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India's diplomacy touched new heights in last 30 days: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI, SEP 26

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India's diplomacy touched new heights in the last 30 days and some decisions taken during the G20 Summit have potential to change the direction of the 21st century world takes.

Addressing students, faculty members and heads of educational institutions at the finale of the G20 University Connect here, the prime minister said he met 85 world leaders during the past 30 days.

"In today's polarised international atmosphere, it is not a small thing to get so many countries together on one platform," he said, referring to the G20 Summit in Delhi earlier



this month.

He asserted that clean, clear and stable governance is necessary for the country's developmental journey to continue.

"I want to give you a report card of the last 30 days. That will give you an idea of the speed and scale of New India. You must remember August 23! Everyone was praying and then suddenly there

was a smile on everyone's face. The entire world heard India's voice: 'India is on the Moon'.

"August 23 has become immortal in the country as the National Space Day. Soon after the success of its lunar mission, India launched its solar mission," he added.

Asserting that India's diplomacy reached

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No change in peaceful atmosphere in Kashmir post Kokernag encounter: DGP Dilbagh Singh

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATRA, SEP 26

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Wednesday said that the Kokernag encounter has not changed the peaceful situation in Kashmir and that the situation continues to remain peaceful as it was before the encounter. He, however, said that it is always advantageous for those who open fire first and in Kokernag terrorists opened the fire first leading to the killing of three officers.

Talking to reporters after inaugurating the modular police station at Katra, Jammu,



DGP Singh, as per news agency, said that the Kokernag encounter hasn't changed the situation in Kashmir. "Situation continues to remain peaceful as it was before the Kokernag encounter. I know, it is the handiwork of some vested interests to blow the Kokernag encounter out of proportion," he said.

He said it is always an advantage for those who open the fire first. "When security forces open fire at the terrorists first, it's to our advantage. In Kokernag, terrorists were waiting for the forces and took advantage of the first fire that led to the killing of two army officers and a police officer," the DGP said, adding that the operation took seven days and was conducted successfully. "We killed dreaded LeT terrorist Uzair Khan with his associate. I am proud of the security forces' teams that took part in the operation as it was

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Cop among 2 dead as car plunges into gorge in Poonch village

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, SEP 26

A policeman and another person died after a car they were travelling in met with an accident in Poonch village of Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said.

An official told the news agency that the vehicle plunged into a gorge near Palera village, resulting in on spot death to a cop and another person. The deceased have been identified as Mohd Sadiq son of Faiz Akbar and Jamil Khan son of Mohammad Ayob—both residents of Palera vil-



lage. The official said that bodies of duo will be handed over to legal heirs after medico-legal formalities.

American delegation also visited J&K: Garcetti on US Pak envoy's PoJK visit

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEP 26

Amid a row over the US envoy to Islamabad visiting Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, US ambassador to India Eric Garcetti on Tuesday said the American delegation has visited Jammu and Kashmir as well for G20 meetings.

Garcetti was reacting to questions on US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome's six-day visit to Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) last week.

"It's not my place to react to the US Amb-



sador in Pakistan but he's been before and we obviously had part of our delegation in Jammu and Kashmir during G20 as well," the American envoy told reporters on the sidelines of the 20th Indo-US Economic Summit. At the

same time, Garcetti made it clear that the Jammu and Kashmir issue has to be resolved bilaterally by India and Pakistan and not by any third party, including the US.

"We'll stay engaged but this is an issue we very religiously know that has to be resolved between India and Pakistan not by any third party including the US," he said.

US Ambassador to Pakistan Blome visited the Gilgit-Baltistan region of PoJK and interacted with the locals there, according to a Pakistani media report.

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Cross-LoC Arms supply racket: One LeT terrorist, two women, juvenile among 5 terror associates arrested in Baramulla: Police

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, SEP 26

Jammu and Kashmir police Wednesday claimed to have arrested one Lashkare-Toiba terrorist and five terror associates including two women. One among the arrested persons includes a juvenile as well.

Addressing a press conference at Baramulla, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Barmulla Amog Nagpure said that on police have arrested active LeT terrorist and five terrorist associates in Baramulla and recovered



huge quantity of arms and ammunition including grenades and pistols from them

"The process of arrests started after two suspects

were detained on September in Uri. The five terror associates arrested include two women and a juvenile as well," he said, as per news agency.

The SSP said that on September 21, Police in Baramulla through reliable sources came to know that one individual namely Yaseen Ahmad Shah son

of Tariq Ahmad resident of Janbazzpora Baramulla is missing from his home and has joined proscribed terror outfit LeT/ TRF. "Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigation was taken up. On receipt of this information, based on human/technical intelligence, a joint team of Baramulla Police, Army & CAPF during MVCP checking at Tapper Pattan apprehended the said terrorist on 22/09/2023,"

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160% increase in promotions under Modi government: Dr Jitendra Singh

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 26

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Rozgar Mela and distributed about 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits via video conferencing today. The recruits, selected from across the country will be joining the Government in various Ministries/Departments including Department of Posts, Indian Audit & Accounts Department, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Revenue, Depart-



ment of Higher Education, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare among others. The Rozgar Mela is taking place at 46 locations across the country.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated those who received their appointment letters today. He remarked that they are here due to their hard

work and dedication and they have been selected from a pool of millions of candidates. Noting the festivities of Ganesh Utsav across the country, the Prime Minister said that it is the 'Shri Ganesh' of a new life for the appointees during this auspicious occasion. "Lord Ganesh is the God of accomplishments", the Prime Minister said as he expressed confidence that the devotion of the recruits towards service will enable the country to accomplish its goals. The Prime

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J&K govt removes corporator on corruption charges

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 26

The Jammu & Kashmir government has removed a councilor after she was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe.

Jyoti Yadav, a councilor representing ward no. 53 of Jammu Municipal Corporation, has been removed by the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) under the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act for flagrantly abusing her position as

corporator.

In an order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, H&UDD, has ordered removal of Jyoti Yadav as corporator for abusing her official position.

Jyoti was affiliated with BJP but was expelled by the party after she was caught by sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000.

The government action came after an inquiry officer found that the cor-

porator has prima facie flagrantly abused her official position and recommended that she is liable for action her section 34(i) (b) of the Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act-2000.

In her defence, the corporator had denied the facts and resisted applicability of section 8 and section 34 of Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act-2000, asserting therein that no action can be taken against her under the said provisions of the law.

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J&K govt assigns charge of BOPEE chairman to Dheeraj Gupta

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEP 26

Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered Principal Secretary Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment Dheeraj Gupta to hold the charge of chairman of J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations.

In an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency the government said that this is an interim arrangement in place

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India asks UN member states not to allow 'political convenience' to determine responses to Terrorism, extremism

AGENCIES
UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 26

India on September 26 asked the U.N. member states not to allow "political convenience" to determine responses to terrorism, extremism and violence, in what appears to be a veiled attack on Canada amidst the diplomatic standoff.

Addressing the 78th UN General Assembly session in United Nations, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also said respect for territorial integrity



and non-interference in internal affairs cannot be "exercised in cherry picking" and asserted that the days when a few nations set the agenda and expect-

ed others to fall in line are over.

"We must never again allow an injustice like vaccine apartheid to recur. Climate action too cannot continue to witness an evasion of historical responsibilities. The power of markets should not be utilized to steer food and energy from the needy to the wealthy.

"Nor must we countenance that political convenience determines responses to terrorism, extremism and violence.

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Indo-Pacific emerged as pivotal theatre in contemporary Geo-Strategic canvas: Army Chief Gen Pande

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEP 26

India's outlook for the Indo-Pacific emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region, peaceful resolution of disputes and avoidance of use of force, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Tuesday.

His comments at the inaugural session of the India-hosted 13th Indo-Pacific Chiefs' Conference (IPACC) came against the backdrop of

China's growing military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific as well as the lingering border row in eastern Ladakh.

"The challenges we face are significant, but so is our collective wisdom and strength. It is through open dialogue and exchange of ideas that we will find innovative solutions to the challenges," he said in presence of military delegates from around 35 countries.

"Let us recognise that while our methods and means towards achieving



our objectives may differ, yet our goal is the same, that is, a free and open Indo-Pacific," he added.

Highlighting the geo-political significance and geo-economic weight of the Indo-Pacific nations,

Gen Pande said it is evident from the fact that the region accounts for 65 per cent of the world's population, 63 per cent of the global GDP and 50 per cent of the world's maritime trade.

"Hence, the impact of geographic and economic indispensability of the region to the world, naturally accords it the role of the pivotal theatre in the contemporary geo-strategic canvas," he said.

The chief of Army Staff said India's commitment towards "positively

engaging" all stakeholders in the Indo-Pacific has been "unwavering and enduring" over the years.

"India's strategic location, astride the vital sea lanes of communication, in the Indo-Pacific, propels us as a key player in the region's discourse," he said.

"Our outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations in the region, equality of all, peaceful resolution of disputes, avoidance of use

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Canning-Processing of Fruits: Horticulture Deptt Jammu organises one day Farmers' Awareness cum Training Program

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

The Department of Horticulture Jammu today conducted one day Farmers' Awareness cum Training Programme on Canning and Processing of Fruits at Panchayat Bhagwana Chack of block Khour under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak.

Chief Horticulture officer Jammu., Ashwani Sharma, Tehsildar Khour, Monica Sharma, MCC Jammu, Uttam Chand, DL Subject Matter Specialist, Sandeep Gupta, HDO, Amit Saraf besides PRI members, women entrepreneurs and farmers participated in the programme.

While addressing the gathering of more than 100 farmers of the area, Ram Savak briefed the farmers about different central and UT sponsored



schemes of the department in detail and urged them to come forward under different schemes of the department. He also impressed upon the trainees to associate with the Horticulture department and form Self Help Groups (SHG) for setting up of small fruit and vegetables processing units. He assured that the department will help them in setting up of Micro Food Processing units under the PMFME scheme, a landmark initiative of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

for the value addition of fruit products which will not only provide employment opportunities to the beneficiaries, but will also make them self-reliant and henceforth can play an important role in enhancing the family income.

Meanwhile, the Department organised a Training Programme on Layering, Budding and Grafting of fruit plants at Government Fruit Plant Nursery Garhi-Bishnah of block Khour for the unemployed youth including female trainees.

The programme was

also attended by Vice Chairman DDC, Suraj Singh, DDC member Bushan Bral, Chairman Municipal Committee Jourian and other PRI members of the area. The program, focused on nurturing the skills of unemployed trainees in hybrid fruit plant propagation, included the generous distribution of free tool kits, facilitating their journey towards establishing private nurseries with the support of the horticulture department.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Horticulture

highlighted the commitment of the department to empower individuals, particularly those facing unemployment, with practical skills that can lead to self-reliance and economic growth within the horticulture sector. He further added that such innovative training programs not only benefit the unemployed trainees but also contribute to the advancement of horticultural practices and local horticultural industries.

By encouraging entrepreneurship in hybrid fruit plant propagation and private nursery setup, it opens doors to employment opportunities and strengthens the horticultural community. Vice chairman DDC and DDC member appreciated such fruitful efforts of the horticulture department that can help the unemployed youth of the area in becoming self-reliant.

Concluding program on POSHAN Abhiyaan organised in Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

Concluding program on POSHAN Abhiyaan (POSHAN Maah) was today organised by Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Jammu, Kailash Devi.

On the occasion, Joint Director Mission POSHAN J&K, D. S Katoch was the chief Guest, Joint Commissioner, JMC, Kulbushan Khajuria was the Guest of Honour, District Program Officer, Jammu, Renu Bhasin was special Guest, Parvinder Kour, Secretary JMC., R. S Jamwal, CDPO Damsal and Mohit Bharti, CDPO Kot Bhalwal were the special invitees.

Supervisors, Anganwadi Workers and beneficiaries of POSHAN Project Jammu were also present on the occasion.

A Fancy Dress show on

different vegetables and fruit was presented by the enrolled children of POSHAN Project Jammu. Healthy baby show was

Helpers were presented certificates of appreciation.

Lecture was delivered by Kulbushan Khajuria, Joint Commissioner JMC. The CDPO Jammu highlighted the importance of Poshan (Nutrition), so that the Nutritional status among beneficiaries of



organised in all AWCs of POSHAN project Jammu and among them 3 were given awards. Reflecting the cultural diversity of India a Kashmiri rouf and a Dogri dance was presented by the Anganwadi Workers and artists of JD musical group. A video on all the activities done during the month of POSHAN Abhiyaan in different AWCs of Jammu was also released. Best performing Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi

Anganwadi Centres can be improved.

Different nutrition items were also displayed which were prepared in the Anganwadi Centres and recipes on Milletts were also displayed by AWWs. Joint Director Mission POSHAN and DPO Jammu also spoke about the ongoing POSHAN Maah and its importance.

A pledge on POSHAN was taken by all. The program ended with a vote of thanks by CDPO Jammu.

'Ayushman Bhava' campaign picks pace in Kupwara

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 26

The fortnightly Ayushman Bhava campaign has picked pace in frontier Kupwara district where Health authorities are organising Ayushman Melas and camps to target non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and cancers (oral, cervical and breast cancers), maternal and child health and anaemia besides presumptive examination for TB.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan the District Administration in collaboration with Health department has put in place adequate arrangements to deliver multiple components of the Centrally-administered 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign that aims to saturate all healthcare services in every village/town with last-mile coverage where Health department is providing 100% coverage of households for a set of health services.

CMO Kupwara, DR. Ramzan said that under Ayushman Bhava, 397 Ayushman Melas at Health and Wellness centre level have been organised



across the district where around 20,000 patients were screened for NCDs and around 5400 ABHA IDs were created.

CMO added that during the campaign, 450 Golden Cards were generated as well.

A mega Ayushman Bhava camp was organised by GMC Handwara at CHC level where 230 patients got treated, 4 Blood donation camps were conducted and I13 pints of blood were collected.

Meanwhile, an Ayushman Mela was organised today at Health and Wellness Centre Bahadur Kote

(Karnah) close to LoC. Hundreds of persons in the area were screened for NCDs, maternal and Child Health and anaemia.

A blood donation camp at CHC Sogam was also organised today during which 42 blood points were collected.

As envisaged by the Government of India, the 'Ayushman Bhava' initiative is involving a set of interventions including 'Ayushman - Apke Dwar 3.0' (speedy issuance of Golden Cards) and 'Ayushman Sabhas' (to spread health awareness and availability of treatment facilities).

Empowering Young Minds: IIT Jammu hosts Vigyan Jyoti and Tribal Community Students

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

IIT Jammu continues its commitment as a knowledge partner for the Vigyan Jyoti Programme, a visionary initiative aimed at ushering in gender equality within the realm of STEM. At its core, this program strives to foster active participation of young girls in diverse fields of Science and Technology right from their formative years. The Outreach Section of IIT Jammu has been wholeheartedly embracing this noble cause since 2021.

In the latest chapter, the Outreach Section had the privilege of hosting 175 bright young minds on the 21st and 22nd of September 2023. Amongst these budding enthusiasts, 150 were participants of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme, while 25 hailed from the ST Community (Gujjar) of



Mahore village in Reasi. These dynamic students represented various esteemed institutions, including: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Udhampur; Kendriya Vidyalaya Udhampur; Government Higher Secondary School Rakh Jaganoor, Udhampur; Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Reasi; Government Higher Secondary School Reasi; Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samba; Government Higher Secondary School Samba and the diligent students from the Tribal community in Mahore.

The visitation requests

from these schools were diligently coordinated through email communications with their respective Principals. The Outreach team at the institute, under the leadership of Prof Rakesh Singhai, the Dean and Dr Riya Bhowmik, the Associate Dean, always accords priority to these requests, taking into account lab accessibility and the availability of faculty resources.

The students' visit provided them with invaluable insights into the academic calendar of IITs, the pathways to gain admission to prestigious

institutions like NITs and IITs, and the intricacies of the admission process itself. Dr Vijay Pal conducted enlightening practical sessions at the ATAL Lab, while Prof Singhai graced the occasion with an informative presentation and engaging interactions with the students, shedding light on potential career trajectories over the next decade.

Before delving into these enriching sessions, the students were organized into groups and accompanied by the Outreach/UBA team to explore the wonders of the Tinkerer's Lab, Central Workshop, and Physics Lab. The dedicated lab staff at IIT Jammu elucidated the inner workings, utility of equipment, and the significance of each machine within the lab. The curious students eagerly posed questions in every lab, demonstrating their thirst for knowledge.

The visit concluded with a delightful refreshment session.

Furthermore, the UBA and Outreach teams orchestrated an engaging Art and Craft workshop tailored for the ST students from Mahore in Reasi. This creative endeavor focused on crafting small-scale engineering models, fostering a spirit of innovation and hands-on learning.

The visit of these young minds to IIT Jammu serves as a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to nurturing the future leaders of the STEM world, regardless of their background, gender, or community. The collaborative efforts of the Outreach Section, Vigyan Jyoti Programme and the ST Community exemplify the transformative power of education and inclusivity in shaping a brighter tomorrow.

DDC Ganderbal chairs DLRC/ DCC meeting

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 26

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a District Level Review Committee (DLRC) and District Consultative Committee (DCC) meeting of the district to review the performance related to quarter 1st ending June 2023 of FY 2023-24.

Lead District Manager Ganderbal, Shabir A. Dar informed the meeting that banks operating in the district have disbursed an amount of Rs 89.90 Crore in priority sector against the annual target of Rs. 654.44 crore and Rs 103.64 Crore in non-priority sector against the annual target of Rs. 224.62 Crore.

It was further informed



that J&K Bank alone has disbursed Rs 69.74 Crore under priority sector and 72.08 crore under non priority sector aggregating to total credit of Rs 141.82 showing an achievement of 20% contribution towards total credit dispensation in the district.

The DDC emphasized the need for improving the credit flow in Agriculture and allied sectors under HADP plan. The performance with respect to social security schemes under Jansuraksha was also discussed and the chair emphasized the need for roping in the people under social security schemes with joint

coordination of all concerned agencies.

Besides reviewing the performance of Banks and Govt. departments under various schemes, the DDC directed the line agencies to sponsor quality cases and the Banks for speedy disposal of Govt. Sponsored cases.

The meeting was also attended by AGM, RBI; Sanjeev Sharma; Lead District Manager Ganderbal, Shabir A Dar; DDM, NABARD, GM, DIC Ganderbal, DAHO, CHO, AD H&H, AD, Employment, the District Coordinators of all the Banks and other development agencies.

DC Poonch reviews performance of Agriculture, allied departments

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, SEPTEMBER 26

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the performance of Agriculture and allied departments with regard to the implementation of respective schemes in the district.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive review of the activities of the departments as well as physical and financial achievements under CAPEX, MIDH and PMDP with special focus on Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP).

Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of 29 projects under HADP pertaining to different Departments of Agriculture sector like Beekeeping, Fisheries, Mushroom cultivation, Production of designer plants (Mother Block of Apple), Mutton units, Wool units, Poultry farms, RBSh, and stressed upon the formulation of Farmers Producer Organizations for the niche crops. The chair gave strict instructions to the District Officers about HADP implementation. He asked them not to repeat the beneficia-

ries and provide equal benefit to all the farming community. The Deputy Commissioner stressed to expedite the works undertaken for development of the farming community and enhance their income through government schemes and cover the maximum number of farmers in the schemes.

The officers were advised to supervise the process of execution of works in their respective jurisdictions to ensure timeline completion with judicious utilization of funds. He further directed officers to initiate on-ground execution without unnecessary delays caused by the transitional phase.

All officers were instructed to redouble their efforts to achieve both physical and financial targets set for the current fiscal year within pre-defined timeframes.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Fisheries, AD Floriculture, District Sericulture Officer, AGMO (P&M) Head Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Poonch and others.

Shanti Yatra accorded rousing reception by Kathua administration

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 26

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ranjeet Singh on Tuesday presided over the reception ceremony of Shanti Yatra here in the DC Office Complex. The ceremony witnessed huge participation of people from all walks of life.

After the formal reception of the Shanti Yatra, the ADC garlanded the Shanti Chinh and paid floral tributes to Gandhi Ji.

He emphasized the significance of the Shanti Yatra, calling upon all students and attendees to embrace the teachings and principles of Mahatma Gandhi. He stressed the importance of leading a life guided by the spirit of non-violence, echoing Gandhi Ji's philosophy. He appreciated the enthusiasm shown by school students who turned up in large numbers from the touch-down point in Bani to Kathua HQ. He said the Yatra will further amplify the message of truth, cleanliness, peace and non-violence which will remain relevant to any civilised society.

The initiative of Shanti Yatra by the School Education Department stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, spreading his



timeless ideals and inspiring future generations towards a path of peace and harmony.

Earlier, at Government Middle School Chack Sheikhhan in Zone Kathua a grand reception was accorded to the Shanti Yatra in presence of CEO, P.L Thapa, ZEO, Mangal Singh, ZEO Lakhampur, Kalsoom Akhter along with District Incharge Cultural Committee Monika Khosla, Teachers and a large number of school students.

The depiction of 'Gandhi Vatika', the three-monkey theme, the Charkha-spinning, and enacted a role-play on Salt Satyagraha/Dandi March (a mass civil disobedience movement initiated by Mahatma Gandhi against the salt tax imposed by the British) accompanied by an elegant dance sequence on 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' presented by GMS Chack Sheikhhan and GHS Parliwand was acclaimed by one and all.

Following its reception

at DC Office Complex, the Shanti Yatra proceeded for onward journey to significant locations, including GMS Kalibari, GMS Barnoti, GHS Rajbagh and to several schools of Marheer and Hiranagar Zones before it halted at Higher secondary school Kootah. En-route it was warmly welcomed by dedicated staff members and an impressive assembly of students.

The Shanti Chinh will be handed over to the Chief Education Officer Samba, tomorrow.

Pertinently, the Shanti Yatra, which was flagged off on September 9th from Poonch district, aims to celebrate the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi in all schools of the Jammu division, spanning from September 9th to October 2nd. Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated on October 2nd, will be highlighted by the Shanti Yatra, a symbolic journey promoting Gandhi Ji's message of love, peace, non-violence, and cleanliness.

Divisional level Kho-Kho tournament for boys takes off in Sports Stadium Doda

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 26

Divisional Level Kho-Kho tournament for boys of all age groups was inaugurated today in the Sports Stadium at Doda.

The tournament was inaugurated by DYSSO, Jaffer Haider Sheikh in the presence of several delegates and officials of the youth services and sports department. Teams from all districts of Jammu Division viz Doda, Reasi, Kathua, Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Ramban, Samba,

Udhampur reached here safely. Excellent boarding and lodging facilities are being provided to all the out-station teams. Medical facilities are being provided by the CMO Doda.

The tournament started with pride and an oath of fair play. Today, matches are being played between the U /14 age group.

In the opening match, Poonch beat Reasi by 3 points. In another match, Kathua beat Ramban by 7 points. The match played between Kishtwar and Doda was won by Doda by an inning and 3 points.

DM Doda chairs 15th District-Level NCORD committee meeting



JJ NEWS SERVICE
DODA, SEPTEMBER 26

District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Mahajan along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom chaired the 15th district-level committee meeting here under Marco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to discuss various measures to curb drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district.

The meeting discussed in detail the formalities with the stakeholders for declaring 100 more Panchayats of the district drugs free in addition to already declared 61 Panchayats.

The Committee deliberated on the recommendations of the committee constituted to work out the restriction for selling of psychotropic drugs by the notified medical stores only. It was decided that the medical shops equipped with CCTV cameras and proper computerized billing records shall be allowed to sell psychotropic drugs, that too of standard quality prescribed by registered Medical Practitioner.

The DM commended the stakeholders for their efforts in bringing down the graph of drug abuse and trafficking to a considerable level in the district. He stressed the need for comprehensive awareness programs against drug abuse throughout the district, especially in the educational institutions of

the district. He instructed all stakeholders to conduct awareness drives in schools, colleges, etc. in a holistic approach to target the young population and also by involving parents as well.

He stressed the need for sustained efforts by law enforcement agencies to check the use of substances and asked stakeholders to work in coordination for desired results.

SSP has instructed the police officers to keep watch on the activities along with the property accumulated by all the drug peddlers featured in various cases since 2010. Officers involved have been asked to submit the requisite data and documents for declaring 100 more identified panchayats drugs free in the district.

Other issues discussed in the meeting include the incidences of drug addiction, areas of concern, hot spots of drug abuse in the district. The meeting also discussed action taken on directions issued in the previous NCORD meeting.

ADC Doda, Dr. RK Bharti, ADC Bhaderwah, Ch. Dilmir, SDMs, ASP Bhaderwah, SDPOs, Tehsildars, Dy SP Headquarter, DFO Doda, DSWO Doda, Chief Education Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Veterinary Officer, District Drugs Controller Officer and other stakeholders attended the meeting.

International Rabies Day observed at Government Hospital Sarwal

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

Government Hospital Sarwal Jammu marked International Rabies Day aimed at raising awareness about rabies prevention, responsible pet ownership and the importance of mass vaccination drives for pets. The event took place today and was organized by the dedicated healthcare professionals at the hospital.

Rabies remains a significant public health concern, particularly in developing nations like India, where the disease is endemic. International Rabies Day serves as a global initiative to raise awareness and promote actions that can help prevent rabies-related deaths.

The event featured a range of activities to

spread important information about rabies.

Veterinary Surgeon from JMC, Dr. Sushil delivered informative lectures on mass vaccination drives for pets. The lectures emphasized the significance of community involvement in eradicating rabies. Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Paediatrician briefed about national treatment guidelines.

Paramedical students made posters conveying essential messages about rabies prevention and the importance of responsible pet ownership.

Dr. Vijay Raina, Medical Superintendent of Government Hospital Sarwal expressed gratitude to all participants and organizers for making the event a grand success. He stated, "Rabies is a preventable disease, and education is

NDRF conducts mock drill on emergency and rescue operation at Ramban

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 26

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today presided over the valedictory function of the 10-day awareness cum demonstration programme on preparedness for rescue operations during natural calamities and man made disasters.

The programme was organized by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in collaboration with the District Administration Ramban as a part of ten days awareness cum demonstrations programme held in different tehsils of the district.

The programme was attended by ADC, Harbans Sharma, ACR, Giasul-Haq, Dy. DEO Lal Chand, SDM Ramsoo, Ghanshya Basotra, Dy. SP Hqtr, Om Prakash, Assistant Director, Fire and Emergency Services, Sahil Bandral, Assistant Commandant NDRF, Javed Iqbal, Tehsildar, Rafiq Ahmed, officers of Civil Administration, NDRF, Police, SDRF, civil QRT, and members of different NGOs.

Appreciating the 13th Bn NDRF team for organizing an informative event, the Deputy Commissioner said that the mock drill held at the District Administrative Com-



plex, Ramban was aimed to assess preparedness besides sensitizing stakeholders about rescue and emergency operations to tackle earthquake, fire incidents and other disaster like situations.

Keeping in view the topography of district Ramban, the Deputy Commissioner said that District Administration has submitted a proposal to NDRF to setup a permanent NDRF component in Ramban to deal with challenges of natural calamities, landslides, fire and lightning incidents besides saving people drown in river Chenab 24x7.

The DC also said that the District Administration is focusing on setting up a Local Voluntary Force by strengthening the SDRF and local Civil QRT teams in Ramban. He also thanked the Disaster Management Relief, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (DMRR) for framing the Apda Mitra scheme through which 100 youth of Ramban were trained

in advance rescue training in Jammu. With good convergence of Apda Mitras in Ramban they could be strong pillars of NDRF, he added.

He asked Assistant Commissioner, Relief for the advance training convergence of Apda Mitras under DMRR even if they are sent outside. He informed that two online Applications have been made in Ramban for the real time information about landslides on NH44.

The DC also asked the SDRF to come up with a proposal to equip SDRF and QRT with innovative modern equipment, tools and techniques to save precious lives during emergency operations.

Earlier, the 13th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted a mock drill on fire incidents and earthquake preparedness in the District Administrative Complex, Ramban. They also displayed scene assessment, security and cutting-off building utilities.

DDC Bandipora takes review of ongoing projects under Jal Jeevan Mission

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 26

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad, Tuesday convened a meeting to assess the progress and implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

The meeting was informed that out of 224 works under different schemes, 223 works stand tendered, and letter of intent and allotment in respect of JJM stands issued for these works. It was further informed that a total of 208 works have been allotted out of which 27 have already been completed.

During the meeting, the DDC said that Jal Jeevan Mission is playing a significant role in enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Bandipora district, especially the people living in the higher reach-



es of the district.

He said that the mission of the district administration is to make sure that no household in Bandipora faces the challenge of water scarcity.

While reviewing the progress of JJM, the DDC was informed that several villages in the district have already achieved the goal of 'Har Ghar Jal'. The concerned officials on the occasion presented an overview of the progress made so far in implementing the mission. This included the status of tap water connections, infrastructure development, and financial disbursements.

The DDC was informed about the challenges encountered during the implementation of the mission. Solutions to overcome them were also discussed threadbare on the occasion.

During the meeting, specific timelines and targets were set to expedite the achievement of universal water coverage in the district.

The DDC urged everyone to work collaboratively and efficiently to make Bandipora a model district in terms of water accessibility and quality.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Division Bandipora/Sopore, JD Planning, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department Bandipora besides other concerned Officers.

DC Baramulla distributes Implements among Shearing Unit Beneficiaries

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 26

With an aim to provide employment opportunities and skill development to local youth, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today distributed sheep shearing units including gensets, grinders and other equipments among various beneficiaries under Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS).

A total of 05 progressive farmers have been provided assistance of equipment worth Rs. 1.05 lacs out of 13 target unit beneficiaries.

After distributing the necessary equipment, Dr Sehrish said that sheep breeding farms are emerging as an important economic activity and several people are using the opportunity for generating livelihood and providing employment to others.

Elucidating further, the DC said that the gov-



ernment has its endeavor to provide employment opportunities and skill development to local youth by providing assistance and training to the unemployed youth in establishing their own shearing units under ISDS.

The DC further said that the UT of Jammu and Kashmir is a net importer of meat and as such there is a lot of scope for expansion of sheep rearing. She said in addition to meat, the wool generated is also in high demand and rearers can fetch good prices in the market.

Dr Sehrish asserted that the district has abundant natural resources including grazing grounds and

water supply and has a capacity of bearing many more breeders.

Meanwhile, the DC affirmed that promoting sheep breeding farms will definitely help in value addition, better price to wool growers and quality raw material to the Handloom sector. She also urged youth to take part in the field and earn their livelihood by contributing to boost the local economy in the district.

Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf; Joint Director Planning, M.Y. Rafter and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

DC Rajouri reviews pendency of court cases of Rural Development Department

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 26

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal On Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting focusing on the court cases within the Rural Development Department.

The DC reviewed the status of cases currently awaiting resolution in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, seeking comprehensive briefings from the concerned officers.

The meeting revealed that the replies have been duly filed for 71 RDD cases. Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to expeditious justice, the DC directed the officers to expedite the submission of replies for the remaining cases without any unnecessary delays and to take court cases seriously.

During the meeting,



Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in handling the court cases of the Rural Development Department's legal affairs. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal encouraged this knowledge-sharing approach to collectively strengthen the legal capabilities of the department and contribute to the overall development goals of Rajouri district.

Furthermore, the meeting served as an opportunity for the officers to share their insights and experiences in handling RDD cases. This exchange of knowledge and expertise among the officers promotes a col-

laborative environment, where best practices can be identified and applied to enhance the efficiency of the Rural Development Department's legal affairs. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal encouraged this knowledge-sharing approach to collectively strengthen the legal capabilities of the department and contribute to the overall development goals of Rajouri district.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan and Block Development Officers attended the meeting.

DC Bandipora reviews 'Swachta Hi Seva', 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaigns

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 26

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad Tuesday convened a review meeting to assess the progress of the ongoing 'Swachta Hi Seva' and 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaigns.

During the meeting, a detailed assessment of the progress made in the 'Swachta Hi Seva' campaign was conducted, analyzing the cleanliness drives, waste management initiatives, and sanitation awareness programs that have been implemented across the district.

It was given out that the 'Swachta Hi Seva' campaign aims to create a cleaner and healthier environment for all citizens and has so far witnessed healthy participation and enthusiasm from local communities.

Dr Owais, on the occasion, sought a list of the activities being undertaken by all Block Development Officers across all panchayats in the district.

The DC directed for holding mega events at all block levels. He also urged the involvement of youth icons, public and religious personalities for the promotion of Swachta Hi Seva campaign, thereby achieving the goals of the campaign effectively.



He also directed the concerned for cleanliness around religious places, tourist locations including Gurez, Habba Khatoon spring, Athwatoo, Wular vintage and other places including Gulshan Chowk Bandipora, all the mosques, temples and shrines in the district besides roads.

He further directed that cleanliness of Nallah Madhumati, Arin Nallah, and Wular along with streams should be prioritized besides health institutions. Dr Owais, on

the occasion, informed that, as part of ongoing Swachtawa Pakhwada, one hour safai abhiyaan (Ek Tareek Ek Ghanta) shall be held on October 1st in all the panchayats across the district. The Meri Mati Mera Desh campaign was also reviewed during which strategies for strengthening this campaign were discussed threadbare. The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; JD Planning, ACP Bandipora, BDOs, E.O MC Bandipora, Hajin besides other concerned officials.

EDITORIAL

BJP needs to re-devise poll strategy

Rumours about deferring urban local bodies and rural local bodies polls scheduled to be held by the end of this year have been doing rounds in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting of senior BJP leaders with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and other top functionaries of the party has further fuelled the speculations as there is no significant statement with regard to the conduct of these elections has emerged. Some media reports quoting 'reliable sources' claim that ULB and Panchayat polls are likely to be held after the Parliamentary elections next year. It has provided enough fodder to the opposition parties which are training guns at the Saffron party and accusing it of losing its ground in J&K especially Jammu region from where it had won 25 seats during the last assembly elections. On Monday, Union Home Minister during his meeting with the senior leaders of the party from Jammu and Kashmir to reach out to the people at booth level and brief the people about large scale development works undertaken by the Central and UT Governments during last four years after abrogation of special status of Jammu and Kashmir and start preparations for elections. There is no denial in fact that the UT government has initiated unprecedented developmental activities across Jammu and Kashmir, besides launching various pro-people schemes. Unfortunately, the local leadership of the party has failed to explain to the people in true spirit the welfare initiatives taken by the Prime Minister-led Modi government. These are several initiatives including Jammu and Kashmir is the only State/UT where the Central Government has given two AIIMS, IIM, IIT, many Medical Colleges and initiated various big projects and schemes, many of them Centrally sponsored. The need is to ensure that this message should reach every house that the BJP Government has done a lot for the people. If the Saffron party really wants to make a difference in the electoral exercise, the leaders of the party should go to booth level, as desired by the Union Home Minister, and explain development of Jammu and Kashmir during the last four years. Moreover, Jammu and Kashmir is the only UT where every family is covered under Ayushman Bharat Scheme and this message must reach to the people. The party also needs to launch a counter offensive against the opposition parties which are creating wrong narratives on certain issues. The General elections are almost six months away from now and the BJP should not take any chance. It should gear up well in advance for Lok Sabha as well as assembly polls scheduled in the next few months. In Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP had won Udhampur-Doda and Jammu-Poonch in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections. After the fresh Delimitation of Constituencies, the BJP is now looking to win third seat this time which is South Kashmir-Poonch which was created with districts comprising parts of South Kashmir like Anantnag and Pulwama besides Poonch district and half of Rajouri district by the Delimitation Commission. This seat has a large number of Pahari voters to whom the Central Government is going to give Scheduled Tribe (ST) status before Parliamentary polls. The Saffron Party should re-devise its strategy and work on ground to win over the confidence of the voters.

Unethical Communication: The Dark Side of Dialogue

MAHFOOZ AHMAD BAKSHI

Have you ever heard or read that before learning different languages, learn the swear words first? Yes, you probably have heard it. Swear words, often referred to as profanity or obscenities, have been a part of human language and expression for centuries, but what is surprising is that nowadays kids say the words which even an aged adult would be ashamed of uttering. In fact, 9-year-old children know things that I have never even heard of. These words, considered offensive or taboo in many cultures, evoke strong emotional reactions and play various roles in communication. Communication is an essential part of building a strong and successful society. There are various types of communication like formal, and informal, but in this article, I will mostly mention ethical and unethical Communication. Well, ethical communication prioritizes respect, transparency, better understanding, fairness, positivity, motivation, helping and all the beneficial stuff, but unethical communication, on the other hand, involves destructive criticism, deception, manipulation, disrespect, bullying, body-shaming, discrimination, privacy violation and what not?

Communication is supposed to have a positive influence, but human beings have a dirty habit of ruining everything just out of curiosity. Curiosity leads to invention, we all know that, but does anybody know what caused the invention of unethical communication? What was the need for inventing swear words, the words that can compel the victim to end his/her life?

I don't usually go outside but whenever I go for outings I meet many people, among which 90% of people use swear



words after every single word. They greet each other by calling each other the dirtiest stuff and so many things that I cannot even write them here. But I know I do not need to write everything since you all know everything. The prevalence of profanity and offensive language in public interactions is a concerning social phenomenon in this generation. Such behaviour not only reflects a lack of respect and courtesy but can also contribute to a hostile and negative atmosphere in public spaces. The habitual use of swear words as casual greetings or in everyday conversation can desensitize individuals to the impact of offensive language, making it even more challenging to foster respectful and constructive communication.

This is the problem, right? Let's now observe the cause and the solution. However, I do not possess the propensity to provide effective solutions. However, I can only provide an idea or just an opinion. Furthermore, I believe that a little idea can change the whole world.

Swear words often revolve around topics considered taboo in society, such as sex, bodily functions, or religion. Though we cannot say when and where these words came from and in

different cultures or languages, there are different types of words considered as "bad". Cultural norms play a significant role in shaping which words are considered offensive or taboo. Swear words can vary widely from one culture to another, reflecting different societal values and sensitivities. Historical events, such as wars, migrations, or colonization, can introduce new languages and linguistic influences, leading to the adoption of new swear words or modifications of existing ones.

What compels people to indulge in unethical communication?

Unethical communication can be caused by various factors, and it usually results from a combination of individual, societal, and situational influences. Some factors, according to me are Social pressure, desire for personal gain, lack of ethics education, Anger, unhealthy competition, and most importantly, social media and pop culture influence. Allow me to explain some factors a little.

Lack of ethical education: Some individuals may not have received proper education or guidance regarding ethical communication and how to interact respectfully. Without a clear understanding of ethical principles and values, they may engage in

unethical communication has become so normal that we feel there is nothing wrong with that. That's why we see people getting involved in unnecessary arguments, typically.

Moreover, ethical lapses can occur when individuals prioritize personal gain, such as financial profit, career advancement, or reputation enhancement, over ethical considerations. This can lead to dishonesty, manipulation, or deception. For personal gain, pornography is being normalized too in the name of sex education! And my dear readers, pornography has not only ruined health and relationships but also communication.

Swear words related to sex or pornography are so common that an adult is ashamed of listening when a kid speaks such kinds of words. Now, as I mentioned "Pornography" in this article, I would not allow people below 18 to read this. There is nothing wrong, but I know out of curiosity, teenagers who are not familiar with all the things that I mentioned here might search for what it really means, and then they may get addicted to such perilous content.

Words have the power to uplift, inspire, and connect people, but they can also hurt, alienate, and divide. Ethical communication is rooted in the understanding that the words we choose matter. They have the potential to build bridges or barriers, to create trust or mistrust, and to promote understanding or misunderstanding.

To avoid your kids from learning unethical communication, then be an ethical role model yourself if you are struggling to find one. Remember what M. K. Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world" Starting from your home can be helpful for the whole society. Words have the power to

uplift, inspire, and connect people, but they can also hurt, alienate, and divide. Ethical communication is rooted in the understanding that the words we choose matter. They have the potential to build bridges or barriers, to create trust or mistrust, and to promote understanding or misunderstanding, so to avoid saying swear words and prevent kids from learning them, it's crucial to create an environment that fosters respectful and positive communication. Start by being a role model. Children often emulate the behaviour they observe, so strive to use respectful language consistently, especially around them.

People should realize the power of silence, it helps to reduce anger. We regularly say a lot when we get angry over something, so rather than yelling, we should always lock ourselves in a room.

Maintain open communication with your kids. Encourage them to express themselves and ask questions without fear of judgement. When they inquire about swear words they may have heard, provide age-appropriate explanations about why these words are impolite and the significance of respectful communication.

In conclusion, I would love to highlight a quote by George Bernard Shaw: "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

This quote emphasizes that unethical communication, which may involve deception, manipulation, or dishonesty, can lead to misunderstandings and a false sense of effective communication. It underscores the importance of truthful and transparent communication to avoid such illusions.

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Women's reservation Bill: A pathbreaking achievement

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Empowerment began with the much-acclaimed Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign, launched by the Prime Minister in 2015 at Panipat, Haryana. BBBP addresses the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of women's empowerment over a life-cycle continuum. Speaking on the success of this programme, the Prime Minister while addressing citizens of his adopted village Jayapur said, "Our Mantra should be: 'Beta Beti, Ek Samaan'." "Let us celebrate the birth of the girl child. We should be equally proud of our daughters. I urge you to sow five plants when your daughter is born to celebrate the occasion."

The next step was the hugely successful campaign of the Swachh Bharat Mission which provided izzat ghars to more than 120 million women thus ensuring access to safe sanitation for women and girl children across rural and urban Bharat. Saving millions of women from chronic respiratory disorders by providing smoke-free kitchens through the widespread Ujjwala Yojana which provided gas cylinders to more than 96 million women was another significant life-changing provision for the women of our country. Apart from these, several important programmes were delivered for the betterment of



the health and hygiene of our women.

Distribution of over 270 million sanitary pads priced at Re. 1 through Jan Aushadhi Kendras, providing 39 million free antenatal check-ups under PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan; benefitting more than 30 million women through the PM Matru Vandana Yojana; increase in paid maternity leave period from 12 weeks to 26 weeks; were some of the significant health initiatives. As an outcome of these, we could achieve a decline in Maternal Mortality Rate from 130 in 2014 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20. Modi Government also facilitated holistic well-being development schemes such as Mission Poshan.

This was an integrated nutrition support programme to overcome the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. Poshan Abhiyan has reported beneficiaries of more than 100 million which includes more than 5 million lactating and pregnant mothers and more than 4 million children below 6 months.

Apart from social welfare, this Government has also ensured economic empowerment through various interventions beginning with opening more than 270 million Jan Dhan accounts and providing more than INR 200 million to women entrepreneurs through the MUDRA Yojana. There has

been a 28% increase in registration of women-owned MSMEs in just 3 years.

More than 45,000 DPIIT-recognised startups have at least one woman director. Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) for girls and women which was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman ji in the Union Budget 23-24, celebrates Nari Shakti by providing financial freedom and dignity for women and girl children. Apart from social and economic empowerment, this Government has also taken bold steps in bringing much-needed reforms for Muslim women. The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 declared the pronouncement of

instantaneous and irrevocable triple talaq by a Muslim husband as illegal. The Women's Reservation Bill is now the culminating transformation being introduced to ensure adequate women's participation in the electoral canvas of Bharat. The chequered legislative history of the Women's Reservation Bill began 27 years ago when the H D Deve Gowda-led government introduced it in Parliament in September 1996.

Almost every government has since tried to push it through – the UPA government managed to get it passed in the Rajya Sabha in 2010 but later could not get it through in the Lok Sabha. The move has not come to fruition so far due to a lack of political

will and consensus.

The bill will help to represent those who remain underrepresented. The proportion of women MPs was just five per cent in the first Lok Sabha in 1952 reaching a figure of less than 15 per cent today. In Rajya Sabha too, women's representation is about 14 per cent and below 10 per cent in many state assemblies. Bringing in the 1/3 representation will enable many more women's voices to be heard in the wells of the parliament houses. This will also ensure that women's issues and challenges in the most backward areas are represented before the policy and lawmakers which will go a long way in not just keeping our women and girl children safe in the country but also empowering them to play a critical role in nation-building.

The Women's Reservation Bill will be etched in the history of Modern Bharat and the Modi Government will always be known as the most progressive Government that provided 360-degree empowerment for the women of our country-social, economic and now electoral. A proud and jubilant moment in history for all of us.

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Yudhvir emphasizes for united effort for harmonious societal growth

Attends three-day Varshik Hawan of Mata Chandi Devi

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JAMMU, SEPT 26



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today underscored the critical importance of fostering strong bonds of amity and brotherhood, highlighting that this has been the bedrock of Indian culture and values. He made these remarks during his address at the culmination of the three-day Varshik Hawan (Annual Prayer) of Mata Chandi Devi, conducted at the Mata Uma Devi Temple in Svaymanand Ji from September 22 to September 24, 2023, under the able supervision of Mata Aparna Devi, Chairperson. East Mandal President Parven Kerni also accompanied with Yudhvir Sethi. Sethi emphasized that the spiritual and ancient land of India has consistently conveyed the message of humanity throughout history, guiding humanity towards peace, prosperity, and

spiritual enlightenment. He called for a collective effort to foster harmonious growth in society, emphasizing the need to reinforce the bonds of amity and brotherhood to create a better world for all.

Promoting a harmonious society, Sethi stated, holds the key to establishing an environment conducive to peace and the progress of mankind. He stressed the importance of maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood in the Jammu region, asserting that these values are the hallmark of the City of Temples. Sethi com-

mended the inclusive spirit of Jammu, which is renowned across the nation for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood despite the diversity in religion and faiths. He also expressed his appreciation for the team members who played a pivotal role in the successful conclusion of the Varshik Hawan, including Prof. Nirmala Narayan, Surinder Zafarani, Bushan Lal Koul, Vijay Kumar, Bal Krishan Kaul, Ravinder Tiku, Sunil, Tej Krishan Bhat, M. K. Kaul, Rajinder Tiku, Sushil Koul, P. N. Bhat, Ajay Peshin, Rajinder Razdan, and Naveen Koul.

Udhampur Handball Club wins Martyr's Cup Handball tournament



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JAMMU, SEPT 26

A two day Martyr Cup Handball tournament was held w.e.f.25-09-2023 to 26-09-2023 at Brahmrishi Bawra Shanti Vidya Peeth Udhampur in the memory of our Martyrs and to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. This event was organised by LAKSHYA "The Aim" NGO with an aim to promote the spirit of sports and physical fitness among the students.

On the second auspicious day, the event started with an inspirational words by SSP Udhampur Dr. Vinod Kumar who praised Lakshya Efforts and also aware the youth to say no to Drugs. Raveesh Mengi (Presi-

dent of Lakshya NGO) in his welcome address said that it is the actual time for the youth to form and give shape to their ideas for the economic development of society and contribute towards making Bharat Vishwa Guru.

Guest of Honour Pradyot Gupta Assistant Labour Commissioner also lauds the efforts of Lakshya NGO.

Special Guest of Honour Ashwani Kumar Raina (Executive Member of Handball Association of India) apprised the gathering that the J&K State Team made us proud by winning Medal after 20 years and in near future J&K Team will unturn every stone to bring more laurel to the UT of J&K

Dev Raj Gupta (President of Martyr Tushar

Memorial Trust), District Udhampur Coordinator Vikas Bharat Pachiala, BBSV School President Raj Guru, , Principal BBSM Ashwani Khajuria, Vice - Principal Usha Gupta, Lakshya Members Sanjeev Sharma, Rohit Gupta, Sanjay Bhat, Kuldeep Singh, Arun Gupta, SHO Udhampur Insp. Raghubir Singh, SHO Ramnagar Insp. Sohan Singh also graced the occasion with their presence.

Students participated in the event with great enthusiasm. The final match was played between Kargil Martyr's Club and Udhampur Handball Club. The Udhampur Handball club was crowned champion of the tournament after it secured a 36 - 34 victory against the Kargil Martyr's Handball club.

Paramveer Chakra Recipient is a Brand Ambassador for SBM-G in J&K

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

With a view to protecting and preserving the unspoiled beauty of Jammu and Kashmir, Paramvir Chakra recipient, Captain Bana Singh, known for his valour and dedication, has taken on the role of Ambassador for the war against waste and pollution in Jammu and Kashmir.

This announcement was made by the Director of Rural Sanitation, Charandeeep Singh, at the Captain Bana Singh Stadium in R. S. Pura, Jammu, during the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS 2023) campaign.

SHS 2023 with the theme 'Garbage Free India' is being observed across the country from

15th September to 2nd October, with an aim to generate a jan andolan through community participation to reinforce the concept of sanitation as everyone's business; ahead of the Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October.

Captain Bana Singh's joining the swachhata bandwagon will generate awareness on safe sanitation, promote sustainable practices and inspire local communities to actively participate in waste reduction and preservation of J&K's natural splendour.

Captain Singh's dedication to safeguarding the environment is unwavering. "Just as I dedicated my life to defending our country, I am now committed to defending our

environment. Jammu and Kashmir's natural beauty is a national treasure, and we must ensure it remains pristine for generations to come," he said.

Around 2000 people including students, sports persons, NCC cadets, PRI's, prominent people of adjoining areas, officials, and shopkeepers participated in the Swachhata pledge followed by a cycle race and a painting competition. The director awarded the top performers of the cycle race and painting competition.

Others present on the occasion were Ms. Sanna Khan, Deputy Director, Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K, Ms. Preeti Sharma ACD Jammu, SDM R S Pura, Ms. Rajni, BDO R. S. Pura, and other officials.

Som Prakash (MoS) addresses Rozgar Mela at Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Union Minister of State, Industries and Commerce, Sh. Som Prakash today said, the new recruits inducted today have been selected on merit as transparency and accountability in selection process is given top priority under Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi. Sh. Som Prakash said this while addressing Rozgar Mela at Zorawar Singh, Auditorium Jammu University.

Som Prakash said, the Rozgar Mela is a step towards fulfilling the Prime Minister's commitment to accord the highest priority to employment generation which is evident today with organizing Rozgar Mela - 9 where 51,000 appointment letters will be given to the newly inducted recruits throughout the country.



In the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal, Sh. Prakash said, the new recruits must show dedication and be dutiful so that the country will be able to accomplish its goal of becoming Vishwa Guru by 2047.

While talking about various schemes of the government, Sh. Prakash said, the youth of this country must take the benefits out of these schemes so as to enable themselves

to become the job providers and not the job seekers. The schemes like Start-up India Scheme, MUDRA Yojana etc. have led towards employment generation and wealth creation and have increased the employment rate in India, Sh. Prakash added. Prakash further said, India's overall exports have scaled new heights under the present government.

Col Mahan pays tributes to Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, SEP 26

Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd), District Development Council (DDC) Chairman of Kathua, along with prominent BJP functionaries and workers, paid heartfelt floral tributes to the legendary ideologist and visionary BJP leader, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji, on the occasion of his 107th Birth Anniversary. These tributes were offered in two consecutive programs held in the Basohli and Mahanpur Mandals of Pahari Zila Basohli.

The commemorative event in Basohli took place at Ghagror and was attended by notable figures including Balbinder Singh, Mandal Adhiksh Basohli; Yubkaran Singh; Sarpanch Rajinder Singh; Darshana Sharma; Rajni Bala; Sham Singh, and others.



In Mahanpur, the event was organized at Banhore, where DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh was joined by Shanti Bushan, Mandal Adhiksh Mahanpur; Sonu Gupta, General Secretary Pahari Zila; Sarpanch Sher Singh; Bansil Balalia; Raj Kumar Pathak; and a significant gathering of women.

Col Mahan Singh threw light on the ideology and accomplishments of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, emphasizing his unwavering support for Swadeshi (indigenous)

and Atmanirvarta (self-reliance). He also highlighted Pt. Deen Dayal's philosophy of "Ekamk Manavbaad" (Integral Humanism) and "Antyodaya" (upliftment of the last person).

The DDC Chairman lauded the governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting that it resonates with the ideology and aspirations of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, being implemented with dedication and commitment.

UT of Jammu and Kashmir unveils First-of-its-Kind Space Lab in Govt School

DC Kishtwar inaugurates space Lab at GHSS Boys Kishtwar

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, 26-09-2023

In a historic moment, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir proudly inaugurated its very first Space Lab, specially designed for government school students. The unveiling ceremony took place at Govt Higher Secondary School Boys Kishtwar and was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav IAS, along with CEO Kishtwar Prehlad Bhagat and I/C Principal GHSS Boys Kishtwar Sandeep Rathore besides others.

Students and staff of the school were also in attendance to witness this landmark cosmic event.

This pioneering Space Lab, developed under the ISRO space tutor programme by Vyomika Space Academy and funded by the Directorate of Education Jammu, represents a significant leap in educational technology. The lab is equipped with high-tech telescope, ISRO Rocket and Satellite demonstration models, drones, air crafts etc.

This will enable students to explore the wonders of the cosmos and notable space missions from ISRO. During an



interactive session, CEO Vyomika Space Academy, Govind Yadav, provided Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar with detailed insights into the lab's functionality and its potential to inspire and enhance students' knowledge of Space, Science and technology

Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, encouraged students to make the best use of this remarkable space lab. He emphasized that it would not only foster a deeper understanding of space but also inspire students to consider careers in space sciences. This initiative is expected to ignite interest in astronomy-related activities at the school level, potentially guiding students towards careers in this fascinating field. It's noteworthy that students from the 6th to

12th standard in government schools will have the opportunity to receive skill development training sessions from these cutting-edge lab.

In a further testament to its commitment to promoting space education, the Vyomika Space Academy will host a state-level inter-school Hydro Rocket and Astronomy Workshop on October 15, 2023, in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Students from various schools are encouraged to participate and expand their knowledge in these captivating fields.

This Space Lab inauguration marks a significant milestone in Jammu and Kashmir's educational landscape, fostering scientific curiosity and innovation among the region's young minds.

26 Bn BSF organizes blood donation camp



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A Blood donation Camp was organized by 26 Battalion BSF Handwara in collaboration with Associate Hospital GMC Handwara at 26 Battalion BSF Headquarters

More than 30 BSF personnel donated blood at the Camp, displaying their commitment to saving lives and making a positive impact on the community. The camp was inaugurated by second in command Vijay Singh 26 Battalion BSF in the presence of Dr Lalal Kumar CMO, SG ,

Deputy Commandant Mr Janak Singh , Deputy Commandant Sushil Kumar , Dr Manzoor Assistant Professor GMC Handwara and Medical staff of 26 Battalion hospital , other employees of Assosate Hospital GMC Handwara Second in Command Vijay Singh emphasized the importance of blood donation, stating that one unit of blood donated by an individual can save the precious life of many needy persons. He praised the BSF volunteers who donated blood and said that BSF is always ready to serve humanity besides protecting International Borders.

GMS Sangli, Katwalt holds Parent-Teacher meet



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A Monthly parent teacher meeting (PTM) for the month of September 2023 held at Govt. Middle School Sangli under the Chairmanship of kuldeep Kumar Headmaster Govt. Middle School Sangli Zone kalwanta on the theme "Roleof Parents in developing life skills among children along with routine academic and context specific themes .

Parents aware about various aspects of child abuse and protection like alternatives to corporal punishments, prevention of child sexual abuse.

Discuss about developing life skills among children such as self awareness, empathy, critical thinking, creative thinking, decision making, problem solving, effective communication, interper-

sonal relationships, coping with stress, coping with emotions . Students and Parents are also aware about practicing healthy habits like getting dressed, brushing teeth, washing face, bathing, combing hair etc. Encouraging problem solving behaviour among children.

The meeting was attended by parents, staff and students.

Main Who attends the meeting are Ramesh Chander Sarpanch Babli, Girdhari lal, Romesh , Gudo , Sham , Nishu, Ajay , Moti Ram, Rinku , Joginder , Chanu Ram, Rekha Devi, Nisha Devi Geeta Devi, Baldev Singh Premu ,Sham lal, Billo, Mamta Devi, Madhu Devi, Sushma Devi, Ashu Devi, Bam, shonko, Premu, Rekha, Maina , Kamlesh, Archna Jugnwal tr., Godavri Devi tr., Diksha Makhan Singh etc.

BVP Sunderbani Bhoma Shah Branch conducts Election



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Bhoma Shah Branch conducted the Election of Branch President/Secretary/ Treasurer for the year 2023- 24 . Election was conducted by Dr Som ji Senior Member of B.V.P. as a Retiring Officer. Sh Ashok Gupta Prant Vice President Sanskar as a Observer. Sh Ashok Sharma Relected as a Secretary, Sh Sunil Sharma Relected as a Treasurer of the Sunderbani Branch (Disstt Rajouri) . Prof

B.B.Sharma administers the oath the newly elected President, Secretary, Treasurer . Prant President Sh Bharat Bhushan Sharma, General Secretary Prant Sh Shiv Ram Sharma exhorted upon the elected team to work hard to make the organization more vibrant and strong. Branch President Tridev Shastri Nagar (Jammu) Sh M.L Padha K.A.S present in election time along with Jk Prant body. Branch members Sh Drashan Lal, Sh Rajinder Kumar, Sh Adarsh Bandhu and others B.V.P members of said branch participated.

Aakash BYJU'S celebrates 35th Foundation Day with Blood Donation Camps across J&K

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Aakash BYJU'S, India's leader in test preparation services, celebrated its 35th Foundation Day in its North Region by organizing a widespread Blood Donation Camp across 46 branches in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Rajasthan. Cities which registered a massive turnout of donors were Jammu, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Rohtak, Hisar, Karnal, Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Sikar. A whopping 978 units were donated during the donation drive. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people at large, including the dedicated staff members of Aakash BYJU'S. Aakash BYJU'S, as the nation's premier institute for NEET, IIT JEE, and Olympiad preparation, is also known for its strong sense of social responsibility. The Blood Donation Camp, held on the occasion of the institution's 35th Foundation Day, is a testament to Aakash BYJU'S commitment to giving back to society. The event was a resounding success, with a significant number of people turning up to donate blood, contrib-

uting to the noble cause of saving lives. "We are thrilled to celebrate our 35th Foundation Day by giving back to the community," said Mr. Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director at Aakash BYJU'S. "Our mission has always been to empower students with knowledge and skills to excel in their academic pursuits. But we also believe that education goes beyond textbooks. It encompasses empathy and responsibility towards society. This Blood Donation Camp is a small token of our gratitude to the communities that have supported us for the past 35 years." The Blood Donation Camp exemplifies Aakash BYJU'S commitment to the welfare of society and underscores the belief that education institutions play a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens who actively contribute to the betterment of society. Aakash BYJU'S extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the participants and volunteers who made the Blood Donation Camp a remarkable success. This event serves as a reminder that education is not just about achieving academic excellence; it is about nurturing compassionate individuals who make a positive impact on the world.

Farooq, Omar express grief, sorrow over demise of Khalid Hussain

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National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of Khalid Hussain in a tragic road accident at Poonch Son of Karim Hussain Block Secretary Mankote and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Nasir Aslam Wani Provincial President Kashmir and Javed Ahmed Rana Zone President Pir Panjal have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul. Senior leaders of the National

Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Those who prayed for peace to the departed soul, include: Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Ch. Liaquat Ali, Surinder Choudhary Central Secretaries, Ajaz Jan Provincial President Jammu YNC, Ch. Naseem Liaqyet Ali DDC Chairman, Sardar Nirman Singh Central Joint Secretary, Bashir Ahmed Wani, Ch. Wali Daad, Muzaffar Ahmed Khan Spokesperson Jammu, Zeeshan Rana, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokespersons Jammu, Ch. Mumtaz Bazar DDC Chairman Surankote, Ateeqa Begum DDC, Th. Rameshwar Singh DDC Dhangri, Anita Thakur DDC Kalakote, Shahmim Akther DDC Moughla, Dr. Mumtaz Bukhari, Sardar Harcharan Singh Baby, Sheraz Azhari Zonal Secretary, Adv. Nazir Hussain, Bagh Hussain Rathore District President Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma District President Rajouri Rural, Shafayat Ahmed Khan District President Rajouri Urban.

BJP Govt committed to comprehensive growth of J&K: Purnima Sharma

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

Adv Purnima Sharma, BJP Spokesperson, J&K, and former Deputy Mayor, reaffirmed the BJP government's unwavering commitment to providing equal opportunities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She emphasized the government's top priority of ensuring the welfare of economically weaker sections of society and equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

She was speaking during a program held at SC Basti in Ward No. 1 of the East Constituency. The program was organized by Purnima Sharma as part of Sewa Pakhwada with the support of Ram Lubaya and Anil Sethi. The programme commenced with a solemn tribute-paying ceremony to Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

Parmodh Kapahi, District President BJP Jammu, also graced the occasion and said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed the country's politico-development ethos in the recent past, saying the world's largest political party is committed to inclusive growth of Jammu and Kashmir in every sphere by taking every segment along.

Purnima Sharma, in her address, said BJP's nationalistic character and inclusive ethos, guided by the Prime Minister's cherished Mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vish-



was, Sabka Paryas is key to taking the nation to the glory it deserves in the comity of nations.

She stressed that the need of the hour is to promote education among the marginalized sections of society, emphasizing that education has the transformative power to uplift their socio-economic status. She further underscored the importance of giving special attention to the education of girl children.

Sharma advocated for a comprehensive transformation of the education system to instill fundamental values of humanism, democracy, socialism, and secularism. She also highlighted the flagship schemes initiated by the Modi government aimed at the welfare and upliftment of the weaker sections of society.

"Under the leadership of PM Modi, the Central Government has implemented several schemes to uplift and empower the weaker sections of society. These schemes are designed to address

various aspects of socio-economic development, education, healthcare, and financial inclusion.

The key BJP government schemes for the welfare of weaker sections including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Jan Aushadhi Yojana, Stand Up India, National Health Mission (NHM), Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Post-Matric Scholarship for SC Students, National Scholarship Portal (NSP), Digital India, Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana and many more," she said, adding that these schemes reflect the government's commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society by addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by economically weaker sections, SCs, STs, and other marginalized communities. Among those who were present include Manav Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Gopal Magotra and Ishant Mahajan.

CBC Regional Office Jammu observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2023

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Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India today observed Vigilance Awareness week in the media centre Regional Office Jammu. The theme of the programme was Awareness building about Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution. As a precursor to Vigilance Awareness Week 2023, the Central Vigilance Commission had carried out a campaign highlighting certain preventive vigilance initiatives as focus areas for all the Ministries/Departments/ Organizations. The DySP Anti-Corruption Bureau Jammu, Shri Devinder Singh in his



opening remarks said that Anti-Corruption Bureau is an organization governed by strong values and ethics and has always been striving to achieve excellence. He highlighted various real life experiences demonstrating highest degree of honesty and courage.

Sh. Kamal Sangra, Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau Jammu emphasized that every organization must inculcate three core values viz. transparency, disclosure, and good corporate governance practices. He presented many case studies where

in examples of honesty have been set by different people. He also presented details of many laws and their applicability in our day today working.

In his presidential address Sh. Gh Abbas, Joint Director CBC/PIB said that corruption can be eradicated from the society by the participation of common public. He added that no government department can be successful until public at large participate wholeheartedly. Vote of thanks was presented by Ms. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director CBC J&K Ladakh.

Police, Revenue Deptts partners in crime

Bhim Singh's property looted, Mala's alleged murder covered up, her bank accounts robbed: Harsh Dev

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

Expressing anguish and utter shock over the non-initiation of any action over the repeated complaints made by Ankit Love, son of Prof Bhim Singh to SSP Jammu, and Revenue secretary J&K seeking a high probe into mysterious death of Jay Mala, withdrawal of money from her bank accounts and usurpation and loot of properties and lands of Bhim Singh, Mr Harsh Dev said that no post mortem report of Jay Mala had come despite a lapse of five months with the police department playing truant with the investigations. He said that a deputation of JKNPP comprising Ankit Love had submitted a memorandum and provided sufficient proofs of criminal conspiracies against Jay Mala by some criminal minded people and were asserted by early probe but no action has been taken by Domana police. The family members believe that the Domana police is hand in glove with the alleged murderers and have failed to take any action. He said that it was shocking that the Domana police had failed to even check the CCTV footage during the past over five months of the Bank, from which the criminal had withdrawn money by using Mala's ATM card. Does it not reveal the foul intentions of the Domana police hell bent to cover up the alleged murder in connivence with the criminals?, remarked Singh. He was addressing a press conference in Jammu today. He said



that it was most shocking that land belonging to Prof Bhim Singh in Sidhra had been usurped by a notorious character in league with certain corrupt revenue officers. "When Complaint was made to revenue officials, they said that Prof Bhim Singh should have met the Patwari in 2003-04 when he (Bhim Singh) acquired the land. And now that the mutation has been entered in some other person's name, though wrongfully, nothing can be done as the concerned revenue official has since been transferred. Shocking that a fraudulent entry made in records of land belonging to one of the tallest leaders and an Ex-MLC is being allowed to continue and fraudsters protected for reasons best known to all. ", lamented Harsh. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Singh said that Prof. Bhim Singh had a strip of land in Sidhra measuring one kanal on which he had constructed a hut after availing loan from Legislative Council in 2003-04. The said hut was set on fire by certain vested interests who further usurped the land on which the said hut had been constructed. Not only that the vested interest had further broken open the locks of Bhim Singh's building at Rajinder bazaar, trespassed into the same,

destroyed some important documents and locked the said building. But despite the matter having been reported to police, no action had been taken to arrest the said criminals, said Mr. Singh.

Ankit Love had already written to Police and Civil administration that not only was Prof. Bhim Singh's property looted by opportunist and criminal minded relatives but his mother Jay Mala's A/cs were also looted by the very same criminals in collusion. Mr. Ankit Love divulged through his written letters and proofs that money was withdrawn from Mala's bank accounts twice on the same day she collapsed. But still no enquiry was held due to patronage of a BJP leader enjoyed by the criminal elements. With corruption having crossed all limits in J&K and police and revenue departments become partners in crime, can anyone expect justice in the incarcerated land of J&K? With LG trumpeting every now and then on transparency and good governance, wake up to this heinous crime?, asked anguished Harsh.

Prominent among those who were present in the Press Conference included Paramjit Singh Marshall (Vice President JKNPP) and Purshotam Singh Parihar (Gen Secy JKNPP).

BJP for nurturing facilities around Devika: Pathania

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

While interacting with a deputation of villages flanking the historical township of Udhampur, RS Pathania, underscored the need for developing site seeing facilities around Devika while it passes outside Udhampur as well.

RS Pathania, BJP Spokesperson and Munish

Sharma, BJYM Incharge were listening to the public darbar conducted at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Deputation from Udhampur said that the people of Udhampur are thankful to the Bharat Sarkar as well as local MP for sanctioning a mega project for District Udhampur and a major amount of the project is being used

for developing/nurturing sewerage facilities in Udhampur town. Visiting deputation underscored the need for expanding the scope of developmental activities around The Holy Devika river while it meanders through the flanks of Udhampur. He further called for nurturing state-of-art facilities, may it be Nainsoo, Batal Balian, Manpa, Dhanouri, Badali, villages.

Indian Railways Runs 'Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign' Across The Nation; 1.5 Lakh Individuals Dedicate Nearly 5 Lakh Man-Hours In Just 9 Days

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Swachhata Pakhwada from 15th September 2023 to 2nd October 2023, the Indian Railways is working towards a cleaner, more sanitized railway system through a multitude of activities that aim to bring about a holistic change. In this year's edition, there is a special emphasis on the cleanliness of railway tracks at stations, approaches to major stations, and the elimination of plastic waste from railway premises. It's a multifaceted approach to ensure that every nook and cranny of the railway network adheres to the principles of cleanliness and sustainability. The campaign includes Swachh Samvaad

(Clean Dialogue), Swachh Railgaadi (Clean Trains), Swachh Station (Clean Stations), Swachh Parisar (Clean Premises), Swachh Aahar (Clean Food), and Swachh Prasadhan (Clean Pantries) among others.

In the first nine days of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, from the 15th to the 24th of September 2023, more than 1.5 lakh individuals enthusiastically participated, dedicating a collective 498,265 man-hours to the campaign. This sheer number reflects the deep-rooted sense of responsibility and ownership that the citizens have taken towards making the railways cleaner and more hygienic. The railways have adopted a comprehensive approach to raise awareness among passengers. The Swachhata Hi Seva logo and banners are

prominently displayed on the Railways' official website. Announcements are made to educate passengers about proper waste disposal on trains and at stations. Prabhat Pheris, morning processions, are organized under the slogan "Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat" to create awareness about the campaign.

The campaign was kicked off with an auspicious start as the Chairman of the Railway Board and CEO administered the Swachhata pledge to railway officials via video conferencing from Rail Bhawan. This symbolic gesture signifies the railways' unwavering commitment to the cause.

The Indian Railways is also using art and culture as vehicles for change. Nukkad Natak, street



plays, are organized in collaboration with NGOs, religious bodies, and schoolchildren at railway stations. These colorful and informative performances serve as engaging

platforms to educate passengers about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation.

One of the core objectives of the campaign is to discourage open defeca-

tion in areas approaching railway stations, on tracks, in yards, or depot premises. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns are instrumental in spreading this message effectively. In an effort to promote eco-friendliness and sustainability, a cleanliness awareness campaign focusing on the use of bio-toilets is in full swing. Anti-littering notices and Do/Don't posters are prominently displayed to remind passengers of their civic responsibilities.

The campaign also aligns with the "Hara Geela Sookha Neela" initiative, emphasizing the segregation of dry and wet waste with dedicated bins. All sanitation assets, such as litter bins, public toilets, dhalaos (waste collection points), waste transport

vehicles, and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), are undergoing repair, painting, cleaning, and branding in station areas. These improvements not only enhance cleanliness but also contribute to the aesthetics of the railway stations.

Moreover, under the banner of 'Har Patri Saaf Suthri' (Every track clean and tidy), railway tracks are receiving intensive cleaning. The residential premises, including Railway Colonies, retiring/waiting rooms, running rooms, rest houses, dormitories, canteens, and food stalls in and around station premises, are also part of the cleanliness drive. The creation of "waste to selfie" points adds a touch of creativity to the campaign, encouraging passengers to take pride in contributing

to a cleaner environment.

The Indian Railways' participation in the Swachhata Hi Seva Swachhata Pakhwada campaign reflects the organization's unwavering commitment to cleanliness, sustainability, and the realization of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan's vision. The railways are not just a mode of transportation but also a reflection of the nation's aspirations for a cleaner and healthier future. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister and the dedication of countless railway personnel and citizens, the Indian Railways is on track to achieving new heights of cleanliness and eco-friendliness. This campaign serves as a beacon of hope for a Swachh Bharat (Clean India) and a Swachh Rail (Clean Rail).

Cake ceremony at Cong HQ to celebrate Dr Manmohan Singh's birthday



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To celebrate the birthday of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh ji today, the Congress leaders organised a cake ceremony in the party HQ and conveyed best wishes and birthday greetings to Dr Singh.

The leaders prayed for good health & long life of Dr Manmohan Singh ji, whose contributions to the country are immense in various capacities especially as RBI Governor, as

Finance Minister and as Prime Minister.

His economic policies gave a new direction to the progress of country and it has emerged as great economy of the world. The country is highly indebted to Dr Singh for his great contributions & feels proud of such a great man, who is acknowledged world wide as a distinguished economist. Once US President Barack Obama had said that when Dr Manmohan Singh speaks, the entire world learns.

Corruption new norm in Rajasthan, people longing for BJP rule: Kavinder

Only BJP can provide corruption-free, progressive dispensation



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DAUSA (RAJASTHAN) SEPT 26

Senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister J&K, Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday accused the Congress Government in Rajasthan of being involved in rampant corruption and making this scourge a new norm. He also hit out at the Ashok Gehlot government alleging it has failed on all fronts including law and order.

Speaking at the meeting in Rajasthan's Dausa city, the BJP stalwart from J&K said that the Congress government did not fulfill its promises made to people especially on women's safety, farmers' loan waiver and unemployment. He said that take any sector or service for which the state government under Congress party is responsible, people without any exception will tell the truth about total collapse of the dispensation. He said that people had not voted Ashok Gehlot for this disastrous model of governance rather they had expected justice and efficient administration to bail out population from problems and necessities' dearth. He urged the people not to fall prey to Congress' trap yet again but it is time to support BJP, which has zero tolerance-stand against corruption as it has proved this in all the States where it is in power and above

all in Centre, where corruption has become the thing of the past. He said people should join hands with BJP to lead to a change in Rajasthan after decimating Congress for its number of misdeeds undermining the power of electorate. He said that people in the State are fed up of the misrule of incumbents and there is no doubt in the fact that the BJP will form government with a thumping majority after polls. "Only BJP can provide corruption-free and progressive dispensation with a promise of prolific policies and plans for the people", he maintained.

It is pertinent to mention that Kavinder Gupta is in Rajasthan as Prabhari, and he will be campaigning in five constituencies including Bandikui, Mahoba, Sikrai, Dausa and Lalsot in days to come as today was the first day of campaign in the western state of the country, which is soon going for polls. Meanwhile, five other senior leaders from J&K including Dr Nirmal Singh, MP Jugal Kishore, Shakti Parihar are also camping in Rajasthan for campaigning and garnering votes for the party. They also highlighted the dismal state of governance in Rajasthan, accusing the people in power of showing highest degree of indifference, instability and incompetence.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor announces culmination of its North Regional 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota'

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Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) successfully concluded its 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota' in the North region, a noteworthy drive with a blend of thrilling off-road adventures. The northern expedition is the latest in the series of 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota' that began with a zonal expedition in South India and continued through the Western regional drive, captivating 4X4 enthusiasts and showcasing Toyota's commitment towards creating unforgettable experiences. This experiential drive unfolded from September 22nd - 24th 2023, in the picturesque landscapes of Hoshiarpur, showcasing the indomitable spirit of adventure and off-roading excellence that defines Toyota's 4X4 SUVs.

A formidable convoy of outstanding 4x4 SUVs,

featuring the iconic Hilux, the legendary LC300, the beloved Fortuner, and the cutting-edge Hyryder AWD (All Wheel Drive), set out on the exhilarating adventure. These Toyota 4X4 SUVs, celebrated for their extraordinary off-road prowess and state-of-the-art technology, shone brightly throughout the journey, showcasing unrivalled performance, and infusing the entire driving experience with a heightened sense of excitement, thanks to their distinctive product strengths and features. Furthermore, the expedition brought together a diverse group of participants, boasting an array of both Toyota and other SUV brands, creating a vibrant and exciting atmosphere.

Toyota with its motorsport legacy continues to serve as an inspiration, offering an array of renowned QDR (Quality, Durability and Reliability)



products, which has won the hearts of millions of customers. This fusion of motorsports excellence and off-road prowess remains the cornerstone of Toyota's unwavering dedication to 4X4 auto enthusiasts.

The North Zonal 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota' which kicked off at the serene Gaj Retreat in Hoshiarpur, embarked on an impeccable drive through the riverbed, navigating the challenging terrains with utmost ease. The excitement continued with the scenic drive towards the mesmerising

Kikar Lodge, demonstrating an exhilarating off-road experience at the uniquely designed 4WD tracks which included a range of obstacles, from articulation and side-inclines to steep hill ascents and descends, deep ditches, and rocky beds. The 4X4 experience was conducted under the expert supervision of 4X4 specialists, ensuring that participants could enjoy the thrills while being safe & secure. These obstacles added an extra layer of thrill to the overall experiential drive, making it a day filled with unforgettable moments

and adventure.

Furthermore, driven by resolute dedication to the environment conservation, TKM remains steadfast in its pursuit of impactful initiatives that extend far beyond the exhilaration of off-roading. In this direction, TKM actively engaged with each of the 4X4 enthusiasts through plantation of saplings at the drive location, thereby contributing to the enrichment of the biodiversity in the surrounding regions.

On the successful completion of the North zonal 'Great 4X4 Expedition', Mr. Atul Sood, Vice President of Sales and Strategic Marketing, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "At Toyota, we firmly believe that our motorsports heritage inspires us in creating world-class cars that excels both in on-road and off-road drives. As we commemorate the successful conclusion of the

North regional 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota', TKM expresses heartfelt appreciation to all the participants, supporters, and partners who have been integral in this extraordinary journey.

Towards our sustainability and carbon neutrality initiatives, we also undertook eco-efforts, where all the participants enthusiastically took part in a tree plantation drive at the drive location. With great anticipation, we look forward to the forthcoming East regional event of the 'Great 4x4 Expedition by Toyota', which is expected to take place in the coming month. We are confident that our event in the East region will further fuel the spirit of adventure in our customers, thereby creating life-enriching memories. Together, we will continue to offer meaningful adventures with exemplary 4X4 SUVs."

JKNC Central Zone organizes workers meet at ward-8, 9

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To activate and instill more energy in the functioning of NC workers of Ward No 8 & 9, a meeting was organized by Dr. Vikas Sharma, Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) in which Former Minister and President Central Zone JKNC, Babu Rampaul was the chief guest and District President Jammu (Urban), Chander Mohan Sharma was the guest of honour.

Addressing the meeting, Babu Rampaul said that we will have to conduct a door to door campaign and tell the public about the achievements of our party vis a vis what the present government has done for the public in the last 10 years.

The present government only put the burden on the people and did nothing, he said adding that we will have to work day and night to ensure victory of our candidates in the local body elections taking the ideology of National Conference at the grass root level to every house.

Rampaul further said that after August 5, 2019, the situation has grown from bad to worse to jeopardize the living of people by first imposing property tax, smart meters installation and now prepaid meters with inflated power bills coming in thousands but the administration is not ready to pay heed to



the grievances of people.

He said that when NC government will come to power, we will reverse all the anti-public steps taken by the present dispensation and work for the convenience of the people.

Former minister also said people are being cheated under Smart City narrative and the condition of Jammu city is bad. There are potholes all over the streets, drains are broken and when it rains, the entire city turns into flood hitting the normal life of commoners. Is this what Smart City is like, he asked, adding that Smart City is not made by installing Signs Boards, but by providing all kinds of facilities to the people, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Chander Mohan Sharma alleged that the political party in power has totally spoiled the earning pattern of locals of Jammu as all the Govt works including contracts of sand, bajri, wine shops, and parking spots have been allotted to the people from outside JK UT jeopardizing the living standard of general public Jammu and Kashmir and drastically dwindling their livelihood.

Dr Vikas Sharma while speaking on the occasion said that all the important positions in the UT Govt sector and universities have deliberately been given and occupied by officers from outside JKUT under a well knit conspiracy to make the lives of people here quite miserable with none to listen to their genuine grievances, he added.

Dr Vikas urged upon the youth, retirees and the women to play an active role in the upcoming polls and vote for peace, progress, identity with dignity and to ensure democracy survives at any cost.

Others who spoke on the occasion include, Satpaul Shabotra, Sandesh Shan, Surjit Kumar, Narinder Kumar, Amar Bhagat, Munir Ahmed, S.Gurmeet Singh, Shakur Ahmed, Tilak Raj, Banshi Lal Rajwal, Sukdev Sagotra and others.

PCC SC Wing to observe year long Samvidhan Diwas Samaroh

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A meeting of Scheduled Caste (SC) Department of JKPCC was held here today at PCC HQ Shaheed Chowk Jammu presided over by its Chairman Karan Bhagat, to chalk out detailed programme for a yearlong celebration of the 75th year of Constitution as Samvidhan Diwas.

Chief Spokesperson of JKPCC Mr. Ravinder Sharma who was special guest on the occasion, apprised the gathering about the role Congress (INC) of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru in close coordination with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for the welfare and upliftment of poor and downtrodden especially SC/ST/OBC and minorities. Congress has always taken care of the rights of the downtrodden for their upliftment in every field and sphere of life.

Others who spoke in the meeting include Smt. Gurbachan Kumari Rana (Ex-Minister), Vindo Sharma, Sham Lal Bhagat, (Ex-MLC), Shashi Sharma, Praveen Sarwar Khan, Ricky Dalotra, Pawan Bhagat, C.L. Manyal, Sunil Thappa, Shamsher Bhagat, Baldev Raj, Diwan Chand, Capt. Anchal Ram, Lok Nath Dogra, Rattan Lal, M.R. Puri, Madan Pargwalia, Suman Tamotra Ram Rattan Darai and , Krishan Lal,

Speaking on the occa-



tion Karan Bhagat threw light on various steps and several others measures taken by the Congress in last 70 years to fulfill Dr Ambedkar's dream of creating a social democracy and to bring economic equality. He said the SC Department of the Congress party has decided to organise 1 year long Samvidhan Diwas Samaroh to highlight the importance of the Constitution and socio-political philosophy of Ambedkar.

He said that this event will also remind the nation how Dr Ambedkar as Chairman of Drafting Committee and the Congress party worked in close partnership in drafting the constitution.

He also highlighted the efforts by present political dispensation to destroy the Constitution without changing its form and how Indian society should respond to the challenge. He then discussed the steps that are required to reclaim democracy from the onslaught of fascist forces.

Mr. Bhagat disclosed

that SC Dept. of JKPCC will hold series of rallies in all 90 Assembly Constituencies of JKUT to highlight policies and programmes of the congress party for SC, ST, OBC and Minority as Congress is the only party, who never polarize any caste or religion, since the party formed 1st Govt, the programmes of the party and Govt. have been to uplift the weaker sections, by taking tough decisions like land to tiller, nationalization of banks, reservation for weaker sections like SC, ST, OBC, Minority etc.

He said that SC Dept. will appoint Panchayat Incharge in entire J&K which will be called as Bahujan Panchayat Congress to give chance to new leadership from grass root level and will also enroll one Lakh "Sambidhan Rakshak" across Jammu and Kashmir

SC Dept. will also launch leadership development mission programme in coming days in order to identify youth leadership on Ward, Panchayat as well as Assembly levels.

Why no action against BJP MP who abused BSP MP in Parliament?: Vijay Sharma

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi has said that on one hand, MPs of opposition parties who ask questions to the government in Parliament are immediately dismissed and on the other hand, those of BJP The MP abuses another MP, calling him a terrorist and comment on religion but no action is taken against them. What could be more unfortunate than this that in the Parliament, which is called the temple of democracy, an MP of the ruling party uses very objectionable and inflammatory words against the Parliament of another party, but no action is taken against him by

the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Nor any action by his party is taken. The biggest losing point is that even Prime Minister Modi does not say anything about this. Recently, there have been many incidents where MPs from opposition parties were expelled for asking questions of the government. There was no delay at all in this action but no action is being taken in the case of BJP MP. If an MP from an opposition party had used similar words against a leader of the BJP, the BJP would have created an uproar across the country and the opposition MP would have been in jail by now. Babbi said that strictest action should be taken against the MP who embarrassed the House.

Tirantar holds protest against PDD for charging high bills, unscheduled power cuts

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UDHAMPUR

Hundreds of villagers of Jasarkote, Mali and Patthi villages of Jammu and Kashmir protest against the unannounced power cuts by the electricity department in remote rural areas of Pancheri and Mongri tehsils and the sending of higher electricity bills to the people by the electricity department. Under the chairmanship of National Panthers Party Senior leader Tirantar Singh, hundreds of villagers took out a protest rally in the form of a procession from outside the Town Hall office to the Electricity Department office and raised loud slo-



gans against the Electricity Department.

Expressing anger over the problem of undeclared power cuts and excessive bills being sent to the people by the electricity department, the people of Jasarkote and Mali and Patthi villages asked the XEN of the electricity department under the chairmanship of Panthers leader Tirantar Singh to demand the fixing of electricity bills. Expressing his anger over the department send-

ing high bills to the people, he met and demanded to fix the electricity bills and demanded the electricity department to stop unannounced power cuts in Pancheri and Mongri tehsil and Jasarkote and Mali and Patthi villages. Demanded for smooth supply of electricity. On this occasion, Assured to solve the problems faced by the people.

Addressing the protesters on this occasion, Panthers leader Tirantar Singh

said that due to power cut, people of hilly areas of Pancheri and Mongri tehsil are facing problems, the hilly areas are constantly attacked by wild animals like leopards and bears at night. There is an atmosphere of panic among the people due to attacks on people's homes in the dark. Tirantar Singh demanded the Electricity Department to stop unannounced power cuts from Said that Demanded to stop power cuts. Otherwise, thousands of people of Pancheri and Mongri tehsil will surround the electricity department office for which the electricity department will be held responsible. Hundreds of villagers were present on this occasion.

BJP District Jammu South launches Mandal Parvas Yojna

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Intending to bring up all the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under the leadership of its president Jammu South Rekha Mahajan is all set to intensify the "Mandal Pravasi" campaign in all mandals of Jammu South to accelerate the party at booth level. The meeting was held in Gandhi Nagar, of Bahu Constituency drops under District Jammu South. As per the guidelines of BJP State President Ravinder Raina, BJP Jammu South District President Rekha Mahajan launched the campaign. The main motto of the meeting is to organize the Mandal Pravas tour under the leadership of Rekha Mahajan, which will be allotted to all Mandals from 26 September to 02 October throughout all parts of Jammu



South. The meeting was organized by District Vice President and Prabhari Gandhi Nagar Mandal Narinder Gupta, District Secretary and appointed Mandal Pravasi for Gandhi Nagar and Trikuta Nagar Mandals Parmodh Singh Chib, Mandal President Bharat Bhushan, Mandal General Secretaries Rachit Khosla and Suraj Raina and Mandal office bearers attended the meeting in connection with party upcoming program. During the meeting in

the presence of Rekha Mahajan, the newly nominated District Secretary, and Mandal Pravasi Incharge Parmodh Singh Chib verified all the team members of Gandhi Nagar and Trikuta Nagar Mandal office bearers respectively. Speaking on occasion Rekha Mahajan asserted the main motto of the meetings is to organize three meetings in Mandals, Shaktikendras in all booth levels, and also verify all mandal office bearers in coordination with

shaktikendra in charge, Convenors and Co Convenors, verifying the lists of booth Presidents and also finalizes the tour of Mandal office bearers. Rekha also discussed threadbare discussions with party cadres and urged them to do the task effectively in a time-bound manner. She also prompted all party functionaries to work with full enthusiasm with the common masses.

Rekha also stressed the important role of various Mandals, Morchas,

Booths, and Shakti Kendra parmuks in the growth of the party. She said that the BJP has a history and tradition of raising the voice of the common masses. While addressing the meeting Rekha Mahajan interacted with the karyakartas and sought first-hand information about various organizational activities. She also stressed taking the public-friendly policies and programs of the party and PM Narendra Modi-led Union Government to every nook and corner of the Jammu district South.

Moreover, the BJP under the umbrella of Rekha Mahajan holds these office bearers' meetings at regular intervals to have a detailed analysis of the party's ongoing development and political policies, implementation of public welfare schemes, formulation of important strategies and to discuss the forthcoming party programs.

GCET Jammu holds Cleanliness Drive under Swachhata Hi Seva

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

The NSS unit of Govt. College of Engineering & Technology Jammu started two days massive cleanliness drive in the college campus and in the nearby village under the aegis of "Clean India Campaign and Swachhata Hi Sewa". The drive was started under the patronage of college principal Prof. (Dr) Sameru Sharma. In her message, she said that cleanliness is a state of hygienic surroundings which we can create ourselves. Cleanliness is a pleasant habit to live a healthy lifestyle. One must understand that cleanliness is not someone else's responsibility, rather it is our responsibility to be clean and also keep the environment clean. It starts from places we often visit like our own homes, colleges, institutions, societies and various organizations. She also exhorted that it is not a one-day activity, rather it must be done every day to keep our surroundings clean. On day one, the drive was started from the college administrative



block and afterwards the volunteers cleaned the campus grounds, lawns, class rooms, labs and parking areas.

The students and volunteers collected the solid dry waste including plastic and polythene. They also took the pledge that they would keep the campus clean and also aware the others to carry out such activities. The event was organised by NSS volunteers Jaanvi Sharma, Prajwal Nagar, Rakshant Balotra, Sunidhi, Divyansh, Jashan, Ishmeet, Sanjeev, Arnab and Dhanush. The

NSS Programme officer also applauded the NSS volunteers for remarkably using their talent and skill in performing high quality social work. The staff members who were present during the event included Dr. Heera Saini, Mr. Balbir Singh, Er. Jaswinder Singh, Er. Atit Sharma and Mr. Sudershan Kumar. Dr. Raman Gupta, NSS Programme Officer also extended special thanks to worthy principal who always encourage and inspire the volunteers for organising such kind of drives in the campus.

Pitru Paksha Shraddha will start from Friday, Sep 29: Rohit Shastri

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This year Pitru Paksha Shraddha is starting from Friday, 29th September and will end on Saturday, 14th October. Whatever is offered with devotion for the sake of ancestors and for the satisfaction of their souls is Shraddha. During the days of Pitru Paksha, one must perform Shraddha, Tarpan and charity for the ancestors as per one's strength and capability. Pitru Paksha starts from the full moon day of Bhadrpada and continues till the new moon day of Ashwin month. In Shraddha, after donating Pind Daan, Tarpan, food, clothes, fruits, sweets etc. to the Brahmins on the death anniversary of their ancestors, it is also necessary to feed the poor. The more you donate, the more it reaches your ancestors. By performing Shraddha, a person becomes free from the debt of his

ancestors and by satisfying the ancestors, he moves on the path of self-liberation and the ancestors also become happy and bless the person with health, wealth, wealth, salvation etc. Regarding Pitru Paksha Shraddha, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri kailakh jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, told that on the day of Shraddha, after performing Shraddha and offering tarpan and puja for the ancestors, first of all the gods, ancestors, mother cow, crows, dogs are placed in the vessel. Take out a small portion of the ant's food. Then make sure to provide food to the Brahmins and the needy. If any family member dies on Pratipada, then their Shraddha is performed on the day of Pratipada only. Similarly, the same is done on other days also. Shraddha of those family members who have died untimely i.e. due to any accident or suicide is



performed on the day of Chaturdashi. Shraddha of sadhus and sannyasis is performed on the day of Dwadashi. Those who do not remember the date of death of their ancestors, their Shraddha is performed on the day of Amavasya. This day is called Sarvapitri Shraddha.

Know the dates of Shraddha
Shraddha of Purnima Tithi will be held on Friday, 29th September, before 03:28 pm.

Pratipada, first, Shraddha can be performed

between 03:28 pm on Friday, 29th September and 04:16 pm on the same day.

Dwitiya, second Shraddha on Saturday, 30th September after 12:22 pm.

Tritiya, Third, Shraddha on Sunday 01 October after 09:42 am.

Chaturthi, Chautha, Shraddha, 02 October Monday after 07:37 am.

Panchami, Panchva, Shraddha on Tuesday, 03 October.

Shashthi, Chhatha, Shraddha on Wednesday, 04 October.

Saptami, Santva, Shraddha on Thursday 05 October.

Ashtami, Eighth, Shraddha on Friday 06 October.

Navami, Ninth, Shraddha, Saturday, 07 October.

Dashami, Tenth, Shraddha, Sunday 08 October.

Ekadashi, eleventh, Shraddha, Monday, October 9, after 12:37 pm.

There will be no Shraddha on any date on Tuesday 10th October.

Dwadashi, twelfth, Shraddha on Wednesday, 11 October.

Trayodashi, thirteenth, Shraddha, Thursday, 12 October.

Chaturdashi, fourteenth, Shraddha, Friday, 13 October.

Shraddha of Amavasya Tithi is Saturday, 14th October, Sarvapitrasraddha and Pitru Visarjan and Shraddha ends.

Contents of Shraddha Puja: Palash leaves, Kusha, Roli, vermilion, fruits, sweets, cloves, cardamom, small betel nut, Raksha Sutra, rice, sacred thread, camphor, turmeric, desi ghee, matchsticks, honey, black sesame, basil leaves, betel leaves, barley, Havan material, jaggery, earthen lamp, cotton wick, incense sticks, curd, barley flour, Ganga water, Dakshina, dates, banana, white flowers, urad, cow's milk, kheer, honey, sugar, clothes, swank rice, moong, flowers, sugar-cane.

Vision of Bharat Bodh, Sapt Sindhu is incomplete without J&K: Prof. Mishra

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DELHI, SEPT 26

A three-day international conference organized under the joint aegis of the Department of Commerce of Shyam Lal College of Delhi University, Saraswati Bharatiya Gyan Parampara, IQAC and the Indian Council of Historical Research on the topic International Trade and Economics Sapt Sindhu - A Historical Change and Global Impact. In various sessions on this subject for three days, distinguished scholars of commerce and Sanskrit threw light on the facts related to the subject in their addresses. While giving his special lecture on this occasion, Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and Principal Economic Advisor of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India, linked the East Indian economy with the examples of economics and gave a conference on the current economic system and GDP. In the second session of the program, Dr. Abhishek, Principal of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan and researcher at the Center for Sanskrit and Oriental Studies, while giving his speech on the contribution of Shaiva philosophy in the Indian knowledge tradition, Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay said that without Shaivism and the concept of Sapt Sindhu, it will not be

easy to understand Jammu and Kashmir. To understand the global path i.e. Silk Route, there is a need to study specifically about Jammu and Kashmir. Giving his address in the second academic session of the third day of the program, Prof. of Center for Sanskrit and Oriental Studies, JNU. Rajneesh Mishra told that Indian culture is connected with rivers, like them they keep expanding and contracting. In our scriptures, Saptvipa Prithvi, Saptadivas, Sapt Dhatu, Saptamajja, Saptapuri, Saptasindhu, all these are the symbols of Indianness. Without these we cannot reach a solution to any specific discussion. Earlier, trade was done through rivers and seas only. In order of speaker Prof. Kiran Hazarika said that to understand the Indian knowledge tradition, one has to understand the knowledge tradition of Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion, Principal of Shyam Lal College and main pillar of the conference, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar said that the suggestions made by the scholars through this conference will have a positive impact on the Indian economic condition, social condition and cultural heritage. On this occasion, Prof. Ruchika Ramakrishnan of the organizing Prof. Kusha Tiwari, Dr. Mukta, Dr. Romsha Shukla, all the participants including the students and teachers were present.

Group Discussion on Gandhiji's contribution in Indian Education held at GCW Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 26

The Department of Education, Government College (GCW) Udhampur organized Group Discussion on the topic "Gandhiji's contribution in Indian Education" as a part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations being held in the College campus under the supervision of Prof. Roopa Kumari, Head, Department of Education.

Principal of the college Prof. Anjali Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion.

The formal welcome note and proceedings of the program was presented by Prof. Roopa Kumari, HOD Education wherein

she welcomed the worthy chief Guest and introduced the audience and participants about the theme of the group discussion. Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal of the college while addressing on the occasion, underlined significant contribution of Gandhiji in Education and its relevance in the present scenario.

More than 60 students have attended the session and 15 students of the college have participated in the Group discussion and express their views on the Gandhiji's contribution in education and Basic education Scheme of Education given by Gandhiji's in 1937 and its relevance in present

scenario. In the Group Discussion first prize was bagged by Supriya of Semester 5th, Second prize was bagged by Samreeti Thakur of Semester 5th and Third prize was given to Nisha of Semester 5th. Besides Sapna Devi of semester 5th and Gunn Manhas of Semester 3rd were given consolation prizes. The group discussion was judged by the panel comprising Prof. Jugal Kishore (Asstt. Prof. of Maths), Dr. Usha Sharma (HOD Sociology) and Dr. Sushma Choudhary (HOD Dogri). The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Rukhsana Kousar. Dr. Rohi Fayaz, Lecturer, was also present on the occasion.

Numerous Kalash Yatras under Meri Maati Mera Desh organized by NYKS J&K-Ladakh

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

The mega event Meri Maati Mera Desh is a tribute to the sacrifices of the National Heroes who gave their supreme for the motherland and under the phase 2 of this event, the UTs of J&K and Ladakh are witnessing numerous activities. NYKS J&K and Ladakh under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India is holding various Kalash yatras across the length and breadth of the UTs with people contributing soil and rice as a souvenir



to be taken to the National Capital in the last days of October as the foundation of Amrit Vatika at Kartavyapath. Various programs under the second phase of Meri Maati Mera Desh were organised in Jammu Division. In Poonch district, soil collection drives were held by youth volunteers and door to door campaign was done in which people contributed soil and rice from their households. These drives were held in panchayat plera of Mandi Block, Panchayat Keri Kangra of Block Balakote and in block Buffliaz. In Kathua dis-

trict, Kalash Yatras were taken out in panchayats Sultanpur, Bhlasa Khu of block Marheen, Sait of Block Dinga Amb, Kohag of Block Mandli., in which NYVs Anadika Mahajan among others played an important role. In Jammu, Kalash Yatra has been organised in Village Abdullian and Chanduchak in presence of Smt Neelam Devi, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayats Chanduchak, COY Commander Inspector Shri Sanjeev Kumar along with their staff also present in the programme. Ms Suman Rani and Neha Kumari played a key role in organising this pro-

gramme. Kalash Yatra were also taken out in Kashmir Division under the second phase of Meri Maati Mera Desh. In Kupwara, Large number of youth took out a Kalash yatra in which people contributed rice and soil. Similar events were held across Srinagar and Baramulla districts in which people contributed rice and soil from their respective households. In Leh district of UT of Ladakh, Kalash Yatra was taken out in block Nyoma in which people actively participated and contributed rice and soil in memory of the National Heroes.

Notorious criminal booked under PIT NDPS Act by PS Akhnoor Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

An information was received at PS Akhnoor through reliable sources regarding one notorious person namely Vikram Singh @ Kaka S/o Hoshiyar Singh R/o Lehar Sungal Teh Akhnoor Distt. Jammu.

On this a special police team of PS Akhnoor led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Sharma assisted by SHO PS Akhnoor Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq raided at the suspected place and arrested the above said drug peddler.

It is pertinent to mention here that the accused person was a



notorious criminal and was involved in many cases of drug peddling and dealing in narcotics. Also a warrant of arrest was issued against the said accused by Divisional commissioner Jammu.

Finally today in com-

pliance to the directions of Divisional commissioner Jammu, under Prevention of Illicit Traffic of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1988 (PITNDPS) the accused person has been shifted to District Jail Amphalla Jammu.

Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse organized at Govt Boys HSS Bishnah by Jammu Police

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JAMMU, SEPT 27

A Drug Awareness Programme organised under Civic Action Programme at Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Bishnah Jammu to spread awareness on drug abuse. Rannish Gupta, SP Hqs Jammu was the chief guest of the event. Other than him SHO PS Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma and various other staff members of the school were present in the event.

SP Hqs Jammu Rannish Gupta in his speech draw the attention of the participants and made them aware about the effects of Drug addiction, government policies to curb it, laws and police actions against the suppliers, also enlightened the participants on drug menace and motivated them to aware their families and surrounding people, also it is the duty of every citizen of this country to contribute towards drug-free society and help Police to curb smuggling/ menace of drugs from the country. He further added that police is committed



towards public welfare and we urge the students to inform us if they suspect any illegal activity in the area. He further added that students had to strongly come forward to make the area free from the menace of drug abuse.

SP Hqs Jammu, Rannish Gupta advised the students to channelize the energy in sporting activities to make their future better. He said that sports is the best way to be focused person in life. It not just keeps the physical health of a person well but also brings more

mental robustness. It makes one disciplined in real sense and students should opt sports so that they can learn the sense of discipline that sports teaches us.

He also highlighted that the journey of any addiction begins with the "use" and develops into "abuse" and very quickly graduates to becoming an addiction. In the end he asked students to be aware of their surroundings and come forward to actively contribute towards a drug free society and help Police to curb trafficking of drugs.

Tahir nominated as JKUT Vice President of BJP Minority Morcha

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Minority Morcha in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has taken a significant step towards bolstering its leadership with the nomination of Tahir Ali Shah as the Vice President of the party. This announcement was made by S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, President of the Minority Morcha, BJP J&K UT.

Tahir Ali Shah, upon receiving the nomination, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa for bestowing this important responsibility upon him. He also extended his thanks to Sh. Santokh Singh, General Secretary of BJP Minority Morcha J&K UT, and recognized their pivotal roles in the party's growth and development.

Furthermore, Mr. Shah extended his gratitude to several prominent BJP leaders who have been instrumental in his political



journey. He acknowledged the unwavering support and guidance of Ravinder Raina, the UT President of BJP J&K, and Ashok Koul, Organizational Secretary of BJP J&K UT.

Mr. Tahir Ali Shah also took a moment to express his profound appreciation for the central leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He thanked the Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji, Party President Shri J.P. Nadda Ji, and Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh Ji for working for the welfare of Minorities in J&K.

Speaking about his new

role, Mr. Tahir Ali Shah stated, "I am deeply honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of Vice President of BJP Minority Morcha in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. I pledge to work tirelessly for the welfare of minorities and serve as a dedicated soldier of the party. My focus will be on strengthening the party at the grassroots level, ensuring that our ideals and vision reach every corner of the UT."

Supporters of Tahir Ali Shah have hailed the decision of party high command for his nomination to prestigious post.

J&K SHA receives best performing title at Arogya Manthan 2023



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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26

State Health Agency, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday bagged the 'best performing' title in gender equality, enrollment under PMJAY Ayushman Bharat, highest Ayushman card creation and full utilization of allocated funds.

The award was presented by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh L Mandaviya, to Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar and Chief Executive Officer SHA, Sanjiv M Gadkar during Arogya Manthan 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi. All the States and Union Territories participated in the Manthan.

At the impressive function "Arogya Manthan", which was organised to celebrate completion of five years of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and two years of

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the State Health Agencies were asked to showcase the best practices adopted in their respective states.

Bhupinder Kumar representing J&K State Health Agency showcased the best practices adopted in successful implementation of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the UT.

J&K SHA received the award in all the four segments including gender equity in service delivery, above 90% families with at least one Ayushman card, prompt Anti-Fraud Action, full utilization of allocated funds and highest Ayushman card creation.

During the function, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, J&K, also received an award for "Highest in Scan and Share" Category. The award was received by Additional Mission Director, Dr Shafiq Khan.

Bhupinder Kumar also highlighted the progress

of J&K in beneficiary identification and feedback mechanism under Ayushman Bharat.

During the Valedictory function, Union Health Minister appreciated the efforts put in by the J&K government in generation of golden cards. Notably, J&K has covered 90% of the beneficiary families in terms of golden card generation, so far.

The innovative practices adopted by J&K in generation of golden cards has resulted in better utilization of services by the beneficiaries.

State Health Agency (SHA) has rolled out ambitious door-to-door exercise to achieve 100 percent saturation under the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY SEHAT scheme. Besides, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT has crossed a major milestone of providing 5 lakh free treatments to citizens of J&K UT recently.

Apni Party, Auto Union Kathua deputation calls on ADC Kathua

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KATHUA, SEPT 26

A deputation of Apni Party led by Khushboo Bhagat, spokesperson of the Party today called on Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Ranjit Singh.

The deputation was also accompanied by Auto Union Kathua President Vijay Kumar, Vice President and other members who submitted a memorandum regarding constant violation of directions/transport department rules by e-rickshaw owners/drivers. These violations happen on different routes and restricted areas so that the commercial passenger vehicles can be regulated in a proper way to avoid violation of rules by one way or another.

"All the owners of e-rickshaw were strictly directed not to drive any e-rickshaw on the National Highway (NH-44) Jammu-Pathankot from Lakhampur to Londi Morh," Ms Bhagat informed the ADC Kathua. She informed that these e-rickshaw owners were warned of strict action under Motor Vehicle Act in case of non-compliance of the orders. But they continued with their illegal practice.

"These 24 directions are constantly being violated by the e-rickshaws on all the routes in Kathua district and it also violates the rights of other passenger vehicle owners who ply their vehicles on defined routes in Kathua district," she informed.

She further stated that this violation has generated an uneasiness among the passenger vehicle owners as well as compromised the safety of the passengers. "There are reports of excessive charging of passenger fare by e-rickshaws," she added.

SPO found dead, police suspects accident in Poonch

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

A special police officer was found dead on Tuesday in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. The police, however, suspected a road accident to be the cause of the accident. Police said that the SPO, identified as Khaliq Hussain, posted at District Police Lines, Poonch, and



To ensure the implementation of the orders of the district administration/transport department, she reminded that the team of designated officers/officials was constituted for fixation of route for e-rickshaws for proposed routes for these rickshaws i.e., Londi and adjoining areas up to 10 kms radius areas; Chakra and adjoining areas up to 10 kms radius area, Hari-pur Padal and adjoining areas up to 10 kms radius area; Marheen and adjoining areas up to 10 kms radius area; Haria Chak and adjoining area up to 10 kms radius area, and Kotepunnu and adjoining area up to 10 kms radius area, excluding existing routes of mini-buses and national highway.

They requested the ADC Kathua to kindly investigate the matter in the interest of the general masses so that the violation of rules and overcharging of passenger fare by the e-rickshaws in

Kathua. The deputation also demanded action against the violators.

On hearing the Apni Party deputation, the ADC Kathua assured that he would investigate the matter.

03 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by Jammu Police

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JAMMU

In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of PS Miran Sahib and PP Phallian Mandal acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 03 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under:

One Tractor Trolley bearing Registration No JK02DD-6593, by PS Miran Sahib.

Two Tractor Trolleys bearing Chassis Nos DZUDS874529S3 and MBNBG55AAKCK825, by PP Phallian Mandal.

The recoveries were made by SHO PS Miran Sahib Inspr. Bopinder Singh and I/C PP Phallian Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal Singh in their respective jurisdiction.

DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same. The mining was done in violation of order of Hon'ble High Court of J&K. In order to strictly implement the drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators of the law Jammu Police has initiated strict action.

One missing lady reunited with her family by PP Canal Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

A written complaint was lodged at PP Canal by the legal heirs of a lady stating that she got missing from her home.

In this regard missing report vide DD No 05 Dated 24/09/2023 got registered at PP Canal and investigation started.

After this special police teams of PP Canal led by DySP Hqs Dr Suniya Wani assisted by I/C PP Canal PSI Mohd Younis Khandey did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing lady.

Subsequently family of the missing lady was informed and traced lady was handed over to her family members after completing all the legal formalities.

SIA team raids premises of OGWs in Udhampur, Jammu districts

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JAMMU, SEPT 26

The sleuths of State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Tuesday conducted simultaneous raids on the residential premises of Over Ground Workers (OGWs) in Udhampur and Jammu districts.

SIA spokesman said that on the basis of intelligence inputs, Jammu SIA conducted simultaneous searches in four different locations in the residential premises of Over Ground Workers and helpers of terrorists groups in tehsil Basantgarh in district Udhampur and Jammu district.

The spokesman added that inputs further revealed that the border guide and OGWs are using different mobile apps for calling and passing vital information to Pakistan based terrorists and handlers as well as terrorists groups.

"The Pakistan based handlers and terrorists groups are desperate to revive the terrorist activities in the hinterland of Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesman said adding that on this reports SIA team obtained search warrant from the court and conducted searches in the residential premises of suspected persons.

The raids were conducted in the houses of Nazir Ahmed, Mohd Rafiq and Altaf Hussain, all residents of Basantgarh, District Udhampur and Mohd Iqbal, resident of Peer Bagh Colony, Sunjawan, Jammu.

ENIT NO. 106 OF 2023-24 DATED 21-09-2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT JSPHEMUDHR/106 OF 2023-24 DATED 21-09-2023

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field of electro-mechanical/electrical works.

Sl.	Name of the work	Qty	Name of Division	Cost of Tender Document / Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Bid validity
1	Providing and fitting of electro-mechanical components alongwith allied works at pumping station Chenani stage-2 nd and replacement of damaged 185mm ² 3.5 core armored aluminum cable of pumping station Tandar stage-2 nd	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 200.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur)	(Rs. 3050.00) 2% (in case of non-registered firms) Or (Rs. 1525.00) 1% (in case of firms registered with DIC/SSI/MSME)	90 days

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 22-09-2023 (18:00 Hrs.)
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 22-09-2023 (18:30 Hrs.) to 30-09-2023 (3:00 Hrs.).
- After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and tender fee
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The technical bid will be opened on line on 03-10-2023 at 11.00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur after evaluation of technical bids. The date shall be communicated separately.
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table (and for DIC/SSI/MSME registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) as specified in Udhampur payable at Udhampur.
- Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR / BG of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for six months or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents shall be in form of Treasury Challan / e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.
- Firms who will fulfill the following parameters are eligible to participate.
 - Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of this estimated cost.
 - Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:
 - Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost
 - Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimate cost
 - One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact site conditions.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division

Div com reviews arrangements for Navratra Festival at Katra

J1NEWS SERVICE
KATRA, SEPTEMBER 26

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive review of the preparations for the upcoming annual Navratra festival scheduled to start from October 15, 2023, and continue till October 23, 2023.

The festival's inaugural event is planned to be held at Yog Ashram Ground Katra, followed by a Shobha Yatra and a grand event to showcase the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir and India as a whole.

During the meeting, the Director of Tourism presented a detailed report on the scheduled programs and activities for the festival, including discussions with stakeholders for suggestions, including town beautification, sanitation, essential services, traffic management and emergency services. He instructed officers to ensure sanitation from Domel to Katra Town throughout the Navratra days. Furthermore, arrangements for congregational programs like 'Prabhat Pheris,'



'Mata ki Kahani' recitation; Devotional Song Competition; Ram Leela, Dargal and other cultural events were discussed.

It was noted that the Mata Kahani show would be held at the Spiritual Growth Center, while Ram Leela would be performed daily at Government Higher Secondary School Katra from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The Garba Night and Garba Dandiya Night are scheduled for October 21st at Padma Shri Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhinagar Jammu.

Several other events are also proposed during the festival days, including All India Devotional song performances, Bhagwat Katha, folk festivals, Hassaya Vyang, Mata Ka Jagran, Kavi Samelan, Wrestling Competitions, programs by specially-abled children and other cultural activities.

The Divisional Commissioner instructed all concerned departments and organizers to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of all programs during the Navratra festival for the convenience of pilgrims. He emphasized creating a festive ambience and directed the Tourism Department and Municipal Committee Katra to adorn gateways and prominent locations with ornamental illuminations.

The Divisional Commissioner urged officers to coordinate their efforts, implement necessary arrangements in advance, and ensure proper regulation of traffic, foolproof security, road maintenance, street beautification, and sanitation in Katra town. He also called for regular power and water supply during Navratra days and emphasized the impor-

ance of foolproof security arrangements.

The Divisional Commissioner expressed his belief that the Navratra festival would attract more tourists and promote religious and pilgrimage tourism in the region. The CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board was tasked with holding a review meeting with all stakeholders to finalize the arrangements.

The meeting was attended by CEO SMVD Shrine Board, Anshul Garg; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal; SSP, Amit Gupta, Joint Director Information, Joint Director Tourism, SDM Katra and senior officers of the police and civil administration; representatives of various religious organizations; Presidents of Market associations; eminent citizens; and other concerned individuals.

DDC Jammu presses for skill gap surveys to improve employability

J1NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

In a meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, the progress of the skill development sector in the district was thoroughly reviewed today.

The DDC emphasised the importance of conducting surveys to identify skill gaps among the unemployed lot. The surveys should focus on specific areas and demographics to pinpoint where and which skill-trainings and capacity building measures are most needed, he said.

The meeting also emphasised the significance of empowering women, especially in rural areas through skill development initiatives. Spe-



cial attention was given to strategies for border areas, recognising their unique challenges and opportunities.

To enhance the impact of the skill development schemes, the DDC assured increased involvement of the district administration. The attendees were assigned the task of independently surveying the regions of the district to determine specific skill needs and demands. Sub-division-wise and tehsil-wise surveys were man-

dated to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the region's requirements.

Additionally, the DDC stressed the need to showcase success stories and explore innovative approaches, such as branding and the introduction of courses addressing emerging social needs with immediate employability.

The DDC called for providing self-employment opportunities to all sections of youth, recognising that skill courses can serve

as a means of preventing negative influences. The administration, in collaboration with banks, is committed to facilitate loan sanctions for deserving candidates, he added.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh; Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramesh Chander; principals of Government Polytechnic Colleges and ITIs, Lead District Manager, SBI, Assistant Director, KVIC etc.

DC Srinagar finalises Action plan for implementation of PM Vishwakarma Scheme

J1NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 26

In order to finalise the action plan for implementation of recently launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme designed to uplift traditional artisans and craftspeople in District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, the meeting was attended by General Manager DIC, Assistant Commissioner Development, Secretary SMC, Senior Superintendent of Post Office, Deputy Director Employment, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Lead District Manager, District Manager CSC and other concerned Officers from Sericulture, Floriculture, Labour, Tourism, Fisheries, FCS&CA, MSME Department.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner discussed threadbare various aspects of with regard to implementation of PM Vishwakarma Scheme including implementation framework, coverage of trades, Process Flow for availing benefits, financial



provisions in order to improve the quality, as well as the reach of products & services of the Artisans (Vishwakarmas) i.e. Self-employed traditional artisans and craftspeople forming the informal or unorganised sector of the economy.

During the meeting, the role and responsibility of all line Departments was deliberated in detail and actionable points viz Identification and Verification of the Beneficiaries and process of their registration were also discussed in threadbare.

On the occasion, the DC asked the Officers of all line Departments to be more practical in successful implementation of the scheme so that the target group is benefitted for their overall socio-economic development.

The DC asked the line Departments to submit lists of registered Artisans and Craftspeople by October 3, 2023 so that the same is uploaded on PM

Vishwakarma and subsequent approval for release of benefit by the District Level Implementation Committee.

The DC also instructed that Common Service Centers (CSCs) will ensure smooth enrollment of beneficiaries under the scheme, while verification of beneficiaries shall be done by the Rural Development Department and Srinagar Municipal Committee.

Highlighting the features of PM Vishwakarma, the Deputy Commissioner said that the scheme will directly benefit thousands of Artisans and Craftspeople with their hands and tools besides transforming the lives of the Artisans and Craftspeople contributing in preservation of traditional and heritage crafts.

The DC further said the scheme will enable the recognition of Artisans and Craftspeople as Vishwakarmas (Traditional Artisans) making them eli-

gible to avail the benefits under the Scheme. The DC hoped that through implementation of the Vishwakarma scheme, the Artisans who are the economic growth of the society will get easy access to collateral free credit, skill upgradation besides getting a platform for brand promotion and market linkages through modern technological interventions. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner was given a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the PM Vishwakarma scheme and was informed that the scheme offers a range of benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training to artisans, Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%, incentives for digital transactions and marketing support.

It was also informed that initially Government has recognized more 18 trades under PM Vishwakarma including Carpenter, Boat Maker, Armorer, Blacksmith, Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith, Potter, Cobbler, Masons, Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Doll & Toy Maker, Barber, Garland Maker, Washerman, Tailor and Fishing Net Maker.

Secretary YSS chairs meeting of officers regarding National Youth Festival 2024, Yuva portal

J1NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 26

In prelude to the restructured National Youth Festival 2024 and preparations being made by Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department thereof, Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez, chaired a meeting of senior officers here today.

Secretary had detailed discussion on various activities to be undertaken with regard to forthcoming mega event. Highlighting the essence of National Youth Festival as an important platform for showcasing talent of youth, Secretary said that the extravaganza is being organised with many new additions this time and hoped that the J&K Youth would get ample opportunities to take part in the National Level event. Various components of the

Festival included sporting events, cultural activities, debates, showcasing of handicrafts, cuisine, etc.

Sarmad Hafeez mentioned that J&K alongwith 6 other States/UTs have been allotted the theme "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and enjoined upon the officers to ensure that the rich culture, cuisines and crafts of the UT are properly showcased through the festival.

Secretary hoped that the Festival would provide ample opportunities to our youth to display their unique talent, exchange ideas and engage in various cultural, social and sports activities on a bigger platform. Yuva Kriti being an important component of the restructured National Youth Festival shall be providing a rare opportunity to the young participants to

understand and appreciate the handicrafts, textiles and Agri products of different parts of the UT, he asserted. "We should explore some out of box ideas to contribute and make our UT stand out among other States/UTs in this annual event" he added.

While issuing directions to the officers of Youth Services and Sports Department, Sarmad Hafeez said that all the preparations pertaining to participation of J&K youth should be made well in time and number of boys and girls in the event should be encouraged.

Secretary also directed the subordinate officers to explore all the possibilities of bringing maximum benefits to the youth through the 'Yuva Portal' launched by the Ministry of Youth

Affairs and Sports, GOI. Sarmad Hafeez highlighted the need of capacity building of stakeholders for creating know-how regarding the portal which would prove very helpful in making this platform a one stop portal for the youth related services and issues.

The meeting was told that the Nation Wide Fit India Swachata Freedom Run shall start on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti and the Department of Youth Services & Sports should ensure that, Walkathons, Runs and Historical Walks should be organised for the youth in all the 20 districts of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Director, Youth Services and Sports Department, Special Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and Joint Directors of the Department.

Power shutdown

J1NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC Jammu has informed that the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti, Chann Aorrian, Marheen, Baharpur, Bishnah, Bishnah Town, Deoli, Bana Chak, Sarore, Kotli and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 28 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Chakroi, Pindi, Hansa, Satriyan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, Ward No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 (RS Pura), paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla, Sarore, Jakh, Joggpur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 28 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Data Talab, Birpur, MES, Rathnuchak, Kaluchak, Sainik Colony, Gura Utterbehni, Mandal, Raya, Sandhi, Purmandal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Nandpur-Baba Chamilyal, BSF, Ablad, iPindi, Jherada and its adjoining areas will remain affected on September 30 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Kamore, Rangoor Camp, Barota and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 28 and 30 from 7 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD

and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 7 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nagrota, Sainik School, Kattal Battal, Nidor, Dhok and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 6 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Gajansoo, Buduchack, Lahorchak, Gangochak, Chinor Farm, Pargwal and adjoining area will remain affected on September 30 from 6 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Lakad Mandi, Patoli, Janipur Colony, Pamposh Colony, Ambredhar Nagar, High Court, Daily Excelsior, Statistical Office and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 6 am to 11 am.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jakh, Ghagwal, PHE, Tappal, Sarore Local, Old Complex Industry Feeder and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 28 from 5 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Sarore Local, Sarore Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 5 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Barnoti, Flote, Mai Chack, Sakta Chack Industry, Sakta Chack Local and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 27 and 29 from 6 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to Chadwal, Chappki, Tanda, Fattu Chack and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 30 and October 01 from 6 am to 10 am

Div Com Kashmir reviews overall performance of Horticulture, RDD depts



J1NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 26

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today reviewed performance & functioning of several departments including Horticulture and Rural Development Department with respect to completion of projects, implementation of schemes, deliverables and achievements.

The meeting was attended by Directors of respective departments along with the senior staff. At the outset, Director Horticulture gave a presentation to give an overview of all the components of the department.

He informed that the Horticulture Department generates Rs 10000 cr annual income for the UT and contributes 8% to the GDP.

He stated that the Kashmir Division has recorded 24.53 lac MT production during 2022-2023.

He presented a road map for introduction of internationally accepted varieties/ root stocks, establishment of High Density Orchards, CA Stores, adoption of Mechanised farming system, major activities undertaken by the department etc.

He highlighted achievements under implementation of various schemes Capex, Capex HADP, MIDH and NBM.

Addressing the meeting Div Com laid focus on value addition of horticulture produce which he termed a fundamental requirement to increase

employment generation and enhancing income.

He stressed on the introduction of food processing courses in colleges to open the scope of employment in the horticulture sector.

Director RDD also briefed the chair MNREGA, PMAY-G, Mission Amrit Sarovar, Meri MAATI Mera Desh, Aadhar Seeding, Infrastructure Development of Panchayat Raj Institutions, Swachh Bharat Mission, Integrated WaterShed Management etc

He also detailed about important achievements including hosting of Awaas Plus Conference (PMAY-G) in collaboration with Ministry of Rural Development (GOI) at Lalit Srinagar and

3 days National workshop on (Panchayat with Good Governance) in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayat Raj at SKICC Srinagar.

He said 7.18 lakh job cards are active in Kashmir Division.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com exhorted on ACDs & ACPs of RDD to streamline the demand of work by job card holders with equal ratio of work done to remove the pilferage of loss of money.

Div Com impressed on them to do more regarding execution of works as it is labour intensive and beneficial to poor labours and developmental front.

He directed them to use abandoned government buildings, particularly School buildings as accommodation for RDD, DDC & BDC offices.