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3 workers found mysteriously dead in Udhampur, probe launched

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UDHAMPUR, FEB 26

Three workers died under mysterious conditions in Chenani area of Udhampur district, even as police have launched investigation into the matter, officials said on Monday.

An official told the news agency that three persons who were working as

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SJVN green energy, J&K power corporation ink pact for 300 MW power supply

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

SJVN Green Energy has said it has signed an agreement with Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd to supply 300 MW of power.

This 300 MW power shall be supplied to JKPCCL from the 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar project which is being developed under the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme of IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency) at a cost of Rs 5,491 crore, the company said.

The project is being developed under the Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) mode and is slated for commissioning by July, 2024.

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Police take action against fake social media account impersonating ADGP Jammu

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JAMMU, FEB 26

The Jammu and Kashmir Police Monday said it has initiated legal action against a person posing as the additional director general of police of Jammu on various social media platforms.

"A fraudster has managed to impersonate ADGP Jammu zone, Anand Jain on various social media platforms using his image including other credentials and is extorting money from people," according to a police statement "The offender has created the profiles with malicious intent. Accordingly, legal action

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Ghazal singer Pankaj Udhas dies at 72 after prolonged illness

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MUMBAI, FEB 26

Renowned ghazal singer Pankaj Udhas, best known for "Chitti Aye Hai" and "Aur Ahista Kijiye Baatein", died here on Monday following prolonged illness, his daughter Nayab said. He was 72.

Udhas, who also made a mark as a playback singer in many Hindi films, including "Naam", "Saajan" and "Mohra", died around 11 am at the Breach Candy hospital, a family source said.

"With a very heavy heart, we are saddened to inform you of the sad demise of

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PM lays foundation stone of redevelopment of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JAMMU, FEB 26

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the redevelopment of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, virtually, from New Delhi today.

He also laid the foundation stone of a project for overbridge at Vijaypur Railway Station.

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, on behalf of

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Mann Ki Baat

PM Modi hails Gojri writer for literary contribution

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, FEB 26

Mohammad Manshah Khakhi hailing from Kachnambal village in Kangan is on cloud nine ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded his contribution in his 'Mann Ki Baat' address.

Khakhi, a member of the Gujjar Bakerwal community, faced numerous hurdles in his educational journey due to financial constraints. But his determination propelled him forward, enabling him to pursue education.

According to reports from, Khakhi's journey involved

travelling several kilometers on a daily basis to attend Government School in Ranthal and High School Soulki Kalakote.

He completed his Higher Secondary Education at Govt Higher Secondary School Kalakote in 1978 and subsequently graduated from MAM College Jammu.

He obtained an MA in Education from the University of Jammu in 1982.

Embarking on his professional journey as a teacher, Manshah later transitioned into the role of a Research Assistant in Gojri

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Lt Governor inaugurates 2nd Aerosol Winter School 2024 at Central University of Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBHA, FEB 26

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 2nd Aerosol Winter School - 'Manthan 2024' at Central University of Jammu today.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the joint endeavour of Central University of Jammu, Sindhu Central University Ladakh and Indian National Young Academy of Science to impart hands-on training on required instru-

mentation and analytical techniques as well as remote sensing tools for air quality studies to meet the objectives of the National Clean Air Programme. He emphasised on the collaborative

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NIA chargesheets 5 including 3 Pak based LeT handlers in Rajouri attack case

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

Pushing ahead with its efforts to destroy and dismantle the terrorist ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday chargesheeted five accused, including three absconding Pakistan-based handlers of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, in the Rajouri attacks case of January 2023.

In a statement, issued to the news agency the agency said that the case RC-01 & 02/2023/NIA/JMU, relates to a heinous terror attack on civilians at village Dhagri on January 01, 2023, followed by an IED blast the next day. "Seven innocent

people, including two children, were killed and several others severely injured in the attacks."

The statement reads that three of chargesheeted individuals are LeT handlers, identified as Saifullah @ Sajid Jutt @ Ali @ Habibullah @ Numan @ Langda @ Noumi, Mohd Qasim, and Abu Qatal @ Qatal Sindhii. While Abu Qatal and Sajid Jutt are Pakistani nationals, Qasim had exfiltrated to Pakistan sometime around 2002 and had joined the LeT terrorist ranks there.

"As per investigations, the trio had orchestrated the recruitment and dispatch of LeT terrorists from Pakistan to target innocent civilians, particularly from the minor-

ity community in Jammu & Kashmir, as well as security personnel. The attacks were carried out under the directions of these Pakistan-based handlers," it reads.

It added that Saifullah is currently a highly placed LeT commander, and was responsible for engineering the overall conspiracy from Pakistan, along with the other two. "Mohd Qasim is presently the right hand of highly placed LeT Commanders. Abu Qatal had come to India in 2002-03 and was active in the Poonch-Rajouri range, along with other terrorists."

It reads that the other two charge-sheeted accused are Nisar Ahmed @ Haji Nisar

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Rain, Snow to likely dominate this week in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEB 26

While the weather remained mostly cloudy, the weatherman here has predicted a wet spell from tomorrow, saying that heavy to very heavy snowfall is expected in the middle and higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir from March 01 to March 03.

According to the news agency, Director Meteorological department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of light rain and snow at scattered places during tonight to 27th forenoon.

On February 28, the weather is expected to remain partly cloudy with light snow over isolated higher reaches while

on February 29 amidst the partly to generally cloudy weather, there is a forecast of light rain and snow at scattered places.

However, he said there is a possibility of moderate rain and snow at most places with heavy to very heavy rain and snow at few middle & higher reaches during March 1st March late evening to 3rd March afternoon.

A few places may experience thunder, lightning, hail-storm accompanied by gusty winds during March 01 & March 02.

The weatherman also issued advisory in wake of the upcoming wet spell, saying that in view of

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"Uri and Balakot sent their own message": Jaishankar on India's response to cross-border terrorism

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

Calling the national security a complicated calculus in today's times, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted India's response to Chinese incursions at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and towards cross-border terrorism from Pakistan through its ferocious responses in Uri and Balakot.

India carried out a surgical strike against terror units in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in 2016 in response to an attack at an army base in Uri, Kashmir. In 2019, after the Pulwama attack - which killed over 40 Indian soldiers - the Indian Air Force carried out



an airstrike against Pakistani terror camps in Balakot.

The EAM was giving the Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru Memorial Lectures 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Convention Centre, on the topic of 'Bharat and the

World'.

Addressing the event on Monday, Jaishankar said, "The calculus of national security has become much more complicated. Traditional methods of competing and pressuring are buttressed by new tools

of influence and disruption. Here too, Bharat has pushed back with determination and fortitude."

He said that India has worked on developing border infrastructure, one of the aspect which the EAM said was "long neglected." He added that India's response to the cross-border terrorism were seen in the episodes of Uri and Balakot.

"When we were challenged on the LAC, with China, in the midst of COVID rapid and effective counter deployments were the appropriate answer. Seeking to rectify the long neglected of the border infrastructure.

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Dr Jitendra addresses convocation of 'Indian college of physicians', conferred honorary fellowship



AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed 35th Convocation ceremony of the prestigious Indian College of

Physicians and 79th Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians in India (APICON 2024) as its Chief Guest.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is himself a Professor of Medicine & Endocrinol-

ogy, was also conferred honorary Fellowship of the Indian College of Physicians as a mark of respect to his lifelong dedication to Medicine academics and research.

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Indian Army focusing on leveraging MSMEs and start up ecosystem: Gen Pande

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

Chief of Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande on Monday said that as part of the Atmanirbharta pursuit, the Indian Army has been focusing on leveraging both the MSMEs and the Start Up ecosystem for meeting the capability development requirements.

Delivering a keynote address at the Maharashtra MSME Defence Expo 2024 at Pune, Gen Pande said that under the Innovations in Defence Excellence (iDEX) procurement, all projects are mandated to be progressed through Start Ups, an official statement said here.

He said, "Currently under the iDEX route, 55 Indian



Army projects, worth Rs 400 crore are being pursued, which encompass a total of 65 Start Ups. As many as four contracts worth Rs 70 crore have been concluded for procurement of equipment in limited quantity for field exploitation. The iDEX route

also follows the spiral mode of development of indigenous technology and platforms since exploitation of limited quantity in field conditions, enables concurrent development of equipment based on user recommendations."

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Director Agriculture conducts extensive tour of Pulwama, Budgam districts

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 26

The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today conducted an extensive tour of Pulwama and Budgam districts.

During the visit, he also convened two separate review meetings and took stock of the progress under HADP projects, regular CAPEX and CSSs, scope of convergence between MGNREGA and HADP and issues related to procurement of Seed under SVP, organic farming, Natural farming, PM KISAN, PMFBY and Soil Health Card schemes.

During the meeting, different centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department including RKVY, MIDH, ATMA, NFSM, PM KISAN, Soil Health Card Scheme, KCC scheme etc were



also discussed in detail. The implementation of projects under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) was discussed thereabout.

In his remarks, the Director said the projects under HADP have been designed in such a way that the small and marginal farmers could establish their own agri-income based units.

He underlined the importance of expeditious and judicious expenditure of funds under different centrally sponsored schemes, projects under

HADP and CAPEX. He asked the officers that funds allocated under different components of centrally sponsored schemes must be expended in a time bound manner. He reiterated the importance of maintaining the highest level of transparency and accountability during all the expenditures.

Director asked the concerned officers to work in close coordination with concerned district administrations during the implementation of different initiatives at district level. He directed the

officers to reach out to the farmers of every area and make them aware vis-a-vis latest farmer friendly technologies in the agriculture sector.

He asked the officers to work in collaboration with the representatives of local communities for the successful implementation of different schemes at grassroots level. He impressed upon them to sensitize and encourage the farmers to avail benefit of various projects under HADP.

He also asked them to put in all the efforts and ensure that all the set targets under different projects of HADP are achieved in a time bound manner.

The Chief Agriculture officers of concerned districts, district agriculture officers, sub divisional and zonal officers of the department were present in the meetings.

VC National Commission for Safai Karamchari reviews welfare measures for Safai Karamcharis in J&K

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 26

Vice Chairperson, National Commission for Safai Karamchari, Smt Anjana Panwar today chaired a meeting of senior officers of different departments to take stock of various welfare measures for Safai Karamcharis of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Vice Chairperson took stock of various initiatives/activities undertaken by the various departments for the welfare of the Safai Karamcharis.

She also interacted with the representatives of various Safai Karamchari Associations and listened to their problems while ensuring resolution of their genuine issues.

The VC took comprehensive details about working of JMC and other Municipal Committees and working condition of employees working in



these institutions. The Commissioner JMC also briefed the meeting about the present status of working and steps being taken for the welfare of Safai Karamcharis.

The VC directed Commissioner JMC to take necessary steps for the fulfilment of the demands of Safai Karamcharis in the Corporation and other committees like filing up of vacant posts.

She also directed health authorities to provide proper Health Checkups of the Safai Karamcharis during holding the health camps by the Health department.

She also directed the

concerned to provide uniforms alongwith shoes, rain coats on seasonal basis.

The VC directed concerned officers to provide group Insurance cover and Ayushman Health Card to all Safai Karamcharis those not been covered so far, so that they can take benefit from these schemes.

The VC also took stock of salaries/wages of skilled/unskilled Safai Karamcharis and directed concerned to enhance their salary/wages before disbursing those salaries on time.

The VC directed to construct Community Hall for Safai Karamcharis with

provide at least one room for library.

The VC stressed for the meetings with the Safai Karamchari at least once in a month and listen their issues being faced by them day to day and redressed the same accordingly.

The VC issued instruction to MD, SC, ST & BC Corporation to organise awareness camps with regard to benefits like education loans, housing loans etc.

She also instructed Chief Education Officer Jammu and police department for fulfilling the vacant posts of Safai Karamcharis and creation of fresh posts in their departments.

Among others, Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav, ADC Jammu, Chief Medical Officer, Managing Director, SC, ST & BC Corporation, senior officers of police and other concerned departments also attended the meeting.

KVK-Anantnag holds Valedictory Function of two Skill programmes

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 26

KVK-Anantnag, SKUAST-Kashmir Monday hosted the valedictory function for two skill programs sanctioned under MSME and STRY, marking a significant milestone in empowering individuals with knowledge and expertise.

The training session on awareness and popularization of Area Specific Mineral Mixture among the livestock owners of District Anantnag an e-MDP sanctioned under MSME, GOI is aimed at enhancing livestock productivity and welfare. Additionally, the (6+1) Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) training programme on Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Value Addition of Horticulture crops was conducted focused on fostering entrepreneurship and value addition in horticultural crops.



Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Pampori, chief guest on the occasion, delivered an enlightening lecture on Management of Livestock during heat and cold stress. His insightful discourse emphasized the importance of precision livestock farming for sustainable livestock health and productivity.

Dr. Ishtiyaq A. Khan, Head, KVK-Anantnag emphasized the importance of such training initiatives in enhancing and strengthening the district's skilled manpower.

He reiterated KVK-

Anantnag's commitment to uplifting the socio-economic conditions of resource-poor farmers by nurturing an entrepreneurial spirit through knowledge and skill empowerment.

The programmes, spanning over seven days, feature a diverse range of activities including lectures by experts, practical handouts and exposure visits. This concerted effort by KVK-Anantnag signifies a pivotal step towards fostering sustainable development and prosperity in rural communities.

Secy Cooperatives reviews progress on establishment of Jan Aushadi Kendras

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

Secretary Cooperatives, Babila Rakwal, today took stock of measures being taken up by the department regarding establishment of economically viable Jan Aushadi Kendras under PMBJK by the Cooperatives in each district of the UT.

The meeting besides the Additional Registrars Jammu/Kashmir was attended by Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars and other concerned officers.

The Secretary impressed upon the Additional Registrars and Deputy Registrars to ensure functioning of a minimum of one Jan Aushadi Kendra in each district. She directed them to ensure functionality of such kendras by the first week of March this year.

She observed that securing a drug license by virtue of the association with PACS should act as an advantage for qualified pharmacists. She said that such pharmacists should be made an inalienable members of such societies with full rights and stakes



like other members. She asked for taking appropriate measures suitable for the location to start functioning of drug stores.

The Secretary asked for turning maximum numbers into drug stores by encouraging the identified pharmacists. She also asked for increasing the sales of such stores by popularizing them among the public with all the benefits. She advised for identifying such public health institutions where there is no presence of these stores nearby essentially in far off areas of the UT. She asked for looking into having long term tie ups with such institutions for maximizing benefits for all the associated stakeholders.

Earlier, the Additional Registrars revealed that for each district 5 Jan Aushadi Kendras have been set, out of which, 32 have been made functional. In addition, 42 have applied for drug license and 98 out of 101 applicants have obtained PMBI approvals pre-requisite for establishing such stores, he added.

The meeting was further apprised that the Deputy Registrars are in constant touch with different stakeholders including the health institutions, Pharmacy Council and Controller Drugs office for enhancing the pace of establishment of such medicine stores for the benefit of public at large.

One day training program on HADP held at Hiranagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, FEBRUARY 26

A one-day training on Holistic Agriculture Development (HADP) was today held at the community center of Londi Panchayat in Hiranagar, Kathua district.

The training program was presided over by SDM Hiranagar, Rakesh Kumar, and organized under the stewardship of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr Rakesh Minhas with the objective to cover five model Panchayats of Hiranagar tehsil with the percent saturation of the HADP scheme.

During the event, officers from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kathua, Agriculture, and allied sectors participated. The training was imparted to the farmers on 29 projects approved by the Government of J&K, with an outlay of Rs. 5013 crore to be spent over the next five years. These projects aim to transform the agriculture economy of J&K, putting it on a new trajectory of growth, doubling the output of the sectors, boosting exports, and making the sectors sustainable and commercially viable. The projects cover various sectors including Horticulture, Sericulture,



Apiculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Poultry, Fisheries, etc.

While addressing the farmers, Head KVK Kathua Dr. Vishal Mahajan said that the main purpose of the program is to apprise the farmers about the scheme for successful implementation and complete saturation in the Londi Panchayat under the HADP programme of the Agriculture sector.

AEO Hiranagar Vinod Kumar discussed in detail the different projects being implemented by the Agriculture department under HADP. He also threw light on the registration process, funding pattern, sanctioning process, and its implementation.

VAS, Hiranagar Dr. Suresh Kumar briefed the participants about schemes being implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry such as

IDDS, IPDS, Dairy Development in J&K, Roadmap for poultry development in J&K, etc.

Other officers from the Fisheries Department also spoke about Technological Interventions for Fish Seed and Carp production in UT of J&K. The Department of Science and Technology also apprised the farmers about the PM Kusum scheme under which 80% subsidy can be availed for solar pump sets. The farmers showed keen interest in the program, and a few on-spot registrations of farmers were also done by the Agriculture department.

It was announced that a special training session will be held on February 28th, 2024, at Jhandi Bagh at 12 noon to acquaint the farming community with the latest know-how about agriculture and allied sectors.

GDC Ajas organises rally as part of SVEEP campaign

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 26

As part of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, Government Degree College (GDC) Ajas on Monday organised a rally to raise awareness regarding the importance of voting.

The event was marked by enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members, all coming together to advocate for democracy and emphasize the importance of voting.

The primary objective of the rally was to raise awareness about the significance of democratic participation, particularly in the context of the upcoming elections.

With vibrant placards and fervent slogans, the participants aimed to encourage people to exercise their right to vote and engage in the democratic process actively.

The rally commenced with an opening speech by



the college principal, highlighting the fundamental principles of democracy and the responsibility of every citizen to contribute to the electoral process.

Following this, students and teachers took to the stage, holding up creatively designed placards with messages defending democracy and urging people to vote.

The placards carried various slogans and statements such as: 'Your Vote, Your Voice: Speak Up for Democracy!' 'Defend Democracy: Vote for a Better Future!' 'Every Vote Counts: Be the Change You Want to See!' 'Empowerment Lies in the Ballot: Exercise Your Right!' and 'Voting is Not

Just a Right, It's a Responsibility!'

Accompanied by spirited chants and cheers, the participants marched through the college ground, displaying their placards proudly and engaging with onlookers.

The rally succeeded in capturing the attention of the college community and beyond, drawing interest from students, faculty, and local residents alike.

Through their vibrant displays and impassioned appeals, the participants effectively conveyed the message of democratic empowerment and the crucial role of voting in shaping the future of the nation.

Asian Water bird Census 2024 launched

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 26

Chief Executive Director, Wular Conservation and Management Authority and Addl. PCCF Forests Kashmir, T. Rabi Kumar today launched Asian Water Bird census exercise 2024 for Wular, Hokersar and other adjoining wetlands.

The department of wildlife protection wetland division and Wular Conservation and Management Authority are jointly conducting Asian Water Bird Census, 2024 on 27th February, 2024 for Ramsar sites of Wular, Hokersar, Shalabugh and other adjoining wetlands.

Scientists and conservationists from organizations like WII, WTI, Wildlife SOS JK and NGOs like WCF, WRCF, SRDE, SEED, Birds of Kashmir, Kashmir Bird watch, Scholars and students from reputed academic institutions like SKUAST, University of Kashmir, Degree colleges etc. shall take part in the bird counting in these wetlands.

Today an orientation exercise for participants was conducted at Indian Institute of Hotel management Rajbagh Srinagar.

The APCCF Kashmir/Chief Executive Director, WUCMA Sh. T. Rabi Kumar, IFS attended as chief guest. In his address the APCCF Kashmir emphasized the role of birds as the essential ecological indicators in determining the health of wetlands. He laid stress for

active collaboration of all stakeholders in mobilising the resources for effective management of our wetlands. He exhorted upon the students to develop bird watching as a habit and promote it as an important eco-tourism activity.

The event witnessed participation of various NGOs, College and University scholars, volunteers, birding watching groups and the departmental staff besides various resource persons were invited to impart training and know-how with regard to conducting of census exercise.

Pradeep Chandra Wahule, Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir and Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle and Rashid Yahya Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden (Headquarters) also attended the program as guest of honours.

The event was also attended by Nadeem Qadir, Ld. Amicus Curiae (Environmental Lawyer) and Nazir BeNazir (NGO).

The Asian water bird census is an annual exercise conducted in Jan-Feb to assess the avian population visiting the wetlands. The census not only provides valuable information for launching intensive conservation efforts but also engages citizens, scientists, students, avid birders, and volunteers in the process of monitoring and protecting bird populations. This exercise is considered to be one of the most important indicators of wetland health.

Power shutdown

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 26

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Shahbad Colony, Bahu Fort, Press Morh and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 29 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nomain, Dharmour will remain affected on February 29 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Barjala, part of Raipur Satwari, Ashram, Hakkal, Hakkal Pind and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 29 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dablehar, Paper Mill, R.S Pura Town, Badyal, Chowadi, Hospital and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 29 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle Rajouri (JPDC) has informed that the power supply to Tehsil Office Rajouri, Gujjar Mandi and DC Office will remain affected on March 01, 03 and 06 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Receiving Station to Bhajnowa Mohalla will remain affected on February 27 to March 05 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Sunderbani PSS to Kanthanu Police Station will remain affected on February 27 to March 05 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Weeklong advanced entrepreneurship and skill development programme kicks off at NIT Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEB 26

The weeklong Advanced Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Program (A-ESDP) on welding and CNC (5-axis CNC, 3-axis CNC, wood carving, and underwater welding) commenced on Monday at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The hands-on training workshop is being organized by Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IIEDC) and sponsored by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

The inaugural event was presided over by Prof. Babar Ahmad, senior faculty member at MED NIT Srinagar, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dean Alumni and International Affairs Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, HOD MED Prof. Adnan Qayoum, Assistant Director MSME, Saheel Alaqband IEDS, Head IIED Centre Dr. Saad Parvez (Chairman), and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, and Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman extended their best wishes to all participants and commended the organizers for organizing these hands-on training workshops.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran is the Nodal Officer & Convenor, whereas Dr. Noor Zaman Khan, Dr. Deepak Kumar Naik and



Dr. Syed Irshad Ahmad Qadri (Superintendent Workshop) are the Coordinators of the workshop. The workshop is being attended by 20 participants from different parts of the country.

In his key speech, Prof. Babar said such workshops are the need of the hour. It has a connection with Industry 4.2 and participants will get hands-on training on CNC machines.

"When I was a student, we acquired a CNC machine in the late 1980s. However, the challenge was that we never had the opportunity to operate it. We were not even permitted to approach this prestigious machine," he said.

Prof. Babar said the Internet of Skills (IoS) is now obsolete and now it is replaced by the Internet of Skills. In today's global market, individuals with diverse and honed skill sets are positioned as key contributors.

Whether proficient in

programming, design, healthcare, or other domains, those adept at applying their skills digitally are sought after for their ability to drive innovation, he said.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh said that this program facilitates networking opportunities, connecting entrepreneurs with industry experts and peers, while also providing access to vital resources like funding and mentorship. The program instills adaptability and resilience, crucial attributes in navigating the uncertainties of entrepreneurship, he said.

On the occasion, Assistant Director MSME J&K, Saheel Alaqband IEDS said over the past several years, a collaborative partnership has flourished with MSME and NIT Srinagar. It is aimed to bridge the gap between academia

and industry for a collective pursuit of excellence, he said.

"I joined AD MSME in 2015, and over the last eight years, we have successfully extended our efforts to every corner of the Kashmir valley. Our commitment to working at the grassroots level will continue," he said.

HOD MED Prof. Adnan Qayoum expressed that this workshop provides a comprehensive and immersive learning experience designed to empower educators. The goal is to equip them with essential knowledge and skills needed to effectively teach and inspire individuals in the realms of wood carving and artistic welding, he said.

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teach and inspire participants in the field of Wood carving and artistic welding.

Head IIED Centre Dr. Saad Parvez said IIEDC is dedicated to addressing the challenges of grassroots technologies and fostering innovative ideas from engineering students, technocrats, innovators, and stakeholders seeking engineering solutions to problems.

"The center focuses on emerging technologies such as AI, data, electronics, and IoT, recognizing their significant impact on shaping the future. Beyond just design proficiency, the current job market seeks individuals who can creatively solve problems using their skills," he added.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar R. Nodal Officer, ESDP Scheme said it is designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. This workshop will equip participants with the tools and expertise needed to prepare the next generation of innovators and engineers for the dynamic world of manufacturing," he added.

Dr. Syed Irshad Ahmad Qadri (Superintendent Workshop), Shahid Abbas Mir, CEO of Greenovator Incubation Foundation (GIF), Dr. Dr. Noor Zaman Khan, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma also addressed the inaugural session of the workshop.

MP Jugal Kishore hopes for timeline completion of Gura More Railway Over Bridge

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, FEBRUARY 26

The Railway Department on Monday organized a significant event under the Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme, unveiling plans for the extensive upgrading of 554 railway stations and the development of 1500 new railway crossings.

The ceremony marked a historic moment as the foundation stone for the Gura More Railway Over Bridge was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually, while Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, SSP Samba and other concerned officers besides a large number of locals were present at the site.

The Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme underscores the commitment of the Railway Department to modernize and enhance railway infrastructure across the country. The ambitious initiative aims to improve connectivity, safety, and efficiency, benefiting both passengers and freight transportation.



Among the key highlights of this initiative is the development of 554 railway stations, strategically selected to undergo significant upgrades. Additionally, the plan includes the establishment of 1500 new railway crossings, addressing the growing demands of a rapidly evolving transportation landscape.

The Gura More Railway Over Bridge, whose foundation stone was laid today, symbolizes a crucial step towards safer and more efficient rail travel. This project reflects the government's dedication to enhancing infrastructure and ensuring the well-being of the citizens.

In his address, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma expressed his optimism about the transformative impact of these initiatives on the nation's railway

network. Expressing optimism, the MP hoped for timeline completion of Gura More Railway Over Bridge. He emphasized the importance of the project as this over bridge will facilitate easy access to the commuters of peripheral areas who otherwise have to wait for crossing besides fostering economic development and providing a seamless transportation network.

As the Railway Department embarks on this comprehensive journey, it envisions a future where railway travel is not only efficient but also a catalyst for progress. The Amrit Bharat Railway Station scheme stands as a testament to the government's commitment to building a robust and modernized railway infrastructure for the citizens of India.

DC Pulwama chairs key meeting for Lok Sabha elections preparation

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 26

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoum who is also District Election Officer (DEO) Monday convened a crucial meeting to strategize and plan for the upcoming general elections for Lok Sabha in the district.

During the meeting, various aspects related to the smooth conduct of the elections were discussed comprehensively. This included assessing logistical requirements, ensuring security arrangements and outlining voter education initiatives through SVEEP. The collaborative



He emphasized the importance of effective coordination among all stakeholders to ensure a fair, transparent, and inclusive electoral process. He urged all participants to actively contribute to the preparations.

As the nation gears up for the Lok Sabha elections, such proactive measures underscore meticulous planning and coordination for smooth conduct of elections.

The meeting was attended by the Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP) Pulwama, and Awantipora, as well as Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs).

Secretary RDD reviews MGNREGA, SBM, JKSRML plans in Poonch

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POONCH, FEBRUARY 26

Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on Monday convened a comprehensive meeting to deliberate on convergence plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

The meeting brought together stakeholders from various departments to assess progress and plan for schemes like MGNREGA, SBM, IWMP, RGSA, PMAY, NRLM, and other centrally sponsored initiatives in the rural infrastructure sector.

The Secretary directed the officers to formulate next year's plan in convergence with allied departments such as agriculture, horticulture, forest, fisheries and irrigation. He reviewed key performance indicators of schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY-G, SBM-G, IWMP, and JKSRML, stressing the need for substantial improvement within a week's time.

Emphasizing enhanced convergence with different sectors, especially agriculture and allied fields, the Secretary high-

lighted the importance of resource optimization and expanded coverage. He asked for timely completion of pending works from the fiscal year 2021-22 by March 31st, 2024, particularly focusing on SBM initiatives like segregation sheds and solid waste management, which are pivotal components of Government of India's flagship program.

Addressing the urgency surrounding border bunkers' construction in Poonch, Dr. Shahid asked for ensuring residents' safety and security, urging for prompt completion of ongoing projects.

Furthermore, he directed for enhanced collaboration between the Fisheries Department and RDD to address gaps in fish pond construction.

Reviewing progress under PMAY-G and AWAS Plus, the Secretary directed the officials to ensure timely achievement of set targets. Similarly, detailed project reports for new Panchayat Ghar buildings and feasibility reports for new villages/Panchayats under IWMP were mandated for submission.

Under UT Capex, construction progress on BDC

buildings was reviewed and directions were issued to engineering staff to expedite the pace on works. Instructions were also issued for effective execution of SBM-G activities such as waste management, soakage pits, grey-water management, and installation of dustbins.

Dr. Shahid stressed the need for concerted efforts towards uplifting rural communities, advocating for synergy among stakeholders to maximize impact and efficiency.

Addressing a delegation's concern regarding pending payments for border bunkers under SRE, he assured early resolution.

Dr. Shahid was accompanied by the Director RDD Jammu, Mumtaz Ali, Director Panchayati Raj J&K, Sham Lal, and Technical Officer PMAY-G, Mohammad Riaz.

The review meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M Choudhary, ADDC, ADC, ACD, ACP, DFO, CAO, CHO, CSO, CAHO, PO IWMP, SE(R&B) Poonch, Executive Engineers REW and I&FC, AD FCS&CA, AD Fisheries and all Block Development Officers.

Sericulture Capacity Building Program Commences in Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 26

The second five-day capacity building program for farmers in sericulture kicked off today at Panchayat Ghar Chanunta as part of the HADP project. The event was graced by Scientist C Incharge SSPC Udhampur as the chief guest. Vinod Kumar Gupta, Incharge Ghordi Udhampur, extended a warm welcome to all the participants.

During the program, Sanjay Rometra delivered a lecture on mulberry cultivation, while Ravinder Kumar, Sericulture Assistant and member of the

monitoring committee, imparted insights on General Sericulture. Rajeev Gupta, District Sericulture Officer Udhampur briefed the participants about the agenda and expressed gratitude to the chief guest. The program will feature resource persons from various faculties of the Central Silk Board, SKUAST and Sericulture Department delivering lectures on topics such as mulberry plantation, silkworm rearing, diseases and management of mulberry plantation, and silkworm rearing. Participants will receive certificates on the concluding day.

Waqf Board's mega development mission continues across J&K: Dr Darakhshan Andrabi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 26

Chairperson, Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr. Syed Darakhshan Andrabi today inaugurated/laid foundation stone of a multitude of projects across Pulwama district. At the outset, Chairperson, Waqf Board inaugurated the newly constructed Jamia Masjid at Newa, the foundation stone of which was laid by her a few months ago. The Jamia Masjid was constructed after 30 years on the initiative taken by Dr. Andrabi. Dr. Darakhshan also inaugurated the newly constructed Shopping Complex by Waqf

Board at Kakapora, and also laid the foundation stone of Hazrat Mehda Bab Rishi (RA) Complex at Kakapora.

Later, the Chairperson Waqf Board met many public delegations at Pulwama and also addressed a public gathering.

She was accompanied by Waqf Board Members, Syed Mohammed Hussain, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem, Magistrate Ishiyah Mohiuddin, Executive Engineer Tariq Kaloo and socio-political leader from Pulwama Arshad Bhat among others. Representatives of many departments were also accompanying her during the visit.

Special Camps being organised for migrants at Jagti, Muthi, Nagrota, Purkhoo



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 26

On the directions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, three-day special camps are being held at four migrant camps in Jagti, Muthi, Nagrota and Purkhoo from February 26 to 28, to provide various welfare services to the eligible beneficiaries.

The camps aim to facilitate Aadhar linkage with respect to Ayushman Bharat Scheme, saturation of the pension related schemes of the Social Welfare Department, registration under self-employment schemes such as PMEGP, Tejaswini, Mumkin, through NRLM, and ration card related services.

Dedicated officers from different departments would be available at the camps to assist the beneficiaries. J&K Bank would also provide its services at the camps. The Chief Education Officer would help identify eligible scholarship beneficiaries.

Moreover, plantations and greenery development efforts would be made by the Department of Gardens Parks & Floriculture. Health checkups by the Ayush Department would also benefit the masses in these camps. Those eligible are encouraged to take advantage of the camps and avail the benefits of the government schemes. In this regard,

a meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya in which he passed necessary instructions for successful conduct of the camps. He underlined the scope and importance of saturation of public welfare oriented government schemes.

Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Arvind Karwani, Additional Deputy Commissioner Shishir Gupta, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Vikas Sharma, District Social Welfare Officer Mamta Rajput, besides other sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

Area Marketing Office organizes Awareness Camp at Hanjoora Chadoora

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BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 26

Area Marketing Office Budgam today conducted second in a row awareness camp at Hanjoora Chadoora to create awareness among the fruit growers and other stakeholders of the horticulture sector about various schemes of the Government particularly Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

Large gathering of growers and traders associated with horticulture turned up to listen to the experts and resource persons from various allied departments, lead bank present on the occasion. PRIs of the area also took part in the camp.

The camp was chaired by Deputy Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing Kashmir who encapsulated the plans of the department and urged

the audience to take full advantage of the schemes available under HADP.

The experts from Horticulture Production, Animal Husbandry and other sister concern departments gave a detailed account of their schemes with procedures linked with each scheme and stressed to apply state of the art techniques in the cultivation of horticultural crops and post harvest management.

FA Tribal Affairs Ashok Thukaan, Kuldeep Kumar visit Gaddi-Sippi Hostel, Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, FEB 26

Today on dated 25-2-2024, A meeting of All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi sabha is held under the chairmanship of Mr Kuldeep Kumar President youth All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi sabha at at Udhampur.

After meeting Ashok thukaan KAS FA Tribal affairs department along with Kuldeep Kumar and Kajal thukaan visited Gaddi sippi hostel udhampur and students of Gaddi sippi hostel demanded water facility for hostel and tour of students of Gaddi sippi hostel, Renovation of Gaddi sippi hostel udhampur.



Ashok thukaan announced that early redressal of water facility I e Borewell with in one month for Hostel.

We are highly thankful for this act of kindness. Prominent who were

spokes on the occasion: Arun Malkan, Manjeet, Ajay, Vipin, Sanjeev, Arun, Ajay, Saksham, Sunil, Ajay, Sukhdev, Rohit, Rakesh, Ajay, Rohit, Naresh, Nakesh, Arun, Ankush, Balwant, Angrez, Ganesh.

SMVDU hosts educational visit of Govt. School Kah Pohta, Dansal



JJ NEWS SERVICE
DANSAL, FEB 26

SMVDU Katra hosted the visit of students from Govt. Higher Sec. School, Kah Pohta, Dansal under an outreach activity program. The visit was organized to enhance knowledge/awareness among students about higher educational institutions under the PM Shri Scheme. NSS volunteers of the University accom-

panied the school team during the visit. NSS Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar welcomed the school officials and students and gave a brief introduction to the University. Students were motivated to join higher educational institutes after completing their class 12th. During the event, the school team visited the Computer labs, central workshop, central Library, 3D printer lab, auditorium, etc. More

than 100 students along with their teachers and principal participated in the visit. The Principal of the school thanked University authorities for hosting the visit. Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. R. K. Mishra, and NCC officer, Dr. Varun Dutta were also present during the visit. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers in organizing the visit.

Aijaz Ahmed Khan seeks revamp of development in Mahore, Reasi



JJ NEWS SERVICE
MAHORE (REASI)

Apni Party Vice President, and Former Minister, Aijaz Ahmed Khan has demanded revamp of the developmental activities and release of pending pension in favour of the pensioners in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi District and Ramban District that has been stopped for last several months.

As per the press release, the Former Minister was addressing a worker's meeting at Jamslan in Mahore Sub-Division of Reasi District.

The meeting was also attended by Provincial Vice President of the Party, Haji Mumtaz Ahmed Khan.

During the meeting, the developmental and other public issues were discussed in detail by Aijaz Ahmed Khan sahib and Mumtaz Ahmed Khan.

While chairing the meeting, Aijaz Ahmed

Khan expressed his concern over the slow pace of development but hoped that the authorities would speed up the pending developmental work so that they could be timely completed.

He also outlined the importance of promoting the tourism sites for generating employment and developing the remote areas of Mahore in Reasi and its adjoining areas.

He stressed on the need to explore new tourist spots in Mahore/Reasi by the tourism department and the public representatives should be involved in making any kind of decision regarding the tourism and development in the above said areas.

He however expressed concern over the developmental issues being confronted by the people in Mahore regarding unscheduled power cuts, and improper road connectivity in remote areas.

Dr. Preeti Bhagat organizes free medical camp at Beaspur Parlah

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

One of the biggest problems facing humanity today is civilization-related diseases. The development of technology, improvement in the quality of life and general enrichment of society has brought with it many good things, but there have also been drastic changes in everyone's life. Due to the progress of civilization, lifestyle has

changed the most, causing diseases of civilization to affect the elderly and youth and even children. These diseases can be avoided by adopting a healthy lifestyle. Social activist Dr. Preeti Bhagat gave this advice to the villagers during the free medical camp in Beaspur Parlah village of Suchetgarh assembly constituency. During the camp, Dr. Preeti Bhagat and her team conducted free



checkups of more than 200 patients and distributed medicines to them.

Villagers said that getting checkups done in such camps keeps them aware

about their health. Otherwise they do not have the facilities to get their health

checkup done. Dr. Preeti Bhagat said that her aim is to provide health facilities to the people near their homes. The passion for social service has been in my mind since the beginning. She wants to do something for the society. This was also the purpose of coming into the medical profession and now she is serving people through this profession. Such camps will be continued in future also.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

PM lays foundation...

the people of Jammu Kashmir, thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for new railway infrastructure projects for the UT of J&K.

In a tweet, the Lt Governor said:

"Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji for the redevelopment of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and a project for overbridge at Vijaypur Railway Station. It involves comprehensive development of Katra Station.

The redevelopment project will upgrade façade, 12 Meter wide FoB connecting all platforms, station building extension to accommodate better passenger, pilgrim facilities, modern & state of art lifts & escalators connecting FoBs to platforms & modular design for future extension".

PM Modi hails Gojri...

at the JK Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages. His substantial contributions to the literary domain culminated in his retirement as an Editor cum Cultural Officer from the esteemed institution.

Prime Minister Modi's recognition during 'Mann Ki Baat' not only celebrates Manshah's literary accomplishments but also acknowledges his perseverance and resilience.

Furthermore, PM Modi commended a young girl from Ganderbal for her outstanding academic performance, underscoring the significance of education and determination in surmounting challenges—(KNO)

Lt Governor inaugurates...

and cross-sectoral coordination to tackle air pollution, which has turned into a serious health concern for the people.

"Air sustains life. Now the time has come for us to sustain the availability of clean air. Mother Nature is reminding us to learn proper lessons from the wrong steps of the past and work towards a cleaner and greener planet," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to address the challenges of Air pollution.

He called for effective monitoring network and inclusive public participation and capacity-building measures to ensure sustainable solutions, he said.

"The societies and nations have prospered because of balanced and sustainable development. Many important achievements of the industries, science and technology have also derived their strength from nature. Today, it is time to protect and preserve the nature," he further added.

He directed the Jammu Kashmir Pollution Control Committee and other key stakeholders to assess and review the progress registered under National Clean Air Programme.

The Lt Governor announced Rs 1.5 cr to be allocated by Forest, Ecology and Environment Department for strengthening of Himalayan Aerosol Research Instrumentation centre of Central University of Jammu.

He also assured Indian Institute of Geomagnetism of necessary support by the UT Administration for expansion of research-related activities in J&K.

On the occasion, a Service Level Agreement was inked between District Skill Committee Samba and School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu for capacity building and skill courses in Samba District under SANKALP Scheme.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu; Sh Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Forests, Prof AP Dimri, Director Indian Institute

of Geomagnetism; Prof Sachin S Gunthe, IIT Madras; Sh Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Samba, experts, HoDs, faculty members and students were present.

NIA chargesheets 5...

and Mushtaq Hussain @ Chacha, both Overground workers (OGWs) of the LeT and are residents of Mohra, Gursai, Tehsil Mendhar, District Poonch. The duo was arrested during the course of the investigations by the NIA.

"It was found during investigations that they had provided logistical support to the terrorists on the directions of Abu Qatal. Along with a juvenile, who was also apprehended for aiding and abetting the perpetrators, they had provided food, shelter, and other types of logistics support to the terrorists for approximately three months following the attack in Dhangri. They had also attempted to conceal evidence by destroying the mobile phone used for clandestine communication with the Pakistan-based LeT commanders."

The statement added that Nisar had also received consignment of arms, ammunition and cash sent by the Pakistan based handlers for the terrorists. "Investigations have revealed that Nisar had come in contact with Abu Qatal during the latter's stay in India. He had remained in touch with Abu Qatal even after the latter's return to Pakistan."

It added that the two arrested adult accused and the Pak-based handlers have been charged under UA(P) Act and various sections of IPC. "The final report against the apprehended juvenile will be submitted to the Juvenile Justice Board Rajouri in due course."—(KNO)

J&K braces up...

heavy to very heavy snowfall over few middle & higher reaches, travellers and tourists are advised to plan accordingly & follow admin and traffic police advisory.

"General public over hilly areas are advised not to venture in Avalanche prone areas & sloppy areas. They should follow avalanche warnings & advisories," the advisory reads.

Chances of landslides, mudslides and shooting stones at few places, it reads, adding that farmers are advised to withheld irrigation and other farm operations during 1st week of March—(KNO)

"Uri and Balakot sent..."

We have made the defence of the nation much more effective," Jaishankar said.

He added, "On the largest stage when it came to the Indo-Pacific. We held firmly to our decision to establish and take forward the Quad. On the Western Front, the long standing challenge of cross-border terrorism now elicits more befitting responses. Believe me, Uri and Balakot sent their own message."

Further, the EAM said that while 'Bharat' won't shy away from answering questions, it also has the courage to question the questioners.

"Economically, Bharat's answer is in greater Atmanirbharta. Politically, a more authentic and rooted representation that will contest the propaganda which will favour the compliant and discredit it. Bharat will never shy away from questions, but equally, Bharat has the courage to question the questioners," he said.

Jaishankar also highlighted how India stood with its stand of procuring cheaper oil from Russia for its domestic interests countering Western pressure.

"The world now looks more volatile and uncertain, demanding independent and confident thinking from

us. We have seen that already when it came to our energy procurement choices. Bharat chose the interest of its domestic consumers while resisting international pressure," he further said. (Agencies)

Dr Jitendra addresses...

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh said "Attending Annual conference of Physicians is like a Homecoming and is very close to his heart." He further added that due to his long working schedule he hardly gets time to connect to his fraternity but APICON compensates it by giving an opportunity to reconnect.

While addressing the gathering Dr. Jitendra Singh said, due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, India is becoming a leader in 'Preventive healthcare'. Emphasising India's success on indigenous development of DNA based vaccine by integrating with the private sector and carrying out World's Largest Covid Vaccination.

The Minister said "Technology is taking over and Artificial Intelligence and machine learning tools can be used to harness its potential". Going further he also shared an experiment he is conducting in his constituency of 'Mobile Tele-clinic' by collaborating with hospitals in metros where an AI doctor communicates with the patients. Though he highlighted that these technologies pose challenges but they can be converted to opportunities.

According to Dr. Jitendra Singh, affordable healthcare for all is PM Modi's guarantee and his government is taking efforts to ensure it. He shared that the government has announced its decision to vaccinate adolescent school going girls from Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). He also highlighted government's efforts on reduction of Communicable and non-communicable diseases.

During his speech the Union Minister said PM Modi has been highly supportive of Digital healthcare and the progress of National Digital health Mission is its testimony. Dr. Jitendra Singh mentioned that as doctors they are human contact with the patient who feels better after speaking to a doctor. Similarly technology has enabled us to redress around 2 lakh grievances making India a guiding light in grievance redressal but to maintain human nature and drawing from happiness index we introduced a human feedback mechanism for satisfaction of the complainant.

Highlighting India Prowess in Technology, the MoS Space stated that despite starting late, India's Chandrayaan 3 was first to reach the South Pole of moon.

Tracing the history of API before India's independence and said it has maintained its legacy and grown over the years, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled his association with conference and said he had contributed 1 chapter every year in the API text book every year without fail till 2014.

President API Dr. Milind Nadkar and Dr.R.K Singh Dean Indian college of Physicians (ICP) expressed their sincere gratitude to Dr.Jitendra Singh for his august presence and guiding the new fellows for the healthy future of India.

Indian Army focusing...

Gen Pande also mentioned about the Indian Army's in house Ideas and Innovation initiative and informed the gathering about two innovations and the technology transferred to industry for mass production, namely VIDYUT RAKSHAK - an Internet of Things (IoT) based generator protection system and a bio medical device.

He said that the Indian Army's endeavour to promote

innovation also entails pursuing of Intellectual Property Rights for the products developed in collaboration with the industry and highlighted that 66 IPRs have been filed by the Indian Army to date, of which 13 patents, 05 copyrights and 05 design registrations have been granted.

He, hailing Maharashtra for being one of the major contributors to the nation's economy, industrial growth, exports and FDI attractiveness, adding that the State was the first in India to frame a Defence Manufacturing Policy after private investment was allowed in the defence sector.

Maharashtra has also declared aerospace and defence manufacturing as a thrust sector in the 'Package Scheme of Incentives'. As a result of these efforts, the State has been contributing more than 20% to the country's output in aircrafts, ships and boats and 30% to the national output in weapons and ammunition, the COAS said.

These figures reflect a strategic vision towards promoting the defence industrial sector, he added.

The Indian Army, during the expo, displayed its indigenous equipment and systems such as Tank T-90, BMP Mk-II, Soltam Gun, Dhanush Howitzer, K-9 Vajra, Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher, Sarvatra Bridge System, Schilka Gun and Fly Catcher Radar of Army Air Defence, Tavor, Sig Sauer and M4 Assault Rifles, AK-47, Sniper Rifles and various other weapons and equipment.

The Chief of Army Staff also interacted with the participating industries and encouraged them to align their products and services with the future requirements of the Indian Army. He urged all to collectively contribute to the aspirations, goals and objectives of a Rising India, through the resolve and commitment to Atmanirbharta. (Agencies)

3 workers found...

labourers in Gantwal Kalori area were found dead under mysterious circumstances. He said that the cause of death was not immediately known, while bodies have been sent for post-mortem and other legal formalities.

The official said the police have started investigation to find out the actual cause of their death—(KNO)

SJVN green energy...

"Wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGL) has signed the Power Usage Agreement (PUA) with Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Limited (JKPCL) at Jammu on 23.02.2024 for 300 MW Solar Power Capacity," SJVN said in the filing to BSE. (Agencies)

Police take action...

has been initiated as per law," it said, without giving any further details.

The police also advised social media users to refrain from responding to these fake profiles.

"Any financial loss or other issues should be reported to the nearest police station or cyber cell in the respective districts," it said.

Earlier on January 2, police had flagged a fake social media account impersonating the ADGP and urged people not to interact with it. (Agencies)

Ghazal singer Pankaj...

Padmashri Pankaj Udhas on 26th February 2024 due to a prolonged illness," Nayab wrote in an Instagram post.

Dr Piyush Singla holds public darbar at GHSS Forelain, Barnoti

JINews SERVICE
KATHUA, FEBRUARY 26

Secretary School Education, Dr. Piyush Singla, today presided over a mega public darbar at Government Higher Secondary School, Forelain of Barnoti block in Kathua to assess and address the issues and concerns of the people.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas, Director School Education, Ashok Kumar Sharma, ADDC, Ankur Mahajan, CPO, Ranjit Thakur, Heads of various Departments and other senior officers from the

district administration, the Secretary listened to the grievances and demands of the public.

Chairman District Development Council, Colonel Mahan Singh (Retired) along with other PRI representatives and various local delegations participated in the public outreach programme.

The participants presented their development issues seeking intervention of the Secretary in timely redressal of the same. Among the prevalent grievances were deteriorating roads, irregular power supply, inadequate healthcare facilities, improvement in public



health institutions, upgradation of school infrastructure, shortage of staff, establishment of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Degree College for the area, filling up of vacant posts in schools and colleges.

DDC Chairman appreciated the public darbars as a great initiative towards redressing public issues at their doorsteps exemplifying good governance aimed at minimising the

difficulties of common masses. He also put forth the demand of taking up more roads of hilly and isolated areas of Kathua besides augmenting drinking water availability through handpumps.

Dr. Singla assured the attendees that all their issues would be addressed on merit basis, with immediate instructions issued to the officials for timely resolution.

Regarding the issue of shortage of school staff, Dr. Singla assured that an extensive rationalisation drive for school teachers will be held in coming months so as to meet the teacher availability in schools.

Referring to the initiatives of School Education Department, Dr. Piyush Singla said measures such as model schools and smart classrooms are being taken up to upgrade the school infrastructure in line with modern teaching-learning practices. He said the department is also holding DPCs to give timely promotions to the eligible.

KVIB Reasi organises district level awareness programme at CFC Pouni Bharkh



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REASI, FEBRUARY 26

Jammu & Kashmir KVIB Reasi organized District Level Awareness Programme on Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) & Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) Schemes at CFC Pouni Bharkh to aware general public about the benefits of the twin schemes.

Ex-Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa Saloon, Suraj Parkash was the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Field Officer J&K KVIB Reasi, Ajay Kumar enjoined upon the budding entrepreneurs to harvest the opportunities

being provided by the government schemes by establishing self employment ventures.

The District Officer KVIB Reasi, Ashwani Kumar informed that in subsidized and technical environment new ventures of manufacturing, service and trading sectors can be opened under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP). The twin schemes provide financial assistance up to Rs 50 lakh in manufacturing sector and Rs 20 lakh under Service sector to beneficiaries having qualification of 8th pass

to establish their self-employment generating units.

The District Officer further elaborated in detail the schemes of KVIB. The officer informed the budding entrepreneurs about the procedure to be adopted to apply for financial assistance under PMEGP, JKREGP and other modalities required in the process.

The camp was attended by Neelam Rani (Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa Kothian, Balbinder Singh Naib Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa Pouni, Babu Ram Panch Panchayat Halqa Kalad, Ashok Kumar Panch Panchayat Halqa Pouni and general public of the area.

Lok Sabha Polls 2024

J&K Election office holds training programme for enforcement agencies



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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 26

To further strengthen the Election expenditure monitoring mechanism of Jammu and Kashmir and in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, a comprehensive one day training program was organized for officers of various enforcement agencies today at Nirvachan Bhawan, Jammu.

The program was attended by officers of enforcement agencies of the Union Territory including the Police, Army, and BSF.

The officers presented a brief overview of the major actions undertaken by their departments in the past two general elections with a roadmap of action for Lok Sabha Elections, 2024. The participants were briefed about all the important aspects of expenditure management and were asked to bolster surveillance by establishing control rooms at district level for 24*7 scrutiny and effective monitoring.

Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, inaugurated

the session and called for better coordination among the agencies for ensuring free and inducement free elections in J&K.

Specifically targeting potential threats, the CEO tasked the BSF and other intelligence agencies with combating narcotics smuggling along the international border and thwarting the circulation of counterfeit currency. Additionally, a call to action was extended to curtail illicit financial activities, including hawala transactions.

The Excise Department was tasked with enforcing stringent regulations on liquor stocking and distribution, with a mandate to eradicate illicit alcohol production. Concurrently, directions were also issued to extended vigilance to prevent the misuse of cash transportation during before and during Election Period.

Chief Electoral Officer, in his closing address, apprised the officers of various election related aspects highlighting the need for better vigilance and enhanced surveillance for peaceful and incident free elections.

DC Kupwara chairs Lok Sabha election preparedness meeting



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KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 26

The Deputy Commissioner/District Election Officer Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Monday convened a meeting at the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here to review the preparations for upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

At the outset, the DC Kupwara held a detailed discussion with the Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) and Nodal Officers and illustrated various important aspects of the Parliamentary Election process ensuring smooth and peaceful elections in all 6 assembly segments of Kupwara District.

During the meeting, the DC held deliberations with regard to continuous updation of electoral rolls, contingency plan for all 6 assembly segments, vulnerability mapping, status of control rooms at all AC level, AC wise SVEEP Plan, establishment of AROs office, physical inspection of polling stations, inspection of strong rooms, dispersal, receiving centres and earmarking of checkpoints.

While reviewing the status of control rooms, IT cells, and offices of AROs, DC directed the concerned Officers to establish the control rooms; IT Cells at AC level and maintain AROs office.

Ayushi emphasized upon the AROs and Nodal Officers to understand their responsibilities and put in place all the necessary arrangements as per guidelines of ECI.

The DC directed AROs to conduct special camps in every assembly constituency for enrolment of left out PWD voters, and rope in PWD associations for identification of left out PWD voters. She stressed upon the concerned officers to get the electoral rolls continuously updated from BLOs by conducting door-to-door surveys, and focusing on adding more voters.

The BLOs were directed to ensure an improved EP (Electorate Population) ratio and gender ratio, aligning them with the national ratio.

Ayushi further highlighted the importance of ensuring that youth, women, senior citizens (especially those aged 80 plus), persons with disabilities (PwDs), and other vulnerable sections of society are not left out during the exercise.

The DC directed the officers to conduct physical verification of each and every polling station/location to ensure the availability of all assured minimum facilities, so as to ensure that no voter or poll staff faces any kind of difficulty during elections.

She also directed to identify the green polling stations for plantation of eco-friendly plant saplings and stressed for deployment of requisite number of polling staff for each polling station.

While reviewing the contingency plan, DC directed concerned to prepare a contingency plan of air sorties for snow bound areas of Karnah, Keran, Machil, Jungund, Budnambal and Kamkadi (incase of snowfall and closure of passes during the election time) and also identify alternative polling stations for those polling stations close to LOC which are prone to shelling. ARTO Kupwara was directed to revise the transport plan for elections and CEO Kupwara was directed to monitor SVEEP activities.

Meeting was attended by ADDC, Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat; GM DIC, ACR, ACD, ACP, DY, DEO, SDM Karnah, SDM Lolab, CEO Kupwara, ARTO, other Officers and officials from the District Election Office.

Later a training/orientation session was held on EVM and election related aspects which was conducted by GM, DIC/National Level Master Trainer, Sameer Jan, and ACR Kupwara/State Level Master Trainer, Irfan Bahadur.

Secretary visits GMC Anantnag; assesses healthcare services, seeks feedback from patients

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ANANTNAG FEBRUARY 26

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today visited Government Medical College (GMC), Anantnag and Rehmat Aalam Hospital, MCH to assess the healthcare services being extended to the ailing there.

He had an extensive round of all the wards of the hospitals to take stock of the diagnostic and treatment facilities being made available to the patients in these healthcare institutes. He also interacted with the patients and their attendants seeking feedback on status of the medical services being provided to them.

Deputy Commissioner, S F Hamid and Director Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather besides other senior officers accompanied the Secretary.

During the visit, the Secretary assessed the current state of healthcare infrastructure and services at GMC Anantnag, focusing on patient care, infrastructure, medical equipment and overall operational efficiency of the hospital.

Interacting with the doctors and other staff, Dr. Abid Rasheed exhorted upon them to ensure that their medical facilities meet the highest standards and we are able to provide effective healthcare services to the community. He emphasized upon the



doctors to commit themselves towards enhancing the quality of medical services in the hospital. He called upon the medical professionals to conduct thorough rounds in the hospital for efficient management of patients.

The Secretary conducted round of the hospital visiting the patient wards, emergency wards, MRI lab, radiation oncology lab and other related infrastructure to assess each facility systematically.

Later, the Secretary also chaired a meeting with the administration of GMC and Associated Hospitals to review progress on several major development projects being executed there.

The Secretary also held a detailed meeting with Principal GMC, CMO, Chief Engineer, PWD, Head of Department of different departments of GMC, Medical Super-

intendents of GMC and its Associated Hospitals, Executive Engineers of all wings and other concerned officers.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Dr. Abid called upon them to work with zeal and zest so that the GMC Anantnag emerges as best performing health institution across J&K. He called upon the administration of GMC and Associated Hospitals to maintain an absolute cohesion and team work among all agencies as well as medical professionals so that improved medical care facilities are provided to the public.

The Secretary emphasized upon all to maintain punctuality and sincere work culture in the hospital which is pre-requisite to meet the expectations of the people. He asked the Principal GMC to focus on innovative research in the institute.

Rajinder Digra assumes Additional charge as DIO Doda

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DODA, FEBRUARY 26

Rajinder Kumar Digra today assumed the Additional charge as District Information Officer Doda.

The staff members of the District Information Centre Doda warmly welcomed him. After the assumption of charge, the DIO conducted an introductory cum interactive meeting with the employees, reviewing the overall functioning of the department. He received briefings on different sections of the department and urged officials to work collaboratively, focusing on the publicity of government welfare schemes and programs for the benefit of the people.

He also held an interactive session with media persons in the district.



The purpose of the session was to discuss the role of the media in promoting transparency. He highlighted the importance of the media in disseminating this information to the public and creating awareness about government activities.

The media persons, in turn, shared their feedback with the District Information Officer (DIO) in Doda. The DIO assured every possible support to the media fraternity.

Awareness programme on post-harvest management under HADP organised at Arhama Shopian

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SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 26

Continuing the outreach programme, the Horticulture Planning & Marketing department Shopian today organized an awareness programme on various post-harvest management schemes/ with special focus on strengthening of Agriculture Marketing under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Fruit Mandi Arhama, Shopian.

Huge gathering of grow-



ers and other individuals participated in the said awareness programme.

Area Marketing Offi-

cer Shopian presented a detailed overview of the schemes being implemented in the district under



HADP. The DNO PMFME scheme and GMI made a detailed presentation of the PMFME scheme.

The participants were made aware about other schemes like PMFME and Support for Grading and

Packaging scheme of the department.

Registration of participants on DAKSH Kisan portal was also held during the day-long programme.

The audience was urged

to come forward and reap the benefits of the scheme.

Among others, Area Marketing Officer, Shopian along with his field staff, representatives of line departments attended the programme.

EDITORIAL

J&K hydroelectric potential economy driven

The hydro-power potential of Jammu and Kashmir 20,000 MW out of which about 16,697 MW has been identified. This comprises 11,283 MW in Chenab basin, 3084 MW in Jhelum basin, 500 MW in Ravi Basin and 1608 MW in Indus basin. In Kishtwar district alone, 4,780 MW hydel power potential has been identified. Of the identified power potential, nearly 1211.96 MW has been identified in the State Sector from 21 power projects, 2009 MW in the Central Sector from seven projects and 42.5 MW in the private sector from four projects. Politics and corruption at various levels have contributed in delaying the completion of several power projects in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Territory with huge hydro potential is in the category of energy deficient state and has to rely on power purchases from the Northern Region Grid to meet its requirements, courtesy of the failure of successive regimes to exploit the untapped hydro-power potential. The execution of two major hydroelectric projects (HEP)—Ratle and Kwar having a total installed capacity of 1,390 megawatts (MW)—on the Chenab river in Kishtwar district appears to be moving at a snail's pace, notwithstanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of these projects over a year ago now. The region is endowed with numerous rivers and high-altitude areas, making it suitable for the development of hydropower projects. The exploitation of this potential, however, has been limited due to various reasons, including geopolitical issues, environmental concerns, and challenges in project implementation. Several rivers, including the Chenab, Jhelum, and Indus, flow through the region, offering abundant water resources that can be harnessed for hydropower generation. The mountainous terrain and the availability of high-head sites further enhance the hydropower potential in the region. There was a need to overcome challenges that have hindered the development of hydropower projects in J&K but little was done on the ground to construct power projects. Some Geopolitical issues need to be addressed. The region has been a subject of political disputes between India and Pakistan, affecting the implementation of large-scale infrastructure projects, including hydropower. Besides, there are environmental concerns as well. The construction of dams and reservoirs for hydropower projects can have environmental impacts, including changes in river ecosystems, displacement of local communities, and potential seismic risks in the seismically active region. As far as project implementation challenges are concerned, building infrastructure in the mountainous terrain poses logistical challenges, and the harsh weather conditions in winter can make construction and maintenance difficult. Despite these challenges, the government claimed that efforts have been made to tap into the hydropower potential of J&K. The government has initiated various projects to harness the rivers for electricity generation. It's essential to balance the economic benefits of hydropower development with environmental and social considerations. The development of hydropower in J&K could contribute to the region's energy security and economic growth while addressing the broader energy needs of the country. Balancing these factors requires careful planning, environmental impact assessments, and stakeholder consultations to ensure sustainable and responsible development.

Continued marginality of social justice politics

HARISH S WANKHEDE

The grand opening ceremony of Ayodhya's Ram Temple serves as a strong platform for the BJP to reintroduce itself as the party of the Hindu majority. This aims to elevate the party's stature as the most influential player in the 2024 electoral battle.

The opposition has yet to present a robust ideological counter to the juggernaut of cultural politics. Despite the revelation of the Bihar Caste Survey last year, the anticipated revival of social justice politics has not materialised.

National political parties in the opposition are yet to build consensus on the caste census or launch a compelling political action to make social justice a key mobilisation factor. Such ideological assertions on the values of social justice could have helped the opposition rebuild an alternative political narrative for the upcoming general elections.

Instead, it is the communal cultural narrative of the Hindutva forces that has occupied the most dominant space in the current political discourse, relegating the opposition as insignificant noise-makers.

The issue of the caste census and the call to enumerate the Other Backward Class (OBC) had salient political objectives. First, OBC-centric political demands are expected to awaken a new consciousness among them, fostering a critical outlook on the fallacies of Hindutva's

cultural hegemony.

While the BJP has cultivated a new image as the party of the socially marginalised communities, particularly the Extremely Backward Class (EBC), through engaging with their religious-cultural symbols and token representation in certain spheres of power, the proponents of the caste census believe it can galvanise OBCs, especially the EBCs, to articulate their political and economic rights independently.

Second, the renewed call for caste census and social justice is seen as legitimising and reasserting the role of parties that are often seen as the proponents of OBC welfare, especially the Samajwadi Party (SP) in Uttar Pradesh and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar. In the recent past, these parties had led a crucial battle against the BJP's assertion but lost a substantive support base among the Dalit-Bahujan groups in the last decade.

These parties are playing a peripheral role in national politics, and hence it is needed to rebuild their political image as serious and committed organisations towards the OBCs. A growing demand for the caste census and effective social justice policy arrangements from these parties could have won back the Dalit-Bahujan groups that have deserted them and joined the right-wing bandwagon.

Third, it was also expected that a comprehensive survey of the socio-economic backward-



ness of the population would demonstrate that a large section is surviving in precarious conditions and that the profits of economic liberalisation, the State's welfare policies, and other important benefits of development have not reached the Dalit-Bahujan mass. Especially within the OBCs, it is evident (as demonstrated in the Bihar Caste Survey) that there is a significant group that can be identified as the EBCs that has remained distant from the benefits of economic development and governmental policies. These economic crises can be demonstrated in the caste survey, producing new claims for the empowerment of the EBCs and other marginalised groups, thus initiating a new political discourse.

Ironically, not much has been done by the opposition over the above-mentioned possibilities. Instead, it was the right-wing political campaign over the Ram Temple that

gathered unprecedented momentum and disturbed the nascent emergence of social justice politics over the caste census demand. The opposition lacks the cohesive strategic initiatives, the groundwork required to build an assertive political movement, and an impressive, committed leadership that can provide social justice with a higher podium in the national political deliberations.

For example, the opposition has failed to build a widespread national political struggle or mobilise over social backwardness and economic underdevelopment. Despite the consistent exclusion of the OBCs, Scheduled Castes, and Tribes from accessing the powerful class assets (like big industries, media houses, business corporates, etc.) and being alienated from holding influential positions in governance (judiciary, cabinet ministers, top positions in bureaucracy, etc.), the

opposition has not prioritised challenging these lopsided power arrangements. Often, the opposition failed to launch effective mobilisation over the agenda of land reforms, justice against caste atrocities, and the fulfilment of reservation policies.

Further, the social justice movement lacks significant support and participation from civil society groups. There are apprehensions and even criticisms of social justice politics within the Left-liberal intellectual circles, and often they fail to understand the political ethics behind such a crucial state-laden policy framework. Importantly, the Dalit-Bahujan middle class has shown no interest in demanding a comprehensive caste census on their forums.

The networking needed between social activists, political influencers, NGOs, cultural artists, and other groups that work with marginalised commu-

nities, which is crucial to amplify the issue of caste census and social justice, is absent.

Lastly, there is a need for political education to highlight the merits of the caste census in addressing caste fragmentation, conflicts, and cultural antagonisms between Dalit-Bahujan groups. The political class lacks the will to bring effective social reforms into this sphere. The absence of fraternal cohesion between the Dalits and the OBCs disallows the promotion of a picture of oppressed people's unity even at the political front. Though mainstream national parties like the Congress, RJD, SP, and others have demonstrated their support for the demand for a caste census, there is no sign of a substantive intervention in the social sphere to build a collective Dalit-Bahujan aspiration.

Though the issue of the caste census is crafted prudently to challenge the BJP, it has the potential to bring crucial social and economic reforms. A new ideological assertion on the values of social justice can produce an impressive fraternity between the Dalit-Adivasi and the OBC groups against the established ruling elites. The majoritarian power of the oppressed can find a concrete shape if the current leadership in the opposition provides social justice with a higher mantle in the battle against right-wing dominance.

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Balancing Work and Well-being

SHAINY SHARMA

In today's cutthroat and challenging work landscape, finding the right balance between professional devotion and personal well-being can be challenging. The modern work culture often encourages its employees to go beyond their potential, leading to exploitation, anxiety and burnout.

The internet, social media, Gen Z and millennials with time have gone crazy about the term quiet quitting all over and now a new trend which is considered to be a 'loud quiet quitting' is buzzing everywhere—the notion of Acting Your Wage. It has emerged as a call from the fed-up workers and

employees who believe it's a solution to establish boundaries and ensure that employees are neither overworked nor under-utilized. Since the beginning of the digital era (use of cell phones), Gen Z was expected to be available 24x7 in their workplace whereas the older generation worked according to their job timings. Millennials are tech-savvy and cannot stay away from their gadgets.

Acting your wage is a philosophy that revolves around performing only those tasks and duties for which an employee is contracted and compensated and not for taking additional responsibilities without proper recognition or compensation. In layman's language, it

means dedicating yourself to the responsibilities explicitly tied to your compensation while avoiding the trap of over-extending beyond your job description.

Today, younger workers have an egalitarian mindset—a penchant for social activism and expectations of two-way feedback. They work on a simple theory—what is a job worth? It is not about being complacent or neglecting work responsibilities instead, the generation believes in recognising the importance of self-care, setting boundaries and preserving energy for long-term productivity and well-being.

It is about recognising an individual's worth and ensuring that the time and

effort they devote to their job align with the compensation they receive. Moreover, studies reveal that employees who practice this approach achieve a healthier work-life balance, preserve their energy levels, protect themselves from potential exploitation and most importantly, prevent burnout. Today many employees are taking the initiative to clarify their job roles with their seniors so that a clear understanding of what is expected is ensured and ambiguity is prevented. Also, employees are now practising the art of politely saying 'no' to additional tasks that fall outside their job description and instead actively seeking opportunities for advancement or higher

roles that align with their skill set and career.

Employers on the other hand, who tend to implement this notion will benefit as, it will enhance employee well-being, increase job satisfaction, improve productivity and most importantly strengthen the work culture. There will be a culture of transparency, fairness and respect within the organization. Organisations who are already provide clear and comprehensive job descriptions to employees, outline their roles and responsibilities, acknowledge and reward them for their contributions, and invest in training and development programmes that will offer them opportunities to grow and advance

within the organisation are already away from this notion.

There is no denying the fact that success in any field grows out of learning how to build skills, how to ask for help and how to build capacity in ways that don't even exist. The act of wage is a way to take care of yourself to be stress-free. Remember, one needs to normalise doing the bare minimum at work. An individual signs up for a job. If the employers are not paying extra to do extra tasks, strictly don't do them. It's time to throw the disciplinary line 'act your age' and turn it to 'act your wage'.

(The author is a senior educator; views are personal)

The impact of amendments to criminal codes on national policing

PRAKHAR BAJPAI

Parliament has passed three criminal codes, among which the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) seeks to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC). There is one provision in BNSS that seeks to increase the number of days within which police custody (PC) can be sought. When someone is in police custody, it means they are held by the police in a lockup at the station. On the other hand, judicial custody means they are held in a central jail.

The investigating agency gets 24 hours to investigate if they are not able to complete the investigation within that bracket, they must get permission from the magistrate, who can grant custody of the accused for up to 60/90 days, depending on the seriousness of the crime. However, within this

timeframe of 60/90 days, the magistrate is restricted to granting PC for the initial 15 days from the date of arrest, beyond which only judicial custody can be granted. This 15-day limit was extensively discussed in the Anupam Kulkarni v. CBI case, where the Supreme Court ruled that an accused cannot be held in PC beyond 15 days from the date of arrest and PC in total can be for a maximum of 15 days, which means that PC could be granted by the magistrate in parts for the first 15 days or as a whole.

Understanding the new law

According to Section 187 of the BNSS, the PC can be granted within the first 40 days (for less serious offences) or 60 days (for more serious offences) after the accused is arrested. The change implies that the prescribed 15-day period of custody can now be split into shorter



periods of custody sought over 40 days for offences punishable up to 10 years or 60 days for other offences. This represents a departure from the current practice under Section 167 of the CrPC, where PC can only be obtained within the initial 15 days. Consequently, concerns have been raised regarding the Government's rationale behind this change, particularly considering the act's aim to prioritise a people-centric criminal justice system. However, further arguments necessitate the examination of two significant cases.

Judgements that led to a paradox: First, in the case of Vikas Mishra v. CBI,

where the CBI wanted more time to question Vikas Mishra, who was accused of corruption and conspiracy. Despite being in custody for seven days, he was hospitalised and later released on bail. The CBI argued that they couldn't interrogate him properly during this time. However, Vikas's lawyers cited the court's ruling that said PC beyond 15 days from the arrest date is not allowed. Nonetheless, the court granted custody to the police and noted that every accused person must respect the investigation and court proceedings and went on to mention that these ways of hindering the pursuit of justice would not be tolerated.

Second, in the case of Senthil Balaji v. The State, the Supreme Court decided that the maximum 15 days PC period can be split into shorter periods over the entire investiga-

tion, which can last either 60 or 90 days as against the general rule of granting PC in first 15 days, it also questioned its judgement of Anupam Kulkarni and further, said that this interpretation needs to be reviewed by a larger bench.

By analysing the two judgements passed last year we can conclude that there is a growing inclination towards favouring the investigating agency. Despite the accused attempting to avoid initial PC in the first case due to medical reasons, it's essential to recognise that the accused might exploit the 15-day bar by taking the excuse of loopholes on grounds of a medical emergency.

However, the second case sets a precedent keeping the investigation process at the heart of the criminal justice system which poses a potential series of inconsistencies.

Therefore, Section 187 of the BNSS aims to definitively resolve the existing confusion and prevent future inconsistencies regarding the timeline within which PC can be sought and sets the limit of 40/60 days.

It seeks to find a middle path where the civil liberties of the accused are not exploited as the maximum number of days for which the PC can be granted is still 15 days which now can be granted in parts in 40/60 days and also favours investigating agencies by granting a reasonable time for custodial interrogation, which is crucial for uncovering the truth as denying the investigating agency the opportunity for further interrogation gives an advantage to the accused to disrupted the legal process.

(The writer is a law student; views expressed are personal)

Manjit Singh expresses concern over poor health, educational infrastructure

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JAMMU, FEB 26

Expressing concern over constant ignorance of public issues, the Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has criticized the authorities for poor infrastructure in hospitals and educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Former Minister was addressing a meeting here at ward number 21 in Shastri Nagar of Bahu Constituency in District Jammu.

The meeting was organized by Vice President of the Party's Women Wing, and Incharge Bahu Constituency, Neelam Gupta.

In his speech, S. Manjit Singh said that the bureaucratic administration has failed to take initiative to provide better infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir's institutions that deal with the public.

"The condition of health and educational institutions has not improved, but continuous complaints come regarding shortage of staff, equipment, and specialized doctors," said



Manjit Singh, while seeking attention of the Govt towards the important institutions.

He also said that the condition of roads, and basic amenities within the municipal limits of Jammu has also not improved even as the Smart City Project has been implemented and accordingly, certain city centers were developed with street-lights, wall paintings, hanging gardens, and renovating the streets of Jammu's Gandhi Nagar and other areas of public attention.

However, the basic motive of improving the amenities in all the areas equally has not been achieved under the Smart

City Project in Jammu's municipal limits. Hence, the project has been grounded before it takes off, he added.

He said that the city roads are jam packed with no parking slots and the businessmen suffer because of unplanned development by the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

He however assured that if the Apni Party will form the next Govt, it would work as per the expectation of the people, and Jammu would get its due share in infrastructural development.

Meanwhile, he highlighted the policy and agenda of the Party that would be implemented in

Jammu and Kashmir for its equitable development in all the regions.

He said that the Party is committed to enhance the old age pension up to Rs 5000, four cooking gas cylinders to each poor family per year under Ujjawala scheme, enhancement of cash assistance to poor girls for their marriage up to Rs 1 lakhs, besides, the Party is committed to protect the land, jobs, and resources for the local population.

He said that unemployment has become one of the major issues of the educated youth who have overaged while waiting for their recruitment in Govt jobs in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the Govt

has failed to advertise all the vacant posts and hold fair selection process in all the Govt departments, he added, expressing anguish over the failure of the authorities to hold recruitment process in a regular manner.

He demanded that the issues have increased for the last several years, and therefore, it has become important to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir jointly with the parliamentary elections so that the people get an elected Govt of their choice.

Prominent among those who were present and spoke on the occasion include SC Wing President J&K, Bodh Raj Bhagat, ST Wing J&K President, Saleem Alam, Secretary, Sheetal Sharma, Provincial Secretary, Shikha Bhardwaj, Senior District Vice President, Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Minority Wing District President, Dalbir Singh, District General Secretary, Deepak Bradu, Youth Wing's District President, Shivam Choudhary, Advocate Chetan Parabaker, and others.

Police - Public - Business meet held at Nowshera

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NOWSHERA, FEB 26

Rajouri Police met with Public/Business Establishment adjacent to and on National Highway 144-A from Thalka to Sunderbani in which large number of shopkeepers, Business establishment, Petrol Pumps, houses and other units were covered.

Additional SP Nowshera Mohd Rafi Giri interacted and talked with all the stakeholders under operation 3rd Eye for the installation of CCTV cameras at their houses/units which can help Police to track anti social/anti national elements and accused involved in hit & run accident cases to ensure security & safety of Public property and precious human lives.

The installation of CCTV camera is very important for each business establishment/petrol pump/houses and other units for 24x7 security and peace of mind. These are installed



both indoor and outdoor and give remote access so that we can monitor from our smart phones, tablets or other means of use. CCTV cameras installed in our premises or offices, act as deterrent to criminals & whoever has illegal intentions in mind. It also can control harassment & sexual harassment at the workplace on real-time basis. In Sub-Division Nowshera CCTV cameras have helped in tracking number of theft, accident and other cases. Finally, all the shopkeepers located on NHW/towns were requested to install 3rd Eye (CCTV Cameras) in their respective business establishments/shops/houses. They were also

advised to ensure the 24x7 working of CCTV Cameras in their respective shops as well as houses. Addl SP Nowshera reminded people about duties of every citizen of the country towards working for ensuring unity, integrity and sovereignty of the nation and that in this regard people must come forward to cooperate in the pursuit of good of the society and country. At last public was assured of full cooperation from Police in their day-to-day issues. They were also requested to share any type of information in case of any infiltration/ input regarding movement of ANEs or anti-social elements etc.

Farooq, Omar convey condolences over passing away of Shaheena Begum

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JAMMU, FEB 26

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Mrs Shaheena Begum wife of Abdul Qayoom Baghwan District President Doda Rural (Bhaderwah) JKNC and Abdul Aziz Pachoo District Vice President Ramban father-in-law of Mrs Gulshan Parveen DDC Khari and conveyed condolences to the bereaved families.

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

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Khalid Najeev Suharwardhy former minister and Vice President Jammu Province, Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo former minister and Zonal President Chenab Valley, Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Mehboob Iqbal Senior leader, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Pyare Lal Sharma, Abid Magrey Vice President District Ramban, Arif Mir District Secretary Ramban, Ved Prakash Gupta District Secretary Doda, Abdul Hafiq Butt District Secretary Doda Rural (Bhaderwah) have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed souls.

Solutions to Global problems lies in Bhartiya Gyan Parampara: Prof. Saluja

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NEW DELHI, FEB 26

The two-day International Conference on "Resurgent Bharat on the Global Canvas" concluded here at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Prof Chand Kiran Saluja, Eminent Scholar and Academician was the chief Guest, while Prof R.K Mittal VC Choudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani and Prof Ashok K Nagawat, VC Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, Delhi were the guest of Honour. Whereas, conference was presided over by Prof JP Singhal, National President ABRSM. The conference was inaugurated by Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Labour and employment on 25th of February, 2024.

Prof. Chand Kiran Saluja in his address said that the Solution to various issues confronted by the world lies in the ancient Indian Civilization and Bhartiya Gyan Parampara. The National Education Policy-2020 is the true way to achieve the

target of Viksit Bharat which really has incorporated the Indian Knowledge System.

Prof RK Mittal in his address emphasized that the Jobless growth can be altered with constant Technological updation and Panch Koshiye education for holistic development in the present dynamic era which will lead youth from job seeker to job creator.

Prof Nagawat focused that World has recognized the Indian Contribution in the field of technology and further High end research in the high quality products and services provided by Indians can establish them to be best of class in the world.

Hundreds of participants from various esteemed universities, colleges, and schools, attended the conference igniting discussions and sharing insights on the "Resurgence of Bharat on the Global canvas with resounding success, leaving a profound impact on attendees and participants alike. The conference witnessed a convergence of minds, with academicians

and researchers, presenting papers that dwelled into multifaceted aspects of Bharat's resurgence.

Early in the plenary session, Prof M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission in his keynote address emphasized the pivotal role of knowledge, technology, and values in laying the foundation for Viksit Bharat, inspiring attendees with his visionary insights. Prof Brij Maharaj from University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa delivered lecture focusing on Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam as an instrument of Global leadership echoing the value pattern enshrined in the Indian culture and also shared commonalities in India and South Africa. Speakers also answered queries raised by the academicians.

As the curtains draw on the International Conference on Resurgent Bharat on Global Canvas, the spirit of optimism and determination pervades, igniting a collective resolve to chart a bold and prosperous future for Bharat, poised

to shine brightly on the global canvas. Reflecting on the conference, organizers expressed gratitude to all participants for their enthusiastic engagement and contributions, which enriched the discourse and propelled the vision of a resurgent Bharat forward. The event served as a platform for fostering collaboration, exchange of ideas, and forging alliances aimed at driving Bharat's progress on the global stage.

Prof. J.P Singhal, National President of ABRSM in his address highlighted on the Samagra Vikas and also highlighted the organizational initiatives in the field of education across Bharat.

Valedictory function was also graced by eminent personalities including, Guntha Laxman, Deputy Organising Secretary, ABRSM, Shivanaand Secretary ABRSM, and Prof Virender Bhardwaj Convener of the conference. The valedictory function was coordinated by Prof Rakesh Pandey. Prof. Manoj Sinha Co-Convener of the conference presented the vote of thanks.



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KATHUA, FEB 26

Delhi Public School Junior, Kathua recently organized a vibrant and educational vegetable activity for its LKG students, led by the dedicated class facilitators Mrs. Shobhna Puri, Mrs. Roshika Jasrotia, and Mrs. Shivani Sharma. The activity aimed to educate young minds about the importance of vegetables in their diet and daily lives.

The students, dressed in colorful costumes representing vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes, pumpkin, brinjal, peas etc. captivated the audience with their enthusiastic performances. They spoke confidently about the nutritional benefits and characteristics of their assigned vegetables, showcasing both their

knowledge and presentation skills. The class facilitators, expressed, "It was delightful to see the enthusiasm and curiosity of our young learners as they explored the world of vegetables. Such activities not only make learning fun but also lay a strong foundation for healthy eating habits."

Principal Mr. Vivek Arora commended the efforts of the teachers and students, stating, "Activities like these are instrumental in broadening the horizons of our students and nurturing a deeper understanding of the world around them. We are proud of our LKG students and their facilitators for their active "Participation and creativity."

Mrs. Monika Singh, the School Incharge, emphasized the significance of

such activities in early childhood education, saying, "These activities play a pivotal role in holistic development by promoting sensory exploration, vocabulary development, and fostering a positive attitude toward healthy eating." The event concluded with a heartfelt appreciation from the School Incharge, Mrs. Monika Singh for the enthusiastic participation of students, the dedication of teachers, and the support of parents, highlighting the collaborative efforts in providing a nurturing learning environment. Delhi Public School Junior, Kathua remains committed to providing innovative and holistic learning experiences that enrich the lives of its students and prepare them for a bright future.

Apni Party criticizes authorities for neglecting Nai Basti area in Nagrota

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NAGROTA, FEB 26

Apni Party has criticized the authorities for neglecting Nai Basti area of Nagrota in Jammu East Assembly Constituency regarding development and providing basic amenities.

The demand was raised in a meeting that was organized by ward president of ward number 4 in Jammu East Constituency by Ramesh Chander.

During this meeting, the local people including women participated and they claimed that the Nai Basti has been ignored regarding development, drinking water supply or basic amenities.

While addressing the people, Provincial President of Trade Union of the Apni Party, Raj Sharma



strongly condemned the authorities for turning blind eyes towards the suffering of the people in Nai Basti.

"The authorities have not provided tap water supply even as a drinking water tank has been constructed," he said, expressing shock over the poor response from the authorities towards the constant suffering of the people.

He further said that the condition of the approach road in Nai Basti is in shabby condition and requires immediate repair work by the authorities.

He also demanded unscheduled power cuts.

Meanwhile, he demanded Govt accommodation for the economically poor families in Nai Basti. Those who spoke on the occasion include Vijay Mangotra, Sheikh Latief, Sohail Khajuria, Archana Koul, Sanjay Kumar and others.

Those who were present on the occasion include Manish Kumar, Sunny Kumar, Sunil Chand, Parveen Kumar, Jogdish Kumar, Balbir Chand, Tarun Kumar, Shallu Devi, Poonam, Dulla and others.

My Chhota School, Hiranagar celebrates Annual Day

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My Chhota School Hiranagar celebrated its annual day function today. The programme commenced with the welcome of the guests followed by the lighting of the Ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Mr. Sudesh Kumar Ji, BJP Mandal Pardhan Hiranagar, Guest of Honour Mr. Bharti Sharma, BJP spokesperson and Retd. BDO Mr. Ramdayal Ji accompanied by the Principal and other eminent dignitaries.

At the onset Chairman Mr. Ganesh Kumar Sharma, a well renowned nationally and internationally awarded sculptor welcomed the chief guest by presenting bouquet. He also welcomed all the parents and other guests who were present in the function.



The cultural program began with the Saraswati Vandana by the students. The students of all the classes participated in various items like dance, fancy dress competition, yoga, bhanga and many others. Parents were also invited on the stage for various games and dance performances.

School has also

arranged various stalls like food stall, fun and memory games for parents and kids. Everyone enjoyed and praised this section of the event very much. Then the chief guest Mr. Sudesh Ji was invited on the stage for few words. He praised the management for organizing such a wonderful event. He congratulated and wishes

and gave their good feedback about the school. They informed that all the staff members are very hard working and handle their kids with love and care. The vote of thanks is presented by Director Dr. Nancy Khajuria.

The program concluded with mouth watering lunch organized by the management.

Youth participation in elections essential for nation's development: Ashok Koul

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, led by its state general secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, held a meeting of the Election Management Department at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta, state general secretary and former MLC and department Incharge Parduman Singh also addressed the meeting, in which all the BLA-1 of Jammu division and conveners and co-conveners of the Election Department were present.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, asked the party activists associated with the election management to fully concentrate on the new polling booths. He said that the new polling stations have been added with the addi-



tion of votes, hence the party activists have to do extensive work on the new voter lists, and categorize it to facilitate the voting process in the later stage. He asked that the PM has focused on the youth as the first-time voter in the nation's election process. He termed the participation of youth in the election process as essential for nation's development and insisted that the party

activists must approach and prompt the new voters to vote for BJP to ensure the development and strengthening of the nation.

Adv Vibodh Gupta asked the party activists to work with dedication and responsibility. He insisted that the party workers must acquaint themselves with the minute details of the tasks linked to the election management before they venture out in the field

on the ground level.

Parduman Singh shared the development of the works done by the election management teams with the senior leadership. He asked the team members that now they should concentrate on their work in the field. He asked them to conduct similar meetings at the district and the mandal levels to push the ground-level activist into the election mode.

Aptech Int'l Preschool shines bright with Annual Sports Extravaganza

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Gracing the occasion as the esteemed chief guest was none other than Kavinder Gupta former Deputy Chief Minister J&K. Accompanying with Vinay Gupta Seh Parbhari Jammu North, Sayam Pandoh Renowned You-Tuber

and Special guests, Amit Sharma Secretary BJP District Jammu South & vice President J&K Sports Taekwondo Association, Dr. Anita Sharma, advisor of Sports Academy Association of India, In this Also Esteemed presence of Shakti Dutta vice President, Rachit Khosla Gen. Sec Gandhi Nagar and other Prominents

The chief guest felicitated by the principal, Manpreet Grover.

Demonstration by the students led by Anil



Nanda, Chief Technical Director J&K Sports Taekwondo Association and President J&K Sports Speed Ball Association and General Secretary J&K Sports Taekwondo

Association and Ronika Rathore, Black Belt, 2nd Dan South Korea, who has trained children for national, International and common wealth Games.

Ravinder Sharma pays rich tributes to Acharya Nand Kumar Vaid

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Former MLC & Senior Vice President of J K Congress Incharge Media Mr. Ravinder Sharma has paid rich tributes to Acharya Nand Kumar Vaid, a great socialist leader & prominent political personality of Sunderbani, on his 110 th birthday today.

Recalling the great contributions of Acharya Nand Kumar Vaid ji, in the political and social arena of the Jammu & Kashmir, Mr. Sharma termed him a fearless voice of poor, down-trodden & oppressed and a crusader against injustice and corruption in the society.

He was a great secular leader who remained in active politics for over fifty years and lost several assembly elections with a very narrow margin of few hundred votes once by fifty one votes.

Truecaller Launches AI-Enabled Call Recording in India with Transcription and Call Summary

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Truecaller, the leading global platform for verifying contacts and blocking unwanted communications, announced the launch of AI-Powered Call Recording in India, for iOS and Android platforms. The new addition provides users with the ability to record incoming and outgoing calls directly within the Truecaller app, offering a convenient and efficient way to capture and manage important conversations.

By leveraging cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence technology, Truecaller empowers users to fully engage in their live conversation without the need to be concerned about taking detailed notes, thereby improving productivity during calls. The integration of AI into the newly launched call recording

feature marks a significant leap forward, allowing for a detailed transcription of the entire phone call, along with an AI-generated call summary.

For iPhone: After answering or making a call, open the Truecaller app, go to the Search tab and tap 'Record a call'. This will call the recording line, which is a special number provided by Truecaller. The call screen will then provide the option to merge the calls.

A push notification will alert you when the recording is ready. Previously recorded calls can also be accessed within Truecaller. On iPhone, all recorded calls are stored locally on the device, ensuring complete control. Additionally, users have the option to create a backup on iCloud, providing an extra layer of



security.

For Android: The Truecaller dialer includes a dedicated recording button that can start or stop recording with just one tap. On other dialers, users will have a 'floating' button to initiate or end recording. Once the call ends, a push notification will alert users when the recording and transcription are ready. Users can easily listen to

recordings, rename them, delete unwanted ones, or seamlessly share them with other apps.

Speaking about the launch of the call recording feature, Rishit Jhunjhunwala, Managing Director and Chief Product Officer of Truecaller stated, "We are constantly innovating cutting-edge solutions that enhance communication. As we continue to push these boundaries, we are

thrilled to announce our AI-enabled Call Recording solution, which has always been a highly requested user feature. We want to give our customers greater control and flexibility in managing their conversations, and it is also a very valuable tool for both personal and professional purposes."

Truecaller's AI powered Call Recording solution will be available as a part of the brand's Premium plan, starting at INR 75 per month or INR 529 per year. While the feature is being rolled out across iOS and Android, it currently supports transcriptions only in English and Hindi. The service was previously launched in the US, and additional markets and languages will follow.

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In a significant stride towards fostering educational excellence and global perspectives, the "Jammu Edu Leaders Conclave 2024: Globalization of Higher Education" took place on Sunday.

Organized by EducatorsIndia Sponsored by MIT World Peace University - Pune, Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune and ICAI University

The event witnessed a convergence of distinguished personalities from the education sector.

Prof. Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar emphasized the significance of globalization's impact on education, highlighting the crucial role educators play in shaping the future. The conclave aimed to unravel these complexities and discuss the roadmap for implementing the New Education Policy, focusing on diversified and choice-based education systems.

Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj contributed to the insightful discussions, focusing on the pivotal topics of "Globalization and its impacts." These discussions delved into the multifaceted effects of globalization on education systems.

Dr. Razit Sharma elaborated on the importance of higher education for students, emphasizing its role in personal and professional development, underscoring its significance within the evolving educational landscape.

Dr. KCS Mehta, Pramod Sir, Rajesh Rathore Sir grace the and Today's speaker - Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Bhardwaj, Prof. Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar,



Dr. Razit Sharma to grace the stage for this symbolic lighting ceremony.

A key feature of the event was the active participation of several School Edu-leaders whose support, time, wisdom & contribution Our endeavor would not have blossomed into the success it became. These included Ms Pooja Gupta, Vice Principal Learning Temple, whose experience & insights served as a guiding light throughout the event. Madam Rohini Aima and Madam Suchita Gupta whose instrumental role in fostering collaboration among educators and thought leaders was deeply appreciated. Mr. Girish Kumar, Mr Neeraj Mohan Puri, Mrs Anupama Sinha, Ms. Puneet Kaur and Mr. Sanjeev Pradhan whose insights contributed greatly to the event's success. Mr Naresh Kumar Chairman Learning Temple, the children of whose school presented a delightful performance and Ms Aashu Sharma for anchoring the whole event with grace and efficiency.

The event was graced by Mr. Sunil Prajapati, Director of EducatorsIndia, and Mr. Pravendra Verma, Fazil Ahmad, Jagjit S Bhamra who are committed to advancing excellence in the education sector through innovative approaches.

The conclave culminated in an enjoyable afternoon banquet and award ceremony, marking a remarkable celebration of collaborative efforts and shared visions for the future of globalized higher education.

GoI will release a postage stamp on occasion of Centenary Year of AIRF



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NEW DELHI, FEB 26

A postage stamp will be issued by the Government of India on 27 February 2024 on the occasion of the centenary year of All India Railway Men's Federation (AIRF). While addressing the press conference, General Secretary of All India Railway Men's Federation (AIRF), Shiva Gopal Mishra said that it is a matter of great pride for us that AIRF is celebrating its "centenary year". All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) was established on 24 April 1924 and this Federation is completing its 100 years on 24 April 2024. General Secretary Shiva Gopal Mishra further said that on the occasion of this glorious and historic moment, on 27th February 2024, the Postage stamp will be released by the Minister of Railways, Communications and Information Technol-

ogy (IT), Government of India, Ashwini Vaishnav from Karnail Singh Railway Stadium, Basant Road, New Delhi which is a proud and historic moment for AIRF. Briefly discussing the history of AIRF, he said that this 100 years history of All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) has been full of struggles. Great leaders like Late Rai Saheb Chandrika Prasad, Mukand Lal Sarkar N. M. Joshi, V. V. Giri, I. B. Great leaders like Mr. George Fernandes, Priya Gupta, J. P. Chabe, Umrao Mal Purohit, Rakhal Das Gupta have successfully led AIRF while holding the post of President and General Secretary and sacrificed his entire life for the demands and problems of the employees. On the strength of these great leaders, today we are becoming witnesses of this historic moment. The historic strikes of 1960, 1968 and 1974 took place under the leadership of AIRF which

was successfully led by our great leaders of AIRF. In the year 1974, a massive indefinite strike of railway employees was also led by AIRF, which shook the then Prime Minister of the country, Indira Gandhi. While the history of All India Railwaymen's Federation is full of struggles, its achievements are also no less. Ban on retrenchment of railway employees, salary redetermination, Dearness Allowance, Bonus, Promotions etc. are some of the facilities which are the result of the struggle of All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF). On 24th April 2024, we are concluding our "Centenary Year" and handing over the torch of struggle which has been handed over by our leaders, struggling workers and sacrificed comrades to the present leaders and workers of All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF). We will never let it extinguish.

DoE, GDCW Kathua organizes informative lecture on "Holistic Development"



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

Department of Education, Government Degree College for Women Kathua, in collaboration with IQAC, organized an enlightening and informative lecture on "Holistic development" Dr. Jyoti Verma, a distinguished speaker, addressed the students, shedding light on different aspects of personality. She also discussed about the importance of co-curric-

ular activities as they are part and parcel of holistic development. She urged the students to actively participate in these activities for their holistic development. Student of semester 6th Miss Naina also shared her views related to the topic. The lecture was organised under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Inderjeet kour, Incharge Principal of the college. The event was supervised by Dr Rachna Devi, HOD Education.

Indian Army organizes Basic Computer Course in Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR, FEB 26

Indian Army organised a three months basic course on computer literacy for underprivileged girls of border villages i.e. Milan Di Khui, Samwan, Rajwal of Akhnoor sector. This course was conducted in Government High School Milan Di Khui and was designed specifically for girls who lack access to computer education. The aim of

the course was to provide the girls with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate in today's digital world.

Over the course of the program, the girls learned about computer hardware and software, internet browsing, email communication, and Microsoft office. They also had hands-on experience using computers, which helped to cement their learning and build their confidence.

At the end of the

course, each participant received a certificate in basic computer course, certified by GOI under RASHTRIYA SARV SHIKSHA ABHIYAN (RSSA) which recognizes their hard work and dedication. The certificate will also help them in their future endeavors, whether that be in further education or in the job market. The program empowered these girls and provided them with the tools to break the cycle of poverty.

Sana Chouhan Makeup Academy organizes Certificate distribution ceremony

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

First of its kind, "Sana Chouhan Makeup Academy" in J&K on Monday organized certificate distribution ceremony at its Four A Resort Birpur Jammu. To mark the occasion, a makeup competition was organized where pass outs were to show their skills in makeup of brides. On this occasion, nearly 60 students shared their experiences. So far more than 300 students have already completed makeup course from Academy and doing very well and earning livelihood with dignity and honour and now have become self-reliant. One of the pass outs said that she has successfully learnt best things in makeup after completing her course. Another speaking on the occasion said that she already had good knowledge about makeup before joining course still it was an eye opener for her, she learnt many new tricks. A fresher sharing her experience at the Academy said that she joined her course as a fresher, now she has good knowledge of makeup. She can do all types of makeup



now. It deserves mentioning here that so far more than 300 students have been trained from Sana Chouhan Makeup Academy till date with utmost satisfaction and are doing brilliant in their respective careers. Speaking on the occasion, Sana Chouhan said her Makeup Academy provides the best in Makeup and hair courses for anyone wishing to learn professional makeup or personal grooming. All courses are conducted personally by her. The course includes various tests which need to be cleared in order to get the certificate of completion. This course is taught in English / Hindi so anyone comfortable with any of these languages

will be able to follow easily. Adding further she said that the Fashion & Celebrity Makeup program helps students explore the transformative nature of makeup and its aesthetic significance. Packed with modules that are both theoretical and practical in nature, the program helps students grow into makeup artists capable of matching times, trends, style, movements and themes, with excellent craftsmanship. She said Makeup artistry is an intricate and collaborative discipline. With this program, students learn technical as well as creative aspects of makeup and hair styling, and learn to work with different departments, such as col-

laborating with artists, photographers, designers, stylists, directors and actors. They also benefit from opportunities to work independently, build their portfolio and gain clientele for a flourishing career.

Sana stated that the program is designed to teach students the fundamentals of the craft and expose them to ample opportunities to put their knowledge and technical know-how to practise. Students in the course learn essential skills such as sanitization practices, diverse makeup techniques, hairstyling, makeup kit assembly, and crafting thematic makeup for film, media, special effects, and special occasions. They seamlessly blend this expertise with photography and portfolio building, preparing them for their first steps into the professional world upon completing the course. They go on to find many opportunities including roles as makeup artists for beauty and bridal clients, fashion shows and film shoots, modelling agencies, celebrities, performing artists, retail brands, beauty bloggers, or even launching their own salons, added Sana.

Omar Abdullah takes indirect jibe at Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, points out his role in KP exodus

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEB 26

Amid speculations of bonhomie between the PDP and the National Conference ahead of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, NC Vice President and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday indirectly criticized PDP founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed. He stated that the late Mufti was India's Home Minister when the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from Kashmir began. According to the news agency, speaking at the IOI Summit 3.0 in New Delhi, Omar clarified that his father, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, had no role in the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. He emphasized that by the time they left Kashmir, his father had already left office. Omar made these statements during an interview with veteran journalist Vir Sangvi, "If you look at the chronology, Kash-

miri Pandits started leaving Kashmir after January 1990, by which time my father (Dr. Farooq Abdullah) had already left office. Jagmohan was the governor, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was the Home Minister of India, and VP Singh was the Prime Minister when Kashmiri Pandits started leaving Kashmir. These are inconvenient facts, but they are facts," Omar asserted. He further explained that Kashmiri Pandits did not leave Kashmir because of Article 370. "If they had left because of Article 370, then on August 5, 2019, they would have come back. Kashmiri Pandits left because the sense of security was snatched away from them. They won't come back unless that sense of security is returned to them," Omar emphasized. Omar criticized the present dispensation, stating that it has not restored the sense of security to Kashmiri Pan-

dit. He highlighted that more Kashmiri Pandits want to leave Kashmir today than they did five or ten years ago. Additionally, he pointed out that more Kashmiri Pandits were killed under targeted killings under the current government than the previous one. Regarding the revocation of Article 370, Omar revealed that he had no idea about it until the late night of August 4, 2019. He described the complete communication blackout in the entire valley, with mobile internet, mobile connectivity, and even landline phones being shut down. Omar recounted his interaction with then Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, who initially denied any move to remove special status. "Now, of course, he claims that he had no idea, but I would take that with as much a pinch of salt as I would have taken his earlier assurances," Omar said.

Routine load shedding cripples normal life across valley: PDP

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SRINAGAR, FEB 26

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Monday said that despite the government's claims of "improved and adequate" power supply in Jammu and Kashmir, "routine load shedding" across the valley has crippled normal life which has "adversely affected" business, education and patient care.

In a statement, PDP General Secretary Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura said that the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) despite having a huge tariff hike for consumers with routine revenue collections has totally failed to provide adequate supply to consumers.

He said that the business community too has raised concerns over the potential losses due to continued power cuts, which has adversely affected their business activities. "Concerned department on one hand claims that it had reduced power thefts and increased revenue and improved infrastructure but on the other hand increased power curtailments which has affected not only business fraternity but students who are preparing for exams these days, while as patient care mostly those who are on ventilators too has been effected at large," Lone said.

Hanjura said that it is totally insensitivity on part of the government that most of the city areas of Srinagar even were kept in complete darkness during the Shab-e-Barat (night of salvation) which was observed across the Kashmir valley last night.

"We can imagine what the remote and rural areas would be facing due to unscheduled and long power cuts while as during Namaz times city areas like Bemina, Lal Chowk and Downtown areas too were reeling under complete darkness," he alleged.

Lone urged the LG administration to ensure regular and adequate power supply during the upcoming holy month of Ramazan particularly at Sehri and Iftar times.

Army organizes Free Medical Camp in Magam

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HANDWARA, FEB 26

A Medical Camp was organized by Department of Ayush, Kupwara in collaboration with Army Camp Magam at Boys Higher Secondary School, Magam, as a unique gesture to alleviate hardships of local populace from remote areas of North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Magam Army Camp of Indian Army and Department of Ayush, Kupwara worked tirelessly to provide medical support to 226 patients including 120 males, 80 females and 26 children.

Besides routine medical checkup, special emphasis was laid on screening people for Tuberculosis, Diabetes and Anemia screening in vulnerable age groups for life style diseases.



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Besides medical consultations from the Medical Officers and check-ups, medicines were also provided to the people, free of cost. Advise and awareness drive on Herbal medicines, personal hygiene, AIDS, Tuberculosis, Family planning and Immunisation was also imparted. Community leaders expressed their satisfaction and happiness over the initiative taken by Indian Army and Department of Ayush, Kupwara.

N S Bhau holds meeting

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JAMMU, FEB 26

In a recent gathering, Narinder Singh Bhau, a prominent and respected figure renowned for his unwavering commitment to public service in the region, spearheaded a significant meeting. The discussion revolved around the decision by Prime Minister Modi to suspend the much-anticipated 'Mann Ki Baat' sessions for the next three months in light of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

Bhau, who serves as the distinguished Chief of the All India Bhau Rajput Sabha and holds a key position as a State Executive Member of the BJP, led the discussions alongside members from various esteemed organizations. The meeting was marked by the presence of notable personalities like Sham Singh Bhau, Rakesh Bhau, Kewal



Manhas, Harshwardhan Sharma, Balbir Bhau, and others, who all joined in paying homage to the decision made by Prime Minister Modi regarding the 'Mann Ki Baat' sessions. The collective sentiment shared during the meeting encapsulated respect and understanding towards the importance of this decision in the context of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. The attendees appreciated the proactive approach taken by Mr. Bhau and his team in addressing this pivotal topic and acknowledged the significance of align-

ing their efforts with the larger national agenda. As the deliberations concluded, it was evident that the participants, under the guidance of Mr. Bhau, are dedicated to leveraging their expertise and influence to support the vision set forth by Prime Minister Modi for the upcoming electoral season. The gathering served as a testament to the unity and strategic planning within the team led by Narinder Singh Bhau as they prepared to navigate the political landscape in the lead-up to the Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

PM Modi's 3rd term, India will be the world's 3rd largest economy: Rohiin Chandan

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JAMMU, FEB 26

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary Jammu South, Rohiin Chandan stated that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the government has strongly emphasized creating a framework to help the impoverished escape poverty and ensure their advancement is long-lasting since 2014. He said at the same time, initiatives have been taken to build a growth-friendly environment that enables those in poverty to rise to the middle class while accommodating their evolving goals. Consequently, the middle class in India has grown into a driving force behind the country's progress, Rohiin said.

Rohiin Chandan highlights India has improved its world ranking from the 10th largest economy in 2014 to the 5th largest in 2024. He said that this rise happened under the "umbrella" of PM Modi's leadership and due to its fighting corruption, the stopping of leakages in the transfer of government benefits, and the creation of a strong economy and spending of public money for the welfare of the poor.

Rohiin emphasized that under the banner of the Modi-led government, years have seen India become an "economic powerhouse". It is poised to become the "third-largest economy" very soon. He educates that is an outstanding achievement; this period has recorded the best growth in India's economic history. Rohiin elaborates that PM Modi's leadership is outstanding and the nation is now officially a Top 5 economy on track to become a Top 3 economy by the end of 2027. Rohiin said hopefully this year it will emerge as the 4 largest economies and during PM Modi's 3rd term, India will be the "world's 3rd largest economy", marching on to become the "No.1 economy" by 2047.

SSH Youth Wing protests against Bishnah MC over poor condition of market road


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JAMMU, FEB 26

Youth Wing of Shiv Sena Hindustan J&KUT, led by President Ganesh Chaudhary today demonstrated against the Bishnah Municipality regarding the poor condition of the road from the town's main market Tara Chowk to Mata Ka Mandir. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh Chaudhary said that the road of the main market has been in a bad condition for the last several years due to which shopkeepers, passers-by and people coming for shopping are facing problems. Ganesh Chaudhary said that when it rains, water accumulates in the potholes in the road due to which people fall and get injured. He said that due to lack of proper drainage system in the market, rain water enters inside the shops due to which



the shopkeepers face serious losses. The valuable goods get spoiled and the shopkeepers have to suffer loss. Ganesh Chaudhary said that the Municipality should start development work in the market in collaboration with the local shopkeepers. Along with this, he warned the Municipality that if the problem is not resolved within a few days, Shiv Sena Hindustan will gherao the Bishnah Municipality office. Prominent among those present

on the occasion include District President Rajkumar Gupta, Samba District President Nek Ram, Badi Brahmana President Sanjeev Kumar, Arnia Vice President Bharat Bhushan, President Vikas Kumar, Yespal, Rahul Kumar, Mohanlal, Shankar Singh, Suman Devi, Neelam Devi, Tripta Devi, Asha Devi, Sunita Devi, Reena Devi, Sheela Devi, Geeta Devi, Pinky Devi and Sonia Chaudhary.



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Subject: Tentative seniority list of Jr. Assistants of Revenue Department (Divisional Cadre) Jammu Division as it stood on 01.01.2024.

NOTIFICATION NO. DIVCOMJMU(ESTT) 06 OF 2024
DATED: 21.02.2024

A tentative seniority list of Jr. Assistants of Revenue Department (Divisional Cadre) Jammu Division as it stood on 01.01.2024, forming annexure - "A" to this notification is hereby circulated among all the Jr. Assistants of Divisional Cadre Jammu Division for their information. The position assigned in the seniority list is subject to outcome of writ petition, if any, pending in any competent court.

Any Jr. Assistant aggrieved with the position, qualification, date of birth & category assigned to him or to any of his colleague in the tentative list, may submit objections, if any, with documentary proof to this office within 15 days from the date of issuance of said notice.

The date(s) of birth and category recorded in the list shall not be taken as authentic but shall be subject to verification with Service Book / Matriculation / DOB / Category certificate issued by the concerned / competent authority.

Issued with the approval of competent authority.

No. 101/553/Srnty./Jr. Asstt/24/6144-52
Dated.21.02.2024

Annexure - "A"

TENTATIVE SENIORITY LIST OF JR. ASSISTANTS OF REVENUE DEPARTMENT (DIVISIONAL CADRE) AS IT STOOD ON 01.01.2024

S. No.	Name of official	Office where working at present	Date of Birth	Date of entry into Govt. service	Date of appointment / promotion as Jr. Asstt.	Qualification	Whether SATC passed	Category
1.	Chhankar Singh	Relief Organization Jammu	05.06.1974	10.01.1997	04.01.2013	10+2	No	RBA
2.	Smt. Surinder Kour	Div.Com office	12.06.1980	25.02.2002	04.01.2013	10+2	No	OM
3.	Pagbir Saini	Div.Com. office	10.03.1980	18.06.2014	18.06.2014	10+2	No	OM
4.	Uttam Singh	SDM Gandoh	09.02.1990	20.10.2011	13.02.2015	B.A.	No	RBA
5.	Om Parkash	Div.Com. office Jammu	26.07.1976	27.09.1995	03.03.2021	Matric	No	SC

Note: - The date of birth shown above will not be taken as authentic and shall be reckoned by reference to the Service Book / Matriculation Certificate.

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ABVP SKUAST-Jammu Unit Opposes Imposition of Contract Mess Rules

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JAMMU, FEB 26

ABVP Jammu Agricultural University adamantly opposed the mandatory enforcement of the Contract Mess policy across all university hostels. The organization articulated profound apprehensions regarding various facets of the contract mess, notably emphasizing the necessity for flexibility in payment by advocating for a monthly billing system as opposed to the current

semester-based arrangement. Additionally, they underscored the importance of eliminating compulsory minimum dietary restrictions.

Gourav Singh President of ABVP SKUAST-Jammu Unit, in a resolute statement, highlighted the glaring exploitation of students and the suppression of their voices by the administration, particularly condemning the suggestion made by the Dean of Student Welfare for dissenting students to



vacate the hostels if they disagreed with the contract mess regulations. This callous recommendation, according to the president, epitomizes a dismissive attitude towards the legitimate concerns of the

student body. In a show of unwavering determination, the ABVP Jammu Agricultural Unit issued a stern ultimatum to the university administration, urging immediate attention to the rightful

demands of the students. Failure to address these concerns, the president cautioned, would inevitably precipitate a mass strike, disrupting the normal functioning of the university.

ABVP Unit president reiterated the fundamental principle that universities should prioritize the welfare and concerns of their students above all else. Emphasizing the need for constructive dialogue and meaningful engagement, the ABVP SKUAST-Jammu

Unit implored the administration to reconsider its stance on the contract mess policy, ensuring that the interests and well-being of the student community remain paramount.

ABVP Jammu Agricultural Unit stands firm in its resolve to safeguard the rights and interests of the students, vowing to pursue all necessary avenues to ensure a fair and equitable resolution to the ongoing dispute over the contract mess regulations.

GCW Udhampur organised field visit to Village Organisation, Ballian



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, FEB 26

Institution's Innovation Council in collaboration with Department of Commerce, Government College for Women, Udhampur organised a field visit of students of B.Com Sem IV to a Village Organisation, Ballian, block Udhampur here today.

The activity was conducted under the able guidance of Prof. Anjali Mahajan, Principal of the college.

Students visited a self-help group unit known as 'Prayas' having a total of 12 SHG members. The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Institutions under the scheme UMED under the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) facilitated this self-help group to start and run

this unit engaged in fruit and vegetable processing and provided livelihood opportunities to 12 SHG members.

Mr. Naresh Kumar Mathur and Mr. Kirpal Singh, Block Programme Manager, Dudu Basantgarh and Block Programme Manager, Tikri, Udhampur apprised the students about the funding and functioning of 'Prayas' and shared valuable information regarding startups.

The students were motivated to see the efforts put by the SHG members and raised several queries regarding their functioning which were addressed to their satisfaction. The students were accompanied by the faculty members-Prof. Neha Gupta (Convener); Prof. Pardeep Singh and Dr. Sarabjeet Kour Sudan, members of IIC, GCW Udhampur.

Congress has history of protecting interests of J&K people: Bhalla

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JAMMU, FEB 26

Raman Bhalla, the Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), on Monday asserted that Congress has always taken a "leading role" in tackling the challenges posed before the country, saying the party "very well knows how to discharge its role of sacrificing everything for the country".

Interacting with the "aggrieved" people of the Bahu constituency, Bhalla said, "Today, the situation of J&K has become adverse owing to the anti-people policies of the government. Spiralling inflation, poverty, malnutrition, crime and challenges before the democratic values, Constitution and Constitutional institutions, can only be tackled by Congress. For this, everybody has to play an active role."

Urging the Congress workers to understand the pain faced by the people, he said, "The history of the Congress has been to reduce the pain of every section of the country. This is our present as well as the future. Hence, our priority is the country and the people. Stand with them, share their pain, and work hard to help them get rid of the pain." He also said that the BJP governments at the Centre and in J&K have "committed the sin of pushing people into problems".



Addressing concerns about job opportunities and nepotism, Bhalla reiterated Congress's dedication to implementing pro-poor and pro-oppressed policies for their upliftment. He assured support for refugees, poor farmers, and marginalized communities.

Taking a dig at the BJP, he accused the ruling party of undermining the constitutional and political rights of J&K residents. He criticized the government for delaying the restoration of statehood and holding assembly elections in the UT.

The JKPCC leader emphasized the need for unity among people in Jammu and the valley to safeguard their rights and interests. He urged the initiation of a movement to demand the restoration of statehood and the reversal of hostile laws affecting the region.

Assuring Congress's commitment to protecting Jammu and Kashmir's interests, Bhalla emphasized the party's efforts for peace and prosperity in the region.

He urged public support to ensure the effective implementation of Congress's people-friendly agenda.

He underscored the importance of upcoming assembly elections and called upon the people of Jammu to reject divisive forces. He highlighted the urgency for elections, signalling growing political alienation in the region.

Regarding job opportunities, Bhalla criticized the preference for outsiders in developmental projects, pledging to prioritize locals for employment. He called for public support to elect Congress candidates to address the region's issues effectively.

Raman reiterated Congress's vision for the economic empowerment of Jammu and Kashmir's people, promising impartial development and prosperity for all citizens, regardless of their affiliations. He urged party leaders and workers to strengthen their political activities and outreach programs to stay connected with the masses.

JKNC Udhampur dissolves District Body, announces formation of Block Committee Pancheri



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, FEB 26

Sunil Verma, District President of J&K National Conference, today announced the dissolution of the District Body with immediate effect.

This decision was made during a meeting held in Udhampur, wherein Sunil Verma also provided updates regarding the formation of all Block Committees in the district and preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

During the meeting, Sunil Verma informed the attendees that the Block Committees have already been constituted in Udhampur District. In the following weeks, a new district committee

will be formed based on the consent and recommendations of the new Block Presidents, keeping in mind the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Subsequently, Sunil Verma also announced the formation of the new Block Committee of Pancheri Block. Bishan Das Sharma was appointed as the Block President, Rattan Lal Sharma as the Vice President, and Krishan Das, a retired teacher, as the Block Secretary.

Sunil Verma urged the newly appointed Block Presidents to prepare for the upcoming polls and promptly constitute their respective panchayat, halqa, and ward committees. He also appealed to all party members to main-

tain discipline and contribute towards strengthening the J&K National Conference under the guidance of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah Sahab, and the party as a whole.

The Block Committee was constituted in presence of Ch. Abdul Rashid, Channa Ram Sethi, Sh. Amar Nath (Block President Jib Thathi), Capt. Rattan Singh (Block President Majalta), Manmohan Verma (Block President Tikri), Bishan Das (Block President Udhampur), Om Parkash (Block President City Udhampur), Akash Verma (Senior Youth Leader), Sajad Ahmed (District President YNC Udhampur), and Sudesh Kumar (District Secretary YNC Udhampur).

Congress will provide respite to J&K people with its victory: Sanjeev Sharma



JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, FEB 26

Congress Distt Samba President Sanjeev Sharma said that his party will provide respite to people of Jammu and Kashmir with its victory and by defeating the designs and wrong policies of BJP. While addressing a public gathering at samba constituency Sanjeev urged the party workers to feel strong and work harder to defeat the fake narratives, being built by the BJP, to mislead the public and hide failures on all fronts. Reacting to the current socio-political and security situation in J&K, sanjeev said, "There is restlessness among the public in Jammu and Kash-

mir due to the denial of democratic rights to them to dis-empower them politically and economically. What the people of J&K achieved after re-organisation of the full-fledged state? The downgrading of J&K into two UTs was an unfortunate move done by the BJP to rule J&K directly from the Centre. This tantamount to dismantling the very foundation of the democracy." Sanjeev Sharma termed the Congress a hope for all Indians, "which had ensured a tremendous development of the country in all respects and is struggling to ensure equitable justice to every section of the people living in the country. " He said Congress

has given sacrifices for the nation, which could not be replaced by anything, at the same time. Sanjeev took a jibe on the BJP for "disempowering people economically and benefiting its corporate friends at the cost of Country's economy, which has suffered severe setbacks since it (BJP) assumed power at Centre."

"The uncompromising fight of Congress Party against BJP's open loot, misleading and vendetta politics shall continue, till it (BJP) is wiped out. People want change, which is set to happen in the country for the betterment of the public, besides inclusive development of India," he added.

Serving society is our tradition: Raina



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

In an impressive, largely attended function at party headquarters, organized by Neelam Langeh, BJP SC Morcha president & former MLA, the party leaders highlighted various aspects of the life of Guru Ravi Dass, while celebrating the Prakash Utsav of the great saint.

The function commenced with the lighting of lamp and laying wreaths at the portrait of Guru Ravi Dass by BJP State President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, General Secretary & former minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary & former MLC Vibodh Gupta, SC Morcha president & former MLA Neelam Langeh, Morcha general secretary Adrash Jathiar and other leaders.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the massive gathering on this occasion, said that India, the Bharat, has been known as a land of rich culture, heritage, religious values

and noble traditions. On this land, many spiritual and religious saints were born and Guru Ravi Dass, one such among them, earned the most respectable and revered place in the society of his times. He said that Guru Ravi Dass was born in a poor family and faced poverty, atrocities, and insults but did not deviate from his path of bhakti and came to be known as Sant Shiromani. He said that the life of Guru Ji is full of inspiration and discipline.

BJP General Secretary & former minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, said that the community has the responsibility to preach the message and teachings of Guru Ravi Dass to get united to defeat the social evils and excel to lead a respectable and dignified life. He stressed on educating the children in the families and motivate them to earn education to be respectable citizens.

SC Morcha president & former MLA Neelam Langeh said that a 'Guru' works as a bridge to fill the

gap between the public and the God and Guru Ravi Dass contributed a lot in this regard in the social service. He said that this great saint had become an institution in himself by his inclination towards spiritualism and zeal to end the caste-based social practice and build an all-embracing society. He said that the BJP SC Morcha too is following the path of Guru Ravi Dass and working towards creating social equality. He asked the Morcha activists to work in coordination for the betterment and welfare of the community by making them aware of the good works of the Modi government, which have changed their socio-economic status.

The gathering was also addressed by former MLAs Kuldeep Kumar, Dr. Krishan Lal and Prof. Gharu Ram, former VC Balbir Ram Rattan read a welcome note, Morcha Seh Prabhari Jeet Angral presented a vote of thanks and the proceedings were conducted by Morcha Vice-President B.R. Rao.

ADGP Jammu adhere new rank to Sg. Constables



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 26

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu, Shri. Anand Jain, IPS decorated four constables who have been elevated by pinning new rank in a simple function held in Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu this morning. The Constables who were decorated as Sg. Constables rank are ; Sanjay Kumar, Kabul

Singh, Dinoj Kumar and Narinder Sukha.

Anand Jain, IPS congratulated the officers for their elevation and stressed the officers to work with zeal and zest in future also.

The other Police officers who were present on the occasion are Shri. Vishal Manhas, JKPS S.O to ADGP Jammu, Sh. Janardhan Singh Slathia Dy.SP (S) Private Secy. to ADGP Jammu Zone were also present on the occasion.

Dr Rashmi Singh convenes public outreach programme

JNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 26

Commissioner Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol, Dr. Rashmi Singh, today convened a public darbar here at Manasbal as part of government's ambitious public outreach cum grievances redressal program. The event was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir; SSP, Sandeep Gupta, Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, CEO SDA, CEO WMDA, ACR, CPO, DDC member Safapora, DDC member Wakura and other district officers. The programme witnessed overwhelming response from the public and delegations comprising social workers, PRI and community representatives, who presented a memorandum encompassing a broad spectrum of developmental and infrastructural issues concerning their respective areas.

Senior officers of civil administration recorded the public grievances and demands so that remedial measures are initiated accordingly. The people from Safapora highlighted their concerns including construction of a new building for Government Middle School Safapora, upgradation of PHC Safapora besides establishment of a youth hostel and a cold store. The social activists highlighted issues related to Lar Canal, additional ration store at New Colony Gulabagh, unscheduled power cuts, avenues for self-employment and land allotment for Industries at Kohistan Colony Safapora. Meanwhile, delegation from Tulumulla demanded Fire and Emergency Services in the area. DDC member, Safapora, apprised the Commissioner Secretary of various development initiatives in block Safapora since the



implementation of 3-tier panchayat system in the UT. He also demanded rehabilitation of stone quarry workers Safapora, bus service from Sumbal to Batamaloo and sought her intervention for timely resolution of the genuine issues raised by various delegations. In response to the grievances and demands, the Deputy Commissioner assured the Commissioner Secretary that the raised issues would be given priority after consultation with concerned departments. Regarding unscheduled power cuts, the DC informed that the issue would be resolved at the earliest. Dr. Rashmi Singh appreciated the district administration for registering saturation under various public welfare schemes. She appreciated the initiatives of various departments like NRLM, Fisheries department, Sheep

and Animal Husbandry, Health, etc. and lauded the success stories shared by various beneficiaries especially youth who remain committed to their local art. While interacting with the locals, the Commissioner Secretary thanked them for their constructive suggestions and urged upon them to spread awareness about the beneficiary oriented schemes ensuring more people get benefit from such schemes. Dr Rashmi Singh emphasized the significance of such public darbars, stating that they serve as a vital platform to understand grassroots-level issues and ensure immediate relief to the people where ever possible. She urged upon stakeholder departments to check the feasibility of the demands raised so that these could be incorporated in development plan under norms. On the occasion, various departments had installed stalls to showcase their products and schemes. The Commissioner Secretary visited and inspected took the stalls and enquired about the services and schemes being offered by them. She evinced keen interest local products especially made by Women Entrepreneurs of various SHGs. Meanwhile, District Legal Services Authority raised awareness about Domestic Violence on the occasion. Assistant LADC provided information about effective protection of women's rights guaranteed under the constitution, especially for those facing violence within the family.

Mission Vatsalya organizes Capacity Building Programme at Kupwara



JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 26

District Child Protection Unit, Mission Vatsalya Kupwara today organised training cum capacity building programme on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, POCSO Act 2012, Adoption Regulations, and child rights at Town Hall Kupwara. Chairman DDC Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori was chief guest on the occasion. District Child Protection Officer Kupwara, Hidayatullah Mir; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Arshid Ahmad; DDC Member Drugmulla, Advocate Amina Majeed, Chairperson Child Welfare Committee Kupwara, Ab Rashid Malik; Members CWC, Member Juvenile Justice Board Kupwara, District Child Protection Unit officials, PLVs from DLSA Kupwara, Anganwadi workers, Prosecution Wing JJB Kupwara, Labour department, Asha Workers, Teachers from education departments, PRIs, ULBs and social welfare officials attended the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman DDC appreciated the concerned officers and Institutes for their concerted efforts in child care pro-

tection in the district. He emphasized the need for proper implementation of different legislations of the Government including Juvenile Justice Act to ensure the protection of child rights. During the programme, various speakers highlighted the crucial role and responsibilities of stakeholders in ensuring the effective implementation of these Acts and encouraged active participation. Chairperson CWC Kupwara explained the importance of the programme and gave a detailed description of working mechanism regarding Child Welfare Committee, DCPU and JJB at the district level and detailed discussions were held on the rescue and rehabilitation process for various categories of vulnerabilities such as child labour, child begging, missing child and runaway child, as per JJ Act 2015. DDC Aamina Majeed, Assistant Labour Commissioner Kupwara Arshid Ahmad and Resource person Syed mujtaba highlighted various issues related to child rights. The certificates of participation and mementos were also distributed to acknowledge the active involvement of the participants in the programme.

Principal Secretary Culture convenes mega public darbar at Sarthal Kishtwar

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 26

Principal Secretary Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, today convened a mega public darbar at Sarthal area of Kishtwar and listened to grievances and demands of people besides inaugurating audition for 'Kishtwar Idol' season 2.0, a grand singing competition at Higher Secondary School, Sarthal. The Principal Secretary had an exclusive interactive session with the public representatives from various panchayats of Sarthal area who put forth their demands and grievances concerning welfare and development of their respective areas. The event was participated by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav, ACD, Phulail Singh, CPO Kishtwar, Shahnawaz Bali and other district and sectoral officers including CEO, CMO, DSWO, DPO, Tehsildar,

BDO Trigam, Executive Engineers PWD and Jal Shakti besides others. Scores of locals from adjoining areas of Sarthal, Ghan, Karool thronged the public darbar and projected their issues and demands, ranging from upgradation of local infrastructure and streamlining of public service deliverance mechanism. Other highlighted concerns included delimitation of Sarthal block on priority, employment in Ratle HEP and upgradation of public infrastructure including roads and bridges. The public also voiced their aspirations for improved facilities in HSS Sarthal and NT-PHC Sarthal by ensuring adequate staff and infrastructure. Addressing the gathering, the Principal Secretary underscored the paramount importance of holding these public



darbars, stating that its primary objective is to ensure that the grievances of people are redressed at their door step besides every individual reaps the benefit of all welfare and developmental schemes. He asked the public to actively engage with the district administration and contribute towards effective development of the district. Assuring prompt resolution of public issues, the Principal Secretary stated that concerns raised

Secretary emphasised upon the masses and farmers to benefit from schemes offering heavily subsidized credit-linked options. He encouraged the farmers to leverage HADP schemes for hi-tech farming and allied sector practices to enhance their income manifold. He also impressed upon the public representatives and district officers to disseminate awareness about the welfare schemes among the common masses for optimum outcome. Meanwhile, the Principal Secretary inspected the departmental stalls and interacted with the officers and officials and enquired the status of benefit being extended to the eligible beneficiaries. The Principal Secretary also inaugurated the an singing audition at HSS Sarthal for local singers of Sarthal under

the Kishtwar Idol season 2 launched by the district administration. He announced that the winners of Kishtwar Idol Season 1 and season 2 will be felicitated at UT level by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL). Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner shared positive updates including transparency in employment of land losers in the Hydropower Project (HEPP) and the approved RR plan for the Ratle HEP, fostering infrastructure development including roads dedicated for the Sarthal area. He announced that 200 mtrs of damaged WSS Agral will be repaired soon and updated that the measures for rationalisation of staff in NTPC Sarthal will be done promptly in consultation with the Health Department. He also threw light on scholarship schemes meant for ST students.

Div Com Kashmir discusses developmental issues of Rakh-I-Arth Housing Colony Bemina

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 26

The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting of Officers, here to discuss developmental issues of Rakh-I Arth Housing Colony Bemina Srinagar. Among others the meeting was attended by Commissioner SMC/ V.C SDA, Dr Owais Ahmad; Vice Chairman, Bashir Ahmad; Secretary LCMA, Gulzar Ahmad; Director School Education Kashmir, Tasaduq Husain; Chief Engineer (D) KPDCL, Sandeep Seth; ADC Srinagar; Jt. Commissioner SMC; Senior Manager, JK Housing Board; Ex. Engineer LCMA and AEE PHE; A.E WSPM PHE. Deputy Commissioner Budgam attended the meeting virtually. At the outset, the concerned officers briefed the Div Com about the developmental projects undertaken in the said colony which includes school, hospital, parks, water supply, electricity, roads, sanitation etc. The meeting was informed that the school



building stands completed and the same shall be made functional from this session. It was also given out that the area is fed from Sukhnag water supply scheme, and to further augment it, the water supply shall be improved through tube wells. Regarding electricity, it was informed that

Public Outreach programme: Mandeep Kaur addresses public issues, concerns at Sanasar

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 26

Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, today convened an extensive public outreach programme to assess and address the public issues and concerns at Sanasar. The outreach programme, organized by the district administration under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, aimed to facilitate locals to highlight their issues and seek solution. The event was attended by District Development Council Chairperson, Dr. Shamshad Shan along with DDC members, Director Housing and Urban Development Department, CEO PDA, ACR, ACD, GM DIC, CEO, CMO, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, Cluster Head J&K Bank and other district officers, prominent citizens besides general public. The Commissioner Secretary said that these public darbars are being organized across the Union Territory under the directions of Lieu-



tenant Governor, aimed at gathering direct feedback, issues and aspirations from the grassroots level besides addressing the issues of local populace at their doorsteps. He added that these initiatives underscore the commitment of UT administration towards inclusive and need based development. The Secretary highlighted the significance of engaging with the public directly to understand their needs and aspirations. Through these Public Darbars, residents are encouraged to highlight their concerns and provide valuable insights into the development priorities of their communities, he added. "It is imperative for us to bridge the gap between the administration and the people we serve," stated the Commissioner Secretary. The Commissioner Secretary emphasized

the concerns raised by the DDC Chairperson, the Commissioner Secretary issued directions to the concerned authorities to open bank branch and ATM in the area besides ensuring quality health-care facilities in the area. She directed the authorities to take appropriate action on every public demand within the shortest possible time. Responding to the public issues, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the combined role of public representatives and administrative machinery in ensuring effective implementation of development works. She called upon the stakeholder departments to adopt meticulous planning, which is crucial for enhanced execution of development projects. Mandeep Kaur, while interacting with officers of line departments, called for adopting a public friendly approach in resolving issues of public importance by making optimum use of existing resources. She also visited and inspected the stalls set up by various departments to educate the public about their schemes and services.

7-day Mega Surgical Camp inaugurated at GMC Rajouri

JNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 26

The Department of Health and Medical Education UT of J&K, in collaboration with Rotary International on Monday organised a 7 day mega Surgical Camp being held in twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch of Pirpanjal region. A Team of Surgical specialists from different parts of Country performed 26 Major surgeries at Associated Hospital GMC Rajouri. The camp has been organised under the patronage of LG Sh Manoj Sinha and guidance of Secretary H&ME Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah and under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat. In his welcome address, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, expressed his gratitude to the team. He said the initiative will help local patients to get the surgical treatment which was pending due to some reasons. He also thanked ROTARY international for taking the initiative for coming to Rajouri and Poonch and giving their volunteer services.