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LG greets people on eve of Milad-Un-Nabi (SAW)

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings and good wishes to the people on the eve of Milad-un-Nabi (SAW).

In a message the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, I convey my greetings to all."

"The holy Prophet (SAW) showed us the path of an egalitarian society based on compassion, peace, love, harmony and brotherhood. The timeless teachings of holy Prophet continue to guide humanity on the path of kindness, equality and universal brotherhood. May the joyous occasion of Milad-un-Nabi

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SIA raids at multiple locations in South Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

The State Investigation Unit (SIA) on Wednesday carried out raids at multiple locations in South Kashmir's Pulwama, Shopian and Anantnag districts.

An official told the news agency that raids are being conducted in the Litter area of Pulwama, Shirmal area of Shopian district and Anantnag district as well. He said that raids are underway in connection with the investigation in the case of the killing of ATM guard Sanjay Sharma of Pulwama who was killed in February this year.

Raids are underway and further details will be shared after the culmination of

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Two police personnel killed as many injured in Ramban accident

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, SEP 27

Two police personnel were killed while two others including a teacher were injured after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a gorge near the dam site at Chandkerot in Ramban district on Wednesday, an official said.

An official told the news agency that a police van, on way from Ramban to Rajgarh, veered off road and fell into a gorge near the dam site in Chandrrkot area.

He said in the incident, a Special Police Officer (SPO) died on the spot while another policeman died

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LG pays tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

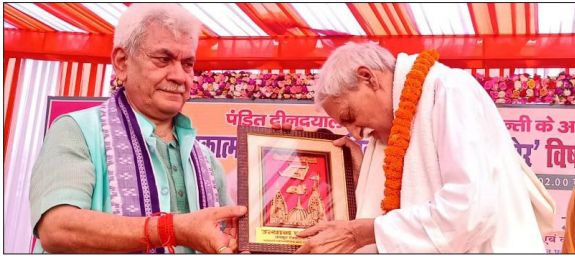
J1 NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIPUR, SEPTEMBER 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed a seminar organized by Utthan Foundation Trust at Ghazipur to commemorate birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

Paying tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the Lt Governor said the Mantra of Integral Humanism given by the great visionary leader is guiding the socio-economic, cultural and spiritual growth of society marching towards self-reliant and Viksit Bharat.

"New ideas and new resolutions create the foundation for a developed society. Resolve is the real power and collective strength of a society and today we stand at the threshold of a new era with rising aspirations and united in resolve to make 21st century, India's century," the Lt Governor said.

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LG addresses seminar on great social reformer Swami Sahajanand at Ghazipur



J1 NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIPUR, SEPTEMBER 27

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed a seminar on great social reformer Swami Sahajanand

organized by Swami Sahajanand Postgraduate College in collaboration with ICSSR at Ghazipur.

In his address, the Lt Governor

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CS felicitates top performing panchayats of J&K under Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2023

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEP 27

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday honored the Sarpanchs from 15 nominated panchayats of J&K for their outstanding contributions to the 'Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2023' initiative.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen is an annual exercise to assess the status of villages in rural areas on various parameters under Swachh Bharat Grameen. These panchayats were selected out of 209 panchayats nominated by districts through rigorous assessment exercise as per the parameters defined by the Government of India.

While felicitating these PRI members, Dr Mehta stressed on the significance of maintaining the sustainability of assets created under the Open Def-



ecation Free Plus (ODF+) Model scheme. This crucial aspect ensures that the progress made in sanitation and hygiene is maintained in the long term by efficient utilization of these assets.

Additionally, the Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of responsible waste management, focusing on managing landfill sites efficiently. Rather than creating new landfill sites, a cluster approach will be implemented to

reduce the number of sites. He emphasized that addressing odour issues at these sites must be our priority to ensure the well-being of villagers living nearby. He also exhorted stakeholders to beautify these sites.

Chief Secretary drew attention to the best practices followed in many villages, where cleanliness and beauty are synonymous with rural areas. He encouraged the

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Buoyed by G20 success, Tourism Deptt expects bumper winter season in Jammu

AGENCIES
JAMMU, SEP 27

Buoyed by the success of G20 event in Srinagar earlier this year followed by successful summer season in which about 1.60 crore tourists have visited Jammu and Kashmir, the department of tourism is eyeing on bumper winter season and anticipating footfall of nearly over 2.5 Crore tourists by the end of year.

As per date available with the news agency, around 1.60 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir in first eight month of the year (January to August), which included record breaking Amarnath Yatra, delegates during G20 events which followed by gala cultural

events, major conferences held in Kashmir and several festivals at offbeat destination across Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

A senior officer said that the tourism department is also planning winter carnivals, festivals to surpass last year's 1.80 crore tourist mark by the end of the year.

"Government took several initiatives to enhance the tourism activities in the Union Territory. Apart of usual calendar festival and events at major destinations, this year tourism department added several activities at less explored destinations like Gurez, Doodpathri, Lidder, Lolab, Sinthan Top in Kashmir Division and Dacchanwarwan, Padder, Sarthal, Panchari, Lal Draman,

Paristan in Jammu division to increase footfall of tourists and adventure lovers," the officer quoted above said, adding "G20 meeting in earlier this year came as blessing for Jammu and Kashmir, which undisputedly promotes J&K as safe destination at International forum".

Officials said that the government's new film policy and massive destination promotion campaign also contribute in establishing Jammu and Kashmir as a safe and preferable destination.

When contacted, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director, Tourism, Jammu said that efforts are in process to increase footfall of tourists in Jammu and Kashmir.

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400 local people fuelling terrorism in J&K from across LoC identified: DGP Dilbagh Singh

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, SEP 27

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Wednesday said that 400 locals have been identified who are presently in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PaK) working to fuel terrorism in UT through their supporters.

"We have identified some 400 locals from J&K who are present in Pakistan and PoK. These people are involved in running terrorism here through various means. These people work for various terrorist outfits. We have decided to zero



in on their handlers and supporters here," the DGP told reporters during his visit to the Bhalesa area of Doda, as per news agency.

He said that very soon these people will feel isolated and won't be able to carry out their "nefari-

ous designs." Replying to a query, he said that terrorism was at its low in J&K as major terror outfits like Jaish-e-Muhammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul Mujahideen are facing leadership crisis as "we have wiped out their

all leaders." He said there was a huge difference between Doda of the 1990s and Doda of 2023. "Today, people are living a peaceful life," he said.

Earlier, during his visit to Kathua district of Jammu, DGP stated that after the administration handed over police recruitment to a separate agency, there are 4000 vacancies of constables in the department while deficiency is being felt everywhere.

"Earlier, police would conduct its recruitment drives itself. Since the recruitment process was handed over to some separate agency, there

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India will soon emerge as global economic powerhouse: PM Modi

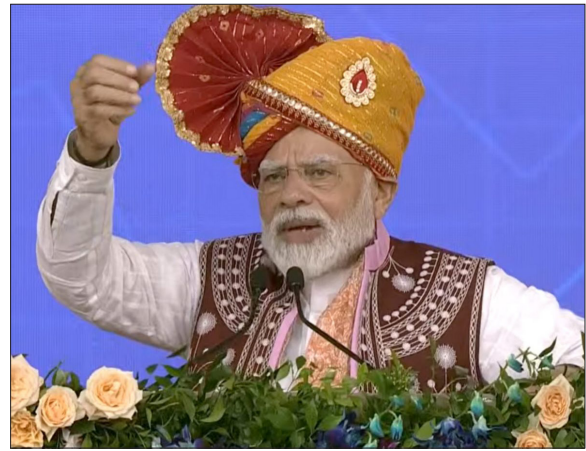
AGENCIES
AHMEDABAD, SEP 27

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said his aim is to make India a global growth engine and expressed confidence that the country will soon emerge as an economic powerhouse of the world.

Speaking at an event to mark 20 years of success of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit, Modi said they sowed small seeds of a "Vibrant Gujarat" 20 years ago, and today it has developed into a big tree.

Modi also said that Vibrant Gujarat became a success at such a time when the previous central government (UPA dispensation) was "indifferent" to the industrial progress of the state.

"We organised Vibrant Gujarat to make the state a growth engine of India. The country has seen this imagination becoming



a reality. In 2014, when I was given the opportunity to serve the country, my aim was to make India a global growth engine," Modi said addressing a gathering of industrialists and businessmen.

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and state BJP president C R Paatil were also present on the occasion.

"We are standing at

such a phase that India will soon emerge as a global economic powerhouse," Modi said, adding that global agencies and experts are today talking on similar lines.

"In a few years, India will be among the world's top three economies. This is Modi's guarantee," the PM said.

He appealed to the country's industry to

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8 labourers injured in vibration machine blast at Larkipora, Anantnag

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, SEP 27

At least eight labourers were injured after an explosion in a vibration machine took place in Larkipora area of Anantnag district.

Officials told the news agency, that the blast occurred this morning near a local market, causing panic among the residents.

All the injured persons, hailing from Bihar, were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. The injured have been identified as Chato Kumar, son of Soria Kumar (18), Param Jit, son of Jitender (22), Bhawan Kumar, son of Mohan Kumar (21), Fiqan, son of Nanda Lal (17), Jiten, son of Nanda Reshi (21), Titu Kumar, son of Mahir Reshi (23), Matlesh

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47 terrorists killed, 204 arrested in J&K in 2023 till September 26

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 27

A total of 47 terrorists were killed and 204 apprehended in multiple operations conducted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and other security forces in Jammu and Kashmir till September 26 this year, official sources said.

Of the 47 terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir between January 1 and January 26 this year, included nine local terrorists and 38

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Dr Jitendra launches DoPT's 'Capacity Building Plan' for employees

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, SEPT 27

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space launched the "Capacity Building Plan" (CBP) for Government employees, at DoPT headquarters here today.

The Plan has been rolled out by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) in consultation with the DoPT.

Speaking on the occa-



sion, Dr Jitendra Singh said the CBP is a new initiative by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to train officers and rationalise deployment of officers and staff depending on the skills and acquired competencies. It lays emphasis

on transformation of Government offices.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on eGovernance that leads to Easy, Economic and Environment friendly functioning in the

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30 cadets from Sanik School Nagrota clear NDA written exam, just one step close to join forces

AGENCIES
JAMMU, SEP 27

A total of 30 students from Jammu's Sainik School Nagrota (SSN) have cleared the NDA (National Defence Academy) and (Naval Academy) exam and are just one step away from realizing their dreams of becoming officers in the armed forces.

According per the

details available with the news agency, 30 cadets of SSN cleared written examinations for National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission recently.

"Out of these 30 Cadets, 09 Cadets are from the current batch (2023-24) and 21 cadets from the 2022-23 batch of class

XII," said Jammu based defence spokesperson Lt Col Suneel Bartwal. He added that these cadets will appear for Services Selection Board (SSB) interview soon.

"The recommended candidates will be called, as per merit, for joining NDA 152nd course at Khadakwasla, Maharashtra and (INA) Indian Naval Academy 114th course,

Ezhimala, Kerala," he said. Captain (Indian Navy) AK Desai, Principal, Sainik School Nagrota congratulated the cadets and the faculty for achieving this commendable feat in the UPSC-NDA written examination and highlighted that the dedicated and sincere efforts by one and all have resulted in the remarkable

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ARTO Bandipora tightens noose on Traffic Violators

JNEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 27

With an aim to ensure road safety and enforcing the traffic regulations, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora, Bilal Ahmad Mir has taken decisive action against traffic violators by suspending 21 driving licenses. With the goal of promoting responsible driving and safeguarding lives, Motor Vehicle Department Bandipora has adopted a 'zero tolerance approach' towards traffic regulation violators. The ARTO said that the recent suspension of 21 driving licenses comes as a strong message to those who flout traffic rules and endanger the lives of themselves as well as the lives of others on the road. The violations leading to license suspension included not wearing helmets while driving two wheelers, reckless driving, over speeding, and repeated offenses of not wearing seat belts while driving, among others. He said that repeat offenders will face even stricter action and their license will be cancelled permanently. He said that driving two wheelers without wearing a helmet has been identified as the main cause of many deaths/accidents in Bandipora in the last many years. Bilal Ahmad Mir said that the department wants to send a clear message that those who disregard the law and put lives at risk will face the consequences.

DC Budgam inspects ongoing developmental works at Charar-i-Sharief, Ragyna Mata temple & Syed Aali Balkhi Shrine, Pakherpora

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 27

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today conducted an extensive tour of Charar-i-Sharief shrine to take review of various ongoing developmental projects. During the tour, DC reviewed the progress of Sanitary Complex and road project at Shrine of Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani Charar-i-Sharief, access road to Pakherpora shrine, Spring development and beautification works at Reganya Mata Asthapan Temple at Badipora and other developmental and beautification projects in Charar-i-Sharief and Pakherpora areas. At Sheikh-ul-Alam Shrine, Charar-i-Sharief, DC directed concerned to ensure pending works including electrical, sanitary, tile laying works at wuzu khana are completed within the shortest possible time so that the same is dedicated to the general public at the earliest. Later, DC also visited the shrine of Syed Aali Balkhi Pakherpora and Reganya Mata Asthapan Temple Badipora and took stock of ongoing developmental and beautification works. The DC was accompanied by SDM Chadoora, Executive Engineers of various engineering wings, Tehsildar and other concerned.

DC Budgam takes stock of progress of JJM works in Charar-i-Sharief, Pakherpora and Bandipora areas of Chadoora

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 27

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today conducted extensive tour of Charar-i-Sharief, Pakherpora and Badipora to take review of various ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works.

During the visit, DC inspected pace of work on various ongoing JJM projects and took stock of work progress of Zaloosa WSS, Kamzipora-Kanigam WSS and Badipora WSS in Charar-i-Sharief and Pakherpora areas.

He instructed concerned agencies to ensure pace of work is expedited to ensure speedy construction of Filtration plants, SRs and other related works at all three projects to ensure adequate water supply to all required villages.



Akshay stressed that work on all JJM projects be carried out in full swing without any delay for their timely utilization for the convenience of the general public.

He said that various JJM projects are nearing completion which shall ensure adequate tap water supply to many villages in the district.

He also said that under JJM all existing water resources shall be tapped at local level to ensure better drinking water facility to all households in rural areas.

The DC was accompanied by SDM Chadoora, Executive Engineers of various engineering wings, Tehsildar and other concerned.

Block Diwas held in 3 blocks of Kulgam

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 27

As part of the ambitious weekly Block Diwas programme and with an aim to strengthen the grievances redressal mechanism in the district, the District Administration Kulgam today organized public outreach programmes in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D.H Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

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

The grievance redressal programme witnessed participation of people from Hadigam, Mohamadpora, Behibagh, Okey, Orail, Nigeenpora, Kund, Katrasoo and other areas and put forth various demands including establishment of bank branch, construction of Bridge, construction/Macadamisation of road besides other developmental issues.



PRI members and people of various other areas also apprised the DC about their issues and grievances besides projecting various developmental demands of their areas.

Officers and heads of departments responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments and intimated them about various welfare schemes and ongoing developmental projects.

The DC after giving

patient hearing to the public addressed some of the immediate nature of grievances on the spot.

Earlier, ACD Kulgam also briefed about the action taken on various grievances and issues raised in previous Block Diwas.

Meanwhile, the officers of District Administration also held outreach programmes at Devsar and D.H Pora and listened to the issues and grievances of people assuring time bound redressal.

Udhampur wins Divisional Level U 14 Kho Kho championship

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, SEPTEMBER 27

Department of Youth Services and Sports Jammu and Kashmir has organised the divisional level Kho Kho tournament for Boys for All Age Groups in Doda.

In today's U/14 Kho Kho event, the first semi-final was played between Doda and Samba, in which Doda beat Samba by 8 points. In the 2nd semi-final, Udhampur beat Jammu by 7 points.

To adjudge the winner of 3rd place Jammu beat Samba in a nail biting match and emerged as the second runner up.



In the finals, Udhampur beat Doda and lifted the championship trophy. DYSSO Doda Jaffar

Haider Sheikh distributed merit certificates and trophies among the winners.

Reasi District launches series of Environment conservation Initiatives on World Tourism Day

JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, SEPTEMBER 27

The District Administration Reasi, demonstrating its commitment to preserve the region's natural beauty and resources, has launched innovative initiatives to celebrate the World Tourism Day with the theme "Tourism and Green Investments."

Deputy Commissioner Babila Rakwal supervised a series of impactful activities across the district, all designed to promote environmental awareness, cleanliness, and the overall well-being of the area.

The highlight of these efforts was a comprehensive cleanliness drive conducted at several prominent tourist destinations, including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra, Aghar Jitto, Nau Devian, Baba Dhansar, Dera Baba



Banda, Peer Baba Simbal Chowk, Sula Park, Sihar Baba, Zorawar Singh Fort in Vijaypur, and Bhingarh Fort in Reasi.

The primary goal was to promote cleanliness

and contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment in and around these tourist spots. A significant amount of polythene bags, plastic bottles, wrappers, and packaging materials

were collected and properly disposed of.

Participation in the cleanliness drive was extensive, with officials from various departments, including Shrine Board, RDD, PWD, Education, Youth Service and Sports, Sericulture, Horticulture, Social Welfare, PRI Members, and volunteers all actively involved. During the event, volunteers and PRI members also took the opportunity to educate visiting tourists about the importance of not leaving non-degradable materials at these tourist destinations, instilling a sense of responsibility among tourists for preserving the natural beauty of the region.

Shabnam Kamili reviews arrangements for GI Mahotsav

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 27

Secretary in Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shabnam Kamili, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the arrangements for conduct of "GI Mahotsav" at Srinagar.

She had a brief assessment from all the concerned officers about the ongoing being made for organisation of GI Mahotsav. She emphasised upon them that all requisite facilities should be done in advance for successful conduct of GI Mahotsav.

Shabnam Kamili directed the concerned to give wide publicity to the event at UT and national level, through newspapers, elec-



tronic media, social-media and online platforms.

Secretary directed the concerned officers to ensure that all logistics (fabrication & infrastructure) like stalls, stage, decor and other requisite facilities are made available at the venue besides any other arrangements as may be required.

Other issues reviewed were installation of hoardings, arrangements for GI awareness, panel discus-

sion, painting, quiz competition and arrangements regarding cultural shows to be held during the event.

The meeting also discussed arrangements like boarding, lodging and transportation for artisans coming from different parts of the country. Besides, media plan for extensive publicity of the Mahotsav through radio and public spaces was also deliberated upon.

DEO Ramban chairs meeting of political representatives on rationalization of polling stations



JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 27

District Election Officer, Ramban Mussarat Islam today chaired a meeting with concerned officers and representatives of different political parties regarding rationalization of polling stations, creation of new polling stations and change of location of existing polling stations.

The meeting was attended by the President Municipal Council, Ramban, Sunita Sumbria, ADC, Harbans Sharma, Dy. DEO Lal Chand, Tehsildar (AERO) Rafiq Ahmed and other representatives of various political parties.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on the various issues including proposals

submitted by the AEROs in consultation with various political parties with regard to creation of new polling stations and change of location of existing polling stations.

The Deputy Commissioner also advised the members of political parties to share a list of their authorized agents with the election departments, besides sensitizing the people, especially youth, about the forthcoming voter registration process that would be started from October w. r. t. 01.01.2024 as the qualifying date.

Appreciating the concern for good work, the representatives also discussed criteria for creation of more new polling stations and shifting of polling stations for the convenience of voters.

Farmers of Panchayat Trewa learn about PM Kusum



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

A camp to promote the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhayaan (PM-KUSUM) scheme was held today at Panchayat Trewa of block Miran Sahib to help farmers adopt green energy and improve their livelihoods.

The camp was organised on the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, who had issued directives to this effect during his visit to the border Panchayat of Arnia.

The day-long event featured demonstration sessions and an exhibition. The empanelled vendor specialising in the solar water pumps was on hand to provide guidance about their operation.

The participants of the event were informed that the government, through the Jammu & Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), is responsible for implementing the PM-KUSUM scheme throughout Jammu and Kashmir. Notable attendees at the event included the Sarpanch Trewa, other PRI representatives, BDO Miran Sahib, Gurjeet Singh and District Officer JAKEDA, among others.

contribute to the proliferation of green energy but also operate seamlessly during electricity shortages. The potential to double farmers' income through this initiative adds an extra layer of significance to the program.

The awareness session was led by Regional Officer JAKEDA, Deepak Sharma, in the presence of SDM Jammu South, Atul Dutt Sharma. The camp received participation from Panchayati Raj Institutions from Trewa and its neighbouring panchayats and the public.

The PM-KUSUM scheme facilitates installation of solar pumps and grid-connected solar and renewable power plants for farmers. The Jammu & Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), is responsible for implementing the PM-KUSUM scheme throughout Jammu and Kashmir. Notable attendees at the event included the Sarpanch Trewa, other PRI representatives, BDO Miran Sahib, Gurjeet Singh and District Officer JAKEDA, among others.

Block Diwas program held at 4 locations across Doda district

JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, SEPTEMBER 27

Public outreach programmes under the banner of Block Diwas were held across the district at four different locations. The programmes were held under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan. UT administration has taken multiple cam-

paigns/ initiatives wherein administration reaches to the people at their doorsteps to assess the gaps in development, listen to the public aspirations and plan out a holistic programme to address their genuine issues and aspirations. Block Diwas program is one among them which is held at various designated locations every Wednesday in district Doda.



This week, the Block Diwas program was held at

Block Headquarter Bhaderwah, Sub District Bhaderwah,

erwah; Panchayat Dosa, Sub Division Gandoh; Panchayat Ganhotra, Sub Division Assar and Panchayat Barshalla, Sub Division Thathri.

People in large numbers attended the Block Diwas at all four locations and demanded up-gradation of local infrastructure in the Health, Education sector besides extension of road connectivity, water and

power facilities in the area. During the programme, demands regarding the macadamisation of roads, execution of works under MGNREGA, and upgradation of electric poles, among others, were raised by the participants.

The Block Diwas mechanism has been instrumental in bridging the gap between people and the administration.

DC Poonch reviews ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, SEPTEMBER 27

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin M. Choudhary on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign in the district.

During the meeting, the DC sought details regarding the activities to be carried out by the line departments on the occasion of Swachhata Hi Seva program. He instructed the officials of all departments to upload the activities to be performed on October 01 and before as well.

The Deputy Commissioner issued directives to the officials, emphasizing the need for cohesive teamwork in preparing the program schedule and ensuring active participation from all departments, public representatives and general public. During the meeting, various initia-



tives regarding cleanliness undertaken by MC Poonch, RDD, Tourism, and other relevant departments were discussed.

The participants also deliberated on similar activities to be organized as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva Program.

All concerned officials

the community.

It was further decided that a mega cleanliness drive would be conducted at Poonch Fort on the 1st of October under the same campaign.

Additionally, the meeting discussed promoting event highlights through social media handles, including tweets and cross-promotions.

The meeting was attended by Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Poonch Chief Executive Officer, PDA, Asstt. Commissioner (Rev), Asstt. Commissioner Panchayat, Asstt.

Commissioner (Dev), Principal Degree College, Tehsildar Haveli, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, BDO Poonch, District Coordinator NYC, Chief Executive Officer, MCP, Asstt. Floriculture Officer, Tehsildar Headquarter and other concerned.

were directed to upload their live activities on Swachhata web portal <https://swachhatahiseva.com>

He also discussed a range of activities scheduled for October 1st, such as cleanliness drives, large-scale initiatives, innovations, and engaging

DC Bandipora convenes meeting to finalize land, structures award for Ring Road Construction

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 27

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday convened a meeting to discuss and finalize the award of land and structures for the construction of the much-anticipated Ring Road project. The meeting deliberated on the allocation of land and structures necessary for the successful execution of the Ring Road project, which is a crucial initiative that promises to enhance connectivity and drive economic growth in the district. The DC said that the Ring Road project is expected to alleviate traffic congestion, improve transportation efficiency, and promote economic activities by connecting various important locations within the district. It was informed that detailed assessments and surveys have been conducted to identify the required land and structures while minimizing any potential disruptions to communities. The DC directed the concerned for timely completion of all the formalities related to the project. He directed to ensure that the construction of Ring Road proceeds smoothly, benefiting all residents and stakeholders involved. The meeting was attended by Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ADC Bandipora, Umar Shafi; ACR, Tehsildar Sumbal, besides other concerned officials.

Swachhata Hi Seva: RDD, Shopian conducts Cleanliness Drive at Ali-Abad Sarie, Peer Ki Gali

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 27

Under the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign and on the occasion of World Tourism Day, the Department of Rural Development, Shopian today organised a cleanliness drive at Alia Abad Sarai, lying on the Famous Mughal Road, near Peer ki Gali Pass.

The sanitation drive was led by Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Shopian, Manzoor Ahmad and Block Development Officer, Shopian, Qadeer Charak.

Staff of the Rural Development Department and Panchayat Raj along with scores of PRIs and civil society members took part in the drive and committed towards sanitation cause at multiple locations near the tourist site. The



rally was also taken out on the Mughal Road and people were sensitised about the issue of sanitation for overall health and wellness.

Officers, Officials, PRIs, civil society members also took a pledge to keep the surroundings clean, and pledged towards making the district garbage free by dumping all the wastage in specified/ designated places. On this occasion,

ACP and BDO administered the pledge to the participants on Swachhata Pakhwada and urged them to act as the ambassadors of the cleanliness campaign in their areas, which commenced from Sept, 15 and shall continue up to Oct. 02.

The campaign is aimed to promote cleanliness and to create and contribute towards a cleaner and healthier environment.

SKICC celebrates World Tourism Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 27

Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) today celebrated World Tourism Day in which all the officials of SKICC participated.

On the occasion, Director SKICC, Bakshi Humayun Javed recited the oath for making SKICC the sought after green clean Conference centre of the country,

which reflects the theme of World Tourism Day 2023 "Tourism and Green Investments".

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Director said that while celebrating World Tourism Day, we are reminded of the immense potential that tourism holds in fostering economic growth, cultural exchange, and social inclusivity.

With its state-of-the-art facilities and com-

mitment to excellence, SKICC has become a premier destination for conferences, conventions, and cultural events. He highlighted that SKICC continues to play a pivotal role in promoting tourism, economic development, and cultural exchange across Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, the SKICC officials also participated in cleaning drive.

Cleanliness, Plantation Drive conducted in Historic Samba Fort to Commemorate World Tourism Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
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The District Administration Samba, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, Municipal Council, Samba, and the NSS wing of Government Degree College, Samba, organized a major Cleanliness and Plantation Drive in the Samba Fort today, marking the celebration of World Tourism Day.

The Cleanliness and Plantation Drive involved activities to enhance the beauty and hygiene of the historical Samba Fort and the surrounding area. Par-

ticipants planted trees, cleaned up litter and worked together to create a cleaner, greener environment for both tourists and local residents to enjoy.

"We are delighted to celebrate World Tourism Day by taking concrete steps toward preserving our natural heritage and promoting responsible tourism," said Abhishek Sharma, DC Samba. "Samba Fort is a significant historical site, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure its upkeep for future generations."

The Deputy Commissioner, Samba later roped



a sapling in the fort to commemorate the theme of this year's world Tourism Day i.e. Investing Green. While interacting with

students, the deputy Commissioner urged them to visit the tourist sites of the District and a pledge was taken to keep them clean

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri inspects progress of work on Koteranka Khawas Road

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Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing construction work on the Koteranka Khawas road.

He was accompanied by the Executive Engineer (XEN) of the Public Works Department Koteranka, Vikas Bhel.

The 30.2 kilometer Koteranka Khawas road project, a cornerstone of regional infrastructure development, carries an estimated cost of Rs 68 crore, the road holds immense promise in improving the lives of the local population residing along its route.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the criti-



cal importance of adhering to stringent quality parameters throughout the construction process. He emphasized the need for uncompromising commitment to quality, ensuring that the road not only connects communities but also stands as a symbol of durability and resilience in the face

of environmental challenges.

"The Koteranka Khawas road is more than just a physical connection; it is a lifeline that will enhance connectivity, facilitate trade and open new avenues of progress for the people of this region. We must ensure that it meets the highest standards of

construction, adheres to timelines, and becomes a source of pride for generations to come," he said

The visit of the Deputy Commissioner and his unequivocal commitment to the success of the project has injected renewed enthusiasm among the teams working tirelessly on its implementation. The local community, too, eagerly anticipates the completion of the road recognizing the transformational impact it will have on their lives.

As the project continues to progress, the administration and stakeholders remain steadfast in their dedication to delivering a world-class road infrastructure that will stand as a testament to growth and development of Rajouri district.

Samba admin flags in Shanti Yatra for promoting peace and harmony

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The School Education Department has undertaken the remarkable "Shanti Yatra" initiative, which has been spreading the message of peace and Mahatma Gandhi's teachings across all districts of the Jammu division. The journey commenced on 09 September 2023 from Poonch and has since been an inspiring symbol of harmony and unity.

Today, a significant milestone was achieved as the symbol of peace was ceremoniously handed over to District Samba. The Chief Education Officer Kathua, in

a heartfelt gesture, passed on the torch of peace to District Samba at Kootah More.

The "Shanti Yatra" has witnessed the enthusiastic participation of educational leaders, including Principals, Zonal Education Officers, and dedicated staff and students. They congregated at the District Administrative Complex Samba, where the journey was officially flagged-in by the District Development Commissioner of Samba, Abhishek Sharma.

Under the banner of "Shanti Chin," the students, along with Chief Education Officer Samba, District I/C

Cultural Cell, Z.I.C.C, and numerous staff members, embarked on their journey towards Vijaypur. Their mission is to continue the

"Shanti Yatra" and disseminate the profound wisdom of Mahatma Gandhi to the various institutes within the district of Samba.

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
E-AUCTION NOTICE	
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:	
1] Auction catalogue No.	EAFZR-WR23-2
Auction start Date & Time	12-10-23 at 11:30 Hrs
Name of work	Allotment of contract for renovation, maintenance & operation of AC waiting room at Railway Station Phagwara.
2] Auction catalogue No.	EAFZR-WVM23-4
Auction start Date & Time	12-10-23 at 12:00 Hrs
Name of work	Allotment of Contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Faridkot, Phillaur, Kathua, Firozpur Gantt, & Udhampur.-
3] Auction catalogue No.	EAFZR-PRKG23-26
Auction start Date & Time	12-10-23 at 12:30 Hrs
Name of work	Allotment of Parking contract at Railway Station Palampur & Joginder Nagar (Combined).
Complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidder on www.ireps.gov.in	
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LCMA organises mega Cleanliness drive & rally around the peripheries of Dal Lake

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The Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) organised the mega cleanliness drive and a rally around the peripheries of Dal Lake with the involvement of 140 students from Crescent Public School Srinagar as part of Swachh Bharat Mission week being celebrated from September, 26 to October, 2. Principal of the school, Farhat Makhdoomi and Project Officer LCMA, Gazalla Abdullah was also present in the said programme. The rally was held from Botanical Garden to STP Laam during which slogans by students regarding the saving of water and maintaining cleanliness were emphasized. People living around the vicinity were made aware by the students regarding the importance of cleanliness and desisting from throwing waste without proper disposal.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
E-Tender Notice				
Sr. DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date - 17.10.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in				
Tender Type	Tendering Section			
Open	Works			
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date			
25.09.2023	03.10.2023			
Bidding System				
Single Bid System				
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Closing Date/Time			
25.09.2023	17.10.2023/15:00 Hrs			
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1.	232-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Provision of 12.00 m wide FOB at Gurdaspur Railway station on ASR-PTK section under ADEN/PTK in C/WABSS.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			2,66,83,022.12/-	2,83,400.00/-
				60 Days
				10 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
2.	233-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	TRR (P) 25.712 Tkm on BHRL-JAT section i.e. 22.495 Tkm at Km 38.817 to 42.8 DN, 46.8 to 52.934 DN, 24-JAT- KM 32.112 to 33.879 UP, KM 35.755 UP, KM 42.85 to 47.048 UP, KM 52.897 to 59.57 UP, KM 63.798 to 64.799 UP and 3.217 Tkm at Km 20.178 to 21.133 DN, KM 37.522 to 38.817 DN and KM 21.033 to 22.00 UP under ADEN/JAT on BARL-JAT section in jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II/FZR.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			4,46,77,887.84/-	3,73,400.00/-
				60 Days
				10 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like Tamping machines/Ballast screening/regulating machines and TTR by T-28".		
3.	234-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Upgradation and Modification of existing RPF barrack complex for provision of 40 bedded female barrack accommodations for RPF staff at PTK in the section of ADEN-1/PTK.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			71,85,150.17/-	1,43,700.00/-
				60 Days
				08 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
4.	235-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Repair and Maintenance of Level Crossings in the section of ADEN/PTK.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			39,99,880.35/-	80,000.00/-
				60 Days
				12 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Not Applicable".		
5.	236-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Repair and Maintenance of Bridges in the section of ADEN/PTK.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			37,77,754.01/-	75,600.00/-
				60 Days
				12 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Not Applicable".		
6.	238-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Extension of 06 Numbers Bridge on ASR-PTK section i.c.w EI under ADEN/PTK.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			90,76,457.45/-	1,81,500.00/-
				60 Days
				06 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Construction of any Bridge work".		
7.	239-2023-24-PLM-X-DRM-FZR	Rehabilitation work of breaches during monsoon (year-2023) by providing Retaining wall for slope protection, Wire Net Trungrs, side drains, removal of slipped earth on track and other Misc. allied works at Km 27/1-3, 80/2-3, 89/5-6, 73/7-8, 74/5-6, 74/8-9, 75/0-1, 77/3-6, 84/6-9, 85/6-7, & other related locations for restoration of track on PTK-JDNX section.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			2,61,78,636.85/-	2,80,900.00/-
				60 Days
				04 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
8.	240-2023-24-PLM-X-DRM-FZR	Rehabilitation work of breaches during monsoon (year-2023) by providing Retaining wall for slope protection, Wire Net Trungrs, side drains, removal of slipped earth on track and other Misc. allied works at Km 77/3-6, 89/5-6, 97/5-6, 116/1-2, 123/7-8, 158/9-10, & other related locations for restoration of track on PTK-JDNX section.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			1,40,63,789.97/-	2,20,300.00/-
				60 Days
				04 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
9.	241-2023-24-PLM-X-DRM-FZR	Rehabilitation work of breaches during monsoon (year-2023) by providing Retaining wall for slope protection, Wire Net Trungrs, side drains, removal of slipped earth on track and other Misc. allied works at Km 92/8-93/1, & other related locations for restoration of track on PTK-JDNX section.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			2,54,53,492.91/-	2,77,300.00/-
				60 Days
				04 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
10.	242-2023-24-PLM-X-DRM-FZR	Rehabilitation work of breaches during monsoon (year-2023) by providing Retaining wall for slope protection, Wire Net Trungrs, side drains, removal of slipped earth on track and other Misc. allied works at Km 92/8-93/1, & other related locations for restoration of track on PTK-JDNX section.	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
			4,14,99,361.95/-	3,57,500.00/-
				60 Days
				04 Months
		Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil Work other than track work".		
Note 1:- Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender Notice No:- 232,234,235,236,238-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR, 233-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR & 239,240,241&242-PLM-X-DRM-FZR, Dt. 26.09.2023		3009/2023		
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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

LG pays tributes...

At the commemoration event, the Lt Governor shared the efforts made by the government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister for inclusive development.

He said the developmental journey of the country in last 9 years have infused a new perseverance in all sectors and given us enviable strength and self-confidence.

"Our economy stands tall among top economies and our standing has risen following successful G20 Presidency and New Delhi Leaders' Declaration," the Lt Governor said.

India is not only emerging as a world leader, but is also ensuring that the countries of the Global South and the Global North achieve the goal of inclusive development and tackle the challenges of climate change through mutual cooperation, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor honoured the veteran members of Jan Sangh and also felicitated the children from tribal community, supported by the Utthan Foundation Trust, who had excelled in various sports disciplines.

Sachidanand Rai, President Utthan Foundation Trust; members of the Trust; eminent personalities, youth and people in large numbers were present.

LG addresses seminar...

highlighted the significant contribution of Swami Sahajanand to farmer's movement and his role in empowering small and marginal farming community, transformation and rejuvenation of agriculture sector to fulfill the development ambitions of a large section of society.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji is implementing the vision of Swami Sahajanand and has given the agriculture and allied activities new impetus. Agriculture budget has gone up by 5.7 fold as compared to 2013-14, credit flow to farmers stepped up and Rs.1 Lakh Crore allocated to Agriculture Infrastructure Fund," the Lt Governor said.

He said the progressive reforms under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister have empowered the farmers and brought prosperity in their lives.

"The comprehensive approach from seed to market and the efforts to strengthen the rural economy have led to the empowerment of farmers at every step. Highest-ever food grain production, significant rise in income and entrepreneurship is scripting a new chapter in history of agriculture sector," the Lt Governor said.

Rs.20 Lakh Cr has been allocated for agriculture credit to farmers and it shows that the government's top priority is to unlock the growth potential of the agriculture and allied sector, he added.

At the seminar, the Lt Governor also shared the agricultural reforms and farmer-centric policies introduced in the UT of J&K over the past few years.

He also called for adopting sustainable development measures to effectively tackle the threat of Climate change.

Prof. (Dr.) V K Rai, Principal Swami Sahajanand PG College; Dr Neerja Madhav, renowned author; Prof Udayon Misra, Principal LBS PG College Mughalsarai; Prof Chandrakanta Rai and prominent personalities from all walks of life were present.

400 local people...

are 4000 vacancies of police constables in the department. The deficiency in ranks is being felt everywhere in J&K," DGP Singh told reporters on the side-lines of a security review meeting at Kathua district, as per news agency.

He said that Kathua and its remote villages are maintaining communal harmony. "There are hardworking people who spend days in fields and shops to earn their livelihood. Peaceful atmosphere is prevailing in this district," the DGP said, adding that "there is a great demand for the police recruitment drives as youth here are facing unemployment."

He said that police had been always giving priority to border areas whenever recruitment drives were held in the past.

Asked about situation post the Kokernag encounter where two army officers and a police officer were killed, the DGP said "situation continues to remain peaceful as it was earlier."

He said that neighbouring country always hatches conspiracies to destabilise the peace but police and forces are alert to foil all such bids. KNO

CS felicitates top...

adoption of similar practices in Jammu and Kashmir, envisioning cleaner and more beautiful villages. He made out that these villages should act as models for others for achieving what these have accomplished with same assistance provided to each of the Panchayat.

Furthermore, the Chief Secretary urged for exploring innovative ways to recover plastics from waste. These recovered plastics can be repurposed for various uses, including fuel production, road construction, and making panels etc. This approach not only contributes to waste reduction but also opens up opportunities for recycling also.

While concluding, the Chief Secretary commended the Directorate of Rural Sanitation for their commendable efforts in bringing about this positive change in a relatively short period of time. He noted that there is a noticeable behavioral change in the public's attitude toward cleanliness and hygiene from last year, reflecting the success of initiatives like Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2023.

On the occasion the nominated Sarpanchs also shared their inspiring stories of how they turned their respective panchayats into models of cleanliness and hygiene. Their dedication and determination were evident as they recounted the obstacles, they overcame in achieving this prestigious recognition.

The event showcased the remarkable journey of these Sarpanchs in transforming their panchayats into Model Panchayats, shedding light on the challenges they faced and emphasizing the importance of sustainability and perseverance in making efforts.

The felicitation ceremony served as a testament to the dedication of these Sarpanchs and the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir administration for creating cleaner and more sustainable rural areas for its resi-

dents.

The meeting was organized by Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Department of Rural Development Department and all the Sarpanchs from the nominated panchayats were present with their respective DCs. KNO

8 labourers ...

Kumar, son of Ganesh Kumar (19) and Shan Kumar, son of Nanda Reshi (17)—all residents of Bihar.

Meanwhile, police in a post on X, said that there is no terrorist angle observed in the incident while investigation has been started. "An explosion occurred in the cement mix settling vibration machine, adjacent portable generator and tin can of oil being carried with labourers in a load carrier at Larkipora Anantnag. 8 labourers injured with burn injuries being treated at hospital. All stable. No terrorist angle observed. Investigation started," Kashmir Zone Police wrote on X. KNO

47 terrorists killed...

foreign terrorists.

The number of terrorists neutralised in 2022 remained at 187, including 130 local terrorists and 57 foreign terrorists.

As per data, a total of 204 terrorists have been apprehended in Jammu and Kashmir between January 1 and September 26 this year.

In last month, a total of four terrorists were killed and 40 apprehended while a total of eight terrorists were killed and 34 apprehended.

The data further reveals that a total of 111 terrorists are currently active in Jammu and Kashmir, including 40 local terrorists and 71 foreign terrorists. As per the data, 137 terrorists were active in Jammu and Kashmir last year.

Dr Jitendra launches...

Government. Easy implies convenient and time-saving, eOffice leads to Economy, while doing away with file work saves not only time but is also Environment friendly. The Administrative reforms initiated by PM Modi are aimed at creating an efficient, transparent and corruption-free administration," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Karmayogi Prarambh module has been made part of Induction Training of all Government employees and the same has been implemented for the new recruits who joined Government service under the Rozgar Mela, the 6th sequel of which was held yesterday where over 51,000 youth were handed by appointment letters by PM Modi.

The DoPT Minister called upon the CBC to constantly update and revise the various training modules as the Artificial Intelligence is about to sweep our learning and work culture.

"In this age of technology, the doubling time has shrunk from five years to less than a year," he said.

Lauding the CBP for the iGOT training modules for all levels of Government employees right from the ASO level to JS and a few select courses for even the Secretaries, Dr Jitendra Singh asked the CBC Chairman Adil Zainulbhai to devise a similar Training Module for the Minister also.

The CBC Chairman informed the Minister that 700 courses have been introduced on the iGOT platform. Of the roughly 3 million Central Govt employees, he said, 1 million staff is in the Railways, another 1 million in CAPFs and the remaining 1 million in the rest of Ministries and Departments. 80% skills are common related to functional and behavioural skills while just 20% are domain oriented related to specific tasks and roles. The Mission Karmayogi and iGOT aims to transform 'karamcharis' to 'Karmayogis', he said.

Buoyed by G20 success...

"Till August 2023 we welcomed a record 1.60 crore tourists this season, thought to be the greatest number so date. This has been possible after the department's multi-dimensional strategy aimed on promotion and development of tourist destinations to boost the sector as well as economic development of locals.

She further added that this winter seasons would be excited for the people as department planned several activities and festivals to attract visitors, which ultimately boost the local economy. KNO

30 cadets from...

performance of the Cadets. The Principal mentioned that Sainik School Nagrota provides an ideal grooming ground to cadets and develops them as balanced personalities through a variety of academic and co-curricular activities. He expressed hope that the qualities of mind, body and character acquired by cadets in the school will enable them to clear SSB interview successfully.

Moreover, the National Cadet Corps Directorate Jammu -Kashmir and Ladakh organized SSB Super-30 Capsule for cadets in Nagrota. 30 cadets aspiring to join the Armed forces from far flung areas of Jammu, Kupwara, Baramulla, Leh and Ladakh are attending the course. During this course Brig Sagar was introduced to Neuro Linguistic Programming for the very first time in India by Brig Dr. Vijay Sagar Dheman (Retd), MD International Institute for J&K Studies and Analysis.

Cadets found the session highly motivational and inspiring. During the course, various Group Discussion and lecture sessions were conducted which helped the cadets in all round personality development, boosting their confidence for induction into Armed Forces. KNO

LG greets people...

bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all and inspire us to follow the path of righteous living and work for the welfare of all"... KNO

SIA raids at multiple...

the raids, he added.

Notably, the case of Sharma's killing was first investigated by Pulwama Police, however, it was later transferred to the SIA. KNO

Two police personnel...

during treatment, adding that two others including a teacher were injured, who have been shifted to a nearby healthcare facility.

The official identified the deceased as SPO Swami Raj and senior grade constable Parvaiz Ahmed.

The injured have been identified as Joginder Singh, a teacher and Constable Sewa Singh.

A case has been registered and further investigation started, official added. KNO

think of sectors where India can explore new possibilities or strengthen itself, and how Vibrant Gujarat can give momentum to this mission.

Modi highlighted how from a humble beginning, the Vibrant Gujarat events have turned into an institution and many states later followed it by organising their own investment summits.

Swami Vivekananda said that every work passes through three stages- first it is mocked, later it faces opposition and finally it is accepted, especially when the idea is ahead of time, Modi noted, comparing the success of Vibrant Gujarat and how it passed through different stages.

India will soon...

Today the world can see the success of Vibrant Gujarat, he said.

"But when it was organised earlier, the then Central government showed indifference to Gujarat's development. I have always talked about India's development through Gujarat's development, but those in power at the Centre had also associated Gujarat's development with politics," Modi said.

The then ministers in the central government used to refuse to attend the summit, he said.

"They told me personally they would join, but later refused, perhaps after pressure from the top. Far from support, they were busy creating hurdles," he said, adding that even foreign investors were threatened not to go to Gujarat.

"Despite such threats, foreign investors visited Gujarat even when there was no special incentive here. They came here because they could experience good governance, fair governance, policy-driven governance, an equal system of growth, and a transparent government in daily life," he said.

Recalling the first Vibrant Gujarat Summit in 2003, Modi said it became a success because of the state's people in whom he had huge trust.

He said he was a first-time chief minister and faced crises such as the 2001 earthquake, preceding drought years, collapse of cooperative banks, the 2002 Godhra tragedy and the state-wide violence in its aftermath.

"Even then, those with an agenda analysed the events in their own way. They said the youth, industry and business will leave Gujarat, and Gujarat will be destroyed in such a way that it will become a burden for the country," the PM said.

There was a conspiracy to defame Gujarat globally, and an attempt was made to create a situation of hopelessness, he said.

"It was said that Gujarat will never stand on its feet. Amid such a crisis, I took a pledge that whatever the situation, I will take Gujarat out of all this," Modi said, adding that Vibrant Gujarat became an important medium for the same.

"It became a medium to increase the confidence of Gujarat and make it face the world confidently," he said.

The summit became a medium to showcase Gujarat's decision-making process and its focussed approach to the world, Modi said.

The event became a medium to showcase the industrial capacity of India, including Gujarat, to the world, infinite possibilities of the country's various sectors, use of India's talent within the country, and a medium to show India's cultural tradition to the world, he said.

When Vibrant Gujarat was launched, there were no big hotels for foreign delegates to stay, he said.

Modi recalled that when the summit was organised in 2009 amid global recession, everybody including his then officers suggested that it be cancelled, but he decided to continue. The 2009 summit added a new chapter of success, he added.

From a few hundred participants in 2003, today more than 40,000 delegates participate, In 2003, only a handful of countries participated. Today, more than 135 countries participate. From 30 exhibitors in 2003, the number has grown to more than 2,000 now, he said.

Behind the success of Vibrant Gujarat are core elements like idea, imagination and implementation, Modi said.

The concept was unheard of in the country, but people understood its importance with time. After some time, other states also started organising their own business and investor summits, he said.

"We showed courage to make a developed country our partner country. It was hard to think of a small state to make a developed country its partner," he said.

However good ideas and imagination, to mobilise the entire system and develop a vision is a very big thing, Modi said.

To organise something of this scale, big planning, investment in capacity building, eye on every detail and hard work is required, he noted.

"From being a one-time event, today Vibrant Gujarat has become an institution whose system and process continue round the year," the PM said.

He said Vibrant Gujarat achieved a new height of success every time because the process was institutionalised.

Modi said through the summit, the state government (then headed by him) tried to benefit all the states. "Very few have understood my thinking," he added.

In the 21st century, Gujarat has become an agricultural powerhouse, financial hub and established its identity as an industry and finance ecosystem, Modi said.

It has also helped strengthen the state's trade-based reputation, as the summit worked as "an incubator of ideas, innovation and industry," the prime minister said.

In the last two decades of Vibrant Gujarat journey, the state has seen growth in several sectors, Modi said.

He said within today's deeply connected world, financial cooperation among institutions is rising fast, and

Abdullah convenes meeting of J&K opposition parties on Oct 3 in Jammu

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

Former chief minister and National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah has convened a meeting of all opposition leaders in Jammu on October 3 to discuss prevailing political situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Former legislator and CPI (M) leader Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami told the news agency said that a meeting of leaders of opposition parties in J&K has been convened on October 03 and it will be chaired by Dr Farooq Abdullah.

The meeting will discuss the present situation in J&K, he said, adding that he has sent invitation to all leaders of opposition parties after discussing the about the meeting with Dr Farooq Abdullah. He said that the meeting will be held at 2:30 pm at Dr Farooq Abdullah's Jammu residence. KNO

Retired SRTC employees protest, demand 6th pay commission arrears

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

The retired SRTC employees' union in Srinagar held a protest on Wednesday, demanding sixth pay commission arrears. The protesting retired employees gathered at Srinagar's Press Enclave and raised slogans while demanding justice. Speaking to the news agency, one of the protesters, said, "After serving SRTC department for 30 years, I am being forced to wait for seven years now, to get the arrears of sixth pay commission."

"The authorities are forcing us to move from pillar to post, and we are feeling helpless now," said Ghulam Mohammad Wani, an elderly retired worker, adding that they have approached officials many times, but nothing favourable has yielded so far.

"We appeal to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha to kindly look into the matter and ensure that the demands are fulfilled at an earliest," he added. KNO

Youth found mysteriously dead in Srinagar's Maloora

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

A youth was found dead mysteriously under a car in Maloora area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Wednesday, officials said.

An official told the news agency that the body of the youth identified as Mohd Asif Khan, son of Ashiq Ahmad Khan of Pattan, was found under a vehicle near JK Bank Maloora. He said that upon discovering the body, locals promptly informed the police and the body was taken to hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The official said that further investigation into the matter is going on. KNO

School Edu Deptt to promote employees through limited departmental exams

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SRINAGAR, SEP 27

In a major development, the School Education Department has proposed to conduct departmental examinations through the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) to promote its employees.

Besides, the department has also proposed that the Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Trainings (JKSCERT) will set the syllabus for the departmental examination.

According to the news agency, the department in a communique has said, "For promotion purposes, in addition to B.ed, a limited departmental examination is proposed to be conducted by JKPSC and JKSCERT shall prepare the syllabus."

Stating other proposed changes that B.ED degree has been added to the existing qualification of existing PG only as per NCTE guidelines.

"For fixing the seniority of a candidate, the date of passing higher qualification required for acquiring full eligibility for promotion be taken as the date of inclusion in seniority in addition to the date of appointment," it reads.

The communiqué further states that introduction of the post of Vice Principal equivalent to the number of the principals at HSS from the existing sanctioned strength of senior lecturers without any financial implications. KNO

Gujarat already has the GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), the relevance of which is increasing day by day.

"We should increase our effort to make the GIFT City a globally competitive financial market place. For this, we can take benefit from our large domestic demand. Vibrant Gujarat should strengthen the GIFT City to make its global presence," he said.

Amid the success of Vibrant Gujarat, there is no time to pause, Modi said, as the next 20 years are more important than the past 20 years.

"This is the time for India to make a roadmap to become a developed, self-reliant country. I am certain that you will all think in this direction and take steps for the same," he said.

The PM also inaugurated an exhibition put up at the Science City here to mark 20 years of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit. He also visited various attractions at the Science City, including an aquarium, a robotic gallery and a nature park. (Agencies)

DC Rajouri presides over Chintan Shivr at Khawas to pave the Way for implementation of Aspirational Block Program

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A momentous Chintan Shivr was today convened at Block Khawas to discuss the contours of development plan under Aspirational Block Development Program.

Chaired by District Development Commissioner i, Vikas Kundal, the crucial meeting attended by PRIs, government functionaries, civil society members had detailed discussions on varied developmental issues to be addressed under Aspirational Block Development Programme.

The Aspirational Block Development Programme is a nationwide programme which focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India by converging existing schemes, defining outcomes, and monitoring them on a constant basis.

The objective was to deliberate, strategize, and devise solutions for issues hampering development while pinpointing geographical areas that need focused attention across 39 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in nine cru-

cial sectors across five themes.

This strategic Chintan Shivr was marked by extensive discussions among key stakeholders. It centered on evaluating the progress across 9 sectors, namely Health, Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, Basic Infrastructure, Drinking Water, Sanitation, Financial Inclusion, and Social Development, through the lens of 39 KPIs.

District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal, guided the proceedings. His role as Chairman of this significant event was pivotal in facilitating candid discussions, brainstorming, and fostering a collaborative environment for crafting a developmental roadmap.

The deliberations within the Chintan Shivr embraced the spirit of cooperative problem-solving. It identified geographical pockets and areas that require special attention and innovative interventions to bridge developmental gaps effectively.

The Aspirational Blocks Development Programme epitomizes the commitment of the administration to inclusive growth, leaving no community behind. The successful Chintan



Shivr exemplified the power of collective efforts and innovative strategies in confronting challenges and harnessing the latent potential of the region.

The event drew together various stakeholders and it was a testament to the collective commitment to ensure equitable access to essential services, opportunities, and an improved quality of life for all citizens.

DDC expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the Chintan Shivr, emphasizing its pivotal role as a catalyst for positive change. He lauded the dedication and cooperation of all participants, highlighting that the tangible results in the identified sectors are now within closer reach.

During the assessment of various departments, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the utmost

importance of addressing any existing gaps and expediting developmental projects while aligning with their respective priorities and deliverables. Furthermore, DDC also underscored the critical need to extend individual beneficiary schemes down to the grassroots level within the aspirational blocks.

During the Chintan Shivr, Deputy Commissioner emphasized a priority focus on those who are antodayas. He underscored the progress of the Koteranka road project, highlighting its rapid development to enhance area connectivity.

Addressing the issue of staff shortages, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal provided assurance that these gaps would be promptly addressed to improve administrative efficiency.

In the realm of education, he placed emphasis on student enrollment and the implementation of online teaching classes from Rajouri headquarter. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed the need for infrastructure development at HS Khawas.

To ensure comprehensive coverage, he committed to include all remaining beneficiaries under the Awas Plus. These priorities and initiatives collectively reflect commitment of the administration to the holistic development of the region.

Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal said that work on 15 out of the 16 planned schemes has already commenced, signaling significant progress in providing access to clean and safe drinking water. He reiterated his commitment to ensuring that all remaining households would soon have functional tapped water connections through the JJM.

In the realm of healthcare, the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of universal coverage for all eligible beneficiaries under the Ayush-

man Bharat scheme. This comprehensive approach to healthcare reflects his dedication to improving the well-being of the community.

DDC also rallied all district officers, encouraging them to work collaboratively and wholeheartedly to saturate these schemes in the aspirational blocks, ultimately achieving tangible and impactful results at the grassroots level.

The DDC fervently emphasized the pivotal role of all stakeholders in the forthcoming Sankalp Saptah, set to launch on September 30, 2023, under the visionary guidance of the Prime Minister. During insightful discussions on matters of paramount public significance, the Deputy Commissioner rallied the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), urging them to forge a harmonious alliance. Together, they are poised to orchestrate a symphony of transformative initiatives, including Swasthya Melas, Poshan Melas, Swachhta Ek Sankalp, Krishi Melas, Shiksha Ek Sankalp, and Sammriddhi Divas, meticulously tailored to empower rural livelihoods across every nook and cranny of Block Khawas.

In a resounding chorus

of commitment, the PRIs solemnly pledged their unwavering dedication to this collective endeavor, pledging to steer the wheels of progress toward a brighter future.

The Chintan Shivr concluded on a promising note, carrying the aspirations of progress and development in the aspirational blocks of Rajouri. The administration extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants who actively engaged in this transformative endeavor.

The Chintan Shivr served as a remarkable platform for all the stakeholders to converge and deliberate on strategies that will shape the aspirations of Block Khawas.

Among the others who attended the event were the Additional Deputy Commissioner Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan; District Panchayat Officer, Auqil Nuvaid; District Mineral Officer, Naseeb Bajrann; CEO Rajouri sultana kouser; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; XEN Jal Shakti, XEN PDD, XEN PWD and other district and sectoral officers.

District Administration Reasi conducts Grand Cleanliness Drive on World Tourism Day

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On World Tourism Day, as part of Swachhta hi Sewa 2023, the District Administration of Reasi, led by Deputy Commissioner Reasi Babila Rakwal, orchestrated a mega cleanliness drive at Nau Deviyon. This initiative saw active participation from various stakeholders, including CRPF personnel, PRIs members, market association members, local youths, women, and members of the trust.

The collaborative effort yielded substantial results, with approximately 200 participants, including CRPF personnel and government officials such as ADDC Reasi, ACD Reasi, ACP Reasi, SDM Katra, and DPO Reasi, working diligently to clean up litter in and around the temple. Moreover, their efforts extended to raising awareness about cleanliness and sanitation.

Div Com reviews implementation of Govt Schemes, progress of Development works in Jammu District

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Wednesday chaired a meeting of district officers, focusing on the evaluation of ongoing development projects, including implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes, departmental schemes and other developmental initiatives in Jammu District. The meeting was held in PWD Guest house Jammu.

At the onset of the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya presented a comprehensive overview of the district's developmental profile.

The DC apprised the Div Com about the current status of ongoing schemes of each department through power point presentation.

The Divisional Commissioner was given a detailed briefing on the physical and financial accomplishments under District Capex, UT components as well as updates on the major projects, development works underway in the district.

While reviewing performance of RDD, the Div Com directed Executive Engineer REW Jammu to float tenders of all works under DDC, BDC & PRI grants. "Works under District & UT Capex budget should also be tendered and early completion of



all developmental works in approved plan must be ensured", the Div Com added.

The Div Com reviewed in detail the progress under the schemes being implemented by Social Welfare, Rural Development, Urban Local Bodies, PWD, PMGSY, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, School Education, Agriculture and Allied departments, employment, ICDS, Industries, Sheep husbandry and Animal Husbandry.

Stressing on synergy among stakeholder departments, the Divisional Commissioner tasked the Deputy Commissioner to convene a meeting involving ACD, CEO, BDOs, XEN REW, XEN PWD (R&B) and contractors to ensure that development targets are achieved within the stipulated time frame.

While taking note of meager expenditure by some sectors, the Div Com directed to achieve the financial targets within the shortest possible time, and directed for 100 percent expenditure under differ-

ent schemes.

Discussing Rural Sanitation works, the Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for evolving an effective mechanism through Common Service Centers (CSCs) for the better maintenance of rural assets.

Reviewing the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), the Divisional Commissioner instructed the Rural Development Department to prioritize the allocation of houses to landless individuals and ensure the success of the AWAS Plus scheme. He also directed municipal authorities to accelerate the saturation of PMAY-U cases in urban areas.

Regarding the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works, the Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for achieving 100% saturation and prioritizing the construction of Tube Wells. "Increase the men and machinery to complete works at the earliest", the Div Com asked the department.

Discussing road connectivity, the Divisional Commissioner called upon the Engineers of PMGSY, PWD, and REW to expedite ongoing road projects and ensure timely maintenance. He also stressed on filling of potholes, cleaning of dividers, bush cuttings.

While reviewing Social Welfare schemes, the Div Com Highlighted the need to address issues faced by pensioners, the Divisional Commissioner asked for hosting sensitization cum awareness camps to educate beneficiaries. He also reviewed the status of scholarships being offered to the students.

Emphasizing the creation of self-employment opportunities, the Divisional Commissioner directed for formulating the district employment plan and urged the early implementation of beneficiary-oriented schemes aligned with market demand and skilled workforce mapping.

Similarly, the Div Com also reviewed the progress made under other schemes like PM Kisan, KCC, Soil Health Card, PMDP, PMKSY, PMSSS, PMAGY, ISSS, NSAP, scholarship schemes, BAPD etc. Issues impeding the developmental projects were also discussed threadbare in the meeting wherein the Div Com said that inter department coordination is a must to resolve developmental

bottlenecks and timely completion of works. He asked the officers to work in tandem to achieve set targets in set timelines for the larger public interest.

Regarding the power scenario in the district, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Chief Engineer JPDCL to expedite the work on argumentation of power infrastructure and ensure round-the-clock electricity supply.

The Divisional Commissioner called upon all departments to adopt a public-friendly approach in their operations and underscored the importance of digital penetration across the district.

The Div Com also reviewed measures to control drug abuse. The SSP gave a detailed account of measures taken to control drug menace.

The Div Com stressed on organising awareness camps in villages, schools and colleges.

While reviewing the working of the mining department, the Div Com directed DMO Jammu to liaison with police & Revenue officers for curbing illegal mining in Jammu district. The meeting was attended by Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandan Kohli; ADC, Harvinder Singh; ADDC, Ramesh Chander; CPO, Joginder Katoch; besides HoDs, district officers of all the key departments.

Gold medalist of IDBF World Dragon Boat Championship, Coach calls on Secretary YSS

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Gold medalist of 16th International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, Zahoor Ahmad, Zain Ul Aabidin and Coach Farooq Ahmad Bhat today called on Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, at civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

They had detailed discussion with the Secretary regarding various issues need to be taken care of to further boost this potential sports in Jammu and Kashmir. They also shared their experiences of the championship. Pertinently, Indian team has won 04 medal comprising one



gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the Championship held at Rayong Pattaya, Thailand. Farooq Ahmad Bhat will also represent India at the 19th Asian games 2023 Hangzhou China in Dragon Boat event as International Technical Official alongside Tom Joseph. Secretary com-

plimented Farooq Ahmad Bhat and wished him good luck for the Asian Games.

Also, the Indian team had won two bronze medals at the 14th ADBF Asian Dragon boat championship, 2022 under the coaching of Farooq Ahmad Bhat and Regi KS of Kerala.

Tourism Department celebrates World Tourism day

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The Directorate of Tourism Kashmir celebrated the World Tourism Day here today with a lot of activities marking the occasion.

In this connection a seminar on Green Initiatives in Tourism was organized at Tourist Reception Centre Srinagar in which participant stakeholders threw light on the subject and underscored the need for maintaining the ecology and environment while boosting tourism.

The speakers stressed on adopting innovations and methods by which the carbon footprints are reduced and tourists are provided varied experiences through eco friendly initiatives.

Addressing the seminar, Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob appealed the stakeholders to promote the green initiatives in tourism so that while promoting the sector the ecology and environment of the place is also maintained and enhanced.



Prominent tourism stakeholders were felicitated on the occasion.

The Directorate of Tourism also conducted cleanliness drives in Srinagar at Dargah Hazratbal and Shankracharya temple in which besides Director Tourism Kashmir officers, officials and stakeholders participated.

Similar cleanliness drives were conducted at Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Yousmarg, Manasbal, Ahrabal, Sonamarg, Achabal, Kokernag, Verinag, Baramulla, Kupwara and other tourist destinations across the Valley.

At Gulmarg, the Direc-

tor Tourism Kashmir led the sanitation drive in which officials and stakeholders participated.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Tourism appealed for making Gulmarg clean and green so that tourists coming to the place get the desired experiences. A similar cleanliness drive was conducted at Kongdoori by the J&K Cable Car Corporation.

Similar cleanliness drives were conducted by the Department at all these destinations in which the Resort Officers and stakeholders took pledge to keep the destination clean and green.

District Development Council Doda reviews physical, financial status of works

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District Development Council Chairman Dhananther Singh Kotwal today chaired a meeting of the Council here in the conference hall of DC offices complex to review physical and financial achievements of works taken up under DDC, BDC and PRI grants.

Commissioner Secretary to the Government, RDD, Mandeep Kaur also joined

the Council meeting virtually.

Status of sector wise tendering process, allotment of works, works started on ground, and works completed were discussed in detail in the meeting.

The meeting was informed that out of 2670 sanctioned works, 2509 have been tendered, 1449 taken up on the ground and a few of them completed and dedicated to the public.

The Chairman sought

Department wise and work wise progress from the concerned functionaries. The bottlenecks hampering the progress on some of the sanctioned projects, and works which are not feasible were discussed in detail in the meeting. Besides, working, targets and achievements under PDD, JSD (PHE), PWD, Education, Health, Forest, I & FC, RDD and other departments were assessed and the necessary directions were issued to

improve the public services delivery. Some of the additional works identified by the Councillors were discussed in the meeting, and the intending departments were directed to submit their feasibility report in two days for necessary approval and execution of the works.

The issue of rationalization of teaching staff and adjustment of newly recruited 124 contractual teachers were also discussed. It was informed that till date 95

teachers have been adjusted in the schools with dire need of teachers.

The Chairman urged the officers and Engineering departments to work in synergy and gear up the men and machinery to come up to the expectations of the people. He impressed upon the officers to ensure the consultation of PRIs for identification and execution of the work in their jurisdiction to safeguard the public interest.

EDITORIAL

Retreating glaciers and water crisis

In Ladakh, water crisis appears to be a cause of concern for scientists and experts. And the reason for the same is that the glaciers, which are the main source of water for rivers and other water bodies in the cold desert of India, are retreating quite fast. This concern has equally been shared by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Union Territory Brig (Dr) B.D Mishra (retd) recently. The veteran retired army officer has admitted that the biggest worry of the UT administration is to ensure that the next generation gets drinking water. The basis of his worry is the disturbing reports of the scientists which claim that Ladakh is seriously heading for a major water crisis. In Ladakh like other parts of the world, temperature is rising due to global warming that has led to melting of glaciers at a faster rate. The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh has said 'This is really a matter of cause for us'. His response was to a query about his priorities. It has given an impression to the people to understand whether Ladakh is seriously staring at the water scarcity. The government appears to have no concrete policy to preserve fast receding glaciers and the possibility of a prolonged water crisis has started casting its shadow on Ladakh's present and future. The situation seems to be alarming and it is quite evident from the statements coming from the top level in the UT administration. About 15 major Himalayan glaciers in the Union Territory of Ladakh have retreated significantly due to climate change during the last five decades. A new study by scientists of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology had observed that three glacial lakes are likely to form around Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh due to rapid ice melt, The glacial melt is worrying as it not only increases chances of glacial lake outbursts but can also lead to paucity of water, glaciers being the region's primary source of water. The rising global temperatures have threatened Himalayan glaciers which are shrinking more quickly than any on earth. Less water is reaching Ladakh's farms and villages, and when it does, the volume of water from the faster-melting glaciers can break the banks of streams, causing floods. The Magsaysay Award recipient and engineer-turned-educational reformer, Sonam Wangchuk has quite frequently raised concerns over water crisis in the arid region and it was growing concern of water crisis that gave him ingenious idea to build artificial glaciers at lower altitudes using pipes, gravity and night temperatures to solve water crisis faced by the residents in Ladakh. The official statistics reveal that Ladakh has, although, managed to ensure coverage of 84 percent of households with tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) launched by the Government of India but the villages still face water crisis. The total number of identified households in Ladakh was 42,405 out of which authorities have covered 35,631 households with tap water connections under JJM since the launch of the Mission. As many as 112 villages out of the total 250 have 100 percent households with tap water connections while water supply work is in progress in the remaining 138 villages. The UT administration of Ladakh should initiate some significant and harsh measures to address the problem of water crisis in the region. Besides, all possible measures should be put in place to bring down the pace of the fast retreating glaciers. Some serious measures will surely yield desired results.

Co-curricular activities and academics – a balanced bond

MAHMAD

Academics is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world. It is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it. With proper education, it can help shape an individual's future; education is the foundation of the way of life today, and it is needed and required everywhere in the world. Those who strive to be employed, make money or do something great in the future have to rely on education to get them there. Education is mandatory to become an engineer, doctor, teacher, astronaut etc.; the skill required to be able to do any type of work is gained from learning the basics and having a clear understanding of it. An individual's success depends mainly on their talent and hard work. Although we rely on education, we as well rely on that individual's strength, determination, and perseverance. Every individual is a diamond in the rough and should be well taken care of.

While academics are vital, co-curricular activities will teach us concepts that go beyond the classroom's four walls. Maintaining an outstanding balance between academics and co-curricular activities is crucial to a successful educational experience, whether in high school or college. Co-curricular activities are meant to bring social skills, intellectual skills, moral values, personality progress and character appeal in students. It includes athletics, cultural events, library activities, science lab activities, classroom activities, creative arts and meditation, etc. Study reveals that co-curricular activities instil moral values among student, leadership quality, and teamwork and also prepares them for goals and challenges in their



life. These activities are an essential part of student's life and help in enhancing the learning process of students at colleges.

Co-curricular activities in schools play a pivotal role in shaping well-rounded individuals. They enhance holistic development, promote social and emotional skills, build character and values, provide stress relief, and contribute to personal and career development. These provide an opportunity for a student to enhance specific abilities and are a terrific way to get away from the four walls of the classroom and do something different. These activities take place in addition to extracurricular activities, allowing students to demonstrate their non-academic abilities. It offers them a sense of achievement to have accomplished something while still in school. Co-curricular activities are integrated into the academic curriculum to help students acquire talents beyond their subject knowledge. Co-curricular activities also aid in the improvement of teaching methods in the classroom.

One of the major reasons for the importance of Co-curricular activities is that it boosts the self-confidence of students. Regardless of whether your children enjoy drawing and painting or playing cricket, being recognized for something other than academics will boost their self-esteem and attitude. Students also get improved fitness and develop a variety of beneficial attributes as a result of co-curricular activities. This teaches kids to trust the team while also increasing their self-confidence. A self-assured child is better prepared to face real-life obstacles. As a result, having success or being acknowledged for participating in a co-curricular activity can boost kids' self-esteem tremendously. This can frequently have a beneficial effect on classroom performance.

Youngsters are evolving into socially awkward individuals at an alarming rate. Participating in extracurricular activities will allow them to meet like-minded people, break down social boundaries, and form healthy bonds with each other. Children can interact with others

who share their interests by being a part of a group with extracurricular activities. This also allows them to broaden their social circle and maybe form new friendships outside of their normal circle. Simultaneously, students learn and recognize the importance of teamwork. It will also divert their attention away from bothersome conduct and unsuitable behaviour. Another benefit of Co-curricular activity is it helps students to manage their time. According to studies, kids who participate in co-curricular activities comprehend time management better than those who do not. They learn to prioritize their work and achieve the goal they set out to do in a short amount of time. Children gain crucial skills such as leadership and time management through extracurricular activities. When children engage in extracurricular activities, they attempt to strike a balance between their academic obligations and their own interests. This will assist children in developing time management and prioritization abilities. Students involved

in co-curricular activities learn to efficiently manage their time and prioritize among competing responsibilities.

They are active and inventive problem solvers as well. Students who participate in co-curricular activities frequently have excellent time management abilities. Students can discover a new interest, talent, or even career objective through participating in co-curricular activities. The classroom isn't the only place where people find inspiration. Extracurricular activities empower kids to showcase their talents and offer them wings to fly in the right direction. Extracurricular participation instils a sense of dedication and responsibility in students. This is because kids must participate in whatever activities they are involved in and devote their time and attention to them. When they are given the responsibility of leading the team or assisting their juniors, they also tend to pick up leadership skills. They will develop a sense of accountability and responsibility as a result of this.

Participating in co-curricular activities encourages a student to commit to something for a longer period of time. Furthermore, many students participate in the same events year after year, giving them the opportunity to develop better leadership skills. Extracurricular activities, according to research, assist children to learn to care about their friends. Children, on the other hand, gradually develop this attitude over time as a result of extracurricular activities in which they have the opportunity to work as part of a team with their peers. Furthermore, youngsters learn to share and care for one another at the same time. Extracurricular activities contribute to the development and enhancement of a well-rounded personality. Students develop skills for dealing with non-routine situations as they try new things. They'd be venturing into domains they had never ventured into before. When they become accustomed to new facets of life, they will eventually become self-assured and well-moulded.

Co-curricular activities are required activities in which every student must participate. They are balanced and meant to complement the academic curriculum so that each student learns more than just their courses. These activities are designed to help students develop their intellectual abilities, social skills, personality development, moral values, and character appeal. It includes cultural events, athletics, science lab activities, library activities, creative arts, classroom activities, and meditation, among other things.

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Valley's New Generation Turning the Tide: The NCC Cadets of Keran

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Impeccable appearance in uniform, synchronized drill movements, crisp word of command and future aspirations reflecting as a glimmer in eyes to serve as a soldier, these are the attributes one notices in NCC cadets in the valley of Kashmir. Usually, such introductions are associated with the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi but the same can be witnessed during a march past by the NCC Cadets of Keran village.

Keran happens to be a small village in the remotest part of Kupwara district in the UT of J&K. These NCC cadets from this small village are the source of inspiration for all other young students in the area. Almost every young student in this area aspires to get the recognition and appreciation that these NCC cadets receive every time they perform an excellent drill parade during an event. These cadets have become the true ambassadors of the new generation which is turning the tide in the valley developing a society with a spirit of selfless service towards the nation.



its raising, the NCC has transformed thousands of young students into citizens with discipline, character and a spirit of selfless service towards the nation. It has also encouraged many young students to take up careers in the Armed forces. In the valley too, the NCC is nurturing much-needed qualities like discipline, character and patriotism in the younger generation.

The UT of J&K is witnessing remarkable efforts by the Indian Army, which is consistently working towards building a better society in future. When this young generation of Keran will go on to become responsible citizens in the future, then character and patriotism will become an inherent part of the society that these cadets will form.

at the Line of Control in Keran is a vibrant example of the same.

Among all these great efforts, the NCC batch in Keran sector is marking a great shift in time and it holds incredible significance. The NCC cadets in this area are seen as the symbol of discipline, honour and patriotism. They are an inseparable part of the society of this border village. They represent a change in times which is constantly growing and contributing towards building a better society in future. When this young generation of Keran will go on to become responsible citizens in the future, then character and patriotism will become an inherent part of the society that these cadets will form.

Molding a young mind is much easier than an old one, just like a sportsman who has to be trained right from his younger days to achieve greatness in his game. These NCC cadets from Keran village are

similar to the sportsmen as they are also being nurtured in their younger days for a brighter future in tomorrow's J&K. The previous generation of the valley has seen terrorism at its peak. Today's generation has witnessed both, the dying phase of terrorism and also the tremendous efforts from the Indian army and the administration to empower the residents, however, the youngest generation in the valley today is witnessing the results of the government's initiative for the overall growth of the state and insurgency is almost a history for them. This has created a positive environment for the younger generation to grow and develop and that is why there is a need to protect these young minds and NCC can play a vital role in doing so.

In earlier times when social media and technology were not easily accessible, it was very easy for the anti-nationals to target young minds.

Today with the fast-growing infrastructure development and technological advancements propelled by the government's positive initiatives can reach young minds through social media and smartphones quite easily compared to the earlier times. Similarly, the NCC is positively nurturing young minds while eradicating any possibility of influence by anti-state elements. Therefore, in the upcoming years, the society of J&K will have much stronger social fiber knitted with patriotic emotions.

Keran got its first NCC cadets' batch two years ago. Initially transforming the children into disciplined NCC cadets was not easy. A lot of efforts were put in by the team of army personnel and the spirit to earn a uniform among the kids made it possible to transform the children of a remote border village into a contingent of well-trained NCC cadets. Since then, the wheel started turning and today in Keran a total of 48 school going students have been enrolled and transformed into motivated NCC cadets.

The sense of achievement and pride of being an NCC cadet is visible in every part of their life. The way they speak, the way they walk and even the way they play cricket in their village. This quality makes them distinguished from other children of their age group.

It will not be an exaggeration to say that the way of life to which NCC has aspired most of them into being future soldiers in the Indian Armed Forces. The young NCC cadets are already an inspiration for others in the area and in future most of them will also fulfill their dream of serving in the Indian Armed Forces. On the day they will return to their village after earning that uniform, they will also be filling the long-felt void due to the absence of role models in the society.

The NCC is a constructive instrument of change for both the present and the future. These cadets in the valley are a matter of pride and are the architects of the future society. They will not only strengthen the social fiber of J&K but also will be a befitting answer to the notorious propaganda by all the antinational elements against our county. NCC can play a vital role in achieving the national aim of integrity and unity and therefore it can be made a compulsory part of schooling in J&K. Increasing the number of NCC battalions in the valley and the presence of the Indian Army will contribute enormously to achieving this aim. Molding these young minds of the valley for nation-building through NCC training will certainly be an assurance for the valley's brighter tomorrow.

Jaideep Singh distributes notebooks to needy students of GMS Mandala

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In a world often filled with hustle and bustle, there are individuals who shine as beacons of hope and compassion. Jaideep Singh, a resident of Village Marta, has proven to be one such remarkable individual. His recent act of kindness, distributing notebooks to underprivileged students at Government Middle School Mandala Zone Kulwanta, is not only a testament to his generous spirit but also a heartfelt tribute to his late father, Captain Sh. Kashmir Singh.

Late Capt. Sh. Kashmir Singh was a respected figure in the community, known for his dedication to education and his commitment to uplifting the less fortunate. Jaideep Singh, deeply influenced by his father's values, decided to honor his memory in a meaningful way. Thus, the idea to provide notebooks to children in need was born.

The distribution event took place on a sunny morning, with the eager anticipation of students and staff filling the air. Jaideep Singh, along with a group of volunteers, arrived at Government Middle School Mandala Zone Kulwanta with boxes



of freshly purchased notebooks. The notebooks were of high quality, a reflection of Jaideep's commitment to ensuring that these students had the best resources possible to support their education.

The students, ranging from various age groups, looked on in awe as Jaideep addressed them. He shared heartwarming anecdotes about his father, Captain Sh. Kashmir Singh, and the importance he placed on education. It was evident that Jaideep's words resonated deeply with the children, who listened attentively, their eyes filled with hope.

As the distribution began, the smiles on the faces of these young students were infectious. Each notebook handed over represented more than just stationery; it symbolized a chance for a

better future. The students clutched their new possessions with a sense of pride and gratitude, thanking Jaideep and his team profusely.

The event did not go unnoticed by the school's staff and local community members. Many praised Jaideep's selflessness and his commitment to continuing his father's legacy. His act of kindness served as a reminder that small gestures of generosity can have a profound impact on the lives of those less fortunate.

In addition to distributing notebooks, Jaideep Singh also pledged his support for the school's educational initiatives. He expressed his desire to provide scholarships for deserving students and to help improve the school's infrastructure. His dedication to giving back to the

community is truly inspiring.

Jaideep's initiative serves as a heartwarming reminder of the power of love, compassion, and the enduring influence of a parent's values. Late Capt. Sh. Kashmir Singh's legacy lives on through his son's noble deeds, and the children of Government Middle School Mandala Zone Kulwanta have been given an opportunity to reach for the stars, thanks to Jaideep Singh's kind heart and unwavering commitment to making a difference.

In a world that often seems preoccupied with individual pursuits, Jaideep Singh's story is a testament to the fact that acts of kindness and remembrance can light up the lives of those in need, leaving a lasting impact for generations to come.

Kavinder condemns American Ambassador's visit to PoJK, asserts India's territorial rights

Holds series of meetings in Dausa, Rajasthan



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Kavinder Gupta, a senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister of J&K, has vehemently condemned the recent visit of the American Ambassador to Pakistan-Occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoK), emphasizing it should not be tolerated under any circumstances. Kavinder reaffirmed India's long-standing stance that PoJK is an integral part of India's territory, and it should be retrieved from illegal occupation of Pakistan at the earliest. He stated that any foreign dignitary's visit to PoJK without India's consent is a direct affront to India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He issued a warning to the United States and called upon them to desist from such activities in the near future. He asserted that Central Government headed by PM Modi is strong and capable enough to handle Kashmir situation and any attempt to meddle in this sensitive matter may undermines the principles of international diplomacy. He asserted that the unity and integrity of India remain non-negotiable, and any interference in India's internal affairs would be met with strong resistance.

The senior BJP leader was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a meeting held in Raj-

asthan. Notably, Kavinder Gupta is actively engaged in preparations for the upcoming elections in Rajasthan.

Today, he convened a series of meetings with the BJP's Prabhari, Vistarak, Pracharaks, and office bearers in Dausa city, Rajasthan. In his role as the Prabhari for five constituencies, including Bandikui, Mahoba, Sikrai, Dausa, and Lalsot in Rajasthan, he discussed election strategies and stressed the importance of united and coordinated efforts to secure victory in the forthcoming polls.

During these interactions, Kavinder observed that the people of the state are growing increasingly disenchanted with the incumbent administration. He highlighted the BJP's commitment to democracy and its dedication to serving the nation's underprivileged, free from bias. He underscored the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which holds the promise of a life of dignity and honor for all citizens.

Kavinder Gupta appealed to the people of Rajasthan to support the BJP in the upcoming elections, emphasizing that only the BJP can deliver a corruption-free and progressive government. He pledged that the BJP is committed to implementing prolific policies and plans for the betterment of the state's residents.

Kupwara Terriers celebrates World Tourism Day, World Environment Health Day with students of AGS, Wayne



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In an initiative to boost tourism sector in Kupwara and to preserve the natural heritage to protect environment Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers celebrated World Tourism Day and World Environment Health Day with the students from AGS, Wayne Kupwara on 27 Sep 23.

The World Tourism Day is an annual event which is celebrated globally every year, on 27th Sep to highlight the significance of tourism and its social, cultural and economic significance around the world.

In this regard a cleanliness drive was conducted by the students of AGS Wayne to ensure that beauty of Wayne forest in Kupwara which is a beautiful tourist spot is not affected by the garbage and trash thrown by the nearby villagers and tourists frequenting the area. The students collected wrappers and Garbage

in polythenes and placed them in school for proper disposal. This cleanliness drive spread the message to those people who are dumping the trash close to the road leading to lush green wayne forest.

This cleanliness drive was followed by a picnic in Wayne forest pond area where students enjoyed by singing, dancing and by doing various sports activities.

The event witnessed a participation of more than 120 students including school staff and Army officials from Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers.

The students and staff felt very happy during this event and they highly appreciated and thanked Indian Army for conducting this event which is full of adventure and awareness.

Indian Army is committed to support the people of the valley to revive, sustain and prosper with the influx of tourists both national and international.

Bharti Foundation has been recognized as 'India's Best Workplaces™ for Women 2023' consecutively for the second year

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Empowering women through education and employment has been a steadfast commitment at Bharti Foundation. Being the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, the Foundation has always extended its efforts by bringing change through the work that they do, especially for females in rural India who have limited facilities in their ambit. Being a change-maker in the education sector, the

Foundation has been persistently working towards cultivating a diverse workplace where women are empowered to make significant contributions to the organization's growth and simultaneously excel in their careers. 76% females are employed as teachers in Foundation's Satya Bharti Schools with 61% females in leadership roles. Moreover, quite a few Satya Bharti School (flagship program of Bharti Foundation) alumni have returned as teachers in the schools they have studied,

setting examples in the community. This serves as a testimony to the fact that the Foundation has proved itself to be a beacon of support for the children through education.

Bharti Foundation is proud to have supported women, especially in the rural sector, through education, employment, and professional advancement opportunities. It has strong processes wrapped in fairness and transparency, providing them the opportunity to innovate and

build entrepreneurial spirit. Recently, the Foundation has been recognized as 'India's Best Workplaces for Women 2023' by Great Place To Work®, a global authority on workplace culture and employee engagement. More than 80% women employees of the Foundation shared positive feedback about the organization in the Great Place to Work Survey.

In this year for India, based on a rigorous evaluation methodology, 100 organizations have been recognized as 'India's Best Work-

Sunil, Rajesh, Sahil jointly release new devotional song - "Goura Tera Ladla"

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Chief guest of the Program are DSP City Sunil Kesar Ji (JKP) & Shri Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji Chairman Reliouse Tourism Chaired & Sahil Mahajan (BJP JK Ut Co_Convener Sanskrit, Art & Culture Cell).

The song Goura Tera Ladla has been sung by singer Master Shashi, lyrics by Rajan, music by Chandan Jassu, Video Director K. K. Malhotra, Asst Director Prerna Sharma with Special Thanks to Mahant Shri Bitta Ji (Bahu Fort) for direction under the Label: YouTube channel Maa Bawe Wali Records.



Programme was organized by BJP JK Ut Co_Convener Sanskriti, Art & Culture Cell Sh. Sahil Mahajan.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Sunil Kesar Ji said that in Jammu and Kashmir, the devotional songs of Gods and Goddesses are played everywhere during

every religious ritual or function whether it is Jagrata, Langar, Seva, Pooja or other religious rituals. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should also support and encourage the local artists of Jammu and Kashmir so that they can also grow and reach new heights in

their respective industries as it will make every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir proud.

Rajesh Bittu Ji further added that the youth of J&K should also participate more in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards an enlightened future and prevent them from going on the wrong track in life and doing illegal activities like drugs and ruining their own lives.

Sahil Mahajan said that the Cell is always there to support every artist of Jammu and Kashmir and if they need any help they can approach party for the assistance.

Shahid Bhagat Singh remembered on his birthday at AAP office Jammu North

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Shahid Bhagat Singh Ji remembered on his birthday at Aam Aadmi Party of-fice Jammu North, on 27th September, 2023. While remembering Shaheed Bhagat Singh, The AAP leaders Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao & Mr. O. R. Bhall in a press statement issued here said that Shaheed Bhagat Singh was a socialist revolution-ary who fought for the independence of the country. He was born in 27 September 1907 in Bhanga village in the Lyallpur District of Punjab in British India (now in Pakistan) to a Sikh family. His father's name was Sh. Kishan Singh Ji & his mother's name was Smt. Vidyavati Ji. Bhagat Singh had lived his childhood & completed his



studies in Lahore, Punjab. Bhagat Singh was a highly influential figure in his college days; he was famous among the youth. Bhagat Singh also wrote for newspapers in the Punjabi & Urdu language. He was a Revolutionary leader in the Freedom struggle of India. He was hanged by the Britishers when he was just 23 years of age, as he was convicted of the Murder of John Saunders. He is often re-ferred to as the Shaheed-e- Azam, which means a great

Martyr. Bhagat Singh's birthday is also celebrated widely across the nation irrespective of caste, creed & Colour. In his last written message on March 22, 2031, a day before his execution. "Comrades!, "It is natural that the desire to live should be in me as well, I don't want to hide it. But I can stay alive on one condition that I don't wish to live in imprisonment or with any binding." Bhagat Singh died on March 23, 1931. Bhagat Singh is regarded as one of

the influential revolutionaries in India's Independence movement. Thousands were encouraged to join the independence movement as a result of his efforts. He was a valiant freedom fighter.

The AAP leaders have appealed the people of the country in General & youths in particular, irrespective of caste, creed & colour to remember the Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country. They said that the right tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh ji is to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu & Kashmir state. On this occasion, we all irrespective of caste, creed & colour or Religion & Region, should take oath not to sit silent & continue our effort to regain Jammu & Kashmir State.

NSS volunteers of GDC Kathua organize cleanliness drive

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Under Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign, NSS Volunteers of NSS Units of GDC Kathua organised cleanliness drive in statues located at Shahidi Chowk and Captain Sunil Chowk Kathua. More than hundred volunteers participated in the cleanliness drive. Volunteers collected plastic and polythene waste from the area and disposed off in the proper place. Volunteers washed both Shaheed Smarks and also paid floral tribute there. Besides it, Volunteers appealed the shopkeepers and other persons who were witnessing the event to avoid single use plastic and polythene and to keep their surroundings neat and clean. Shopkeepers appreciated the volunteers and also extend thanks to organise this campaign in the market also. This campaign is



organised every year during 15th September to 2nd October for undertaking shramdaan activities aiming to generate jan andolan through community participation. Theme of this year campaign is 'Garbage Free India' with focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of Safai Mitras. Like earlier years the spirit of cleanliness activities is voluntarism. The focus of these swachhata drives would be on high footfall public places like bus stands, railway

stations, cantonment boards, beaches, tourist places, zoos, national parks & sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains and mallahs etc. in both rural & urban areas of State/ UT.

Activities under Swachh Hi Seva are being organised under the Patronage of Principal Prof Seema Mir and under the supervision of NSS Prog officers Prof Manmohan Singh Prof Neha Bhandral and Dr. Suresh Sharma.

BJP SC Morcha holds monthly meeting

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In a monthly meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party SC Morcha, district Jammu South, held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, the ongoing programmes were reviewed.

It was chaired by Morcha district President Umesh Kumar Gabbar in presence of former VC Balbir Ram Rattan, Morcha Vice-President Rakesh Sangral and Morcha District Prabhari Vijay Anand Gill.

Half a dozen youth of the community also joined SC Morcha and they were welcomed by offering party patkas.

Umesh Kumar Gabbar sought details of the month-long programmes being held in Jammu south district and the public response during the door to door campaign. He also enquired about 'Mann Ki Baat', a monthly radio programme, addressed by Prime Minsiter Narendra Modi.

places™ for Women 2023'. These organizations particularly excel both in people practices and proactively work on building a High Trust Culture. This recognition, among other accolades highlight Bharti Foundation's system efficiency, quality standards and its unwavering commitment towards creating a safe and conducive work environment, especially for women, leading to successful programs through which it has been able to impact lives of nearly 3 million children in rural India.

Tony accuses BJP of fearing electoral debacle in impending ULB, Panchayat polls in J&K

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SUCHETGARH, SEPT 27

Congress leader and District Development Council (DDC) member from Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for their apparent fear of facing the upcoming Urban Local Body (ULB) elections in Jammu and Kashmir, sensing a great humiliating defeat which was the main reason of postponement of upcoming polls. He stated that BJP's reluctance to embrace the electoral process stemmed from their apprehension of a possible electoral debacle. He was speaking to media persons after starting the blacktopping work of Gujjar Basti to Beaspar Road falling in Suchetgarh constituency. The Congress leader said that BJP leadership is afraid of its devastation



in the upcoming ULB polls and that is why it is giving baseless alibis justifying arbitrary delay in the conduct of polls. He underscored that the BJP's hesitation was not merely a tactical maneuver but a blatant disregard for the principles of democratic governance.

"The reason behind dilatory tactics on ULB and Panchayat elections is not unrest or turmoil in

the UT but fear of facing people after doing nothing on ground except unending rhetoric and bogus promises", Tony said, adding that the logics which BJP leadership is giving on delay in poll process are all weird and mysterious because none among them is convincing.

Tony emphasized that the Saffron Party's apprehensions about the

impending polls in Jammu and Kashmir were symptomatic of their concerns about a weakened political position leading into the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

While inaugurating the road improvement project, Tony also interacted with local residents and listened to their concerns. He reassured them that he would actively pursue these issues with the relevant authorities to ensure their speedy resolution. He asked them to stand firmly against any attempts to undermine democracy and to align with the Congress party's commitment to upholding the democratic values that are essential for a just and equitable Jammu and Kashmir. He encouraged them to support the Congress party and its vision for a more inclusive and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

CBC J&K, Ladakh, it's field offices organize various activities under Swachta Hi Seva



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Central Bureau of Communication Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and its field offices across the UT today organized various activities under Swachta Hi Seva.

Under this campaign, CBC Udhampur organised one day Integrated Outreach and Communication Programme on Swachta Hi Seva at Government Higher Secondary School,

Chanuta Udhampur, CBC Anantnag at Government Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara, Kashmir, CBC Rajouri at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Chingus, Block Doongi of district Rajouri and CBC Doda at Government Middle School Ghat, Block Doda.

The aim of these programmes is to intensify the awareness campaign on the importance of Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to make India Open Defecation free and make

India Green and Clean.

During the day long programmes organized by CBC field offices, various activities were organised including Seminars, Expert Lectures on Swachta Hi Seva & Shramdaan Activity.

Rallies of students & NCC Cadets displaying play cards on Swachta were also organised by the field offices that passed through different areas spreading awareness among the masses.

BIG FM organizes Tawi Aarti, other competitions for school students at Tawi banks

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The rivers in India are known for their cultural significance and history spanning millions of years making them essential lifelines of our country. Throwing light on the significance of rivers of Jammu & Kashmir, BIG FM, one of the leading radio networks in India, has joined forces with Virasat, INTACH and SMVD Narayana SSH, Katra for its latest campaign 'Rivers of J&K', led by RJ Juhie. The initiative aims to bring forth the untold stories of rivers of J&K and raise awareness about the importance of water resources.

The campaign was recently commenced by RJ Juhie, who invited historian Dr. Mrinalini Atray, to discuss and share insights on the historical and cultural relevance of different rivers of Jammu & Kashmir. She awe-inspired BIG FM listeners with insightful stories of different rivers and the importance of preserving and protecting them. Furthermore, an on-ground event was conducted on the banks of river Tawi for the school kids with various inter-school competitions such as painting and quiz competitions amongst others. The initiative offered a unique experience for the kids to connect with the essence of the water



resources in J&K and get insight on their significance. The event culminated with a picturesque Tawi Aarti in which members of the Tawi Aandolan organization also participated.

Students took part in an inter-school painting competition which was judged by Jammu's ace artist Mr Suman Gupta. Sachika Gupta from DPS, Jammu secured the 1st position; while Barsha Singh from BSF School and Vaishnavi Patil from St. Xavier Convent Sr. Sec School, Barnai secured the second and third position respectively. Rupank Gupta of DPS Jammu; Vanshika and Urvashi from BSF School bagged consolation prizes. In the quiz competition, the team of DPS Jammu comprising Arijant Manhas and Jenna Nuryn was declared the winner. Trophies, books on J&K's history and certificates were given to the winners by Mr Suman Gupta, Mr Pradyumn from SMVDNSH Katra, Dr Mrinalini Atray from Virasat and RJ Juhie. Par-

ticipation certificates were also awarded to all the students. Speaking about the initiative, Sunil Kumar, COO, BIG FM said, "We are proud to present yet another campaign on the importance of water resources through Rivers of J&K. The initiative not only raises awareness on the water conservation issues, but also celebrates the rich heritage and culture of the rivers of India. The on-ground activations of the campaign gives an opportunity to share insights with the young minds for them to preserve these essential water bodies. We would like to congratulate all the winners and participants who showcased their creativity and knowledge and joined us in our endeavour."

'Rivers of J&K' is yet another campaign that is in line with the radio network's brand philosophy of Dhun Badal Ke Toh Dekho and reflects the shared commitment of BIG FM towards advocating for a sustainable future for the people of our nation.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes seminar on 'Emerging Technologies in Solar Energy'

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Electrical Engineering Department of Government Polytechnic Jammu today organised a seminar on the topic "Emerging Technologies in Solar Energy" and Expansion plan for NISA in the city of Jammu". Principal Er. Arun Bangotra Government Polytechnic Jammu was the chief guest while Er. Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent was the guest of honour for the occasion. Principal Er. Arun Bangotra highlighted the significance of the solar energy and emphasized the need of innovation and usage of solar energy in the present scenario in his opening address. The Guest speaker was Er. Rishab Kumar, Project Manager Technical Advisor, MNRE



who presented the topic in a very interesting manner with real life examples. He delivered lecture in which he distinguished between renewable and nonrenewable sources of energy and further emphasized on usage of solar energy in different types like solar tree, floating solar etc. Further continuing his session he also explains Commercialization and factors Influence Commercialization of solar energy and explained the meaning of NISA. Mr. Himanshu Assistant Manager JAKEDA highlighted

about the Jammu City chosen as a solar city by the Central Government of India. A large gathering of students of Electrical department attended the seminar. Ms Itika Sharma, Demonstrator, Electrical Engg conducted the proceedings of the program. HOD Electrical Engg Department Er. Manjeet Singh presented a vote of thanks. Er Vandana Chib, Er Akhil Kumar, Er.Devika Bhardwaj, Er. Ritesh Gupta and faculty of the department was also present on the occasion.

Shree Toyota launches - All New Toyota Rumion in Jammu

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Shree Toyota today launched in Jammu the highly anticipated 'All New Toyota Rumion', the Prestigious Family Car with an MPV Lineage.

The launch event took place in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, namely Mr. D.K. Batra, Managing Director, Shree Toyota, Mr. Manik Batra - Director, Shree Toyota, Mr. Bhisham Batra, Director, Shree Toyota, Mr. Sahil Gupta, GM Sales, Shree Toyota, Mr. Deepak Salaria - GM Service, Shree Toyota.

The All New Toyota Rumion marks Toyota's entry into the B-MPV segment, and stands as a prestigious and convenient choice for families seeking comfort, reliability, and peace-of-mind in their automotive experience. This compact MPV, boasting top-notch performance and excellent fuel efficiency, aligns perfectly with the evolving needs of customers in the segment.

At the heart of the All



New Toyota Rumion lies the powerful K series 1.5-litre Petrol engine, equipped with Neo Drive (ISG) technology and E-CNG technology. This engine promises not only responsiveness but also a joyful driving experience. The cutting-edge K-series engine is expected to deliver an impressive fuel efficiency of 20.51 km/l for the Petrol variant and 26.11 km/kg for the CNG variant. The All New Toyota Rumion will be available in six variants of S MT/AT, G MT, and V MT/AT, S MT CNG offering a diverse range of options for the valued customers.

This new compact MPV offers a choice between a 5-speed manual transmission and a smooth 6-speed automatic transmission, ensuring a seamless driv-

ing experience for both manual and automatic enthusiasts. Whether you prefer the convenience of an automatic or the control of a manual, the All New Toyota Rumion guarantees a pleasurable and effortless drive.

Adding to the allure, the All New Toyota Rumion comes equipped with an advanced infotainment system featuring a 17.78 cm Smartplay Cast Touchscreen audio with Arkamys Surround Sense for an immersive audio experience. It supports Android Auto and Apple CarPlay (wireless) for seamless smartphone integration. The infotainment system also includes Bluetooth connectivity, steering-mounted audio and calling controls, and USB connectivity.

Rao appeals LG, MoS in PMO to restore work on Suringa Morh-Jai link road, other projects in Thathri

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Senior AAP leader, Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao, in a press release issued here has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha & Dr. Jatinder Singh, concerned MP & MOS in Prime Minister's office, to look deep into the matter and issue directions to the concerned to take immediate necessary steps to complete the below mentioned very small projects, on priority bases, so that a population of about 5 Tehsils, of Sub-Division Thathri, comprises of Tehsils, Kahara, Thathri, Phaqsoo, Bhella & Chirrala, is benefited giving an end to the age-old hardships to the people besides the area also comes on tourism maps, again benefiting the whole population of all these Tehsils.

Rao further said that for achieving full advantage of the Tourism development schemes in erstwhile Doda District and for ensuring greater opportunities of employment, the left-over work on some roads needs to be completed on priority. Mr. Rao said that Kahara Jai road, which is complete up to Joura Kalan & (75% of the total

length), needs to be completed from Joura Kalan to Jai (9 kms length). It will not only provide employment to the poor people of the area but also boost tourism. It is one of the links in the circuit network. The 19 Kms sanctioned Thathri- Chirra road project is complete from its initial point Jangalwar Nallah to Chirra (length 14 Kms) & the remaining 5 Kms from Chirra to Gallu Top be kindly constructed immediately. Further, if Gallu Top is linked to Joura Khurd (2kms only) on Kahara-Joura Khurd road, 90% link between tourist places will be achieved. Still further, if Joura Khurd (road already complete) is linked to Chirrala- Panshaee road by only a 5 kms stretch, the circuit of roads will be complete. It will greatly boost tourism and also provide employment to thousands of unemployed people.

Rao has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha & Dr. Jatinder Singh, concerned MP that two of the above mentioned Joura Kalan to Jai and Chira to Gallu

Top (sanctioned projects) be kindly taken up immediately on priority. Kahara-Jai road is perhaps the longest pending project in erstwhile Doda District & this fact should be given due consideration.

Mr. Rao said that on Suringa Morh-Jai link road (14 Kms), earth cutting work is already complete from Suringa Mor to revenue village Joura Kalan - a distance of 4 Kms (Non forest area) & the work from Joura Kalan to Jai (10 Kms) stands suspended for want of forest clearance. He said that out of these 10 Kms, a stretch of one & half Kms i.e from revenue village Joura Kalan to Revenue village Lower- Shamdlain is treeless though it falls in forest area; work on this stretch can be executed without any loss to forest & without any legal hindrance even before forest clearance for the whole. He appealed them to accord forest clearance at the earliest and simultaneously issue orders of execution of work on this tree-less stretch of one & half kms from Joura Kalan to Lower Shamdlain, so that justice

BKS organizes colourful cultural event

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Bhartiya Kala Sangam today organised a music and dance program at Raipur Satwari in which artists drawn from different parts of Jammu showcased their talented performance, which kept the audience spellbound for nearly two hours. In this function, Vaishno Rani, President of Bhartiya Kala Sangam was particularly present besides other dignitaries and music lovers.

While welcoming the audience, Romesh Singh Chib, Director Bhartiya Kala Sangam expressed his deep gratitude to the prominent people of the area for their support to manage and organize a show which enthralled the audience. Throwing light on the functioning of Bhartiya Kala Sangam, he said that from the inception of its cultural activities since 1980, numerous events have been held in the field of music, dance, literary activities besides honoring the prominent persons of Jammu and Kashmir.

He reiterated the resolve of Bhartiya Kala Sangam that doors of BKS are open for all those interested in the line and especially budding artists from far off areas are being provided our platform to display their talent on the stage.

On this occasion, besides other artists, Rita Rani and the party participated and presented their items. The program ended with a vote of thanks by T. R. Tagotra following by light tea and eatables.

Silence prevails for BJP in J&K: Shiv Sena

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Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit on Wednesday observed that more than four years since the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is struggling to maintain its political foothold in the state due to anti-people policies.

Addressing media persons here today, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT), J&K, said that since the fall of the BJP-PDP coalition government in 2018, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been kept away from the democratic process. Despite citing the abrogation of Article 370 and improved conditions as reasons, the BJP, which had promised peace and normalcy, is



now attempting to delay the elections for Panchayats and Municipal Corporations, using the excuse of security concerns.

Sahni highlighted that the BJP's preparations to disenfranchise the people of Jammu and Kashmir and completely dismantle the democratic system are apparent.

He stated that the common man is suffering from unemployment, and gap between the public and the government is at its lowest ebb. "People's issues have been entirely sidelined. In Jammu and

Kashmir, the ground realities have turned bleak for the BJP, and the Party's High Command is fully aware of this fact," he said.

Sahni said in an effort to salvage its image until the parliamentary elections, the BJP is willing to trample upon the fundamental rights and participation of the people in the lowest rungs of democracy.

Among those who were present include General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, and president Kamghar Wing Raj Singh.

Vietnam launch: Škoda Auto celebrates key internationalisation milestone

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JAMMU, SEPT 27

Škoda Auto has taken an important step in its internationalisation strategy today with its entry into the Vietnamese market. A celebratory event took place with representatives of the Vietnamese and Czech governments alongside Škoda's local distribution and production partner, TC Group. Škoda Auto projects a rapid expansion of the dealer network to as many as 30 partners and an annual sales potential of over 40,000 units beyond 2030. The first models, starting with the Karoq and Kodiaq, will be imported from Europe. Local CKD production, planned to start next year, aims to leverage synergies due to the country's proximity to India. Škoda views Vietnam as a gateway to the promising ASEAN region.

Klaus Zellmer, Škoda Auto CEO, says, "We are excited to engage with Vietnam's dynamic economy and a new group of customers in this fast-growing market. This is also the next step in our accelerating internationalisation strategy, strengthening

our brand in the ASEAN region and intensifying the synergies between our two key markets of India and Europe. During the preparations, it has been clear that in TC Group we have an excellent partner for the production and sale of our attractive model portfolio. I look forward to starting a successful future together."

Martin Jahn, Škoda Auto Board Member for Sales and Marketing, says: "Today marks an important milestone in the history of Škoda Auto. By entering the Vietnamese market, we are further strengthening our position in the global automotive industry. We have a clear strategy, ambitious targets, and a strong local partner in TC Motor. Our medium-term plan is to engage around 30 local contractual partners, assemble around 30,000 cars from CKD kits, and realise a sales potential of more over 40,000 vehicles annually beyond 2030. This move solidifies Škoda's commitment to serving our Vietnamese customers and becoming an important presence in the local market."

Škoda Auto celebrates market launch with cel-



bratory event, plans to expand dealer network

The Czech car manufacturer presented the Kvasiny-produced SUV model series Karoq and Kodiaq, which will be the first models available on the local market. Customers can purchase these at the first Škoda showroom in Hanoi from 25 September onwards. Additional showrooms in central and south Vietnam are in the pipeline. The goal is to expand the dealer network to 20 Škoda dealerships by 2025 and 30 by 2028.

First models imported from Europe in 2023, start of local CKD production in 2024 Škoda has a well-defined roadmap for the Vietnamese market, with plans to expand its model

portfolio in response to customer preferences. The Octavia and Superb models are slated for importation to Vietnam in the medium term. Additionally, the all-electric Enyaq family is being introduced to cater to the growing demand for electric vehicles among Vietnamese consumers.

Starting in the second half of 2024, Škoda will be tapping into significant regional synergies. By then, the first Kushaq vehicles will have been exported from the Pune facility in India to Vietnam for assembly from CKD (Completely Knocked Down) kits, with the Slavia set to follow in 2025. Construction of a production line at the Viet Hung Industrial Park in QuangNinh province by

Škoda's local partner TC Group is already underway. Based on market trends, there are ambitions to ramp up production, potentially assembling as many as 27,000 vehicles annually after 2027.

High growth potential and projected annual deliveries of over 40,000 units beyond 2030 The automotive market in Vietnam is exceptionally dynamic. At present, Vietnam is the fourth strongest automotive market in Southeast Asia. Moreover, with only 38 vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants in a population of roughly 100 million people and given the anticipated national economic growth, Vietnam is emerging as the country with the highest growth potential in the region. The brand foresees annual sales of 30,000 units in the medium term, with that figure rising to more than 40,000 units after 2030. The capacity at the Viet Hung Industrial Park, where the TC Group-owned plant is located, could be used in the future to expand production with a view to potentially exporting Škoda models across the entire ASEAN region.

DTNBWED Regional Dte, Jammu organizes Shramik Chaupal at Chalyari Village

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The Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, DTNBWED Regional Directorate, Jammu today organised a Shramik Chaupal near Indo-Pak Border area at Chalyari Village, Rajpura Block, Samba District for the benefits of Rural and Unorganised Sector workers of this area.

In this Awareness Training Program, a discussion on various Welfare Schemes from Central and State Government Agencies meant for Rural and Unorganised Sector Workers of UT State of J&K was held by Dr Pankaj Rastogi, Regional Director, DTNBWED, MOLE, GOI Jammu.

During the said program, all the villagers also took oath of maintaining



cleanliness in their surroundings under Swachta hi Sewa 3.0 Abhiyaan of Government of India. They also promised to give 2 hours of Shram Daan per week to clean their home, Gali, Village, Block and District at least for the next 12 months.

In his concluding remark Sh. Ashok Gupta, RAC Member, DTNBWED, Jammu has said that workers should take the

benefits of Government

welfare schemes which are meant for their upliftment and can improve their quality of life. The program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Pankaj Rastogi Regional Director DTNBWED MOLE GOI Jammu in which he thanked everyone who contributed for the successful organisation of this training program including personnel from the media houses of Jammu.

Ganesh terms govt's new ration allotment quota as 'cruelty'



J I NEWS SERVICE
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Shiv Sena Hindustan Youth President J&K UT Ganesh Choudhary today lashed out at the administration over decreasing ration scale per member, saying the administration was "too busy in photo-ops and ribbon-cutting functions" to take note of the "misery and suffering" that the people are reeling under.

Ganesh said, "the administration has completely failed in dispensing its basic duties. People are feeling the heat of ration shortage created by the Government of India's decision to reduce allotment quota. Under this scheme, every BPL (Below Poverty Line) and PHH (Priority Household) ration cardholder would get 5 kilograms of rice per person at Rs. 3. Normal APL (Above Poverty Line) ration cardholders were receiving 5-kilogram rice per person at Rs 15. People are not even getting it on time. Poor people can't even afford to purchase it from the open market

at exorbitant rates, added Ganesh."

Ganesh urged the government to immediately restore the previous ration quota so that consumers are rescued from the devastating impact of market forces & inflationary pull. He urged the government to provide ration to all the consumers both APL and BPL as per the previous quota instead of only five kgs of rice per head per month. "It was most ridiculous, as to how just five kgs of rice per soul per month could suffice the monthly requirement of a consumer," he said.

"There are reports of rage and ruckus over the new ruling. Apart from public agitation, the decision has created angry scenes at many ration depots. Our people are undergoing staple stress, rice is our staple food, and making it scarce for the people is downright cruelty. I hope the government wakes up to the emerging situation and takes necessary steps to address the common man's concern," he said.

CBC to enhance its activities during Navratra Festival Katra

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Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Regional Office, Jammu (J&K and Ladakh) through its Field Office, Udhampur has decided to enhance its participation and activities during the upcoming annual Navratra Festival to be held at Katra from 15th to 23rd October, 2023.

A review meeting was convened by the Chairman of the organizing committee, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Shri Ramesh Kumar at Katra.

Joint Director, CBC Shri Ghulam Abbas informed that the bureau will organize a multi-media exhibition in the form of big and medium Integrate Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP). He



informed that the exhibition will be put up for all the 9-day on different themes like 9 Years of Governance, Mission LiFE, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, among other schemes and initiatives.

Shri Abbas told that CBC will present devotional cultural programmes besides theme based various performances on the Centrally Sponsored schemes. To strengthen the cultural activities during festival the department has roped in cultural troupes from almost more than nine regions of CBC throughout the country

that include Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Jaipur, Imphal, Pune, Chandigarh and Jammu & Kashmir, he added. Abbas said that the CBC's platform at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Katra will be available for many other departments, schools and organizations to organize various competitions and display their talent. It was also informed that the troupe affiliated with CBC will participate in Prabhat Pheri and Shobha Yatra depicting and endorsing the ethos of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

World Tourism Day celebrated at Sonamarg

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GANDERBAL, SEPT 27

On the occasion of "World Tourism Day" Sonamarg Development Authority along with Tourism department, Police, Forest, Education and other departments and different stakeholders of tourism like hoteliers, Beopar mandal and different tour operators celebrated the occasion having the theme "Tourism and Green Investments". On the occasion CEO SDA, Tourist Officer Sonamarg, various stakeholders and students from Govt. Middle School Sonamarg gave their insights on the theme, the gist of which was sustainable tourism and ecofriendly practices and to keep the tourist areas neat and clean. A painting competition of the students was also held in the open greens of the Golden meadow. On the sidelines a discussion regarding various issues and winter preparedness was held with tourism stakeholders who showed their willingness to be a part of every intervention of tourism department for the promotion of Sonamarg.

Besides a sanitation drive was also carried in Thajwas area and on the banks of river Sind.

Chugh demands White Paper on Punjab economy

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BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today demanded the Bhagwant Mann government to release a white paper on the state of Punjab economy as the debt burden on the state has skyrocketed ever since the AAP government came to power.

He said the Bhagwant Mann government has miserably failed to rationalize the state economy as the debt on every Punjabi has started getting unbearable.

Chugh said there have been reports that the Bhagwant Mann government now wants to mortgage the bus stands in the state to raise funds.

He demanded the AAP government to come



clear on the matter and also define what are the financial constraints that are driving it to resort to such desperate measures.

Chugh recalled how the state Governor had pointed out the outrageous debt of Rs 50,000 crores that the AAP government had raised in its tenure of last two years.

He said it was unprecedented and the state government needs to explain it because Punjab cannot be held to ransom by the Bhagwant Mann government.

NSF celebrates birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh

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JAMMU, SEPT 27

National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programme in Jammu University, and on the Birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh who laid his life for the country. On the occasion, NSF activists raised slogans "Bhagat Singh Amar Raha "Inqilaab Zindabad" "Bharat Mata ki jai", and they paid tributes to shaheed Bhagat

Singh and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr. Sukhdar Singh State president NSF presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Vikas Sharma appreciated the initiative taken by the NSF member to remem-

ber the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country. Dr. Vikas Sharma also said that the right tribute to Bhagat Singh would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State. On this occasion, he said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavor to regain Jammu and Kashmir State.

Referring to the unemployment problem, Dr.

Vikas said that youth is very disturbed due to wrong policies of the Govt with a graph of unemployment growing fast. Mixture of religion with politics is destroying the country and hoodwinking the common masses to achieve their vicious agenda. Cautioning the public, Dr. Vikas said we have to make all out efforts to expose such black sheeps in the system in the overall interest of the public.

Zeeshan Rana files PIL seeking judicial intervention over non construction of 45 Km long BG Balnoi road since Independence

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPT 27

Zeeshan Rana, senior NC leader and Additional Spokesperson of J&K National Conference, has strongly criticized the J&K Administration for its inability to bring about the promised transformation in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Speaking at a press conference held at Sher I Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu, the senior NC leader expressed his concern over the alarming state of affairs in the Union Territory. He highlighted that Jammu and Kashmir is currently facing a dangerous situation in terms of development and security. The absence of a popularly elected government has significantly increased the suffering of the people. Rana specifically pointed out the deplorable condition of roads in the Mendhar Tehsil, despite notifying the concerned authorities multiple times. The 45 KM



BG to Balnoi Road, which has not been constructed since independence, has made the lives of Mendhar people unbearable.

In response to the government's failure to address the pressing issues concerning the general public, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the J&K Court seeking judicial intervention. Rana emphasized that there seems to be a well-knit conspiracy against the construction of the Balnoi road, as evidenced by the repeated evasion of the issuing of NOC by the BRO (Border Roads Organization) despite the availabil-

ity of funds. He expressed his concern over the dilapidated condition of the road network across the Pir Panjal zone. Many recently macadamized roads are already in poor condition, and the administration seems to be turning a blind eye to the issues raised by the general public in the area.

The senior NC leader lamented the lack of attention given to the genuine concerns of the people and called for prompt and effective measures to address the pressing issues faced by the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Social Media, IT powerful tools: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU, SEPT 27

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, hosted a joint meeting of the Social Media and the Information Technology (IT) departments at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.), J&K BJP, accompanied by Priya Sethi, BJP NEM & Prabhari Social Media, Ankit Gupta, Social Media Incharge and Adv. Ishant Gupta, Information Technology Incharge, addressed the meeting.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, focussed on the use of social media to reach out to large numbers of people. He termed Social Media and Information



Technology as the most important tools in the modern world, where these means act as a two-way connection between the public, party workers and the party's senior leadership.

"Social Media and Information Technology activists being a powerful gadget today, needs careful planning and absolute time now as the whole

well and educate others to use the same in an effective way.

Priya Sethi told the participants that the number of users of social media is quite large. She stressed on the need to dissipate information regarding the party and its ideology to this segment efficiently through social media.

Ankit Gupta presented a road map drawn to take the party further forward on social media. He also cautioned the participants about its drawbacks and asked them to use it with utmost precision and care.

Ishant Gupta said that BJP is turning to technology for holding the events and during present time, Digital Sampark is the first-line medium to contact with base level party activists and common masses.

Technology as the most important tools in the modern world, where these means act as a two-way connection between the public, party workers and the party's senior leadership. Koul said that both the Social Media and Information Technology departments play a primary role in shaping opinions through effective use of available organized data and sharing them with the party leaders and the general masses at every possible interval. He prompted them to use the platforms

People of Khour crown Narinder Singh Bhau with Dogra Turban

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Jammu and Kashmir observed the second holiday after the declaration on the birth anniversary of Dogra monarch Maharaja Hari Singh on Saturday after 76 years which was marked by cake-cutting and street celebrations in parts of the Jammu region.

Despite being a one-day festival, the celebrations were made throughout the week. During this week, the local residents of Khour, including Ex-servicemen felicitated Narinder Singh Bhau by placing the Dogra Turban on his head. Talking about the Chhamb Constituency, Khour Block, Narinder Singh is the only person who played a significant role in saving the tradition of wearing the Dogra Turban from going completely extinct. At this special moment, the Ex-servicemen said that they feel very proud to see Narinder Singh Bhau working for the people of Khour. One of the Ex-servicemen said, "Narinder was always against drug abuse and encourages people for sports and other good habits rather than falling for the menace. The Dogra Turban had disappeared from the Dogri attire of the people of Khour, but he was the only one, who not only wore the Dogra



Turban himself, but also hired people to tie the Dogra Turban to the other ones, so that they could participate in the rallies together."

Also, they mentioned that he was the only person who kept the tradition of wearing this Dogra Turban alive in the people of Khour and as a result, the Turban has now become a part of their daily dressings, and they feel their clothing is incomplete without it. Through this, Narinder Singh Bhau has joined the people of Khour together and now by joining together a caravan is being formed.

Narinder Singh Bhau's eyes were seen filled with both gratitude and happiness after hearing the words in that very moment. While expressing himself, he thanked the people of Khour for believing in him and promised to be there for them what comes may.

The park where the celebrations were made was renamed as Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Khour.

J&K SOTTO organizes presentation on Organ Donation and Transplantation in GMC Jammu



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JAMMU, SEPT 27

Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, J&K Health and Medical Education Department chaired a meeting for starting Cadaveric Organ Retrieval Transplantation in Government Medical College Jammu today on 27th September organised by J&K State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) in presence of Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu.

Dr Elias Sharma, Professor & Head Urology Department cum Nodal Officer SOTTO gave a detailed description of functioning of SOTTO in J&K via a vis organ transplant act THOTA, 1994 implementation in J&K. He stressed the need for starting Cadaveric Organ Donation in J&K. It is pertinent to mention that Corneal Donation is already happening in Jammu. The Administrative Secretary assured all

possible support from the Government in this regard and he stressed the need to augment general awareness about organ donation. He also appealed to public to come forward for the cause. Anyone can become an organ donor online by Adhaar linked mobile clicking the link <https://notto.abdm.gov.in/>

Administrative Secretary appreciated efforts of SOTTO for spreading the message. He congratulated the Kidney team headed by Dr Elias Sharma and Cornea team headed by Dr Ashok Sharma for doing excellent service to humanity.

The meeting was attended by Director Coordination, New Medical Colleges, Dr Yash Sharma, Heads of various departments, faculty members, Administrator, Sh Ashwini Khajuria, Joint Director J&K SOTTO Dr Sanjeev Puri, Medical Superintendent, GMC Hospital, Dr Narendar Bhutyal.

'Hindi Pakhwada' organized by CBC J&K concludes



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JAMMU, SEPT 27

The Hindi Pakhwada organized by Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Jammu concluded today. The Pakhwada started on 14 September with the objective to give boost to the use of Hindi Language in official working.

To motivate employees for using Hindi language during the official procedures, many events were organized including a Hindi Language Workshop presided by Sh. Santosh Kumar Assistant Director, official language Hindi Rajya Basha. During the workshop, many sessions were conducted for making the official procedures and

processes Hindi friendly. A separate session was organized to give firsthand experience in working on computers using Hindi Keyboard.

Apart from the workshop, many Hindi competitions like "Hindi Nibandh" "Translation from English to Hindi" "Hindi General knowledge" "Sentence making in Hindi" and "Hindi Lecture delivery competition" was organized during the fortnight in the office for motivating and encouraging the employees for deeper knowledge of Hindi language. The winners of these competitions were suitably rewarded in the presence of Joint Director, CBC, Sh. Gh. Abbas and Deputy Director CBC, Ms. Ayushi Puri.

SBI delegation meets Div Com Jammu

Social responsibility deeply ingrained in culture of SBI: Ravinder Gupta



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPT 27

Deputy General Manager, SBI, Ravindra Kumar Gupta J&K Zone Head, KJ Raina RM Jammu Region and Devinder Seth today met Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar. Giving details of the meeting in a handout issued here, Deputy General Manager, SBI, Ravindra Kumar Gupta said country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) is committed to welfare of its account holders with an objective to engage with customers to further enhance their experience and provide better service delivery. Gupta said SBI has played an important role in informing customers about the benefits and convenience of using digital payment modes and safe digital banking practices to be followed while undertaking transactions. Through this initiative, the bank successfully engaged with customers through 517 locations from 17 Local head offices (LHOs) of SBI across the country, added Gupta.

We have a very dedicated and sincere staff with whom customers can interact easily and properly to discuss their concerns and share feedback & suggestions on the banks' products and services. Customer feedback and suggestions help the bank to improvise on existing products and services, added Gupta.

Gupta further said that

customer engagement is an on-going process which is SBI's utmost priority. Their valued feedback and suggestions help the bank to offer quality banking experience. The bank is always committed to providing hassle-free banking services to its customers." Social Responsibility is deeply ingrained in the culture of our Bank. Ourr Bank has been undertaking social welfare initiatives much before the formal CSR concept became common practice or an industry norm. Our Bank believes that it owes a solemn duty to the less fortunate and underprivileged members of the society to make sustainable social change in their lives. Bank has always placed the interest of the common man, especially the most marginalized, at its core, added Gupta.

Gupta claimed that SBI has been a caring and enabling organisation and sustainable business practices are at the heart of our business operations. Bank continued to champion "Sustainability" through a multifold approach, which included, inter alia, management of social and environmental risks in strategic decision-making, lending, and developing innovative products and services. He thanked all their shareholders for their continued faith in our strength and capabilities, customers for their valuable trust and our employees for their tireless efforts towards achieving our goals.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to IID Govindsar, Mes Janglote, Logate Industry, Kumri Kathera, Saher Logate and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 28 from 9 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 30 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power supply to Lahri Bathri, Mandli, Dewal, Billawar, PHE, Channera, Bhaddu and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 01 from 8 am to 10 am.

India's safe borders, world-class infrastructure boosted its global esteem: Rekha Mahajan



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan claimed that under the stewardship of PM Modi, India is "leading the global superpower". To mark the "Sewa Pakhwada" in Jammu South, distributes clothes, medicines, and food items among the needy public and plants the saplings under the fortnight program at Rehan Basera (Shelter home for urban homeless) in Bahu Constituency an important part of Jammu South.

Rekha Mahajan along with Vice President BJP and Prabhari Mahila Morcha Anuradha Charak, Mahila Morcha District President Divya Jain, Morcha Prabhari Amit Sharma, Karuna Chetri, Vaishnodevi, Poonam Sharma, Meetu Sharma, Kamlesh Magotra, Veena Bakshi, Trishula Gupta and team. The program was organized by BJP Mahila Morcha District President Jammu South Divya Jain along with team members.

Rekha Mahajan said in the last nine years, the Modi government has worked relentlessly for the betterment and upliftment of every person and sector in the nation. She

confiscated that under the stewardship of PM Modi, India is "leading the global Super Power". Rekha counted that 'Seva Karya' in Jammu South, with the help of dedicated BJP workers to help people in need can be seen from the prime minister to booth-level activists. She exhorted that today, the whole nation is supporting the PM for his sincere efforts to tackle any situation in the interest of the general populace and at the same time marching ahead with the focus on Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self Reliant India). The same spirit is being seen even in the rural areas of Jammu South, where BJP activists are serving the needy with selfless efforts, Rekha said. She had asked the BJP unit Jammu South to celebrate the event like a festival and observe the event with "grace, humility, and dedication to serve the needy in their respective areas. Furthermore, Rekha highlights in a statement that the country has witnessed "unprecedented" development in every sector with the mantra of "nation first" guiding PM Modi's policies. She hails Modi government's nine years have brought India safe borders and world-class infrastructure and increased its global esteem.

M A Dar greets people ahead of Eid-e-Milad

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, SEPT 27

Prominent Socio-Political activist and Trade Union Leader Mohammad Altaf Dar On Wednesday extended greetings to the people on the advent of Eid-e-Milad.

In his greeting message, Mohammad Altaf Dar said, "On the auspicious occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi I extend my greetings to the Muslim Ummah, especially Muslims of



Jammu and Kashmir. The birth of Prophet Mohammad (SAW) was a blessing to the entire humanity, especially the Muslims Ummah. May this auspicious occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-nabi bring peace, prosperity, and well-being in the people's lives."

Altaf Dar appealed to people to pray for peace in Jammu and Kashmir and the well-being of its people on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad.

JNV Kargil organizes "Amrit Kalash Yatra" in Kargil



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JAMMU, SEPT 27

An "Amrit Kalash Yatra" was organized by JNV Khumbathang, Kargil under the campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh".

Around 200 students, teachers and parents participated in the yatra.

The main objective of this yatra was to create awareness among the local people about this campaign. "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign has been announced by honourable PM Shri Narendra Modi during his "Man ki Baat" program.

Principal of JNV Kargil,

K. A. Amitabh led the yatra. During this yatra, the "AMRIT KALASH" filled with the soil of the vidyalaya as well as the soil brought by parents from different villages/areas of Kargil district was carried by the students.

Further, this Amrit Kalash will be handed over to D.C. Kargil cum Chairman VMC, JNV, Kargil that in turn will be taken to the national capital, New Delhi.

Its pertinent to mention here that the soil collected from across the nation will be used to construct "Amrit Vatika" in New Delhi.

Fire safety awareness programs held at SDH Jagtti, Hee Maa Public school Dhammi

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

A team from Fire and Emergency Services Sub Command City Jammu, under the supervision of Divisional Fire Officer, organised a training cum demo at Sub District Hospital Jagtti. The expert team, headed by Kiran ji Raina Sub Officer I/c FES City, imparted the training and conducted the demo. The team members delivered lectures and gave a comprehensive presentation about the fire safety measures to be adopted in hospitals and in case any unfortunate event of a fire incident takes place within the hospital premises.

A live demonstration of proper usage of fire extinguishers in case of fire emergency was meticulously displayed. All the staff members and general



public participated in the drill with great care and interest and learned the proper usage of Fire Extinguishers.

The staff members appreciated the efforts of the Fire Services Department headed by ADGP Alok Kumar, Director Fire and Emergency Services J&K who took keen interest in making the awareness campaign regarding Fire safety, a regular exer-

cise. Demo was organised by Medical Superintendent Dr Sanjay Raina SDH Jagti in collaboration with Deputy Director F&ES Command Jammu. At the end, Dr Raina presented a special vote of thanks to the team of the Fire Services Department for organising this drill at the hospital. Meanwhile another awareness program was held at Hee-Maa Public school Dhammi

Jagtti Nagrota wherein nearly 400 students participated in the fire safety awareness program. The School Principal Roshan Lal thanked the Fire and Emergency Services Department for taking this initiative. He also thanked the team for conducting this awareness program to educate children about Fire safety.

It may be recalled that Director Fire and Emergency Services J&K Alok Kumar-IPS has initiated an awareness campaign regarding fire safety and Wednesday has been dedicated to organize awareness programmes in schools. Till date nearly 1.35 lac students excluding teaching staff have witnessed these fire safety awareness programmes. The motive behind this awareness campaign is to create fire responders in each home.

Tourism Directorate Jammu Celebrates World Tourism Day with Heritage, Adventure and Sustainability at Mubarak Mandi Heritage complex

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu illuminated the spirit of World Tourism Day with an enchanting celebration hosted at the iconic Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex today. The event, themed "Tourism and Green Investments," highlighted the vital role of eco-friendly practices in shaping a sustainable tourism future.

The spectacular event, held today, stands as a testament to the department's unwavering commitment not only to promote tourism but also to preserve the rich cultural heritage of this historically significant region.

Addressing the media Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, emphasized that this celebration served as a beacon of awareness for Sustainable Tourism, emphasizing the pivotal role it plays in addressing climate change and fostering innovative solutions for

environmental preservation. He further added that this celebration was a poignant reminder of the inseparable link between the spirit of World Tourism Day with an enchanting celebration hosted at the iconic Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex today. The event, themed "Tourism and Green Investments," highlighted the vital role of eco-friendly practices in shaping a sustainable tourism future.

Sunaina Mehta Sharma, Joint Director Tourism underscored that the tourism sector is a driving force for employment generation and sustainable tourism /Eco friendly practices are essential for preserving our planet and ensuring that future generations can cherish the world's beauty. Miss. Sharma, as a leader in this field, emphasized on the need to reflect on responsible tourism, honour local culture, and support host communities. She urged everyone to work together to make tourism a positive force, striving for a future where tourism enriches lives, respects the planet, and fosters global unity.

The day was filled with enlightening panel dis-



ussions that brought together a distinguished group of experts from Jammu University, adding tremendous value to the event. The esteemed panelists were Nisha Pandit, Director (operations) -Authentic journeys India and beyond; Honeyka Mahajan-faculty SHTM, JU; Vaibhav Sharma, Entrepreneur and Founder of Travelers dost; Ranjeet Singh, Research Scholar, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM), University of Jammu.

The panel discussions were moderated by Ashmit, a student of School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

(SHTM), University of Jammu.

These luminaries engaged in captivating conversations that delved into various facets of tourism potential and promotion in the resplendent land of Jammu. The themes explored included the latest initiatives undertaken by the Directorate of Tourism in Jammu, the formidable challenges faced, Jammu's emergence as a hub of adventure tourism, the imperative of eco-tourism, and the promotion of sustainable tourism practices. Moreover, the event also shed light on the "Go Green (Mission Life)" initiatives aimed at harmonizing tourism with envi-

ronmental conservation. Furthermore, these distinguished dignitaries not only shared their wisdom during the panel discussions but also actively participated in a conscientious cleanliness drive at the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, alongside prominent citizens and representatives from the travel trade fraternity including Capt. Anil Gaur, President TAAJ, Amrik Singh, President JATO, Panjaj Vaid Treasurer TAAJ, Rajinder Sharma, Gen. Secy. TAAJ, and other esteemed members of TAAJ like Sanjay Gupta, Daljeet Dubey & Bawa Sawhney. Their hands-on involvement underscored the commitment of the Directorate of Tourism towards preserving the sanctity of historical landmarks and promoting responsible tourism.

Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director, Tourism, added, "As we look forward, the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, remains committed to the cause of enhanc-

ing the tourism landscape of this exquisite region while preserving its natural beauty and historical splendor.

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J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 27

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today presided over the weekly Block Diwas program in Panchayat Barta in Block Jaganoo.

During his visit, she attentively listened to the concerns and issues raised by the public.

The event saw the participation of prominent figures, including BDC Chairman, Sanjeet Kumar, DDC Councillor, Prikshit Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Shyam Singh, along with other district officers, PRIs, and the general public from neighboring Panchayats within the Block.

A wide array of issues and demands were put forth during this gathering. They sought construction of a playfield, up-gradation of the Jaganoo road and Kuh Nallah Khas Chananua road, repair of solar lights, filling of potholes on the Patli to Trilla road under PMGSY, establishment of a Veterinary center, repairing work of the Health sub-center building in Johnu, augmentation of drinking water supply, upgradation of a High School to GHSS, opening of an ATM, black-topping and maintenance work of various roads, measures to end monkey menace, meeting shortage of staff at GHSS Barta, resolving water-logging problems, additional accommodation for GMS Sattani, repairing of hand pumps, shifting of the ZEO office, inclusion of left-out benefi-

ciaries under Awas Plus Yojana, and various other concerns raised by PRI members.

In response to these issues and demands, the Deputy Commissioner issued immediate instructions to relevant officers to prioritize and address these matters. Many grievances were resolved on the spot, following the DC directives to concerned department officials. She assured the public that all genuine demands would be examined and addressed promptly. Additionally, the ADDC was instructed to conduct a survey of the Patli to Trilla road and ensure the quality of work. The DC emphasized the importance of quality work and the involvement of PRIs in monitoring ongoing projects, urging relevant departments to expedite the pace of work for timely completion.

While engaging with the public, the DC highlighted the significance of platforms like Block Diwas, which enable the District Administration to understand the challenges faced by the people. She encouraged officers to inform the public about income-generating and beneficiary-oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and the UT Government.

This Block Diwas program underscored the commitment of the District Administration to proactively address community concerns and facilitate development initiatives in the region.

On World Tourism Day, Director Rural Sanitation visits J&K's historic 'Chhota Kashi'

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PURMANDAL (SAMBA),
SEPTEMBER 27

On World Tourism Day, Director Rural Sanitation, J&K, Charandeep Singh undertook a significant visit to the historic town of Purmandal in Samba district and led a sanitation drive with PRIs, volunteers, locals, and officials on the banks of river Gupt Ganga at village Purmandal.

This visit was not only a celebration of the state's rich cultural and natural heritage but also an opportunity to explore ways to promote sustainable tourism in the region, as Purmandal has been often referred to as 'Mini or Chhota Kashi' due to its religious and historical significance.

Block Development Chairperson, Arshad Begum, Sarpanches of Purmandal, Deon, Khara,



Upper and Upper Madana and Block Development Officers (BDOs) from Purmandal, Sumb, Nud, Vijaypur and Ramgarh welcomed the Director.

The Director's visit aimed to highlight the importance of sustainable sanitation around the historic place while emphasizing the importance of maintaining cleanliness for the preservation of its pristine beauty, cultural heritage, and to ensure clean banks of river Gupt Ganga.

During his visit, Charandeep Singh interacted with local stakeholders, community leaders, and resi-

dents to gain insights into the unique heritage, traditions, and cultural assets of Purmandal. He listened keenly to their suggestions and concerns, fostering a collaborative approach to the sustainable sanitation in the area.

On the occasion, the Director felicitated Bhis-han Das- the famous person known for his unwavering commitment to keep the Temple surroundings clean voluntarily from more than the last 15-years.

T-Shirts, Caps and Certificates were distributed among the Swachtagarhi, Students who performed

Nukad Natak, participated in the painting competition and delivered speeches on sanitation.

In his remarks, Charandeep Singh said, "Purmandal is a jewel in the crown of J&K's tourism potential. We must work together to preserve its natural beauty and historical importance while promoting sustainable tourism practices. Cleanliness and sanitation are integral to this effort, and we are committed to ensuring a Swachh Bharat and a Swachh Purmandal."

The Director also discussed various initiatives with Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Samba Sidharth Dhiman, Deputy Director Rural Sanitation, Jammu, Sanna Khan, local BDOs and local PRIs, and discussed plans for further improvements in waste management and cleanliness, aligning them with the "Swachh Bharat Mission".

"Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign gathers momentum in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, SEPTEMBER 27

The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information, Field Office Doda, on Wednesday organized a grand event at Government Middle School (GMS) Ghat Block as part of the nationwide special awareness campaign, "Swachhta Hi Seva."

The event, attended by government functionaries, students and enthusiastic local people, was a resounding success in promoting cleanliness, hygiene and promote community engagement.

The theme of the campaign, "Swachhta Hi Seva," underscored the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in building a healthy and prosperous nation.

Incharge CBC Doda Circle, Vikram Uppal briefly highlighted the department's vital role in facilitating communication between the government and the public.

The Central Bureau of Communication is committed to bridge the gap between government



initiatives and the citizens they serve, ensuring that important programs and campaigns, such as "Swachhta Hi Seva," reach every corner of society.

In his address, the Incharge emphasized the significance of the "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign, which aims to instill a sense of responsibility towards cleanliness and hygiene in the community. He expressed his gratitude to all the dignitaries, guests, and participants for their presence and support, stating that such initiatives are only successful when the community comes together.

The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Princey Thusoo, who delivered an inspiring lecture emphasizing the need for collective efforts in maintaining

cleanliness in our surroundings.

Najma Ahmed Wani and Fariha Firdous, esteemed guests at the event acted as resource persons and shared their insights and encouraged the participants to actively engage in cleanliness initiatives. Resource persons delivered expert lectures on various aspects of cleanliness and hygiene, educating the audience on best practices and the importance of a clean environment.

Participants enthusiastically joined the cleanliness drive, actively cleaning the school premises and its surroundings and Panchayat Ghar Gath. This hands-on approach demonstrated the commitment of the community towards a cleaner and greener future.

Attendees took the Swachhta pledge, reaffirming their dedication to maintaining cleanliness and spreading awareness about its significance. To facilitate waste segregation and disposal, dustbins were distributed among the attendees, ensuring that waste management practices improve in the area.

Students and teachers worked hand in hand, exemplifying the importance of teamwork and community involvement. This collaboration promoted a sense of responsibility towards cleanliness among the youth. In a remarkable display of community spirit, participants engaged in shramdaan, voluntarily contributing their time and effort to the betterment of their surroundings.

The event at GMS Ghat Block Doda was a resounding success, and it showcased the community's commitment to the "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign. Such initiatives play a pivotal role in building a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable society.

Block Diwas Border Panchayat Gangu Chak witnesses public outreach of Jammu administration

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

Focusing on border regions, District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today hosted the weekly Block Diwas event at the border Panchayat of Gangu Chak in the Marh block.

This important public outreach program took place at the local Panchayat Ghar, drawing the participation of Panchayati Raj Institution representatives and district officers, who convened to address the concerns of the local populace.

A number of significant issues were raised during the program, including extension of benefits to all deserving persons under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, repair and upgrading of local government school, measures to protect schools and the public during cross-border shelling incidents, revenue matters, civil works such as irrigation canals and roads and the urgent need for a local playfield.

Individual grievances were also given due attention and were personally addressed by the DDC. District Development Council member Balbir Kumar advocated for the upgrading of the local Primary Health Centre to a Sub Division Hospital, while BDC Chairman Surinder Kumar highlighted infrastructure requirements for Primary School Bhagatpur, along with other local concerns. Sarpanch Gangu Chak, Lajja Devi, also conveyed the concerns of her constituents.

In his remarks, DDC Sachin Kumar Vaishya urged the public to make the most of Block Diwas as an opportunity to address local developmental matters. He emphasized the need for enthusiastic efforts from the administration and its officers during such rare gatherings. The DDC encouraged the public to be more forthcoming in voicing their concerns. Besides giving on spot redressal to some issues and noting down the others for further action, the DDC also encouraged amicable

resolution of local disputes.

Regarding the issue of drug addiction, the DDC stressed the importance of societal collaboration in combating this menace. He recommended monitoring and fostering open communication with children to prevent them from associating with negative influences and falling into addiction.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE DIVISION REASI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (8th CALL)

ENIT No: 55 of 2023-24 Dated: 25-09-2023 issued under endorsement No. PHER/966-71 dated: - 25-09-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, REASI invite tenders by e-tendering mode on above/below percentage rate from approved and eligible Govt. contractors registered with J&K Govt./CPWD/MES and Railways etc. for the following works.

S. No.	Name of work	Esttd. Cost	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money @ 2%	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Shifting of Utility due to Construction of Symbal Choya to Kanjli Chamanoo Road by PMGSY Department.	12.47	1000/-	24940/-	"B", "C" and "D"	60 Days

Position of AAA: - Accorded.
Position of funds: - BUDGETED

- Date of Publishing 25-09-2023**
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **25-09-2023 from 16:00 (Hrs)**
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **25-09-2023 (18:00 Hrs) to 05/10/2023 (16:00 Hrs).**
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on **06/10/2023 (13:00 Hrs)** in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and Earnest Money Deposit as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table payable at Reasi pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI Earnest money deposit (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 90 days. The cost of downloaded tender documents in the form of E-Challan, Treasury challan /Receipt under MH-0215 - WSS (Revenue Head. **EMD @ 2% shall be released on receipt of performance security @ 3% from the successful bidder which shall be released after** completion of the defect liability period of the work.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI and shall be communicated separately.
- The irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee @ 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/ irrevocable Bank Guarantee shall have to be submitted before award of contract duly pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division REASI valid upto 30 days beyond the expiry of defect liability period.
- The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in on or before **05/10/2023 upto 16.00Hrs** The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.
- Bids shall be received "on line" on or before **05/10/2023 upto 16.00Hrs**. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper user Id.
- The hard copy shall have to be submitted by the LI within 3days after opening of Financial bid in the office of the [Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Reasi] during office working hrs.
- A Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may ask on line in the e-procurement portal using his / her DSC or through email: phereas001@gmail.com, provided the queries are raised 05 days prior to the deadline for on-line submission of bids.
- Bids received on line shall be opened on **06/10/2023 at 13:00 Hours** in the office of the [Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Reasi] in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives, who wish to be present. Bidders can witness the opening of bids after logging on to the site through their DSC. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Division
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Date: 28-9-23

DTTM CUJ organises Travelism 2023 to mark World Tourism Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 27

"Travelism-2023", the signature annual event of Department of Tourism and Travel Management at Central University of Jammu, concluded on a high note, leaving an indelible mark on the participants.

This two day extravaganza, held to commemorate celebration of World Tourism Day, brought together participants from different departments of the university to revel in the cultural richness and unity in diversity that defines Bharat.

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, who was the chief guest at the gala event, enlightened the attendees with her insightful inputs about the tourism resources available in the union territory of J&K. She emphasized the significance of Cooperatives in overall growth and development of the national economy. She also focused on the role of innovations and research in establishing successful tourism ventures. She further requested university administration to send students to other



states to get first hand exposure. She also gave some inputs for promoting indigenous tourism products. She emphasised on keeping global vision while formulating policies of the university. She also highlighted the benefits of Adventure Tourism and Rural Tourism.

The event, which was held in two sessions, kicked off on September 26th with a Village Immersion Education Tour to Pancheri, the first homestay village of J&K providing students of MBA (Tourism and Travel Management) with a unique opportunity to experience rural life, traditions, and practices firsthand. This immersive tour offered invaluable

insights into the essence of India's diverse culture, setting the stage for the main event.

On 27th September, the grand inauguration ceremony, graced by Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, was a highlight of Travelism 2023. Her inspirational address shed light on the importance of tourism and cultural diversity. Mehta was joined by Professor Vinay Kumar as a special guest, Professor Jaya Bhasin, Dean, School of Business, and Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman, HoD, Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to participate

in five parallel events namely Rangoli, collage making, slogan writing, photography, and Bharat ka Swad, each thoughtfully designed to celebrate India's cultural diversity. Bharat ka Swad: A culinary journey allowed attendees to savor the diverse flavors of India, with food stalls offering delectable regional delicacies. The day continued with presentations on Startup Pitch, followed by a spectacular fashion show that celebrated the cultural diversity of India. The participants donned in traditional attire from various regions, showcased the elegance and beauty of Indian heritage.

In keeping with the theme, a folk dance com-

petition featured mesmerizing performances representing different states, highlighted the vibrant and diverse dance forms of India.

The grand finale of Travelism 2023 was the valedictory ceremony, graced by Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative.

Winners were presented with trophies by the chief guest, who was joined by the special guest, Professor Vandana Sharma, Dean School of Languages, Professor Jaya Bhasin, and Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman.

The report of the two-day event was presented by Dr. Bharti Gupta, the organizing secretary. The other members of the organising committee included Dr. Amit Gangotia, Dr. Mahendra, Dr. Rahul Thakur and Dr. Rabinder Singh

The event was sponsored by Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, LIC, Amandeep Hospital, and Triumphh (Tour Operation Company). The event also organised an exhibition by Sanchita Pradhan of Shipkari Bazar brand promoting handicraft of Dogra culture. The event was also covered by RJ Sarang.

World Tourism Day 2023 Celebrated with Enthusiasm in District Kishtwar



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 27

The picturesque district of Kishtwar joined the global celebration of World Tourism Day 2023 under the overarching theme of "Tourism and Green Investment," as designated by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). This theme emphasizes the urgency for strategic investments aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, fostering a sustainable and resilient tourism sector by 2030.

In a significant event, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav inaugurated a documentary on the Shree Hudh Mata Yatra.

CEO Kishtwar Development Authority Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, Joint Director Planning Mohd Iqbal, BDO Tariq Sarvardi among others remained present on the occasion.

The documentary, a collaborative effort between the District Administration Kishtwar and Kishtwar Development Authority, aims to intricately capture and showcase the spiritual essence, cultural signifi-

cance, and the profound journey associated with this revered pilgrimage in the Kishtwar district.

Besides the documentary highlighting the trekking opportunity to the work famous Bharama Peak, along with several other captivating destinations of Dachhan area.

During the launch, DC Kishtwar encouraged local media bloggers to leverage their influence in promoting the tourism sites of Kishtwar through engaging and informative content.

As part of the celebrations, a cleanliness drive was organized at prominent locations including Chowgan Ground Kishtwar, TRC Chatroo, and Mughalmaidan. This initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and environmental consciousness among the community members.

Simultaneously, educational activities were held at TRC Mughalmaidan, including a painting competition, essay writing competition, and a symposium.

CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma, graced the occasion, accom-

panied by AO Kishtwar Development Authority and the teaching staff of participating schools.

Over 40 students from various schools in the Mughalmaidan area actively participated in these events, adding to the significance of the World Tourism Day celebration.

The enthusiasm of the participating students was acknowledged with the presentation of trophies and medals, reinforcing the importance of nurturing talent and creativity within the community.

Highlighting the commitment to cleanliness and hygiene, a Swachhata Rally Cum Cleanliness Drive was organized at the famous tourist spot Potato Farm Sinthan. This initiative, conducted under the directive of DC Kishtwar and the meticulous supervision of ACP Kishtwar, witnessed active participation from Team RDD Interwal & Thakrie.

As the district of Kishtwar embraces the spirit of World Tourism Day 2023, it reaffirms its dedication to sustainable tourism practices and the holistic development of its tourism sector.

Justice Tashi inaugurates Legal Care & Support Centre at Panchayat Ghar, Prehta, Basholi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 27

In an effort to reach out to the Rural population living in the remote areas of district Kathua, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority accompanied by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge for District Kathua, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority today visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Basohli and inaugurated a Mega Legal Awareness Programme.

On their arrival, the Judges were warmly received by Ashok Kumar Shavan, Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA) Kathua, Colonel (Retd.) Mahan Singh, Chairman, District Develop-



ment Council, Kathua, Judicial officers and officers of Civil and Police Administration, where after a ceremonial Guard of Honor was accorded to the visiting dignitaries.

Addressing a massive gathering of members of Public Representative Institutions, Panel Lawyers, Advocates, LADCs, PLVs, local populace, students and staff of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Basohli, Justice Tashi said that the focus of Legal Services Authority

is to reach out to the poor and marginalized sections of the society and in this endeavor the District Legal Services Authority has organized today's programme to spread awareness amongst them about their rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Tracing background about the enactment of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Justice Tashi informed the gathering that the same was enacted by the parliament to ensure that no citizen of this

country is deprived of his/her legal and fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

Justice Tashi also said that the Legal Services Authorities at all levels are working in tandem with various Govt. departments to ensure that the benefit of welfare schemes reaches to those who are entitled to the same. He further exhorted that the PLVs are acting as a bridge between the legal aid seeker and organs of the District Administration for the welfare of society.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar in his Keynote address urged the officers of Civil Administration to ensure that the PLVs who approach them with the grievances of legal aid seekers are entertained as they are the frontline workers and the backbone of the Legal Services Institu-

tions working for the poor and marginalized sections of the society. He also said that with the collaborative efforts of Legal Services Authority and Executive Bodies we can wipe the tears from the poor and weaker sections of the society. Justice Rajesh Sekhri in his special address recalled that he started his career as Judicial Officer from Tehsil Billawar thus has a special connect with this area. He further said that although India has topped the ranking having maximum population in the world yet majority of the citizens are illiterate and does not have the knowledge about their basic legal and fundamental rights. He appreciated the efforts of J&K Legal Services Authority in organizing such type of Legal Awareness camps and programmes to educate the masses.

DHSK reviews Ayushman Bhav campaign in South Kashmir districts

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 27

In order to boost ongoing Ayushman Bhav campaign, Director Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) today visited Pulwama and Shopian districts and took first hand appraisal of Ayushman Bhav campaign in these districts.

During the visit, the Director interacted with zonal medical officers, medical officers, paramedics and Asha workers. He stressed upon them to work with dedication and make this programme successful.

He asked the employees to reach out to each and every individual in every nook and corner so that no one is left out.

The Director called upon the officers that people shall be made aware about the services and schemes being provided by Government for



the benefit of people. The Director, during the visit, also chaired a review meeting of Chief Medical officers of concerned Districts, medical superintendents, block medical officers and DIOs of both districts.

He laid stress on all the health functionaries of the districts for optimal utilisation of all the services and concerned staff in order to achieve the target set under Ayushman Bhav.

The Director, while interacting with media, said that Aabha ID will help in keeping note of

health record of each person. "People can use this card anywhere in India. Everything is becoming digital, so everyone must come forward for Aabha card and once this card becomes fully functional, we will start issuing appointments in hospitals through this card so as to get rid of long-standing issue of waiting in queues", the Director said.

"People will get this card from the nearest health facility and take benefits of this facility," he added.

DC Srinagar holds public outreach programme at Sarband Harwan

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 27

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited Harwan Block and holds a public outreach programme at Sarband under weekly Block Diwas to listen to the developmental demands of the public and address their issues. The Programme witnessed a huge participation of local people, DDC, BDC, PRI members and students from different schools, besides attended by General Manager DIC, Chief Planning Officer, Chief Education Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Tehsildar North, BDO Harwan, Lead District Manager and other Sectoral/Zonal Officers of the District.

During the programme, the Deputy Commissioner listened to the developmental demands of the



people from Harwan Panchayat Block.

The DC also participated in ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva" activities conducted to encourage community engagement to make Srinagar Clean.

On the occasion, the participants carried banners and placards highlighting the significance of cleanliness and ill impact of polythene and plastic use to the environment

Under Swachta Hi Seva

information regarding the ill effects of the plastic and polythene and its impact on the environment.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the main objective of the programme is to realize the objective of cleanliness and sanitation among people of the District to ensure a hygienic environment around for their overall wellbeing.

The DC urged Students and other participants to sensitize people and rise up willingly to stop throwing waste on roadsides, prominent public places, around religious places, tourist spots, offices, educational institutions etc to keep the Srinagar City clean.

The DC also appealed to people to cooperate with the Administration opting for environmentally friendly alternatives for the banned material like polythene and plastic.

During the programme,

the DC interacted with the participant students and encouraged them to become cleanliness ambassadors and contribute toward making Srinagar a Clean District.

Earlier, Chief Planning Officer and Assistant Commissioner Development spoke about the programme and explained that Swachhata Swachhata Hi Seva, a fortnight drive has been launched to carry out a series of cleanliness operations from September 15 to October 2, 2023.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Shri Bhavneshori Asthan and Shrine of Syed Mirak Shah Kashani Sahib and participated in cleanliness drives under "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign.

At both the Religious places, the DC interacted with the local Managing Bodies and listened to their demands patiently and ensured expeditious action.