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PM Modi tenders resignation to president Murmu ahead of next government formation



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NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has submitted his resignation, along with his council of ministers, to President Droupadi Murmu ahead of the formation of the next Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA government.

This will pave the way for the dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha, which ran from 2019 to 2024.

The President accepted the resignation and requested PM Modi and the Council of Ministers to

continue till the new Government assumes office.

This came after the Cabinet meeting held here in the national capital on Wednesday. The meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recommended the dissolution of the cabinet whose term ends on June 16.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Prime Minister tendered his resignation along with the Union Council of Ministers.

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'Environment First' is our vision and we are committed to revive the damaged ecosystem: LG



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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed a conference "Our Land, Our Future" on World Environment Day, at Sazgaripora, Srinagar. The event was organized by Nigeen Lake Conservation Organisation (NLCO).

In his address, the Lt Governor highlighted the need for land restoration to reverse the challenge-

es of land degradation, drought and desertification.

"Environment First" is our vision and we are committed to revive the damaged ecosystem. Our collective efforts to reverse the degradation of ecosystems will boost livelihoods, food security and prevent extreme weather situation, the Lt Governor said.

He called upon NGOs, financial institutions, business organizations, volunteers, civil society members and individuals to act as 'Agents of Change' and dedicate themselves towards ecological preservation and restoration. Pollution prevention, increasing green cover and conservation of natural resources should be our common goals, he said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration

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We are committed to secure the future of 70% population dependent on agriculture and allied sectors: LG Sinha

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated key infrastructure projects and launched new academic programmes of SKUAST Kashmir.

The projects inaugurated by the Lt Governor included Shalimar Convention Centre, Kohimaran Hostel and Discovery Building.

In his address, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to secure the future of 70% population dependent on agriculture and allied sectors.

He said the new Discovery Building will provide facilities of Artificial



Intelligence and Machine Learning to students and is crucial to achieve the vision of developing sustainable agriculture technologies to improve farmers' income.

The Lt Governor commended SKUAST Kashmir for adding "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" in its academic programs

and creating an ecosystem of Innovations. He said the new academic UG and masters programs launched today will build a skilled-trained human resource for agro-based industry and agri-tourism in the future.

"SKUAST Kashmir is poised to emerge as

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LS Poll Results Assembly Segment wise report card

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Following the results of the Parliament elections-2024 in Kashmir, the assembly segment-wise numbers are giving a whopping advantage to the National Conference, which has secured a lead in 34 assembly seats out of the 54 constituencies in Kashmir.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has managed a lead in only

five seats, while Independent Candidate Engineer Rashid has secured a lead in 14 assembly constituencies.

As the news agency has analyzed the data of all three parliamentary constituencies of Kashmir - Baramulla, Srinagar, and Anantnag-Rajouri, each consisting of 18 assembly segments, the numbers are not favorable for the new political outfits, including Altaf Bukhari-led Apni Party and Ghulam

Nabi Azad-led Democratic Progressive Azad Party-DPAP. Even Sajad Gani Lone, who claims North Kashmir as his bastion, has only secured a lead in a single seat, Handwara. Apart from that, even with the support of Bukhari-led Apni Party, he is losing in all other 17 assembly segments.

Assembly-wise leads from Baramulla LS Seat: According to the details, from North Kashmir,

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CS takes stock of arrangements for 'Kheer Bhawani' mela



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SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a

meeting of civil administration and police department to take stock of the preparations being made for smooth conduct of

annual 'Kheer Bhawani' mela to be observed on 14th of this month at Tulmulla, Ganderbal.

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Woman injured in mortar shell blast dies in hospital in J&K

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A 76-year-old woman, who was among three people injured in a mortar shell blast, died at a government hospital here on Wednesday, officials said.

Semroo Devi, Rameet Singh (66) and Suriya Bibi (58) were injured after the rusted mortar shell exploded in Khada Madana village

in the Purmandal area of Samba district on May 27.

Devi had suffered critical head injuries and succumbed at Government Medical College here in the early hours of Wednesday, the officials said. The condition of the other two is stated to be stable, they said.

They said Devi's body was handed over to her relatives after the completion of legal and medical formalities.

Chenab valley disappoints Congress candidate Choudhary Lal Singh

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Chenab valley region of Udhampur parliamentary constituency hasn't been able to give the support which the Congress candidate Choudhary Lal Singh was expecting to get which contributed to his loss to Bharatiya Janta Party's Dr. Jitendra Singh.

Out of the total 45566 votes polled in eight

Assembly segments of Chenab valley comprising three districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban, Lal Singh was able to get 218503 votes.

According to the news agency, the Congress candidate was able to get 47.73 percent of total votes polled in Chenab valley whereas the BJP candidate got 175158, which is 38.26 percent of the total votes polled.

Some close aides of Choudhary Lal Singh told KNO that they were expecting to get over 60 percent of total votes polled in Chenab valley and getting just over 47 percent has shattered them and it has become a major reason for their loss.

"During our conversation after the results, Lal Singh was quite disturbed about the overall results and particularly about Chenab

valley from where he was expecting popular support," he said.

Both congress and BJP got leads on four seats each in Chenab valley. Lal Singh got leads in Indermal, Doda, Bhaderwah and Banihal Assembly segments whereas Jitendra Singh got leads in Kishtwar, Padder-Nagseni, Doda West and Ramban seats.

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Woman killed, two others injured in accident in Poonch



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POONCH, JUNE 5

A woman was killed and two other people were

injured when a load carrier they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell on roadside

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NDA elects PM Modi its leader, passes resolution lauding him



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NEW DELHI, JUN 5

Preparing to take oath for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance's members who unanimously elected him as its leader.

NDA MPs will meet on June 7 to formally elect Modi as their leader and the alliance leaders will then go to the President to submit their letters of support, HAM (Secular) leader and former Bihar chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi said after attending the meeting.

The new government may be sworn in over the weekend, some sources said, adding that there is a view to wrap up the formalities quickly to not allow any mood of uncertainty to build up, something a buoyant opposition may push.

How soon the BJP and

its allies reach an agreement on matters like the share of ministries each party may get and other terms of negotiations could also be a factor in deciding the timing of the swearing-in or they could put off the tricky issues for resolution at a later stage.

TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, LJP(R) leader Chirag Paswan, JD(S) leader H D Kumarawamy, Jana Sena's Pawan Kalyan, AGP's Atul Bora and NCP's Praful Patel were among the 21 leaders from 16 parties who attended the meeting besides Modi and BJP's Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and J P Nadda.

Janata Dal (United) leader Sanjay Jha, who was present in the meeting, said the formalities related to the formation of the government at the Centre under Modi are expected to be over soon.

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SANJY-2024: 14000 service providers including Ponywalas register till date

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GANDERBAL, JUN 5

Labour Commissioner, J&K, Charandeep Singh Wednesday took stock of the registration process of service providers for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024 viz Ponywalas, Palkiwalas and Dandiwalas at the special mega camp set up by the Labour Department at Sonmarg.

Assistant Labour Commissioner, Ganderbal and other officials of the Labour Department were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Charandeep Singh said that all the service providers for Amarnathji

Yatra will be registered before 15th June and for the purpose elaborate arrangements have been put in place for facilitating the service providers to register themselves.

"In this mega camp, we have pony, palakhi and dhandi providers. The details of these service providers have also been fetched from the shrine board portal and now we are in the process of completing their registration process. Till date around 14000 service providers have already registered for SANJY-2024 and the process is scheduled to be completed by 15th of June" he said and added

that the pony providers have to register their ponies with the animal husbandry department after undertaking the mandatory health checks of their ponies. "We will also provide RFID cards to the registered Service Providers for the Yatra."

Earlier, people used to come to Naranag or Ganderbal camps to collect their cards. But this year, for the convenience of the service providers we are sending their cards to their respective districts from where they can easily collect them without delay. Special camps for issuance of RFID cards will

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Light rains end scorching heat in Kashmir; MeT predicts more rains till June 8

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The persistent dry spell for the last couple of weeks has come to an end as the light and intermittent rainfall has been recorded since last evening, bringing a relief from the scorching heat in Kashmir.

There is a forecast of more rains in the next three days as the weatherman has predicted that the light rains would continue to occur till June 08.

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the maximum temperature in Srinagar and elsewhere has plummeted today as the

weather conditions have witnessed a shift since last evening.

Although there was occasional sunshine in the afternoon, the intermittent rainfall continued to occur since morning, bringing down the mercury some degrees across all the Kashmir stations, thereby giving a relief to the people from scorching heat.

According to the details shared by MeT, Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K recorded a maximum temperature of 22.3 degree Celsius while in Qazigund, gateway of Kashmir, it settled at 22.5 degree Celsius.

As per the data, Pahal-

gam and Kokernag recorded a maximum temperature of 19.6 degree Celsius and 20.8 degree Celsius respectively while in Kupwara and Gulmarg, it settled at 15.6 degree Celsius and 11.2 degree Celsius respectively.

Some of the areas in Jammu including Banihal, Bhaderwah also recorded a slight fall in the maximum temperature.

Meanwhile, Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of rain and thundershower with moderate to intense showers at few places for brief period with thunder,

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Awareness functions, plantation & cleanliness drives mark celebration of World Environment Day at Ganderbal



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GANDERBAL, JUNE 5

To raise awareness about environment and ecology among the masses, various functions were today held across Ganderbal district on the eve of 'World Environment Day.'

The day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and witnessed various activities including rallies,

plantation and sanitation drives with the main event held within the premises of Kheer Bhawani temple Tullamulla.

The function was presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Gulzar Ahmad whereas functionaries of several departments including Forest and Education marked their presence.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC highlighted the importance of the day and said that the purpose of celebrating this day is to spread awareness about conservation of the environment in the highest interest of mankind.

Later, Cleaness/ Sanitation drive was conducted within the premises of Temple and its adjoining areas.

First Aid Firefighting training cum demonstration held at GMC Jammu



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A lecture cum demonstration with regard to use of First aid fire fighting equipment was organised today at Government Medical College Jammu.

GMC Hospital authorities led by Deputy Superintendent Dr Nausheen Zafar presided over the training session which was also attended by Mechanical and Hospital Division AE, Er Sumit Gupta and JE Mechanical wing Nazia Kousar besides Hospital /Para Medical staff and security personnel of the hospital.

The Firefighting training cum demonstration was delivered by Kanwal Peshin i/c Divisional Fire Officer City Jammu in GMC semi auditorium.

The staff and management was trained and briefed about the use of Firefighting equipment installed at Hospital premises. A question answer session was also held after the lecture. A live demo of Firefighting was also arranged to train the staff and security personnel to use the fire extinguishers in a perfect manner and avert any untoward happening.

Use of hydrant points

and other First Aid Fire Fighting Equipment were also displayed tactically to control any fire incident with immediate response.

The demonstration cum firefighting training was organised in continuation to an awareness drive launched by Alok Kumar, ADGP Director Fire and Emergency Services since Aug 2022 to make people and establishments aware about fire safety provisions.

The demonstration cum training was held under the supervision of Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Services Command Jammu, RK Raina.

YSS Ganderbal commemorates 'World Environment Day-2024'

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GANDERBAL, JUNE 5

The YSS Ganderbal marked World Environment Day 2024 with a series of impactful events throughout the district.

Various schools organized rallies, with students chanting slogans in support of environmental protection. This initiative aimed to instill a deep commitment to environmental conservation and ecosystem restoration among people.

World Environment Day, celebrated globally on June 5th, is a day dedicated to raising awareness and promoting action for the preservation of our environment. This year's theme, 'Restoring Ecosystems,' underscores the urgent need to rejuvenate our damaged ecosystems, a crucial step towards a sustainable future.

Additionally, Zone Ganderbal of the District hosted an inter-school zonal handball competition at GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal for boys under 17 years.

The event, now in its second day, featured the participation of 46 stu-



dents. The competition included two semi-final matches and culminated in an exciting final, where Qamaria HSS Saloora Ganderbal emerged victoriously over BHSS Ganderbal.

DYSSO Ganderbal, interacted with the student athletes and motivated them with his inspiring words. He highlighted the role of sports in holistic development beyond mere recreation. Senior officials concluded the event by awarding trophies to the finalist teams.

Meanwhile, Zone Hariganiwan organized an inter-school zonal football competition for girls under 17 years at the BHSS Hariganiwan ground, which saw enthusiastic participation from many female

students. BHSS Hariganiwan claimed victory over HS Sultania Educational Institute. Both winning and runner-up teams were honored with trophies by senior officials.

In a similar vein, Zone Tullamulla held an inter-school zonal football competition for boys under 19 years at the picturesque Hyderia ground Tullamulla. The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from numerous students.

The event aimed to promote a sports culture within the community, encouraging extensive student participation in sports for a vibrant, energetic lifestyle free from societal vices.

World Environment Day: ACS Forests attends multiple events, lauds J&K people for supporting environment conservation initiatives

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Forests, Ecology & Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, today chaired the celebration of World Environment Day held here at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

Being jointly organized by the Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing and Amar Singh College Srinagar, the event was aimed at to raise awareness on importance of environment protection with the theme "Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" which highlights the increasing impacts of water stress and land degradation across the world.

Dheeraj Gupta appreciated the Forest, department and its sister wings for organising the event in coordination with other departments and educational institutes. He complimented the Forest Department for achieving higher targets under various



deliverables assigned by the government in addition to plantation of 180 lakh saplings in 2023-24 under Green JK Drive involving Panchayati Raj Institutions and other stakeholders. He applauded the role of people of Jammu & Kashmir in supporting the Forest Department in the greening campaigns and other initiatives.

The Financial Commissioner inspected various paintings and participated in the ceremonial plantation program at the Amar Singh College Campus along with other senior officers.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Roshan Jaggi, while speak-

ing on the occasion, highlighted the challenges being faced in managing and conserving natural resources. He reiterated that World Environment Day provides us an opportunity to seriously think about the environment we live in besides pondering over the fact that what we would be leaving for our future generations. He stressed on sustainable use of water resources and creation of water harvesting structures especially in areas facing water scarcity during the summer season. He called upon every stake holder to take steps and partner on the efforts to protect and conserve our lakes, wet-

lands and streams.

He informed that plantation drives, green marches, cycle rallies, plastic cleanliness drives, interaction with tourists, cleaning of water bodies, sanitation actions, debates and painting competitions have been organized on the day to spread awareness about the need and importance of protecting our environment.

Principal Amar Singh College, Professor Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, highlighted the need for continuation of actions in the form of various campaigns and initiatives on ground for conservation of our environment. He said that efforts

are needed to improve the water quality of our wetlands and streams and other land forms. He also stressed on finding solutions for the protection and revival of all ecosystems all across Jammu & Kashmir.

On the occasion, publications including Van Posh, Draft Report of Revised SAPCC as well as flyer prepared by Amar Singh College was also released in addition to screening of a movie on World Environment Day. Besides, awards were also presented to the winners of activities conducted by DEERS-EIACP in various Educational Institutes under EIACP project.

S. Rakesh Kumar, Director Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, T.Rabi Kumar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoDs and other senior officers besides representatives of NGOs, students of the College and staff were also present during the occasion.

GDC Marh creates Bird Feeders to mark World Environment Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 05

Eco-club of Government Degree College Marh, under the aegis of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, celebrated World Environment Day today under the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience".

The event was guided by the College Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul.

Students of Semester 2nd (Raveena Kousar, Khushi Choudhary, Sonia Choudhary, Sweety Kaith) and 4th (Kashish and Navpreet) made hand-made bird feeders, water pots on the occasion.

They utilized simple materials such as shells, bottles and jute twines to create eco-friendly bird feeders. After installing bird feeders around the campus, students spent the day watching various



birds visit that will provide sustenance to birds during extreme weather. Poster making competition was also held where students made colorful posters under slogan "Our land Our future" showcasing the significance of afforestation and Land Restoration". The programme was coordinated by Anjana Chib (HOD EVS) and Dr. Shakun Sharma. In his address, the college Principal educated the students that the theme calls attention to one of the most pressing issues of our time - land degradation driven by factors such as deforestation, unsustainable agriculture, urbanization,

and climate change. "All these factors pose a grave threat to ecosystems and livelihoods worldwide. It is a cause of concern and calls for concerted efforts to address the same," he added and encouraged the students to plant more and more trees during rainy seasons which will not only prevent desertification but also help in reducing the temperature.

While applauding the faculty, he appraised the students that their college has adopted various green practices such as plantation drives, proper segregation and recycling of waste through RUDA, making best out of waste.

Minor fire incident occurs within the premises of Govt. CD Hospital, Dalgate Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

A minor fire incident was reported on Wednesday at around 09:55 am in a building of Govt. Chest Disease Hospital, Dalgate, Srinagar, due to some short circuit.

Administrative staff, Security Personnel, other Hospital staff and staff of the Mechanical and Hospital Division of the hospital promptly and timely extinguished the fire with the help of available resources like fire extinguishers (ABC, CO2 and foam type), and the fire was controlled immediately and no mishap was reported. In order to prevent the further damage, the Fire and Emergency Services Department was intimated and in the meantime they vis-

ited the spot but by that time the fire was extinguished, however, they inspected the spot to check whether fire had been brought under control.

It is pertinent to mention here that this incident occurred in a building that is located far away from the main Chest Disease Hospital.

Further, it has been communicated with the concerned Department (Electricity Division Srinagar) to check out any further risk of fire in the hospital as soon as possible in order to prevent any hazardous event in the future for the safety of hospital property as well as life of staff.

Besides, the Fire and Emergency Department will be informed to conduct the Fire Audit of the said hospital on an urgent basis.

Director Agri inspects sale outlets to assess quality of Plant protection Material

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JAMMU, JUNE 05

To maintain the highest standards of agricultural practices and ensure the welfare of farmers, Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen conducted a surprise inspection of sale outlets to assess the quality of Plant Protection material in the RS Pura subdivision market.

Accompanied by a team of officers comprising Plant Protection Officer Madan Lal; Assistant Director Law Enforcement; Kuldeep Singh and SDAO RS Pura Surinder Gupta, the visit was aimed at verifying the adherence to quality standards in the distribution of Plant Protection materials in the area.

Samples of pesticides were systematically collected on spot and dispatched for rigorous quality analysis at the departmental regional pesticides testing laboratory in Jammu.

Concurrently, the available stock of PP Chemicals with the retailers was also verified with respect to the Principal Certificate provided by the respec-



tive companies or manufacturers.

The Dealers found to have stocked materials not registered in the enclosed list of their licenses were served notices, mandating rectification within the stipulated time frame. Failure to comply would result in the initiation of legal proceedings under rules against the defaulters.

The Director highlighted the importance of quality PP Chemicals in the agriculture sector and instructed them to ensure the supply of good quality plant protection material to the farmers. He stressed on display of price lists and to fulfill all other necessary parameters entrusted in the Insecticide Act.

The Plant Protection

officer Jammu instructed the dealers and distributors to ensure timely filing of monthly sale returns as per format and avoid supply of products without quality test reports from the manufacturers.

All dealers of Jammu Division are warned and directed by Assistant Director Law Enforcement to sell quality inputs to the farming community at genuine rates failing which legal action will be initiated against the defaulter.

The Director impressed on the Law Enforcement agency for regular inspections, especially during the peak season and sampling of PP Chemicals from the market to ensure tracing of fake/spurious pesticides for achieving the production of disease free crops.

DC Kulgam takes stock of pace & progress of MC Kulgam work projects



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, JUNE 5

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited several locations in Kulgam and took stock of pace and progress made on the work projects of Municipal Council Kulgam which are under the execution of R&B.

During the visit, DC took stock of work projects including Modern Slaughter House, Marriage Hall, Shopping Complex near Chambagund Bridge, Community Hall Chawalgam and construction status of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Pits at Liroo.

The DC instructed the Executive Engineer R&B to resume work on modern slaughter houses and to complete all other work projects without any

delay.

He also instructed him to complete the finishing work of the marriage hall so that the project can be dedicated to the public.

The DC was accompanied by ADDC, Bashir Ahmad Wani; CEO Municipal Council Kulgam, Ex. Engineer R&B and other officers.

NOTICE

I, Dimple Singh S/O Sh. Nathu Ram R/O Thalela Teshil Bhella District Doda have applied for correction of the spelling of my name in my service book as Dimple Singh instead of Dimpal Singh. Objection if any may be conveyed to District Police Office Doda within 07 days from the publication of this notice.

MSME Field Office Srinagar hands-over ESDP Certificates to participants trained in 2023-24

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

In a fruitful conclusion to the review meeting on Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program (ESDP) and MSME Innovative Schemes, the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Field Office, Br MSME DFO Srinagar, handed over ESDP Certificates to participants trained during the fiscal year 2023-24.

The certificates were presented to the respective heads of the participating institutions, marking a significant milestone in the collaborative efforts towards fostering entrepreneurship and skill development in the region. The meeting, which brought together key stakeholders including Principal/ Nodal officers of 04 Polytechnic Colleges, the Director of the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (ICT), and Incharge Business Incubator (MSME Incubation and Design Centre) at NIT Srinagar, was characterized by constructive discussions and strategic planning for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25. Highlighting the commitment



Saheel Alaqband, Assistant Director MSME GoI, reiterated the dedication to providing comprehensive support to youth, enabling them to transition into successful entrepreneurs. He expressed satisfaction with the achievements of the previous fiscal year and underscored the determination to enhance efficiency and achieve even better results in the coming year.

to empowering the youth with the latest skills and technologies, the meeting emphasized the importance of tailored skill development programs and advanced ESDP initiatives that cater to the evolving needs of the industry, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

During the meeting, completed projects that include Saffron Processing Machine and Seed Sowing machine under MSME innovative scheme were also looked into for further scope of commercialization as development of successful prototypes must reach the market.

The Ministry of MSME Field office, Br MSME DFO Srinagar, remains steadfast in its mission to drive economic growth and create opportunities for the youth in the region through collaborative efforts with educational institutions and industry stakeholders.

SHS NHM Team reviews health facilities, performance of National Programs in Doda District



JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 05

A team from State Health Society NHM J&K conducted a 2 day tour of District Doda to ascertain the implementation of Health programs and Patient care services in Health Institutions.

“On the directions of Mission Director NHM J&K, Nazim Zai Khan, the team headed by Program Manager NHM J&K Dr Nazir Ahmed Dar along with Associate Programme Manager Dr Imtiaz Shakeel Baba, undertook the visit to review, discuss the implementation of the National Health Programmes being run under the National Health Mission in the district and to bring rapid

improvement in key performance indicators in a time bound manner” the NHM J&K said. On the first day, the visiting team held a meeting at CMO Office Doda which was attended by Chief Medical Officer Dr Om Kumar; DIO Dr Versha Sharma and District Programme Management Unit NHM. The visiting team held detailed deliberations on NHM programmes besides reviewing the functioning of DPMU NHM Unit of the district. Later a meeting of the same nature was also held at AH GMC Doda, which was attended by MS GMC Doda and NHM Staff. The team also visited different health facilities in the district which includes AH GMC Doda, AAM SC Dudhote, AAM SC Dranga,

AAM SC Drudhu and SDH Bhandarwah. The visiting team along with other health functionaries interacted with the staff and reviewed the functioning of all health programmes and services being provided to the community. Taking review of key issues, the Team advised the health staff on various measures and improvements to be adopted in order to make implementation of the mission more vibrant and result oriented. The team sought feedback and inputs from the respective managements for further improvement of their respective programmes and carried out impact assessment of all the interventions so that corrective measures can be taken accordingly.

DC Doda reviews functioning of Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee



JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 05

Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh reviewed the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee here today at a meeting held in the DC complex. The meeting discussed strategies and measures to enhance the activities and effectiveness of the twin institutions. A thorough discussion took place on multiple parameters to improve the functions and activities of the Juvenile Justice Board. Deliberations centered on case management, rehabilitation programs, legal aid for juveniles, and coordination with other agen-

cies. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that the board operates efficiently and that juveniles receive the necessary support and guidance. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Manish Kumar; District Project Officer ICDS Project Poshan S. Parmjeet Singh; Chief Education Officer (CEO) P.L. Thapa and Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shakeel Ul Rehman. Also present were the chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committee, members of the Juvenile Justice Board Doda, social workers, and representatives from the Women Cell of the Doda Police Station.

RTO Jammu Tightens noose around traffic violators



Challans 48 vehicles for serious violations

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 05

Intensifying enforcement drives against overloading and other violations under the Motor Vehicle Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, a team of Motor Vehicles Department launched special enforcement drive under the guidance of Pankaj Bhagotra, RTO, Jammu by installing Nakas on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. During the Enforcement Drive nearly 130 vehicles including Buses, Tipppers and School Buses e-challaned 48 vehicles for Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, without Seat Belt, without SLD etc out of which.

During the drive all the overloaded Passenger Vehicles were offloaded on spot and vehicles were arranged for the extra passengers for their destination. Drivers and passengers were also sensitized about the impact of violating Traffic rules and asked not to be part of any violations which can cost precious lives. They were further informed that the department will not spare habitual offenders and if chronic violators don't mend their actions strict action like suspension of R.C/D.L can be initiated against them by the department. In addition a fine of Rs. 1.48200 lakh was imposed on violators. The enforcement team comprised Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQ), Motor Vehicles Inspectors, Vikas Srivats and Jagandeep Singh.

Deputy Commissioner flags off Mata Chandi Mindal Yatra from Doda

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DODA, JUNE 05

Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, today flagged off the famous Mata Chandi Mindal annual Yatra here from Dak Bunglow amid reciting of religious slogans in praise of the Mata. The holy yatra proceeded on its long journey towards Mindal village in Himachal Pradesh. A beautifully decorated van, featuring the traditional Maa Chandi Trishul for darshan, was the highlight of the yatra. Arrangements for longer and refreshments were made for the devotees, who were seen wearing traditional attires sym-

bolizing Maa Chandi Rani. The procession saw a large gathering of both male and female yattris, participating with full dedication and devotion to pay their respects to Maa Bhagwati. The yatra, set to be completed in nine days, will travel through the Paddar Valley and culminate at the ancient Mindal Mata Chandi Temple in Mindal village, Himachal Pradesh. Devotees from various parts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur, and Jammu, participate in this annual pilgrimage. During the flag-off ceremony, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims, urging them to pray to

Maa Bhagwati for peace, prosperity, and brotherhood in the country. He emphasized the spiritual significance of the yatra and encouraged devotees to maintain their devotion throughout the journey. The Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by CPO Doda Manesh Kumar and Tehsildar Doda Dr. Subuh Ahmad Shad, assured that all necessary facilities and arrangements for a smooth and safe journey had been made by the district administration. The police department has deployed sufficient security and made traffic arrangements to ensure the safety of the yattris.

Awareness programmes, Plantation & Sanitation drives mark celebration of World Environment Day at Kulgam

JINNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, JUNE 5

World Environment Day was today celebrated across the district Kulgam with a mega function held at Town Hall Kulgam, which was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan. This year the global theme of 'World Environment Day', 'Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience'. On the occasion, the speakers from schools, civil societies and various departments highlighted the historical background of the day



and added that the need of the hour is to work collectively to preserve and safeguard the environment from more depletion. Addressing the occasion, the DC called for judicious resource use and collective efforts for environmental preservation. The ADDC said that life is only possible by keeping the environmental balance intact, and added that preservation

of water bodies and natural resources is a must. Programme was attended by ADDC Bashir Ahmad Wani, CEO MC, Kulgam, DPCB-Officer and other officers. Later a plantation drive was organised and plant saplings were planted within the premises of Townhall Kulgam by the DC, ADDC and other officers, besides students also participated in this plantation drive.

Doda: Summer Camps organized to promote sustainable development, healthy lifestyles



JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 05

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the SMAGRA SHIKSHA/DSEJ, is organizing summer camps across District Doda from June 5 to June 12, 2024. The initiative aims to foster sustainable development through a series of educational and engaging activities. One of the highlights includes an Eco Club activity by GHS Bulandpur,

featuring a nature walk and an awareness program held during the morning assembly. These activities are designed to enhance students' understanding of environmental conservation and the importance of sustainability. Additionally, GHS-Gadi in District Doda will host interactive sessions led by school teachers to educate students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. These sessions will

provide valuable insights into nutrition, exercise, and overall well-being, ensuring that students not only focus on their academic growth but also on their physical and mental health. This comprehensive approach by the Ministry of Education and SMAGRA SHIKSHA/DSEJ underscores their commitment to holistic development and the empowerment of young minds in the region.

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World Environment Day NSS volunteers of GDC Khansahib conduct Cleanliness Drive

JINNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, JUNE 5

On the eve of 'World Environment Day - 2024' today, the NSS volunteers of Govt. Degree College Khansahib carried out a cleanliness drive on Sukhna River at Arizal village of Khansahib.

A contingent of 36 volunteers was flagged-off by the college in-charge Principal, Prof. G.M. Jan. About 60 kgs of plastic bottles, wrappers and other non-biodegradable waste were collected from the banks of Sukhna and disposed-off during the drive.

On this occasion, the students pledged to lead an eco-friendly life and promote environmental awareness in their respective communities.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N.R.Ly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
01	94245046A	Rotary screw electrical driven air compressor of Capacity - 300 CFM, 10 Kg/cm2, as per specification attached	03 Nos	27.06.2024

NOTE:-Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. No. 09/2024-25
Date: 29.05.2024

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU CAR SHED BUDGAM invites Open Tender through e-tendering system from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work.

Name of Work: Installation and commissioning of Automatic coach washing plant at DMU Car Shed Budgam.
Estimated Cost of Work (Approximate): Rs. 2,43,99,000/- (Two Crore Forty Three Lakh and Ninety Nine Thousand Only)
Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 2,72,000/- (Two Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)
Tender document available for sale on website: 04.06.2024
E-Tender closing Date & Time: 25.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of E-Tender on IREPS website: 25.06.2024 at 15:15 Hrs.
Contract Period: 06 Months
Type of Tender: Open Tender (Single Packet System)
Validity of Tender: 45 Days from the last date of submission of tender
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Odisha: Cong, BJD, BJP state heads share fortune in defeat

AGENCIES

BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 5

The 2024 Assembly elections in Odisha saw presidents of three major political parties losing the electoral battle.

Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee President Sarat Pattanaik, BJP state unit President Manmohan Samal and Biju Janata Dal President Naveen Patnaik were defeated in the assembly seat contested by them in the hustings.

Although the BJP under the leadership of Manmon

Samal, dislodged the BJD government of 24 years by crossing the magic number to create history, Samal, himself, lost the Chandbali Assembly seat.

Samal, who was elected to the state Assembly from Dhamnagar seat in 2004 election, decided this time to contest from Chandbali Assembly seat but faced defeat by a slender margin of 1,916 votes from sitting BJD MLA Byomkesh Ray.

On the other hand, PCC President Sarat Pattmayak who contested the Nua-pada Assembly seat, was

defeated by Odisha Planning and Convergence Minister Rajendra Dholikia (BJD) by a margin of 10,881 votes.

Ironically, BJD President and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who this time contested Hinjili, his traditional assembly seat which he had won six times in a row, and Kantabanji Assembly seat, was defeated in the latter by a margin of 16,334 votes by BJP candidate Laxman Bag.

Patnaik polled 74,532 votes while Bag garnered 90,876 votes in a multi-

cornered contest in which the sitting Congress MLA Santosh Singh Saluja relegated to third position with 26,839 votes.

Besides, the presidents of three political parties, two former presidents of Odisha Congress who fought the election, were also defeated.

Former Congress President Niranjan Patnaik who has been elected to Odisha Assembly four times from Ramchandrapur constituency, and held several cabinet portfolios during two decades, lost the election

from Bhandaripokhari Assembly seat by a slender margin of 1,551 votes against Sanjeeb Kumar Mallick of BJD.

Patnaik polled 70,896 votes while Mallick got 72,447 votes.

Another former Congress President Jayadeb Jena was also defeated from Anandpur Assembly seat by a margin of 10,966 votes by Abhimyuth Sethy of BJD. Jena had won the Anandpur Assembly seat twice in the past in 1995 and 2004 Assembly elections.

Priyanka Jarkiholi: Youngest tribal woman MP shattering glass ceilings

AGENCIES

BENGALURU, JUNE 5

The Indian political landscape witnessed a historic moment as Priyanka Jarkiholi, a Congress candidate from Chikkodi, Karnataka, was elected as the youngest tribal woman to Parliament on June 4. At 27, her victory in the Lok Sabha elections marks a significant milestone for both her community and gender.

The election results, declared on Tuesday, showcased Priyanka's impressive win over Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Annasaheb Jolle, securing a margin of over 90,000 votes. Her

total vote count stood at 7,13,461, a testament to her widespread support in the constituency.

Priyanka's political journey is deeply rooted in her family heritage. As the daughter of Satish Jarkiholi, Karnataka's public works minister, politics runs in her blood.

However, Priyanka is the first woman in her influential family to step into the electoral arena. Her win not only adds a

new dimension to her family's political legacy but also paves the way for future female candidates.

Priyanka's election is not just a personal triumph but a significant achievement for tribal representation in Indian politics. She is the first tribal woman to win an unreserved seat in Karnataka, breaking new ground for her community.

Additionally, she follows in the footsteps of Kotturu Hariharappa Ranganath, becoming only the second leader from a reserved community to secure a general seat, a feat last achieved in 1984-89.

In her post-election address, Priyanka conveyed her commitment to her constituency's development. "I will strive to meet their expectations and ensure the overall development of the constituency," she declared.

Right to travel abroad fundamental right: Bombay HC

AGENCIES

MUMBAI, JUNE 5

The right to travel abroad has in fact been recognised as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the Bombay High Court held while allowing a witness in a CBI case seeking court nod to visit the US and UK for a short duration.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Kamal Khata and Shyam Chandak allowed witness Sanjay Dangli to travel to the US and UK from June 6 to June 23.

Dangli, promoter of Authum Investment and Infrastructure Limited as NDSI Non-Banking Financial Company, was summoned by the Central Bureau of Investigation as a witness

in its probe in the alleged scam involving Wadhawan promoted Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL).

Authum Investment is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and has a net worth of Rs 9,500 crores.

The bench while granting permission also suspended till June 24 the Look Out Circular (LOC) issued by the CBI against Dangli.

In his plea before the court it was informed that the petitioner has not been named in the chargesheet filed by the CBI case and was, in fact, summoned by the agency to give evidence as a witness. Also, he was permitted to travel abroad on five occasions and never has he breached any of the conditions imposed on him.

Rescue ops launched for stranded Himalayan trekkers from Karnataka

AGENCIES

BENGALURU, JUNE 5

Following reports of trekkers from Karnataka stranded in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand, the Karnataka state government has swiftly formed a special team and appointed a nodal officer to oversee their rescue and safe return.

Krishna Byre Gowda, Karnataka's Minister for Disaster Management, stated that all rescue efforts are ongoing with support from the Uttarakhand government, the Indian Mountaineering Federation, and the Home Department of the Government of India.

In an official release on

Wednesday, the minister confirmed, "The rescued trekkers are reaching Dehradun. We are also receiving reports of casualties, which we are working to verify with local authorities and private agencies. Four helicopters and three Indian Air Force helicopters are being deployed in the rescue operation."

According to the Disaster Management Department, 19 trekkers from Bengaluru were on a trekking expedition to the Sahastra Tal Mayak stretch in Uttarakashi. The department received this information from Uttarakhand's District Emergency Officer (DEO) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) last evening, prompting

immediate rescue efforts. The trekkers were on a trip organized by a private agency, the minister noted.

The government has appointed Vipul Bansal as the nodal officer responsible for the rescue operation. He will travel to Dehradun to coordinate the return of the stranded trekkers.

The official order dated June 5 states that the trekkers were trapped near Sahastra Tal Mayak due to adverse weather conditions. The district administration has initiated a search operation with forest department staff. Preliminary reports indicate that a few trekkers are missing.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

PM Modi tenders...

The President accepted the resignation and requested the Prime Minister and the Union Council of Ministers... pic.twitter.com/1ZeSwQFUIy

- President of India (@rashtrapatibhvn) June 5, 2024

According to the sources, as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal-United (JDU), the potential "kingmakers" have given the green signal, the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government and the swearing in ceremony of PM Modi is likely to take place on June 8.

'Environment First' is...

towards environment conservation and promotion of sustainable living. He also talked about the initiatives and programs of the government aimed at protecting and preserving J&K's rich biodiversity.

The Lt Governor set two important goals for the citizens - to stop the use of single-use plastic and to strengthen the Waste Management System. He also appealed to the people living in rural areas to identify such works in their villages which can help restore the ecosystem and prevent land degradation.

Appreciating the contribution of Nigeen Lake Conservation Organization in transforming the Gilsar-Khushalsar waterbody, the Lt Governor assured all possible support from the administration to the organization in its endeavours.

Environment protection pledge was also administered to the people on the occasion. This year, the theme for World Environment Day focuses on Land Degradation, Desertification and Drought resilience.

Ms. Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, VC LCMA; Sh Manzoor Wangnoo, Chairman Nigeen Lake Conservation Organisation; senior officials, social activists, Volunteers and youth in large number were present.

We are committed...

a "Top Innovation Led Farm University" in the country to transform subsistence and low enumerative agriculture into a technology driven agri-economy," the Lt Governor said.

The University has earned 25 Patents in the past 4 years and established 26 startups, out of which 17 are registered as Pvt. Ltd. Companies. In collaboration with IIT Mandi, SKUAST-K is also starting a B.Tech Artificial Intelligence course from this year, he observed.

The Lt Governor highlighted the significant contribution of farming community and all the stakeholders associated with agriculture and allied sector in nation building.

Today, all the facilities and technologies like drones, artificial intelligence, machine learning, Internet of Things, blockchain, are being made available to empower our youth to realise the potential of agriculture and food processing sector in Jammu Kashmir, he said.

The Lt Governor also applauded the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of SKUAST-K in implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He sought their cooperation in further strengthening the ecosystem of agro-based industries and increasing the income of farmers.

The Lt Governor also unveiled the SKUAST-K's work-

ing model of National Education Policy-2020, and planted a tree sapling in the University premises.

Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir; HoDs, senior officials, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

Assembly Segment...

The National Conference is winning in three assembly segments: Budgam, where it received 30,259 votes, defeating Engineer Rashid who received 24,604 votes. Also, in Gurez, where Omar Abdullah received 3,977 votes, while Engineer Rashid received 2,231 votes. From Pattan, which is considered a bastion of Sajad Lone's close confidant and Shia leader Imran Raza Ansari, Omar Abdullah managed to secure a lead with 21,533 votes. Sajad's PC received 17,124 votes, followed by Engineer Rashid who received 17,112 votes. As for Sajad Gani Lone, he has managed to secure a lead in a single seat of Handwara with 26,275 votes, followed by Engineer Rashid who managed to secure 19,336 votes from that assembly segment.

Assembly-wise leads from Srinagar LS Seat: From the Srinagar Parliamentary seat, NC is leading in 16 assembly constituencies, followed by PDP with leads in two assembly segments. PDP is winning from the Rajpora assembly constituency with 16,615 votes and also from Shopian with 21,040 votes. More shocking is to find Syed Altaf Bukhari's own constituency, Chananpora, where NC's Aga Ruhullah Mehdi has received 11,951 votes, while Bukhari's own party has a mere 3,101 votes.

Assembly-wise leads from Anantnag-Rajouri LS Seat: From the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat, the National Conference has a lead in 15 out of 18 assembly segments, while the PDP, which considers South Kashmir as its bastion, has managed only three seats in Anantnag, Anantnag West and Bijbehara assembly segments.

Overall, based on the numbers from the parliamentary poll results, if assembly elections were held today in Kashmir, NC would emerge as the single largest party with 35 seats, followed by Engineer Rashid's Awami Ittehad party with 14 seats. PDP and PC would lag behind with five and one seat, respectively.

CS takes stock of...

Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir, ACS, Jal Shakti; Principal Secretary, Power; ADGP Headquarters; ADGP L&O; ADGP, Commissioner Secretary, Housing; Commissioner Secretary Tourism; Director F&ES, Secretary RDD; IGP Kashmir; Director Tourism, Kashmir; Director Health, Kashmir; Director ULB, Kashmir and representatives from JKRTC, R&B and other departments attended the meeting in person while Deputy Commissioners and SSPs along with several outstation officers participated online.

The Chief Secretary emphasised upon both the Divisional Commissioners and Relief Commissioner to work in close coordination for pleasant experience of the pilgrims expected to through this festival. He asked them to ensure all the arrangements of transportation, accommodation, power, water, sanitation, medical aid and security are in place.

Dulloo asked for creating adequate amenities for comfortable stay of pilgrims at the shrine and enroute. He directed the district administration to make on spot assessment of the facilities created besides identifying requirement of any additional services.

The Chief Secretary also took note of arrangement of buses for the journey of devotees besides assessing the condition of road leading to the Shrine, accommodation for night stay and provision of essential supplies to be made for smooth conduct of Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela this year. He asked about desilting of the canal flowing through the temple complex and other cleanliness measures to be taken there.

The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, gave an overview of the measures taken by his administration, so far. He detailed out the kind of facilities created for transportation of pilgrims and accommodation facilities made at Central University Campus and other nearby places. He also threw light on the traffic plan, medical aid, power, water, sanitation and disaster management provisions.

Besides other departments including Police, H&UDD, RDD, Tourism, Health and Transport informed the meeting about the arrangements being made by them for smooth conduct of this festival.

Chenab valley...

The only positive for Lal Singh was Banihal and Doda Assembly segments from where he got the lead of 37820 and 19486, respectively.

The leads in Bhandarwah and Inderwal were marginal and overall Chenab valley couldn't do well for him.

Sources in BJP told KNO that the results in Chenab valley have been encouraging for the party as they have got a handful of Muslim votes as well besides sweeping Hindu votes.

Meanwhile, Democratic Progressive Azad party (DPAP) candidate Ghulam Muhammad Saroori has also got over 34 thousand votes in Chenab valley but he didn't get a lead in any of the eight Assembly segments. Even in his own backyard Inderwal, from where he has remained a three-time MLA, he remained at number three.

Woman killed, two...

Mendhar area in Poonch district on Wednesday.

Official sources said that the accident took place at Chuwara gali Balnoi Mankote when driver lost control over Tata Mobile (PB03BK-5126) and skidded off the road, leading to on the spot death of woman and injuries to two other persons. Immediately, they said, locals rushed to the spot and in between a police team also reached to spot. The injured were shifted to hospital for treatment, they added.

A police official confirmed that the accident and death of the woman and injuries to two persons.

SANJY-2024: 14000...

also be organized so that service providers do not face any difficulty and are ready to provide their services to the pilgrims well before the commencement of the Yatra.

The Labour Commissioner praised the commitment of the service providers in helping lakhs of pilgrims in performing their religious obligations without difficulties.

He instructed the Labour Department officials to facilitate the service providers in every way so that the Yatra is conducted in a smooth and successful manner and pilgrims are provided all the requisite facilities during their journey.

Priyanka's emotional note to Rahul as proud sister

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday penned an emotional note for her brother Rahul Gandhi who is currently "the man of the moment for bravely facing all odds and standing tall".

Priyanka on social media post X said, "You kept standing, no matter what they said and did to you...you never backed down whatever the odds, never stopped believing however much they

doubted your conviction, you never stopped fighting for the truth despite the overwhelming propaganda of lies they spread, and you never allowed anger and hatred to overcome you, even when they gifted it to you every day".

Praising her brother for taking on 'hatred' with 'love and kindness' Priyanka said, "You fought with love, truth and kindness in your heart. Those who could not see you, see you now, but some of us have always seen and known you to be the bravest of all".

"Rahul Gandhi, I am proud to be your sister," she wrote. The post garnered 325.6K views within three hours.

The Gandhi siblings extensively campaigned throughout the country for the Lok Sabha elections and rejuvenated the party. The election results have given a huge boost to the party. Both Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav changed the political dynamics of Uttar Pradesh, the state considered to be the road leading to the Centre of Power - Delhi.

GDC Billawar celebrates World Environment Day

JINNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, JUNE 5

Government Degree College Billawar celebrated World Environment Day on 5th of June, 2024 with great enthusiasm under the patronage of worthy principal Prof. (Dr.) Alka Sharma. This year the theme of the day was "Land restoration, Desertification and Land Resilience". On this occasion, a lecture and plantation drive were organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with NCC and NSS units of the college to create awareness among masses to protect the environment.



The lecture was delivered by Prof. Kiran Kumari, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences on Land restoration and land resilience. Students participated enthusiastically in the event and various environmental issues like biodiversity loss,

greenhouse effect, global warming, climate change were addressed focusing on land degradation and its restoration. Further, plantation drive was conducted and some of the plants which were planted were Delonix regia, Callistemon, Alstonia, Cassia

fistula and some fruiting plants like mango, guava, Indian blackberry and other citric fruits.

Inaugural of Plant bank was also done with a motto to protect the environment as well as for a greener campus. Contribution by staff or students can be

done in this bank for preservation and conservation of environment.

Prof. (Dr.) Alka Sharma, Principal, GDC Billawar, gave her remarkable words and addressed the students on importance of plants and how they can contribute in combating climate change. She advised the students to act as the ambassadors for spreading the awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature with the motto "my environment, my responsibility".

Lastly, vote of thanks was given by Mr. Akshay Sharma (ANO NCC). Other faculty members who were present during the event were, Prof. Kanchan Mala, Dr. Manu Sharma, Prof. Sunita Devi, Prof. Suneet Kumar and Prof. Sheetal.

NSS Unit, Eco Club of GDC Marheen celebrate World Environment Day

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

The NSS Unit and Eco Club of GDC Marheen celebrated Environment Day by organizing a seminar on the theme "Restore Our Earth" in the college premises for creating awareness among the students. The programme was organized under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. In her address, she highlighted that we all work together to save lives, ease sufferings and lessen the shattering economic and

social consequences. Moreover, we must protect our planet from all the threats of climate disruption. The event was organized under the supervision of Dr. Arun Dev Singh (NSS, PO) and Prof. Anoop Sharma (Convener, Eco Club). A large number of Volunteers and students participated in the event. Shania, Koushika and Ritika shared their views on the mentioned theme. The staff members presented during the programme were Prof. Sandeep, Dr. Balbinder, Dr. Munisha and Dr. Shallu.

Crackdown on Illegal Mining, 4 vehicles detained by JKP



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. Police Station Nagrota and PP Sidhra detained 04 vehicles involved in illegal mining, Tractor trolley bearing chassis no MBNAK49AD-KTM26122, Engine No. CJ.1353SAMI412.

2.Tractor trolley bearing chassis no MBNAU-48AFLCM67466, Engine No. DC 1025/SBM22674.

3.Dumper bearing Registration No.Jk02CT/9260.

4.JCB bearing chassis no. HAR3DXSSA02607172. After detaining of vehicle District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

While giving the details SP RuralJammu, conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

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GDC Thannamandi Organizes Online Quiz on Cyber Security



JINNEWS SERVICE
THANNAMANDI, JUNE 5

The Department of Computer Science, Government Degree College Thannamandi organised an online quiz on cyber security awareness based on the theme "Cyber Crimes and Safety" under the patron ship of the Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed.

The competition was one of the series of monthly events organized in the Institution under the programme "Cyber Jagrukta Awareness Diwas" a program by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Higher Education Department J&K for implementing the scheme called "Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (4C)". Prof. Supriya Gupta, HOD Com-

puter Science and Nodal officer Cyber Jagrukta awareness programme of the college organized the quiz to aware the students about Cyber related crimes and security. A number of students from different colleges participated and all the qualifying participants who secured more than 50% points were sent printable e-certificates.

BJP emerges as single largest party in Lok Sabha: Yudhvir

Says BJP headed by Modi all set to form Govt at Centre



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Vice President for Jammu and Kashmir, Yudhvir Sethi, today celebrated the historic victory of the BJP for a third consecutive term at the Centre.

The celebrations were witnessed at various places in Jammu city, including Kali Jani, Jullaka Mohalla, Shamlanar, and Old Hospital Road. The celebrations were marked by enthusiasm and fervor, with party workers and supporters gathering at various locations to rejoice in the BJP's victory. The atmosphere was filled with music, dance, slogans and distributing sweets to the gathering, as people from all walks of life came together to celebrate the historic win.

The celebrations were organized by Arun Sethi, Ajesh Sharma and Sandeep Dogra.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi expressed his gratitude to the people of India for reposing their faith in the BJP and its leadership. He said, "The BJP's victory is a testament to the trust and confidence that the people of India have in our party's vision and policies. We are committed to taking India forward and fulfilling the aspirations of our citizens."

The senior BJP leader emphasized that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has secured an absolute majority in the elections, adding that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the single largest party, winning 240 seats. This significant victory underscores the BJP's

strong position and widespread support across the nation, he added. Sethi further stated that the BJP is all set to form the government at the Centre for a third term, with a strong mandate from the people. He also lauded the people of Jammu and Kashmir for extending full support to both the BJP candidates Dr Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma in the Lok Sabha polls. He emphasized that the party will continue to work tirelessly to fulfill its promises and ensure the overall development of the nation. The BJP leader also thanked the party workers and supporters for their hard work and dedication, which contributed to the BJP's success. He also appreciated the people of Jammu region for their unwavering support to the party.

02 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 11 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized by JKP



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Station Jhajar Kotli today on 05.06.24, in the wee hours foiled bovine smuggling bids in which 11 bovine rescued from two different vehicles (Mahindra Bolero Load carrier) bearing registration number No. JK03H-1113 & JK02CL-7240 at naka point Suktar. The driver of the vehicle (JK03H-1113) disclosed his identities as Yaser Ali

Chouhan S/O Jaleel Chouhan R/O Kapran, Verinag Distt. Anantnag got arrested while the driver of the vehicle No. JK02CL-7240 fled away from the spot after leaving behind his vehicle on road.

11 bovines were rescued and both vehicles seized.

In this connection, two FIR under relevant sections of law stands registered and further investigation of both the cases are underway.

General public have appreciated the continuous and strict actions of police against Bovine

Police Public School Doda celebrates World Environment Day



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DODA, JUNE 5

World Environment Day was celebrated in Police Public School Doda in collaboration with Forest Department in which worthy Tanveer Ahmed Wani (Principal Hr.Sec. School Doda) was the Chief Guest and Shri Mahesh Thakur (DFO) was guest of honour and the event was attended by many forest officers and officials. All staff members of PPS Doda along with Principal and Nodal Officer PPS Doda were also present on the occasion.

The programme was started at 08:30am with the symposium on the preservation and protection of environment by the teachers and students

of PPS Doda. On this Occasion, worthy Tanveer Ahmed Wani and officers from forest department inspired the students by their splendid and motivational speech. In addition to it, after symposium on World Environment Day, rally was marched from Police Public School Doda to DPL Gate Doda by the students, teachers, Principal PPS Doda, DySP DAR DPL Doda (Nodal Officer), Tanveer Ahmed Wani (Chief guest) and Officers from forests department.

Moreover students of PPS Doda also brought placards with them on which a fruitful message to preserve as well as protect environment was mentioned. The whole programme was held under the close supervision of

Principal PPS Doda and DySP DAR DPL Doda.

All the staff members of PPS Doda played an important role during the programme. All the students, staff and principal PPS Doda thanked to worthy Tanveer Ahmed Wani (chief guest) and Mahesh Thakur (guest of honour) for providing such healthy environment.

On this Occasion, saplings of different species were also planted by the Officers from forest department in presence of principal, staff members and DySP DAR Doda within premises of school.

Finally the programme was ended peacefully at 10:30 am. Hence a note on World Environment Day is submitted for favour of persual please.

1 more cattle lifting bid foiled, 2 bovines rescued, 1 vehicle seized by JKP



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Jammu police tightening noose against cattle lifters under operation Kamdhenu today a team of police station Gharota laid a special naka in the J/D of PS Gharota and during naka checking police party stopped one Auto load carrier bearing registration no. JK02CC/1394 loaded with 02 no's of bovine animals (Cow = 01, Calf

=01). The accused driver namely Subash Chander S/O Dharam Chand R/O Aghore Tehsil Bhalwal tried to flee away from spot but was arrested by alert police party. The vehicle also seized.

A case under relevant sections got registered and investigation is in progress.

General public have appreciated the continuous and strict actions of police against cattle lifters.

EDITORIAL

Loud and clear message for BJP

The 2024 general elections have delivered a stark message to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP): do not take the electorate for granted. While the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) emerged victorious, the triumph was far from the emphatic landslide many had predicted. The slogan “abki baar 400 paar” remained just that – a slogan. The exit polls’ confident forecasts failed to materialize, highlighting a significant disconnect between expectations and reality. The BJP’s attempt to overwhelm the Opposition through sheer force came up short. The INDIA bloc, led by the Congress, mounted a formidable resistance, resulting in a less than mighty showing for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For the first time in recent memory, Modi’s government will rely heavily on regional allies like Nitish Kumar and N Chandrababu Naidu to maintain stability. This reliance underscores a strategic foresight within the BJP: the acknowledgment that influential allies would be crucial when the going got tough. In Jammu too, the mood within the BJP, even in its strongholds like other parts of the country, was notably subdued. In contrast to the jubilant celebrations of previous victories, the atmosphere was lackluster. This was evident at a modest victory celebration in Jammu, where the absence of many senior leaders was conspicuous. The BJP secured its expected two seats in Jammu, but the margins of victory were significantly reduced compared to previous elections. Dr. Jitendra Singh’s victory margin dropped from 349,283 in 2019 to 124,373 votes, while Jugal Kishore’s margin decreased from 302,875 to 135,498 votes. Despite high-profile campaigners like PM Modi, Amit Shah, and Yogi Adityanath, the BJP’s grip weakened, while Congress candidates managed to rally significant support independently. This trend of diminished enthusiasm and tighter race margins points to deeper issues within the BJP’s campaign strategy. The shocking results in key states, particularly the fiasco in Uttar Pradesh, have cast a shadow over their overall victory. The much-anticipated inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, a landmark event in Modi’s second term, failed to galvanize the anticipated support in Uttar Pradesh, the political linchpin of India. Instead, the Samajwadi Party-Congress alliance delivered a remarkable performance, upending BJP’s dominance. Nationally, the Congress party’s resurgence is notable. Despite internal struggles and the threat of diminishing influence within the INDIA bloc, the Congress nearly doubled its 2019 tally. This comeback signifies not only a rejuvenation of the grand old party but also a robust opposition that promises to keep the BJP on its toes. Indian democracy, it seems, is far from becoming an opposition-free landscape. The BJP’s strategy moving forward must involve a critical introspection of where it faltered. The socio-economic issues that dominated voter concerns – unemployment, inflation, and growing inequality – demand immediate and effective responses from the new government. These issues, more than any political maneuvering, will shape the electorate’s future support. In Jammu and across the nation, the reduced victory margins and the spirited opposition have given the Congress and other opposition parties newfound confidence. For the BJP, the clear takeaway from the 2024 General Election is that complacency and overconfidence can be costly. The party must engage more genuinely with the electorate’s concerns and avoid relying solely on star power and grand slogans.

SAKSHI SETHI

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. “?

Leadership is a key controllable factor that humans can learn and implement in their organizations. It is something that is not defined by position and has a large impact on the productivity of an organization. A leader in an organization must balance various roles, from visionary to manager, mentor and even change agent as people in general are diverse and have distinct components that make them unique and set them apart from the next person. The ability to

wear these multiple hats distinguishes great leaders from merely competent ones the ones possessing the necessary skills and knowledge.

‘Organizational leadership’ the term often talked about is a multifaceted and dynamic endeavour that requires a blend of vision, integrity, empathy, decisiveness, resilience, effective communication, accountability and adaptability. The impact of strong leadership extends beyond the confines of management, influencing the very fabric of the organization. Leadership is a strength that inspires and guides the cooperation and attitudes of others on the way to set vision. Effective leaders understand that a well-defined vision aligns teams, fosters a sense of belonging and motivates individuals to contribute their best. They are aware that they must



take into consideration the responsibilities of all the decisions they believe are necessary to provide strong bonds and foster competent collaboration between members of their organization. They influence the followers in such a way that they put more effort into the accomplishment of organizational goals and objectives.

At its core, organizational leadership is about steering the organization towards its vision while managing its resources

effectively. It encompasses the ability to make strategic decisions, motivate its employees and create an environment conducive to growth and development. Burnout, which is often characterized by chronic stress, exhaustion and a sense of ineffectiveness, is a pervasive problem that can significantly impact both individuals and organizations. Effective leadership can be a key factor in preventing burnout and promoting a healthy, productive workplace for

it influences every aspect of the organization, from employee morale and productivity to innovation and financial performance. A leader in an organization should embody various qualities and exhibit behaviours that inspire, motivate and guide their team towards achieving common goals.

By embodying attributes such as cultivating a positive and inclusive work culture where everyone feels valued and respected; delegating tasks and trusting team members with responsibilities; establishing and communicating clear, achievable goals; inspiring and motivating the team by setting a positive example, providing encouragement and recognizing achievements can a leader effectively guide their organization towards success and foster a supportive, productive and positive work environ-

ment.

There is no denying the fact that organizational leadership has a profound impact on workplace burnout but, leaders who prioritize employee well-being, foster a supportive work environment and implement strategies to manage stress can significantly reduce the incidence of burnout. By understanding the factors that contribute to burnout and adopting a proactive, empathetic approach, leaders can enhance employee satisfaction, productivity and overall organizational health. The relationship between leadership and burnout is complex, but with the right practices and mindset, leaders can steer their organizations towards a healthier and more sustainable future.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 | New government must do away with trophy capitalism

SUBHASH CHANDRA GARG

The people of India have spoken. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has barely managed to win a majority, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at 240 well short of the 272-majority mark. The Congress-led I.N.D.I.A. bloc is at 234, six seats short of BJP’s tally.

The BJP is now critically dependent on its two mercurial partners – Chandrababu Naidu’s Telugu Desam Party (TDP), and Nitish Kumar’s Janata Dal (United). Naidu and Kumar are masters of statecraft, have their big grudges, and are known to drive hard bargains. They may even switch sides to I.N.D.I.A., unless the BJP offers lucrative deals while forming the next government.

Their switch can convert the NDA’s marginal lead into an I.N.D.I.A. government. At this moment, therefore, there are four possible scenarios for the new government.

First, the NDA forms the government under Modi’s leadership. Second, the NDA forms the government under a BJP leader other than Modi. Third, the NDA government will

have a non-BJP prime minister. Fourth, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, with post-poll alliance support, forms the government at the Centre.

Whichever government finally emerges will face serious challenges in formulating economic policies and programmes.

Trophy capitalism will lose

Modi’s second term witnessed the government’s capital expenditure (capex) going through the roof, wrecking fiscal discipline, thus resulting in a big debt mountain.

This capex did generate many trophies, particularly in the Railways – Vande Bharat trains, Dedicated Freight Corridors, unfinished High-Speed Rail, etc. Their economic contribution though was abysmal with the Railways’ share of passenger, freight, and gross value added going down further.

The capex in the roadways sector did make a much better economic contribution but came at a high cost making the NHAI bankrupt and the government suffering large capital losses while monetising road assets.

The worst capex was making equity investments in zombie public sector enterprises such as the BSNL, which saw

large-scale debt-funded resources getting thrown down the drain.

High profile production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes, designed to transfer taxpayers’ resources to India’s billionaires, also generated a false sense of polishing capex in the private sector.

India’s debt-funded unproductive capex would have to be scaled down and replaced by better infrastructure financing models, irrespective of whichever government emerges.

Welfare spending will increase

The Modi government had different welfare strategies in its first and second terms.

The first term (Modi 1.0) programmes financed life-changing social investments such as housing, toilets, electricity, cooking gas, and health insurance, which brought enormous benefits to millions of poor people.

In contrast, Modi 2.0 fell for populist freebies – cash transfers to farmers (PMKISAN), free foodgrains supply to over 810 million people, and making fertilisers virtually costless. Modi also announced many freebies guarantees during

state elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan.

The Modi government had an unenviable implementation track-record for life-changing welfare schemes in its first term. In its second term, however, it failed to effectively deliver the only new scheme – tap water in every home, leaving millions of homes still without tap water.

While the successful delivery of life-changing development programmes of the first term turned millions of Labharthis into BJP voters in 2019, the second term freebies and botched implementation turned the poor into I.N.D.I.A. voters in many states.

The I.N.D.I.A. bloc’s principal campaign plank was more cash benefits to the poor (e.g. the Mahalakshmi scheme), which were promised to be delivered without any delay.

The NDA would find it impossible to move away from its second-term freebie opiate. If I.N.D.I.A. forms the government, it would continue all the Modi 2.0 freebie schemes and add its own, easily doubling fiscal-draining expenditures.

Continued neglect of environmental

emergency

India is facing a pollution emergency. It is the most air-polluted country in the world. Our ponds, lakes, and rivers are gasping for life. However, pollution control was not the campaign issue of any political party.

Governments neglect this vital public good. They spend only about a thousand crore rupees on all its pollution control programmes.

Carbon emissions get more headlines because of international attention to control the rise in global temperatures. The Indian government also make good noises – Net Zero by 2070, 500 Gigawatt of renewable power by 2030, and so on. It, however, spends much less than what is required.

While it is important for the government to focus on both pollution and carbon emissions by expanding public expenditure programmes, as neither the NDA nor I.N.D.I.A. have made it a poll issue, it is unlikely that India’s new government will make this a priority.

Significant change in non-economic space

With the limitations of hounding out the political and business opponents

through investigative agencies becoming clearer, there is a good likelihood of these agencies being reined in, particularly if Modi does not lead the new government. If an I.N.D.I.A. government is formed, there will be a considerable rollback of the draconian powers conferred on the enforcement directorate.

The Modi government staffed India’s sovereign institutions with its loyalists, which probably contributed to the undermining of Modi 2.0. The bureaucrats, regulators, and others began telling Modi what he wanted to hear, thus creating a false image of India doing unprecedentedly well. The exit polls also seemed to have fallen victim to this confirmation bias.

It will be necessary to restore the independence and vitality of these institutions. Otherwise, India might well be in for considerable chaos in the non-economic arena as well, which will also, without doubt, impact India’s economic progress.

(Subhash Chandra Garg is former Finance & Economic Affairs Secretary, and author of ‘The Ten Trillion Dream’ and ‘We Also Make Policy’)

Rajasthan village girls struggle for sports opportunities

MEERA NAYAK

In our village, there is no field for girls to play on. The entire village has only one school with a usable field, but it’s dominated by boys, forcing us to practice in a corner, said 16-year-old Sonu from Ghadsisar village in Churu district in Rajasthan, who practices kho-kho daily with her teammates in a corner of the village’s only high school ground.

17-year-old Aarti, who practices kho-kho with Sonu, said, “Our team has only traveled once to Sardarshahar tehsil and once to Foga village to participate in the game. After that, we haven’t gone anywhere. We don’t get the chance because our performance isn’t good enough. How can we perform well without proper practice opportunities? Having a field for practice is essential, but we don’t have one.” Girls do not

receive support from their families to go outside the village to practice.

Ghadsisar village, located about 254 km from Jaipur in Churu district, has a population of around 3,900. Within this small population, there is a significant disparity in literacy rates between men (62.73%) and women (38.8%). This reflects the discrimination that girls face in terms of education. Within this smaller group, girls who are challenging the social norms, are further discriminated against due to a lack of a dedicated sports field for girls. Consequently, their practice sessions are disrupted, negatively affecting their performance.

“This village has about 800 houses. The girls who study at the village school still get practice opportunities during school days, but where should the girls who no longer study here go for practice?” said



Kanta, another young girl from the village. “The boys can play anywhere or in fields in other villages, but our families don’t allow us to go far from home for practice. Therefore, our village needs a dedicated field for girls to play,” she added.

With years of negotiations, they did manage a corner space in the field but even that becomes unavailable during vacations. “The boys often climb over the school wall to play on the field, but we girls can’t do that,” informed Kanta.

Regarding this issue, the village sarpanch,

Manoj Kumar, acknowledged that there is no separate field for girls in the village, which causes difficulties for them in practice. He mentioned that the gram panchayat had submitted a proposal to the tehsil headquarters, but the tehsil authorities indicated that while there is vacant land in Ghadsisar, it belongs to the johad paytan (water reservoir) and the mining department. Allocating this land for a sports field is beyond the tehsil’s jurisdiction.

Understanding the situation, the panchayat selected a different site and submitted a new pro-

posal to the tehsil. However, due to the code of conduct imposed for the Lok Sabha elections, no action has been taken. The panchayat will make another attempt after the election process is completed to ensure a sports field is available for the girls.

Social worker Heera Sharma emphasized the importance of sports for all children, stating, “Whether it’s a boy or a girl, playing sports is crucial for physical and mental development. It not only keeps the body healthy but also enhances mental well-being. Denying girls the opportunity to play would be unjust. Playing sports boosts girls’ confidence, allowing them to run freely on the field and contributing significantly to their physical development.”

She added, “Sports are excellent for fitness and can also provide a career path, with athletes bring-

ing honor to the country. This is why the government is promoting sports and athletes through initiatives like ‘Khelo India.’ Many girls from rural areas have emerged to represent India at district, state, Olympic and Commonwealth games, winning medals for the country.”

This year, at the sixth Khelo India Youth Games held in Tamil Nadu, athletes from Rajasthan delivered outstanding performances across various events, earning the state a place in the top 5. Both girls and boys excelled. Yet despite these successes, many rural areas in the country continue to deprive girls of the chance to participate in sports, even though access to sports fields is essential for all adolescents, regardless of gender.

(The writer is a grassroots writer from Lunkaransar, Rajasthan; views are personal. Charkha Features)

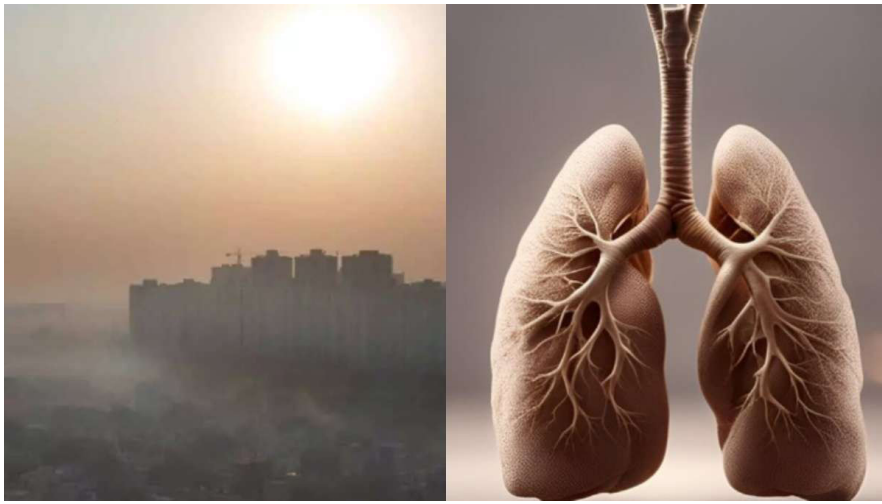
Poor air quality impacts lung health: Know its short and long-term impact

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Declining air quality is detrimental to the health of all individuals in society in multiple ways. Children, the elderly, and those with existing lung diseases are at a higher risk of suffering respiratory consequences. Cough with or without phlegm, sore throat and breathlessness are the likely respiratory symptoms one faces on exposure to air with high particulate matter levels. Generally, a patient with an underlying lung ailment tends to suffer prolonged symptoms even otherwise, but the fraction of patients complaining of a longer-than-usual cough is high.

Short-term effects of poor air quality on lung health

When we spoke to Dr Mihir Gangakhedkar, Consultant Pulmonology, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, regarding the same, he said, the short-term effects



of exposure to poorer quality of air would be repeated respiratory tract symptoms, which can at times affect the patient's professional output as well. A persistent dry cough may also disturb one's sleep, which eventually impacts one's daytime performance. In children, the repeated symptoms may lead to sick leaves from school and reduced capacity to participate in playtime activities.

Patients with underlying lung ailments may even suffer from acute flare-ups which result in them needing an up-titration in medication, an emergency room visit or even a hospitalization.

Long-term effects of poor air quality on lung health

In the long term, poor air quality does have a damaging effect on the lungs. The number of individuals with airway

disorders like Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in the affected population goes up.

There is data to suggest a link between prolonged exposure to suspended particulate matter and Lung Cancer. There is an increased risk of death in patients with existing cardiovascular diseases on persistent exposure to poor-quality air. With repeated flares in young

children, the growth of the lung is affected, and they may not reach their potential or expected capacities by young adulthood & be healthy. Similarly, every flare in a patient with lung illness is associated with a fall in the lung capacity, which needs an inter-flare period to recover. However, with a shorter inter-flare period and incomplete recovery, the patients remain at risk for further episodic worsening of lower lung capacities at the time of flare, and higher severity of the exacerbation.

Prevention tips

As precautions, one can use masks, especially N95 or N99, as they are more effective in filtering out pollutants, avoid exercising outdoors, and plant trees, among others.

Therefore, efforts to improve air quality are essential to maintaining the present health of the people and for ensuring the future health of the children in society.

Need to focus more on achieving health equality in India: Poonam Muttreja

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From the Ayushman Bharat scheme to digital health innovations, India has achieved significant milestones in the health sector in the last five years, and now the focus must shift to achieving equality, said Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India.

"We've witnessed significant initiatives in India in the health sector. From the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, providing health insurance to millions expanded the reach of the health and wellness centres to address the primary health care needs of local communities, to digital health innovations," Poonam said.

Despite the progress made, challenges remain.

"We are still a long way away from achieving universal health coverage," she said, citing the low health expenditure in the budget, which is below the target of 2.5 per cent



of the GDP, as recommended by the National Health Policy of 2017.

The expert called on the need to strengthen the country's primary health system and raise investment in health infrastructure while increasingly embracing advanced technologies like telemedicine and AI.

"The Covid-19 pandemic also laid bare the inefficiency of our public health system, highlighting the need to reimagine the health system and improve the quality of services," said the public health expert, adding that

"there is a lot of potential and promise."

"We need an even greater emphasis on strengthening our primary health care system...and we must address the social determinants of health, such as age at marriage, girls' education, nutrition, sanitation," said Poonam, adding that these "play a critical role in achieving health equality."

She also called for addressing gender gaps and ensuring male engagement in health access and outcome, fixing human resource challenges in the health system.

Health benefits of lychee: Add this nutrient packed superfood for radiant skin, overall health

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Lychee, a tropical fruit native to China, is not only a delicious treat but also a powerhouse of nutrients and antioxidants. This small, juicy fruit is packed with numerous health benefits that significantly contribute to overall well-being and enhance the appearance of the skin. Rich in essential vitamins, minerals, and hydration, lychee supports various bodily functions, from boosting the immune system to aiding in digestion. Its high antioxidant content helps combat free radicals, reducing oxidative stress and preventing premature aging. Incorporating lychee into your diet is a tasty and effective way to enhance your health and achieve a natural, glowing complexion.

Here are seven detailed points highlighting the health benefits of lychee and its role in promoting good health and glowing skin.

Rich in vitamin C: Lychee is high in vitamin C, an essential nutrient for



collagen production. Collagen maintains skin elasticity and firmness, giving the skin a youthful and vibrant look, says FemCare founder and Noida-based Dermatologist Payal Sharma. Additionally, vitamin C strengthens the immune system, helping the body resist infections and diseases, she added.

Antioxidant properties: Lychee contains potent antioxidants like flavonoids, polyphenols, and vitamin C. These antioxidants combat free radicals, reducing oxidative stress and preventing cellular damage. This process helps delay the aging process and lowers the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer, says Sharma.

Hydration and detoxification: With its high-water content, lychee is excellent for maintaining hydration. Proper hydration is vital for healthy skin, as it keeps the skin moist and supple, says Sharma. Hydration also aids in detoxifying the body by flushing out toxins, leading to a clearer and more radiant complexion.

Nutrient-rich: Lychee is a rich source of essential nutrients, including potassium, magnesium, copper, and folate. These nutrients support critical bodily functions such as heart health, nerve function, and red blood cell formation, contributing to overall health and vitality.

Anti-inflammatory properties: The anti-

inflammatory compounds found in lychee can help reduce inflammation throughout the body. Chronic inflammation is linked to various health issues, including heart disease, arthritis, and skin conditions. By reducing inflammation, lychee helps improve overall health and enhances skin appearance.

Digestive health: Lychee is a good source of dietary fibre, which promotes healthy digestion and regular bowel movements. A healthy digestive system ensures efficient nutrient absorption and effective toxin elimination, both of which are crucial for maintaining healthy skin and overall well-being, says Sharma.

Anti-aging benefits: The combination of vitamins, antioxidants, and water in lychee works synergistically to minimise the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, and age spots. Regular consumption of lychee can help achieve a more youthful and radiant complexion, making it a natural and effective anti-aging fruit.

How heat waves are intensifying heart health risks

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Rising temperatures are increasing the risk of heart health, contributing to a surge in chances of death from cardiovascular diseases, said experts on World Environment Day on Wednesday.

World Environment Day is observed every year on June 5 to raise awareness about climate change and its effects, both on the flora and fauna, as well as human health. The theme this year is "Land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience".

The risk of death due to cardiovascular diseases rises with every 1-degree Celsius increase in temperature. Studies indicate that approximately 489,000 heat-related deaths occurred annually between 2000 and 2019, with 45 per cent of these deaths taking place in Asia.

Recent data from the Health Ministry on heat-related illnesses and deaths in India, reported 605 deaths due to different cardiovascular diseases in May this year.

There were at least 80 deaths due to heat strokes,



including both confirmed and suspected cases, in May. In addition, 56 confirmed deaths occurred due to heat strokes between March and May, of which 46 occurred in May alone.

"The human body is adept at regulating its internal temperature through mechanisms such as sweating and increased blood flow to the skin. However, during extreme heat, this thermoregulatory system can become overwhelmed. As the body struggles to cool itself, the heart has to work harder to pump blood, which increases strain and elevates blood pressure," Dr RR Dutta, HOPD, Internal Medicine, Paras Health, Gurugram.

"This stress can trigger a cascade of adverse events, ranging from dizziness and nausea to severe complications including heart attack, stroke, and even sudden death," he added.

Limited access to air conditioning, inadequate hydration due to economic constraints, and social isolation can exacerbate the dangers of heat waves for these groups, leading to a higher incidence of heat-related illnesses and deaths.

Dr Dutta stressed the need for building more sustainable and heat-resistant infrastructure is also essential for long-term protection.

A recent study by researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology-Bhubaneswar showed that urbanisation alone is responsible for 60 per cent of the warming trend in Indian cities.

Despite accounting for only about 1 per cent of the land, cities house more than half of the world's inhabitants, revealed the findings, published in Nature journal.

"Heat waves are caused mostly by climate change and weather patterns disruptions," Hisham Mundol, Chief Advisor, Environmental Defense Fund, India, said.

Moreover, the urban heat island effect -- where reduced vegetation, increased concretisation, and concentrations raise temperatures, increases the risk.

Hisham noted that mitigation is both possible and is urgently required. It requires both reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing forest cover.

Alcohol-based mouthwash may not be good for your oral health: Study

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The research, published in the Journal of Medical Microbiology, included men who have sex with men, who regularly use mouthwash as a method to reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

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and Streptococcus anginosus -- in the mouth of these men, said the team from the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp in Belgium.

The two bacteria are known to raise the risk of gum disease, and oesophageal and colorectal cancers.

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The researchers also called for larger studies to establish the risk.

Cleansing Stomach To Fighting Acid Reflux, How Eating Papaya Improves Gut Health

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Eating seasonal fruits is considered to be beneficial for health, but some fruits should be consumed at any time of the year. One such fruit is papaya, which you can find in the market all the time. This fruit is considered gold to fight diseases. Papaya is not only delicious but is also a storehouse of nutrients and consuming it is beneficial for both the digestive system and cardiovascular health. In Ayurveda, this fruit is considered a boon for the stomach. Ayurveda experts say that consuming papaya can help relieve constipation to a great extent.

Dr Saroj Gautam, Associate Professor, Aligarh Ayurvedic Medical College, UP, told News18 that in Ayurveda, papaya is considered a fruit full of medicinal properties.



Not only the ripe but also the raw papaya is very beneficial for the body. It contains natural elements that cleanse the stomach, which can provide relief from chronic constipation. Patients suffering from constipation should consume papaya daily. It can strengthen our digestive system and relieve digestive problems.

Dr Saroj added that papaya has high fibre content which can cleanse the stomach and improve bowel movements. It also contains a special

enzyme papain which reduces inflammation in the body and helps in staying healthy. Eating the fruit can provide relief from indigestion, heartburn, acid reflux and stomach ulcers. The fruit controls body weight and helps detoxify the body. In Ayurveda, papaya is considered beneficial for heart health. It can prevent the deposition of dirty cholesterol in the veins. It is considered good for skin health and is effective in controlling skin eczema.

Historic third victory for BJP in Udhampur PC: Col Mahan

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In a resounding demonstration of public support, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, led a triumphant victory procession for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Mahanpur, Nagrota, Basohli, and Plakh areas of District Kathua.

The procession was marked by the presence of several prominent figures, including Darshan Thakur, BJP Pardhan Basohli, Sumesh Spolia, Sushama Jamwal, Sonu Gupta, Shanti Bhushan, and Balbinder Singh, highlighting the unity and strength of the party's leadership and grassroots support.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering, Col Mahan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of the Udhampur Constituency, particularly those from District Kathua, for once again placing their trust in the BJP and Dr. Jitendra Singh. Dr. Singh secured a record-breaking victory with 1.26 lakh votes, a testament to his popularity and the public's approval of his work. Col Mahan credited this impressive win to the extensive developmental work initiated and executed by Dr. Jitendra Singh



over the past decade. He highlighted that these efforts have significantly improved infrastructure and public services in the region, resonating well with the electorate.

Col Mahan emphasized Dr. Jitendra Singh's deep understanding of the aspirations and expectations of the people of Kathua, particularly those in its hilly regions. He assured the public that Dr. Singh remains committed to fulfilling these expectations, continuing his dedicated service to the community. The victory, according to Col Mahan, is not just a win for the party but a victory for the development and progress of the entire region.

Furthermore, Col Mahan praised the unwavering dedication and hard work of BJP workers, whose relentless efforts were crucial in securing this electoral victory. He acknowledged their com-

mitment to the party's mission and their role in mobilizing voters and ensuring a robust campaign.

In addition to celebrating the BJP's success, Col Mahan extended his appreciation to the Election Commission, DC Kathua, SSP Kathua, and their respective teams of officers and staff. He lauded their commendable work in ensuring the efficient and peaceful conduct of the elections and the counting process. Their professionalism and dedication were instrumental in upholding the democratic process and ensuring that the elections were conducted smoothly.

The BJP's historic third consecutive victory in the Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency stands as a testament to the party's strong leadership, effective governance, and the unwavering support of the people.

GCOE, Jammu conducts series of activities on World Environment Day, 2024

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

To commemorate World Environment Day celebrations 2024, a series of activities were undertaken by Nature Club unit in collaboration with NSS unit, Government College of Education, Jammu, under the aegis of G20, Mission Life, along with student volunteers and other teaching and non-teaching staff members of the College. The events were held from 30th May, 2024 to 5th June, 2024. The activities included Plantation Drive in various schools by pupil teachers, Awareness lecture regarding environmental protection, Symposium on "Our Land Our Future" and cleanliness and Plantation drive in the college campus. This year's theme for World Environ-



ment Day is Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience which under scores the urgent need to safeguard our ecosystem. The main aim of this celebration is to focus on tackling problems like pollution, climate change and deforestation through collective efforts. Principal GCOE, Jammu Dr. Jyoti Parihar addressed the students and emphasized the importance of cleanliness and protection of the surroundings. She stressed that it is a day to reflect on the progress we have made in addressing envi-

ronmental challenges and to recommit ourselves to ensuring a sustainable future for our planet. Dr. Shalini Sharma Nature club convener appreciated the efforts of the students volunteers and motivated them to join the global movements to restore the land to build drought resilience and combat desertification and help heal the earth. NSS PO Prof. Sarita Dogra also highlighted that not only Plantation but taking care of it is also very important.

NSS unit "Veerrangana" and Eco-Club "Tawishi" Celebrate World Environment Day 2024

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JAMMU, JUNE 5

NSS unit "Veerrangana" and Eco-Club "Tawishi", Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar celebrated World Environment Day 2024 under the patronage of Principal of the college Dr Meeru Abrol.

A seminar was organized on this year's theme, 'Our Land, Our Future: Land restoration, Desertification and Desert Resilience'. The seminar aimed to raise awareness about the critical issues of land degradation and desertification, and to explore viable solutions for restoring land and building resilience against desertification.

At the outset welcome address was presented by Dr Mosmi Raina, convener Eco Club. She introduced the topic and deliberated upon the history and significance of celebrating World Environment Day.

About 15 Students presented insightful discussions on the importance



of land restoration and combating desertification, emphasizing sustainable practices to ensure a resilient future. Ananya Jamwal, BA Semester IV clinched the first prize. Prof. Anju Bala and Dr. Pavanjit Bali were the adju-

dicators of the event.

While speaking on the occasion, principal of the college, Dr Meeru Abrol stressed on the need to increase public awareness and stated that engaging students in such activities is crucial for fostering

environmental stewardship. Today's events not only educated but also empowered students to take active roles in protecting the planet.

Dr. Preeti Salathia NSS PO proposed the vote of thanks in the seminar.

A plantation drive was also held on the college premises. Principal, staff and volunteers from the Eco Club and NSS Unit planted saplings. These saplings were adopted by different students who will take care of these saplings and this initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of afforestation and the role of green cover in combating desertification and mitigating climate change. The celebration concluded with a pledge by all participants to continue their efforts towards a sustainable & resilient environment and extend the awareness among family, society and neighborhood. The programme was organized by Dr Preeti Salathia, NSS PO and Dr Mosmi Raina, Convener of the Eco-Club.

Absconder evading arrest from the last 17 years arrested by Police Station Nagrota, Jammu

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JAMMU, 05.06.24

J&K Police in Jammu District succeeded in arresting an absconder who was evading his arrest for the past 17 years, the arrested person has been identified as

Madan Singh S/o Gaje Singh R/o Basant Nagar Janipur Jammu.

It is pertinent to mention that he was involved in case FIR No. 101/2000 U/S 452/332/148/149 RPC of Police Station Nagrota.

The police team of Police Station Nagrota got some vital clues regarding this absconder and his whereabouts yesterday, there after the team led by SHO PS Nagrota apprehended the accused.

02 missing ladies traced out and reunited with their families

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

An information was received at Police Post Jourian about the missing of a lady (name withheld) R/o Jammu whose missing report was entered at PP Jourian on 22-05-2024 Vide DD No.4.

One more missing report was lodged in Police Station Akhnoor by one person from Jammu of his daughter in law vide DD report no. 32 Dated 23.05.2023 in PS Akhnoor.

Both the ladies have been traced out today by PP Jourian and PS Akhnoor respectively by putting strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention and after completing all legal formalities both ladies have been handed over to their legal heirs. Accordingly two missing reports have been closed.

TMF Chairman greets public on world Environment day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Team Mask Force chairman vijay Sharma in a press release here this afternoon greeted people of JKUT on world's Environment day which is celebrated on 5th June every year. Sharma in his statement said we cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land. We have to learn how everyone can help restore land, prevent desertification and droughts. World Environment day in 2023 focused on solutions to plastic pollution. And whereas in 2022 the theme emphasized "Only one Earth & Need to bring people and nature back into balance. In 2021 the theme called for global urgent action to revive our damaged ecosystems their generation & restoration. He called for immediate remedial measures to be adopted by each & every individual to save mother Earth for survival of humanity.

Nowshera Forest Division celebrates world Environment Day 2024



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

A series of programmes were organized to make the celebration of world Environment Day 2024 by Nowshera Forest Division.

Sunder bani Forest Range celebrated world environment day at ITI/ADC Complex Sunderbani by planting Rudraksh trees in ITI/ADC complex and cleanliness drive held at Forest Range office Complex. The theme of the drive was to make environ-

ment polythene free. The plantation drive participation by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani Sh. Rajiv Mangotra JKAS, Tehsildar Sunderbani Sh. Daljeet Singh, Tehsildar Beripattan, Naib Tehsildar and Sumit Sharma with ITI staff.

Anil Dev Singh Range officer Sunder bani conducted the drive under direct supervision of Sandeep Kumar IFS Conservator of forests West Circle Rajouri and Shweta Deonia SFS DFO Nowshera.

JKP in Jammu District recovered 121 bottles of Illicit liquor, 03 Bootleggers arrested

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

In its ongoing drive against the menace of Drugs/ illicit liquor, Nowabad Police Station in Jammu District achieved a success when it apprehended 03 Bootleggers alongwith 121 bottles of illicit liquor.

During patrolling/ checking, police party from PS Nowabad headed by ASI Tilak Raj signaled 03 persons having 01 card board box each looking Suspicious to stop for checking near J P CHOWK JAMMU. Instead of stopping, they started running from the spot. Who were chased away and apprehended by the alert police team. On checking, total 121 bottles of illicit liquor (180 ml each) were recovered from 03 cardboard boxes which they were carrying. On questioning they disclosed their identity as

(01) Pawan Kumar S/O Dina Nath R/O Chand



Nagar Jammu (02) Chandan Balthotra

(03) Shiv Balthotra Both Son's Of Girdhari Lal Balthotra R/O Vikram Chowk Jammu*. They Were Immediately Taken Into Custody And Illicit Liquor Seized On Spot. In this connection, case FIR No. 86/2024 U/S 48(a) Excise Act stands registered at PS nowabad. Police team led by ASI Tilak Raj I/c patrolling/checking party from P/S Nowabad made the arrest/recovery under the supervision of SHO P/S Nowabad, Dy SP Hqrs. and SP City North Jammu!

Congress thanks people, to fight assembly elections with full force: JKPC Chief

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Expressing gratitude to the voters of Jammu region for their large support in both seats thus drastically reducing the margin of victory of BJP candidates, JKPC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani said that Congress cadres are encouraged by the party performance both at the national level and in the UT, where the party would fight the assembly elections with full force.

Addressing a press conference here today flanked by Working President and party candidate from Jammu Shri Raman Bhalla and Senior Vice President-Chief spokesperson Mr. Ravinder Sharma and other senior leaders, JKPC Chief thanked the voters for their whole hearted support to Congress and India alliance and said that election results have encouraged



our cadres and boosted their morale to face the Assembly elections with full might, as our vote bank per assembly has seen a large step up, giving tough to BJP in its bastion since 2014.

Vikar Rasool said that vote bank of BJP has drastically come down as compared to steep rise of congress vote bank, as people gave 10 lac votes in Jammu to Congress. Congress gained a lot in almost all assembly constituencies in Jammu region including lead in some constituencies indicating that people

are ready for change in Assembly elections. He said that congress will emerge out stronger and will be largest party in Jammu region for the formation of next Govt with like minded parties.

PCC General Secretaries Narinder Gupta (Org), Shashi Sharma, T.S. Tony DDC, President DCC Jammu Urban Th. Manmohan Singh were also present in the press conference.

Wani congratulated the central leadership and said that P.M. Modi and BJP has lost simple

majority on their own which is moral defeat of PM Modi who had given the slogan of 400 paar and 370 paar for BJP but could not retain its earlier score of 303 seats. People of Ayudhia have given a strong message to the entire nation and BJP has lost ground in U.P. Rahul Gandhi has won both seats with huge margin and an ordinary leader of party has won Amethi. He said Rahul Gandhi has emerged as a strong leader, who is honest and undeterred, as Modi Govt and BJP spent lot of money and energy

to tarnish his image for ten years. Congress is committed to service of all sections and people of all religions to fulfill all commitments to the youth, women, poor and common man of this country. He said that restoration of statehood is our priority followed by early Assembly elections to restore democracy in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest. He asserted that Congress would be able to form next Govt in J&K with like minded parties. Raman Bhalla thanked the people for large scale vote to him and said that he will continue to work for the common people, inspite of final result not his favour. He said people have given a lot of support and respect to him in Jammu for which he and his party is indebted to the people. He will solidly stand for the issues of common people being faced by them under BJP regime.

PM Modi's third stint will see accomplishment of unfinished tasks: Purnima

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

In the wake of the recent Lok Sabha polls, wherein the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a resounding victory, Adv Purnima Sharma, a senior BJP leader, has expressed her confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, affirming that his third term will witness the realization of unfinished tasks and the furtherance of the nation's developmental agenda. In a statement issued here today, Adv Purnima Sharma emphasized the transformative impact of PM Modi's leadership on the socio-economic landscape of India. She highlighted the steadfast commitment of the BJP government towards fostering inclusive growth, strengthening national security, and upholding the ethos of good governance.

"Prime Minister Modi's decisive leadership has steered the nation towards unprecedented progress

and prosperity. His visionary policies have laid the foundation for a New India, characterized by innovation, enterprise, and inclusivity," she said.

With a renewed mandate from the people of India, PM Modi's third term is poised to witness the fulfillment of crucial initiatives and the realization of ambitious goals set forth by the BJP government. She expressed optimism in the government's ability to address pressing challenges, propel economic growth, and elevate India's global standing on the world stage.

Furthermore, Adv Purnima extended her heartfelt gratitude to the people of the Jammu region for their unwavering support towards the BJP candidates in the Lok Sabha polls. She acknowledged the pivotal role played by the constituents in ensuring the victory of the BJP, reaffirming the party's commitment to representing their aspirations and interests effectively.

KVK SKUAST-J, Doda organizes Training Programme on Cultivation of Major Kharif Crops

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DODA, JUNE 5

Krishi Vigyan Kendra SKUAST-J, Doda organized one day training programme on "Cultivation of Major Kharif crops in district Doda" for the extension functionaries of Department of Agriculture, Doda at KVK Headquarter at Baderwah under the guidance of Dr Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST Jammu.

Dr. GN Jha, welcomed the extension functionaries in the training programme. He highlighted the importance of celebrating World Environment Day and awarding the people about judicious use of natural resources and saving natural resources during all field level extension programmes.



Dr AS Charak, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Doda delivered a talk on major crops grown in district Doda during Kharif season and management of insect, pest in these crops. He highlighted that due to global environmental changes, frequent rain, drought are observed globally, resulting intense insect-pest & diseases (like cut worm, fall army worm, blast, etc) attack and damage to the standing crops. Further, he suggested some natural as well as chemical, plant protection measures, adopting which, farmers

can minimize losses. He also practically demonstrated the techniques related to judicious use of plant protection chemicals and implements with adopting all safety measures.

As per reports, The programme was attended by Sanjeev Kumar, Abid Farook, Arun Mehta, Rita Kotwal, Zaheer Ahmed, Ashok Kumar, Devinder Kumar, and other extension functionaries from the department of agriculture Doda. Programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr GN Jha, Scientist KVK Doda.

RBI Policy Challenge 2023

KU's North Campus secures 2nd spot in national round

JINews SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

The Department of Management Studies, North Campus, University of Kashmir (KU) has secured the 2nd place in the prestigious National Round of 'RBI Policy Challenge 2023' surpassing prominent institutions including IIT-Madras and others.

The team was represented by four students of IMBA (Semester 9) and comprised of Noureen Jan, Irtiq Naaz, Madiha Shabir and Bazila Mehraj along with their faculty advisor Dr Viqar U Nissa.

The national round was held in Mumbai, an official statement issued here read.

"The journey to the national round was marked by significant victories at both regional and zonal levels. The team from the department first emerged as the winners of



the regional round which led them to represent the region in the North Zone competition," an official spokesperson said in the statement.

Competing in the zonal round against teams from diverse regions, including Himachal Pradesh, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Dehradun and institutions like Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and IMT-Ghaziabad, "the students showcased their exceptional understanding of financial

policies", he said.

The team secured the top position in the North Zone and was adjudged as the winner of the Zonal Round of 'RBI Policy Challenge 2023', read the statement.

Followed by the Zonal Round, the National Round of 'RBI Policy Challenge 2023' was held in RBI Office, Mumbai and witnessed participation of the winners of all zones across the country.

Runner's up trophy and a cash prize of Rs 75,000. This accolade not only highlights the student's dedication but also high standards of academic excellence and mentorship provided by the department. The entire university community extends their congratulations to the team," the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, KU Vice Chancellor Prof Nilofar Khan also congratulated the team for achieving the feat and for bringing laurels to the university.

"This makes the entire university community proud as we celebrate the achievements of our talented youth. Whenever it comes to performing at a national level, our students shine bright while inspiring others to contribute towards achieving excellence across academic, research and social domains," she added.

The team reviewed the monetary policy in front of a distinguished jury including the Governor and Deputy Governors of Reserve Bank of India, Chief Economic Advisor, GoI, V Anantha Nageswaran, member of Monetary Policy Committee, Dr Ashima Goyal and other leading economists and public policy experts, read the statement.

"For their exceptional performance, the team was awarded with the 1st

GDC Ramnagar celebrates World Environment Day

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RAMNAGAR, JUNE 5

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Nature's Club, NSS and NCC Units of Government Degree College Ramnagar organized a daylong event to celebrate World Environment Day 2024 in collaboration with Forest Department Ramnagar Division under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand (Principal GDC Ramnagar).

The event consisted of five sessions in which 80 students were present.

In the first session, Plantation drive was carried out in the college campus which was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand, Sh. Naresh Majotra (DFO), Sh. Ashish Thakur (Ranger), Nature's Club, NSS Unit, NCC Unit, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff of the college. Approximately 20 saplings were planted in the campus.

In the second session, an awareness lecture on



the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" was delivered by the resource person Sh. Naresh Majotra (DFO).

In the third session, a pledge ceremony was organized in which all present vowed to save the environment and contribute in every possible manner.

In the fourth session, an orientation by Sh. Naresh Majotra (DFO) was provided for summer internship program in the field of Environmental Sciences and Forestry which will be taken up by 85 students of the college. There was question-answer session

at the end of orientation. The last session consisted of cleanliness and de-weeding drive which was taken up in the campus by NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, under the mentorship of Dr Puyesh Kant Sharma (CTO) and Prof. Ritika Mahajan (PO).

Dr Bhavnaish Chand, Principal in his address congratulated Nature's Club, NSS and NCC Units for organizing the event. He also threw some light on the issues of land restoration, desertification and drought resilience.

All the proceedings of the event were carried out by Dr Sham Singh Kotwal, HOD Geology.

The entire program was organized by Prof. Sumita Rao (Convenor Nature's Club), Prof. Ritika Mahajan (PO NSS) and Dr. Puyesh Kant Sharma (CTO NCC), Dr. Sham Singh and Prof. Sonia Raj. Other prominent faculty members present in the occasion were Prof. Ashni Devi, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Kewal Kumar, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandit, Prof. Manmohan Singh, Prof. Jatinder Lal, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Nazakat Hussain, Prof. Tanmeet Kour and Prof. Sanjay Malhotra.

The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Ritika Mahajan (PO NSS), HOD Chemistry.

JU's Baderwah Campus organizes plantation drive on World Environment Day

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BHADERWAH, JUNE 5

The Department of Geography at the Institute of Mountain Environment, Baderwah Campus University of Jammu, celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a plantation drive. The event saw enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers who planted trees across the campus.

Marking this special occasion, the department launched a new initiative wherein each first-semester student will plant a tree and commit to nurturing it throughout their two-year course. This initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Chhering Tandup, In-Charge Head of the Department of Geography, is supported by Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, the Rector of Baderwah Campus.

Rector Baderwah



Campus Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel congratulated the students and faculty of the Department of Geography for their proactive efforts. He emphasized the critical importance of tree plantation, noting, "Plantation is the need of the hour. This initiative will not only beautify our campus but also play a vital role in mitigating environmental

challenges." Rector Baderwah Campus further said that the event underscored the collective commitment of the Baderwah Campus community to fostering a greener and more sustainable environment. "The Department of Geography's ongoing efforts will serve as an inspiration for other departments and

institutions to undertake similar environmentally conscious actions," he added.

Dr. Chhering Tandup Incharge Department of Geography highlighted the initiative's significance, stating, "Our goal is to instill a sense of environmental responsibility among students and contribute to the reduction of pollution, enhancement of the local ecosystem, and overall improvement of biodiversity on the campus."

Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Baderwah Campus, also spoke on the occasion and laid stress upon the students to work for the betterment of society by planting plant saplings. Present on the occasion were Miss Hardeep Kour, Mr Naveen, Mrs Ramana Devi and Miss Muskan.

Northern Command commemorates World Environment Day



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UDHAMPUR, 05 JUN 2024

Northern Command commemorated the World Environment Day on 05 June 2024 by organising a week-long activity at Udhampur Military Station. The events were planned and conducted with a common theme "We have not inherited the Earth from our ancestors but have borrowed from our children" in tune with the UNEP theme of "Our Land, Our Future. We are #Generation Restoration". The series of events commenced with a "Pledge Ceremony" organ-

ised at all military stations and Residential Welfare Organisation (RWA) to reaffirm our commitment to preserve and protect our environment. A lecture cum demo was organised at the Dhruva Eco Friendly Waste Management System to focus on ZERO LANDFILL ARMY, which included awareness on compost pits and waste segregation for families and units. All persons were sensitised to the advantages of the 3R (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) in order to utilize the inevitable waste being created.

Comprehensive Shram-

daan & Swachhta Abiyaan were organised at all military stations. Appreciating the relevance of inclusion of the next generation, awareness campaigns were conducted for APS Udhampur students and NCC cadets. More than 1000 saplings were planted at all units / RWAs of Udhampur.

The events concluded with a centralized tree plantation drive at NCVd, Udhampur. This event marked the realization of the vision of Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, GOC-in-C, Northern Command to foster the culture of environmental sustainability.

25 Students of AESL from Jammu become top scorers in NEET UG 2024



JINews SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the outstanding achievement of 25 of its students from Jammu who scored 650 and above in the prestigious NEET UG 2024 examination. This remarkable feat is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the high-quality coaching provided by AESL. The results were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

5 notable students who scored 700+ are Deedwer (State Topper) secured AIR 176 by scoring 715, Vanshika Sharma secured AIR 730 by scoring 707, Akshita Gupta secured AIR 1576 by scoring 701,

Tvisha Gupta secured AIR 1610 by scoring 701, and Aarav Sharma secured AIR 1845 by scoring 700.

The students enrolled in AESL's classroom program to prepare for NEET, widely regarded as one of the toughest entrance exams globally. They attribute their remarkable success to their rigorous understanding of concepts and strict adherence to a disciplined study schedule. "We are grateful that Aakash has helped us with both. But for the content and coaching from AESL, we would not have grasped many concepts in different subjects in a short period of time," the students expressed.

Congratulating the students on the extraordinary achievement, Mr. Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educa-

tional Services Limited (AESL), said, "We congratulate the students for their exemplary feat. Over 20 lakh students appeared for NEET 2024 from across the country. Their achievement speaks volumes of their hard work and dedication as well as the support of their parents. We wish our students all the best in their future endeavors."

NEET is conducted annually by National Testing Agency as a qualifying test for students who wish to pursue undergraduate medical (MBBS), dental (BDS) and AYUSH (BAMS, BUMS, BHMS, etc.) courses in government and private institutions in India and also, for those intending to pursue primary medical qualification abroad.

Indian Army organizes Youth Career Counseling at Gundna, Doda



JINews SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 5

The youth of our nation when nurtured and channelised effectively can become capable future leaders that build a bright and better future. Confirming to this adage, Indian Army organised a Youth Career Counseling' at Gundna. The counseling camp was aimed at spreading awareness amongst youth from far-flung areas about opportunities available in the Indian Armed Forces for enrolling as a soldier or commissioning as an Officer and in civil jobs. A total of 30 youth attended the event. The

army has always been at the forefront of guiding the youth and empowering them to grab more employment opportunities and channelising their energy positively. The Army representative answered the students queries satisfyingly. The knowledge gained by the students will certainly empower them towards making an informed decision for a successful career ahead. The students were highly motivated after the lecture. Such noble initiatives of the Army will go a long way in empowering the youth and will further strengthen the existing bond between Army and awam.

Naveen Patnaik resigns as Odisha CM

AGENCIES
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 5

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief Naveen Patnaik formally submitted his resignation as the chief minister of Odisha to Governor Raghubar Das at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar here on Wednesday.



With the resignation from the Chief Minister post, a long era of Naveen Patnaik, spanning over 27 years in Odisha politics, has come to an end. It was not a happy ending for the 78-year-old politician who took the mantle and entered politics in 1997 after the demise of his father, the legendary leader Biju Patnaik. He lost the Kantabanji

Assembly seat by a margin of over 16,000 votes to Laxman Bag of the BJP and scrapped through his traditional Hinjili Assembly seat by a paltry margin of 4636 votes. In the 2019 election, he won the Hinjili seat with a margin of 60,160 votes, while in 2014, he registered a winning margin of 76,586 votes. Naveen had won five

times and was targeted to take on the mantle for the sixth time to create a history in Indian politics of becoming the longest serving Chief Minister to break the record of Pawan Kumar Chamling, who has served five consecutive terms as Chief Minister of Sikkim, completing a total period of more than 24 years of tenure—the highest so far.

In the 2024 election, however, the opposition BJP routed the ruling BJD, capturing 78 of the 147 Assembly seats, while the BJD, which had won 112 seats in the 2019 elections, managed to get only 51 seats, with several ministers and BJD heavyweights, losing the poll battle. Political observers said Naveen's steady fall in popularity is largely attributed to his own policy of marginalizing all senior leaders in the party. The worst time in his long political career came when he started managing the administration with his private secretary, V. K. Pandian, a non-Odia IAS officer from Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister's

office also came under public scrutiny amidst allegations of V. K. Pandian running the administration and party affairs with a vested group of bureaucrats. Consequently, he became the out-and-out bounce for his own party-men and ministers, virtually isolating himself in Naveen Nivas, his official residence, and occasionally attending meetings through video conferencing. With a coterie controlling everything, public sentiments steadily mounted against him, creating the impression that the Chief Minister, whom Odisha has so much love for, is now trying to rule the state without Odia.

Rain, duststorms likely over Northwest India for next few days: IMD

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, duststorms, lightning and gusty winds is likely over Northwestern part of the country for the next 4-5 days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Wednesday.

"Under the influence of western disturbance, isolated to scattered light rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and winds gusting up to 40 kmph very likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi till 8th June," the IMD said. The weather department

also predicted duststorm over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Rajasthan during the same period. Heat wave conditions likely to continue in isolated pockets over parts of east India, Uttar Pradesh and north Madhya Pradesh during the next 5 days, the IMD said. On Southwest monsoon, the IMD said, "Conditions are favourable for further advance of monsoon into remaining parts of central Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Karnataka, some parts of south Maharashtra, some more parts of Telangana and Coastal Andhra Pradesh, some parts of south Chhattisgarh and South Odisha, some

more parts of Westcentral and Northwest Bay of Bengal during the next 3-4 days." Rainfall activity is likely to increase over Konkan and Karnataka coasts with heavy to very heavy rainfall from 08th June as a cyclonic circulation lies over Rayalaseema and neighbourhood in lower tropospheric levels and another over Coastal Karnataka & neighbourhood in middle tropospheric levels, the IMD said. The weather department also predicted a rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3°C over East India during the next 2 days. It added that no significant change is likely over Uttar Pradesh during the next 2 days and rise by about 2°C thereafter.

NDA set to form govt, Naidu-Nitish back as kingmakers

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

With Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) securing the majority-mark in the tightly-contested Lok Sabha election, the grouping is set to form the government for the third time in a row with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at its helm.



As per the final score published by Election Commission of India (ECI), the BJP has bagged a total of 240 seats. Two of its key allies Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Janata Dal (United) have secured 16 and 12 seats, respectively. As support of TDP and JD (U) is crucial for forming the government at the Centre, top leaders of the two parties -- N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar are likely to play the role of kingmakers. Not surprisingly, the opposition INDIA alliance led by Congress party has

been reported to be holding out an olive branch to the two regional satraps. In total, the NDA has 292 seats. The alliance leaders are scheduled to meet Wednesday later in the national capital to discuss various aspects of forming the government. Congress party has won a total of 99 seats in the Lok Sabha election. Its key allies Samajwadi Party (SP) secured 37 seats while Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) bagged 22 seats, according to the final ECI count. Another key INDIA bloc

member All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has won 29 seats. INDIA alliance members Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) and Nationalist Congress Party - Sharadchandra Pawar (NCPSP) have total seats of 9 and 8, respectively. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has won four seats in Bihar. All these parties came together in 2023 to take on Modi's BJP. The total tally of the INDIA alliance is close to 234. The alliance has not

lost all hopes to form the government and its leaders have hinted that they would try to convince 'like-minded' parties to join the grouping which is "committed to protect democracy and the Constitution". The alliance members are also scheduled to meet in New Delhi Wednesday and discuss the poll results and future strategy. With BJP failing to reach majority-mark on its own, the era of coalition politics has returned after a gap of 10 years. Following the surprise election results on Tuesday, parties with even few members in the Lok Sabha have now become very important as their support can tilt the balance of power either way. As per election results announced by ECI, NDA ally Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has five members in Lok Sabha. Another NDA partner Shiv Sena (Shinde) has seven members.

We performed well, our aim was to stop BJP & we achieved it: AAP

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

After failing to secure a single seat in Delhi, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday said that it performed significantly better compared to the last General elections and managed to achieve its goal of stopping the BJP from gaining ground in Punjab and Chandigarh. Addressing the media, AAP leader Sandeep Pathak said, "Through

results of the Lok Sabha election, the people of the country have made it clear that they will not tolerate any kind of dictatorship and hooliganism." "On one hand, BJP put in all its efforts. Even after that, it could not get a majority. On the other hand, INDIA bloc fought the elections in such adverse conditions and performed so well," Pathak said. Highlighting that the

country is more crucial to them than the party, Pathak said, "We fought the elections together with strength. Our party is strong and is ready to fight for the country." "AAP performed much better than the last Lok Sabha elections. If you compare the results of the Lok Sabha elections with the results of the assembly elections, we have got fewer votes, but we have succeeded in our goal. Our aim was to stop

BJP," he said. "We stopped BJP in Punjab and Chandigarh. We will work even harder in the coming time and bring good results," the AAP leader said. This election was not of Aam Aadmi Party but of INDI alliance. In this, it was not us but the country that was important, he said, claiming that the party faced many difficulties and its leaders and workers used to get threats.

Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 63 of 2024-25

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

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in ₹)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in ₹)	Earnest money (in ₹)	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Replacement of components of 250 KVA voltage stabilizer along with allied works at CPS Roop Nagar Stage 2.	1,03,800/-	200/-	2100/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of TS: Sanctioned

Date of Publishing 04-06-2024 (02.00 pm).

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 04-06-2024 (02.00 pm).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 04-06-2024 (02.00 pm) to 20-06-2024 (02.00 pm).
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 21-06-2024 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bidder should make payment for cost of bidding document in shape of single window challan of JMC / online payment through the JMC website link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html> in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L₁ bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L₁ bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.

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JSMDNJ/1005-07
Dated: 03-06-2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Mech. Division North
Jammu

DIP/J-998/24
Date: 5-6-24



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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE E-TENDERING

Tender Notice: e-NIT No.:- 10/WLW/JZ of 2024-25 dated: 01-06-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir UT, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

Name of work	Adv. Cost (₹. in lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Receiving /Opening Authority
Stage Contract for temporary restoration work at Jambu Zoo by way of slip clearance and other allied works on emergent basis.	60.00	1,20,000	A & B	3000	01 year (Current Financial Year)	Tender opening committee

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- <http://jktenders.gov.in>

Position of funds: CAPEX 2024-25

Position of AA : Accorded.

Position of TS : Accorded.

Publishing Date	01-06-2024
Download Start Date	01-06-2024
Pre-bid meeting	05-06-2024 at 11:00 AM at Jambu Zoo, Director Office
Bid Submission Start Date	02-06-2024
Bid submission End Date (online)	10-06-2024 up to 04:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	11-06-2024 at 12:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	11-06-2024 at 03:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)

Bid documents can be seen at and download from the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

Anil Kumar Atri (SFS)
Additional Director
Jambu Zoo.

Dt:

NO.: WLW/JZ/
DIP/J-958/24
Date: 5-6-24

IIM Jammu organizes Plantation Drive to commemorate World Environment Day 2024

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

In a bid to promote environmental sustainability and contribute to a greener planet, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the visionary leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu organized a plantation drive on June 5th, 2024, marking the celebration of World Environment Day. The event took place across the Jagti and Jammu campuses.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu in his address, emphasized the significance of such initiatives in combating climate change and preserving biodiversity. He remarked, "At IIM Jammu, we are deeply committed to contributing to the global efforts of environmental conservation. Quality education is incomplete without instilling the values of sustainability and environmental care. Today's event is a testament to our commitment to these values. Today's plantation drive is a step towards creating a sustainable and green future. I applaud the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, and students in



this initiative."

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, highlighted the role of educational institutions in nurturing environmental consciousness among future leaders. He stated, "Engaging our students in such activities not only sensitizes them to environmental issues but also instills in them a sense of responsibility towards the planet."

The plantation drive was graced by the presence of Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu (Jagti Campus) and Dr. Vaseem Akram, Chairperson, Internal Quality Control Cell, IIM Jammu, (Jagti Campus) Dr. Bijoy Rakshit, Co-Chairperson, Corporate Communication, IIM Jammu (Canal Road City Campus). Their partici-

ipation underscored the importance of the event and the Institute's dedication to fostering an eco-friendly campus culture. The initiative saw enthusiastic participation from the IIM Jammu community, including faculty members, officers, staff, and students. This collective effort highlights the Institute's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

The event concluded with the plantation of a variety of saplings, symbolizing growth, hope, and a commitment to a sustainable future. The participants expressed their satisfaction and pride in contributing to this noble cause, pledging to continue such efforts in their personal and professional lives. IIM Jammu remains dedicated to its mission of fostering sustainable development and continues to lead by example in promoting environmental awareness and action. The event was coordinated by Student Affairs Office, IIM Jammu.

KVK Kishtwar celebrates World Environment Day at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Under dynamic leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar today celebrated World Environment Day-2024 at Govt High School Dadpeth Tehsil Mugal Maidan of the District. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr Amrsh Vaid Director Extension SKUAST Jammu. Dr Narinder Paul incharge KVK Kishtwar organized the event in collaboration with Kamlesh Kumari Head Mistress Govt High School Dadpeth. Liyaqat Mir conducted the proceedings of the programme.

While speaking on the occasion, Rabia Bashir Teacher stressed upon measures to learn and incorporate healthy environment related habits in day-to-day life. Liyaqat Mir deliberated in detail about the concept of environment and its rela-



tionship with the human existence. Dr Narinder Paul highlighted the role of sustainable agriculture and land utilization pattern for agriculture and other sectors. During the programme, speech competition on the theme Our land-Our future was held in which students from different standards participated. Samira Banoo, Mehmooda Banoo and Suman Kant teachers from the school were the members of the judging committee. Participating students deliberated upon their vision regarding the growing concern for the major environmental

issues and conversion of agriculture land into commercial and non-agriculture purposes. Furqan Irshad was judged first whereas, Sakshi Sharma and Nadia Iqbal secured second and third positions respectively in the speech competition. Certificates and mementoes were distributed among the winners whereas certificates of participation were distributed among all the participating students. Saplings were also planted in the premises during the event. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Liyaqat Mir.

Climate clock installed in IIMC, Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Climate clock is installed in the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu campus on the occasion of World Environment Day. On Wednesday Prof. Anil Saumitra, Regional Director, IIMC and Mr. Vivek Pathak initiated this installation and said that the Climate Clock counts down the critical time window to reach zero emissions. They also said that the planet is about 1.1 degrees Celsius hotter than it was before the Industrial Revolution. They also encourage awareness and

action for the protection of the environment in the campus as well as their own life. Mr. Yasir Arfat, Assistant Professor gave ideas to save the environment and energy. He also said that the Climate Clock shows how much time is left before continued CO2 emissions lock in at least 1.5 degrees of global warming, a key threshold for global climate goals under the Paris agreement. On this occasion, Dr. Dilip Kumar, Associate Professor, Dr. Vinit Utpal, Assistant Professor, Dr. Anshula Gurg, Assistant Professor along with staff are present on this occasion.

J&K BJP lost its grip in Jammu region only due to wrong selection of candidates: Datta

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Social Activist Sh Chandan Datta warns and appeal to high command of BJP to recorrect their ways of working in Jammu region during election mandate selection process of candidates as they have neglected the Gross root level feedback of BJP workers and took decision against their will which results in huge reduction in winning margin votes of BJP candidates. I have predicted in the very beginning of this election that Dr Jitender Singh will lose this election and it's proved wrong from one side of coin and from another side it's proved right by two ways as his vote share is reduced to a bigger chunk reached 1 lac plus margin and secondly he became a respectable MP like others not so powerful as in previous Gvt regime since 2014-2024. With an outcome of result of an election 2024 BJP won both the seats of Jammu region but in my eyes it's the result of their wrong choice of selection of candidates in Jammu region as there is a huge drop of voting percentage share comparison to 2019. Ch Lal Singh has given a tough fight to Dr Jitender Singh and even Jammu people has also shown strong resentment in voting as a result of which Raman Bhalla has secured more than 5.5 lac of votes a

huge percentage vote share. But particularly as far as J&K Politics is concerned the result clearly indicates that in upcoming assembly elections Congress and National Conference will play a big role in forming UT / State Gvt. Rise of voting percentage of Congress in Jammu region has created a wave of its strong come back in upcoming elections in Jammu region which is the only outcome of UT BJP wrong decision in distributing mandate and if in future they will repeat such acts in distributing tickets to repeated candidates in assembly against the will of people of Jammu region then Congress will sweep BJP completely from Jammu region. Its failure of UT lead role player of BJP Sh Tarun Chugh who has not acted and held responsible to take decision as per expectation and will of people of Jammu region. Approximately 5 lac vote margin of BJP candidates victory in 2019 reduced to near 1 lac which is mere a failure of all those think tanks and decision making persons of J&K BJP UT. But in overall country no party comes in a single largest majority to form a Gvt but still a BJP is number one party with 240 seats which is almost 2.5% of Congress more than a double. Today with the result of election 2024 I am not surprised to say that still our country has a long time to come under the

developed Nation category as still we are divided into caste and religion. I have no problem to say Muslim has united everywhere against BJP across country and gives a vote to INDI alliance and Hindus are divided into caste and party affiliation. One thing which is more surprising that Omar Abdullah is congratulating Er Rasheed, Waheed Parra has extended wishes to his opponent Ruhella mehndi which seems they contested election like a one family like if I may lose my brother wins so that Kashmir seats remain intact with in Kashmir centric political will. This is a lesson to so called Secular people and jammu conscience will that despite of the Gvt claims to work for each section and strata of society this result comes totally in reciprocity with a religion and caste bias mess. I am totally disagree with those people who thinks that if someone appeal for union of Hindus to safeguard their interest then he is extremist and hard liner and in the same line category if someone proved and found doing the same extremism in a religion like Islam, Sikhism and Christianity then they are shown victim saving themselves from the clench of hard liners extremist Hindus and Tarnishing image of Sanatan dharma which is not digestible at all ethically and morally very wrong and condemnable.

Two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of NCC held in New Delhi



JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

A two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) took place in New Delhi on June 04-05, 2024. The conference's primary focus was to review the progress of the ongoing expansion plan of NCC as per the Government directives to meet the aspirations of the youth. It was inaugurated by DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh and attended by Additional Directors General & Deputy Directors General representing NCC Directorates from across the

country. During the meeting, DG NCC highlighted the substantial efforts made in the last one year to enhance training, infrastructure and logistics functions of the NCC. He emphasised on the need for institutionalised training to be the raison d'être (reason for being) of all Directorates in order to meaningfully contribute towards nation building, social awareness and community development programmes. He reiterated NCC's unwavering commitment to motivate young Indians and transform them into responsible citizens, in

sync with the Government policies towards making the country 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. The conference was held at the newly-renovated Pratap Conference Hall, DG NCC Camp, Cariappa Parade Ground in New Delhi. The hall is named after Cadet Sergeant Pratap Singh of the 10th Punjab Battalion NCC, Gurdaspur who was awarded the Ashok Chakra Class III for his gallantry and selfless devotion to duty during firefighting operations at Gurdaspur Railway Station on September 13, 1965 during the war.

Shrine Board celebrates World Environment Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATRA, JUNE 5

In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at promoting environment sustainability, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has introduced an eco-friendly practice of distributing plants as souvenirs to devotees on the occasion of World Environment Day.

In this regard, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB today inaugurated a saplings outlet namely Vaishnavi Vatika at Niharika Complex of Shrine Board at Katra. Around 40 indigenous species of plants reared in the Board's high-tech nursery at village Kunia in Panthal area near Katra shall be available for devotees now onwards. These species have been shortlisted based on compatibility with the local climatic conditions and feasibility for ease of transportation and transplantation.

The Chief Executive Officer after inauguration of the outlet said that

this innovative approach not only aligns with the Board's commitments to environmental stewardship but also fosters a deeper connection between spirituality and nature. He underscored that Shrine Board under the directions of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor JKUT and Chairman, SMVDSB has been devoting high attention to conserve the environment and ecology and carry out the greening of Trikuta Hills and the spaces along the tracks leading to the Shrine by planting more than 1.50 lakh seedlings every year in the Shrine area for soil and water conservation. This initiative not only serves as a major contributor for increasing the green cover in the region but also strengthening the ecology and building a healthier society, he said.

A diverse selection of plants including medicinal, flowering and fruit bearing sapling are offered to devotees. These varieties of plants ensure

that the initiatives cater to different preferences and local environmental conditions across the nation. It may be recalled that the Board has been continuously recognized by the concerned Ministries of Govt. of India for its outstanding works in the field of water management and environment conservation. CEO announced that to further this initiative another outlet of these plant saplings will also be made available later this month for the devotees at Vaishnavi Dham, Jammu that shall be run in collaboration with Central Govt. Pensioners Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA). Apart from locals, the Jammu based outlet shall facilitate Yatris embarking upon the Shri Amar Nath Ji Shrine slated to commence from June 29. On the occasion, CEO alongwith other senior officers of Shrine Board also planted saplings of different species around the Vaishnavi Vatika and distributed a variety of plants to the devotees.

Khalid Najib hails voters of chenab region for supporting Ch. Lal Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 5

Provincial Sr. Vice President JKNC Khalid Najib Suhaready while hailing the overall performance of INDIA Bloc at national level thanked voters of chenab region for supporting the INDIA bloc candidate ch. Lal Singh in the recently concluded general election from Katha-udhampur parliamentary constituency. Suhaready express his greatfulness particularly for the voters of Bhanihal, Doda and inderwal Assembly segments of the parliamentary constituency for voting overwhelming for the coalition candidate. He said "our conscious voters in chenab region have once again affirmed their unwavering commitment in the people friendly agenda and approach of JKNC. The voters have lent their support for the coalition candidate in accordance with the decision of the party president Dr.

Farooq Abdullah sahib" Suhaready also conveyed his heartiest congratulations to main Altaf sahib, Agha Ruhullah sahib and Hanifa Jan sahib who have been elected from Anantnag- Rajouri, srinagar and ladkakh parliamentary constituencies respectively with respectable winning margin. He also expressed his thanks to the NC District units of Kashmir and Rajouri, poonch for their tireless efforts and unrelenting commitment for the program and policies of national Conference. It is pertinent to mention here that ch. Lal Singh secured 80% of the polled vote in banihal -Doda and inderwal segment of kathua -udhampur PC. "People' response to the call of party high command is a token demonstration of their belief in secularism, brotherhood and communal amity as practices by NC Ever since" said suhaready.

Life Saving Act by Army troops at Bhalpadri, Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 5

One Gujjar namely Salmudden Sio Shahbudeen Rio Paghthali, Kathua who had come from Kathua to Bhalpadri to set up his dera, got unconscious with very high fever and chest congestion. Wife of the individual approached the troops of Indian Army who were deployed near Bhalpadri for evacuation of the individual. Operational team of Indian Army rushed to the location immediately and gave first aid to

the individual. However, individual's condition was serious and hence troops camel carried the individual and evacuated him from Bhalpadri to nearest hospital. With the terrain being highly treacherous and challenging the quick and brave action of the individuals of operational team of Indian Army saved individual's precious life. Other individuals present at the dera and also the wife of the individual thanked the troops of Rashtriya Rifles for their selfless help for saving life of Salmudeen.

World Environment Day celebrated at Nagrota Military Station

JI NEWS SERVICE
NAGROTA, JUNE 5

On June 5, 2024, Nagrota Military Station marked World Environment Day with a series of impactful activities aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and awareness. The celebration centered around three major initiatives: a fruit-bearing tree plantation drive, a vehicle-based mobile awareness campaign, and energy conservation efforts. In a bid to enhance green cover and promote sustainable living, a fruit-bearing tree plantation drive was organized across all Residential Welfare



Associations (RWAs), Units and Army School within the station. The event also witnessed the Horticulture Development Officer Mr Sandeep Sharma wholeheartedly supporting and participating in the noble endeavor. Personnel and their families enthusiastically participated, planting a variety of fruit trees such as Guava, lemon, kinu, gooseberry and jamun. This initiative not only aimed to improve air quality but also provided a long-term source of nutritious fruits for the community.

Awareness, promotional activities held across Jammu Div to mark World Environment Day

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 5

Government departments, educational institutions and district administrations organised varied awareness and promotional activities on environmental conservation and sustainable development to observe World Environment Day.

UDHAMPUR: World Environment Day was celebrated today at the District Headquarter Udhampur with special cleanliness drives and events aimed at raising public awareness about environmental protection.

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai visited the District Water Testing Laboratory, where she planted a tree. She inspected and enquired about the functioning of the wet and bacteriological labs.

A series of awareness activities, plantation and cleanliness drives were conducted by the Rural Development Department and other line departments with active participation of general public.

SAMBA: The District Administration of Samba celebrated World Environment Day 2024 with great enthusiasm and commitment to the environment. This year's theme, "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience," was at the heart of the day's activities held under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma.

A massive plantation drive was conducted in the premises of the DC Office Samba jointly by the Geology & Mining and the Forest Departments.

Meanwhile, plantation drives were conducted by Samba Forest Division in Collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Police, District Administration and 157 Inf Bn in District Court Complex Samba. The plantation drive was conducted under the chairmanship of Adnan Sayeed, Pr. District and Session Judge. Various plants like Bahera (*Terminalia belarica*), Satpatra (*Alstonia scholaris*), Tacoma stans and Araucaria were planted by Sub Judges, Munsiff judges, Advocates and Bar Association Samba. At the end of the occasion 20 saplings were also distributed among the public.

KISHTWAR: The World Environment Day was celebrated today across Kishtwar district under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav and in alignment to this year's theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." Key stakeholders including the Forest Department, Rural Development Department, District Administration, CVPP authorities, GDCs, school students, civil society members, and NGOs among others were involved in the extensive plantation and cleanliness drive across all Amrit Sarovars in the district's 13 blocks.

REASI: To promote tourism and raise environmental awareness, the District Administration Reasi, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, celebrated World Environment Day at Tourist Village Chinka. The event highlighted the natural beauty of the region and emphasized the importance of sustainable tourism practices.



District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan was the chief guest.

The event was marked by a variety of activities and initiatives aimed at promoting environmental awareness and sustainable tourism. Departmental stalls were installed to inform and educate the public about different government schemes. Attendees from adjoining locations took advantage of these informational stalls, gaining valuable insights into the benefits and services offered by different departments.

Adding to the excitement of the day, a variety of adventure activities were organized by the Department of Tourism, significantly contributing to the local economy and promoting Reasi as a destination for adventure enthusiasts.

Directorate of Horticulture Jammu: A grand event was organised at Directorate of Horticulture Jammu to celebrate World Environment Day under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture C. L. Sharma. More than 100 farmers including women drawn from different parts of Jammu District were part of the event.

Further, the fruit plants of different fruit crops were distributed among the participants.

Department of Wildlife Protection hosted a trek event on Manda Trail Road Jammu to celebrate World Environment Day 2024 with the theme "Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" followed by slogan "Our Land. Our Future, we are 'Generation Restoration'."

A number of Morning Walkers, Students of Jammu University, Visitors to Manda Trail Road, prominent persons of the area and staff of Wildlife Division Jammu participated in the trek.

Forest Protection Force Department J&K celebrated World Environment Day in all 23 FPF Gamma Units across J&K under this year's theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience". Multiple activities were held across J&K by Forest Protection Force personnel in their respective jurisdic-



tion which include plantation drives, green marches, cleaning of Campuses and plastic free drives.

The main event was held at FPF Headquarter Complex Jammu. A green march was held by FPF Personnel from FPF Headquarters to Environmental Park Raika Jammu and en-route all plastic bags and other plastic based products were collected and disposed off. Later, a plantation drive was held in the campus of FPF Headquarter Jammu.

Kathua Forest Division celebrated World Environment Day 2024 in collaboration with Government Model HSS (Girls) Kathua at School premises. 2 Saplings of Peepal tree were planted with all rituals.

Likewise, an Anti Polythene drive was organized at Lakhnapur ACP. The officials distributed cotton bags among locals to discourage polythene.

Nowshera Forest Division hosted a series of programmes to mark the celebration of World Environment Day 2024 by Nowshera Forest Division.

Sunderbani Forest Range celebrated world environment day by planting Rudraksh trees in ITI/ADC complex, followed by a cleanliness drive at Forest Range office Complex. The Pollution Control Committee Ramban conducted a significant plantation drive under the Mission Life programme. As many as 350 saplings were planted to enhance the local environment and promote sustainability.

The event saw active participation from community members, volunteers, and employees of both organizations. Together, they worked diligently to plant saplings across selected areas, ensuring proper spacing and care to maximize the survival and

growth of the young trees.

DLSA Kathua: District Legal Services Authority Kathua, under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority and as per the Action plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority, (JKLSA) for the month of June, 2024 and also under the guidance and overall supervision of its Chairman (Principal District & Sessions Judge Kathua) Ashok Kumar Shavan, organised a plantation drive to observe the 'World Environment Day' at Ashoka Law College Kathua.

The Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kathua- the chief guest inaugurated the programme.

In his address, Chairman, DLSA Kathua encouraged everyone to plant more trees and preserve the environment. He also raised awareness about protecting nature.

Earlier, Lecturer Suparan Sharma presented a welcome address besides Vote of thanks was delivered by Lecturer Ritika Sharma.

The programme was attended by all the faculty members of Ashoka Law College Kathua, Staff of Pr. District and Sessions Court Kathua, Officers of Legal Aid Defence Counsel Kathua, Staff and PLVs of DLSA Kathua.

DLSA Samba: In a significant initiative towards preservation and restoration of our depleting Environment and to stimulate the world wide awareness of Environment Conservation, the District Legal Services Authority Samba under the guidance and overall supervision of Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. Dist. & Sessions Judge Samba) organized a tree plantation drive today in collaboration with Forest Division, Samba at District

Court Complex, Samba.

The plantation drive was formally inaugurated by Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge Samba) by planting saplings.

During a special ceremony, the female Advocates of District Court Samba were also presented with a variety of plant saplings by District Legal Services Authority Samba as a symbol of growth, sustainability and nurturing the environment. The objective of organizing the tree plantation drive was to raise awareness as to how these trees are an investment for the future generations that shall provide natural shade in open spaces and provide cleaner air to breathe by increasing green cover.

Krishni Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kathua celebrated World Environment Day in Said Sohal village adopted under NICRA project.

The Chief Guest of today's programme was Director Extension SKUAST Jammu Dr Amrish Vaid. More than 300 farmers actively participated in the programme.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat.

GCW Parade: To promote environmental sustainability, Government College for Women, Parade Ground has launched a series of initiatives and week-long activities aimed at making the campus plastic-free. The initiatives, unveiled today in conjunction with World Environment Day, mark a significant step in the college's ongoing commitment to promoting eco-friendly practices and raising awareness about environmental issues.

The college organised a series of events like Pledge taking, screening a docu-

mentary on plastic pollution, creating awareness among the community where around 100 NSS Volunteers, Eco Club Volunteers and Science Club volunteers participated.

Government Degree College Vijaypur: Department of Environmental Sciences and Eco Club (Green Warriors) of Government Degree College Vijaypur organized various activities to celebrate World Environment Day 2024.

Nearly 20 Green Volunteers of the college actively participated in the poster making competition on the theme: Land restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience.

Students of the college along with Principal and Faculty members installed earthen water pots across the campus to provide our feathered friends with access to water during rising temperatures.

GDC Marheeh: The NSS Unit and Eco Club of GDC Marheeh celebrated Environment Day by organizing a seminar on the theme "Restore Our Earth" in the college premises for creating awareness among the students.

A large number of Volunteers and students participated in the event. Shania, Koushika and Ritika shared their views on the mentioned theme. The staff members presented during the programme were Prof. Sandeep, Dr. Balbinder, Dr. Munisha and Dr. Shallu.

GDC Ramgarh: NSS unit 'Prabha' and EVS department of GDC Ramgarh jointly celebrated World Environmental Day.

The event began with plantation drive, Saplings of Amla and Neem trees were planted on the campus.

A webinar was also organized by EVS Department wherein, the resource person Dr. Shivali Panjgo-

tra, HoD, EVS delivered an extensive and informative Powerpoint presentation, emphasizing the significance of environmental conservation and the urgent need to address land degradation and enhance drought resilience.

Government Degree College (GDC) Basohli, in collaboration with the NCC unit of 4 J&K Battalion, celebrated World Environment Day 2024 with a series of impactful activities aimed at raising awareness about the critical need to protect and preserve the environment.

The event was held in and around the college campus and included a Plantation Drive, Cleanliness Drive, Poster Making, Environment Awareness Rally and a Pledge to Protect the Environment.

GDC Mahanpur: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education celebrated World Environment Day with this year's theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

Plantation, installation of water pots for birds and cleaning of dry pine needles were some of the environmental measures conducted in the campus. Many species of medicinal, ornamental and flowering plants were planted in the campus. Moreover, many water pots were installed in different areas of the College for the birds.

GDC Dharmari: The National Service Scheme Unit of Government Degree College, Dharmari celebrated World Environment Day by organising a bunch of activities like Plantation Drive, Slogan Writing and Poster-making Competition.

The day started with the Plantation drive in which Sub-Divisional Magistrate Dharmari, Tariq Aziz, ASP Arnas Irfan Khan, Divisional Forest Officer Mahore, Qamar Rashid Khan (SFS), Principal of the College Dr. Preetpal Kour and NSS Program Officer Prof. Ajay Kumar along with other staff members and volunteers planted different saplings of plants in the new campus of the college.

Second Program of the

day was Slogan Writing Competition on the topic 'Save the Environment' in which Rubeeena Akhter of BA Semester 4th got the first position, where as Abida Parveen and Manju Kousser both from BA Semester 2nd remained at second and third place.

The last Program of the day was Poster-making competition in which Sapna Devi from Semester 4th clinched the first place while Shaina Akhter and Mohd Nasar stood second and third spot respectively.

Government College for Women Udhampur: A mega plantation drive was organized by NCC Battalion at Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur in collaboration with the District Forest Office Udhampur.

The NCC cadets actively participated in the plantation drive, demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation. They not only planted numerous saplings but also adopted the trees, pledging to take care of them and ensure their growth. The plantation was followed by a nukkad natak displayed at the institution. This adoption initiative is part of a long-term strategy to nurture the saplings into mature trees.

GDC Kathua: NSS and NCC units of GDC Kathua in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science of the College celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a series of activities including a Symposium, Poster presentation, Plantation Drive and Save Environment Pledge ceremony. The celebration was held on the global theme of "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" under the patronage of worthy Principal, Prof. Seema Mir.

GDC Kishtwar: A powerful play "Mein Dharti" was staged in observance of World Environment Day at Government Degree College Kishtwar. The play, a collaborative effort of the Department of Environmental Sciences, the NSS Unit, Kiru HE Power Project CVPP, and JKPCC Kishtwar, delivered a thought-provoking message about the human impact on the planet, showcasing the destructive consequences of human greed through captivating storytelling.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav, the chief guest commended GDC Kishtwar for its impactful production and urged the college to continue its environmental initiatives in collaboration with the CVPP authorities and district administration.

GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organized a guest lecture on the World Environment Day. The theme of the world environment day 2024 is "land restoration, Desertification & Drought Resilience".

The Resource Person on the occasion was Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Govt. Degree college, Billawar. Dr. Amrik Singh. A poster making competition was also organized in which about 15 students participated with great enthusiasm. The first prize was bagged by Anu Sambyal (Semester IV), Suhani Sharma (Semester II) won second prize & third prize was given to Taniya Sharma (Semester II) and Deepka Chambyal (Semester II).