar control.

Despite having a lot of natucontain. Furthermore, grapes ral sugars, black grapes are low improve insulin sensitivity and in calories since they are 82% help manage insulin levels. All water. The body can fill up and grapes, including black, green, hydrate with all that water. So

also low in calories and fat.

It Helps Reduce Sweet Cravings If you have a sweet tooth, Regular consumption of grapes can be a great way to sugary treats like gummies, lollipops, suckers and other eating grapes can be a healthier

The effects of black grapes on people with diabetes cannot be made certain. However, when consumed in moderation, grapes (espercially black grapes) can be part of a healthy diet for those with diabetes. Though they contain natural sugars, one should continuously monitor portion sizes. In addition, check blood sugar levels when adding grapes to one's diet.

SOURCE: HEALTHIFYME

Sheetal Nanda convenes meeting with deputations of specially abled persons

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

assessing their issues.

ed by Director General, fare Association), Sushil were held on various

Commissioner Secretary, Mohammad Shafiq Chak, (Beloved Grace Organiza-Social Welfare Depart- Deputy Director (Admin), tion), Roshan Bhan (J&K ment, Sheetal Nanda, Mehmood Riaz Khan, Samaj Kalyan Kendra for today convened a meeting Chief Accounts Officer, Deaf and Dumb and Resiwith various deputations Ashu Behl and represendential School for Blinds of specially abled persons tatives of various NGOs Jammu), Beena Bakshi regarding implementation including Parveen San- (Mahila Jagriti Udhyog of welfare schemes meant gral and Rajesh (MUSfor their socio-economic KAAN Foundation), Ajay Umesh Sharma (Disabled empowerment besides Kumar Sharma, Ajay Care Foundation). Kumar and Sudesh Kumar The meeting was attend- (J&K Handicapped Wel- detailed deliberations

DC Bandipora flags-off Walkathon

under 'Eat Right Initiative India'

Vivek Sharma, Director Welfare Trust), Sham Social Welfare, Kashmir, Lal (Corporator), Ritika Kendra, Jammu) and

During the meeting, of Department for Wel- of J&K.

ticipants like holding of abilities throughout J&K. awareness camps regard- She asked the officers to ing NTA and legal guard- ensure that all the eligible ian certificate, enhancecandidates are brought ment of disability pension under the ambit of welfare and development schemes National Action Plan for tailored for them.

The participants appreciated the Social Welfare Department for their Commissioner Secre- holistic approach towards tary directed the officers resolving the issues being to hold special camps on faced by the specially all the oriented schemes abled persons of the UT

DC reviews action plan for implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' at Kulgam

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KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 20

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to discuss and review the action plan for the implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme'.

The scheme was recently launched by the government to facilitate and honour traditional skills of craftspeople and their exemplary commitment and contribution in economic growth of the society. Discussing the salient features of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' a the district working with ing support. their hands and tools.

training to artisans, Rs artisans and craftspeople Giri, JDP Zahid Sajjad, GM 500 per day during train- working with their hands DIC, Bashir Ahmad, ACP, ing, collateral-free credit and tools. support up to Rs 1 lakh

transformative initiative (first tranche) and Rs 2 cerned agency (CSC coorof GoI, the DC said that lakh (second tranche) at a dinator/enumerator) to the scheme will directly concessional interest rate start the registration probenefit thousands of arti- of 5%, incentives for digital cess at gram panchayat sans and craftspeople of transactions and market-

The DC directed the It was informed that the stakeholders to extend scheme offers a range of the benefits of this scheme benefits including toolkit across the district and incentive of Rs 15,000, transform the lives of the

He directed the con- officers.

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level as per procedure and directed other members of the committee for close coordination and supervision of the scheme.

The meeting was attended by ADC Vigar Ahmed Sharieel Ali, EOs and other



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JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 20

In order to promote health department Bandipora brating year 2023 as 'Inter-special emphasis on mil-officers.

national Year of Millets'. The Walkathon, organ-

and nutrition, the Deputy witnessed participation Commissioner (DC) Ban- of hundreds of students, dipora, Dr Owais Ahmad besides officials and citi-Wednesday flagged-off a zens. The walkathon was Walkathon from Mini Sec- organised to raise aware- by ADC Umar Shafi Pandit, retariat Bandipora as part ness about the importance of the 'Eat Right Initiative of adopting a balanced Officer Zahoor Ahmad, India' campaign and cele- and nutritious diet, with besides other concerned

lets, a highly nutritious grain that plays a vital role in food security and

nutrition. Addressing the participants, the DC highlighted the significance of the 'Eat Right Initiative India' and the importance of millets in our daily diets. He encouraged students to promote healthier eating habits. He said that by celebrating the 'International Year of Millets 2023', they are also shedding light on the sustainable and nutritious benefits of millets.

On the occasion, a Yoga Session was also held. The event not only encouraged physical activity but also shared responsibility for health and nutrition.

The DC urged every ised by Food Safety one to incorporate millets into their diets, thereby promoting both personal well-being and sustainable agriculture.

The event was attended Designated Food Safety

DCO organises Awareness Camp under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan at Shopian

under ISSS, UDID cards,

skill development for per-

sons with disabilities and

related matters.



JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 20

Drug Control Organisation (DCO) Shopian in collaboration with Shopian ised an awareness pro-

the Substance Abuse

our society.

with chemists and distributors regarding the proper maintenance of records of drugs which are prone to addiction.

Deputy Drug Control-Chemists and Distributors ler, Kashmir Division Association today organ- emphasized upon the chemists to ensure instalgramme under the aegis lation of CCTV cameras of Nasha Mukht Bharat and computerized billing Abhiyan in order to sen- system and share responsitize them about their sibilities in eradication of responsibilities towards drug abuse.

Assistant Drugs Controller, Pulwama/ Shopian Chemists of the area instructed the chemists were sensitized regarding not to dispense any habit the scenario of drug abuse forming drugs without and its consequences on the prescription of a registered medical practitio-Guidelines were shared ner.

Director Agriculture inaugurates 02 days Seminar on 'Scientific Beekeeping' under NBHM at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 20

The Director Agriculture gramme. Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today gural session of the semiinaugurated a two days nar, Director Agriculture for the development of district level seminar on marked the importance bee-keeping, a special scientific Bee-keeping at of bee-keeping as a com- project under holistic Government Degree Col- plimentary source to the agriculture development lege Ganderbal. The pro- overall income of the programme (HADP) has gramme has been organ- farmers. He said that been approved by the ised by Agriculture Pro- it is encouraging that a government. He said that duction and Farmers Wel- large number of youth bee-keeping as an off-farm fare department Kashmir are taking bee-keeping activity and has a potential under National Bee and as a main venture to earn of employment generation Honey Mission (NBHM). income and livelihood.

Chief Agriculture He asked the educated diversity enabling round Officer, scientists from youth of the region to the year bee-flora avail-SKUAST, Bee Keepers, come forward and take able.

Farmers, Unemployed benefit from the proyouth and other stake- gramme and schemes by holders attended the pro- the department for the promotion of bee-keeping Speaking at the inau- and other allied activities.

> The Director said that due to wide agro-climatic

DC Gbl chairs 15th **District-level NARCO Coordination Committee**

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 20

The Deputy Commis-District Magistrate today chaired a 15th meeting of District-level NARCO curb the drug abuse and shops in the district. narcotic trafficking in the

NCORD meeting to curb ized billing. the drug menace in the

district.

The meeting also discussed the steps taken by campaign in the district concerned departments and concerned departand agencies for making district Ganderbal drug of activities undertaken free. Various issues pertaining to incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of bal, Nikhil Borkar; Addidrug use were discussed tional Deputy Commisthreadbare.

status of destruction of Tehsildars, Dy SP HQ, restricted crops, the DC CAO, DSWO, Assistant directed all concerned Drug Controller Ganderofficers to intensify the bal and other concerned destruction of such officials.

restricted crops involving locals besides awareness camps and road shows shall be conducted in sioner (DC) Ganderbal, different areas regard-Shyambir who is also ing misuse of cannabis, poppy and other psycho-

The meeting also Coordination Committee reviewed the status of (NCORD) to review the installation of CCTV cammeasures taken by the eras and computerized enforcement agencies to billing by retail medical

ler was directed to ensure During the meeting, 100 percent installation threadbare discussion of CCTVs by medical was held on the direc- shops, besides all shops tions issued in previous shall switch to computer-

> reviewed the status of Nasha Mukt Panchayat ments shared the data during the campaign.

The meeting was attended by SSP Gandersioner Ganderbal, Meh-While reviewing the raj-ud-Din Shah; CEO,

e-mail: xennorth@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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.

s.	Name of work	Cost of document/	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
No.		tender fee (in Rs.)			
1.	Cleaning of water bodies, channels, falls/steps of phase-I &II, bahu fort (kila),water bodies ,falls/steps connected with Bahu lake, sunrise fountain water bodies and falls/steps, lion fountain water body and central pump house near guest house at Bagh-e-Bahu.	200/-	Rs. 20,000/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	365 days	365 days

Date of Publishing: 19-09-2023 02.00 pm.

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 19-09-2023 (02.00 pm).

The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 19-09-2023 (02.00 pm) to 03-10-2023 (02.00 pm).

3. The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.

4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 04-10-2023 (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 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.imciammu.org/onlinepayment.html in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jamme

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.

8. 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.

9. 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

10. 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 365 days from last date of receipt of Bid. No exemption of any kind shall be

11. 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.

12. The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 365 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

13. 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.

14. Special conditions as per Finance Department order No. OM A/24 (2017)-651 dated 07-06-2018.

i. 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.

ii. 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.

15. Other details, instructions and terms and conditions can be seen / downloaded from the bidding

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DIC Kulgam organises Awareness programme at ITI, K.B.Pora

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 20

The District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam today organized an awareness programme at Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Khuri Batapora D.H Pora Kulgam.

(DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal of District Kulgam along Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who with achievements of ITI was chief guest on the in aspirational blocks of occasion, virtually attend- Block Manzgam and DK ed the programme.

During the programme, schemes.



He also highlighted the Land allotment process of Deputy Commissioner different Industrial Estates the programme. Marg.

Tejaswini, Mumkin, PM sensitized the partici- DIC. Vishwakarma etc and pants about the different advised the participants schemes of Industries and Faculty Members of ITI, to avail the benefits of Commerce Department Officers/Officials of DIC these self-employment and recently launched PM Kulgam were present in Vishwakarma Scheme.

He also sensitized the participants about prevailing drug addiction and urged the participants to stay away from such activities and stay focused to achieve their goals and delivered a special session regarding career counseling during

Other resource persons also apprised participants about MSMEs.

The programme was followed by a question General Manager, DIC, answer session and wit-DC highlighted various Bashir Ahmad, spoke nessed a threadbare disself-employment schemes about industrialization cussion between the parlike PMEGP, NCSS, MSME and its importance and ticipants and speakers of

> Principal ITI K.B .Pora, the programme.

tropic substances.

Assistant Drug Control-

The meeting also

Jammu Air Show

Tourism Directorate Jammu, Indian Air Force SKAT Team extend warm invitation to public for Exciting & Adventure filled event

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu and SKAT (Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team) team of the Indian Air Force today extended a warm and enthusiastic invitation to the public for grand Air Show and awareness camp being held at Air Force Station Jammu on September 22.

Speaking at a well attended press Conference, the organizers invit- informative publicity stall and other eatables are not ed everyone to be part of at the venue, providing an allowed within the event the extraordinary event opportunity for attendees that promises a symphony of excitement and adven- upcoming tourism activi- Joint Director of Tourture like never before.

conference was graced by ties distinguished dignitaries, Raj; Lt. Colonel, Suneel and Indian Air Force Offi- that the Air show and Aerobatic team.

be an exuberant celebra- & Kashmir and Air Force



to gather insights about This prestigious press and promising opportunilive streaming will take

invitation to the public, This event promises to Government of Jammu gate.

said. It was informed that chief guest of the event. the Directorate of Tour- He also adds a friendly ism Jammu will set up an reminder that carry bags

premises.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta, ties, enticing destinations, ism, informed that the place on September 22, Vivekanand Rai, Direc- on all our social media including Director of Tour- tor of Tourism Jammu, handles: @Facebook: @ ism Jammu, Vivekanand extended a personal jammutourismofficial, Instagram/Twitter @jam-Bartwal PRO (Defence), promising that this event mutourism, YouTube: @ Joint Director Tourism, will be nothing short of jammutourismofficial273. Sunaina Sharma Mehta spectacular. He informed She further informed that public access to the event cers from the Surya Kiran awareness camp is a on September 22 will be joint collaboration of the through the Peer Baba and excellence of the

tion of thrills and adven- Station Jammu, wherein conference, Wing Com- and to consider a future in ture that you absolutely the Hon'ble LG J&K, Sh. mander Kartik, Squadron the defense and air force cannot afford to miss, they Manoj Sinha, will be the Leader Himanshu Singh, sectors for the youth.

Squadron Leader Allen George, and Flight Lieutenant Kanwal Sandu from the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) shared captivating insights.

They revealed that this

remarkable nine-aircraft team, unique in Asia, has executed an astounding 600 displays. Additionally, they emphasized that the event will feature the Akash Ganga skydiving team, the Air Warrior Drill Team, the Mi-17 1V helicopter operations, and the outstanding SKAT team operations. The Suryakiran Aerobatic team, popularly known as SKAT, inherits the motto "Sadhaiva Sarvottam" with ease, aptly describing the adage "Always the Best". This spectacular showcase aims to raise awareness about aviation.

This event is not just a showcase of extraordinary talent but also an opportunity for the public to witness the dedication Indian Air Force. It's an Speaking at the press invitation to be inspired

GDC Kishtwar, JKST&IC organise symposium, poster making competition on "Global Science for Global Wellbeing"

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Jammu Kashmir Science Technology and Innovation Council (JKST&IC), today hosted a symposium and poster-making competition on the theme "Global Science for Global Wellbeing." The event aimed to provide a platform to the students to delve into the intersection of science and global challenges.

The symposium and poster-making competition were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Jyoti Parihar, the College Principal.

Dr. Sehrish Gazal presided over the event and the esteemed jury mem-

Shruti Khanna, representing the Jammu Kashmir Science and Technology Department, joined virtually as the guest of honour.

lighted JKST&IC's efforts mended GDC Kishtwar Waseem Rasheed.



for organizing this event and expressed the depart- delivered a comprehenment's commitment to sive presentation on the future collaborations with importance of global scithe college for similar pro-

symposium, students presented insightful discussions on pressing global issues, ranging from the necessity of global science contributions for delivered the welcome overall wellbeing to speaddress, extending a cific areas requiring global warm welcome to all par-scientific attention, such ticipants and introducing as healthcare, pandemics, Rasheed shed light on the and the event concluded climate change, and sus-necessity of global collabo-with a vote of thanks tainable agriculture for rations to promote global global food security. Following the symposium, a poster-making competi- har, the chief guest of the tion allowed students to occasion, emphasized the creatively express their need for interdisciplinviews on global wellbe- ary and transdisciplinary In her inaugural ing. Both the symposium approaches to address ment and coordinated by address, Shruti high- and poster-making com- modern-day threats petition were judged by a impacting global wellbein promoting scientific panel of experts, including ing, such as pandemics curiosity among students Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Prof. and food security. She

Dr. Ashaq Hussain ence contributions and the role of scientific knowl-Participating in the edge in addressing global challenges. He encouraged students to actively participate in such events as

platforms for sharing their

Prof. Romana Akhter discussed scientific contributions to global welfare, while Prof. Waseem bers and the chief guest, wellbeing.

Principal Dr. Jyoti Pariand the public. She com- Romana Akhter, and Prof. also stressed the importance of preserving biodi-

versity for the wellbeing of our planet. Dr. Parihar thanked JKST&IC for their financial support in organizing the event.

A prize distribution ceremony recognized the winners of both the poster and symposium competitions. Abroo Wajid, Mutageen-ul-Islam and Tanuja Thakur secured the first, second, and third prizes in the symposium, while Ayesha Kousar, Mamta Kumari, Anamika, and Sahila Parveen secured the first, second, and third prizes in the poster-making competition. The winners received cash prizes of Rs 1000, 700, and 500, along with trophies, while consolation prizes were awarded to all participants.

Mementos were presented to the jury memdelivered by Prof. Sarita Parihar. Refreshments were provided to all participants.

The event was organized by faculty members from the Science Depart-Prof. Sushil Kumar, Prof. Ajay Kumar, and Prof. Sachinjit Singh. It was attended by teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students of the college.

DIC Poonch organises special awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 20

A special awareness programme on newly launched PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana was today organized for targeted beneficiaries here in the Counseling Cell of District Industries Centre Poonch.

The programme was aimed at sensitizing the participants regarding the new Scheme. PM vishwakarma scheme is fully funded by government of their Hands and tools. India, provides recognition and holistic support improve the quality, to traditional artisans and scale and reach of their threadbare discussion tial vishwakarmas.



craft people working with products and to integrate are scheduled to be held

The scheme aims to chains.

them with the MSME value

was held to device a holistic approach to identify the beneficiaries. General Manager District Industries Centre, Dr. Mohammad Tanwir briefed the participants regarding the

All the participants expressed gratitude and thanked the government and administration of the district for the initiatives being taken for the vishwakarmas

More such programmes at block levels in district Poonch for awareness and During the session a identification of all poten-

DEA Kishtwar readies to start Preparation of 2nd Supplement to Panchayat Electoral Rolls 2023

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 20

The District Election Authority, under the supervision of District Election Officer Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, has geared up for the preparation of the 2nd supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023, as per the schedule notified by the State Election Commission UT of Jammu and

gave a press briefing, here today.

notified the schedule for the preparation of the 2nd supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, Booth Officials (PEBO, i.e., this regard, the concerned 2023, with January 1, 2023,

as the qualifying date. He stated that the electors of the area can accordingly submit (file) claims and objections regarding additions, deletions, corrections, and transpositions of entries in the existing Panchayat Electoral Roll from September 20, 2023, to September 29, 2023.



with a public notice.

sion Union Territory of Booth Locations on Sepday) and September 24, 2023 (Sunday).

The Panchayat Election VLW/MPW/GRS) along District Panchayat Elecwith the Assembly BLOS tion Officer (DEPO), Elecshall remain available at toral Registration Officer the Polling Booth Loca- (ERO), Assistant Elections with the requisite toral Registration Officer Forms and Panchayat Roll, (AERO), and Panchayat 2023, for guidance of the Election Booth Official electors.

disposal of claims and in the offices of the conobjections by ERO would cerned District Panchayat be done from September Election Officer and also 30, 2023 (Saturday) to on the official website of The Dy DEO said that October 6, 2023 (Friday). J&K State Election Comthe Panchayat Electoral Again, publication of the mission @ (secik.nic.in).

voter list with the supplement will be done on October 10, 2023 (Tuesday).

He added that the State **Election Commission has** given one more opportunity to the left-out voters/ voters to get their names added, deleted, corrected, or transposed with reference to January 1, 2023, as the qualifying date.

Therefore, the names in the last updated Electoral Roll, 2023, has been dis- Roll published on Februplayed at prominent loca- ary 10, 2023, with refer-In this regard, the tions in Halqa Panchayat ence to January 1, 2023, as Deputy District Election today on September 20, the qualifying date shall be Officer, Naresh Kumar 2023 (Wednesday) along put in the public domain for the preparation of the He further informed 2nd Supplement to the He informed that the that special camps would Panchayat Electoral Roll, State Election Commis- be held at the Polling 2023. The qualifying date for the current updation of Jammu and Kashmir has tember 23, 2023 (Satur- Panchayat Roll shall, however, remain the same as January 1, 2023.

> For any assistance in (PEBO) may be contacted. He further added that Their details are available

DDC Kupwara reviews progress of RDD schemes

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 20

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress made under various schemes of Rural Development Department (RDD).

At the outset, ACD Kupwara, Hilal Ahmad Mir gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation and briefed the DDC about the progress achieved by the RDD under various schemes including SBM-G and MGNREGA.

Speaking at the occasion, the DDC stressed upon all the officers to work with added dedication and coordination and ensure all the works assigned to them are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

Reviewing the progress under SBM-G, the DDC impressed upon all the officers to streamline the garbage disposal mechanism in all panchayats of the district to ensure clean and hygienic environment in villages. She directed them to ensure that the garbage collection process gets started across all 385 panchayats of the district within a week's

Registration Department conducts capacity building sessions on registration processes, e-stamping and e-GRAS Challans

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enue, Registration Depart- The participants were also tion of Base, Rectified and ment, J&K conducted three refreshed about the initia- Additional e-stamp cer-Document Registration mentation in their offices. as number, date, party of their knowledge on doc-System (NGDRS) covering

sion, Tehsildar Headquar- graph, PAN verification, for locking was shown to at any step during registrater, IGR Office/Nodal Officer final acceptance, scanning the participants using SRO tion process. The SRs and NGDRS J&K sensitized the and upload in Sub Regis- Login. participants about different trar Login were demontions relating to document Senior Technical Director Registration Fee on Gov-istration. IGR expressed registration, such as Reg- and Mr. Pranav Borate Sr. ernment Receipt Account- gratitude to SDU NIC Pune, Act 1977 Svt, J&K Stamps Vikas Singla, Regional given by technical experts constant support to the (Payment of Stamp Duty Coordinator, SHCIL gave from NIC J&K. The experts Registration Department by Means of e-stamping a detailed presentation on demonstrated how to in addressing the technol-Rules) Rules, 2020 and cir-verification and locking of deface e-GRAS challans ogy related issues of Sub cular instructions on use of electronic stamps through used in registration of doc-Registrar Offices.

tion with reference to date rity features of an e-stamp

of appointment, proper were vividly demonstrated besides issuance of encum-Continuing with its capac- record maintenance, need including scanning and brance certificate and cerity building programmes for scanning of pend- verification of e-stamps tified copies of registered and following the direcing documents and their through mobile app and documents. The experts tions of Secretary, Rev- uploading in the NGDRS. web portal. A descripextensive training sessions tives taken by the depart- tificates was given, includ- combined sessions of trainon online registration ment during the last two ing the parameters to be ing which has immensely through National Generic years for effective imple- checked on e-stamp such contributed to broadening The training sessions details, article, etc. and processes and procedures were conducted by Soft- the precautions to be taken involved in registration, ware Development Unit while verifying/locking an e-stamp payment/verifica- (SDU), National Informatics e-stamp on the NGDRS/ ing remarks emphasized tion/locking and deface- Centre (NIC) Pune, Stock SHCIL portals. The utility upon the importance of ment of e-GRAS challans. Holding Corporation of of the unique features of an exhibiting due diligence Apart from IGR J&K, AIGR India Limited (SHCIL) and e-stamp certificate includ- and presence of mind while Kashmir, AIGR Jammu, NIC J&K. Different steps of ing ID, Bar Code/QR Code, conducting document reg-Registrars, Sub Registrars document flow including account reference, codes istration to ensure against and their staff participated pre-registration summary, printed on the margins for locking of document due in the online training ses- check-in, presentation, pay- checking the veracity of an to incorrect e-stamp entry, ment, party details, captur- e-stamp were demonstrat- evasion of stamp duty, In the introductory sesing of fingerprints/ photo- ed. Further, the procedure stucking of document etc.

laws/Rules/circular instruc- strated by Laique Ul Haque, defacement of challans of istration Act, 1908, Stamp Developer, SDU NIC, Pune. ing System (GRAS) was NIC J&K and SHCIL for their

e-stamps, date of registra- SHCIL portal. The secu- uments and for registration through home visit, responded to gueries of the participants who expressed satisfaction over conduct of ument registration through IGR J&K in his conclud-

> their staff were exhorted The demonstration on to examine the documents diligently for a quality reg-

J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages presents spectacular Folk Festival at IIT Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 20

The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu) resonated with the vibrant beats and melodies of Jammu and Kashmir's rich folk traditions as it hosted a remarkable Folk Festival organized by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages of preserving and show- his presence. Dr. Shahn- and Kashmir.



(JKAACL). The event, held with the intention

casing the vanishing ver- awaz, Editor cum Cultural nacular culture of the Officer, extended a warm Jammu region, witnessed welcome to the students an enthusiastic participa- and staff on behalf of Mr. tion of students and staff Bharat Singh, JKAS, Secremembers.

tary of JKAACL, the vision-The distinguished ary behind these cultural Chief Guest for the eve- initiatives. Dr. Shahnawaz ning was Prof. Ashoke emphasized that such Sarkar, Former Direc- events aim to introduce tor of BITS Pilani, who the youth to the rich culgraced the occasion with tural heritage of Jammu